

# NEWFANE UMC NEWS

## March 2021

### LAY LEADER PONDERINGS

March 2021

In last month's newsletter I shared a vision I have to begin a more relational digital outreach ministry. I have received one suggestion: a children's bedtime story time. Different volunteers from the congregation would be video recorded reading brief Bible stories or devotional stories. These videos would be posted on a private Facebook group at a predetermined time. The presenters would wish the children good night by name and conclude with a reminder to say their prayers and with "Jesus loves you and so do we."

Such a ministry has the potential to meet a need, to establish connection, and to appeal to a demographic that we as a church have been trying to reach. And it sounds like FUN for everyone involved!

What other ideas do you have? What type of group would you like to see? What type of groups would you participate in? Start thinking. Start dreaming!

Lyn Ende, CLM, Lay Leader

### MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Welcome to March!

As I write this, the snow is falling softly, and blanketing everything it touches, 12 inches so far, we will see how much we get. It's reminding me of the Pastor's sermon last Sunday, while on the mountain, Peter, James and John bore witness to Jesus' transfiguration;

"His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus."

(NIV Study Bible)

We are planning another "Soup Delivery" to our friends and church family, but we **NEED YOUR HELP**. Our hope is to create at least 10 teams, or for you brave ones, a team of 1, to volunteer to visit just 2 homes, offer a little socially distanced fellowship, and deliver a quart of soup. Date: Saturday, MARCH 27th

Anyone, everyone who has a heart for visiting, who loves your neighbor, who is missing fellowship with your church family, PLEASE join us. If you can, and will make this a commitment, please let someone on the Missions Committee know before MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks. (Diane Steele, Diane Schweigert, Joanne Huntington, Marie Poole, Karen Hannah, Sarah Davey, Tom Say, Sandy Smalley, Brian Scott, Lynette Soulvie, Judy Hugaboom)

We hope to sponsor a "Sub Sale" in April. We are also working on a variety of activities for spring and summer. In the meantime, continue to check on your neighbors, call your friends, and stay safe and well.

# PASTOR'S Ponderings

## “Pray First, Walk Together and Transform Lives for Christ”

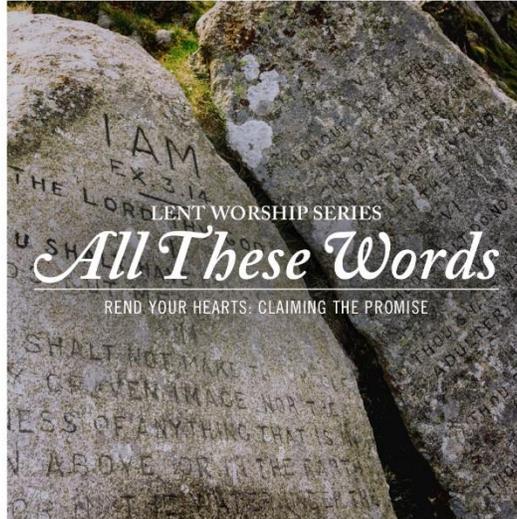
We are well into the season of Lent. Reflecting on the areas of our lives which need our attention, need revision, or resourcing, that we may continue to grow in our relationship with God and with others.

Some of the words of accountability are difficult to hear, to process, and apply, but this discipline to become aware of our growing edges prepares us to deepen our relationships and our witness to the Risen Lord we follow.

I invite you to accept all the opportunities in which you are able to participate in the coming weeks as we Pray First, Walk Together and prepare ourselves to Transform Lives for Christ.

Our Lent and Holy Week schedules are listed in this newsletter:

My prayer focus this month is for discernment as to what we need to set aside in order to claim God's promises for the Newfane UMC faith community.



Thank You to all who are helping pick up the pieces Amy cannot handle while she is out. Your service will help her rest and recover knowing the things that need to get done will (even if a bit slower and differently) and the things that can wait, will wait as long as necessary.

Claiming God's Promises,  
*Pastor Marilyn*



REND YOUR HEARTS: CLAIMING THE PROMISE  
*Lent Worship Series*

We continue the series Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise through Holy Week.

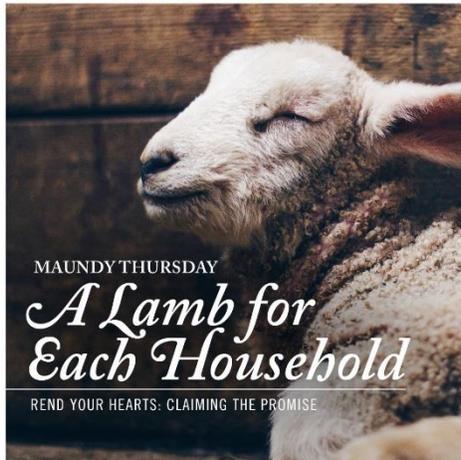
**March 7, 2021**  
All These Words  
Exodus 10:1-17  
Corinthians 1:18-25

