

in Faith

March
2017

A community of the United Methodist Church

Calendar

March 1st Ash Wednesday
Service 7PM

March 18th Special out to
the movies Matinee

April 14th Good Friday
Devotional

May 20th Tentative-
Chicken BBQ

See inside for more details



Letter from Pastor Lee: 2017 New Year's Greetings

Year 2017 has begun and I would like to express my deep gratitude to all of you whom have served our church and community in Jesus' name through FUMC. You have followed the example in the book of Jacob and have taken the time and energy in working for God, not just in words.

Of course, I know that all of your hard work has been completed in the name of Jesus, in recognizing the grace of Jesus Christ, not solely for FUMC as a community, but for God only. As your pastor, I am thankful for what you have done and I am highly respectful of all your services provided. I would also like to show my sincere appreciation towards your encouraging and loving me as your pastor despite my weaknesses. Although I have tried to remain in Christ and in him alone, I confess that at times, I have fallen and become weak. However, I was able to come this far thanks to your warm encouragements and support in prayer throughout the year. I sincerely thank all of you for your kind support.

As the year 2017 commences, I would like to share with you the following phrase: "One Life Given, Let It Be for the Eternal!" We have been given eternal life after we have accepted Jesus as our Christ. God wants His lost ones to accept eternal life as we have. This is the reason for living as a Christian: to share with others the Good News, eternal life. There will be no true joy or purpose in our lives if we forget this. Let us invest in eternity, something that that will last forever. We can take the first step in achieving this through the Word. When we divert from reading or following the Word, we as the fragrance of Christ will lose our scent. As we build up our knowledge of Christ through the Word, we would naturally become the fragrance of Christ. Your husband or wife can be happy as a result of me, your children can be thankful and joyous, and those around you can be recovered spiritually. All thanks to the Word of God, which fills your heart.

However, prayer should accompany this process. The channel through which the power of God conduces is through prayer. Those who do not pray cannot produce good fruit in action. Prayer comes before any action which involves providing goods and services or even, evangelization. If any of these services were provided without prayer, they would be fruitless and powerless. Without praying, these actions will simply be carried out in your name. However, if accompanied by prayer, even if it's not perfect, it will bear much fruit.

The Word of God and prayers are the first steps in leading a fruitful life in Christ. What follows after is applying the lessons you learned from God to your daily life. Even if you read the Bible and pray often, if you're not applying the knowledge you acquired in your life, you will likely be spiritually arrogant and do not realize the need to put others' lives before you. This is why you should study the Bible and internalize the lessons learned every day. The purpose of doing so is to find out how you could serve others and transform your life as a Christian. *continued inside*

What's Inside

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May the road rise
up to meet you

Pastor Lee Cont.

Go ahead and serve; don't wait for others to do it before you. If you see some work that needs to be done, be on board! If you realize that there's something that needs to be changed at your church or in your family, stop complaining about it and start working on it. God wants YOU to work on it.

Serving others requires putting others before you, your thoughts, emotions, rights, etc. You do realize that in doing so, your heart will be filled with eternal life and those around you will be happy in Christ?

Service, application, sacrifice, and death! These words ultimately point to the concept of love. Jesus condemns us for criticizing others when we already have so much time to love one another. He tells us the following: "For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Let us put the Word of God and prayer as a basis for our lives and love each other so that he or she will have eternal life and be saved.

As we begin year 2017, together, let us invest in something that's eternal. I pray that we become spiritually full and I wish that we all, along with our family and neighbors, enjoy eternal life.

이진국 목사 Rev. Jinkook Lee

Faith is a Saucy Church!!!!



Why? Because we collected 65 containers of sauce (Spaghetti and Apple) for our Souper bowl food drive! Now we are also a helpful church (54 boxes of Hamburger, Tuna and potato helper) and we also stick to the roof of your mouth (37 containers of peanut butter), or perhaps it is that we mix well with chocolate. In any case, these donations were enthusiastically received at RHAFT and will find their way into the cupboards and tables of people in our community who are hungry. So we are a God-blessed church!

Also- how many of us got into the habit of picking something up at the market during this drive? Don't

break that good habit! Check out the sales or adopt an item from the most wanted list for RHAFT (pg 6) and keep picking up an item or two when you go shopping for RHAFT. Thank you to all those who put their heart into this drive!

Alex and Ani Fund Raiser

Thanks also to Patty for providing snacks and support during our Alex and Ani Fund Raiser which raised around 300\$ for our ministries. Save the date December 4th (Saturday) when we will have another fund raiser there and another opportunity to support our church and get beautiful gifts for those we love .



