



NEWFANE UMC NEWS

JANUARY 2022



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, peaceful and normal New Year!!

The next UMW meeting will be February 8th, all ladies are invited to attend. Yarn is available in the UMW room for anyone who would like to crochet or knit afghans for donation. If you know of anyone who is in need of meals from Martha's Helpers please call Kathy Perry 778-5057. We will be providing meals for Lockport Cares on January 17 and February 21. The January reading for the Niagara Frontier District UMW Reading Program is Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult available at the public library. There will be a zoom discussion group on Thursday January 22, 2022 at 7:00PM.

Phyllis Graham, President

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Happy New Year! As I was looking at the line items in the church budget, it struck me that even in the middle of a pandemic which created separation from one another, we are still bound together and focused on the mission which God has called us to. Over the past year, everyone has no doubt participated in or contributed to our Chicken BBQ's, Farmer's Market, Flower Sale, Turkey Dinner, Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, Candy Cane Lane and Talents for Church. Other missions are our Martha's Helpers, Adopt a Family for Christmas project, sharing of musical talents during worship, sending a card or calling someone in need, serving on a committee or helping others in so many other NUMC ways. Our Parish family is actively serving God as we continue to love and care for each other, our community and beyond! I look forward to 2022 and many more good things to come!

Judy Hugaboom

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Children's Christmas Pageant, complete with colorful costumes, excited little angels and the traditional Christmas readings was awesome to see this year. It is very encouraging to see our Sunday School starting to increase in attendance again. The children bring so much energy to our church and I hope they realize that we appreciate seeing them taking part in our programs. Thank you to our Sunday School teachers that helped make the event great! Thank you to Judy Hugaboom for organizing the Luncheon after the Christmas Pageant. If you were not able to make the Pageant, you can see it on Facebook or Tom Say would be happy to give you a DVD. Out of health, kindness and concern for others, we continue to wear masks at church.

Bill Neidlinger Chair Church Council

MISSIONS

As I review this past year of missions, here at NUMC, I am a bit surprised to see that we continually reached out into our community, and to our church family, even as the Covid 19 Pandemic continued.

We couldn't have done it without your support. You and your Church family shared the love of Jesus in many ways: through FOOD DRIVES, SOUP and CHILI SUPPER GIVEAWAYS, or, by supporting fund raising efforts via SUB SALES, or by recording a chapter of a Children's Bible for STORY TIME, via our Face Book page, or maybe you helped with the OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE, where we invited every household on Corwin Ave to meet the Pastor and Ken; maybe you helped at VBS, or, perhaps, helped share ICE CREAM with anyone who stopped by during the community wide garage sale. Or joined us to watch THE CHOSEN (I LOVE that show, and if you haven't seen it yet, download the app, and watch in the comfort of your home) And finally, but certainly not least, the blessing of sharing The Christmas Story, and the birth of Jesus Christ, the greatest gift ever given; with a local family. You provided a bountiful blessing of gifts, groceries, books, and the message of God's love to a family who needed a Christmas miracle. You did that, we did that. Thank you, dear friends and Church family.

Let's do it again, in 2022

We hope and trust you had a blessed Christmas, and that 2022 finds us healthy, and gathering together to support one another, and worship the Lord our God.

Diane Schweigert, Co-Chair Mission

FINANCE

The Finance Team meet to discuss and approve our 2022 Ministry Plan (Budget). We are currently experiencing about a \$25,000 deficit. If you have not made a pledge or gift to your church for 2022 you still have time to do so. We are so thankful for all those who have already.

Thank you to all who attended, donated and worked at our annual Candy Cane Lane Craft show that was held on Friday, December 3rd. It takes many hands to make this event possible and we could not have done it without you. It was a great success and we received many positive comments from the community!

We started 2021 with a positive balance of \$13,520.32 in our Current Expense account and as of November 30, 2021 we have a positive balance of \$27,632.01, however, we have not paid our shared ministries this year totaling \$23,287. Our year-to-date income has totaled \$141,417.21 and our year to date expenses have totaled \$127,305.52. Our income has been \$14,111.69 higher than the expenses that have been paid. We did vote and approve to send a \$14,000 payment toward our shared ministries that we have not yet paid in 2021. This is about \$3,000 more than we were able to pay toward them last year. Thank you for your continued giving and support of our Church to make this possible!

