

in Faith

April
2019

A community of the United
Methodist Church

Calendar

- April 8th- UMM 7pm
 - April 13th-Church Garage Sale
 - April 14th Joint Palm Sunday Worship-11am
 - April 19th-Good Friday Mediation
 - April 21st- Easter Worship 11am
 - May 5th- Crop Walk 1pm
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Letter from Pastor Lee:

Technically, Korean Mission UMC of Rochester (KMUMC) is the tenant of Faith UMC (FUMC). However, our relationship is not a simple tenant-landlord relationship. About 10 years ago, when KMUMC did not have a place to worship, FUMC willingly welcomed us. Churches usually do not welcome other church groups just for

belonging to the same denomination. However, FUMC welcomed us like a family since the first day we met. Thereafter, the two churches have been developing a good brotherly relationship.

Four years ago, FUMC became financially difficult and Bishop Mark suggested that I take the position of a preaching pastor at the FUMC. After having spent some time to pray about it, I started my ministry at the FUMC.

Since then, there has been an event that both men's and women's ministry at KMUMC have gotten deeply involved. It was called 'Chicken BBQ Fundraising,' which was organized to raise funds to maintain the church building. It was officially for FUMC (where most of its members were relatively older), but many of the younger generation at KMUMC (relative to FUMC, anyone in their 50's or younger were considered the younger generation) who were greatly touched by FUMC in Christ have been helping out with all their hearts *continued inside*

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People of the Light

During Lent, we have been following a Lenten devotional on light. From John or the Psalms or from our personal experiences, we have been thinking about God and light in different ways

-God is the creator of light- literally and beautifully-as this sunrise in Rochester on March 13th

-God is the Light of our lives, source of our energy and hope.

-God's Word is the light that is the lamp unto our feet.

-Gods gift of light is within each of us, not to be hidden, but to share with each other.

What does being a people of the light then mean to us, to you? This is what we reflect on as we prepare for the great light of Easter

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Pastor Lee Cont.

Last October, as the day for the Chicken BBQ, approached, the weather did not seem very favorable. It was expected to shower all day over the weekend. Sometimes, the dark clouds get pushed away after a couple of days, so we prayed and hoped for the weather to clear up. However, when I opened my eyes on the day of the event, I heard the sound of rain falling on the roof. It had started raining since the morning and the sky was filled with dark clouds. However, we had already bought 150 chickens and trimmed each into two halves making 300 pieces, which all had to be sold that day.

Early that morning when I arrived at the church backyard, FUMC members were already there waiting. After saying hello to our Caption Howard, we started the Facebook live video streaming. We announced that the Chicken BBQ will still be held as scheduled despite the rain. Since our BBQ event has become famous due to FUMC's special sauce, we believed that many people would still come as long as we didn't end up closing altogether because of the rain.

Just as we started to set the fire, though, we saw a ray of sunlight shining through the dark clouds! The sky had been filled with dark clouds all morning, but we started to see the blue sky and white clouds. We couldn't be more thankful. We had asked the members of both churches to pray for the weather and the event, and it seemed like God joyfully listened to the prayers. We were very grateful. In fact, even if it rained, everyone was ready to get wet and do the best to protect the chicken from the rain. But just by one breath of God, all of our problems were solved. We would still have been thankful even if it continued to rain, but as God took away the rain we could be even more thankful.

On our way home after the event, there was a double rainbow in the sky. It seemed like a heartfelt expression of God's joy in seeing the two churches harmoniously work together for the BBQ fundraising event.

I was extremely thankful. I was thankful for having been able to sell all of the 300 pieces of chicken. I was thankful that the rain had stopped. I was thankful for all the hands that helped. Above all, though, I was most thankful for the joy that has doubled through the uniting of FUMC and KMUMC. Although it was FUMC's event, I was thankful for the members of KMUMC, currently sharing the same building, who volunteered to help out with all their hearts. I give all the glory to God. I thank God again for the great success.

이진국 목사 Rev. Jinkook Lee

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

April 13th

Please bring your items for Church Garage Sale by Sunday April 7th so we can get them all

marked, and very important- please sign up for a time slot to work so we can make this a successful fundraiser for Faith UMC. We will be able to store donated items. No clothes

Holy Week

Join in our meaningful joint services this Holy Week with KMUMC full of praise music and worship as well come and take time to reflect on the amazing gift of Christ's actions for us.

—**Palm Sunday Joint Service 11AM April 14th**

—**Good Friday Meditation April 19th from 6am to 6pm**

We have been blessed to have these Good Friday Meditations for the last few years and they really give us the opportunity to spend some time with God remembering how important this week is. If you take the time, God will find you there and touch you- ask anyone who has come to this in the previous year. Come and spend as long as you like.

Christ has Risen!- He has Risen Indeed



April 21st

Special Joint Service 11AM

Shake off of the weight the world sometimes puts on us and join in on this beautiful joint service with KMUMC full of praise music and

worship. God must want us to live in joy- that is why the sacrifice and the miracle of Easter exists.

