

in Faith

December
2019

A community of the United Methodist Church

Calendar

Dec. 14th 12-5PM Pizza and movie

Dec. 22nd, 29th and Jan 5th joint services 11AM

Dec. 24 7:00pm Christmas Service



Letter from Pastor Lee A wave of prayers

Sharing the news of joy is important but sharing the news of sorrow is even more important. For the news of joy, (depending on the situation) we could rejoice with them and let the matter pass our hearts. However, when we hear the news of sorrow our hearts break, and we feel the need to actively do something more. I believe that when God lets us hear about the news of sorrow, it is His way of telling us, "I hope you could be one to help." In response, we could help by directly meeting the person in need and taking

specific actions, or, we could kneel down to pray for them.

Recently, I have shared a prayer request for Karen whose entire body except for her head became paralyzed. Karen, Connie's sister, is a member of FUMC. For I believe that prayer is the pathway through which God's power is manifested, I have shared the prayer request hoping that everyone could pray together. The brothers and sisters of both FUMC and KMUMC contacted me and told me that they would pray for Karen. Also, the past KMUMC members who have read my newsletter reached out to me from afar telling me that they would join in the prayers. Deacon Sangmi Lee who has moved to Huston has also sent me a message saying, "I will pray for Karen and Seungmin. Thank you for this opportunity to intercede and join in the prayers of faith in the healing power of Jesus." I was deeply thankful. She was the very first person to contact me since I shared the prayer request.

Then, Junghwan, Minji's husband who lives in Dallas also emailed me saying, "May the Lord lay His hands on our sister Karen, so that she will be healed. I pray that God will give us a precious testimony of our prayers as a gift." I officiated Minji and Junghwan's wedding. Minji was a member of KMUMC and I met Junghwan around the time of their wedding. Now Junghwan and I share prayer requests just like all other members of KMUMC. Also Pastor Min-Seok Yang's wife, Ye-Sook Lee emailed me and said "I pray with faith that God's almighty hands will bring complete healing." Another past member of KMUMC Sooyeon Lee also replied, "I read the email and I prayed for Karen."

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Pastor Lee Cont.

Missionary D who is in Venezuela also wrote to me. During my morning prayer, missionary D came into my mind and I prayed for him and sent him a message of encouragement. In response, he wrote to me saying, "I am indebted to your church, Pastor Lee. I will pray for Karen with the intercession centers in many cities of Venezuela." I was already feeling grateful to have many Koreans whom I have never even met pray for Karen, but to hear that the brothers and sisters in Venezuela will also pray with us made my heart warm.

Last Friday, Connie contacted me after having completed three out of the five plasma exchange process.

"Hello Pastor Lee! I can't remember if I let you know that my sister Karen was able to get off the respirator over the weekend. This was a miracle for her and us! She can whisper a few words to us and she is a tiny bit stronger each day. They are working every day to help her lungs and breathing get stronger. Please thank everyone for their continued prayers for Karen. God is with her and us every day and He is blessing us in so many ways! Love, Connie!"

Hallelujah! The week before she delivered this message, we were already full of thankfulness because Karen's fingers and toes started to move. And now, she is able to breathe without the respirator. Plus, she can communicate! I was truly grateful! What a joy to the family! And what a joy to Karen who can now communicate with actual words!

The recovery is not yet complete. Karen still needs our prayers. Regardless, the thankful news is that God cares for our hearts when we pray for Karen and He works through it all. Christ the master of our lives! Two thousand years ago, He came to the earth in a human body *for* us. He carried our sins on behalf of us and died on the cross. He is still living among us and working *for* us.

Through this newsletter, I would like to thank everyone who prayed for Karen. Prayer is the hardest but the greatest thing that we could do for someone. I feel especially grateful. In the hope of hearing better news, I ask for your continued prayers with the expectations for God's power that will manifest itself through the powerful pathway of prayers.

이진국 목사 Rev. Jinkook Lee

Remember our Christmas Giving:

"Chicken Tree" Donations will fund chicken dinners for the needy in Guatemala



**Hats/Gloves/
Scarves Box- given out
to local people in need**



**Food Drive Christmas Eve
service- bring an item of
nonperishable food for
RHAFT on Christmas Eve
Service.**

See RHAFT news pg 5

Christmas Fellowship

December 14th—Join us for a **movie** ("White Christmas"), **lunch**, and a **craft** project—to be given to our shut-ins. 12:00 pm to 5 pm. Come for food or movie or craft or all!



Angels Among Us

Kathleen McGrath



Rembrandt Dream of Joseph (1645)

One of our Faith family sent me a request that in this December Newsletter, that we take a moment to think of all the Angels we have at Faith that take care of many little things that no one ever gives any thought to. Probably no one else even knows they do them, but they are necessary things and even if we don't know all the details- we do thank them and greatly appreciate their time and effort. So many of you reading this are just those Angels.

This got me thinking of the Christmas story with the glorious, and oh so noticeable Angels singing on high. We sing anthems imagining the wondrous light and music. But there were also scruffy shepherds who came to worship, and ordinary inn keepers. There was someone who got the donkey for Mary to ride on. There were people we may never know of.

People who may have moved over so the pregnant woman could sit in the shade during the long walk. Older mothers sharing stories and comfort to the new mom-to-be, as we do now. Dad's that reached out to the overwhelmed Joseph with understanding words and letting him know he would rise to the job. Did the innkeeper and his wife, after giving the only room they had to the young couple, also come to help with the delivery? Did they walk out a meal for the new family?

