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The Methodist Messenger

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More good fortune inside!

-  Your invitation to Rally Day
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As you may already be aware, over the summer WUMC has added a few new faces to our church staff. Please welcome Rev. John Wetherwax, who has been added to our pastoral leadership as an Associate for Pastoral Counseling. In addition, Denise Barham is our new Church Administrator; and Anthony LaBarbera is our new Custodial Assistant.

Rev. John Wetherwax Associate for Pastoral Counseling

What is required of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.
Micah 6:8

I am enjoying my new ministry with you at Williamsville United Methodist Church. My way to you has provided me with many experiences and opportunities. I have served seven parishes from rural to suburban to city. I



worked at Daemen College in campus ministry. My ministry for four years at Niagara Hospice as Director of Spiritual Care was especially rewarding.

At the present time, I am employed fulltime at Child & Adolescent Treatment Services as a clinical therapist working with children,

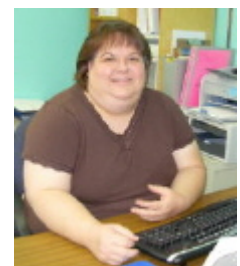
teens, and their families. This means that at the moment, I can only be with you in ministry quarter time.

Writing has always been important to me. I have published many articles and workbooks on ministry, Christian education, and church history. One of my proudest achievements is my book of children's messages for worship. My daughter, Katie, when she was ten years old, designed the book's cover.

What gives meaning and purpose to my life is serving God in the name of Jesus Christ by loving and caring for others.

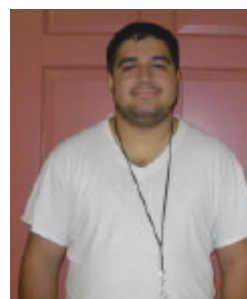
Denise Barham Church Administrator

Denise took over the role of Church Administrator this past June. She comes to us having most recently been a merchandiser for a magazine distributor. She currently provides administrative assistance at Houghton College for the United Methodist course of study program, which is a seminary type of program for pastors who do not have a Master's Degree; and she also serves as the Sunday School Education Director at Covenant UM in West Seneca.



Denise lives in Cheektowaga with her two grown boys, Michael and Matthew, and with her ten-month old grandson (also Matthew) and enjoys doing different types of crafts and sewing when she has spare time (though with all that she's doing, it's hard to imagine that she has any spare time!)

Anthony LaBarbera Custodial Assistant



Call him Anthony, Tony, or "Big T", our new Custodial Assistant is all smiles. Anthony served three and a half years as the front desk receptionist for People, Inc. He enjoys being outside, especially riding bikes and going for long walks

Come! Come! Everybody Worship

By Pastor Daryl Bennett

*Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!
Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always! (refrain)
Worship and remember to keep the Sabbath day.
Take a rest and think of God; put your work away! (first stanza)*

Hymn 2271 The Faith We Sing

This hymn, the refrain printed in Spanish as well as in English, was originally intended as a song for children, and it has the lift and buoyancy – and fast pace – that children enjoy. In addition, the words are not complicated but have enough variety in the stanzas to hold children's attention and to keep the song interesting.

The language too, is suited for children, as in the first stanza, to remember who we are and whom we belong too.

In this time of our common life, many people are coming to realize that the frenetic pace we have been keeping – often for seven days of the week – has left us no feel for Sabbath rest, let alone for preserving the prescribed hours for Sabbath.

Some may remember the film *Chariots of Fire*, in which the hero gave up his chance to win an important race because it was to be run on Sunday. During the last several years, a number of books and articles have appeared pointing out that we do ourselves a disservice – physical as well as mental and spiritual – by treating the Sabbath as just another day to jam as much into as we can, rather than using it as a God-prescribed opportunity for re-creating ourselves.

Prayer: God, help us make time for Sabbath rest, for our own and for our world's sake. Amen.



Check The Messenger for Our 2007-2008 Schedule!