UPCOMING

Mark your calendars and contact news@faithumcny.org for more information

Save your treasures-Church Sale this Summer

While the date hasn't been set yet, we are planning on having another used items sale at church in June or July. So start decluttering and making space in your own place, by setting aside items to be sold to those who can use them while making money for church!



Chicken BBQ

A church chicken BBQ is in the planning tentatively for May 20th. We will need help in preparation before the date and serving during the event.

There will be a sign up soon and we will go forward only if we have people signed up for the different jobs involved.

With many hands, this can be really fun and a great way to interact with our community so please find your slot to participate

Remember these events not only make money for our church, but really give us a chance to meet and greet people in our community with the love of Christ!



**Upper New York Conference
United Methodist Men
Shoe Drive
March 1-31, 2017**

We will accept all kinds of shoes (boots, flip flops, kids shoes, men's and women's shoes) in any condition. Slightly used shoes will go to missions; all other will go to recycling.

Money is given by the pound to the cause.

Money collected will be distributed to: Rochester Veterans Outreach Center; Utica Veterans Food Pantry; and Cpl Kyle R. Schneider Foundation.

**Adult Sunday School Class: Book Club-
Living a Life that Matters**

Adult Sunday School is focusing on the book: Living a Life that Matters by Harold S. Kushner. Rabbi Kushner is a very readable author who includes many stories and personal experiences in his writing. His subtle wisdom is applicable to Christianity as well as to Judaism as this knowledge of both is inspiring.

The book we will read should introduce us to a way to consider many of the important things in life. We think you'll enjoy reading the book and joining in the discussion. (After church and finish by 12:30PM)



**Begins
March 1st**

Ash Wednesday Service

Following the pattern of last year, we will have a small intimate service to prepare ourselves for Easter at 7PM March 1st.

Easter Flowers

It's not too early to think of spring! We will begin taking orders for tulips and lilies

on Sunday March 19th and continue March 26th with the final date of April 2nd.

Order forms will be available in the gathering space before and after church on those

dates. Checks should be made out to Faith United Methodist Church—cash also welcome. Payment is due at time of order.



The plants are in 6 inch pots and include pot covers. Tulips are available in the following colors: white, yellow, pink, purple and red. Lilies are white! The tulips are \$6.90 per pot and the lilies are \$8.95.

The plants will adorn our church on Easter Sunday, and may be taken home following the service.

Any questions, please contact Sue Friederich 427-7104 or Betty Gascoyne 427-7646.

Community Corner- If you are involved in an event, or working with a charity in our community and want to share- submit the information news@faithumcny.org

We are looking for someone(s) to find out and share with us when the wonderful **KMUMC students are doing recitals** so we can come and support them and hear some great music- contact Kathleen if you would like to help

LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is March 1st Along with our own service at 7PM there also are services at West Henrietta Baptist Church 10:00AM or at Good Shepherd 12:10 PM; or at St Joseph 7:00 PM or at Henrietta United Church of Christ 7:00PM

Maundy Thursday Service April 13th: 7:30 Henrietta Church of Christ



It's A Date!! Please Join Us!

This month we are going out to the movies together for a Saturday Matinee on March 18th to see "The Shack". This movie is based on a great book that we read in adult Sunday school. It is a story about a man who has been estranged from God and is being crushed by his life. He finds God when he wasn't looking, in a place he would never expect and a God unlike what he thought God was. God is kinder and more loving and has a better sense of humor than expected! In the end, this new relationship with God leaves our man changed so that he moves from despair and anger to a life full of love and hope. There are many laughs and tears and thoughtful moments along the way. We would love it if you would join us! More details will follow when we know more about specific theaters and times.

Gaelic Benediction By Susan Friederich

Every week we end our service with the Gaelic Benediction. We join hands and lift our voices to the Lord. The words touch me each time I sing them. They bring comfort and refresh my soul. Peace settles around me. The words are simple yet powerful and up-lifting.

Some scholars believe St. Patrick wrote the blessing. However, it's more likely the words were an oral tradition passed down from generation to generation by people who saw God's handiwork in everything and knew their livelihood was dependent on God's will.

I'll admit I became confused as the same words are referred to as Irish blessing, Celtic prayer and Gaelic benediction. I discovered that the Irish language is a Gaelic language brought to Ireland by a Celtic tribe known as the Gaels. I'm not sure this helps in sorting things out!

