



Pastor's Column

It is interesting to note, that I missed my deadline for writing this article for the newsletter. I have all the usual excuses, busy at work, too many commitments, not enough time; you know the drill. But I was still late and I apologize to our newsletter editor, Rachel Zeller. But it did make me think about God and how God never misses a deadline. God is always there.

It also made me think about Advent and Christmas; talk about busy, too many commitments and not enough time! We can get so involved in Christmas with our deadlines and the overwhelming feeling of too much to do and not enough time, we sort of go on automatic pilot through Christmas. We get through it, make our deadlines and keep our commitments; but at the end of the season we sort of wonder what happened. What happened to the joyful feeling of Christmas? What happened to the sense of spirituality of the story of the nativity? What happened to what we wanted Christmas to be and what it became?

Okay, back to God is always there. God did not miss the Christmas deadline. The story of salvation born in a stable and laid in a manger happened on time. Our goal is to be on time for the celebration of the birth of Christ as well. How do we do that? By remembering in all that we do at Christmas that God is there. The Christmas cookies got burnt, but God is there! The sweater you wanted is the wrong size, but God is there! You rushed to the Christmas Eve service; you have all kinds of last minute holiday details on your mind. Hey, stop, think, pray; God is there!

God's Blessings to You All at Christmas,
 Reverend John Wetherwax





Follow That Star: Advent and Christmas at WUMC



Sunday, December 2 **Matthew's Star: A Family Tree** Matt. 1:1-17

Advent candle reading: *My friends, here is a candle. Light it and let its light guide your feet as you journey through Advent. This holy light is a reminder of the promises my fellow prophets told you about so long ago. God has promised our way. that a day is coming when there will be no more war, no more fighting, no more violence, and all of creation will know the light of God's peace. Gather now, around this light and let it lead our way.*

Sunday, December 9 **Mark's Star: A Way Prepared** Mark 1:1-15

Advent candle reading: *People of God, prepare the way for the One who is to come. You have been baptized as children of God. So bear the fruit of this baptism. Share with one another, welcome others into God's family, and walk on the path that leads to life. It is not always easy to live as God's children but, with the hope of God's new day burning within you, you can journey on. Gather around his light and let it lead our way.*

Sunday, December 16 **Luke's Star: Joy Jumping** Luke 1:39-56

Advent candle reading: *Here is a present for all of you. Not the candle itself, but the light which comes from it and all the stories of all the people who have been guided by this light. For hundreds of years, people have journeyed towards the light of Jesus. Why? Because in Jesus, the love of God burns brightly. So you can be sure that even after the excitement of Christmas has gone, and the energy spent, and all the gifts opened, the love of God will remain with you. God's love will burn on like a candle in your heart. Let us gather around its light and let it lead our way.*

Sunday, December 23 **John's Star: An Upside-Down Word** John 1:1-14

Advent candle reading: *Friends on the journey, there may not always seem much to rejoice about in the world. Our newspapers are not often filled with good news. But we light this candle reminding us that God has promised that this world can be transformed. It can be turned upside down and right side up. Light it and rejoice in this good news. Let us gather around its light and let it lead our way.*



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, December 24: **The Star in the Stable**

- 3:00 pm – Christmas Before Dusk with Communion
- 5:00 pm - Children's Christmas
- 8:15 pm – Stille Nachtmusik Concert
- 10:00 pm – Candles and Carols

Christ candle reading: *I have been waiting for you. I have been here all the time, journeying with you. While everyone was looking at other things, I have been here. Today, I invite you to join me in the stable, in the world, in good news. Gather around my light and let it lead your way.*

Tuesday, December 25 **A Star is born: Christmas Morning with Christ** Luke 2:1-20 One Worship Service at 10:00 am

Sunday, December 30 **Journeying with Christ** Matthew 2:13-23 One Worship Service at 11:00 am

Sunday, January 6, 2008 **Where Is the Child?** Matthew 2:1-12

Make This a Good Christmas for Someone¹

Submitted by **Sondra Scott**

"Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

It's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season as we find just the right gift for loved ones, plan holiday meals, and decorate our homes for Christmas. At this busy time of year, it's equally important to consider what we can do to make this a special Christmas for someone who may need help or a loving touch. All around us are people who need a special blessing this Christmas.

