in Faith

November 2019

A community of the United Methodist Church

Calendar

November 9th Church Conference 3 pm

November 30th Hanging of the Greens

December 1st Start of Advent



"Celebrating 25 years" by Pastor Lee

Twenty-five years ago, God established the Korean Mission United Methodist Church (KMUMC), and the mission of the church was to serve young adults and missionaries. Nine years after its founding in 2003, while I was a student at the McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Canada (next to Niagara Falls), I received an invitation to give a sermon at KMUMC and was

subsequently asked to serve as the pastor. At the time, church leader and senior deacon Chang-Gu Kim told me "Be prepared to work hard as our church was established for young adult's ministry!" When I came for my first Sunday service, there were only two young adults – Hyejung Oh and Heejung Kim, and the young adults cell group meeting comprised of only two young couples. I started my ministry at KMUMC in July, but by December of that year, senior deacon Kim answered God's calling. Not only did the church not have a lot of young adults, the advocate for young adult's ministry was no longer with us.

There was not even a brief moment for me to ponder whether to continue young adult's ministry, as God guided us to have a weekly cell group meeting on Fridays. About seven young adults met at the pastor's residence, and my wife prepared the food. That was the beginning of KMUMC's weekly cell group meetings. Nowadays, I am grateful that the adults take turns hosting the cell group meetings. Since then, forty young adults who previously did not know Jesus have become baptized and found God. Along with disciple training and group bible study sessions, many young adults have developed strong faith and settled down right here in Rochester, and they have started to serve the church faithfully, serving as Sunday school teachers and youth group leaders, which in turn helped them grow as well. As a result, KMUMC's ministry now includes young adults, youth group, and Sunday school.

As we devoted ourselves to young adult's ministry, the adults at the church – including my wife and me – have grown closer to God. We pray for them together, feed them, give them rides, commiserate during bad times, and celebrate together during good times. Main beneficiaries are the young adults, youth group, and Sunday school children, but we adults also benefited tremendously from learning more about God and Jesus' love and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

And what a wonderful 25 years it has been! However, as we celebrated our founding anniversary every year, I could not help myself for wanting to do a little more, and God presented us with an important mission. I found out that Missionary Luke Rhee in Guatemala was also serving Christian young adults in medical school, and we were put in touch with one of them, Joshua Monterossoigue..

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Pastor's Letter Cont.

4,800 US Dollars will pay for tuition, books, and living expenses for one year, and it seemed like not many churches were willing to commit since support for six years is required. Even though our finances are not solid, I believed that we can make God happy every year on the anniversary of KMUMC founding and believed that the congregation would support this decision

Thus, starting in 2018, we decided to send all of the offering we collect on the founding anniversary Sunday service to support this medical student. Last year we collected \$4,466, and the church made up the difference. We decided to do the same this year and invited two missionaries to celebrate with us during our anniversary service. Missionary Luke Rhee on anniversary Sunday and Missionary Pil-won Yoon (the Philippines and India) the following Sunday...

Missionary Luke Rhee arrived in Rochester on Saturday night at 11:50! He planned to spend about three weeks in the U.S. and spent a day with his family in Atlanta before coming to Rochester. Early on during their missionary days, his wife contracted pneumonia due to altitude sickness so his family had to return to the U.S. while he stayed behind in Guatemala to serve God. Since his family is living without a husband and father whilst he is far away serving God, he wanted to spend as much time with them as possible and thus he could not stay longer in Rochester. I think he and I spoke until about 2 AM after he arrived about the joys and challenges of ministry, and while it was a brief discussion, I hope that it was a time of healing for him.

We went to Charbroil for breakfast on Sunday and attended the English service in the morning. The congregation greeted him since they were familiar with him from his visit a few years ago. We then had lunch that was prepared by members of Faith UMC, and then attended the Korean service in the afternoon. The choir's singing and the special song during offering by

Yeji were especially inspiring and the lyrics were touching. After the service, Yeji mentioned that as she was practicing the song the day before, she realized that she was not always living according to God's words so she sang with a new resolve. Afterwards, Missionary Rhee discussed Guatemala ministry and how we as Christians need to change after our sins are forgiven. It was calming and touched on the basics of faith.

