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NEWSLETTER

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**Mission Statement: A community of faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in faith, love and service to God and all of God's creation in Norwich and throughout the world.**

**From the Pastor's Desk**  
**Simply Speaking**

“This tragedy [the shooting rampage in Tucson] has spurred a sorely needed time of soul searching and national public dialogue about violent and vitriolic political rhetoric. We strongly support this reflection, as we are deeply troubled that rancor, threats and incivility have become commonplace in our public debates.”

The above quote is from a letter written to Congress and signed by 50 prominent religious leaders, including Jim Winkler, chief executive of the United Methodist

General Board of Church & Society, and Bishop Minerva Carcaño of the Desert Southwest Conference.

Sadly, speech that uses violent or hateful metaphors and images is all too common in our society – in politics, in our schools, in our workplaces, and even in our homes. How should we respond as followers of Jesus Christ?

In his book, *A Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster describes 12 spiritual disciplines that he believes are vital to a faithful, Christ-centered life. One of these disciplines is *simplicity*. Simplicity means freeing ourselves from the bondage of forces that compete for our attention and our attachment. Practicing simplicity means cultivating an inner attitude that puts the values of God’s kingdom first, allowing those values to shape our decisions, our choices, and our lifestyles.

Part of the practice of simplicity includes using “plain, honest speech.” That is, to say what we really mean to say – nothing more, nothing less – and to avoid saying anything that even remotely suggests harm or ill-will or a lack of concern toward another person. For instance, Foster instructs us to avoid using phrases such as, “I’m starving” when what we really mean to say is “I’m very hungry.” To claim we’re starving, first, is not being honest, and second, obscures the fact that many people in our world are, in fact, starving.

As Christians, we should be modeling speech that is grounded in honesty and integrity. We should avoid half-truths or sarcastic remarks. Communication becomes more effective and mutual understanding increases when we are clear about what we mean, rather than by using jargon and images that obscure the true meaning of what we want to say.

The problems caused by the things we say are nothing new. The author of the Letter of James in the New Testament lamented, “The tongue is a small

member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!” (James 3:5). The secret to taming our volatile tongues is to ground ourselves in ways of Jesus Christ and the values of God’s kingdom, and to practice simplicity in our speech.

*Pastor Nancy*

[You can see the article, “Time for ‘soul searching’ about toxic rhetoric,” which includes the *Letter to Congress*, by going to our church website ([www.BroadStUMC.com](http://www.BroadStUMC.com)) and clicking on the link located on the home page.]

### **VALENTINE HYMN SING**

Emmanuel Episcopal Church invites you to a Valentine Hymn Sing on Sunday, February 13 at 4:00 p.m. Join us as we sing hymns that speak of God’s great love for us and our Christian love for one another.

**Regular events that happen in the church include:**

AA: Mon. – Sat. at 7 a.m. and Wed. at 8 p.m.

NA: Sat. at 7 p.m.

TLC: Mon. – Fri., 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Children’s Home & Family Support:

Mon. – Fri., 2:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**ONEONTA DISTRICT DAY:  
Connecting, Learning, Serving Together**

**Saturday, February 19**

Cobleskill UMC

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Oneonta District will be hosting this day of sharing and fellowship when we will join with other churches in our district to learn about ways we can be in mission both locally and globally. Anyone who is interested in mission can attend. There is no cost to attend, but lunch will be provided for \$5.00, payable at the door.

We will take the church van, so please let us know if you'd like to join us. Let's get a big group to go, and see if we can **win the Participation Challenge!** The two congregations that have the most participants will each receive a gift of \$150 each toward the mission of their choosing.

Please contact the church office if you would like us to add your name to the list! When you reserve your spot, you can choose two of the following workshops:

**“Beyond a Bag of Groceries”**

*Central New York Food Bank*

Resource information for all counties served by our district will be provided.

**“Food Preparation from the Food Pantry Shelves”**

*Representatives of the North Afton United Methodist Church*

Ideas and a cooking lab to help great cooks become cooking mentors with our neighbors.

## **“Building a Home Together”**

*Habitat for Humanity*

To speak about ways that congregations working together can build affordable housing in our communities.

