

in Faith

March 2019

A community of the United Methodist Church

Calendar

- March 6th-Ash
Wednesday service 7PM
- March 10th- Soup lunch
after worship
- March 11th-UMM 7PM
- March 18th- Keanagers
Lunch
- April 13th-Church Garage
Sale
- April 19th-Good Friday
Mediation
- April 21st- Easter
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Letter from Pastor Lee: Last-minute Turnaround!

(I missing so many newsletters this didn't get put out in January-so I'm getting this out now-Kathleen)

In this month's newsletter, I want to share a story from a KMUMC event.

Around Thanksgiving each year, Paul and Jules get very busy. As soon as the youth retreat is over, they have to start preparing for the "Charity Bowling Tournament." They take care of everything from advertising the event, to reserving the bowling alley in advance, and to purchasing all the prizes. They have worked hard for the event this year as well as last year, even though they must have been extra-busy with their young son Lucas.

The "Charity Bowling Tournament" is quite literally a bowling tournament aimed to raising money for charity. We donate whatever net profit we gain for people who need help, encouragement, and consolation. Though it is not a huge amount given the limited size of our church, what really matters is that all members contribute willingly for a good purpose, and I believe that God will be happy about this. Through the event, we not only play bowling, but also pray for the people we are helping and write short cards for them. Sure, we could simply take some money from the overall budget of the church, but there is something particularly valuable about the individual members of the congregation coming together and contributing to a cause altogether.

We first organized this event in 2004 and donated the money to single mothers in Korea. The next year, we helped out a new pioneering church in Korea. Since 2006 and onwards, we have been sending the top 10 to 15 best-selling Christian books of the year to missionaries. This year, we decided to send the books to two missionary families: Shin and Choi in Hungary and Kang and Shim in Brazil.

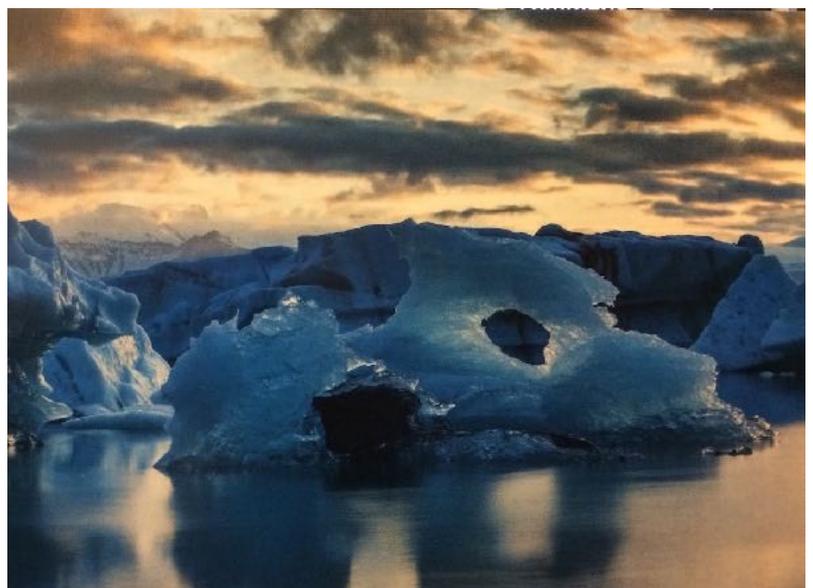
However, we didn't have as many participants in this year's tournament. Based on our rough estimate, we barely had enough to send the books to one of the two families. As the main purpose of the event was to make profit and help the missionaries, we decided to let go of the snacks at the bowling alley and significantly reduce the prizes that we gave out at the tournament. Assuming \$170 for the books, \$120 for the shipping, and \$100 for the prizes, we could only send books to one family this year. We tentatively decided to send the books just to Kang's in Brazil this year (we have already sent books to Shin's for the past several years).

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Pastor Lee Cont.

It was the morning of Thanksgiving. We had a joint service between FUMC and KMUMC, enjoyed bulgogi rice prepared by the "Maria" cell group, and headed over to the bowling alley "Radio Social." We were pleasantly surprised to see quite a few more people than what we had expected. Thankfully, 15 more members who were not on the initial list had attended the event. Paul and Jules organized the teams in advance to make things simpler at the site, so the participants just had to find their tables as they arrived.

The event composed of two games, and everyone got assigned their better score out of the two. We expected the first-place winner to be someone from the youth group, but deacon Seong-jin Lee was leading with 166 points. However, in the very last round, Peter (Wonyoung) made a turnaround with 175 points. So eager to win the first-place, he even fell down at the lane. The women's league was no less competitive. Esther (Jeehyae) scored 144 in the first round and 167 in the second, taking the first place. She even beat Seong-jin by a point, who took the second place in the men's league. We are seriously considering moving her to the men's league starting next year.

