

## Minetto United Methodist Church



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### Crossroads District Day with the Bishop

#### Clergy Session

March 5<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 AM – 3 PM

#### Laity Session

March 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Sessions will be held at the Conference Center, 7481 Henry Clay Blvd., Liverpool, NY 13088

Daylight saving time 2018 in New York will begin at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 11

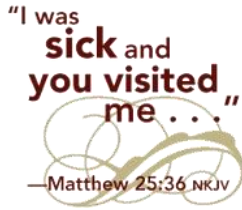


**UMCOR**  
**SUNDAY**  
March 11, 2018

Together, United Methodists do remarkable ministry around the world. We care for survivors recovering from earthquakes and storms; we invest, long term, in vulnerable communities; we implement the most effective solutions to diseases like malaria; we equip the next generation to lead the church and society. In all of this, we share the good news of Jesus Christ.

## Our Shut-ins

Please lift up in prayer, members of our church family who can no longer join us for worship on Sunday mornings.



June Baxter  
June Hansen  
Marie Smith  
Norma Pooler

Emily Dumas  
Bill & Daryl Martin  
Joan Waterbury  
Karlene White

Karen Eason  
Nancy Ravas  
Violet Whitman

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

## Women of the Bible Study

We are meeting every Monday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 in the Mowry Lounge led by Rev. Linda Harris. We are currently on session 4 Hannah: Surrendering in Waiting. Sometimes it takes two weeks to cover a session. We watch a DVD, read from the Bible and have a discussion with each section following along in our booklets. It is very informal and very adaptable to your personal journey of faith. Since each session is a different woman of the Bible it would be very easy to jump into our Bible Study at any time.



Come and see if you'd like to join us any Monday morning. If you want to join, and get a book, give me a call 315-343-6097 or send an email [wkdoehse@gmail.com](mailto:wkdoehse@gmail.com) as I will need to order it as I have given out all the books I had. But that would be easy enough to do and we'd love to have you!

### Inherit the Mirth by Cuyler Black



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## Worship Schedule for March 2018

### Mar 4th

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Gospel Lesson: John 2:13-22

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19 (UMH 750)

Lay Reading: 1 Cor 1:18-25

Greeters: Shawn & Sylvia Allen

Lay Reader: Bruce Holman

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman, Bruce Holman



Theme: God promises to be with us in our journey.

### Mar 11th

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Gospel Lesson: John 3:14-21

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

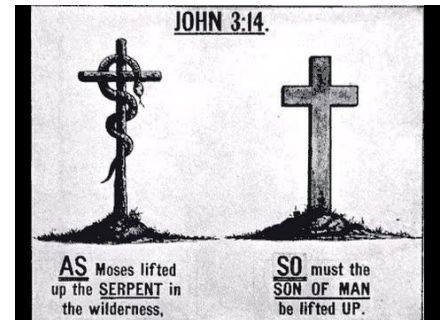
(UMH 830)

Lay Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Greeter: TBA

Lay Reader: Kim Ward

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman, Sean Simonson



Theme: We still have some reason to rejoice.

### Mar 18th

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent/Noisy Can

Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33

Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)

Lay Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Greeters: Bruce & Maggie Holman

Lay Reader: Steve Tryon

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman, Nancy Prarie, and Sue Comerford



Theme: Hope that can move us through and beyond despair.

### Mar 25th

Palm Sunday

Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:1-11

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Psalm 31:1-16

Lay Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a and Philippians 2:5-11

Greeter: TBA

Lay Readers: Marilyn Stephens

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman, Sean Simonson



Theme: 'There is no triumph without suffering, no crown without a cross.'

## Worship Schedule for Holy Week

Mar 29<sup>th</sup>

Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30 PM  
Seder Dinner at 6:30 PM (Reservations required)

Theme: Holy Thursday, or Maundy Thursday, marks the last conversation Jesus has with his disciples, a conversation grounded in what he calls a new commandment. He illustrates and underscores the new commandment by washing their feet: "Love one another as I have loved you."



Mar 30<sup>th</sup>

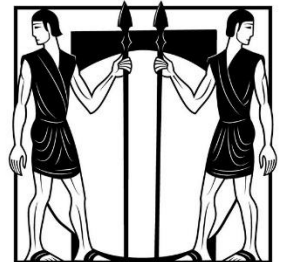
Good Friday Service at 7 PM

Theme: Good Friday, or Holy Friday as it is known in nearly every non-English-speaking culture, we witness the execution of Jesus, recognize our ongoing complicity with the powers of death, and are called to enter the Great Silence of all creation in response to the death of its God and Maker.



Mar 31<sup>st</sup> – Apr 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Prayer Vigil

From 10 PM on March 31<sup>st</sup>, until 7 AM on April 1<sup>st</sup>, the sanctuary will be open for all who wish to come and pray for the crossover of Jesus from death to new life on Easter morning.



Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>

Easter Sunday Service at 10 AM: Join us as our Chancel Choir (and friends) celebrate the resurrection by presenting the cantata 'I Am the Lord of the Dance' by Joel Raney.







## Mar 2017 – Birthdays

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nancy Zawisza	6 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Stephens	7 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Dumas
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Mitchelson	7 <sup>th</sup>	Gloria Stone	8 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Kinney
10 <sup>th</sup>	Debra Farden	10 <sup>th</sup>	Diana Rockhill	10 <sup>th</sup>	Rebecca Luebke
12 <sup>th</sup>	Allyson & Lucas Bruns	14 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Miller	15 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Dumas
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Tallman	19 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Boyea	19 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Rosché
19 <sup>th</sup>	Betsy Sweeting	25 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Dumas	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremy Fadden
26 <sup>th</sup>	July Bradt	26 <sup>th</sup>	Bailey DePoint	26 <sup>th</sup>	Samantha Gardner

## MyGod: Minetto Youth Group of Disciples



### *Becoming Our Lord's Disciples*

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



## Nurture, Care & Health

The coffee hour sign-up sheet is at the end of the table (in the Fellowship Hall) every Sunday for anyone who would like to host a Sunday coffee hour. We are trying to keep it simple so more people will be willing to take part. There are still lots of blanks for the year so we welcome everyone to sign up.

