

MAIN STREET MESSENGER

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Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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Happy New Year!



January 12th 6:30-7:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Be thinking of the chili you would like to enter!

**Each Entry's Name needs to be submitted to Walt Golden
by Tuesday, January 9th.**

Join us for the 1st Church Breakfast of the New Year!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Ever Good Breakfast

January 21st at 10:30am

French Toast, Home Fries, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Link Sausage,
Juice, Milk, Tea, Coffee

\$8.00 Adults \$4.00 Children under 10 \$24 Family Maximum

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Dear Friends,

I could take a good break after Christmas Eve service thanks to Barb Pettengill. My family and I attended the Korean pastors' year-end gathering at Calvary Korean UMC in NJ and had a good time there. Somyong joined us this year and that added more joy on the trip. We ate good food, enjoyed family time, and did some grocery shopping down there to make Kimchi. It took me two whole days after we came back home on the 28th. Boy, that was quite a labor on my part, but I was happy because it turned out good and tasty this time. If you know about Kimchi, it is not always easy to make it good. My refrigerator is smiling being filled up with 4 big containers of Kimchi and I had a good sleep on Saturday night.

On Sunday, December 31, Barb preached and I was the worship leader. Everything was good until Holly Greene punched me on my shoulder after the service and said, “You missed the prayer song.” I must have been a little too relaxed during the break. How did I miss that? She said she got some nice pictures from Bill Volk and tried to show them as background screens for the prayer song. Well, I am sure she will share them with us later on some other Sunday. At night, everyone was in bed except me and Sowon. We were sitting in

the TV room watching people in Time Square counting down for the next year. She and I did the count-down together with them and hugged, kissed, and blessed each other at the 0. “Happy New Year!” we said to each other. Then I called my parents in Korea and said New Year's greetings before we finally went to bed.

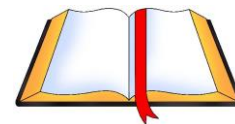
It has been a blessed year and I am so thankful for that. Good or bad, God was with us and that is the best thing of all! I am excited about the New Year thinking of God's continuing presence and abundant blessings as we walk into new days. I send God's blessings to all of you and pray that we become a congregation that gives and receives God's blessings fully and sincerely with one another. God will surely bless us as we bless one another.

Happy New Year!

Youngjae

Fostering Conversation & Creating Connection

The Reconciling Community invites all to join us for the second Fostering Conversation and Creating Connection on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 10:45am in the Upper Room. You will be hearing from MaryAnn Benson and Pat Hatlee who will share what it is like to have a gay sibling. I'm certain each of us will find their conversation to be very informative. Please join us.



Lectionary

Jan. 7

Baptism of the Lord
Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Epiphany Sunday
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Jan. 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Jan. 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Jan. 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Journey Through the Bible

Begins with the study of the Gospel of Luke
9:30am in the Upper Room
January 22

You are invited to join this group even if it is your first time studying the Bible.

ORGANIZATIONS



United
Women
in Faith

UWF "Red Hat" Luncheon and Fellowship

Greet the New Year.... bring a friend and join in this first get-together of 2024 on **Tuesday, January 9th, at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.** The lunch will be followed by an activity program and a free will mission offering for the "Call to Prayer & Self Denial". This is an annual United Women in Faith mission offering centered this year around one of the quadrennium themes. As described in the Program Book, "this call to prayer reminds us that the work of caring for God's creation is part of our Christian covenant, and a form to honor our ancestors and care for our children and future generations". Sign-ups to attend will be appreciated so that the meal volunteers will know how many to cater for. Look forward to seeing you!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meet in the Church Library on Friday, January 19th at 9:30am. A gift of a shawl or lap-robe is always a blessing for those who have gone through a difficult time with illness, loneliness or bereavement to convey our prayers and comfort. Ginny Rae, Church Secretary can help in choosing one, or contact Lory Bennett, Betty Young or Mildred Howarth.

Prayer from the UWF 2024 Daily Prayer Guide

Dear God.

Help us to embody your love and compassion as we serve those in need. May we always find hope in the miracle of abundance, and have the faith and courage to make the impossible possible. Amen

-Alison Windle, Executive Director, Neighborhood House, Wilmington, Delaware.

MYF Rockathon & Luminaria Much to Celebrate

On November 11 we rocked in rocking chairs and raised \$3,400 to purchase items for Schenectady City Mission to distribute to those in need this winter. We were able to shop for and deliver 94 new winter coats to the Mission. We also provided 29 Science Kits, Games, Toys, & Books for kids ages 7-10 to help stock the Mission's two-day Christmas store. Families referred by SCAP (Schenectady City Action Plan) were able to shop there free to assure their children could experience joy on Christmas Day. God is Good!

Luminaria Spirit remains alive in our community! For our 41st year we were able to distribute luminaria in our traditional surrounding neighborhoods. There is so much to celebrate, even though we were only able to complete 10 of our 18 routes due to illness along with some families not able to prioritize participation this year! The many youth and drivers that were able to help sell did an amazing job! Many routes brought in record dollars. We enjoyed great fellowship.

