

# MAIN STREET MESSENGER

*Jonesville United Methodist Church  
963 Main Street  
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## “The Race of Faith”



## Vacation Bible School

**Jonesville UMC**

**Saturday, August 14**

**9 to 1pm**

& Snacks too!

It's a free one-day event this summer.

To register please email Melissa at [mcornell413@hotmail.com](mailto:mcornell413@hotmail.com)

**Welcoming all to develop and live as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

## PASTOR'S PAGE

**“The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so, Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.””** (Jonah 4:6-8)

Dear Friends,

It has been hot and humid lately. A few days ago, John Kellogg and Bill Volk installed an LED light in the garage. That made a huge difference. I can find a needle from the garage floor. I am so happy and thankful. A couple of days later, Bill texted me that he and his wife Jan had three air conditioners to donate. Well, you know what? They ended up on the windows of the parsonage. We had two units upstairs and now we have four, and one old unit was replaced with a newer one. The next day Bill also replaced broken blinds with new ones. We are so thankful. Now my family and I can chill out even under the scorching heat.

That's when Jonah's story came to my mind. If I lose all those little things that make my life comfortable, how will I react? Jonah didn't care about the people in Nineveh, but cared so much about the bush that gave him shade over his head. We

may forget about the people around us, but care so much about our comfort, our feeling, our pleasure, our desire. In Jonah's story, that is when God appointed a worm that attacked the bush that comforted Jonah.

Often times, God's lesson upsets us. Who would want such a worm in a good life? But, in fact, we have so many unwanted worms in the course of our lives. We may continue to be upset by these worms unless we realize the lesson God wants us to get. Do we see the point God is making in Jonah's story? God's focus is on his loved people even though they are all short of grace. God calls us to care for them instead of just focusing on our own comfort and contentment. God calls us to share his love with all the people around us.

With this hot, humid weather these last few days, we can easily hide out in our own comfort or we can complain and be upset about tiny little things because we are not satisfied. Worms may be acting out more in these times. I hope we get the point God makes for us so that we may share the shade with the people around us and share our love with one another. I believe that will be the way to chill out together under the scorching heat.

Have a nice and cool summer!

In Christ,

Youngjae

### Congratulations to Aimee & Welcome to our New Treasurer

Our treasurer, Aimee Martin-Vieira has taken a new job at Blessed Sacrament church in Albany. Aimee has been a wonderful asset to our church in her two years here. In addition to her regular duties, she also helped guide Jonesville through many changes like changing from a fiscal to a calendar year and helping administer our PPP loan. Congratulations to Aimee on her new position. We wish her all the best. Michael Jackstadt will replace Aimee as our new Treasurer. Michael is an Accounting Professional with over ten years experience. He lives with his family in Jonesville and is our neighbor.



## ORGANIZATIONS



**Men, Women & Young Adults  
Registrations are due for  
Mission 'u'....**  
the deadline is **July 5.**

**Registrar:** Marcia Dudden  
36 Middle St.  
Waterford, NY 12188  
Phone 518-233-0238

Forms are included in the June  
*Messenger* with the registration  
details.

This year, it is a virtual study  
program from Thursday, July 22  
starting 7pm and ending on  
Saturday, July 24 at 4:30pm.

**Theme:** "There's Far More Here  
than Meets the Eye".

Details of studies and study  
leaders are available at

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/  
/mission-studies](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-studies).

**Books:** order on-line (no phone,  
email or Fax orders) at  
[www.umwmissionresources.org/](http://www.umwmissionresources.org/)  
or order through Amazon.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

A selection of six prayer shawls  
will accompany the MYF on their  
work camp trip to Erie,  
Pennsylvania. They will be  
distributed to some of the  
residents of homes where the  
youth will be doing renovations.  
These will be spreading God's  
love and conveying the prayers  
and thoughts of our Jonesville  
UMC congregation. Thank you  
MYF for helping to brighten  
someone's day!