- A grandma may be far from her children and grandchildren this Christmas.
- A young girl spending Christmas in the hospital is feeling very blue.
- A dad who lost his job doesn't have enough money to buy both a Christmas tree and gifts.
- A soldier wonders if anyone is thinking of him this Christmas when he's far from home.

There are so many opportunities for you to make this a great Christmas for someone. It can be anyone - young or old, family, friend, or stranger. Just look for opportunity, open your heart, open your wallet, and take action.

Experiencing the joy of giving to others can be as simple as asking your children to take some of their money along when you go holiday shopping so they can donate to the charities who have bell ringers outside of stores. Or your family can adopt a family and buy a special gift for each person. Some of us might invite a needy family to spend Christmas with us. The opportunities are almost limitless.

Perhaps this season in the midst of all the lights, trees, music, gifts, games, and food, we can make Jesus' words come alive by opening our hearts to the poor, sick, lonely, or homeless in some special way.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

¹ Adapted from "Now Listen! Make it a Good Christmas for Someone!" by Cary Branscum, December 14, 2001, http://www.heartlight.org/articles/200112/20011214_someone.html



The Greatest Gift

The Gift of Life

Rev. F. Ray Hazlett

ARE you one who is fortunate enough to make a GIFT OF LIFE? Or do you know someone that would make a GIFT OF LIFE?

I was fortunate back in 1986 as a LIVING DONOR with one of my kidneys to my son Mark. Now, in 2007 on dialysis for a year to treat kidney failure, I am in need of a LIVING DONOR!

Here is a "thumbnail sketch" pointing to the overall need for a LIVING DONOR. "Over 89,000 U.S. patients are currently waiting for an organ transplant...each day, 17 people die while waiting for a transplant of a vital organ (heart, liver, kidney, pancreas, lung or bone marrow.) Because of the lack of available donors in this country, 3886 kidney patients... died in 2004 while waiting for life-saving organ transplants.of the single kidney transplants performed in 2004, 6647 (of 16,004) were from living donors and the rest were from cadaveric donors."

"Living donation takes place when a living person donates an organ (or part of an organ) for transplantation to another person. The living donor can be a family member,.....one who is emotionally related to the recipient, such as a good friend...called a living unrelated donation."

From the National Kidney Foundation-NKF web site www.livingdonors.org

Should you or someone you know want details about a LIVING DONOR phone (toll free) **1 800 543-8814**. **Christine Wells RN. Pre-transplant co-coordinator. University of Virginia Transplant Center will provide the information needed to explore the option for being a LIVING DONOR.**

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Avoiding Post-Christmas Burnout

By Barbara Saltarella

As I look out the window of my office snow is coming down, there is no sun and the air is cool. The holidays are fast approaching. I just put away my Halloween decorations and put up a couple of Thanksgiving decorations. I have been checking the ads for baking supplies and making my shopping lists for presents. I only have half of my fall cleaning done and my summer clothes are still in the closet. Does that sound familiar?

I think I just described everyone out there, and what seems to happen is that we just keep going and going and going like the ENERGIZER BUNNY. By the time the holidays are here I have lost all my get up and go and I start to feel like Charlie Brown or even Mr. Scrooge.

Speaking of Charlie Brown have you ever wondered why he feels so down in the dumps? He says, "I don't understand Christmas, instead of feeling happy, I feel sort of let down." We don't know why Charlie feels this way but for many the holiday season can be a difficult time, one of sadness and loneliness, self evaluation and reflecting on the past, with anxiety about the future.

The holiday season is meant to be enjoyed, a time to open our hearts, a time for us to reflect on all the wonderful things we have been given by our hard work and the love of God.

If you are feeling down here are some tips that might help.

- Plan how you are going to handle the season ahead of time.
- Visiting friends and family that make you feel good to be around.
- Line yourself up for participating in events and activities you enjoy.
- Extend yourself to others.
- Do something for someone else who may be worse off than you.
- Avoid those things that enhance your depression and loneliness.
- Be true to yourself.
- See yourself the way you would like to be, take a pencil and paper and work your way back to where you are now so you know the necessary steps to getting there. Visualize this goal before you go to sleep and then let it go. What you want in life is possible and only calls for a change.

