

# in Faith

May  
2019

A community of the United Methodist Church

## Calendar

May 5th Crop walk

Upcoming July Picnic  
and August Baseball TBA

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details



could use FUMC starting Saturday, May 1st, so the early morning prayer on Sunday was our first service there. I recall coming to the early morning prayer excited, along with a handful of younger members of the church. The church was completed less than a month ago and was equipped with brand new video and audio systems and even chairs. I quite liked the overall atmosphere as well. Of course, there are some pressure and wariness that come along with a brand new facility, but I am mostly grateful to God who allowed us such a smooth transition from the previous place.

After the early morning prayer, I attended the FUMC service at 10 AM with my wife. It was a timely opportunity say hello to the members of FUMC. First, Pastor Hoyt Brown---in his shirt and tie instead of the clerical collar---walked up to the podium and shared the news of the week. Then, the service was led together by staff members of the church, with no single "host" leading the whole service. During the fellowship time, many came up to us first and greeted us. We were also happy to meet so many people.

After FUMC service, we came back home and quickly started preparing for the KMUMC service which was to begin at 2 PM. Checking the audio system was one of the most important aspects. [Cont. Inside.](#)

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## Letter from Pastor Lee Cont.

Mike, who usually sets it up for FUMC, and Pastor Hoyt helped us with the set-up, and Yun-jae finalized the set-up while the staff members had an early service.

Many things including the wireless microphone felt new and awkward, but I couldn't help but feel God's support and presence in this new church. It felt stuffy because the air conditioner was not working just yet, but that did not take anything away from the touching first service at FUMC.

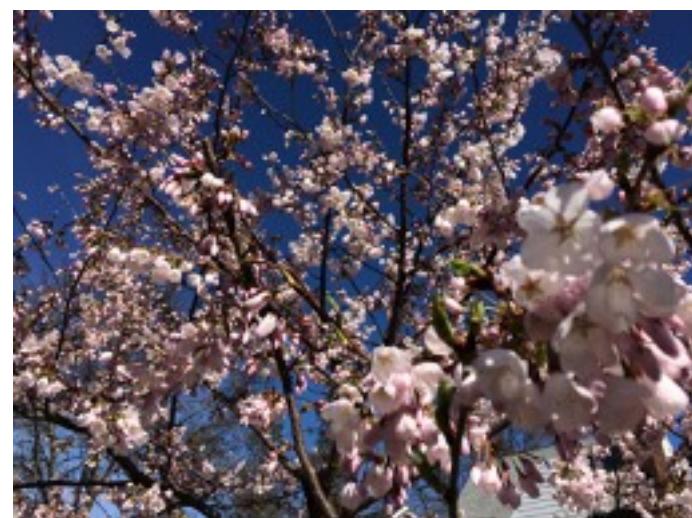
After the service came our first fellowship. We had made a big decision to switch to simple snacks and small bites, instead of full meals. The day before happened to be the first birthday of Bo-min, Hye-jung's child, so Hye-jung prepared the snacks for the first Sunday fellowship. She brought a range of different rice cakes which all tasted amazing. We also had a birthday cake for Bo-min and sang happy birthday. We had a picture book Bible as the gift. Bo-min, usually shy and afraid of strangers, didn't cry at me for once and happily grabbed the Bible.

It was a very warm day, so I had a cup of cinnamon punch with ice. I had kept the left-over aside for later, but it was gone when I got back shortly after helping out the seniors clean up after the fellowship. Seeing me looking for the drink, deacon Lee said, "Pastor, you should have written your name on the cup or something!" I was suspicious of Lee, but if someone else took the drink and quenched their thirst, it still served its purpose.

After all the cleaning up, there was "a small concert" at the main chapel. Min-hwan had arranged a fundraising concert for the mission trip to Mexico in August. It wasn't a large number of people, but most of the senior members had attended. Though held in our very church, the quality of the performances was that of an expensive, world-quality concert. A quartet led by Soo-yun (at the violin) and Eun-ji (at the flute) opened the concert. It was officially my first time seeing the two play their instruments. I had already heard a lot about how good Eun-ji was, but Soo-yun was surprisingly good as well. She looked like a completely different person. Soo-yeon, the cello queen whom all the peers praise, was amazing as usual, and Hyun-soon's technique and emotion were also unreal. Sun-young and Min-hwan, the two veterans, supported the whole team with their pianos. Gyul's and Hye-yeon's voices were also some of the best voice performances I have ever heard. The finale was performed by Hye-yeon and Ki-hong, the best amateur singer we have, and I totally fell for it. I thank God for such a quality concert.