### Watch This Space!....

Save the Date....  
....for a Call to Assembly 2022!

**"Turn it Up!"**  
May 20-22, 2022



In 10 months, thousands of  
women from across the country  
and around the world will gather  
in Orlando, Florida for the  
National UMW Assembly, held  
once every 4 years.

Make sure YOU are one of  
them! More news later.

### Men's Group resumes in-person Meetings

The men's group have decided  
to meet in person starting on  
June 24. They will meet at 9am  
every Thursday in the Upper  
Room instead of the library.

### METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

#### Senior High

(For Those Entering 10th-12th  
Grade)

**Sat., July 3** 3:00pm  
Return From  
Mission Work Camp

Stay Tuned for announcement of  
Gathering mid-summer

**Thurs., Aug. 26** 6:00-7:30pm  
Senior High MYF Skye Farm  
Retreat Prep

Note: New Season Kicks Off  
with Skye Farm Retreat  
Saturday, September 11 through  
Sunday, September 12.

#### Middle School

(For Those Entering 7th-9th  
Grade - 9th Graders join SH  
MYF in September)

**Sun., Aug. 1** 1:00pm-3:30pm  
Pool Party At Pelc's

Note: New Season Kicks Off  
with Alpine Slide Sunday,  
September 19.

### 4th & 5th Grade Youth Group

Note: New Season Kicks Off  
with Gathering  
Friday, September 24.

# OUTREACH



July Outreach Mission of the Month is the Emmaus United Methodist Church located at Morris and West Lawrence Streets in Albany. It is a brick Collegiate Gothic building constructed in 1914. In 2008 it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places

In addition to the church’s long history of diversity, it is providing fertile ground to helping others. The church was instrumental in the start-up of the Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (RISSE) founded in

2007 which includes the after school program and summer learning program, English-language instruction (ESL), liaison with human-services agencies, child care, youth ministry and food pantry. Emmaus is a multi-language, multi-cultural congregation. It is a busy place needing building repairs.

In 2020 Jonesville UMC gave approximately \$2,000 to help with their sanctuary repairs. The funding was put on hold until this year. Emmaus UMC trustee Bob Stanton gave us an update as to what is happening with the repair work at Emmaus. “Using your (JUMC) previously donated funds and funds raised by our African IRM ministry, we signed a contract May 24<sup>th</sup> with a contractor. The strategy developed was to repair one sanctuary wall at a time (exterior and interior) as funds allow. The

exterior: loose mortar was removed and repointed, brick wall sealed, stained glass windows re-caulked, gutter cleaned out, and all repaired under our largest stained glass window. The interior: loose debris was brushed and/or power sanded off wall (what a dust storm it was), two coats of Drylok sealant applied. The job was completed last week on June 2<sup>nd</sup> (cost was \$6,850). The plan now is to keep an eye on how the first wall turned out and if everyone is happy, target the same for the Morris Street side wall.”

On going funded is needed for Emmaus to continue the interior/exterior repair work. Please go to the Jonesville UMC website or send a check payable to Jonesville UMC noting “July Mission of the Month.” Thank you for your support of this historic church and its work in the community.



## OUTREACH & MISCELLANEOUS



### Will be the August Mission of the Month

City Mission of Schenectady, founded in 1906, is dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Their ministries are seeking to comprehensively meet the needs of the poor in a manner that dignifies and strengthens the individual, the family, and the community.

The goal is to provide not only HELP for today, but HOPE for tomorrow. The mission wants to help people who are in need right now by meeting basic needs like food, shelter and clothing. Providing these life essentials are at the core of who the mission is.

In addition, the hope is that the mission can do more than just meet basic needs... they want to transform lives. Together, they can help people begin to dream again and think about what they want their future story to look like.

The mission helps those future stories come true by providing spiritual guidance, counseling, training, classes, life and job skills training and so much more!