I learned that Celtic literature uses images of nature and daily living to show how God relates to his people. I read several interpretations of the words in the Gaelic Benediction, and tried to combine what I found.

"May the road rise (up) to meet you" is about God's blessing for your journey that it not be too difficult.

Images from nature follow—the wind—arrival and presence of God's spirit. The warmth of the sun—God's mercy, comfort and protection. The gentle rain necessary for growth—God's sustenance.

The final words remind us that we are held safe in God's hands as we continue our journey.



**Special Saturday March 18th matinee
All are Welcome**



Picture 1

What Did Jesus Look Like? By Sharon Dwyer Buzard

As many of you know, I am an artist, and therefore, have taken many art history classes. I have a fascination with portraiture. I also grew up in a wonderfully diverse neighborhood of immigrants in Indianapolis, so I have always been fascinated

with the variety in the human physiognomy. In recent years, I have also become very interested in anthropology as well as DNA ancestry searches. Pulling these diverse threads together leads me to a topic that has been spoken of over the centuries—but never answered. What did Jesus look like?

The Bible only rarely mentions physical appearance: Goliath was six cubits and a span; Esau had very hairy arms; and Paul said that it was disgraceful for a man to have long hair. All else is left to the imagination. Most of us have an image of Jesus based on Renaissance painters' representations or many illustrations from prayer cards and children's picture books-- Picture 1. So, I decided to delve into the question.

The shroud of Turin does not necessarily hold an image of Jesus, but it has been dated to that time period and shows a bearded man with long hair. We also know that that during Jesus' time, Jewish men were required to grow beards. We also know that the average Galilean man in Jesus day was 5'1" tall and weighed close to 110 pounds. Because Jesus was a carpenter, we can assume that he weighed a bit more because of the required musculature for manual labor. That is it. Rather recently an anthropology department built up with clay a Galilean skull, and the Picture 2 is what they came up with. However, is there a typical Galilean? That is a small area of the world that has been overrun by many invaders. We already know what male invaders do—even though I am no Scandinavian—my retinas tell my doctor differently. Our family also has Barbary Coast (Moroccan pirates) in our DNA. Recently, a study by an Israel- born Johns Hopkins scientist who looked at DNA of Jews from many places revealed that all have Khazar as the main genome. Khazar is where



Picture 2

Kazakhstan is located-- In the Caucasus area that was part of the Soviet Union until recently. A number of these people have red hair and green eyes. The genetics are basically Mongolian and Turkish.

Moreover, the Israelites were slaves in Egypt for many years, and the DNA of ancient Egypt shows much mixing of African Negro, Southern European, Asian, Indian, and who knows what else? We know that the culture of slavery always causes mixing of the bloodlines. Some DNA and anthropological work on Pharaoh Ramses 2 shows that he had wavy red hair and very fair skin,



Picture 3

characteristics that could have come from Khazar or Italy. Rembrandt, the Dutch painter of the 17th century decided to hire models from the Jewish Ghetto in Amsterdam, which was closest to his home. Here is what he came up with. Picture 3. Left and right are the Jewish model, and based on that model, in the center is his Jesus. Picture 4, the Titian painting shows a Jesus who is not red-haired like most of Titian's women, but who appears with very Mediterranean features.



Picture 4

The upshot is this. First, anthropologists feel that dividing people by race is outdated because of all the conquering and mixing of bloodlines. Moreover, the Middle East was a crossroads of many different peoples for centuries. All types of coloring and bone structure could be found there. The answer to what did Jesus look like? He looked however we choose to imagine him. All human characteristics existed in ancient Israel. The one attribute that I would ascribe to his face is that he would have had completely direct eye contact—that he, indeed, could look into the windows of our souls, and we could look back into a completely human face.

Rush-Henrietta Interfaith League News

RHAFT Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal

The Community's Emergency Food Cupboard since 1979!

THANK YOU, AGAIN, to all those who so generously donate food and supplies to RHAFT.

REMINDER: The RHAFT FOOD DONATION BOX is in the coat area near the exit door. (There is a sign on it indicating such).



