

# MAIN STREET MESSENGER

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**April 2024**

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**Come Meet Our Bishop Hector A. Burgos Nunez**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**SHEN UMC**

**Clergy will meet 1-3pm**

**Laity will meet 7-8:30pm**

All United Methodists are invited and encouraged to attend to be in worship and in-person conversation with Bishop Hector.

## STAHL EVENT WITH GUEST SPEAKER

Thursday, April 11 - 2024

5:30PM **FREE** Breakfast for Dinner

7:00 PM Presentation



ADVOCATE & EDUCATOR

JUDY MOFFITT

SCIENCE + KINDNESS = CHANGE

Come and hear Judy's story of recovery and hope as a mother of someone struggling with Mental Health Challenges and Substance Use Disorder

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

## PASTOR'S PAGE

**“So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!”**

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Dear Friends,

I hope that Easter has brought you hope and joy in Christ Jesus. For me, much as I have enjoyed the season, it's been hectic as it can be. When the Sunday service was over, I knew that I needed a break to recharge myself for the continuing journey for Easter season. On Monday I drove down to NJ with Sungwon to eat something good and do some grocery shopping. We asked the kids to go with us but their decision was to stay home. They don't seem to like the idea of sitting in the car for five hours just to eat, do the grocery shopping, and come back. I don't blame them. It was, however, like only an hour driving for me this time because Sungwon and I had a good time talking. I hope that Sungwon feels the same way as I do.

When we arrived in NJ, we went to a Korean Restaurant, So Moon Nan Jip on Broad Ave, Palisades Park and had Korean barbecue for lunch. It was a little pricy but very yummy. We said to each other we wished that our kids were there with us, but we both knew that it was a half lie because we enjoyed our time alone. Grocery shopping was enjoyable as well. Sometimes we get into a fight over what to buy and what not to buy, but

this time we were at peace respecting each other's needs and wants. We came back in the evening with some take-out Korean style Chinese food for our kids and that was good.

I was a little tired, but went to bed after midnight. I watched some Netflix show and read a book before I went to bed thinking that I didn't have to wake up early in the morning. Guess what time I woke up the next day? I woke up before 6am and couldn't go back to sleep. I figure that it was a side effect of 40 days of morning prayer, which was one of the biggest joys and pains during Lent. I am not a morning person at all, but I don't know, I guess I may be becoming one.

The good news is that now I have more of a chance to be a morning person because we decided to continue our morning prayer service. For 40 days, we had 5 regular attendees including myself. We found that we were much better when we got together like 5 power rangers. When we woke up that early in the morning and came to the church there was pain, but I can tell that there was fun and joy every day. So, now we are on break, but will resume the morning prayer on April 8, Monday for indefinite days. We will pray together for ourselves, our church, our communities, our nation and others, and especially for the General Conference. All are welcome to join us. Starting a day with scripture and prayer is not a bad idea at all. In fact, it is the "Way to go!"

Blessings,  
Youngjae

### *Lectionary*

#### **April 7**

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

#### **April 14**

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

#### **April 21**

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

#### **April 28**

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

### *In our thoughts & prayers*

Our faithful member Judith Hutchinson passed away suddenly on Friday, March 29. While she had not attended the church since COVID, she would frequently call and ask how everyone was doing. She would tell us how much she loved our church.

Please keep the Family of Charlotte Taber in your love and prayers. She was a member of Jonesville UMC for many years.

Waner Holman passed away on March 25. Please keep Dee Holman in your prayers and send cards to her at Coburg Village.

Joan Lawrence, a beloved former member, passed away on November 17, 2023 in Des Moines, Iowa.

## ORGANIZATIONS



United  
Women  
in Faith

**Albany District  
United Women in Faith  
Spring Gathering  
Alplaus UMC  
Saturday, April 6**

This is a chance to meet friends from other Women's groups in our District and hear speakers featuring two Children's organizations: "Shriners" and "To Love a Child". A car pool will leave JUMC at 8:30am.

Sunday, March 31 was the due date for Registrations or contact Mildred Howarth, Asap. Cost including morning refreshments and soup lunch is \$10. You may wish to bring a packed sandwich or salad.