**March 14, 2021**  
Look Up and Live  
Number 21:4-9

**March 21, 2021**  
Written on the Heart  
Jeremiah 31:31-34

**March 28, 2021**  
The One Who Comes  
Mark 11:1-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47  
Isaiah 50:4-9

# Holy Week



## Maundy Thursday

**April 1, 2021**

A Lamb for Each Household

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

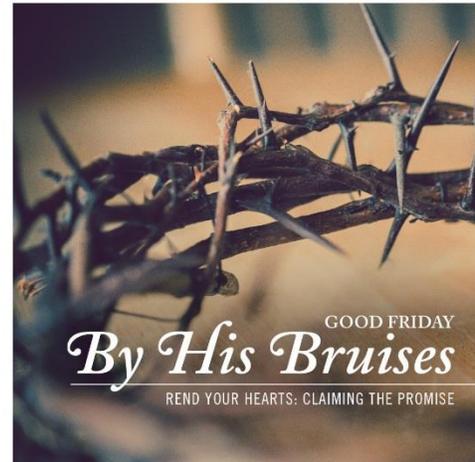
Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

**6 p.m.** Service with a meal

Please register to attend by March 19

If needed, we will add a 12:30 p.m. service

All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed



## Good Friday

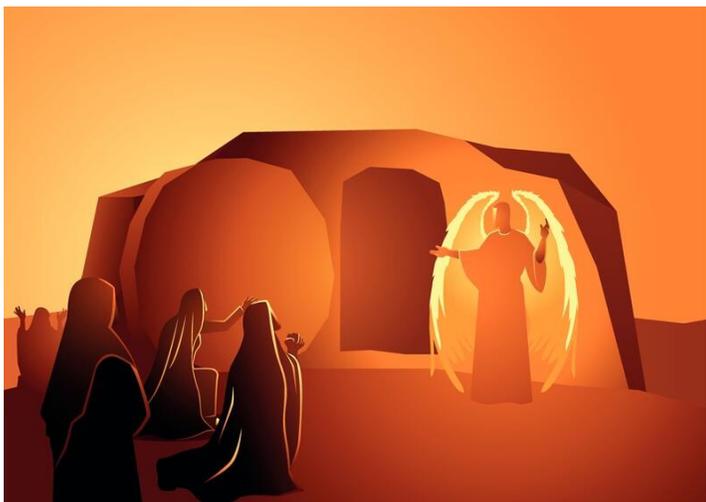
**April 2, 2021**

By His Bruises

John 18:1-19;42

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

In front of the church **at noon** and livestreamed



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## Easter Morning

**April 4**

*Sunrise Service*

With Holy Communion

Lakeside at Olcott

6:30 a.m.

*11:00 a.m. Service*

With Holy Communion

In-person NUMC sanctuary and

livestream

# KID'S PAGE

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## Church Council

Pastor Marilyn opened our meeting with a discussion on the response to “Why”. Why do we gather at NUMC? Why do we give of our time, our talents and our resources? Why does it make a difference to us to have our church community within our broader community?

Dan Cushman reported that our Jan. 2021 income was down and the expenses were up. The expense paid only in Jan are the County taxes. Quarterly insurance was paid and apportionments for Jan were not paid.

Jean Schweigert is generously covering the costs of rebinding old church record books that are in need of restoration.

Lyn Ende discussed the importance of developing a social media presence for bible study, education, etc. Lyn is looking for partnership from fellow parishioners for building vision and follow through. More information to follow.

Pastor Marilyn stated that all church reports are in and Lenten plans have been made. Amy, our church secretary, is having surgery March 4 and will not be working for the following 8 weeks. Pastor Marilyn will create a “WHO TO CONTACT” for this time and will get this information to church members.

Submitted by  
Bill Neidlinger



## MARCH

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|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Cora Long         | 13. Tracey Murphy   | 22. Ann Vaughn       |
| 2. Nicole Svetlik    | Matthew Schultz     | Karen Conrad         |
| 3. Tom Wirth         | 14. Diane Steel     | 24. Jason Mollica    |
| Zachary Brown        | Kevin Luckman, Sr.  | Larry Coons          |
| 4. Michelle Witkop   | 15. Pastor Marilyn  | 25. Sarah Wright     |
| 5. Dick Anderson     | Chris Say           | Dilan Gominiak       |
| Brenda Balcom        | 19. Casey Smalley   | 28. Robert Audette   |
| Mark Phillips        | 20. Virginia Dy     | 29. Frances Scheilke |
| 7. Rose Marie Dube   | Kathy Perry         | Mary Durgan          |
| 9. Avery Poole       | 21. Emily Morrissey | 31. Dan Huntington   |
| 10. Michelle Shufelt | Julie Nankey        | Janice Smith         |

## **FINANCE**

We started 2021 with a positive balance of \$13,520.32 in our Current Expense account and as of January 31, 2021 we have a positive balance of \$10,146.24, however, we have not paid our shared ministries for January totaling \$2,117.00. Our year to date income has totaled \$9,597.15 and our year to date expenses have totaled \$12,971.23. Our income has been \$3,374.08 lower than our expenses.

Our Turkey Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30.

