

The Nimmonsburg Witness

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Please join us for worship on **February 13th** for **Souper Bowl Sunday**. Bring a can of soup and \$1 to worship. Rubber band the dollar to the can of soup and place it on the altar rail at the front of the Sanctuary. The soups and the dollars will be donated to the Leipfert family who lost everything in a house fire on December 30th. Thank You!

Valentine's Day



♥When was the last time you sent a valentine to someone special? Unless we are in a romantic relationship, we're probably not in the habit of sending out valentines. Truth is, most of us are out of the habit of sending personal notes and letters for any reason. Our Christmas cards are either mass-typed letters, or just a name on the inside of a factory-made card. There's nothing wrong with these practices, but maybe it's time to bring back the love note.

♥What if we took a few minutes to handwrite a little note to those whom we love? Let's use Valentine's Day as an excuse to write a love note to our family members and friends. Think also about those people who have impacted your life in both big and small ways. Write a little note to let them know how important their impact was, and how it made a difference for you. If that important person is no longer living, send the note to their living relatives.



♥Some of you will say that your handwriting is really bad or that you don't have time. You may think an e-mail or text would be just as good. Maybe you are telling yourself that the person already knows how you feel or that they probably don't even remember you anymore. All of these are excuses, and I want to encourage you to stop making excuses and just do it.

♥*Hebrews 10:25* calls us to encourage each other. We can do this in a variety of ways, but this would be a great month to send a valentine with a note of love and inspiration.

♥*Pastor Jenni*



Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas Eve Service so special. From the scripture readers to the family Advent candle readers ... from the soloists to the bell team ... from the nativity people to the ushers ... you all were a part of celebrating Christ's birth that evening. Thank you, and know that you are all appreciated.

Recalibration #1

At our first Recalibration dinner, we had 18 people and we answered these questions:

- ◆ Why am I here (in this church)?
- ◆ What brought me here?
- ◆ Why do I stay? What keeps me here?
- ◆ Why is this place important to me?



Some words and phrases we came up with are:

Acceptance	Worship	Community
Caring	Relationships	Welcoming
Purpose	Home	Family
Opportunities	Activities	Responsibility
Ownership	Involvement	Needed
Vehicle for Good Works		

What about you? We want to know how you would answer these questions.

Our Sanctuary Christmas Tree



Have you ever wondered what it takes in ornaments to make our Church sanctuary tree glisten?

- 14 gold stars*
- 1 large star on top*
- 2 gold wire balls*
- 30 angels*
- 2 butterflies*
- 5 pearl stars*
- 4 clusters of grapes*
- 7 snowflakes*
- 2 crystal crosses*
- 9 doves with wings and feathers*
- 1 prism star*
- 1 prism cross*
- 55 white and clear bulbs*

- 1 crystal rose*
- 2 crystal angels*
- 28 hand embroidered crismons*
- 1 foam donkey*
- 70 feet of gold paper ribbon*
- 61 feet of crystal beads*
- 29 feet of shiny beads*
- 9 white plastic doves*

Thank you to the Hagermans for their dedication in setting up numerous decorations in the Sanctuary and for the new lighted star.

- Andi Fynboe -

Church services at NUMC will only be cancelled if there is a travel ban or a state of emergency. If there are no travel restrictions, please decide for yourself if you feel safe to drive. If you do not feel safe, please stay home.



What is the Endowment Fund?



Our Endowment Fund is a pool of money that has been given or bequeathed to the Church, and which benefits our Church *year after year*.

The principal amount of the Endowment Fund is never spent, only interest or earnings can be used by the Church.

We want to thank all of the generous donors in the past that have funded our Endowment Fund, which will benefit our church programs for years to come.

There are a variety of ways that you can make contributions to our Endowment Fund including:

- ◆ *Make a cash gift.*
- ◆ *Memorial and honor giving are truly meaningful ways to give to the Endowment Fund, helping sustain the Fund and paying tribute to a friend or family member, living or deceased.*
- ◆ *Name the Church as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan upon your death.*
- ◆ *Transfer stocks or mutual funds.*
- ◆ *Donate real property and/or personal property to the Endowment Fund such as automobiles, works of art, antiques, etc.*
- ◆ *Make a bequest in your Will of a specific amount to be donated in your name to the Endowment Fund.*

Any gift you make to the Endowment Fund, no matter how small or large, will become an important part of the legacy of Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church.