We don't know these people either. They didn't think they were doing anything remarkable. We will never know what they did and who they were. But God knows every single one of them by name. He knows every small and large kindness they ever did.

He knows when we do these things. He values them and, particularly when no others know, we have our reward in the joy they give to God. This is our Christmas gift for him.



El Greco Adoration of the Shepherds (1612-1614)

Ringing the Bells 2019

by Sue Friederich

Members of Faith UMC gathered at Tops in Henrietta to ring bells and support the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign on December 7th.

With smiles we wished each and all who approached us a Merry Christmas, and a God Bless You. Our thank yous and smiles abounded when coins or bills were dropped into the kettle.

Fred, Julius, Linda, Patty, Sharon and I even sang a few rounds of "Jingle Bells". We donned reindeer antlers or Santa hats, and with jangling bells greeted shoppers.

Comments were kind—"you're the best singers" (obviously a bit of a stretch), "can't resist a herd of reindeer", "three reindeer and three santas..."

I guess we were a hit. I know we brought smiles to faces-- both young and old.

I like to think we made people feel good. I know it made me feel warm and toasty. It's the kind of feeling a cup of Mom's homemade cocoa gave me as a child. It's not so much tangible, but it's there and its warmth travels from head to toe and fills the soul with hope.

I've often wondered how the red kettle came to be. I discovered it dates

back to December of 1891 when the Salvation Army's Captain Joseph McFee in San Francisco wanted to provide Christmas dinners for the poor. He struggled

to find a way to pay for the needed food. He recalled from his days of being a sailor in Liverpool, England a large pot called Simpson's pot on a wharf

Stage Landing. People would throw donations into the pot for the poor. Why

not try a pot in San Francisco?

Permission was granted for McFee to place such a pot on Oakland Ferry

Landing on Market Street.

By 1895 there were 30 kettles in the West Coast area. The idea spread from San Francisco to Boston to New York.

A New York newspaper in 1898 noted the kettles were "the newest and most novel devices for collecting money."



Today in addition to providing holiday meals to the homeless and needy,

The kettle helps provide numerous services to over 30 million people.

Our two hours passed by quickly. We were about to leave when a young woman approached with a group of children.

"We're your replacements," she said with a smile.

"Where are you from?"

"We're not from an organization, we're a family."

I felt warmer and toastier than before. What a wonderful way to spend time together as a family...a memory to be treasured.

"God is good....all the time. All the time, God is good."

A bit of church sign humor for Christmas



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



**RHAFT Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal
The Community's Emergency Food
Cupboard since 1979!**

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE DRIVE

-Bring an item for the food cupboard to help a family over the winter

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...**

SHOPPING LIST

Baking supplies for the holidays
Typical canned good items suitable for Holiday gatherings:

Canned Ham	Canned Yams
Canned Pumpkin	Cranberry Sauce
Pie Fillings	Gravy Mix

The same general hygiene items, such as soap: laundry, dish, personal hygiene

Special Requested Needs from RHAFT

Hamburger/Tuna Helpers
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned Meats (not tuna)
Hot Chocolate
Cereal
Juice
Crackers
Pudding/Jello

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.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE IN HENRIETTA

Flower City Habitat for Humanity is extremely excited to invite you 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. By shopping, donating, or volunteering at Habitat ReStores, you help keep home improvement waste out of local landfills and help us build strength, stability, and self-reliance in Rochester and around the world. 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!

Prayers Joys and Celebrations

NOVEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

12/15/19

Reader

Scott Strong

Ushers

Dave McNitt, Cheryl

Verry

12/22/19

Reader

Sharon Hancock

Ushers

Patty Hornik, Betty Batt

12/25/19

Reader

Sue Frederich



12/29/19

Reader

David McNitt

Ushers

Onolee Cooper, Suzanne Hovey

DECEMBER Birthdays

6---Charlotte Colegrove

9---Brittany Hovey

12--Lorna Riley

31-- Sue Frederich

28--Harvey Colegrove



JANUARY Birthdays

1---Manuella Padilla

3---Pastor Lee

6--- Virginia Entz

24--Ray Ottman

28--Harvey Colegrove

JANUARY Anniversaries

6---Linda & David Pico

CARES AND CONCERNS

--Prayers for Connie's sister Karen, especially that she gets the rehab she needs, she now lives in the HOPE BLDG, 3rd floor. Room 25 Monroe Community Hospital 435 East Henrietta Road Rochester, NY 14620. And also for Connie as she recovers from eye surgery.

--Prayers for Conni M's sister Colette and her family as they try to stay strong in their faith as she fights an aggressive cancer

--Julius wife Peggy, as she recovers from more surgery as well as their daughter Beth as she continues to get treatment for breast cancer

--Prayers for Patty's father's health of and also for Patty and her sister as they take care of him.



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--Prayers for the Ralph Strong and Debbie Strong's Mom and their whole family.

--Keep Jim and Brenda Kavanaugh in your thoughts and prayers on the sudden passing of Jim's sister.

--Prayers for our Family members with health issues that makes it hard to join us in church, but we are still thinking of them Mariam, Donna, June the Tices and others. If you haven't seen someone, please consider sending them a card. Check with the office to get their address or email news@faithumcny.org

--Prayers for people our Faith Family members friends and neighbors that they have raised up- Sharon H.'s friend Beth, Lorna's friend Anna

We know we are missing something:

I'm sure this page is not complete or accurate!!! If you know of some of the missed Birthdays and Anniversaries-Or concerns send to news@faithumcny.org

