

NEWFANE UMC NEWS

FEBRUARY 2020

Newfane Community Food Pantry

Thank you to all friends and supporters of the Newfane Community Food Pantry. The December 2019 Food Sharing was joyful. We served 88 families equaling 228 individuals. They received an abundant package of canned and nonperishable food items, cabbage and apples donated by local farmers, other fresh vegetables and potatoes, a fruit basket, several types of cereal, refrigerated items like butter, cheeses, eggs, a large ham and several other meats, plus toiletries and paper products.

The success in reaching our neighbors who need a helping hand would not be possible without the Lord's Blessings and your faithful support. We thank you for sharing your financial gifts, time and talents with others. Your help and donations are always appreciated and needed because the Pantry does make a difference in people's lives. Many families often tell us that they could not manage without our help. Wishing you a Happy New Year. Blessings to all. Thank you.

In God's Hands,
Kathy Phillips, Coordinator of NCFP
716-433-2499, Ncfp09046@gmail.com



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MISSIONS

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON OUR SOUP DINNER ON JANUARY 25TH.

THIS IS A FREE SOUP DINNER FOR EVERYONE. ANY DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT THE MILLER HOSE FIRE COMPANY. COME OUT AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT.

LOOKING FORWARD ON FEBRUARY 23 WE WILL BE HOSTING A WINTER CARNIVAL. ANYONE INTERESTED IN SETTING UP A GAME OR HELPING

CONTACT DIANE STEEL. THIS EVENT IS FOR ALL AREA CHILDREN, AND ADULTS.

OUR MISSIONS COMMITTEE IS OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR PROJECTS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS CONTACT ANYONE ON THE COMMITTEE.

BLESSING TO ALL

CUB SCOUTS PINE WOOD DERBY



The Cub Scouts are inviting any adults that would like to participate in the Pine Wood Derby. You need to let Amy know this week so the cars can be purchased. It will cost \$5.50 for a car. The weigh in is on March 17th during the Cub Scout Meeting from 6:30-7:30 pm. The Pine Wood Derby is on Saturday, March 21st.

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Have you been asked to join a committee or thinking about becoming more active in Church? Not sure what form your gift is? Just ask and we will help you discover it! Does your gift need developing? We can help with growth in your chosen form! As a young man I joined the Trustee's and learned how that group worked together. It helped me understand the workings of the church and gave me a chance to learn what others had to offer. There are many in this congregation whom are just beginning their journey with us. We want you to know we love you and appreciate the gifts you bring.

Bill Neidlinger, Church Council Chairman

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

What a great start to the new year! Many safely braving the weather to be part of worship, small group, leadership teams, and outreach; building each other up in the faith and making a difference in our community.

Five from the Davey family were baptized and we all had an opportunity to remember our own baptisms. We joined together in worship with our brothers and sisters from Olcott UMC and had a wonderful time of birthday celebration at a lunch hosted by Sandy Smalley.

A team from the congregation completed a significant project at the parsonage so Ken and I could move in on January 4. Most of our boxes are unpacked and rooms are taking shape. An Open House for the entire congregation is planned, hopefully before the end of February. Exact date still to be determined – a couple of things need to be finished before we can set it. We will announce it widely and look forward to welcoming into what is your home lent to us while we are serving with you.

It seems as if we just celebrated Christmas and Epiphany and I am already working on Lent and Holy Week.

Through February 16 we will continue to look at 1 Corinthians in our Somos del Señor – We Belong to Christ series followed by Transfiguration Sunday and a message: “Listen to Him.”



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Ash Wednesday, February 26 there will be an opportunity to receive ashes and have a time of meditation as we enter the season of lent. More on that and our Lenten Series in the next newsletter.

I will hold an adult membership class in February and am hoping to have a confirmation class as well. If you are interested in participating in either please let me know. Participation does not commit you to joining but gives you the information you need to make that decision. We will set up the classes to meet the schedules of those interested.