A New Dimension to Pastoral Care

By Associate for Pastoral Counseling, Rev. John Wetherwax

As way to continue to grow as a minister, I went back to college and earned a Master of Science degree in Mental Health Counseling at Niagara University. Combining counseling and therapy skills with pastoral care gives an added dimension to the ministry of Williamsville United Methodist Church.

Pastoral counseling encourages folks to use their faith as a source of strength as they seek relief from their problems. Often when we are in crisis, we feel as if we are standing alone against the universe. As people bravely confront their issues in counseling, to know God is with them and to be able draw strength and encouragement from that resource, is a wonderful support.

Counseling is about helping people change, find solutions, and heal. It is about growing, starting a new

way of life, and learning to make better choices. That is a very Christian concept; as Saint Paul wrote:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17

I will be available for counseling on Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:00 PM and Fridays from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Call Denise at the church office 634-4800 to make an appointment. Stop and talk to me on Sunday mornings or leave a message with Denise for me to call if you need some support right away. Although my time is limited, because I

am only quarter time, we can always work something out. What is important is you are provided with love and care.

God's Peace Be with You.



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!!!**



When: Every Sunday morning
at 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM
Dates: September 16, 2007 – May 25, 2008

Due to many requests, the return of the Taize worship experience will be incorporated into this program year. Taize is a contemplative, quiet time with added instrumentation. If you are interested in being part of this service, please contact Cheryl Thomas by calling the church office.

The following will be our monthly worship format for the 2007/2008 program year:

God's Historic Generosity
Sondra L. Scott

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24 (NIV)

We have heard this verse so often that we seldom stop to consider that it is a reminder of God's blessings of grace, peace, pardon, righteousness, and salvation to us. When reading Psalm 118:24, we are often reminded to rejoice for each day God gives us. However, most theologians agree that this verse is referring to the Sabbath – a day God set apart from other ordinary days. In beautiful prose about this verse, Charles Spurgeon reminds us that the Sabbath is a day the Lord "has made remarkable, made holy... for it bears his image and superscription."¹ Spurgeon encourages us to spend the Sabbath in holy joy as we recall the blessings God showers on us through Jesus Christ.

Spurgeon believes that when we acknowledge God's generosity to us through Christ, then our hearts will overflow with joy. He so eloquently states, "Joy in God on other days is like the birds chirping in winter, which is pleasing; but joy on the Lord's day is like their warbling times and pretty notes in spring, when all other things look with a suitable delightful aspect."

Psalm 118:24 is one of many verses that remind us how God generously blesses his people, in spite of their historic disobedience. Psalms like these remind us how patient and persistent God is in his generosity. They remind us that we can trust his generosity in the future because he has been so faithful in the past. Beyond this, these psalms instruct us in the way we ourselves should practice generosity. How can we refuse generosity to others when God has been so generous to us? Even when people are ungrateful and irresponsible, we must seek opportunities to help them in the same way we have been helped.²

In singing this psalm we not only glorify God for his goodness to us, but especially his goodness to us in Jesus Christ.

First Sunday:	9:00 am	Taize
	11:00 am*	Traditional with full choir
Second Sunday:	9:00 am*	Contemporary Crosswinds
	11:00 am	Traditional with full choir
Third Sunday:	9:00 am	King's Kids
	11:00 am*	Traditional with full choir
Fourth Sunday:	9:00 am*	Contemporary Crosswinds
	11:00 am	Traditional with full choir
Fifth Sunday:	9:00 am	Contemporary
	11:00 am	Traditional with full choir

* service includes Holy Communion

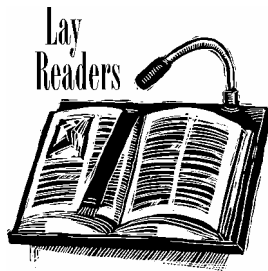
COME! COME!
Everybody Worship!

¹Spurgeon, Charles H. "Commentary on Psalms 118:24". "C.H. Spurgeon's The Treasury of David". 1865-1885 <http://www.searchgodsword.org/com/tod/view.cgi?book=ps&chapter=118&verse=024>.

