



# Minetto United Methodist Church

**"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"**

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## On the Journey Together

We are at different places in our faith journey—  
some are just starting out,  
some have traveled awhile,  
some are searching for renewal,  
some are searching for more.  
Yet, all of us have the same focus:  
To love God, grow together, and reach the world.



### Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Palm/Passion Sunday with our Quarterly Friendship Brunch following

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Final Session of "Cross Examination" at 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 PM Maundy Thursday service in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 PM Good Friday service in the Sanctuary

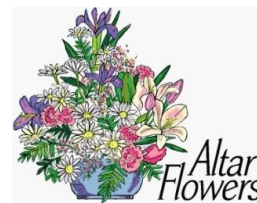
Easter Prayer Vigil Begins Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and ends at 7 AM, Easter morning

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 10 AM Worship with communion and the Easter flower cross

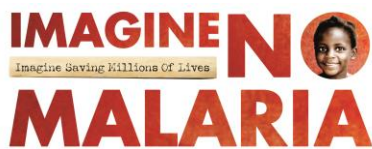


**Do you know what this is?** You pass by it every time you head toward the sanctuary.

This is the Heifer Project Wishing Well. For years, our church has supported this wonderful ministry by collecting spare change and placing it in the well.



The altar committee has several dates open for placing flowers on the altar for Sundays. If you are interested please get in touch with the church secretary or Pastor Chuck.



Our 2015 **Lenten Offering** will be used to support the United Methodist Church's **'Imagine No Malaria'** efforts:

Every 60 seconds, a child in Africa dies of malaria.



Our genuine love for Christ leads us to generous service to all our brothers and sisters, especially those in difficulty and need. May we go forth this Lent, renewed in spirit and in our commitment to respond wholeheartedly to the Lord's call, and to make His love touch the lives of the hurting and wounded.



**Rummage Sale**

Our **Spring Rummage Sale, luncheon and bake sale** will be on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and the Bag Sale will be Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring your donations to the church starting Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> through Thursday noon, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The church will be open during the afternoon and also during the early evening on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will be setting up in the Fellowship Hall from around 8:30 AM until Noon each day and could use any help you can give us. When you bring your things, stay a little while and help put items on the tables. Also, please bring your items for

the Bake Sale on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> or early Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. This is one of our major fundraisers and we need everyone's help. If you have any questions, call the Church Office at 343-3465.



As I am writing this, it is quiet in the office and in the building for that matter. It has been three years since I started as the Church Secretary here at the Minetto United Methodist Church. These three years have had their ups and downs for all of us. I will not forget the experiences I have had here and the friends I have made.

As I say "Good-bye", I find I am grateful for the hugs, laughs, smiles, support, understanding, and patience you have all shown me. I hope for abundance, health, joy, and laughter for this congregation and its pastor. Remember I am only a call away if you have a hankering to hear my voice.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Both now and forever more." Gail

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2015

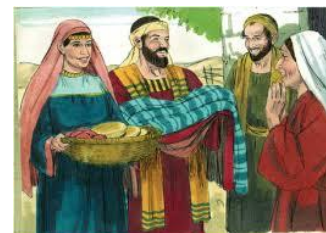
**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Sunday / Communion Service / Easter Flower Cross  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 response 2, UMH# 839  
Lay Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11  
Pastoral Reading: Mark 16: 1-8  
Sermon Theme: Celebrating the Resurrection  
Greeters: Jeff & Carrie Fellows with their Grandchildren  
Acolytes: Braeden DePoint  
Lay Reader: Dennis Dumas  
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Sue Comerford



**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Second Sunday of Easter / Worship Service  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 133, UMH #850  
Lay Reading: 1 John 1:1- 2:2  
Pastoral Reading: Acts 4: 32-35  
Sermon Theme: Believers Share Their Possessions  
Greeters: Lucille Becksted & the entire congregation  
Acolyte: Noah Cordone  
Lay Reader: Randy Dohse  
Counters: Vern Tryon & Steve Salisbury