Nominations will meet in February to finalize our Leadership teams. We took a little longer this year as we invited those serving to prayerfully consider where they heard God calling them to use their spiritual gifts. As we fill some vacancies we may ask you to consider that as well. If there is an area you already feel led to serve and haven't been asked, please let me know asap.

As we approach the upcoming General Conference (the meeting and body representing the Denomination) which meets every four years to set policy and priorities for The United Methodist Church, I expect our Denomination will be in the national and local news as we struggle with some close to the heart issues. As information is available, such as the Bishop's letter we recently circulated, we will share it in newsletters, the bulletin, emails, and announcements. If you have questions about anything you hear please feel free to ask me. I may not have an immediate answer but I can help find one.

As we know more, we will open opportunities for small discussion groups for anyone interested.

Thank you to ALL for your commitment, enthusiasm, questions, suggestions, and hard work as we begin a new chapter in this faith community called The United Methodist Church of Newfane.

Pastor Marilyn

Sunday School

The Sunday School presented their annual Christmas play on December 2 during the service and celebrated with birthday cake following the service. Santa was unable to make an appearance due to illness.

The Sunday School received a Thank you form the Food pantry for our donations from the two Fall collections.

We have two new students in Lyn's class and are preparing to share a song during worship soon.

TURKEY DINNER

at the
Newfane Methodist Church
2699 Main Street
Newfane, NY 14108

Saturday, March 7, 2020 4:30 pm - ?

Menu:
Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Vegetable and Homemade Desserts

Tickets - **\$10.00 adults**
\$5.00 under 10
Free for child in high chair

Take Outs Available Church is handicapped accessible

UMW -----

The next meeting of UMW will be held on Tuesday, February 11th at 9:30AM in the dining room. Refreshments by Kathy P. & Darlene B. Coffee & tea will be served. Anyone wishing to lead Devotions, please call Sandy. Remember to bring your one paper or soap product for the Food Pantry. Also, bring your calendar. We will be discussing --- Save the Michaels & Lockport Cares. Ladies of the church are always welcome ----- to join or just visit!

Kitchen Project -----

The UMW has agreed to continue working toward increasing the funds in the Kitchen Project fund as a service project for the church. There are two projects that are currently identified which need to be funded - a commercial freezer for our church kitchen and the updating of the Parsonage kitchen in the spring. We hope to work with the Trustees and entire congregation as we look at ways to best serve the mission of UMW and the church. Anyone wishing to donate to this project, please see Phyllis Graham or call 716-778-5859.

Monthly "goodies" by the UMW !!!

UMW will sell a special "goodie" on the last Sunday of every month. Anyone having a special request, let us know!!

Circle of Love

Lap Blankets are still needed for the Nursing Homes. Also, white blankets. There is yarn available for anyone in the UMW room. Also, yarn donations are accepted at any time.

Watch for upcoming events in the month of March -----

We are in the process of organizing a community event with Save the Michaels of the World on March 12th at 7:00PM in the Newfane Town Hall. Anyone wishing to learn more about Save the Michaels may go to www.savethemichaels.org More information will be coming, soon.

One afternoon a month, the ladies of the church, will be invited to gather for a social time in the dining room. Coffee & tea will be served. This will be a time for us to come together without a meeting or commitment. This gathering will be for a time of fellowship & a hour or so out of the house. Day and time have not been determined.

FINANCE

We started 2019 with a positive balance of \$3,040.21 in our Current Expense account and ended the year with a positive balance of \$4,120.28.

For our proposed budget for 2020 we still have a \$14,000 deficit. The Finance Committee plans to continue to monitor the income and expenses monthly as we have been doing and pay the apportionments each month if we have enough in the current expense account to cover the amount due. If we do not have enough for that months apportionments we will postpone the payment until we have enough to cover it with the goal to continue to pay all 12 apportionments for the year as we have in the past several years. We hope we can achieve this as we have before with more income than budgeted, lower expenses than budgeted and our faith in God that provides all that we have.