HATE TO BE REPETITIVE< BUT... MARCH RHAFT Donations:

It seems that MARCH needs are still on tap with last month. Special Requested Needs from RHAFT

Coffee (regular and de-caf),	Cereal
Tea (green and black),	Juice
Hot Chocolate	Crackers
Hamburger/Tuna Helpers	Pudding/Jello
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Broth
Canned Meats (not tuna)	Sugar
Evaporated Milk	

FISH/RHAFT REPORT as of FEB. 16

1. Steadily busy with requests and New Clients
 - a. January...138 Fulfilled requests (+5% vs 2016) and 11 New Clients (vs. 4-2015, 7-2017)
 - b. February (to date) 85 Fulfilled requests (compared to FEB. 2016's 101: For 20 day month, could be similar to January. 4 New Clients, so far.
 - c. New Client requests more frequent than average. Remains to be seen if pattern continues.
 - d. 2012-2015 activity (JAN) 79 to 118 fulfilled rides. >> 140
 - e. JAN to date, 2017 Average rides per day= 7; 2016 average per day = 5.5
2. Lifespan 2016 Survey for United Way Monroe County's 27 agencies (provide transportation) ..served 1,307 clients a. (in 39 zip codes).
 - a. R-H FISH...153 (+18% vs. 230125), which is just under 12% of total for county.
 - b. R-H Breakdown:
 - I. 82% Female, 18% Male (80/20 for MC)...64% Live Alone (65% for MC) II. 37% in 14623, 33% in 14586,

19% in 14467, 8% in 14543, 3& in 14534, 1 % in 14472 Ill. Age Range= 19 to 99; average=73

3. Support from RHIFL Churches—FISH and RHAFT

- a. Monetary Donations to FISH...\$850,without which FISH would have ended the year with expenses greater than income.

- b. Monetary Donations to RHAFT...\$3,226, including "Keenagers", participation in "Kickin' Hunger Project", "Souper Bowl of Caring", and special other events.

- c. Community-share of CROPWalk Project for RHAFT...approx. \$1,900.

- d. Faithful, generous donations of personal care, pet food, and especially no-perishable food items, which regularly help maintain cupboard supplies for distribution to families in need.

As a footnote: The average donation from clients for FISH is \$17 which is noteworthy.

Partly due to Snowbirds.....

IT SOUNDS LIKE A BROKEN RECORD, BUT.....

GREAT NEED FOR RHAFT AND FISH VOLUNTEERS AT THIS TIME

Telephone volunteers to receive calls for FISH and RHAFT are in great need at this time. One day at a time for volunteering is all that is required. FISH (Friends in Service Here)- Transport clients to and from medical appointments arranged one day a head of time.

RHAFT (Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal)- Packs grocery items from the RHAFT cupboard and delivers them to the requesting clients.

All volunteer work is scheduled at your convenience. If interested please call **The Answering Service— 453-237**

Don't Forget the HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE IN HENRIETTA

In the Town Centre Shopping Center, 2199 East Henrietta Rd. Habitat for Humanity ReStores are nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials, and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price. If you have something you'd like to donate to the new ReStore, call 697-2012 to ask about drop-off times or schedule to have us pick it up!

SAVE THE DATE- CROP WALK May 7th

Prayers Joys and Celebrations

MARCH WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

March 5th

Reader -Sharon Hancock
Ushers -Scott Strong, Craig Livingston

March 12th

Reader -Sue Frederich
Ushers - Fred Altrieth, Manny Fico

March 19th

Reader - Kathleen McGrath
Ushers - Linda Pico, Carol Day

March 26th

Reader -Deb Deller
Ushers -Bill Rolfe, Tom Entz



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

11--Pam Hughes
12--John Tice
22--Sarah Kingsley
26--Sharon Hancock

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3---Bill Rolfe
17--Norma Goodman
20--Andrew Hughes
21-- Jonathan Strong
28--Marlene Habitzreuther
29--Onolee Cooper

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

22--Dave & Rosemary McNitt
28--Debbie& Scott Strong

Note are we missing something?:

I'm sure this page is not complete or accurate. If there is anyone that you want to be included in the Cares and Concerns portion of the Newsletter, or if you know that we missed someone for Birthdays and Anniversaries-Or if you have a Joy to share-please send a note to news@faithumcny.org.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Pam Stover
Seneca Towers - Apt.
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David Hancock, Sharon H. son, newly diagnosed blood clotting disorder

Janet Winzenreid
Rochester Presbyterian Home
256 Thurston Rd
Rochester, NY 14619

Peter Stoller, Norma G. son-in-law, maintenance chemo for cancer

Tom and Landa Parello cancer and elder care -from Patty H.

Rev. Bill Lansbury, home, multiple medical issues, from Patty H.

April, daughter of Carol Day, home medical issue

June Harndon, Carol Day mom, home from rehab.

Members with health concerns. Sue Tice, at home and John Tice as well. Also June Carter, Neil Hornik and Rosalie McCaffery