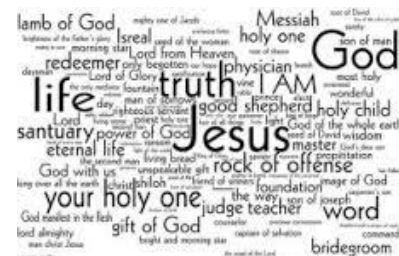


**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Third Sunday of Easter / Worship Service with Noisy Can Offering to benefit Camperships/Scholarships/ Native American Ministries Sunday  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 4, UMH# 741  
Lay Reading: 1 John 3: 1-7  
Pastoral Reading: Acts 3: 12-19  
Sermon Theme: The Mighty Name of Jesus: Part 1  
Greeter: Maggie Holman & the entire congregation  
Acolyte: Nolan Busch  
Lay Reader: Jeff Rothrock  
Counters: Bruce Holman, Nancy Prarie & Vern Tryon

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Fourth Sunday of Easter / Worship Service  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 23, UMH# 784  
Lay Reading: 1 John 3: 16-24  
Pastoral Reading: Acts 4: 5-12  
Sermon Theme: The Mighty Name of Jesus: Part 2  
Greeters: Wynnette Dohse & the entire congregation  
Acolyte: David Cordone  
Lay Reader: Carla Salisbury  
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Deb Daby



**Altar Steward: Mary Cipra**

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1<sup>st</sup> Marie Smith  
April 4<sup>th</sup> Sarah Ann Platten  
April 6<sup>th</sup> Emily Schmidt  
April 6<sup>th</sup> Joan Farella  
April 8<sup>th</sup> Trevor Burdick  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Emily Dumas  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Frank Bickel  
April 12<sup>th</sup> Henry Klefbeck  
April 14<sup>th</sup> Alicia Brocht

April 14<sup>th</sup> Robert Henderson  
April 15<sup>th</sup> Colin Dohse  
April 15<sup>th</sup> Nancy Prarie  
April 17<sup>th</sup> Nancy Ravas (95)  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Taylor  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Jeremy & Matthew Barnhart  
April 26<sup>th</sup> Lois Peterson  
April 27<sup>th</sup> David Cordone  
April 28<sup>th</sup> Jean Kingsley

*AND*

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 10<sup>th</sup> Fred & Emily Dumas  
April 12<sup>th</sup> Mark & Nancy Prarie



## MINISTRY UPDATES – APRIL 2015

### MY GOD: MINETTO YOUTH GROUP OF DISCIPLES

Meetings are scheduled **after worship until 12 noon on the following Sundays in April 12 & 19**. Any youth in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and higher are welcome to join in for some fun and a chance to spend time with other youth. Feel free to contact Debbie Daby (343-8301 / [ddaby@twcny.rr.com](mailto:ddaby@twcny.rr.com)) or Randy Dohse (343-6097) with questions or activity ideas.

### HANDS4NY

It has been reported that the Minetto United Methodist Church has received 54 pounds of food in February and has divided it between the Salvation Army and the Human Concerns Food Bank.



### FREE MEAL MINISTRY



Our next Free Meal will be **April 26th from 4:30-6:30 PM**. The menu is ham, mashed potatoes, vegetable, beverage and dessert. The food preparation will be on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM. Anyone wishing to help with the dinner should arrive by 4:15 PM on Sunday. This continues to be a successful ministry in our church. Thank you to everyone helps us with all or part of this ministry.

### NURTURE, CARE & HEALTH

#### **The Prayers & Squares Ministry:**

Please note: Our 2015 Prayers & Squares workshop will not meet in April.

Our **next workshop** will be **May 12, 6:30** in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a mystery meeting so come and

*Nurture, Care & Health Report continues*

be surprised. Bring a friend to join in the fun and fellowship. Have something to share?? Please bring it along for show and tell.

**Coffee Hour:**

The 2015 sign-up sheets are on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who have been signing up to share your goodies. Your wings are showing.

**Nurture & Care, Caring for You Casserole Project:**

Our casserole project has gained success. All profits will go toward the Capital Campaign. Thanks to all who have helped in any way to make this a fun and profitable project. Thanks also to those who have shared with us how delicious all the casseroles and pies have been.

Any questions or concerns please contact either Co-chair—

Gloria Bickel at 343-5791, [fgbickel36@aol.com](mailto:fgbickel36@aol.com) or Joanne Reidy 343-4521, [reidypanj@yahoo.com](mailto:reidypanj@yahoo.com).