Thank you to all who attended our drive-thru breakfast on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Some ways you can help us financially:

- Tithes & Offerings
- Shopping on Amazon Smile ([www.amazonsmile.com](http://www.amazonsmile.com)) and setting the Newfane United Methodist Church as the charity you would like to support and 0.5% of your purchase will be donated to the church
- "Talents for Church" – donating an amount set by you for each time you do a specific activity or talent.
- Bringing your cans and bottles with a 5 cent return and placing them in the recycling bin located by the back door near the kitchen.
- Heading up a fundraiser or brainstorming ideas for new ones
- Working or donating to a Fundraiser

If you would like to mail your pledge in our address is P.O. Box 69, Newfane, NY or you could visit our website ([www.newfanemethodist.org](http://www.newfanemethodist.org)) and click on the "donate" tab to make a donation electronically.

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

Kevin Luckman, Chairperson

## **TRUSTEES NEWS**

In January of this year we did some plumbing work over at the parsonage. We replaced all of the sewer lines inside of the basement with a material donation from Flint Bros. Hardware and with the work of some of our members. The sewer line from the basement was replaced by Pynn Plumbing for \$4,500, they donated \$1,000 bringing the bill to the church down to \$3,500. This project was financed from the capital improvement fund. The pledges for 2021 for this fund totaled \$3,490, this already puts us at a deficit for 2021. As a group we decided that it would be a good idea to have a fundraiser to help replenish some of the money we have spent from this fund. On February 20<sup>th</sup> we had a drive thru breakfast and were able to make a profit of \$581.03 Thanks to everyone that supported this either through working, buying a breakfast or helping to pass the word along. With the success of this breakfast we have decided to have another breakfast on March 20, 2021 from 8-10 AM. Menu will be eggs, sausage links, potatoes, sweet roll and juice for \$8.

## **UMW News**

We will continue to collect sweatshirts/sweatpants for Lockport Cares, men, women and children all sizes. Yarn is available in UMW room if anyone would like to knit/crochet Afghans, baby booties, baby hats for Milliard Suburban NIC Unit, Newborns in Need and Nursing Home. We will be making cookie plates to sell March 6 with the Turkey Dinner. All ladies are invited to attend and our next meeting will be April 13, 2021

# EASTER FLOWERS 2021

## Easter Lily

6" 5+ Blooms - \$12.45 \_\_\_\_\_

10" 3 plants - \$41.90 \_\_\_\_\_

## HYACINTH

6" Premium - \$8.65

White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_

Blue \_\_\_\_\_ Assort. \_\_\_\_\_

## HYDRANGEA

6" Blooms - \$22.85

Pink \_\_\_\_\_ Blue \_\_\_\_\_ Assort. \_\_\_\_\_

## TULIP

6" Premium - \$8.65

Assort. Colors \_\_\_\_\_

## CHRYSANTHEMUM

6" - \$11.20

Yellow \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_

Purple \_\_\_\_\_ Assort. \_\_\_\_\_

## DAFFODILS

6" Premium - \$8.65

Yellow \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out order form with payment and put it in the Offering Plate or put in Amy's mailbox. All orders are due on or by MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>. You can also mail your order into the church by mailing it to PO Box 69.**

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ plant(s) Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For the Easter Bulletin please fill out below:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

OR:  
IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDERS DUE BY March 7<sup>th</sup>**

March 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Exercise – 6:00 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Exercise – 6:00 pm	<b>4</b> Painting class – 5:00 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> AA-3:00 pm Turkey Dinner – Drive Thru, serving begins at 4:30 pm-?
<b>7</b> Worship – 9:45 am Worship – 11:15 am <b>Easter Flower order due today</b>	<b>8</b> Exercise – 6:00 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Exercise – 6:00 pm Missions meeting – 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> Painting class – 5:00 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> AA-3:00 pm
<b>14</b> Worship – 9:45 am Worship – 11:15 am  Daylight Saving Begins	<b>15</b> Church Council– 6:00 pm  Exercise – 6:00 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Exercise – 6:00 pm  St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> Painting class – 5:00 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Drive Thru Breakfast – 8am-10am  AA-3:00 pm  Start of Spring
<b>21</b> Trustees – 9:00 am Worship – 9:45 am Worship – 11:15 am	<b>22</b> Exercise – 6:00 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Exercise – 6:00 pm	<b>25</b> Painting class – 5:00 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> AA-3:00 pm  Dining room & Kitchen reserved for baby shower
<b>28</b> Worship – 9:45 am Worship – 11:15 am	<b>29</b> Exercise – 6:00 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Exercise – 6:00 pm			

## Turkey Dinner

**TAKE OUT ONLY  
DRIVE THRU**

**Saturday, March 6, 2021  
4:30 pm - ?**

Menu: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,  
Green beans, cranberry sauce and Cake for dessert

Cost - **\$10.00**

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**MARCH 2021**

TO:



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

**Rev. Marilyn Kasperek, Pastor**

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**Worship Hours:**

Family Friendly Worship with Sunday School break-out 9:45 a.m.  
Traditional Worship 11:15 a.m.