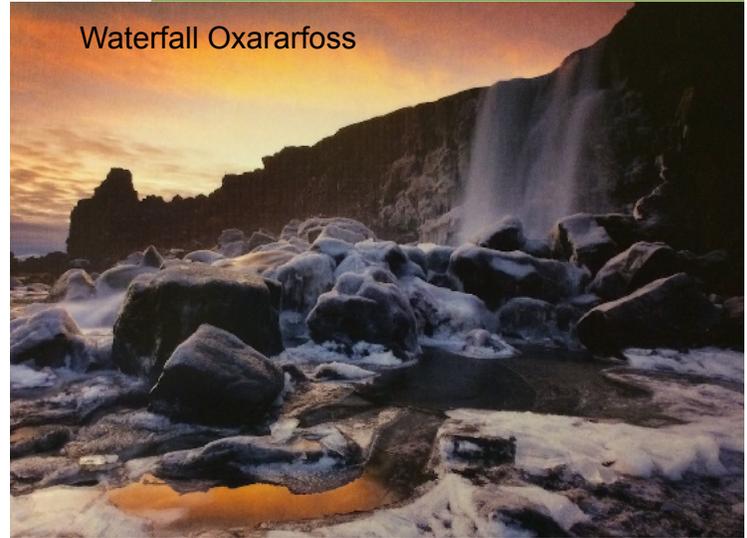
It was an exhausting day, even though it was just two games. I could tell that all the parents were exhausted just from their facial expressions. However, each and every one of the senior and youth members as well as the children was precious, happily participating in the event for a good cause. No work for God is accomplished by a single individual; when we work together, there is a synergy not just in our ability to accomplish more, but also in our joy. I must also thank all the KMUMC members who could not actually participate in the event but supported through prayers and donations.

That night, I got a message from Paul and Jules saying that we had enough extra profit from the last-minute participants to send the books to both the families, as originally planned. This was the other last-minute turnaround of the day. God must really love missionary Shin. God must have moved the hearts of all the last-minute participants to send them to the tournament. I have to now go change the order from just a box of 10 books to two boxes. It is a seemingly small, but truly big blessing for KMUMC to be able to serve others under the name of Jesus Christ. I give all the glories to God and pray that these gifts can somewhat warm the missionaries' hearts during the holiday season. Thank you, Paul and Jules! I sent little gifts (the paid emoji's on the Korean messenger app). I hope you enjoy!.

이진국 목사 Rev. Jinkook Lee

IT'S ICELAND!

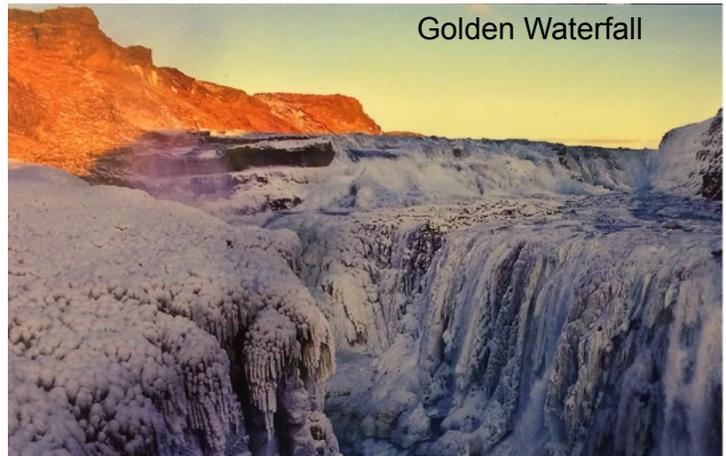
Front picture
Glacier
Lagoon



Waterfall Oxararfoss

Betty Batt went to Iceland and brought back these postcards. I also asked her about the food and she brought back this report. - Yum!

Their foods are a lot like ours. They are big on lamb and cod and lots of different fish. Traditional Fish Stew is very good. A layer of cod and a layer of mashed potatoes with Béchamel sauce. One day we got a lamb burger with sautéed onions and rhubarb sauce. Very good. They raise horses and sheep for food, no cows. Every buffet had at least 4 kinds of homemade bread



Golden Waterfall

UPCOMING

SAVE THE DATE —APRIL 13TH CHURCH GARAGE SALE!