And don't forget that Rev. John is here to help!

Rev. John Wetherwax is available Thursday evenings and Fridays by appointment for counseling. Call the church office (634-4800) to make an appointment or talk to Rev. John after worship.



Gift of Life, Con't

To broaden the possibilities of the Gift of Life consider the Deceased Donor plan as well-Goggle-"Organ procurement".

Go to:

www.healthfinder.gov/organizations/ for listing of state & local agencies.

www.kidneyorg/transplantation/livingDonors/index.cfm National Kidney Foundation.

You are a key in broadly casting this network that will, I am convinced, find that one person who will hear and respond to this "call" to be a LIVING DONOR.

With highest regards,

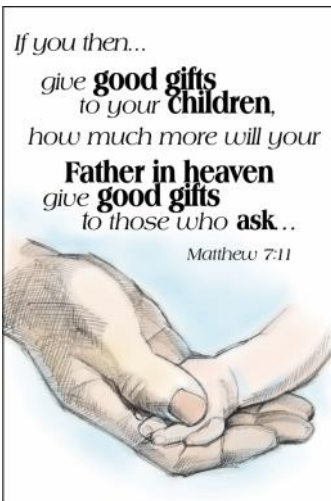
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Here is a lovely story about Santa explaining the symbols of Christmas.

I had just finished the household chores for the night and was preparing to go to bed, when I heard a noise in the front of the house. I opened the door to the front room and to my surprise, Santa himself stepped out from behind the Christmas tree. He placed his finger over his mouth so I would not cry out.

What are you doing? I started to ask. The words choked up in my throat, and I saw he had tears in his eyes. His usual jolly manner was gone. Gone was the eager, boisterous character we all know.

He then answered me with a simple statement.



“TEACH THE CHILDREN”

I was puzzled; what did he mean? He guessed my question and with one quick movement pulled a miniature toy bag from behind the tree.

“Teach the children!” Teach them the old meaning of Christmas. The meaning that now-a-days Christmas has forgotten.

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a **FIR TREE** and placed it in front of the

fire place.

“Teach the children that the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, representing the everlasting hope of mankind, all the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man’s thoughts turning toward heaven.

He reached into his bag and pulled out a brilliant **STAR**

“Teach the children that the star was the heavenly sign of promise long ago. God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of his promise.”

He then reached in his bag and pulled out a **CANDLE**.

“Teach the children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of Jesus who fills our lives with light.”

Next came a **WREATH**.

“Teach the children that the wreath symbolizes the real

nature of love. Real love never ceases, like God’s love which has no beginning or end.

Next came an ornament of **HIMSELF**.

“Teach the children that I, Santa Clause symbolize the generosity and kindness we feel during the month of December.

Next came the **HOLLY LEAF**.

“Teach the children that the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly represents the blood shed by HIM.

Next he pulled from his bag a **GIFT**.

“Teach the children that God so loved the world that HE gave us HIS only SON...We thank God for his very special gift.

“Teach the children that the wise men bowed before the Holy Baby and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We should always give gifts in the same spirit as the wise men.

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a **CANDY CANE** and hung it from the tree.

“Teach the children that the candy cane represents the shepherds crook. The crook on the staff helps bring back the lost sheep to the flock.

Out of his sack came an **ANGEL**.

“Teach the children that it was the angels that announced the glorious news of the Savior’s birth. The angels sang ‘Glory to God in the highest. On earth peace and good will toward men.’”

And suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound, and from his bag he pulled out a **BELL**. “Teach the children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell, it should ring to guide us to God. The bell symbolizes guidance and return. It reminds us that we are all precious in the eyes of God.”

Santa looked back and was pleased. I saw the twinkle in his eyes as he said:

“Remember, teach the children the true meaning of Christmas and do not put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One that is, and I bow down to worship HIM, our LORD, our GOD.”

So all you grandparents out there **TEACH** the **CHILDREN** because that is what Grandparents are for.

May the Lord our God Bless All of you this Holiday Season!