The service ended close to 4, and Missionary Rhee had to go to the airport by 4:45 PM. His brief time in Rochester was due to his wanting to be a good husband and father and by spending as much time with his family as possible when he can. Even though we were disappointed that he could not spend more time with us, we understood and sent him off to Atlanta straightaway. The offering totaled \$4,963. Hallelujah! It was well over \$4,800. We gave this to Missionary Rhee Rhee along with other offerings we collected for his Guatemala mission throughout the year. I was grateful that we can help Joshua's medical school for another year.

Even though it was a hectic Sunday, I believe God has seen the will and thoughts of KMUMC. We will continue to pray for Joshua Monterossoigue, so that he can become a well-trained Christian doctor and a good physician for the mountain tribes of Guatemala. In addition, we pray for Missionary Luke Rhee and his family, as he is lonely serving God, and his wife is lonely in taking care of their three children, and that loneliness is filled with the unspeakable comfort and love of Jesus Christ.

이진국 목사 Rev. Jinkook Lee

Luke 12:27 "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.



Events

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On October 6th we had a World Communion Joint service with FUMC and KMUMC

On September 14th we had a Church Sale. Thank you to all who helped and donated and to Onolee and Sue who organized and labeled and sorted. All of us together made this another successful garage sale raising \$2500 (See next pages for the pictures)..



Choir has started

Please join us! You don't have to read music or have perfect pitch, you just have to love to sing and hang out with others that feel the same. Come to practice any Sunday morning 8:30AM

New Adult Sunday School

Poetry of the bible- Our favorite Psalms

Over the years we have collected some of our congregations favorite Psalms (feel free to send more news@faithumcny.org) Join us after church and/or feel free to reply to the readings sent out. Everyone's view point is valuable and enriches our studies.

Remember the **Church Conference** will be **November 9th**, from 3 pm to 5pm at UMC of North Chili

Seems like
it was just
Summer- but
the caterpillars
know that
winter is
coming and so
are winter church
events...



Keep them Warm...

We are collecting gloves, hats and scarfs to be distributed to people who will need them to stay warm this winter in Rochester. So if you are clearing out your winter gear or catch a great sale and want to donate these items there is a collection box in the fellowship area.

If you have any extra **2020 calendars**, would you please donate them to the Asbury Caring and Dining Center Guests? They have appreciated all that have been donated over these past many years. There will be a box by the office for your donations. As they

come in, they will be taken to the Center. Thank you for your generosity



Hanging of the Greens

Join us on November 30th (time to be announced)

as we decorate the church for Advent



Fellowship Dinner

We will have a lunch followed by a Christmas Movie. More details to follow

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Rush-Henrietta Interfaith League News

November

Where oh Where have the Bins for Donations Gone?

Hint the bins for Asbury Storehouse and the Food Cupboard have been relocated from the daycare entrance to the back entrance of the church. Donations are always appreciated



RUSH-HENRIETTA INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING TUES, NOV. 26, 7PM

Gather with Neighbors from a variety of faiths for a celebration of our many blessings and our

At Henrietta United Church of Christ, 1400 Lehigh Station Rd

unity as human beings.

Non-perishable food and monetary donations for RHAFT will be received.

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.

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

Macaroni and Cheese 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 and the Condiments Milk: powdered & shelf-stable

Small Cans of Food Items (single serve)

Cereal: hot& cold

Coffee: instant & ground (NO K-Cups)

Paper Towels

Bar Soap/Shampoo/Shaving Cream

Pet Food: Dog, Cat, Bird, Small Animal, Cat

Litter

HABITAT PIE SALE 2019

This is a Fund Raiser for Harvest Home Coalition - A Branch of the Flower City Habitat for Humanity



The money earned goes toward the house that is being built at 96 Holworthy Street in Rochester, NY.

Order forms are at church and were sent out by email. The orders are due November 10th and the pies will be available on the 26th, which is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. You will be able to pick them up on Nov. 26th from 1:30–2:30.

Accommodations will be made for those who can not meet this time frame.