There will be a collection of personal care items for Schenectady City Mission or Gift Cards of \$10 or less for Shriners Hospital (e.g., Dunkin Donuts, Walmart, Amazon)

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next workshop will be held in the Church Library on Friday, April 19 at 9:30 am. If you love to knit or crochet, you are welcome to join us. The prayer shawls we make are available to give to those who are sick, in mourning, or in need of prayers. These beautiful shawls and lap robes provide comfort, love and peace.

**"Sunshine Girls" Luncheon  
& UWF Program  
Tues., May 14  
12:30 pm**

In place of our April luncheon and program, you are encouraged to reserve your spot for the tour of the Regional Food Bank on Monday, April 15 from 12:30 to 1:30pm. There will be a carpool leaving the church at 11:45pm. Please see the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office.

### Reflection from the UWF Daily Prayer Guide, 2024

"Megan, 38, has been shopping at the All People's Fresh Market for four and a half years. When she was going through a hard time, a friend told her about the Church for All People and the free store. While having coffee, she heard about the market across the street which Megan says has helped her improve her health through the addition of fresh fruits and vegetables to her diet when previously, she would go without fresh produce. Megan tells about how much she appreciates the HEAL program and constantly refers people to us. It not only helps her, but also helps her to help other people."

*Prayer: "We give thanks for our God of abundance who provides more than we could ask or imagine, including healthy food, and a beautiful community to share it with. Amen"*

-Katelin Hanson, Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner, UM Church and Community Development for All People, Columbus, Ohio.

### METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

#### Senior High

**Thurs., Apr. 4** 5:45 – 8:30pm  
Regional Food Bank Sorting

**Sun., Apr. 14** 4:45 – 7pm  
Bowling

**Sat., Apr. 20** 2:55 – 5pm  
Rock Climbing

**Sun., Apr. 28** 5 – 6:30pm  
SH Gathering

#### Middle School

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Regional Food Bank Sorting

**Sun., Apr. 14** 4:45 – 7pm  
Bowling

**Sat., Apr. 20** 2:55 - 5pm  
Rock Climbing

**Sun., Apr. 28** 5 – 6:30pm  
MS Gathering

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Group  
Fri., Apr. 19** 6 – 7:30pm  
Gathering



## OUTREACH

### Our Mission of the Month For April



### Regional Food Bank

The Regional Food Bank was created by a group of food pantry coordinators and anti-hunger advocates in 1982. Now in operation for 42 years its mission is to lead a network of partners to alleviate hunger, prevent food waste, and nourish communities so that people have the nutritious food needed to thrive. Foods are collected from the food industry and distributed to nearly 900 charitable agencies throughout 23 counties in the northeast. The food provided helps to feed over 350,000 people monthly. In 2022 more than 45 million pounds of food were distributed to neighbors in need.

Now we have a unique opportunity to tour the Regional Food Bank on Monday, April 15 from 12:30 to 1:30. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 11:45. Sign up now as tour group is limited to 15. Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

### Update on FEASST-

FEASST is a formal partnership of agencies and faith-based communities in southern Saratoga County who are willing and able to financially assist residents as they struggle to make ends meet due to lack of funds for rent, utilities and other issues. FEASST originated due to the need for a structure to better organize communication and contributions for the organizations involved.

The 2023 non-profit members were CAPTAIN Community Human Services and Catholic Charities -SWWC. The 2023 faith-based communities included Corpus Christi Church, St. Edward the Confessor, Shenendehowa United Methodist, Grace Chapel of Clifton Park, Clifton Park Center Baptist, St. George's Episcopal, The Church at Newtown Road, St. Mary's Crescent and Jonesville United Methodist.

The total amount donated in 2023 was \$48,111. Non-profit members gave \$12,727 and faith members donated \$35,384. The total households served were 74 including 111 adults and 78 children.

### *Shenendehowa Helping Hands Food Pantry*

Items Needed List:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Coffee & Tea
- Cookies
- Juice Boxes
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Bar Soap

- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Shaving Products
- Feminine Hygiene Products



JONESVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
GREEN TEAM

**Green  
Team  
Meeting  
Wed.,  
April 10<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM**

Come and learn more about the Green Team! Seeking volunteers for light garden work this summer as well as new members to join the Green Team.

Contact Jeffrey Hecht for more information at 727-4946.



***Green Up, Clean Up***  
**Saturday, April 20**  
**9:00am – Noon**

Bring your rakes, shovels, gloves, and garden tools to work on the church and parsonage gardens. A pizza lunch will follow.