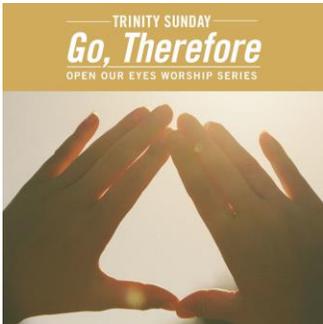


NEWFANE UMC NEWS

JUNE 2020

June worship series invites us to “Open Our Eyes”



Christ has been raised. The Spirit has come with wind and fire. So now what? Now what do we do as the church called into being by the Christ who was born, who lived and healed and taught and loved, who suffered and died on a cross, and was raised in glory? Before he left this earth to take his place at the right hand of God, he called his followers together one more time. In that moment, in which his followers were as shaky as they ever were, he gave what we have come to call the Great Commission. It is our mission statement, our reason

for being. But to even begin to fulfill this calling, we must learn to open our eyes to the people who surround us. We must begin to #SeeAllThePeople!



Please Join us in June as we continue our journey as Disciples and prepare to be the church within

and without the four walls of our church building. The sermon series will be accompanied with opportunities to talk about how Disciples are encouraged, empowered, and equipped to be the church. Please join us in this preparation for moving forward in new ways. *Pastor Marilyn*



Relaunch Team deep in study

The Relaunch Team of Newfane United Methodist Church is studying numerous guidelines, recommendations, and scriptural references as they begin to vision for a future, which helps our faith community build on a deep-rooted tradition of individual and corporate faith, of being the “church” in ways that meet the needs of our current context.

This team will not develop the Discipleship Plan for the congregation, it is primarily focused on how to keep everyone safe while utilizing our building and other resources to “relaunch” our ministries in meaningful ways.

They are looking at directives to the church found in Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:1-11, as a scriptural base for their work.

Defined tasks for the team are to read the various denomination and government guidelines regarding re-opening, look at spiritual and physical needs of the faith community as well as the greater community, to dream how we can be the “church” in a new time, and prepare and submit a “relaunch plan” to the Church Council.

They hope to complete their work and have a draft to present at the June 15 Council meeting.

Lay Leader Ponderings June 2020

I attended the Niagara Frontier's Catch the Spirit discipleship gathering March 7th, participating in the initial session for the course on Imagine No Racism. The course was concluded via Zoom with 3 on-line meetings. I attended this course out of "should" since it is something strongly encouraged by the Conference and "somebody (from our church) should do it." It was definitely an eye opening experience.

I learned about:

- "implicit bias" – the perceptions we aren't even aware we hold, but which affect our behavior and attitudes
- "systemic/structural racism" – discrimination built into the fabric of society, interconnecting housing, education, healthcare, law enforcement, marketing, etc., based on social power
- "white privilege" – advantages built into our society that favor light skin tones over darker ones
- And the horrifying way all of these things combine to perpetuate a racially based society that discriminates. A society that is counter to the beloved kingdom God expects us to build.

I am seeing news reports, advertising, our society as a whole, from a different perspective, one that now recognizes the insidious, reprehensible, perpetuation of racism in our society and culture. We live in a community that lacks diversity. But that does not absolve us, as Christians, from standing with God for racial equality and against the injustice and inequities around us.

I welcome the opportunity to talk with anyone God is calling to this work of reconciliation.

Lyn Ende

Happy Birthday
To Everyone
Born in June!

2. Janice Mitton
Dave Stevens
5. Emallie Magoon
6. Pastor Kim
James Kramer, Jr.
7. Sue Stolzenberg
Stacy Erck
10. Sylvia Major
11. Evan Mathewson
12. Nancy Say
13. Evelina Bell
15. Sharon Davey
16. Rodney Greisser

21. Jim Burnett
Frank Gilson
Kenneth Smith
24. Bethany Denardo
Ronni Agee
Fiona Tomaino
25. April Agee
27. Jamie Poole
Melissa Naylor
Jeffrey Coons
28. Marion Mills
29. Connor Smith
30. Kallan Babcock

FATHER'S DAY CHIAVETTA'S CHICKEN BBQ

June 21st

11:00 am- Sold Out

To order a dinner(s) call 778-5274

We will write your name on a list instead of tickets

\$10/Pre Sale

\$11/Day Of

FINANCE

We started 2020 with a positive balance of \$4,120.28 in our Current Expense account and as of April 30, 2020 we have a positive balance of \$3,597.46, however, we have not paid our shared ministries for February, March and April totaling \$6,567.00 and we also did not pay the Pastor's Pension, Health Benefits and Retiree Premium for April totaling \$2,104.20. Our year to date income as of April 30, 2020 was \$44,526.66 and our year to date expenses equaled \$45,049.48. Our expenses have been \$522.82 higher than our income. If the previous payments were made our year to date expenses would have been \$9,194.02 more than our income.

Just a reminder you can always mail your pledge to P.O. Box 69, Newfane, NY or you could visit our website (www.newfanemethodist.org) and click on the "donate" tab to make a donation electronically. You could download the GivePlusMobile app on your smartphone and give that way or you can scan the QR code below with your smartphones camera and it will redirect you to our secure online giving page. If you have any questions please contact the church office for assistance. Thank you to all of those continuing your tithes and offerings during this time.