**EVANGELISM REPORT**

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The Evangelism Team began a monthly Ecumenical service and a Bible Study at Springside Senior Living Center in February. It is planned that each month, on 3rd Saturday of the month, Pastor Chuck will conduct the Ecumenical Service at 3 PM and I will conduct a Bible Study on the last Wednesday of the month at 2 PM. Both were well attended in February and responses from residents have been extremely positive. It is and will continue to be a wonderful outreach ministry.

We continue to meet with the 'Futuring Committee' to evaluate our evangelistic outreach to our congregation and our community.  
-- Betty Dingman, chair

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT**

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We are presently collecting for the Salvation Army for Easter dinners in our Sunday Schools; March 22nd is the last day to bring in your donation!

Our next mission project will be starting soon, malaria nets for Africa. We are in the planning stages for several fundraisers for this project. We will present a skit and information on our last week of Sunday school in church which will be June 14th. Our annual end of the year picnic will be that day too. So mark your calendars!

**Our Operation Christmas shoeboxes went to 3 different continents** this year. Twenty-four boxes went to **the Ukraine** in Asia (next to Poland); Fifteen to **Botswana** in Southern Africa; and Eight to **Columbia** in northern South America. That equals 47 boxes. The remaining 3 were not traced, either because of a scanner problem which they experienced this year or the label was unreadable. It is assumed they went with one of our 3 known locations. Just imagine how wide spread our evangelistic mission was this year. Remember every recipient of our shoeboxes has the opportunity in their own language to learn about Jesus Christ and the power of knowing him as their Savior. That message I'm sure is shared with their whole family thus spreading God's love even further! Thank you one and all that helped with this project. I have started buying things for our shoeboxes already for next year. Please keep them in mind if you run across a good sale or clearance items. We need anything a child would like, that will ship and fit in a shoebox! Bless you for our 2014 boxes!!

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Sunday School classes for the older and middle group Palm Sunday and Easter. Those two classes will stay in church and only the younger class will go out for Sunday school.**  
--Wynnette Dohse, Becky Craig & Jeff Rothrock



## **EASTER IS ...**

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Easter is a celebration. Easter is also the acknowledgement of the “already, but not yet” tension of the gospel. “Already, but not yet” is a phrase that theologians often use to describe the reality of the current age we live in.

On the one hand, the kingdom of God has already come in the person of Jesus. This is Good News! As the incarnate God-man, he died on the cross so that through his death and resurrection he might destroy Satan, sin, and death (Heb. 2:14).

On the other hand, the perfect kingdom toward which he pointed awaits his personal return to earth. Until then, we experience the tension of living between the “already, but not yet” aspects of the kingdom of God.

Easter is a celebration of this beautiful tension: there is real life right now for those who trust in Christ.

We have new hearts (2 Cor. 5:17)

We have been made alive with Christ (Eph. 2:5)

We have received a spirit of adoption (Rom. 8:15-16)

But there is more to come that has not yet been fully realized.

We will have transformed bodies, not just hearts (2 Cor. 15:50-55)

We will be resurrected like Christ (Rom. 6:5)

We will experience the fullness of being adopted by God (Rom. 8:23)

The salvation that God brings is here! It is finished, and it is coming. Our hope is in Jesus who accomplished for us the “already, and yet to come.” Jesus, through his death, has already delivered his people from slavery to sin. Jesus, through his resurrection, has already conquered death, our worst enemy. But Jesus has not yet allowed us to experience a world without sin, death, and brokenness. He has not yet established his kingdom in full. His promise is to come back and do so.

Until then, we walk by faith in him. We look in hope to his coming, knowing that God does not fail to deliver on his promises. Because he was faithful in the already, we can trust that he will be faithful in the not yet. Jesus has inaugurated the reign of God so that the age to come has invaded the present age. One day, however, at the appointed time, the present age will finally give way to the fullness and completeness of the rule of God in Christ. He will usher in his kingdom in full—a new earth where only righteousness dwells. A land of promise—where there is life, abundance, satisfaction, delight, and rest.

“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away” (Rev. 21:3-4).

