

# NEWFANE UMC NEWS

## SEPTEMBER 2021

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

UMW next meeting will be October 12 at 9:30 AM, all ladies are invited. Please bring your ideas for future projects. UMW is collecting pull tabs from cans until September 12, they will then be taken to Ronald Macdonald House. UMW is collecting new and gently used clothing for Save the Michael's men, women's, and children clothing all sizes are needed. Join us at farmers market for a brownie sundae.

Phyllis Graham 778-5859

**Martha's Helpers** is available to make meals for anyone in need. Please call Kathy Perry @ 716 778-5057 if you would like help with meals. Let Kathy know if you would like to help prepare meals.



### Staff-Parish Relations Committee

We have certainly enjoyed and appreciate the organists who joined us for worship over the summer, but are still looking for a full-time organist. The job description has been sent out to individuals and organizations and if you know of anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact the church. Thank you.

On September 12, we will have our annual "Worship in the Park" service with lunch to follow. This is always such a nice reunion of our church family after the busy travel months of summer. Hope to see you there!

Judy Hugaboom

### MISSIONS

Hello All! I hope you had a great summer; doing the things you love, with the people you love.

To kick off our fall missions, I am excited to announce, we have purchased season one of "The Chosen" and will be hosting "movie nights".

If you haven't heard of it, or seen it yet, I guarantee you won't be disappointed. This series brings the gospels to LIFE like none other. Times and dates to be announced, and I hope that many of you will join us, and come and see "The Chosen".

Also, nothing definite yet, but you may anticipate a Food Drive to support our local food pantry, maybe a soup supper, or drive through, and most probably, we will again "adopt" a family for Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support of your missions' team, see you at the movies!



## FINANCE

We started 2021 with a positive balance of \$13,520.32 in our Current Expense account and as of July 31, 2021 we have a positive balance of \$17,831.81, however, we have not paid our shared ministries for Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June and July totaling \$14,819.00. Our year to date income has totaled \$84,786.76 and our year to date expenses have totaled \$80,475.27. Our income has been \$4,311.49 higher than the expenses that have been paid.

A large portion of our budget relies on income from Fundraisers. THANK YOU for all your help, support and donations of our Fundraisers this summer and year! Our weekly Farmer's Market will continue every Wednesday through September 29<sup>th</sup>. This fall we still have several additional fundraisers so we will still need your help, support and donations.

Our second PPP loan that we received has been forgiven and turned into a grant as well!

We will continue to count your tithes and offerings twice a month (around the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of each month).

Some ways you can help us financially:

- Tithes & Offerings
- Shopping on Amazon Smile ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.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.

We thank you for your support. It is only through your contributions that we're able to deliver services and carry out the important spiritual work within the church and beyond. We hope we can continue to count on your generous support. Because of you, we're able to make the impact we do.

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

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7pm.

Kevin Luckman, Chairperson  
(716) 550-2795





**“Invitation to John”  
Thursdays at 10:30 AM  
Clinton St. UMC Fellowship Hall  
50 N. Adam St., Lockport**

**Class starts September 9, 2021  
Please contact Lyn Ende to register by September 1, 2021  
so participant guides can be ordered (\$11.50): 716-946-  
0412 or email [lyn.ende4@gmail.com](mailto:lyn.ende4@gmail.com)**

### **Lay Leader Ponderings – September 2021**

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.” Mt.18:15 NRSV

I do not think this Scripture text is intended to apply only to “sin” or “trespass,” as it is translated in other Bible translations. I think it refers to any time or situation where there is any type of issue or problem. It is instruction for handling any type of relationship problem or disagreement, as well as any “wrong” (or perceived wrong) done by a sibling in Christ.

We, as a corporate body, do not do that.

We complain to other people. We do not complain to the person involved directly. We complain to others. In the parking lot. In the grocery store. At social gatherings.

And we do tremendous damage to our Christian witness when we do.

**Why do we do that?**

**Why** do we not do what our Lord has told us to do?

Are we hoping the person we complain to will do something to address the issue for us? Are we afraid to go and talk to the person directly? Or do we just like to complain?