I hope FUMC becomes a lively church, prospering in terms of both our spirits and the sheer number of

people. I feel as if I rambled on, but I also wanted to record the whole scene on our first day at the new church. I pray that our days at this church are always as energetic and lively as the first day. God will allow us such blessings. Jesus, through us, will make that happen. The Holy Spirit will revive us from the inside. Glory be to the God who allowed us such a beautiful first day at our new church.



## Spring springs then Snow falls

What's wrong with the order of the pictures- Nothing- it's Rochester! I've been taking pictures of the flowers blooming in order on my walk in- and then the snow in my poor rosemary plant that finally got to be moved outside. It's all part of God's creation and to remind us that spring and winter may battle- but spring always wins. -Kathleen McGrath

## New Sunday school Class begins May 11th

We will start a short series on May 11th called "Stumbling blocks" a study on the challenges of living a life of faith based on the Bible as well as some wise thoughts from others- . "Doubt is but another element of faith." (St. Augustine) "The beginning of wisdom is found in doubting; by doubting we come to the question, and by seeking we may come upon the truth." (Pierre Abelard).

## More Summer Fun to come

### July Church Picnic

### Red Wings Game in August!!

### Staycation with your Faith Family?

Be on the watch for the Faith Staycation board where we will highlight some activities so that people can say if they are interested in going and find Faith friends to join them.

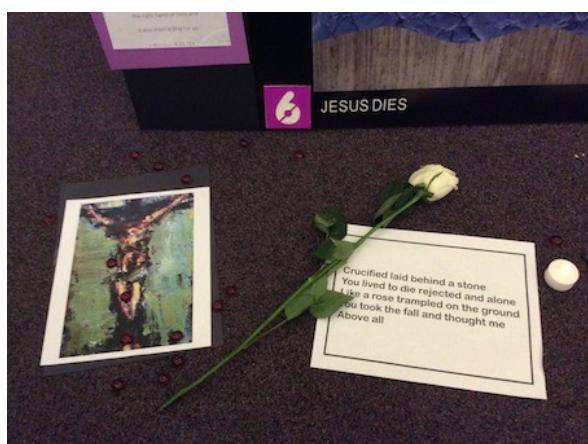
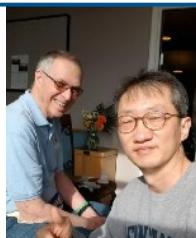
## Photo Album of Great Church Happenings Over the Last Month

### CHURCH GARAGE SALE

After more than a month of preparation, cleaning sorting, labeling, and then a flurry of arranging and organization, it was the morning of the Church Garage sale. This was to be our most successful Garage sale by far, but on that morning with all the wares arranged all over, was it clear that the people would come and the stuff would go???



It begins with Prayer- and then the doors open and the crowds of waiting people swarm in!



#### Good Friday and the Rose:

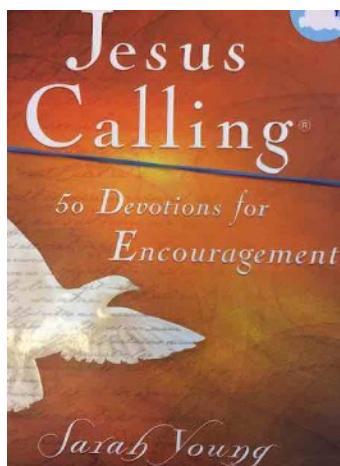
It was a symbol, a rose dried out from laying on the church floor overnight and throughout the day of Good Friday. Many came through and read the passages as we thought about the road to the cross and to the empty tomb. Bible passages and great readings from Sarah Young (see book cover next page) mixed with verses from praise music. "And like a rose, trampled on the ground", that white rose lay there. Until the end and it was placed in water hanging its head in tiredness. The next morning, it was again the fragrant gift it always was in God's eyes.



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### Holy Week

-From sharing communion on our joint Palm Sunday service, to Good Friday's meditation (see last page-and the book used for some of the readings below) to saying "Christ is Alive" together on Easter morning, the care and efforts of many allowed us to celebrate together that Christ has risen- He has risen indeed!