## **Mission Insite training**

*Teresa Wood, District Administrative Assistant.*

Mission Insite provides instant access to community information for your church. Come learn how the MI System can help your church discover new mission opportunities.

## **“Connecting Neighbors in Emergencies”**

*Richard Stackhouse, pastor of Hartwick and Mt Vision United Methodist Churches*

We will discuss the impact of an community emergency and ways to use skills and information gained thru the experience of the 2006 flood to touch the lives of people in our communities.

## **“Global Neighbors”**

*George Gallandorm, pastor of Sherburne/Smyrna United Methodist Church and Jeff Hale, pastor of Broad St. UMC, Norwich.*

George and Jeff will draw on their Volunteer in Mission experiences in Zimbabwe and Haiti to share how cross cultural relationships in Christ enrich our understanding of God and neighbor.

## **“The Church Has Left the Building”**

*Paul Reed, Binghamton District Lay Leader*

Brainstorm possibilities for projects and promoting this May 15<sup>th</sup> mission event in your community.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

January 30 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m. to 6:30 Youth Group
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m. to 6:30 Youth Group
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m. to 6:30 Youth Group
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m. to 6:30 Youth Group
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Group Bowling to support American Cancer Society

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

04	James Ives
07	Barbara Strobel Tom Wilkinson
09	Gerald Cuyle Edward Jenkins George Lindridge Stephanie Stewart
10	Mary Davis James Moren
11	Linda Gregory
12	Gladys Trythall Tylyn Seaman- Lawton
13	Heather Crandall Dorothy Maricle Thomas Taylor
14	Brenda Cuyle
15	Rich Hall Rita Boise
16	Derek Exley Tavane Gammarn Aaron Lanfair
17	Wade Johnson
18	Richard Phillips Taylor Ford

- 19 Douglas Prytherch  
Harry Snyder
- 21 Donna Huzinec
- 22 Logan Ford
- 25 Shawna Holden  
Sharon Pelosi
- 26 Johnny Wonka
- 27 Ann- Lisa Kochersperger  
Carol Squires
- 28 Kayleigh Lo Presti
- 30 Donna Seaman  
Laura Cammarn
- 31 Jessie Sutton

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 03 Jennifer Stenman  
Carol Whispell
- 04 Lane DeCordova  
Jadyn Munson
- 06 Sid Dunham  
Elliott Stewart  
Chris Vischi
- 07 Chris DuMond  
Joanne Eppley
- 08 Craig Cleveland
- 10 Cathy Hodgson
- 12 Shawn Munson  
Gerald Rowe
- 13 Dawn Strobel
- 14 Pastor Jeff  
Harriet Jenkins  
Tyler Stockton
- 15 William Au  
Andrew Oliver
- 16 Sarah Stewart

- 17 Amanda Donnelly  
Sophie Stewart  
Collin Urie  
Vic Yerdon
- 19 Myrtle Barrett  
Debbie Bowers
- 21 Patric Sutton
- 23 Barbara Bush
- 24 Hillary Potter
- 25 Julie Lowe
- 26 Lois Lo Presti  
Alynn Proskine
- 27 Judy Sargent
- 28 Richard Griffin

**Please call the office if you wish to add your birthday to our birthday list! (334-2895) Thanks.**

**FAITH HOME BOOKLETS ON FAMILY ISSUES**

These booklets are available in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by our Nurture Committee, the advice booklets address topics that are important to busy Christian families of any configuration. Come pick one up today. Donations for the brochures may be placed on Tricia's desk in the office to enable this ministry to continue.

**Habitat For Humanity**  
**Red Carnation Sale**  
**Valentine's Day February 14, 2011**

Support this county organization in building its next house. Orders will be taken until Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Place your order with Chris Casadonte-DuMond. You may also leave your order in the offering plate or on the desk in the church office.

**Pick up for the flowers will be Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> after worship.**

\$10.00 for 1/2 doz., and \$15.00 for 1 doz.

1/2 doz. \_\_\_\_\_

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Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_.