Problems cannot be resolved if they are not brought out into the open and discussed. Problems cannot be resolved unless everyone involved knows there is a problem. There needs to be dialogue between everyone involved. Views and opinions need to be presented and shared. **And listened to.** Very often things are objected to without a real understanding of the rationale or motivation behind them. And understanding does not come without direct dialogue and exchange of point of views.

Our goal as a faith community should not be problem resolution; our goal is problem transformation: so that something better for the community as a whole comes out of it. Our goal is reconciliation, the restoration of a broken relationship.

“Fix it” often means “make it like it was” or “make it the way I want it.” We are very often more concerned with what *I* want, *my* comfort, *my* convenience, than we are with what benefits the community as a whole and serves to help build God’s kingdom here on earth. We do not see things from the other persons’ perspective because we have not taken the time or made the effort to talk to that person and find out. And in so doing, we have denied them the opportunity to see things from our perspective and we have denied our entire faith community opportunities for transformation and growth.

Lyn Ende, CLM, Lay Leader NUMC

# Fall Worship and Christian Education has new look

September will bring some changes in our Worship and Christian Education formats. The Worship Committee worked together to develop plans they hope will create edges for those not yet a part of our faith community, while meeting the needs of those who are long-time members. The Church Council affirmed it at a special meeting on August 18. "The plan is not perfect," Pastor Marilyn said. "But it seeks to welcome all ages into a deeper relationship with Jesus." It will be reevaluated and tweaked as necessary in December.

Beginning Sunday, September 19, a time of upbeat, children focused and adult friendly, music will begin at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary.

All are welcome to **enter the sanctuary at any time** during that 15 minutes and to participate as you are led: from just listening and watching, to singing, to joining in any of the motions we are learning.

"Traditional" worship and live streaming will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a 50 to 60 minute service planned.

Ushers will be back. They will maintain their roles of welcoming at each entrance, and be able to help worshippers find bulletins, seats, etc. Offerings will continue to be placed in the plates at the front and back of the sanctuary, and received through mail and online. Those offerings will continue to be recognized and blessed, however, passing the plate is not returning to the worship order.

We do need an Usher coordinator and Usher volunteers. If you are interested please let Amy know.

Children will have an opportunity to leave the main service for lessons, crafts, and activities related to the morning's scripture and message, but rather than the same teachers

working with the children every Sunday, we are looking for volunteers to sign up – once a month, or once every six weeks. Each Sunday's lesson and supplies will be prepared for the volunteers and available no later than one week prior to the Sunday they are volunteering.

There will be a nursery and a K through Fifth grade classroom. Three volunteers – One for the nursery, One for the K through Fifth grade, and One floater between the classrooms – are needed each Sunday, one of whom must be unrelated to the other two. To comply with Safe Sanctuary policies we will need background checks on all volunteers. That

background check is confidential and you will not need to share personal information with anyone in the church.



All information will be shared by you directly to the company conducting the background check in a secure and private manner.

Thursdays we plan to offer an afterschool Christian Education and Homework help opportunity for students in grades 1 through 5. Details included in this newsletter. Volunteer opportunities will exist for that program as well.

A simple supper will be offered at 5 p.m. and a Vespers service offered for all ages at 6 p.m. (approximately 30 minutes)

**Worship Changes begin September 19**

**Thursday programs begin September 30**

## **Adopted Worship Committee Recommendations Fall 2021:**

The Worship Committee met for a discussion on plans for Fall Worship and Christian Education on August 12. After reviewing several possibilities, the consensus was to try the following format and times through December, evaluating the changes at the beginning of December, and making recommendations for January through June at that time.

In light of congregational comments, the committee is recommending one service with the following changes:

A time of upbeat, praise, adult and children friendly music will begin at 10:15 a.m. (not live streamed, however, requiring tech support.) All welcome to enter the sanctuary as they choose. The Bell calling us to worship will ring at 10:30 a.m. (live streaming begins). Sample Order of worship follows. There will be a break-out for children following the Children's message, which will support the worship theme of the morning, but focus on crafts and activities (*see additional information on next page*).