## 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).



#### ADD A FEW OF THESE TO YOUR SHOPPING LIST AND BRING IN...

Sauce and Proteins  
**Spaghetti "O" s**  
Tuna Fish  
Canned Meats  
**Microwave Dinners/Meals**  
Breakfast  
Pancake Mix  
Syrup  
Dried Fruits  
Canned Vegetables  
Apple Sauce

Personal Hygiene Items:  
Toilet Paper  
Tooth Paste / Brushes  
Feminine Hygiene  
Deodorant  
Shaving Cream  
Safety Razors  
Hot Drinks: tea, coffee, and cocoa  
Jams and Jellies

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— 453-2370.**



#### 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!



#### CROP WALK May 5th

Once again FUMC sent walkers in to what is expected to be an unusually nice day in the Rush Henrietta CROP Walk in the Henrietta Veteran's Memorial Park (Town Park) on Calkins Rd. Thanks to those who worked hard to help set up the walk, putting down markers and collecting forms, organizing and walking and donating. There will be a tally in the next letter, but if people will now able to eat because of our collective efforts, then God's smile is our best reward.



# Prayers Joys and Celebrations

## MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### May 5th

**Reader** -Sharon Hancock  
**Ushers** - Scott Strong, Ralph Strong

### May 12th

**Reader** -Allie Molton  
**Ushers** - Fred Altrieth, Julius Toenniessen

### May 19th

**Reader** -David McNitt  
**Ushers** - Linda Pico, Carol Day

### May 26th

**Reader** -Sue Friederich  
**Ushers** - Bill Rolfe, Tom Entz

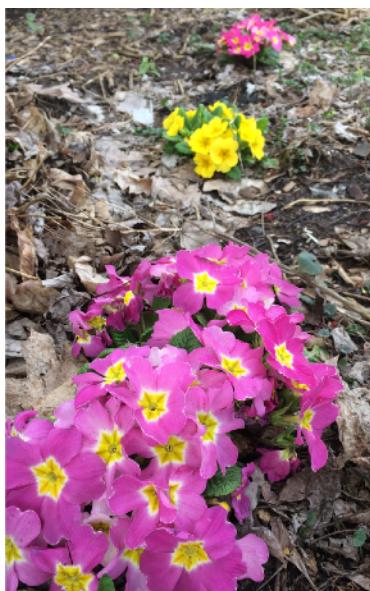
### June 2nd

**Reader** -Kathleen McGrath  
**Ushers** -Cindy Toenniessen , Jeannine Adydan



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

6--- Betty Gascoyne  
15--David McNitt  
20--Cheryl Verry  
23--Alec Kingsley  
25—Carol Day



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3— Jim Cavanaugh  
5---June Carter  
5---Suzanne Hovey  
6---Fred Altrieth  
10--Kay Ottman  
11--Janet Winzenried  
11--Rosalie McCaffery  
18--Cindy Toenniessen  
20--Debbie Strong  
26— Allison Molton



## CARES AND CONCERNS

The whole Ottman family, for Ray Ottman as he faces end of life issues, and for his family as they try to best handle the situation. Additionally Kay was visiting her daughter Renee' and fell and broke her hip, wrist and heel. If you would like to send her a card Renee's address is: Renee' Segarra, 65 Avon Road, Bronxville, NY 10708

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

Patty Hornick and her sister and father as they deal with her father's health issues.

Peggy Toenniessen and Julius and Cindy as Peggy continues to recover from surgery.

Cheryl Verry as she struggles with her own health, Also John and Sue Tices, Rosalie McCaffery and June Carter who are not able to make it to church, but still in our hearts

Also for the Hughs family after the death of Pam who was such a gentle smiling soul in our pews for so many years. Additionally, previous long time member of the church, Ed Barkley has also passed away. He was full of passion and love and laughter and we pray for his family and friends as well (his memorial service will be 11AM at HUCC May 11th)

Also for so many of our Faith family who are caring the concern for others in their lives that are struggling. Sharron Buzard and Sharon Hancock, Betty Batt and Patty Hornick, just to name a few, have raised prayer requests for others. If you would like to join our group the "Prayer Chain" of dedicated prayers who receive these requests by email and maintain a solid base of prayer support for the people God puts in our lives, let Donna know or email the church.

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](mailto:news@faithumcny.org):

I'm sure I've missed people and have made  
Please let me know if there are corrections or  
concerns you would like added to next month's  
newsletters