Blessings,
The Nurture and Visitation Team





UMCOR Responds to California Wildfires

NEW YORK, Oct. 23, 2007—Wildfires fueled by the hot Santa Ana winds continue to consume large portions of Southern California, particularly heavily-populated areas surrounding San Diego and Los Angeles. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is in close contact with Bishop Mary Ann Swenson of the California-Pacific Annual Conference.

“In addition to an emergency grant to support the conference in its initial efforts, disaster response consultants are at the ready to provide the conference with their presence and guidance as needed,” says the Rev. Tom Hazelwood, head of UMCOR’s domestic disaster response.

Large Numbers Evacuated

Safety concerns have spurred the largest evacuation since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. Approx-

mately 300,000 people have been warned to evacuate, some seeking shelter in the Qualcomm stadium in San Diego.

Pastors and congregations of five United Methodist Churches are among the evacuees, according to the San Diego District website. Several other United Methodist congregations remain closely affected although no known United Methodist Churches have been damaged by the fires as of yet.

“As always UMCOR offers its prayers and support to those in need,” says Sam Dixon, UMCOR’s chief executive. “We ask for your generous donations



to the domestic disaster response advance as recent emergencies have depleted the funds we use to provide relief and support in disasters such as these.”

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Help those in need

Local UM Domestic Disaster Response

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How churches can help: Please uphold the people of Southern California in your prayers and cash gifts will help provide for recovery.

Checks can be mailed to WNY Conference, 131 John Muir Drive, Buffalo, NY 14228. Write “UMCOR Advance #901670, Domestic Disaster Response,” on the memo line of your check. One hundred percent of every donation to any UMCOR appeal, including appeals for California wildfires, goes to support the designated program.

What Do You Want For Christmas?

A poem sent to Dear Abby from a couple who have too much stuff.

[Author Unknown -- from 'E-Mail Ministry']

So many of you asked us (since Yuletide's drawing near) "What do you want for Christmas? What can we give you this year?" If we say, "We want nothing!" you buy something anyway. So, here's a list of what we'd like; believe now what we say: Pajamas for a little child, food to feed the poor. Blankets for a shelter, and we ask a little bit more--Perform good deeds and let us know, or volunteer your time. These last are worth a fortune, and they needn't cost a dime. We have to many things now, vases, candles, tapes and clocks. We have our fill of garments, ties, underwear and socks. Candy is too fattening, crossword books we've more than 20. We don't need trays or plates or cups, and knickknacks we have plenty. We've no walls to hang more pictures; we have books we've not yet read; so please take what you'd spend on us and help the poor instead! Just send a Christmas card to us and tell us what you've done. We'll open them on Christmas Eve, and read them one by one. It won't cost as much for postage as a package sent would do. You'll need no wrapping paper, ribbons, ink or glue. And we'll thank God you listened to what we had to say so we could be the instruments to help someone this way.





Junior High Youth Group

Thanks to the Junior High for hosting the Senior High at their Halloween party this year! An extra special thanks to their fearless leaders, Sara and Tom Wishman and Debbie and Mark Emerson, for all their hard work in planning, decorating, shopping, and carving pumpkins (that pumpkin was amazing Sara!) If you thought that was fun, you ought to see what they have in store for December! If you have not received an updated December calendar please feel free to contact Sara and Tom at 632-2970 or Debbie and Mark at 626-5216.

Family Movie Night



Children and their families ages three through 4th grade are invited to join us for a very special Christmas themed

Family Movie Night on Friday, December 14th from 6:30-8:30pm. What better way to slow down and appreciate the holidays than hopping into your pj's, and snuggling up with your little ones on a cold winter's night to enjoy a special Christmas film with family and friends? Please let us know if you're coming so we can make sure we have snacks and treats for all by contacting either Cheri Pascoe at 565-3510 or Judy Toone at 634-4800.

Senior High Youth

It has been another year of transitions for the Senior High, but after many weeks of discussions, soul searching and refocusing on Christ as their center, they are ready to move forward as a united group. We are so proud of them for all their hard work! They'll be spending the next few meetings finalizing their plans for the remainder of the year and will keep everyone posted! In the meantime, Senior High youth group meets every week (unless you hear otherwise) Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm. Please check the church bulletin every week for details. Newcomers are always welcome! If you have any questions please contact Wes Shute at 951-850-1670 or Judy Toone at 998-2512.