²Generous Giving, Bible on Money, "Stewardship Bible Study Notes (Psalm)", <http://www.generousgiving.org/page.asp?sec=9&page=439#Psalms118>.

W A N T E D:

Scriptures readers for Sunday worship. If you are interested in this ministry of the Word, please call the church office and leave your name and telephone number.



Get in the Habitat Habit!

By Ed Howard

Ever wonder what's on the other side of the walls in your house? Do you have trouble driving a nail straight? Do you like power tools? If your answer is "Yes" to these questions then WUMC's monthly *Habitat For Humanity* is the place for you!



Dave Reichard, Jim Jones and Roger Forden install drywall on a ceiling at a Habitat house near MLK Park

At *Habitat* we build houses for low-income people in Buffalo. With volunteer labor (us and others like the WUMC group), donated materials and lots of Christian spirit we are able to build a house at lower cost than average and make it affordable for a working, but low income family.

Working at *Habitat For Humanity* is open to anyone and you don't need any special construction know-how to join. In fact, *Habitat* is a great place to learn how houses are put together and to pick up some skills you might use in your own home. Each work site has a friendly, knowledgeable supervisor who will teach you how to do any task and you'll be teamed up with other WUMC members. You never are given a task that is too big and when you have questions there is always someone to ask to find out how to do things right.

For the last few years a team of WUMC members has worked at *Habitat* the third Saturday of each month. We meet at the church at 8:30 and carpool/caravan to the job site. Some people work from 9-Noon while others pack a lunch and stay until 3. Sometimes we work at the same location for a few months in a row and get to watch the home progress from an old tired building to someone's first home! Other times we may work at a new house each month.

Once we have our assignment an e-mail goes out to everyone on the team and those who can work send back a note saying they'll be there; those who can't come that month are still on the mailing list for next month. You're more than welcome even if you can only make it once-in-a-while.

If you would like to join *Habitat*, or ask a few questions as you think about joining, contact Ed Howard at home at 639-0087 or send him an e-mail at edhoward@roadrunner.com.



Niagara Frontier City Ministries Collects Cell Phones

Can you help? Do you have a no-longer-used cell phone sitting around the house? Would you like to help fund inner-city ministries? Here's your chance!

Have your Sunday School class, UMW group, Bible Study group or your place of work take up a collection of those old annoying cell phones for NFCM. Decorate an old box – and just place it in the lobby. When the box is full or you think you've collected all you are going to collect, drop it off at the Niagara Frontier District office, 410 Minnesota Avenue, Buffalo. NFCM is able to trade each phone in for \$3, which is used to fund inner-city ministry programs.

Caring Corner

Barbara Saltarella

Summer is drawing to an end I hate to see it go. The flowers this year were beautiful and the weather was outstanding. At home my husband and I had a lot of extra work due to last October's storm. We had trees taken down and we are still pruning. But, all in all, my gardens were pretty.

The Member Care team has been busy visiting our members and we are in the midst of planning for the 2007-2008 church year. One of the things that will be on the schedule will be our FLU CLINIC, on Sunday October 7th from 12:15 to 4:15 so don't forget to sign up. We will have sign up sheets starting in September and it will be by appointment so put the date on your calendar and we will see you there.

Our Elderteen group will have their first luncheon and meeting in October. So put October 15, 2007 at 12:00 noon on your calendar and come for a great lunch and fellowship. This luncheon is open to all older adults.

The Member Care team will be looking into a new ministry called *ELIZABETH MINISTRY*. Elizabeth ministry is a fresh formation of women to women mentoring. It is about women's issues and how we can help each other not only with women's issues but also about family, faith and spirituality. This concept is not new. Our descendants would gather at the well and discuss family and personal issues. I would like to be able to set aside once a month for women of all ages to get together and share their stories and experiences, this will engender confidence, overcome fears, and help each other with the everyday trials that life has given us. It will be a time of sharing our faith, our experiences and can be a time for healing. If you have any ideas about this ministry or would like to become involved in the start up, please give me a call at church.

