

SUNDAY MESSENGER

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WILLIAMSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WUMC VISION STATEMENT

As a village church, Williamsville United Methodist faithfully continues the vision and tradition of our founders by welcoming all people to encounter Jesus Christ. We will nurture active fellowship and participation through a variety of ministries that encourage people of all ages to grow in a spiritual journey with Christ.

GREAT BIG BIRTHDAY HUGS TO

9/6 Mina Rohde
9/7 Neil Kratzer
9/8 Patrick Fortune
9/9 Greg Weber
9/10 Claire Geiser

Your birthday is important to us! If we missed it, please call the church office to update our records, 634-4800.

PRAYER REQUESTS and CONCERNS

Prayers of healing and support are requested for Jeri Grampp, Steve Metevier, Mel Cabaltica, Art Shade, Irene Wachowiak, Kathy Meyer, Mike Rice, Shirley Balkin, Debbie Hein, Frank Swansfeger, Braden Winks and his family ~ Continuing prayers are asked for Jack Nill and Art Kliber.

RALLY DAY – SEPTEMBER 12

Sunday, September 12, is Rally Day and we have a special day planned for everyone!! There will be refreshments on the lawn after the 10:00am worship service and we are going to take a new all church picture to be made into a banner. Please be sure you and your family are here to be included in the picture.

And it's not just Rally Day this year – it is also "Meet Your Teacher Day!" This year's theme is based on the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin, so we will need lots of children there to help us find them! After the children's message on September 12, children will leave with their Sunday school teachers for the remainder of the service. We are so excited to hear all about your fabulous summers and any "Road Trip God Sightings" you might have had!

PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF - UMCOR ADVANCE #982450

An estimate one-fifth of the country of Pakistan is under water and monsoon rains continue to fall. Nearly 20 million people have been affected and 6 million are in urgent need of food aid - more than double the number of people affected by the 2004 tsunami and the Haiti earthquake combined! Homes, crops, bridges, roads, government buildings, and businesses have been destroyed. Pakistanis are increasingly vulnerable to waterborne diseases such as diarrhea and cholera.

UMCOR is responding to the Pakistan floods in collaboration with our partners on the ground there, including the Church of Pakistan, Church World Service, and Global Medic. Through these partnerships UMCOR is providing clean drinking water, food, temporary shelter, and medical aid to tens of thousands of people affected by the crisis.

Please show your support for our brothers and sisters in Pakistan by placing your donations in the offering plate or by leaving them in the church office (in either case, please label any envelope or check for Pakistani Flood Relief or UMCOR #982450). Thank you for caring!!

KICK-OFF EVENING MEETING OF WOMEN OF WILLIAMSVILLE (WOW) - SEPTEMBER 14

It's time to form an evening group of United Methodist Women (UMW), which is being called WOW (Women of Williamsville)! Please join us for our kick-off meeting when we have dinner together at the Eagle House (5578 Main Street) on Tuesday,

September 14, at 6:00 p.m. During this meeting, we will discuss ways this group can support each other and impact people of all ages in our church and community. For example, we might make a quilt for someone in the military or knit a prayer shawl together. One month we might read a book to discuss at our meeting, make sandwiches for the Soup Kitchen, or just enjoy being together.

Then plan to attend the WOW Meeting on the first Monday of the month, October through May, at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship and inspiration. The next WOW meeting is scheduled for **October 4 at 7:00 p.m.** During this meeting, we will have a Kitchen Item Swap. Look around your kitchen for an item you no longer use, but someone else might enjoy; and then bring the item to the meeting!

Please **R.S.V.P. by September 7** to Carol Forden, Barb Manhardt, Denise Reichard, or Sondra Scott so we can make reservations at the Eagle House. We hope you can join us for supper and a lively discussion on September 14. Be sure to bring your ideas to help plan meetings for this new UMW group throughout the coming months.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Beginning September 19, a new 12-week study of the Parables of Jesus will commence. The class will meet during the regular Sunday school time from 9:45 –10:45 a.m. The study facilitators are Barbara Manhardt and Cheryl Thomas. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES BEGINS NEW SEASON

The Contemporary Issues group will begin a new season discussing topics related to faith and life in today's world on Sunday, Sept. 19, and continuing every Sunday from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Here's what lies ahead.

Sept. 19, "The Mosque at Ground Zero." We've heard a lot recently about the mosque that is planned to be built two blocks from the former site of the World Trade Center in New York City. In this one-week study, historian Martin Marty will help us explore the specifically religious concerns of this issue. The study will move away from many of the secular, political arguments and will focus on the Christian perspectives of this controversy, looking to the Bible instead of the media to examine these religious concerns.

Sept. 26 through Oct. 17, "Islam." This great religion occupies the attention of the world as never before in modern times. This four-week study will seek to get behind the sensational headlines, the biased stereotypes, and the polemics that so often characterize the treatment of Islam in the media. A Christian perspective on the subject will take into account what the people of Islam say about their faith and will seek humbly to understand how believers in Christianity and believers in Islam can best relate to one another.