Advent Fair

Our Advent fair will be held this year on Sunday, December 16th from 9:45-10:30. Instead of our usual Sunday school that day, families are invited to join their children downstairs in Fillmore Hall for a morning of Advent and Christmas activities. There'll be decorations to make, cookies to frost and lots of holiday fun to be had by all. Please mark your calendars and join your children for this very special event!

No Sunday School

There will be no Sunday school on **December 23** or **December 30** so teachers can enjoy the holidays with their families and friends! See you in 2008!

Trunk or Treat Thanks!

Deepest thanks to Donna Seiler who, along with Jessica and Carly, decorated for and coordinated our annual Trunk and Treat celebration on October 28th. Pumpkins (from our patch of course!) were decorated, popcorn hands and bags of treats were filled, cider and donut holes were enjoyed and songs and stories were read. A fabulous time was had by all!



UNICEF

Once again our children went trick-or-treating for Unicef. We are thrilled to announce our little ones raised a grand total of \$99. 74! It takes 33 cents to inoculate a child from contracting pneumonia. That means you helped over 302 children! Congratulations to all everyone who participated this year!



Dates to Remember



Junior High December Calendar

12/1	Church Decorating 9:00-noon
12/2	Meeting 6:00-7:30pm
12/16	Meeting (babysitting service) 1:00-4:00pm
12/30	Christmas/New Years Party/Bill's game 12:30-4pm

- Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 – Christian Education meeting. All are welcome to attend!!
- Friday, December 14th from 6:30-8:30 for Family Movie Night ages 3 through 4th grade
- Sunday, December 16 from 9:45-10:30 – Advent Fair
- Sunday, December 23 and 30 – **No Sunday school**
- Monday, January 7th at 7:00 – Christian Education meeting. All are welcome!



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Pumpkin Patch

Results

After adding lots of numbers and keeping track of all our daily sales we are so proud to say with everyone's help we were able to raise \$1698.48 for our shared ministries and another \$3,844.70 for the Navajo Indian Reservation. That's a grand total of \$5,543.18 that was raised! That's a lot of pumpkins and gourds! A very special thanks to Barbara Manhardt for all her help counting and depositing the money every day, keeping track of all our tallies, opening and closing the patch many days and all the extra shifts she worked the patch when no one else was signed up to help. We could have never done it without you!! Special thanks also to Linda Sheriff who graciously agreed to co-chair this enormous undertaking and who did everything from chase tents down that were rolling toward Main Street to coffee runs to closing down the patch in the dark to getting up and greeting the Channel 2 news crew at 5:00am with a smile on her face...we could go on and on! And last, but definitely not least, to all of you who spread the word, carried the pumpkins, worked the patch and bought your pumpkins here, we could have never done it without all of you!! You are the best!!!!



*You know you are going Christmas shopping!
Why not shop where it will make a difference, instead of a profit?*

Follow the star to our Magi Gift Shoppe
and support many of our church ministries.

Where: Williamsville UMC Parlor

*When: Sunday, December 2 and December 9,
2007*

Time: before, between and after worship

Choose from a variety of treasures including Pecans, Soup & Dessert Jars, Christmas cards, Christmas ornaments, Poinsettia and Blanket orders, Christmas Music CDs (Chris Rogerson), Delta Sonic Certificates, Books & Holiday Gift items from Life Resources and more!

Special Kids Shopping Room ... no adults allowed.



Memorial Gifts Available at Magi Gift Shoppe



Are you looking for a unique gift for family or friends? You can honor or memorialize them with a gift to the Memorial Fund at this special time of year. With a donation in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, you will receive a holiday greeting to give to your selected recipient.

The Memorial Fund supports items of meaning and beauty that add significance to our church, dedicated to the glory of God.

Beechwood Christmas Tea

Beechwood Service Guild cordially invites you and your friends to **The Christmas Tea and Mini Bazaar** on December 5, 2007 from 2:00 – 3:30 PM. The event will be held at the Beechwood Residence Atrium, 2235 Millersport Highway, Getzville, NY 14068. Hostesses: Kenmore UMC, Bazaar Chairperson: Edna Cabaltica. Cookies are appreciated! Your generous support of the Tea will benefit the Living Care Fund. (Please make checks payable to Beechwood Service Guild).