I want to thank you all for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful ministry and for all your support. Thanks also for your wonderful friendship.

"Friendship cannot be permanent unless it becomes spiritual. There must be fellowship in the deepest things of the soul, community in the highest thoughts, sympathy with the best endeavors."
- Hugh Black

See you at church!

Blessings,
Barbara Saltarella and the Member Care Team

The Athena Project

The Athena Project is a research clinic that serves women who have experienced domestic violence and are troubled by stress after the violence ends.

Offered jointly by the UB Department of Psychology and the Family Justice Center, the Athena Project is a free service to all members of the community. Trouble recovering from the violence may include nightmares, trouble concentrating, avoidance of situations that remind you of the abuse, feeling jumpy and related emotional problems. Participants will receive free evaluation and (where appropriate) treatment focusing on alleviating signs and symptoms of stress.

For more information call 645-3650, ext 230 and ask to speak with Dr. Gayle Beck.



DOMESTIC
ABUSE
SUPPORT

The Care Giver

Are you a Care Giver?

If you are, you must remember to recharge your battery. It is the most important thing for you to do for yourself and your loved one. Here are some hints to keep you healthy:

Rest:

One of the most important things a caregiver can do for the person they're caring for is to take care of themselves. A caregiver who wears himself/herself out and keeps going 24/7, risks burnout.

Eat Right:

Take a cue from your loved one's diet and take the opportunity to eat healthy things as well. Maybe you don't have to adhere to such a strict diet, but eating right certainly never hurts.

Communicate your needs to others.

Don't expect anyone, even family members, to read your mind about what you need or what your loved one needs. Let people around you know the things that need to be done and that occasionally, even you could use a hand.

Hydrate.

Drink lots of water. Water hydrates your body and keeps you energized. TAKE VITAMINS if you don't get enough nutrition from your food.

Accept Help.

This can be the hardest thing for the caregiver to do, but it's one of the best things a caregiver can do for their loved one and for themselves. When people offer help, often caregivers turn them down because they don't want to burden them or because they can't think of something off the top of their heads. Get over the notion that the only way to get it done is to do it yourself. When you have a few moments, really think about the kinds of things that will make life a little easier. Then, when people ask how they can help, you'll be ready. When you tell someone something very specific, they're more comfortable doing it. And, you'll get the help you need. Helping makes people feel good about themselves. Don't deprive anyone of that joy.

Respite.

Caregivers should make a point of getting away sometimes, to take a mini-respite for themselves. A movie, lunch with a friend, window shopping or just walking along the beach or through a park can be enough to get some distance, and come back with a fresh perspective on things.

Get Enough Sleep.

This is often the hardest one to manage because you are on someone else's schedule. But, sleep is one of the best things we can do for ourselves. Eight hours are ideal, but the concept of getting eight uninterrupted hours of sleep might be impossible. Try breaking sleep up. Get what you can in one shot, but nap during the day. A short nap can be very refreshing and just the thing you need to get through the day.

Exercise.

Anything will help. Walk around the block a few times a day when you have a few spare minutes. Try yoga, which is something that will exercise your muscles, yet relax your mind. Meditate. Spend a few minutes alone and write.



Being Still

By Larry Baird

(Reprinted from the WNY UMC Spectrum)

"Be still." My mother used this command often in the context of worship. It was issued in a hushed tone yet with urgency. I believe I was a teenager before I realized it was not a part of the official Methodist Sunday morning liturgy.

I never have been one who has been very good at sitting still. One Sunday this summer I found myself sitting in a pew of one of my churches listening to what was a very good sermon.

It was then I heard her. "Be still." It came in a still small voice. Whether it was Mother's, God's, or my wife's voice matters little. It was a timely and relevant message. I confess that even though this was a gifted and passionate preacher I had been sitting there thinking about how I would deliver the Word on the same text and topic.

I suppose I was fidgeting. It would have taken little for me to have leapt to my feet to deliver the message just as I have for some three decades. So I confess that I still have trouble sitting still in worship.