Some ways you can help us financially:

- Tithes & Offerings
- Shopping on Amazon Smile (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) and click on the "donate" tab to make a donation electronically.

Please note if you give through the app on your phone it has changed to Vanco Mobile formerly known as GivePlus Mobile app so please make sure you have the correct one downloaded. If you need any help with this please let Neil know.

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 Thursday, January 13 at 7pm.

Kevin Luckman, Chairperson



Lay Leader Ponderings

January 2022

Sermon preparation, at least for me, always involves quite a bit of research. Not all of it, sometimes very little of it, actually makes its way into the finished sermon, but it helps form, inform, and stabilize the message. My recent message on Jesus' presentation at the Temple (Luke 2:22-40) led to research into ritual purification and the offerings required, which led to Old Testament offerings.

There were five types of offerings prescribed in the Old Testament:

- Burnt offering
- Grain and drink offerings
- Peace (or fellowship) offerings
- Sin offerings
- Guilt offerings

Each of these offerings involved an animal sacrifice except for the grain and drink offerings, although the grain and drink offerings accompanied the burnt or fellowship offerings. The sin and guilt offerings were mandatory for unintentional sins and for cleansing from defilement. The guilt offering also required restitution and a penalty for loss incurred. The other offerings were considered voluntary. The burnt offering was wholly consumed on the altar, the others had a portion burnt on the altar and the remainder provided for the priests and Levites and their families. The peace or fellowship offering unburnt portion was consumed by the worshiper as well as the priests.

There is a spiritual significance to the Levitical Sacrificial System: sin or guilt is first expiated, the worshiper consecrates him/herself to God, and the fellowship offering establishes communion between God and the worshiper and priest. The entire system is intended to maintain one's relationship with God or repair it when it has been damaged by human (unintentional) sin. The system was intended to benefit the worshiper, not to appease God.

The Levitical Sacrifice System did NOT apply to intentional sin: those sins we commit knowing that they are sin, knowing that they are wrong.

God, in His grace and mercy, HAS provided a remedy for ALL sin: Jesus. Jesus was the sacrifice that atoned for all sin. He is our Passover Lamb Who delivers us from slavery to sin and from eternal, spiritual death.

Have we become so accustomed to Jesus as The Atoning Sacrifice that we no longer consider the seriousness of our sin?

Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross has freed us from the obligation to make blood atonement through animal sacrifice, thanks be to God. But have we lost some of the spiritual significance of our offerings? Do we see all that we offer in service to God, including our financial contributions, as an act of worship? Or is it simply another bill we pay? Do we sacrifice anything? Or do we merely give out of our excess? Some questions we might want to ask ourselves as we think about our response to all that God does in our lives.

Lyn Ende, CLM, Lay Leader



PASTOR'S Ponderings

A New Year filled with possibility!

The text "Happy New Year" is written in a large, elegant, blue cursive font. The letters are thick and have a slight shadow effect, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. The background is plain white.

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Another New Year rings in full of possibilities. It brings with it an opportunity to review the past year. To celebrate the great memories and to make space for new ones.

We had a great year of spiritual growth and faith community building opportunities and look



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Ken and I would like to say "Thank You" to all for the many cards and gifts we received this Christmas Season. They are all deeply appreciated.

forward to even more this year. Our "new normal" has presented us with challenges and opportunities, and we continue to work together to meet the first and build on the second.

Plans are underway for a second 8-week Kidventures in Faith session. Surveys from those who participated in the first session indicated this is an opportunity all would like to see continue. If you want to find out how to be involved in the next session, please let me know.

We will continue with Kid Connection each Sunday Morning through May and appreciate all who have volunteered to make this happen for our younger members. Again, if you want to know more or are ready to help please let me know.

Lyn is offering a Thursday morning Bible study at Clinton St., to which all are welcome to participate. More opportunities will be announced in the coming months.

I am excited about this new year and our ministry together. I hope you are as well, as we

Welcome 2022!

With our December schedule always full and overflowing, I have never been good at sending out Christmas Cards, although I do enjoy receiving them. In Lieu of Christmas Cards to each of you, Ken and I will be making a donation to the Food Pantry on your behalf. Thank you for all you do to support the least, lost, and lonely in this community, as well as each other.

Thank You Again and Happy New Year!