End of the service is projected to be approximately 11:30 a.m.

### **A vision for Christian Education based on that context:**

Committed to welcoming every generation into worship together we will remember that God is the recipient of worship, God is the audience.

Jesus welcomes children and he told us we can learn from them.

Christian Education is not just a "Kid" thing.

We will focus on **Intergenerational Worship** with opportunities for children to lead as well as participate in worship. There will be a break-out time for children Nursery to Fifth grade to have an age-appropriate activity (curriculum and supplies for this time with children provided to volunteers who sign up to lead this (approximately 20 minute) breakout – No team of volunteers committed to more than once a month, preferably no more than once every 6 to 8 weeks.

We plan to have all materials prepared so the volunteers for any given Sunday have what they need the previous week. ***New volunteers will be paired with experienced Christian Ed volunteers so they have an opportunity to see how it works.***

**A Thursday afternoon "Kid's Club"** will be held for students grades 1 through 5 from September through November, with possible extension to January through May 3:30 to 5 p.m. A program of Bible stories, action songs, crafts, snacks, possibly homework help, and a light supper, for families who would like to stay to eat, at 5 p.m.

Volunteer opportunities will include helping teach, lead songs, supervise, set up, clean up, prepare a meal, (all can be on a rotating basis, no one committee every week)

**Intergenerational "Kids Club" supper**  
Open to those attending "Kids Club" and by invitation, some members of our congregation.

Thursday night vespers service 35 to 45 minutes long (approximately 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.)  
following "Kids Club" Supper

We will **develop some short-term Bible Study** opportunities at various times for youth and adults – Lyn has one set for Thursday mornings.

# Worship Format for Fall 2021

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

*Announcements On the televisions, bulletin, and Monday's email – NOT READ ALOUD*

## OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

*Sunday*

FALL 2021

10:15 AM

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Please silence or turn-off your cell phones \*all  
who can, please stand.

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~We gather as a Family of God~

## GATHERING MUSIC

Adult and Kid Friendly songs

Upbeat, some with motions, etc.

*All invited to enter worship as they choose.*

## THE BELL

*is rung to invite us to worship 10:30 a.m.*

***Livestreaming begins***

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH: :

*announcements NOT SHARED IN WRITING*

***Centering Words***

## PRELUDE

~We offer our praise to God~

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Leader, P: People

## \* HYMN:

## OPENING PRAYER:

~God's Word is Shared~

## GOSPEL READING:

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – excused to Kid's Connection

THE MESSAGE: Pastor Marilyn

## MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

~Our Response to the Word ~

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## DOXOLOGY-OR OTHER RESPONSE

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE:

*Intercessory Prayers*

The Lord's Prayer:

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.***

***Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

~ Taking Gods Word into Our Daily Life ~

\*HYMN UMH/FWS

## \*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE UMH/FWS

## \*POSTLUDE:

*UMH – United Methodist Hymnal*

*FWS – Faith We Sing*

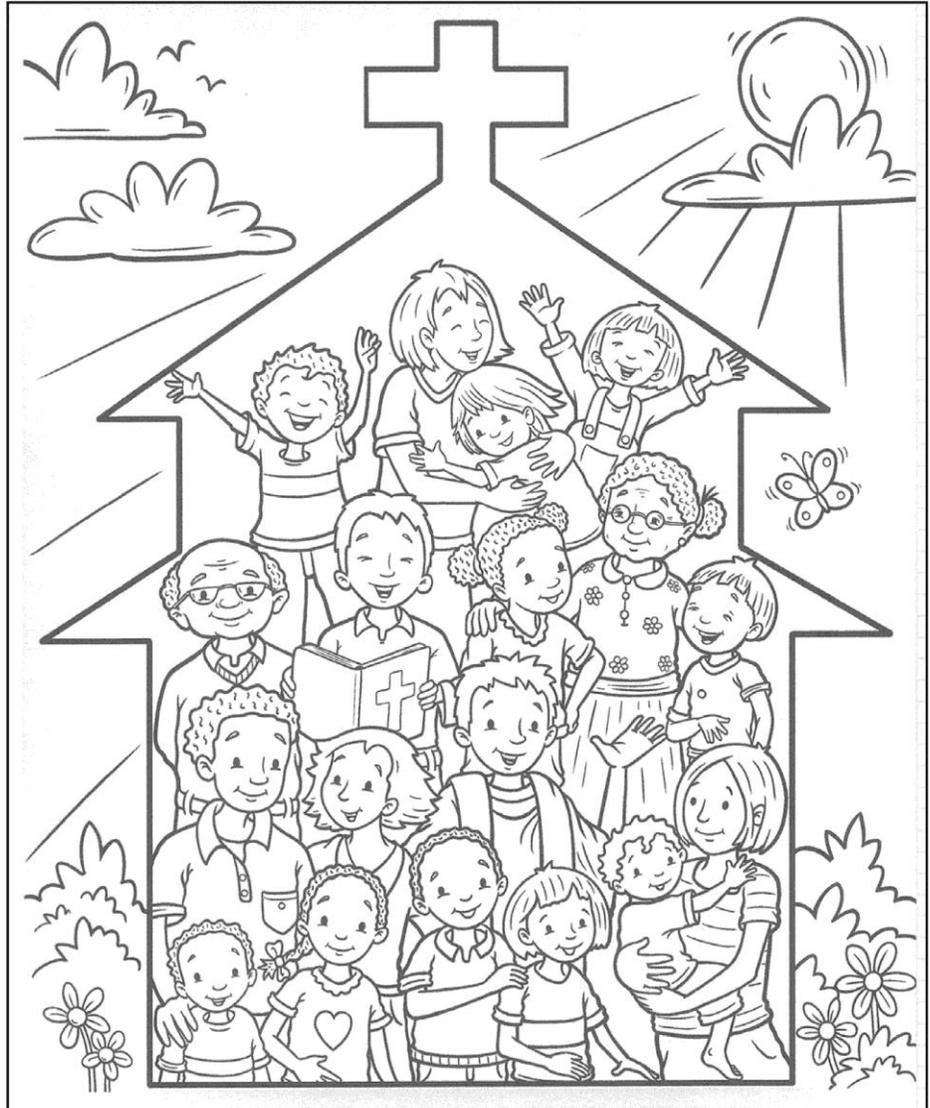


# Children's Page

*Dear Church Family,*

Thank you! Being part of the church like being part of a big family. We learn so much about God, ourselves, and the people around us when we go to worship. There are a few things we would like you to know.

- We like to sing, listen, and pray with everyone.
- We like to feel included in what is happening in worship. It helps when you show us what to do and how to participate.
- Kids can do a lot of things to help in worship! Some of us can be acolytes or read the Bible. Some of us can sing or dance. Some of us can even preach or tell a story!
- Sometimes worship is boring. Sometimes we don't understand what is happening, and sometimes we just aren't interested.



- Sometimes we need to talk. When we have question or have a problem, we may need to whisper to you or even step out of the room.
- We know that you and the other people in the worship space are trying to pay attention to what is going on. We are, too. We don't want to be a distraction, But sometimes we listen better when we move our bodies. It may look like we aren't paying attention, but we are learning a lot.
- Our parents love us very much, and want us to learn about Jesus and about being a part of the church community. It is hard for them to take us to church sometimes. Please be kind and patient with them and with us.
- Sit with us in worship. We learn a lot about worship from our parents, but we learn a lot from you, too. You can help us find the right page in the hymnal or Bible. You can help us when we drop crayons on the floor We might even let you color with us during the sermon. Do you listen better when you color, too?

Love, Your Children

# Meandering with the Pastor

## Focusing on Vision – Discovering, Developing, and Deploying

We are coming to the time of the year when your Lay Leadership (Nominations) team begins to look at the leadership needs of our faith community are for the coming year. Those needs change over time and it is the role of the Lay Leadership team to match the gifts and graces of those worshipping here with the leadership roles vital to our ministry.