Altar Flowers

If you would like to bring flowers to place on the altar any Sunday in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a loved one, please let the Church Office know in advance.

We can also order flowers for you. Please note that the cost for us to order flowers has gone up to \$30 plus a delivery charge of \$6.95.

**What is a role or task that you have in your church?
How is this role connected to making disciples?**





CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 4th
10:00 am

Endwell United Methodist Church
3301 Watson Boulevard
Endwell

Vaccine and masks are required.
Social distancing will be observed.

Lectionary Readings and Sermons



February 6, 2022—Communion

5th Sunday after Epiphany—Green

- ◆ Leviticus 27:30-33
- ◆ Malachi 3:6-12
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Sermon: *“Recalibrating Generosity”*

February 13, 2022

6th Sunday after Epiphany—Green

- ◆ Isaiah 6:1-8
- ◆ Luke 5:1-11

Sermon: *“Go Fishing”*

February 20, 2022

7th Sunday after Epiphany—Green

- ◆ John 4:7-21
- ◆ John 3:16-21

Sermon: *“Be Mine”*

February 27, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday—White/Gold

- ◆ Isaiah 40:21-31
- ◆ Hebrews 13:15-16

Sermon: *“Rip Out Your Heart”*

New District Superintendent



Upper New York Area Resident Bishop, Mark J. Webb, is pleased to announce his intention to appoint Rev. Robert Kolvik-Campbell to the Southern Tier Region as Superintendent of the Binghamton and Oneonta Districts effective July 1, 2022.

Rev. Kolvik-Campbell currently serves as Pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in Sherrill.

Our current Binghamton and Oneonta District Superintendent, Rev. Nancy Adams will be appointed to a new setting.

Cold Weather Smiles

What do snowmen take when it gets warm?

A chill pill

What do you call a nice ghost on a cold night?

Casp-burr

What’s for breakfast on really cold days?

Snowflakes

What do bees wear in cold weather?

They put on their yellow jackets.

What did the pig say on the really cold day?

Glad I’m not bacon.

What did the snowman say to the customer?

Have an ice day!

What is the coolest place to keep money?

A snow bank

What kinds of hats are always frozen?

Ice caps

Why did the man hide money in the snow?

He wanted cold hard cash.

What are the only two seasons in Antarctica?

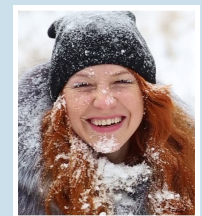
Cold and colder

How did Jack Frost get to work?

By icicle

What do you call an Eskimo cow?

An Eskimoo



Knock, knock. Who’s there? Icy. Icy who? Icy you.

Adding Something for Lent

As we did last year, we are asking you **NOT** to give up something for Lent, but to **ADD** something instead. We will be collecting personal care items from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday to donate to the Children's Home of Wyoming Conference. These much-needed items will make a big difference in the lives of children and families in need. Please **"ADD"** your donation to the bin located in the entryway beginning on March 6th. Thank you for your generous support!

Items Needed:

1. Boys' and Girls' socks and underwear for ages 5-18
2. Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Youth Toothpaste, Deodorant (male and female), Hair Brushes, Feminine Hygiene Products, Chap Stick, and Bath Towels
3. Diapers, Baby Wipes, Pull-Ups, Baby Bedding, Bottles and Baby Formula
4. MP3 Players for Residential Youth Units (Music is part of some of our residential youth treatment plans, and are one of the most requested items in the residential units on campus.)
5. Restaurant or Craft Store Gift Cards (for families to do activities together; especially helpful in Foster Care emergency situations)



Children's Home



Recalibration #2

At our second Recalibration dinner, we had 11 people, and we took an in-depth look at the question: **"Why?"**

- ◆ Why do we make disciples?
- ◆ Why do we share our faith?
- ◆ Do we have something that we believe others might need?

If you have not considered the importance of your **"Why?"**, check out **"Know Your Why"** by Michael Jr. on Youtube.