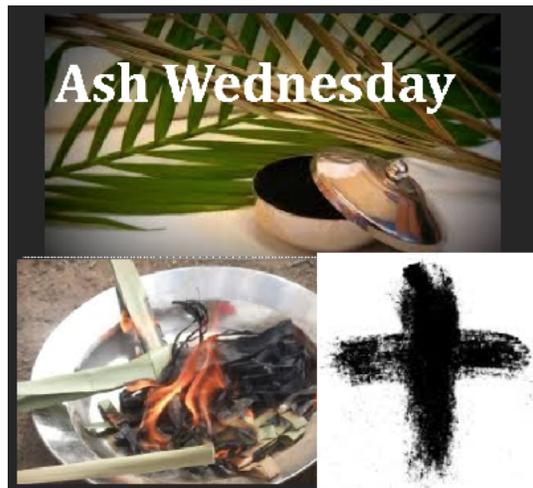
Please consider asking friends and relatives for donations of gently used items so we can make this a successful fundraiser for Faith UMC.



We will be able to store donated items. No clothes (unless it is something special you want to put on your own table).



This is a piece that Sue Friederich wrote that I loved- so brought back for this month-



**LENT
STARTS
MARCH
3rd**

Opportunities to prepare ourselves for the coming of Easter.

March 3rd 7PM Ash Wednesday

We will have an service at 7PM to pray together and share the marking of the cross of Ashes to begin our Lenten season with our Faith family.

March 10th Sunday- after Worship: Simple Soup Lunch

We will have a simple soup lunch and share prayers for the Lenten preparation

Beginning March 17th- Special Lenten Sunday school

After church- All are welcome any Sunday you can come.

April 19th-Good Friday Devotional

The church will be open on Good Friday for a self-guided devotional

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.

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).



REQUESTS FOR THE FOOD CUPBOARD

- Macaroni and Cheese
- Instant Mashed Potatoes (box)
- Canned Meat/Fish Products
 - Chicken, Ham, Spam, Turkey, Tuna, etc.
- Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper
- Mixed Pasta: Elbows, Shells, Spirals, Penne, etc.
- Canned Fruits & Applesauce
- Mayo, & other Condiments
- Milk: Powdered & Shelf Stable (Powdered)
- Small Cans of Food Items (single serve)
- Cereal: Hot & Cold
- Coffee: Instant, & Ground (No K-Cups)
- Paper Towels
- Bar Soap/Shampoo/Shaving Cream
- Feminine Products

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE IN HENRIETTA

You are invited to come to our second ReStore in Henrietta! The location is the former site of Country Max 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!



Who is RHAFT?

In our last program year, FISH Dispatchers & Drivers arranged and provided transportation for 159 clients unable to drive themselves, on 1,396 occasions (about 27 fulfilled rides per week), traveling 35,089 miles.

RHAFT Verifiers & Packer/Drivers – supported by Cupboard Tenders, plus Food/Material Buyers & Suppliers – provided emergency relief to 223 families faced with a food shortage or a difficult situation, on 384 occasions (about 7 deliveries/week).

Help the food cupboard make more effective and efficient use of your generous donations... No out-of-date (expiration, best by, use before, etc.) food items

CONGRATULATIONS to all who helped make the UNO HARVEST HOME FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS!

We had over \$2000 dollars spent on meals and therefore, the coalition made over \$200. THANK YOU!

Prayers Joys and Celebrations

FEBRUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

March 3rd

Reader - Frank Habitzreuther
Ushers - Scott Strong, Ralph Strong

March 10th

Reader - Scott Strong
Ushers Fred Altrieth, Julius Toenniessen

March 17th

Reader - Sharon Hancock
Ushers - Linda Pico, Carol Day

March 24th

Reader - David McNitt
Ushers - Bill Rolfe, Tom Entz

March 31th

Reader - Kathleen McGrath
Ushers - Onolee Cooper, Suzanne Hovey



Other Members with regular health concerns that could use our prayers as well. If you want to send a note to let at them know we are thinking of them, check with the office or email news@faithumcny.org:

Sue Tice, at home and John Tice as well. Also June Carter and Rosalie McCaffery
Pam Stover
Seneca Towers - Apt. 1326
200 Seth Green Drive,
Rochester, NY 14621

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 CONNIE GRIER
11 PAMELA HUGHES
12 JOHN TICE
22 SARAH KINGSLEY
26 SHARON HANCOCK



A Lenten Prayer John Birch

(This is the minister who wrote the Lenten study we will be using)

<http://www.faithandworship.com/JohnBirch.htm>

Forgive those things we have done which have caused you sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy. In both we have failed

ourselves,
and you.

Bring us back to that place where our journey began,

when we said that we would follow the way that you first trod.

Lead us to the Cross and meet us there.



CARES AND CONCERNS

Cheryl Verry needs prayers for her own health and also be cause her sitter Mary Ellen passed away and Mary Ellen's family, particularly Rich her husband who is also ill.

Deb Deller's Mother and her family as they deal with her health and living situation.

Norma Goodman's brothers fiancé undergoing cancer treatment;

Sharon Hancock nephew pass away in China and they need prayer for the family