It is, also, possible to contribute money to the fund raiser if you don't want a pie or you can do both!

- Made in the bakery for School of the Holy Childhood located at 1999 Mt. Read Blvd. \$17
 - Apple crumb
 - Strawberry Rhubarb
 - Pumpkin
 - Pecan
 - Rumbleberry (berry mix)

FISH Drivers Needed!

The Rush Henrietta Interfaith League is putting out a special appeal for FISH drivers. If you have some time and a car, and feel the call to volunteer your time and energy and love, please consider helping out!!!



Call 453-2370, leave a message, and a coordinator will call you back.



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In gratitude for the life of Ray Ottman:

John 15:12 "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

Ray Ottman has laid down his life. After many months of concerned, watchful waiting on the part of family, friends and acquaintances, Ray said goodbye for now and went to be with his heavenly father. His last days were not easy ones, but they reminded us of the way he clung to those he loved and to the life he lived with courage and grace.

He has laid down his life for those with whom he worked. Together they formed a team providing a service for our community with knowledge, capability and a desire for a job well done.

He has laid down his life for those with whom he found recreation. Embracing with them a love for the outdoors and nature as God's creation, seeking meaningful pleasure and adventure with respect for all of life.

He has laid down his life for those with whom he was in volunteer service. Together they made service to others an important part of their lives showing the way to bring a better life to others with dignity and respect.

He has laid down his life for his church community, having made his faith in God and his service to his church a priority in his life through the generosity of his gifts of time, talent, treasure and witness. His presence in our midst was an inspiration and a constant reminder of the power of trust in God's will.

He has laid down his life for his family. First in his heart and mind, his deep and unselfish love gave support to each one even as he thrived on the love and support he received in return. He learned from

them, and they learned from him, that it is relationships, not earthly treasures that give value and meaning to life.

Rest in peace, good friend, until we meet again. Dave McNitt

Suresh Modi

I did not know Suresh Modi. Yes, I had met him on a few occasions when he visited FAITH UMC, but I can not say that I really knew him. And now it is too late. Illness has taken him from us and he and I will have no more conversations.

But I know his daughter and son-in-law, Trupti and Dave Felty. I know them to be a kind, generous and friendly couple with a deep faith that sustains their lives and directs their actions. I have no doubt that they inherited and learned much of the way they live their lives from this gentle man they loved and respected. As he struggled with his health challenges before passing, they cared for him as they could, showing him the attention and compassion they have so often showed their church family. That they do this out of love and gratitude will be a part of the legacy that this beloved parent leaves behind.

As we bid farewell to Mr. Modi our prayer for him is:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and grant you peace.

Dave McNit

God's Promise

On October 22, there was one rainbow and just as I got done taking a picture, Onolee and Patty each sent me one. Three different perspectives on the same awesome sign of God's Promise



Prayers Joys and Celebrations

NOVEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

11/3/19

Reader David McNItt Ushers Scott Strong, Ralph Strong 11/10/19

Reader Sue Frederich Ushers Fred Altrieth, Julius Toenniessen

<u>11/17/19</u>

Reader Kathleen McGrath Ushers Linda Pico, Carol Day

<u>11/24/19</u>

Reader Desiree

Edwards

Ushers Bill Rolfe, Tom

Entz



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

John and Sue Tice, and June Carter who are not able to make it to church, but are still in our hearts



Janet Winzenried (note this is a shift in the room numbers) Hurlbut, Room 51B, 1177 East Henrietta Road Rochester, NY 14623 585 475 8379

If you want to send these people or others that you know of 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



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 Norma know or email the church.

news@faithumcny.org

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

12 Betty Batt

18 Anthony Andolina24 Timothy Strong

CARES AND CONCERNS

Prayers for Connie's sister who continues to fight back to health to fight for her health. Her current address is Karen Bristol F5 Room 12 Monroe Community Hospital

435 East Henrietta Road Rochester, NY 14620

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

Mariam McHargue and Cheryl Verry are having some health problems and continue to need our prayer.

Prayers also for Marlene Habitzeuther and Frank as she recovers.