The Easter shut-in gifts are being assembled and will be available for distribution March 18-28. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table with the gifts so we will know who is taking a bag. Our shut-ins really enjoy these gift bags and the visit that goes along with it. Please consider bringing a little sunshine to our shut-ins this Easter.



The Humane Society was the happy recipient of more dog and cat beds delivered by Gloria Bickel and Nancy Prarie. Every scrap of material is used to not only bring healing through prayer quilts but comfort for our animal friends.

Prayers & Squares will meet on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00-12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! If anyone would like to request a prayer quilt, contact Gloria at [fgbickel36@aol.com](mailto:fgbickel36@aol.com) or 315-343-5791.

Lastly, I would like to thank my friends, Nancy and Gloria for taking charge of things for me while I recuperate from knee surgery. I truly appreciate their help and consider them a blessing!

Blessed Easter to everyone!

*Karen, Nancy, Gloria*

### Looking Ahead (save the Dates)

Spring Rummage Sale April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>  
Drop off of clean, slightly used items will begin on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Please, no electronics.

Spring Ecumenical Dinner April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

### March Free Meal

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
4:30 – 6:30 PM

The menu is ham with raisin sauce, oven roasted potatoes, vegetables, bread. Volunteers to help with the serving, cleaning, and preparation are always welcome.



Informational Meeting – Sunday, March 18, 2 pm – Minetto UMC



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Easter Prayer Vigil

March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 PM to April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 AM

On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

A sign-up sheet will be on the small table near the entrance to the sanctuary. More than one person(s) can sign up for the same time slot. I am hoping that we can fill every hour of the vigil. Materials will be provided for you to use during the vigil; or, you can use your own scripture readings and prayers.

## Finance & Stewardship Committee Report for March 2018 Newsletter

We should be grateful for all the ministries that were accomplished in the month of January 2018, including:

- † Our pastor continues with his courses of study, travelling to Buffalo periodically as well as leading monthly ecumenical services at Springside.
- † The Noisy Can Offering yielded \$63.59 for the Haiti Pediatric Cardiac Project.
- † Rev. Linda Harris conducting a 'Women of the Bible' study.
- † Pastor Chuck conducting a 'Christianity & Islam' study.

The following are financial highlights for the month of January 2018:

- † Contributions from those that pledge and those that contribute but do not pledge amounted to \$10,209.00 and was over budget by \$2,318.00. Income from all sources was \$1,239.00 greater than the amount budgeted for.
- † Total current expense expenditures for the month, however, were \$2,737.94 less than expected.
- † Minetto UMC has received sufficient funds during the month and all bills have been paid.
- † \$303.68 was contributed to our Capital Campaign Fund in January 2018.

The members of the Finance & Stewardship Committee continue to be grateful for your faithful attention to the financial support of our ministries. Please remember that you can contribute to the 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. Speak to Marilyn Stephens or Vernon Tryon to make purchases.
- † 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, July 19, 2017. Copies of our reports, minutes, or the budget will be provided upon request to Bruce Holman.

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 2016 are: Shawn Allen, chair, Pastor, Staff, Parish Relations Committee; Chuck Forbes, Pastor; Bruce Holman, chairman, Finance & Stewardship Committee; Steve Salisbury, Lay Leader and Member of Annual Conference; Marilyn Stephens, Financial Secretary (216-6725); Steven Tryon, chairman, Administrative Council; Vernon Tryon, Treasurer (343-9692, 529-0120 or Vernon@Tryon.US); Wynnette Dohse, chairwoman, Trustees; and Carla Salisbury, at-large member. Our Stewardship Study Committee, chaired by Bruce Holman, includes Karen Poole, and Charlie Zawisza.



Church Calendar Abbreviations



TSched 9:00 AM New Horizons Chorus  
 10:30 AM Osteo Exercise  
 4:00 PM Sounds of Brass  
 6:00 PM Cub Scouts  
 6:30 PM Concinnity

WSched 9:00 AM New Horizons Band  
 6:00 PM Girl Scouts

ThSched 10:00 AM Osteo Exercise  
 6:00 PM Girl Scouts  
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal



# March 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 ThSched	2 World Day of Prayer	3 Rogers birthday Party 2-5pm
4 10 AM Worship with Communion	5 District Day with the Bishop	6 TSched	7 WSched	8 ThSched	9 PC at Course of Study - Buffalo	10
11 UIMM Men's Breakfast 8:30am 10 AM Worship 11AM MyGod	12	13 TSched	14 WSched	15 ThSched	16	17  Springside Ecumenical Service 3pm
18 10 AM Worship Noisy Can  2-4 PM (FH) Rick Sivers Travel Presentation	19	20 TSched 	21 WSched	22 ThSched	23	24
25 <b>Pal m Sunday</b> 10 AM Worship Communion 11am MY GOD 4:30 PM Free Dinner	26	27 TSched	28	29 <b>Holy Thursday</b>  5:30 pm Service 6:30 pm Dinner	30 <b>Good Friday</b>  7 PM Service	31

Secretary's Office Hours Monday-Friday 1:30-4:30 PM  
 Pastor's Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30  
 Evening Appointments available upon request