Background documents for participants in these studies will be posted on our church website at www.williamsvilleumc.org a few days in advance of the class. From the Home page, follow the links to the Adult Christian Education page.

All interested, thoughtful adults of any age are welcome to participate in the discussions of the Contemporary Issues group. We meet in the parlor, immediately at the rear of the sanctuary.

CAR SEAT NEEDED

Betty Peck would like to borrow a car seat from September 10 – 24. Please call Betty if you have a car seat you can loan to her.



ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT ~ SEPTEMBER 24-25

It's not too late to sign-up for WUMC's Annual Women's Retreat Gathering at the Center of Renewal in Stella Niagara, NY – but you need to add your name to the list by Wednesday, September 8. The book we will use, *Twelve Steps to Inner Freedom: Humility Revisited* by Joan D. Chittister, is available through Benetvision.org for \$9.95 or through other book retailers (ISBN #978-1890890155). The retreat center cost is \$62.00 per woman. More information about the retreat was included in the June newsletter, or you can contact Kim Weingartner. Also contact Kim if you would like to come but are in need of financial support to cover the cost. All women are welcome to come and enjoy the stimulating fellowship of other women from WUMC.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP BEGINS! – SEPTEMBER 12

Join Judy and Carmen on September 12 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. upstairs in the Senior High room as we map out the year (or at least the first half!) and figure out the when, what, how, and who. When will we meet? What do we want the year to look like? How are we going to accomplish this? And who's going to help us do this? We have lots to and figure out, so we need everyone to be there so we can hear your ideas! See you then!

LOOKING FOR THOSE WITH A HEART FOR WORKING WITH YOUTH

We are in the process of identifying those in our congregation who have a heart for working with youth and would be willing to serve on a youth leadership team. One team would serve our Junior High and the other our Senior High youth group.

You might be a parent who has a son or daughter participating in the program or you might be a member of the congregation who's willing to serve. Either way we're looking for your help and input!

These teams will be working with Judy Toone and Rev. Carmen Perry along with the youth to brainstorm a vision for what their year will look like and how best to implement that vision.

Any interested parties please join us for our kickoff meeting next Sunday, September 12, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. upstairs in the Senior High youth room. If you're unable to join us that evening but would like to help, please give Judy or Carmen a call at 634-4800.

DAYS AHEAD IN OUR CHURCH

Please contact the church office at 634-4800 to obtain phone numbers of the contact people mentioned below.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

10:00 AM Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 LABOR DAY

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:30 AM Parent's Bereavement Support Group
Contact Leslie Jordans

12:30 PM Exercise Class in Fillmore Hall
Contact Claudia Fries. Newcomers welcome!

1:00 PM Women's Cancer Support Group
Contact Carol Amico

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 AM ODNS using the Library

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Contact Judy Stafford or Wendy Amuso

8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous meeting in Fillmore Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:30 PM Dorcas Circle - Meet in church parlor
Contact Donna Swift

12:00 PM Rachel Circle – Meet at the home of Midge Hackworth - Contact: Sally Jost or Midge

12:30 PM Exercise Class in Fillmore Hall
Contact Claudia Fries. Newcomers welcome!

7:00 PM Memorial Handbells Rehearsal
Contact Judy Stafford or Wendy Amuso

7:30 PM ODNS Board Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 Messenger Deadline

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Annual Conference Session

9:00 AM Ring Masters Rehearsal – Contact Gloria Werblow

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 RALLY DAY

10:00 AM Worship
Meet Your Teacher

11:00 AM Refreshments on the Lawn

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 AM ODNS Parents Coffee Hour

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:30 AM ODNS Parents Coffee Hour

12:30 PM Exercise Class in Fillmore Hall
Contact Claudia Fries. Newcomers welcome!

6:30 PM Learning to Live Parent's Support Group
Contact Leslie Jordans

6:00 PM Women of Williamsville Kick Off

7:00 PM Stewardship & Finance Team Meeting
Contact Bud Jost

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:00 PM Kings Kids puppet practice in the sanctuary –
Contact Barbara Saltarella 634-4800

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Contact Judy Stafford or Wendy Amuso

8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous meeting in Fillmore Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:30 PM Exercise Class in Fillmore Hall
Contact Claudia Fries. Newcomers welcome!

6:30 PM Mitochondrial Disease Support Group

7:00 PM Memorial Handbells Rehearsal
Contact Judy Stafford or Wendy Amuso

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Central City Cafe

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast Group at Sheridan Family Restaurant. No reservations so come when you can. Newcomers welcome! Contact Bob Hayman

8:30 AM Habitat for Humanity - Meet at church to carpool to work site. Newcomers welcome!
Contact Ed Howard

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 AM King's Kids Celebration (Children's Worship)

9:45 AM Christian Education for children & adults

11:00 AM Traditional Worship & Extended Session Class