Announcements & Fellowship

WUMC to Host Holiday Bell Concert

The Ring Masters Handbell Ringers will be in concert at WUMC on Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 p.m.

The Ring Masters ensemble, a community group sponsored by our congregation, is directed by Gloria Werblow who is also the carillonneur at the Episcopal church in Williamsville. The fifteen ringers, who come from different churches and towns, share an enthusiasm for the beautiful and varied music which characterizes bell ringing.

The concert program includes sacred and secular holiday selections, classical music and bell boogie. This is always a fun concert which will enhance your own Advent celebration!



Help Seneca Street Church Provide its Best Christmas Party Yet!!

We need gift cards!! We need cookies!!

Gift Cards!!!

Seneca St. Church will hold its annual neighborhood Christmas Party on Sunday December 23rd at 4:00 pm. Brian and Cheryl expect over 100 children and youth from the local neighborhood to attend. Several other churches are helping to provide toys for the younger children. For the past several years, we have helped by providing gift cards of \$10, \$15, or \$20 from WalMart, Target, electronics, book or any other type of moderately priced store. Stop in the Narthex and pick up a "gift card" reminder – and bring one or more gift cards to the church by Wednesday, December 19th! Your gifts are very much appreciated by all who help at and are helped by Seneca Street Church!

Cookies!!!

Homemade cookies are as much a part of Christmas as are the gifts. Can you help make Christmas for Seneca Street Church families even more special? While you are baking for your family, can you make a few dozen extra cookies for the Seneca St. Church Christmas party? If so, please let us know (a sign up is in the Narthex) and deliver the cookies to the church by December 21st. We'll take them to Seneca St. Church the morning of December 22.

New Year Means New Books to Read!

Start 2008 with a book that will get you thinking and talking. The Book Club has selected Anne Lamott's Plan B- "Further Thoughts on Faith" for our January Reading. Lamott has a unique way of looking at her Christian faith and the ways she lives out her faith. She tackles tough issues with quirky humor, potted honesty and insightful observations about her relationships with others and with God.

The Book Club meets monthly: January's date and place is yet to be determined. We are always looking for book recommendations. Our books have ranged from familiar classics to brand new best sellers, fiction and non-fiction, from drama to humor to inspirational. Watch for further information in the Sunday bulletins. Newcomers are always welcome, so don't be shy about just showing up!



**BOOK
CLUB**



Prayer Requests and Concerns

Prayers of healing and support are requested for Gabriel McGovern, David Randazzo, Lil Lawton, Rev. Alicia Lake, Jim Leopold's family on the death of his son, and families in crisis. ~ Continuing prayers are asked for , Rena Harbaugh and her brother Bud, Dick Peck, Noah Addesa, Christian Showers and his family, Parker Savidge, and Robert J. Bahn.

New Additions!

Bruce and Jane Hoffman would like to announce the birth of their grandchildren this summer.

Aiden Beswick Steis was born to their daughter Susan and her husband Alex on July 25, 2007. They live in Herndon, Va.

Brooke Elise Hoffman was born to their son Jeffrey and his wife Shannon on August 20, 2007. They live in Cheektowaga.

We've Found a New Editor!

Much as I have enjoyed the challenge, creativity and the fun of putting together each Messenger, my life took an unplanned (but wonderful) turn this fall when I was able to return to the University of Buffalo and finish my BA in theater. I have unfortunately needed to clean my plate off just a bit to make room for my academic endeavors, and it was with great consideration and prayer that I realized I had to let the Messenger go.

With that, I am pleased to announce that Kelly Beckwith will be the new editor of the Messenger, beginning in February. I am so excited to see what great things she will bring to the newsletter!

Thank you to Kelly, and to the Communication Committee, congregation, and leaders in our church for your support, encouragement, and submissions; and especially to Michele Grammar, my "Messenger Mentor" .

With love and gratitude,
Rachel Zeller

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.

Our Staff and Lay Leaders Are Here to Help You

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