*Shalom,*

*Pastor Chuck (and Rohan)*

## **FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT FOR APRIL 2015**

Thanks to your faithful stewardship, we can celebrate a number of accomplishments during the month of February 2015:

- Judy Bradt, Jeff Margrey, Karen Poole, and Charles and Nancy Zawisza, became members of our church this month.
- The monthly free dinner was served to 141 guests; more were take-outs than dine-in.
- Rev. Rick Sivers led a Lenten study, Cross Examination, to look at the symbols related to the crucifixion.
- Our Valentine's Day dinner was combined with a Mardi Gras show by Rev. Rick Sivers, complemented by The Sounds of Brass on Friday, February 13th. A full house enjoyed the dinner and entertainment.
- The Salvation Army and Human Concerns were given 83 pounds of groceries this month.
- All bills, including our Ministry Shares assessment, were paid in full and on time.
- The February Noisy Can Offering of \$70.28 was given to the Oswego County Salvation Army.

**Our February income** from pledges and the customary gifts of those who do not pledge were nearly \$2,500 more than projected, thanks to a substantial annual gift, and total income from all sources for February was about \$1,200 more than expected.

**February's total expenditures** for current expenses in all areas were about \$800 less than expected. Most expense areas spent less than was budgeted for the month. Our February income was about \$900 less than February's expenses. This was caused in part because the bill for January's shared ministries was not received until February, resulting in a double payment in February.

It should be noted that our projections of income and expenditures are based on an assumption that everything happens uniformly distributed over the twelve months of the year. That is not always a valid assumption. Insurance, for example, is paid in one lump sum once each year. Despite their limitations, our assumptions provide a frame of reference to help the Finance Committee discover problems earlier.

Contributions and fundraising for our **Capital Campaign** totaled \$1,150.54 for February; bringing the year-to-date total to \$2,210.27.

**The members of the Finance & Stewardship Committee continue to be grateful for your faithful attention to the financial needs of our ministries.** Please remember that you can contribute to our Capital Campaign with a minimum of effort or expense on your part by:

- Depositing your unwanted used clothing in the collection shed behind the church
- Purchasing our commemorative Christmas ornaments and telling your friends and neighbors with a connection to our church or Minetto about them
- Using *Shop with Scrip* to purchase gift cards through our church account. Garry Visconti can answer questions about the program.

We welcome your suggestions and questions and invite you to attend any of our meetings. We normally meet at 7:00 P.M., on the third Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Copies of our reports, minutes, or the budget will be provided upon request.

Speak to Marilyn Stephens if you would like to have envelopes for your Sunday offerings or Capital Campaign contributions. We encourage you to put your name on pew envelopes, if you use them, in order to receive credit for possible tax benefit.

Finance & Stewardship Committee members for 2015 are: Mary Cipra, chair Altar & Memorials Committee; Deborah Daby, chair Pastor, Staff, Parish Relations Committee; Dennis Dumas, Treasurer (598-9770); Mike Hardesty, chair Trustees; Steve Salisbury, lay leader and member of Annual Conference; Marilyn Stephens, Financial Secretary (216-6725); Vernon Tryon, chairman Finance Committee (343-9692, 529-0120 or Vernon@Tryon.com); Garry Visconti, chair Administrative Council; Joan Waterbury, vice chair & at large member Finance Committee; and Bruce Holman, at large member.



# Chicken Barbecue

by Gibby Thompson

## At the Minetto United Methodist Church

2433 County Route 8, corner County Route 8 & State Route 48,  
one block south of Stewarts Shops,  
Oswego, NY 13126

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Take-out • Pickup Noon to 3:00 P.M.

Free delivery of 5 orders or more

### Complete chicken barbecue dinner

½ chicken, salt potatoes, corn, roll & butter, dessert

\$ 9.00

Call 315-529-0120 to request tickets or delivery




**ABBREVIATIONS:**

**ACG** – Area Clergy Group  
**ADC** – Administrative Council  
**AFMM**---Area Free Meal Ministry  
**AUES** – African University Endowed Scholarship Fund  
**BoT** – Board of Trustees  
**CCR**—Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
**CoM** – Council on Ministries  
**ConS** – Concinnity Singers  
**Cubs** – Cub Scouts  
**ECD**—Ecumenical Dinner  
**EDU**—Christian Education Team  
**EvT**—Evangelism Team  
**F&S** – Finance & Stewardship  
**FP** – Futuring Committee (H2P)  
**FMM**—Free Meal Ministry  
**GS** – Daisy, Brownie & Junior Scouts  
**LDT** – Leadership Development Team