1 Peter 1:8-9 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, or you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



“The Wooden Communion Tray”

**by
Sue Friederich**
I’m nervous. I wonder if my friends feel the same way. I kneel at the

communion rail. Everything I learned in confirmation class blurs. I hope that Pastors Gibson and Haimerl have more faith than I have at this moment. I look up and Pastor Haimerl winks at me. I wonder if he’s supposed to wink during communion. I’m glad he did because I feel a whole lot better. I manage to take a tiny glass cup from the circular tray. I wasn’t sure which glass to pick. There were lots of them to choose from. I take the one closest to me. I drink the wine without spilling one drop on me or on the carpet. I put my empty glass back in its space on the communion tray.

Decades later I wonder how those communion trays and small cups came to be. For centuries the common cup was used in protestant churches—each communicant took a sip from the same chalice. The lip of the cup was wiped off before the next person drank the wine.

My curiosity gets the best of me after discovering some very old wooden communion trays and glasses in my church. The lid of the dark wooden tray has a slot in the middle for the handle. I lift the lid off and find thirty-five circular holes for cups—the circles have a small notch on one side. The floor of the tray is covered with faded burgundy felt. The handle is connected to a small silver advertising plate which says on the top: Toronto, Ont. followed by LePage Individual Communion Cup Co., U.S. Patent Nov. 5, 95, Can Patent Jan 21, 1996 with Canada on the bottom.

The cups are unusual. They’re small flutes—3 inches tall. The tops are cut at a forty-five degree angle. The bottom of each glass has a small square extension which locks into the notch on the wooden tray. The one word that describes the set is Victorian. It was in the mid 1800’s that concern was raised about the risk of catching a disease from a common communion cup. Scientists discovered that diseases were caused by germs. One couldn’t see a germ, but they were able to enter your body from everyday objects. Diseases such as diphtheria and tuberculosis were widespread and a leading cause of death.

A group known as “sanitarians” believed the common cup was dangerous— one doctor called it the “poisoned chalice.” Fear of contracting disease in combination with the dedicated work of activists led to the use of individual communion cups.

There was another motive for the use of individual glasses. James Buckley, editor of a Methodist newspaper in the 1890’s pointed toward racism. He was aware of churches offering the common cup to white congregants before any black Christians were served.

Several— at least seven-- churches claim to be the first to implement the common cup considered an unprecedented reform. Scovill Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church in Cleveland, Ohio appears to be the first—December 6, 1891. Two churches in my city Rochester, N.Y. made the list —Central Presbyterian (May 13, 1894) and North Baptist (May 6, 1894). Newspapers reported the happenings and congregants flocked to churches to use the new individual cups.

I was still puzzled by the design of the glasses— 45 degree angle—I’d found at my church. I discover it again goes back to the Victorians. The Women’s Christian Temperance Union had a considerable amount of power. Drink was to be avoided, and a communion glass shouldn’t look like or perform as a shot glass in a saloon. The LePage Individual Communion Cup Company advertised with our glasses— “no tipping back of the head is necessary.” The company claimed over 15,000 churches were using the glasses.

In 1878 the Women’s Christian Temperance Union created a committee on “Unfermented Wines in the Sacrament.” Thomas Welch a Methodist dentist developed a way to keep grape juice from fermenting in 1869, but it was his son Charles who began mass producing and marketing Welch’s Grape Juice in 1875. By 1892 the WCTU reported that 2/3 of the churches in America were using unfermented wine.

As I look at the wooden tray with its history and angled glasses, I wonder how many people used those glasses as they kneeled before the altar to receive communion.



So much effort goes on behind the scenes at church! Sue, Onolee and others have been cleaning out the back corners of our church. Odd things buried in dark closets have appeared including communion trays and cups. Thank you to these hard workers, and also to all the unknown people back in the history of this church that have quietly clean, sorted, and cared for our shared faith home.

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

APRIL WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

April 7th

Reader - Desiree Edwards
Ushers - Cindy Toenniessen , Jeannine Adydan

April 14th

Reader -Kathleen McGrath
Ushers Lorna Riley, Sharon Hancock

April 21st

Reader - Patty Hornik
Ushers - Dave McNitt, Cheryl Verry

April 28th

Reader - Sharon Buzard
Ushers - Patty Hornik, Alli Moulton



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

Prayers also for Patty and her sister and father as they deal with her father's health issues.

Carol Day has asked for prayers for her cousin Chuck, He has been placed in hospice care at Highland. Please remember him and Carol and their family with your prayers.

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 and need their address 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

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 BILL ROLFE
- 17 NORMA GOODMAN
- 20 ANDREW HUGHES
- 21 JONATHAN STRONG
- 28 MARLENE HABITZREUTHER
- 29 ONOLEE COOPER



Prayer from Lenten Devotional. John Birch

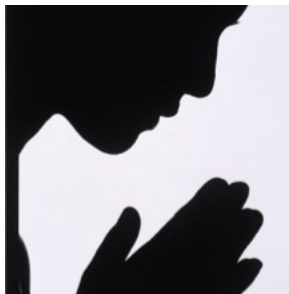
May we be lamps,
lit and sustained by your Spirit's flame,
spreading your light,
usefully placed to illuminate the way ahead,
and encourage fellow travelers along the road of faith.

Amen.

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



Continued prayers for Ray Ottman as he faces end of life issues, and particularly for Kay and his family as they try to best handle the situation.

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

**“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”
- Desmond Tutu**