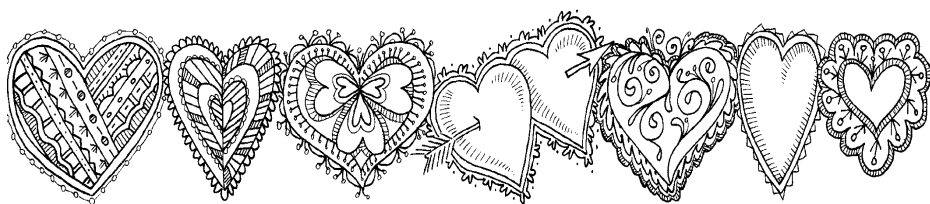
Make checks payable to: **CCHH**.

Payment needs to be made at the time of pick up.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_



## Daffodil Days

This year the American Cancer Society will celebrate their Daffodil Days during the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>. Daffodils, the flowers of hope, are like a breath of Spring for someone you love or for your own home! The funds raised through Daffodil Days will support life saving research, education, advocacy, and patient services.

This year, we'd like to offer all of the items available through this campaign! They are:

- Bear and a Bunch or Bear and a Pot: \$25.00
- Bunch of 10 Daffodils: \$10.00
- Potted Daffodil Plants: \$10.00
- Gift of Hope: \$25.00 (1 bunch of Daffodils delivered anonymously to a cancer patient in an oncology facility chosen by the American Cancer Society.)

Please consider purchasing some daffodils to make a difference in the fight against cancer. The flowers will be delivered to the church the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>. Daffodil Sunday will be on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please make your check payable to the American Cancer Society and include this order form by: February 18, 2011. Thank you for your generous support!

Any questions, please call Chris Casadonte-DuMond, Daffodil Days Coordinator, at 843-2313.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Item Purchased</u></b>	<b><u>QTY</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_

## **Information on flowers for the upcoming months**

### **January flowers are given by . . .**

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Pastor Jeff and Pastor Nancy

**30<sup>th</sup>** Dick & Karen Kamsoke

### **February flowers are given by . . .**

**6<sup>th</sup>** Dick & Karen Kamsoke

**14<sup>th</sup>** Carnation Sunday to support Habitat for Humanity  
Pastor Nancy

**20<sup>th</sup>** The Kosowsky family

**27<sup>th</sup>** Judy Andersen

### **March flowers are given by . . .**

**6<sup>th</sup>** OPEN

**13<sup>th</sup>** OPEN

**20<sup>th</sup>** Daffodil Sunday to support  
American Cancer Society

**27<sup>th</sup>** OPEN

**Please call the church office at 334-2895 if you are interested in any of the open dates.**

## **MCC NEWS**

The MCC Church Cares package program resumes on February 6<sup>th</sup> with the final packing of boxes on March 6<sup>th</sup> for this season. If you have any names that should be added or deleted from our current list, please advise the church office or Joyce Lawson at 336-7824. We always appreciate non- perishable, non liquid items that college student and the folks in the military would enjoy. Donations may be left at the church office prior to each mailing along with \$\$ for mailing expenses. A HUGE "Thank You" for your support of this program.



Pete Casadonte; Linda; Edmund Caputo; Leslie; John; Kathleen; Lawrence Mitchell; Barrett Coleman; Debbie Webster; Marge Hitt; Ginny Hall; Mary Paino; Jon; Appollonia; Amanda; Charlotte Caldwell; Alice Dreyer; Chad White; Deborah Johnson; Amy Brillinger Pole; Mike Lapenta; The Broten Family;

Edwin Dunn; Vicky Lunderman; Joe Hurlburt & Family; Seia Ceiahoben; Claire Elizabeth Hanson; Marion Barnes; Gladys Trythall; Debbie Gregory; Catherine Hodgson; Tracy Brown; Todd Lyon; The French Family; The Beasock Family; Suzanne Pitts; Myrna DuMond, Robert Casadonte; Beverly Ray; Agnes Rowe; Charlie Whispell; Earl Barnes; Mary Ward; Sue Carter; Caregivers; Marina Kelley; our shut-ins; world leaders; peace in Uganda; People of Iraq, People of Haiti.

*Military Personnel:* Joseph Harrison; Eric McNeisch; Jeremy McNeil; Chris Curnalia; Greg Kozlowski, Ricky Kozlowski; Dr. William LeCates.