Recalibrating
Disciples

**When we
know our
"why",
our
"what"
has more
meaning.**

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Lay Readers and Sunday School Teachers

Our Lay Readers for February and March are:

- 2/6 - Eva Randall
- 2/13 - Annette Salisbury Ryan
- 2/20 - Rachael Hagerman
- 2/27 - Helen LaBarr
- 3/6 - Steve Randall
- 3/13 - Phyllis Bartlett
- 3/20 - Dennis Lockhart
- 3/27 - Dan Morgan

Our Sunday School Teachers For February are:

- 2/6 - Denise Kellett
- 2/13 - Denise Kellett
- 2/20 - Karen Holman
- 2/27 - Cheryl Ryder



If there is a Sunday that you cannot be here to read or teach, please switch with someone, and let us know. Thanks!

Our February Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

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| 2/1 - Laura Ryder | 2/16 - Linda Vick |
| 2/6 - Helen Morgan | 2/17 - Elsie Lockhart |
| 2/12 - Breanen Rought | 2/20 - Gary Moyer |
| Burt Sturdevant | 2/26 - James Zweig |
| 2/14 - Valerie Jones | 2/28 - Alma Birtch |



ANNIVERSARIES:

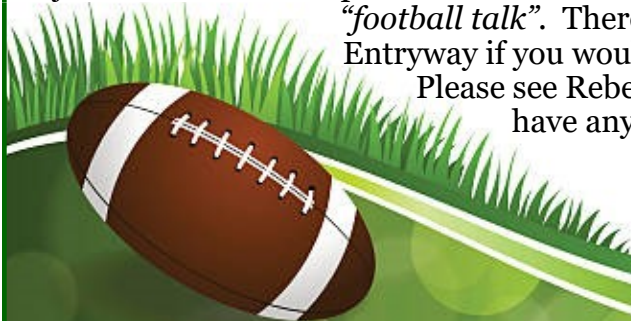
- 2/22 - Nancy and Dick Oakley



Did we miss your special day? If so, please let us know so we can celebrate with you!

Souper Bowl Sunday

Souper Bowl Sunday is on **February 13th**. Please join us for Fellowship Time for delicious homemade soups and "football talk". There is a sign-up sheet in the Church Entryway if you would like to bring your specialty soup! Please see Rebecca Olivet or Shirley Savage if you have any questions.



Bending Road

Pastor Jenni has launched a weekly vlog (*video blog*) on YouTube. **Check out her video for your weekly encouragement!**

1. Go online and type in "YouTube".
2. Type "Bending Road" in the Search Box and select the Bending Road page.
3. Be sure to hit the **red** "subscribe" button and the bell notification.
4. You can hit the "thumbs up" to indicate that you like the video.



HENDERSON MISSION TRIP

The Henderson Settlement Team met on January 19th and we are very excited about our coming trip to Kentucky. We have nine (9) people attending, but if you feel God calling you to join us, please contact Pastor Jenni or Rebecca Olivet.

Our next meeting is **February 22nd at 1 pm** to select the project we will do while at Henderson.

We have several fundraising and donation collections planned over the next few months. If you can help in that way, we need you!

We also have our orientation meeting on **April 5th at 1:00** to coordinate travel, packing and other expectations. We plan to leave on Saturday, May 21 and return on May 29 to allow for an overnight along the way, and on the way home.



Nimmonsburg Church Cookbooks



I've had a craving for some "comfort" cookies, and these are just the thing! This delicious recipe was submitted by Kay Pike. Looks pretty easy

If you don't have a NUMC Cookbook yet, there are still plenty available. They cost \$10 each and are available from Jim Tregaskis or the Church Office.

Applesauce Oatmeal Cookies



Ingredients:

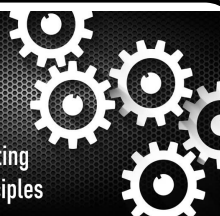
1 cup shortening	1 cup sugar
2 eggs	2 cups flour
1/2 t. baking powder	1/2 t. baking soda
1 cup raisins	2 cups oatmeal
3/4 cup applesauce	1 t. each cinnamon and nutmeg

Mix all ingredients thoroughly and bake at 375° for 8-10 minutes.

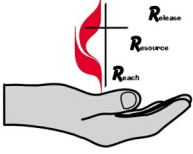


What does it mean for you to grow in your personal discipleship?

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