Pastor Marilyn



LOVE NEVER ENDS

WORSHIP SERIES



A new series in January is built on the Epistle readings as a way of seeing the light of Christ through the lens of love. “Love Never Ends” is both a description and a promise.

You are invited to journey with us, guided by the Corinthian epistles to let the light shine around you, and in you, and then from you as we seek to continue to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We who have seen the light of Christ now desire to reflect it in our community and in our world by letting others see Christ through our loving presence.

Please join us and invite a friend to visit online or in person.

January 9

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Well Pleased

January 16

Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Varieties of Gifts

January 23

Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
You Are the Body

January 30

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
The Greatest of These

February 6

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Hold Firmly

February 13

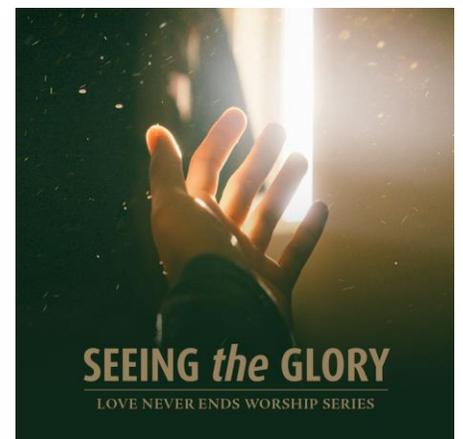
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
The First Fruits

February 20

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,
42-50
Raised in Glory

February 27

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Seeing the Glory (subject to
change)



KID'S PAGE

Jesus in the Temple – Dot-to-Dot and Coloring Page

When Jesus was a boy, his family went to the temple. But when it was time to go home, Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus! Can you find him on the page? Connect the dots and color Jesus. Then color the rest of the page.



JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

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| 3. Kevin Gow | 15. R. Michael Rider |
| 4. Brayden Sears | Emily Rae Larson |
| 5. Eleanor Miles | 16. Julie Brenner |
| Jessica Babcock | 19. Larry Babcock |
| Kevin Noon | 20. Megan Snyder |
| 6. Sarah Ferree | 22. Logan Noon |
| 9. Matt Stein | 24. Alexis Davey |
| 11. Jennifer Renz | Nathan Audette |
| 12. Nathan Schmitt | 28. Susan Neidlinger |
| Catherine Allen | Jason Smith |
| Robert Neidlinger | 29. Rob Gominiak |
| 14. Adrienne Woodring | 30. Diane Schweigert |
| Bill Gross | 31. Judy Schmitt |
| Jessica Stephens | Marie Poole |
| Robert Mitton | |



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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY

USHERS: (Note: Ushers should be at the church by 10:00 a.m.)

- Jan 2: Jim Burnett, Neil Luckman
Jan 9: Keith Robinson, Chuck Hoy
Jan 16: Kevin Luckman, Kevin Luckman, Jr.
Jan 23: Dennis Schultz, Ron Steel
Jan 30: Sharon Tomaino, Kevin Gow

LITURGISTS:

- Jan 2: Sarah McClintick
Jan 9: Judy Hugaboom
Jan 16: Sarah McClintick
Jan 23:
Jan 30: Diane Schweigert

ALTAR FLOWERS:

- Jan 2:
Jan 9:
Jan 16:
Jan 23:
Jan 30:





Thank You so much for all the love, support and kindness that you have shown me and my family over the past several weeks while I have been recovering from my surgery. All the cards, prayers, food, visits and phone calls have been much appreciated! Also thank you for my Christmas gift! Much love to our church family, Amy and family

◀ December		January 2022					February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 New Year's Day	
2 Worship Service – 10:30 am Epiphany	3	4	5	6	7	8 AA-3:00 pm	
9 Worship Service – 10:30 am	10 Exercise–6:00pm	11	12 Exercise–6:00pm	13 Finance – 7:00 pm	14	15 AA-3:00 pm	
16 Trustees – 9:30 am Worship Service – 10:30 am	17 Exercise–6:00pm	18	19 Exercise–6:00pm	20	21	22 AA-3:00 pm	
23 Worship Service – 10:30 am	24 Church Council- 6:00 pm Exercise–6:00pm	25	26 Exercise–6:00pm	27	28	29 AA-3:00 pm	
30 Worship Service – 10:30 am	31						

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

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Worship Hour:
Worship 10:30 a.m.