Whether or not I am preaching or leading worship I still discover myself come Sunday to be full of nervous energy. I know it drives my wife crazy especially now that we get to sit together and worship on the Sabbath. It is time I both cherish and find difficult.

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This is from Caregiver News – hope this will help all of you who are caregivers!

Ten Tips for Launching College-bound Kids

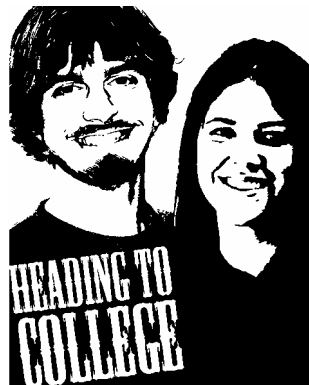
By Mary Rose Remington

Do

- ✓ Understand the entire family will need time to adjust to the new family identity.
- ✓ Let technology help you keep in touch: Sunday night phone calls on family plan cell phones, emails, send digital photos, etc.
- ✓ Go beyond tuition and books in your financial discussion. Clarify who will be responsible for what: cell phone, personal care items, pizza, gas money and car insurance, etc.)
- ✓ "Get a life" and resist the temptation to smother kids still at home. Reinvest energy in your relationship with your spouse, partner or friendships. Volunteer. Get a job. Take a class. Redecorate. Write a novel. Get active in your church, synagogue or local community. Join a health club.
- ✓ Most colleges offer parents an e-newsletter. Sign up for that and the school newspaper to keep up with their world.

Don't

- ✓ Don't expect many calls, especially during the first few weeks. Your child will be incredibly busy meeting new friends, learning campus layout, joining new clubs, attending classes and (hopefully) studying.
- ✓ Don't say college is the 'best four years of your life.' Most freshman experience disappointments: failed tests, negative consequences from bad choices, broken relationships, etc. Just like life, college has its ups and downs.
- ✓ Don't panic and pull them out of school when they call and say I'm homesick, I hate my roommate and the cafeteria food sucks. Listen, and then ask if they'd like help creating solutions to their problems. (Key word: THEIR problems)
- ✓ Don't expect them to get the same grades they got in high school, at least not immediately.
- ✓ Don't guilt them into coming home every weekend. Tell them (once) they are welcome home anytime, and let them design their schedule.



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(*"Being Still"*, continued)

Over the years, and presently, I notice that there are other children who are like me. They drive us to distraction. Their energy abounds and is hard to contain in the few feet between pews. I sometimes wonder if they too will one day escape from the pews and take their God-called places in front leading worship. God works in mysterious ways.

Nonetheless I do understand that it would be good for me to learn the discipline of being still. The Psalmist shares it with us as God's Word in Psalm 46:10. "Be still, and know that I am God."

I have reflected upon this passage and understand it to be profound and valuable instruction.

What it means is that all of us, singularly or corporately, need to cease our incessant being in control, or wanting to be in control, and give ourselves up to the knowledge that God is the only one in control and is dependable even in our most anxious hours.

It is good news for those who needed desperately to "be still."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN!

Look for your Sunday schools to begin again on **September 16**. It will be held again each week between services from **9:45-10:30**. We have already started to register and fill out permission forms for the fall, so if you haven't filled one out for your child/children yet please stop by the table in the Narthex after the service over the next few weeks. We are so excited about all the new things we have in store for you!

5th and 6th Graders

Ever **grapple** with tough questions like "Why do my parents always say no?" "What if Jesus is a lunatic?" or even the ever popular question, "Why can't I go to PG-13 movies?" Like to hang out on My Space or Facebook? Have we got a new program for you! Join us each Sunday this fall from 9:45-10:30 to play games, solve clues and work in teams while **grappling** with these questions and more. During the week you'll be asked to enter a safe web site just for you to vote on what games to play, connect with others in your class and figure out clues about that week's lesson. This is definitely not another boring Sunday school class! Have we caught your interest yet?! Keep watching over the next few weeks for more info on your brand new **GRAPPLE GROUP!**