Everyone represented God and our youth group with great smiles and energy. The light truly overcomes the darkness. I am happy to say we collected \$3,136 and after expenses of \$1,374.42, we added a net \$1,761.58 to our youth fund. This will be used to continue to subsidize upcoming activities this new year. Praise God!

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Senior High

Sun., Jan. 7 5 – 7pm
Winter Beach Party

Sat. – Sun., Jan. 13 – Jan 14
8:15am – 1:00pm
Saratoga Marriott Retreat

Sun., Jan. 21 NO Activity

Sun., Jan. 28 5 – 6:30pm
Gathering with Dinner

Middle School

Sun., Jan 7 5 - 7pm
Winter Beach Party

Sun., Jan. 14 5 – 6:30pm
Gathering with Dinner

Sun., Jan. 21 NO Activity

Sat., Jan., 27
8:15am – 10:30pm
Camp Pinnacle Retreat
Bag Lunch \$10

4th & 5th Grade Group
Fri., Jan. 12 6:00 – 7:30pm
Chili Cookoff



OUTREACH

Mission of the month **FEASST**

FEASST, Family Emergency Assistance of Southern Saratoga County, is a coalition of faith communities, partnered with CAPTAIN Community Human Services to work together to meet the needs of those facing crisis. Together, we pool resources to better provide and coordinate efforts for those in need, particularly for needs that cannot be met through traditional support programs and services.

Our Family Assistance Program provides one-time, emergency financial assistance for individuals and families experiencing a hardship or crisis that could leave them without heat, shelter, or other essential needs. Emergency rental or utility assistance is available to those residents of Southern Saratoga County who have received a notice of eviction, are at imminent risk of losing their housing, are literally homeless, or are facing a utility shutoff.

Please give generously to this mission as winter weather causes so much need in our local community.

RISSE

Thank you to all who donated coats to RISSE. Seven large bags of coats for adults and children were delivered to RISSE in November. They were greatly appreciated.

Contributions are being received through their new website: <http://www.risse-albany.org/contact-us/> then click on donate.



of Schenectady

You have an opportunity to participate in ministry at City Mission by serving food at the Community dinner on January 22, Monday, 4:30-6:30. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Shenendehowa Helping Hands Food Pantry

Updated Items Needed List:

- **Spaghetti Sauce**
- **Tuna Fish**
- **Canned Fruit**
- **Baked Beans**
- **Meals in a Can (e.g. canned ravioli, corned beef hash, beef stew)**
- **Coffee**
- **Cookies**
- **Crackers**
- **Cleaning Products**
- **Size 5 & Size 6 Diapers**

Thank you so much for all of your support year-round - but especially during this holiday season! Your efforts directly support the neediest members of our community.

Red Bird Mission

She approached with reserve and asked apologetically, "I know that I missed the sign up for getting a Christmas box for my daughter, but is there anything you can give me so she can have something for Christmas?"

The outreach worker, also a mother, turned without hesitation to go search through the personal items and small toys leftover from packing scores of boxes in earlier weeks at Red Bird. She returned with a small box of items and a new doll. The mother's worry and concern changed to relief as she saw the treasure that would bring joy at Christmas for her daughter.

The magi, too, were searching anxiously for God's gift, the Messiah, after their encounter with Herod until they saw the star stop over the place Jesus had been born. "When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." (Matthew 2:11)

The mother came to Red Bird because she knew that Red Bird is a place that can help. Families come daily for dental care, food and clothing assistance, and to request help with home repairs. They send their children to Red Bird Christian School because they know they'll be nurtured and encouraged as they receive an academic and spiritual education that prepares them for leadership, service to others and lifelong learning.

Red Bird Mission, Inc. and Red Bird Clinic, Inc. provide hope throughout the year to more than 10,000 people because individuals like you give.

MISCELLANEOUS

From Gabi Hecht.....

My best friend, Sophia Marie John, died on December 18, one week before Christmas and just a month after her 19th birthday, after a recent diagnosis of leukemia. I don't think it's possible to strip together the right words to describe Sophia, but this is my best try.

She was motivated, unbelievably intelligent, kind and selfless. She was passionate about her education and was genuinely excited about the path she was on. We'd spend hours talking about what we both wanted later in life and how we planned to get there together. I know if she was given the chance, she would have dominated the finance world and achieved everything she dreamed of. She was an unstoppable force, and it was one of the main reasons I have so much respect for her.

She has been there for every stage of my life, which goes to show how much she was willing to work for the relationships she cared about, and it's why she is like no other friend I've ever had. Even in her last few days, she kept asking what SHE could do to help ME through the things going on in my life. She taught me selflessness and generosity. She said what I was thinking before I could even think it. I'm exactly who I am because of her. She was my person, my partner in crime and my best friend.

Someone told me that when she passed, she took something that could never be replaced, but she also left a part of herself in everybody she loved, so she will never be far. It was a blessing

to be loved by her and it will forever be my greatest achievement.

You will be with me forever, Sophia. I promise to live every day to make you proud.

To donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society go to givenow.lls.org.



Thank
You

I wanted to take a moment to express my thanks and appreciation for your thoughtful gift. The prayer shawl is beautifully made and very warm. I thank you all for keeping me in prayers. I am feeling better and getting stronger every day.
-Janet Cappello (Mother-in-law
of Melody Hipenbecker)

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