**Please** look over the prayer list. If you listed a name that now can be taken off, please call the church office at 334-2895 to let us know.

## **WHAT IS “SPPRC” AND WHO ARE THEY?**

**SPPRC** is Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. The list below identifies the members of the **SPPRC**. Specifically, we are the unit of the Church Family working with Staff, Church Members, Pastors and Community hoping to keep us all focused on the mission of our Church. We try to be the “listeners” of the Staff, Church Members, Pastors and Community – what are they thinking, expecting, needing, etc. Because a lot of our church members don’t realize we have such a Committee and because a lot our members don’t know who to talk to, we decided to put this note in our newsletter.

So if you have an issue, question or concern on how “things are going,” please contact any member of the **SPPRC** Committee. We will try to do our job of being good listeners!

Kristene Campbell  
Joyce Koterba  
Mary Davis  
Patti Giltner  
Seth Urie

Jim Ives  
Al Kochersperger  
Mike McCollough  
Mary Webb

## THANK YOU'S

To Our Congregation:

Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way with our Christmas Boxes. We were able to help **266 families** this year. Last year our count was 226 families. To the men who picked up boxes at BOCES, to the people who decorate them at the Advent Workshop, to the Youth Group for setting up the boxes, for all the men who picked up the food from Save-A-Lot (it's always a cold job and I've never heard anyone complain!), for all the people who helped fill the boxes on Saturday morning, for all those who helped me call and remind them of pick up day, to the people who helped give out the boxes, for the men who carried them out to the cars, to everyone who donated ham or money and to those who donated to the hat & mitten tree (the families are always grateful for those items- this year we also gave out 100 sweatshirts), and everyone who remembered us in their prayers, I don't know how to thank you enough. We couldn't do this without your help. We are so blessed! What a wonderful giving church we have. God Bless all of you.

Peace,

Linda Gregory for Outreach

Margaret Davis would like to thank everyone for their calls, visits and prayers while she was in the hospital over the holidays.

Sincere thanks to our neighbors at the UCC, Broad St United Methodist and First Baptist churches for participating in Hospice Awareness Month. Together we were able to meet our campaign goal of \$1,000 and request the \$560 of supplemental funding from Thrivent for Lutherans. We appreciate the care and support of our local Hospice organization and look forward to providing them this kind donation on behalf of our united efforts as a church community. We are truly blessed by God.

Sincerely,  
The Members of Christ Lutheran Church

### **THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The UMW meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 noon in the church lounge. All women are invited to join us. Our next meeting will be February 13<sup>th</sup> with devotions by Lori Ericksen, and our hostesses will be Debbie Wheeler and Chris Casadonte-DuMond. Please join us!

### **ATTENTION MEN AND BOYS**

On November 6th, a group of 18 "guys" met for a great breakfast at the church. We had no agenda, although many problems of Syracuse University football and basketball were solved that morning! We agreed to meet again on Saturday, February 12 at 8:00 a.m. If you missed the first one, we missed you.

We do need to make plans for the area **United Methodist Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, April 16th, the day before Palm Sunday. We will be hosting that here at BSUMC. Write both of those dates on your calendar, and we hope to see you Feb. 12. Any questions, talk to Pastor Jeff or Steve Runion.

## **Walk Healthy Chenango – second session**

Participants are encouraged to walk or participate in other physical activity for 2.5 hours per week. Activity should be recorded for January through March and the log should be turned in by April 15 so participants can be entered in a drawing for some great prizes.

The walking log also includes information about the health benefits of regular physical activity and some opportunities for physical activity during the winter months both indoors and out.

The “Walk Healthy Chenango” campaign is a project of the Be Healthy Chenango Task Force which is a collaboration of Chenango County community based agencies. The goal is to heighten awareness of chronic disease and encourage environmental changes to increase physical activity and nutritional options.

**If you would like to participate, contact the Chenango County Health Department at 337-1660 to request a walking log. You will need to visit the Health Department in person if you would like to receive a stop watch. Sign-ups will take place until January 31, 2011.**

Persons with questions or requiring additional information may contact the Chenango County Health Department at **(607) 337-1660**.

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