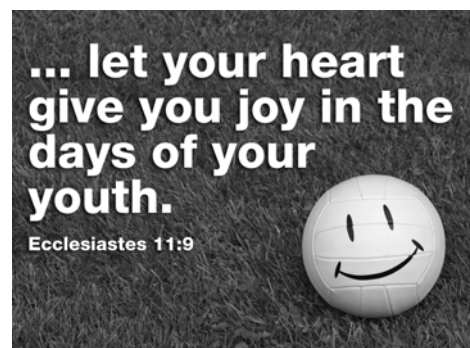


Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups

We have new leaders on board for both of these groups! Wes Shute, Linda Gordon and Bob Bauer will be working with the senior highs and Sara and Tom Wishman will be working with junior highs. They are filled with lots of fabulous ideas, and believe it or not they're excited about working with youth!! Look for your new leaders to be getting info on upcoming events out to you in the near future. If anyone else has an interest in working with either of these groups please feel free to contact Judy Toone at 634-4800 or 604-5389.

College Freshmen

Wow, it's hard to believe you're leaving us already! Please get your new college addresses to Judy Toone before you leave. Without them we can't send you our ever-popular "Freshman Care Packages" and we know you'd all hate to miss out on that! Also include your cell phone number and e-mail address. You never know when we might have important info to pass along. Most of all, leave knowing that our hearts and prayers go with each and every one of you! Keep in touch!



Benefit for Parker B. Savidge
September 15th 2PM-8PM,
Main-Transit Firehall

Parker is the son of Michael and Tara (Ongley) Savidge. On March 29, 2007 at 5 ½



months of age he was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a childhood cancer that affects only 600 kids per year. His cancer spread from his adrenal gland to his liver, abdominal fluid and part of his bone marrow. The benefit will help the Savidge family with the cost of caring for Parker and his potential medical expenses over the next couple of years. The benefit is \$25 per person and will include: Chinese Auction, Live Music, Soda and cash Bar, Food, and a Children's Bounce House. If you have questions please contact Arlene Eberhard at (716) 839-9150 or Tom Dinder at (716) 866-4936. Donations to Parker Savidge c/o First Niagara Bank, 1455 French Rd. Depew, NY 14043.

WUMC Food Pantry

The shelves of our food pantry at WUMC are getting quite low. The months of August and September are our church's turn in the Williamsville community to provide extra assistance to families and individuals who are experiencing hard times. Please try to remember this important ministry when you are in the grocery stores this week. Some of the items we are especially in need of are: pasta, rice, spaghetti sauce, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, boxed dinners, macaroni & cheese, juice, canned fruit and baby food.

Calling all women hobbyists/crafters

The WUMC women's crafting group meets on the third Friday each month, September – June from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. to work on their various crafts such as scrapbooking, making cards, stamping projects, and punchneedle and more. The next get together will be September 21. Come on down to Fillmore Hall and bring your projects. Admission is a handmade card or a store bought card or two that will be given to the WUMC visitation ministry. The card may wish someone to get well, have a happy birthday, thinking of you, etc. Please bring your own beverage and a snack to share with others. Call Karen Long at 691-7215, if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Book Club Announces

New Books

Put the Book Club on Your Calendar!

September 28

The Legend of Bagger Vance
 by Steven Pressfield

October 26

Long Way Gone
 by Ismail Beah

November 30

Suite Francaise
 by Irene Nemirovsjy

December

No Meeting

January

Plan B. Further Thoughts on Faith
 by Annie Lamott



Jesus in the Gospels

Join us on our journey and discover the joy of finding Jesus in the Gospels. This is a 30 week, Second Generation Disciple Study. The course facilitators are Barbara Manhardt and Cheryl Thomas, the class will meet each Sunday from 1:00-3:00 PM, beginning September 16, 2007.

To register, please fill out the sign up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office – 634-4800. There will be a \$30.00 fee for your Study Manual.

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle!

Are you aware that we have a recycling bin at the back of the church parking lot? If so, did you know that we could be earning thousands of dollars each year if we really put some effort into filling it more often? - One church in our district earns over \$12,000.00 each year from the same recycling program we have.