We now have a check request form that is to be filled out and given to Dan Cushman, Treasurer for any reimbursements that need to be made. You can find blank check request forms in the mailboxes in the Kitchenette area next to the drinking fountain. If you have any questions about this form please see Pastor Marilyn.

Just a reminder we offer mobile giving. Visit our website (www.newfanemethodist.org) or scan the QR code below to give today!



If you have any questions, concerns or ideas please feel free to share them.
Next Finance meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 PM.**
Kevin Luckman, Chairperson

LAY LEADER PONDERINGS FEBRUARY 2020

I have been participating in a weekly Spiritual Formation small group/worship experience facilitated by our DS, Carlos Rosa-Laguer. This has involved reading several books. We are currently discussing How To Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season by Susan Beaumont. She describes this as a "liminal season" for the Christian Church – an in-between time: something has ended and something new has not yet manifested. It is a time of transition, often marked by disorientation, disidentification, and disengagement until something new emerges. What she describes fits the Church in general as membership declines and efficacy is lost throughout the institutional church. This is also true for individual congregations. It is true for us. The Church, and we, must re-orient ourselves to remain relevant in today's world. This can be a time of great potential, of new opportunities, occasions for God's greatest work.

The story of the Exodus is a story of a community in a liminal season: the time of slavery in Egypt has ended, but they have not yet reached the Promised Land. The Israelites are traveling from slavery to freedom and learning how to be God's chosen people in the process. It was not an easy process. They frequently begged to return to Egypt, to the old, familiar ways. But God had something better in store for them.

Let us look for the opportunities to deepen our practices of discernment, to watch for and join in with the movement of God, in our faith community and the community around us.

Lyn Ende, CLM, Lay Leader

TRUSTEES

Parsonage Update:

- 12/9/19 – Kevin Luckman Jr., Marie Poole, and Bill Neidlinger completed walkthrough with Pastor Kim. Gave deadline for him to be completely moved out by 12/15/2019
- Entire house was emptied and cleaned
- Entire house was painted, new LED light bulbs, new bathroom floors, new toilet, new programmable thermostats, new door locks, new carpet in sunroom, wall and door at back entry way installed, outside yard / trees cleaned up
- New appliances: range and dehumidifier were purchased and installed, range hood and dishwasher are on backorder awaiting delivery / installation
- Work was completed and new keys were handed over to Pastor Marilyn on 1/4/2020
- Total cost as of 1/18/20 is \$5,059.27 for renovations. * Does not include appliances
- Need to look at mold problem in basement. So far, we have 3 quotes for repair. Servpro \$4,001.36; Advanced Environmental \$3,777.00; Yaeger Property \$7,026.37
 - Trustee Committee recommends using Advanced Environmental
 - Work includes lifetime warranty
 - Work can start end of February and will take around 2 days to complete
 - ½ down and ½ upon completion of work **or** 5% discount if paid in full prior to work starting
- Need to add basic TV to spectrum account at parsonage
- Need to think about kitchen upgrade / remodel at parsonage for the future
- Need to look at outside of house and landscape / yard in springtime

Action Items:

- Need to have discussion / make decision on mold in basement at Church Council Meeting
- Pastor Marilyn and Amy are working on Spectrum account

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY

USHERS: (Note: Ushers should be at the church by 10:30 a.m.)

Feb. 2: Dave Stevens, Jim Burnett, Paul Conrad, Neil Luckman
Feb. 9: Ken Hannah, Keith Robinson, Sharon Tomaino, Ed Yarger
Feb. 16: Kevin Luckman, Chuck Hoy, Kevin Luckman, Jr., Dave Ende
Feb. 23: Dan Cushman, Dennis Schultz, Kevin Gow, Ron Steel

*Brian Scott, Chairperson Ushers

GREETERS: (Note: Greeters should be at the church by 10:30 a.m.)