**MCCNY** – Metro. Charities of Central New York  
**MEN** – Men’s Group Breakfast  
**MIS** – Mission Team  
**MY GOD** – Minetto Youth Group of Disciples  
**NCH** – Nurture, Care & Health Team  
**NCO** – Noisy Can Offering  
**NHB** – Oswego County New Horizons Band  
**NHC** – Oswego County New Horizons Chorus  
**NLD** – Newsletter Deadline  
**NLO**—Newsletter Out  
**Osteo** – RSVP Osteo Exercise  
**P&S** – Prayers & Squares  
**PEO** – Philanthropic Education Organization  
**QFB**—Quarterly Friendship Brunch  
**SoB** – Sounds of Brass  
**URPG** – Upper Room Covenant Prayer Group  
**WF** -- Women’s Fellowship  
**WG** – Writers’ Group

**April 2015**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 9 AM NHB (FH)	<b>2</b> 10 AM URPG (ML) 10 AM Osteo (FH) 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service	<b>3</b> 7 PM Good Friday Service	<b>4</b> 7 PM Easter Vigil Begins
<b>5 Easter Sunday</b> 7 PM Easter Vigil Ends 10 AM Communion Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9 AM NHC (FH) 10:30 AM Osteo (FH) 4 PM SoB (LSSR) 6:30PM ConS (CR)	<b>8</b> 9 AM NHB 6:30 PM Cubs	<b>9</b> 10 AM URPG (ML) 10 AM Osteo (FH) 6 PM GS(Ed.Wing) 6:30 PM CCR (CR)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Noon – 3 PM Chicken BBQ by Gibby at the church
<b>12 Native American Sunday Offering</b> 10 AM Worship with NCO for Camperships & Scholarships 11 AM MYGOD	<b>13</b> <b>7 PM CoM (ML)</b>	<b>14</b> 9 AM NHC (FH) 10:30 AM Osteo (FH) 4 PM SoB (LSSR) 6:30PM ConS (CR)	<b>15</b> 9 AM NHB 6:30 PM Cubs <b>7 PM F&amp;S</b>	<b>16</b> 10 AM URPG (ML) 10 AM Osteo (FH) 6 PM GS(Ed.Wing) 6:30 PM CCR (CR)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  3 PM Ecumenical Service @ Spring- side
<b>19</b> 10 AM Worship 11 AM MYGOD	<b>20</b> <b>MAY Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>21</b> 9 AM NHC (FH) 10:30 AM Osteo (FH) 4 PM SoB (LSSR) 6:30PM ConS (CR)	<b>22</b> 9 AM NHB 6:30 PM Cubs 2 PM Bible Study @ Springside	<b>23</b> 10 AM URPG (ML) 10 AM Osteo (FH) 6 PM GS(Ed.Wing) 6:30 PM CCR (CR)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1-3 PM Free Meal Prep (K&FH)
<b>26</b> 10 AM Worship <b>4:30-6:30 PM Free Meal Ministry (K&amp;FH)</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Rummage Sale Set-up</b>	<b>28</b> 9 AM NHC (FH) 10:30 AM Osteo (FH) 4 PM SoB (LSSR) 6:30PM ConS (CR)	<b>29</b> 9 AM NHB 6:30 PM Cubs <b>7 PM ADC (LSSR)</b>	<b>30</b> 10 AM URPG (ML) 10 AM Osteo (FH) 6 PM GS(Ed.Wing) 6:30 PM CCR (CR)  ➔	<b>Rummage Sale, Bake Sale &amp; Luncheon 9 AM-4 PM</b>	<b>Bag Day 9 AM-1 PM</b>

## **APRIL 2015**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> – 10 AM – Easter Sunday Communion Service**

**April 13<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM – Council on Ministries Meeting**

**April 15<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM – Finance & Stewardship Meeting**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> – Newsletter Deadline for May Newsletter**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> – 4:30-6:30 PM – Free Dinner**

**April 29<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM – Administrative Council Meeting**

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