As you know fundraisers make up a large part of our budget and due to the coronavirus we have had to delay several of our planned fundraisers. We are now planning to have our Chiavettas Chicken BBQ on Father's Day (June 21) from 11am until sold out. Make sure to get your presale tickets today! We are also looking forward to relaunching our Farmer's Market on July 1st. Due to the precautions that are necessary to keep everyone safe this year's market will look much different than we are used to, but hope it can still be a success.



If you have any questions, concerns or ideas please feel free to share them.

Next Finance meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16th at 7:00 PM.

Kevin Luckman, Chairperson

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

The SPRC met for our first ZOOM meeting on May 13, and it was wonderful to see everyone but certainly not the same as being together at church. In this unprecedented time of social distancing, I'm sure that we are all trying to figure out our "new normal", and we are struggling with that. Even though we are physically apart, please know that your church family is close by and always here for you! Pastor Marilyn can be reached at 716-257-1639 for any reason Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am-9pm, or text message at 716-984-4673. She is always available for emergencies. Please leave a message if she doesn't answer the phone and she will get back to you ASAP. If you need to talk to Amy, she is in the office on Monday and Friday mornings from 9:30- noon. The phone number is 778-7011. The building is locked, so please call first. The church e-mail address is: newfanemethodist@verizon.net

I know that this isolation has not been easy for anyone, but I've found great comfort in Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God". I know that God is always in control, even in this world that seems out of control right now. So for now, I'm trying to 'be still' and look for His good works and blessings every day.

Judy Hugaboom

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council met this past Monday night via Zoom!! I hope you are getting Pastor Marilyn's service on Facebook and Lyn Ende's Devotion's via email. It's amazing what can be done with electronics this day and age.

We did apply for Government Payroll money and were successful in obtaining those funds. Thank you to Neil Luckman and Pastor Marilyn for taking care of that. We still have finance questions going forward, though the support from our congregation has been outstanding.

To reach out to the community we have planned a Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ for June 21 and plans are being made for this summers Farmers Market. Both of these outreach events will look much different than past years to stay within NYS guidelines. If you would like to help with either of these events please let Pastor Marilyn or Amy know.

Please look for a Worship Survey that will help us determine what the future of our church programs will look like. Through the power of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ, we will get through this dark time in our history.

Bill Neidlinger, Church Council Chair

FARMER'S MARKET

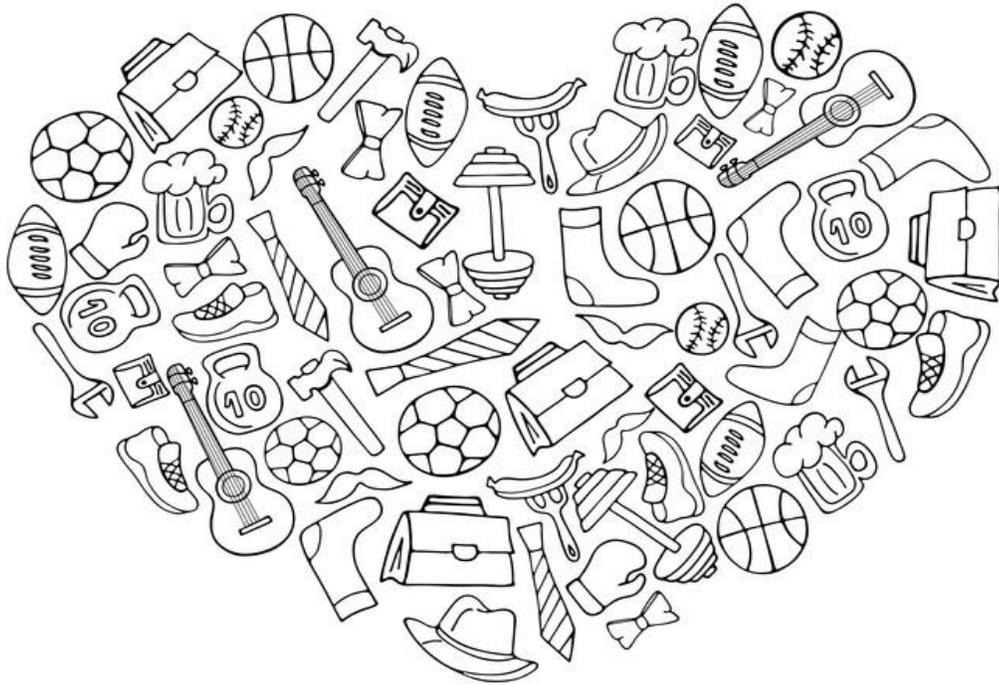
We will begin on July 1st

There will be new rules and guidelines that must be followed this year. I have been attending a couple Zoom meetings and webinars from the state Farmer's Market Association to keep updated on the daily changing requirements that we must follow. Everyone will be required to wear a mask. There will be a "one way" foot pattern and other things.

Our church will have a food booth, but all meals will be packaged "to go" as we cannot have any seating. Any donations of hot dogs would be appreciated. Anybody that wants to help in food booth please let me know.

Amy

KID'S PAGE



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

TO:



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Worship Hours:

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

Sunday School:

September – June – 9:45 a.m.