The current initiative is A Time to Build. Building lives and building families, the Family Life Center has been through a renovation. The Mission is partnering with SEFCU to build Freight Farm, producing food grown with LED lights and Hydroponics - growing

food, growing minds, and growing community.

They don't receive government funding, so they couldn't do any of this without the generous support of concerned individuals, churches and businesses. Please support Schenectady City Mission. You may donate on the Jonesville UMC website and designate August Mission of the month or mail a check payable to Jonesville UMC with August mission on the memo line.

### A New Family in Town

RISSE has a newly arrived family from Africa. There is a need for kitchen items – pots and pans, dishes, silverware - and flat bed sheets and towels. They are set with blankets. Please leave items in the RISSE bin under the coatrack in the side entrance hallway.

RISSE is accepting a number of families this year who have been through tragic ordeals. Please make sure your donations are new or slightly used clean items.

Thank you to our generous congregation.

### Kids Clothing for RISSE

The RISSE donation closet has no clothing for kids in sizes 5 to 14, boys and girls. They like to have spare clothing on site for the Afterschool kids and the Summer Enrichment program. Shorts and T-shirts, socks, underwear, maybe sandals? Used items should be free of

stains and tears and should be clean. New packs of underwear and socks would be especially helpful. Clothing items may be left in the RISSE bin under the coat rack in the side entrance hallway.

### Thank you



Thank you all for your prayers, cards, emails and calls while I recover from knee surgery. I am especially appreciative of the delicious meal and the visit when it was delivered. Your care and concern mean a lot to me. I look forward to seeing you all soon.  
-Linda Post

*Please keep in your prayers...* **Sam Daley**. He was an active member of our youth group and graduated seven years ago. He has been struck by a car while walking and has a long road to recovery. Some of you may remember Sam who now lives in Boulder, CO. He broke many bones and needs facial reconstructive surgery. His employer set up a go fund me page for him to help pay for his medical expenses. Please see the link in the email with this newsletter if you would like to donate.



Thoughts and prayers are with the Family of Laura Jurgensen who died peacefully on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Laura attended our church with her late son Niels, and was beloved by all who met her.

## MISCELLANEOUS



**2021**

### Our High School Graduates

**Matthew Hill**

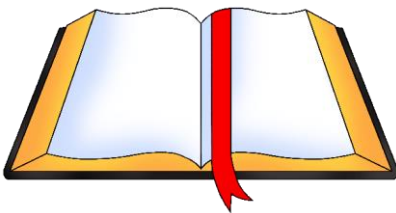
**Katie Lyons**

**Shannon Lyons**

**Sarah Mehta**

**Peter Torres**

**Ella Weldy** graduated from Shenendehowa High School and will be heading to Clarkson in the fall to major in Environmental Engineering.



### Lectioary

**July 4**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

**July 11**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

**July 18**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 25**

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

**August 1**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

**August 8**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

**August 15**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

**August 22**

1 Kings 8:(1,6, 10-11)  
22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

**August 29**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or  
Psalm 72  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Upper New York**

**Annual Conference Report**

June 22, 2021

By *Stephen J. Hustedt, UNY*  
Director of Communications  
/ Email

Due to lingering COVID-19 concerns, the Upper New York Annual Conference gathered remotely for the second year in a row June 17- 19. The gathering took place through Zoom with meeting support and voting provided by GNTV. Upper New York Area Resident Bishop, Mark J. Webb, presided.

The time began with Opening Worship, acknowledging that this has been a very challenging time to be the Church.

In her invocation of this Opening Worship service, the Rev. Rachel Dupont, said, "We have been challenged...we have been changed...Through it all, we pray and work for the new thing that God is doing. We are reaching new people, finding new ways to worship...though we are apart, we are together in prayer—courageously sharing God's story."

For more information on what was covered at the conference, please go to the website:

**<https://www.unyumc.org/news/article/upper-new-york-annual-conference-report>**