We are asking everyone to clean out your attic, basement, garage or where ever things accumulate in your house, of newspaper, catalogues, magazines, old paper back books, hard cover books with the covers removed or any paper you don't want and bring it to the recycle bin at church.

Just think... you get a clean attic, basement or garage, the church receives much-needed funds and you are doing your part to help our environment. Want to go one step further? Get your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. It's a win, win situation for everyone!!

Niagara Frontier District UMW Meeting

“Our Spiritual Brain” is the theme of this year’s meeting on Saturday, September 22 from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM at Christ UMC. Registration & lunch are \$7 by Sept. 15 or \$10 at the door. Brain Fitness will be the topic of Keynote speaker Barbara Bruce (former WUMC CE Director). For more information contact Carol Forden 634-6890.

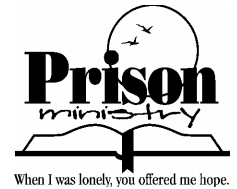


Just For Kids Program in Williamsville Schools

Just for Kids, a new kind of before and after school programming, is now enrolling students for an exciting & unique before and after school program in all Elementary and Middle Schools of the Williamsville Central District. **Just for Kids** has been developed by a team of educators with a combined 43 years experience in school age care and is directed by a School Psychologist. A wide variety of activities and choices are available to enrich and support and child’s learning. Goals will include developing new skills and talents, as well as promoting positive changes in behavior and self esteem. To enroll your child or find more information, please contact Krista at 639-8500 or e-mail **Just for Kids**, krista@thesynergygroup.com.

Pastor Dave’s Prison Ministry

Donate your extra, duplicate or lost & found (new or used) Christian Books or Bibles (all translations) to Prison Ministry in N.Y.S. & Canada. Many churches have donated countless duplicate Books and Bibles. If you no longer have space or use for them, give them a “new home behind bars.” There will be a box in the Narthex where you can put donations to this ministry



Help getting the word out

The Communications Team has developed a form for you to use to publicize events. It will allow each team to request what kind of assistance is needed to get the word out about events. Copies of the form are located in the church office and should be turned in to Communications Team leaders Sondra Scott (SondraLScott@hotmail.com) or Marie Lorwa (desertgirl58@hotmail.com) via email, or you may leave a hard copy of the completed form in the church office, and a member of the Communications Team will be in contact.

Notes of Thanks



Thank you for your cards and prayers for my healing.
I couldn’t have done it without you and our Lord.
-Rena Harbaugh

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Many thanks to all for caring,
for your kind thoughts and good wishes,
and for being so supportive with your prayers
as I continue to recover from my accident.
God Bless You All.
-Edna Cabaltica

Prayer requests and concerns

We pray that God's healing and grace be with the following people in the weeks ahead: Prayers of healing and support are requested for ~ Lois White, Jim Degen, Julie McAuliffe, Mike Rice, Mel Cabaltica, Edna Cabaltica's friend Flor, Stephen Zeller, Families in crisis, Mary-El Minich, Rena Harbaugh and her brother Bud ~ Continuing prayers are asked for Dick Peck, Noah Addesa, Christian Showers, Parker Savidge, Robert J. Bahn and Elizabeth Bauer, Donna Swift.

Weddings

Congratulations to Tara Ongley and Mike Savidge, who were married on June 15th.

Prayer Chain

Church family and friends may request special prayers through the Prayer Chain. Please call Bob or Irene Hayman at 688-1258 to place your request.

If you have a pastoral need

Please call the church office (634-4800) and leave a message. You may also call Rev. Lewis at 984-1140 or Pastor Bennett at 984-5483 and talk to them directly.

The church office hours are Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Get your copy of the Sunday announcements via E-mail

Get the latest updates of the WUMC calendar and events. Even if you have to miss worship you can still get updates. An email version of the weekly *Sunday Messenger* and calendar is available. If you would like to receive it, please send your email address to Denise@williamsvilleumc.org.

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