With the Pandemic affecting many areas of our work together last year, we opted to our teams substantially the same as the previous year and as we consider next year's leadership we will take a close look at how to bring together teams and committees in a way we are living into our mission, as well as honoring one another, and minimizing the places burnout is a risk.

As in 2019, each person

currently serving in a leadership position, who is eligible for another term, will receive an overview of that position's responsibilities and an invitation to let Lay Leadership know if you are interested in staying in that role, are feeling God's call to another area of service, or need a break.

If you know of someone whose gifts and graces uniquely make you think of them in a particular role – worship leader, council member, SPRC member, Christian Education volunteer, member of the visitation team, trustee, finance committee, prayer partner, etc. please let one of the Lay Leadership team members know.

Each one of us is needed to be the "ligament", "strand of rope" we are called to be, for us to live into where God is

leading us.

I will schedule training opportunities in September and October for current leaders and those interested in new areas of service. Please watch for times and dates.

If you want any information about any area of ministry, or have some ideas to share, please consider this a personal invitation for you to make time to have a conversation with me. I look forward to it.

Devotions in Church Council meetings will focus on our Vision and how we can Discover, Develop, and Deploy Disciples in the coming months. I will share those devotions with the entire congregation in subsequent Monday emails.

Claiming God's Promises  
Pastor Marilyn

## September Series



Sunday,  
September 5  
**Making  
Distinctions**  
James 2:1-10 (11-13),  
14-17

Sunday,  
September 12  
**Taming  
the Tongue**  
James 3:1-12

Sunday,  
September 19  
**Root of Conflict**  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Sunday,  
September 26  
**Power of  
Prayer**  
James 5:13-20

# September

1. Laura Monheim  
Ryan Finn  
Marley Helferty  
Sarah Davey  
Nicholas Arcovio  
Brendan Arcovio
2. Debbie Mills
3. Kerry Collins-Gross
4. Keely Say
5. Linda Anderson  
Robert Burnett
6. Aaron Robinson  
Nolan Kureczka  
Maureen Mathewson
7. Payton Smith  
Karen Sellers
8. Callan Robinson
9. Makenna Keys  
James Long
11. Rachel Kuebler  
Bethany Kureczka
12. Chloe Kastrewa
14. Michael Schultz  
Jane Stein
15. Marisa Arcovio
17. Amy Luckman
19. Robin Dy
21. Shirley Fox  
Dan Cushman
22. Kristin Boyer
24. Bryan Rider
26. Colby Boyer
27. Lee Vermeulen
28. Carol Greisser
29. Michael Durgan
30. Sue Brown



Newfane United Methodist Church  
2699 Main Street  
Newfane, NY 14108

Open every Wednesday  
Last day is **September 29<sup>th</sup>**

4:30pm – 7:00pm

Service organizations welcome

For a space, please contact the church at 778-7011  
If you would like to help any Wednesday please let Amy know.

September 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Farmer's Market - 4:30pm-7:00 pm	2	3	4 AA-3:00 pm
5 Worship Service - 10:30 am	6  Labor Day	7	8 Farmer's Market -4:30pm-7:00pm	9	10	11 AA-3:00 pm  Patriot Day
12 Worship in Krull Park - North side, Lions Club Shelter - 10:30am	13 Exercise-6:00 pm	14	15 Farmer's Market -4:30pm-7:00pm  Exercise-6:00 pm	16	17	18 AA-3:00 pm
19  Trustees - 9:45 am Worship Service - 10:30 am	20 Church Council- 6:00 pm  Exercise-6:00 pm	21	22 Farmer's Market -4:30pm-7:00pm  Exercise-6:00 pm	23	24	25 AA-3:00 pm
26 Worship Service - 10:30 am	27 Exercise-6:00 pm	28	29 Farmer's Market -4:30pm-7:00pm  Exercise-6:00 pm	30 Kids Club		



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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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:**  
Worship 10:30 a.m.