Feb. 2: Sarah Davey
Feb. 9: Sandy Smalley
Feb. 16:
Feb. 23:

*Barb Smith, Chairperson Greeters

ACOLYTES:

Feb. 2:
Feb. 9:
Feb. 16:
Feb. 23:

*Dave Ende, Chairperson Acolytes

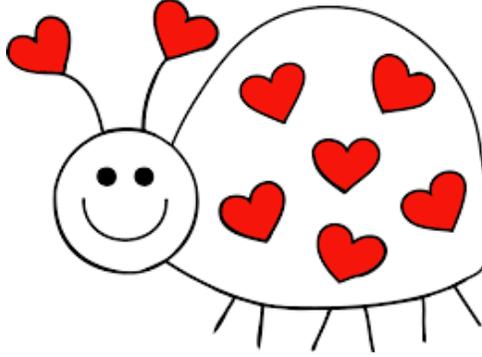
LITURGISTS:

Feb. 2: Darlene Bronschidle
Feb. 9: Barb Smith
Feb. 16:
Feb. 23:

*Carol Dillabough,
Chairperson Liturgists

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Feb. 2:
Feb. 9: Sandy Smalley
Feb. 16:
Feb. 23:

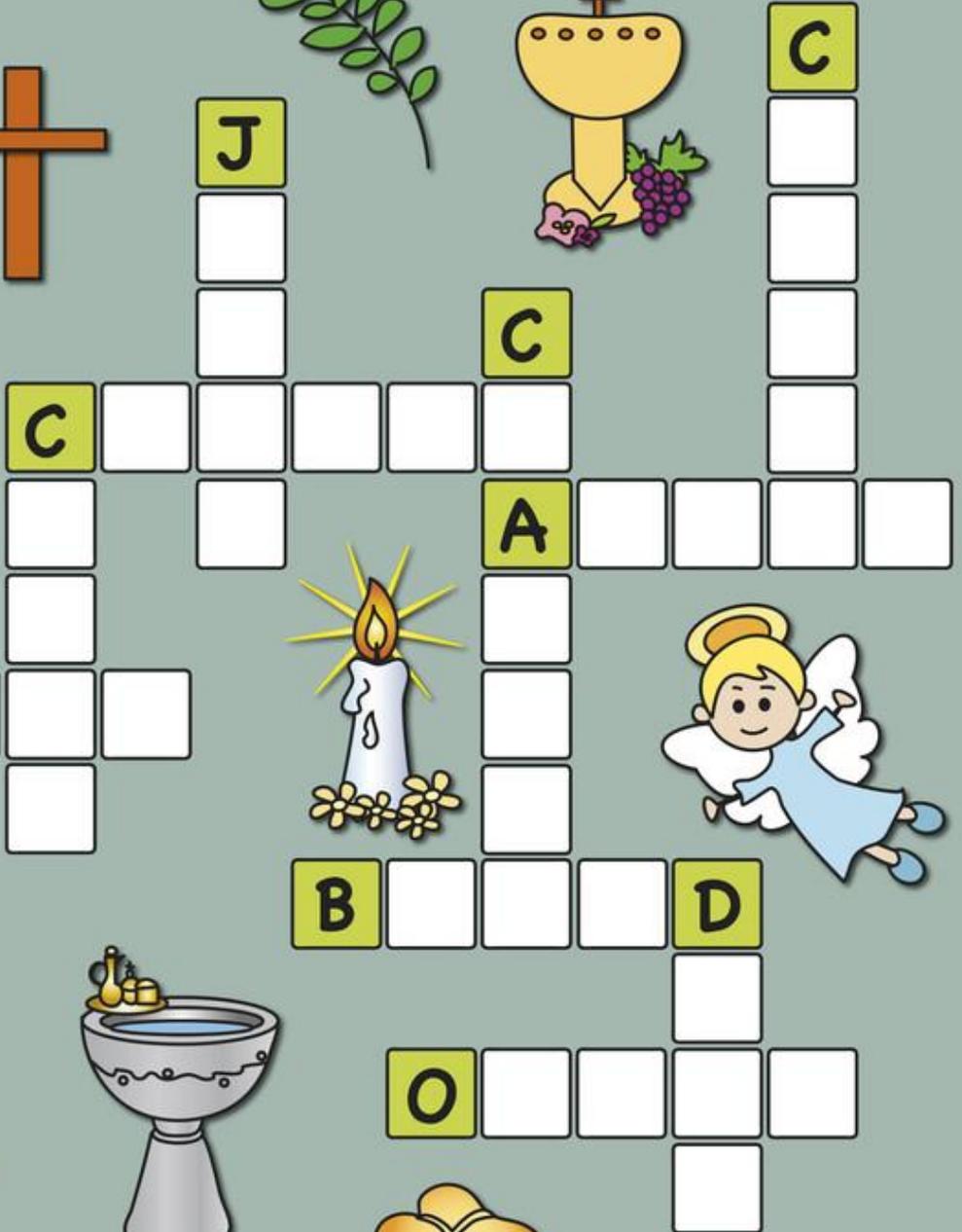
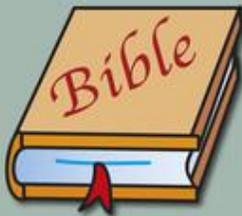
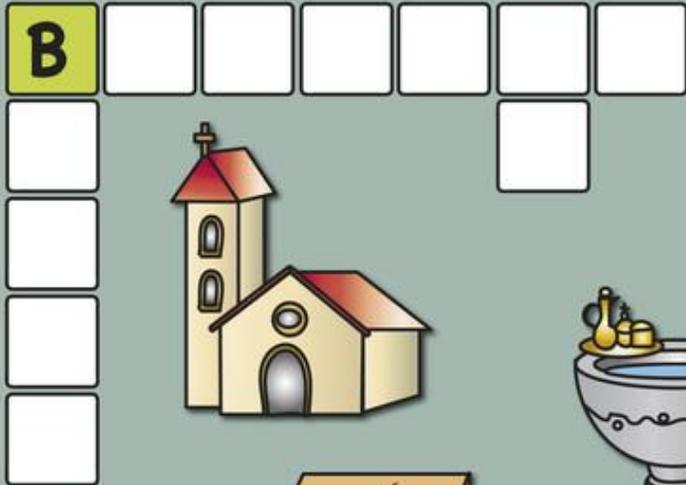
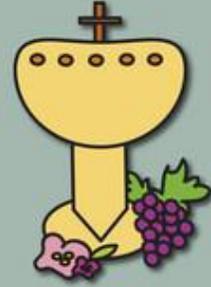


FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

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| 1. Jill Neidlinger Keys Sara Murphy Miller | 15. Bryson Davey |
| 2. Kirsten Wright Maci Stopa | 16. Gracie Boyer Tina Burnett |
| 3. Luna Helferty | 17. Chuck Hugaboom Jenna Fralick |
| 4. Kris DeGlopper-Banks Nadine Audette | 19. Linda Rosenbaum |
| 5. Larry Stolzenberg II | 20. Sam Smith |
| 8. Jacob Schrader | 23. Anthony Makuch |
| 9. Carol Scott | 24. Robert Flack |
| 10. Darlene Bronschidle Frank Arcovio Miles Robison | 26. Joshua Larson Mike Tomaino |
| 12. Nancy Jacobs | 27. Matt Kelkenberg Mark Kelkenberg |
| 14. Amanda Tomaino | 28. Judy Hugaboom |
| | 29. Chris Banks |



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 AA-3:00 pm |
| 2 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship – 11:00 am Communion | 3 Exercise–6:00pm Bell Choir-7:00 pm | 4 Cub Scouts – 6:30 pm | 5 Exercise – 6:00 pm Bell Choir, Group B, 7:00 pm | 6 Missions meeting – 7:00 pm | 7 Prayer–7:00 pm | 8 AA-3:00 pm |
| 9 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship – 11:00 am | 10 Exercise–6:00pm Bell Choir-7:00 pm | 11 Cub Scouts – 6:30 pm | 12 Exercise – 6:00 pm | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day | 15 AA-3:00 pm |
| 16 Sunday School – 9:45 am Trustees – 9:45 am Worship – 11:00 am | 17 Exercise–6:00pm Presidents Day | 18 Cub Scouts – 6:30 pm | 19 Exercise – 6:00 pm Bell Choir, Group B, 7:00 pm | 20 | 21 | 22 AA-3:00 pm |
| 23 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship – 11:00 am Missions Winter Carnival – 1:00 pm-3:00 pm | 24 Church Council – 6:00 pm Exercise–6:00pm Bell Choir-7:00 pm | 25 Cub Scouts – 6:30 pm | 26 Exercise – 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday | 27 | 28 | 29 AA-3:00 pm |

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT ATTENDED OUR FIRST BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON FOR THE YEAR IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE OUR DINING ROOM WITH SO MANY PEOPLE ENJOYING FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP.

THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE OLCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP AND THE LUNCHEON.

AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO PASTOR MARILYN AND PASTOR BRIAN FOR THEIR MESSAGE. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU WORKING TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORD.

NEXT BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON IS FEBRUARY 16TH. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

SANDY SMALLEY



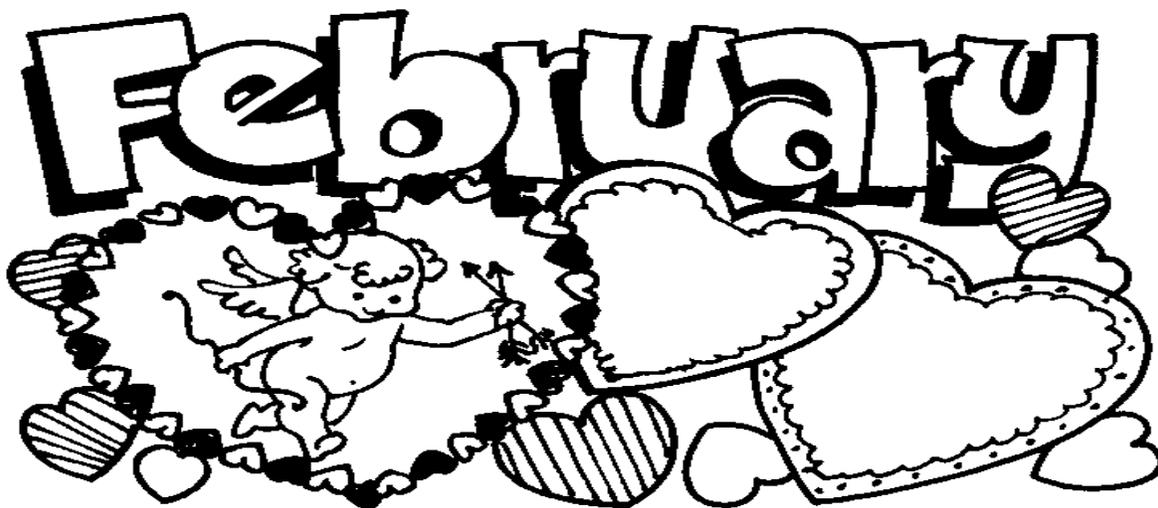
Davey Family Baptism—January 12, 2020
Don, Lexi, Blake, Pastor Marilyn, Bryson, Brayden, Sarah

United Methodist Church of Newfane
2699 Main Street
P. O. Box 69
Newfane, NY 14108

FEBRUARY 2020

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TO:



United Methodist Church of Newfane

P.O. Box 69, 2699 Main Street, Newfane, NY 14108
(716) 778-7011

Church Mission Statement:
**“Pray First, Walk Together
and Transform Lives for Christ”**

Rev. Marilyn J. Kasperek, Pastor

e-mail: newfanemethodist@verizon.net

Worship Hours:

September – May – 11:00 a.m.
June, July, August – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School:

September – May – 9:45 a.m.