

The Nimmonsburg Witness

918 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Coffee and Fellowship at 11:15 am

Rev. Jenni Piatt Nimmonsburgumc.weebly.com



January 2022

RECALIBRATION INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP PLAN NIMMONSBURG UMC—2022

In December you read about **Recalibration** You didn't? Oh! Check out the December Newsletter. This is really important!

Recalibration is the act of **Calibrating** again. To **Calibrate** means: "To check, adjust or determine by comparison with a standard; to make corrections in." The mission of the United Methodist Church is to: "make disciples of Jesus Christ for transformation of the world." It is to this mission statement that we must **Recalibrate**.

Those who are **LEADERS** at NUMC, those who are **MEMBERS**, those who have an **INVESTMENT** in NUMC, and those who want NUMC to be **SUCCESSFUL** in its ministry should be attending the **Recalibration** meetings.

◆ **January 4 and 18 and February 1 and 15 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm**—We are going to talk about "Developing an Intentional Discipleship System."

◆ **March 1, 15 and 29, and April 12 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm**—We will review and update our Church Profile.

◆ **July to September**—We will discuss five important questions about our ministry here.

◆ **October to November**—We will approve a plan for the next year and hold a covenant service at Sunday worship in November to solidify our plan.

Pastor Jenni



Please take a minute to sign up for our **Recalibration** meetings in the Church Entryway. See you there!



FIRST
RECALIBRATION
MEETING

January 4th

5:00—6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Dinner Provided!



2022 Stewardship Commitment Card

Your faithful commitment of time, talents and treasure helps us Reach, Resource and Release Disciples of Jesus Christ for transformation of the world is absolutely essential and appreciated. Please complete this "Commitment Card" and place it in the offering by January 31st or send it to the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at 607-724-5421 or at ChurchOfficeNUMC@gmail.com.



Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church 2022 Planned Commitment

\$ _____

(Your Copy)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

I/We plan on making a financial commitment to Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church for the 2022 operating budget as follows: *(Please select one)*

\$ _____ Annually

\$ _____ Monthly

\$ _____ Weekly



My/Our total planned commitment for 2022 is

\$ _____.

You can make your commitment at www.NimmonsburgUMC.weebly.com by using the "Donate" button under "Giving".

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



Please join us for **Souper Bowl Sunday** on February 13th! 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 in the front of the Sanctuary.

The soups and the dollars will be donated to CHOW!

Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.



SILVER BELLS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Silver Bells Program and purchased gifts for local seniors. Nimmonsburg

UMC shopped and provided lots of Christmas cheer to fifteen homebound seniors, many of whom have no family in the area. Faith in Action Volunteers wrapped and delivered the gifts.

Thank you for helping to brighten the holiday season for these seniors!



Thank You Paul Derr



We all want to thank Paul Derr for the beautiful new railing which he installed on the steps to the podium in the Sanctuary.

You had to be very careful when stepping up to the podium in the past, and this makes it a lot easier and safer. Nice job Paul!!

What is the first step in making disciples?



What Have our Trustees Been Doing?



The Trustees, and volunteers, have been busy with projects that needed doing around the church. Here is a list of a few of the things done in the last few months:

1. Installed wood safety handrail on pulpit (see article above).

2. Replace light bulbs and fluorescent tubes in Fellowship Hall with new high output LED lamps which create better lighting.

3. Completed the Ryder Memorial Garden including installing a new hose bib for ease in watering plants.
4. Repaired pantry closet sliding doors.
5. Replaced thermostat in Sanctuary to allow for easier control.
6. Adopt-a-Highway cleanup.
7. Snowplowing contract signed for December through March.
8. Repaired leak in upstairs women's restroom.
9. Lawnmowing and edging completed for the year.

Thank you to all of the volunteers and helpers!!

Please mark your calendar!

Administrative Board Meeting - Jan. 20th at 4:00 pm

Human Relations Day Offering

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. On **Human Relations Day**, we join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

Please give generously on **January 16th** for this special offering.

Thank you from everyone that you will be helping!

*Lord, fill us with joy as we show kindness to our neighbors.
Proverbs 14:21*



Lectionary Readings and Sermons

January 2, 2022— Communion

Epiphany Sunday

- ◆ Philippians 2:5-8
- ◆ Matthew 1:18-25
- ◆ Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: *“Christ Jesus is Born—Incarnation” - Part III*

January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

- ◆ Ephesians 4:11-16
- ◆ Mark 3:13-19

Sermon: *“Recalibrating Disciples”*

January 16, 2022

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

- ◆ James 2:1-13

Sermon: *“Recalibrating Love”*

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

- ◆ Acts 2:40-47
- ◆ Colossians 3:15-17

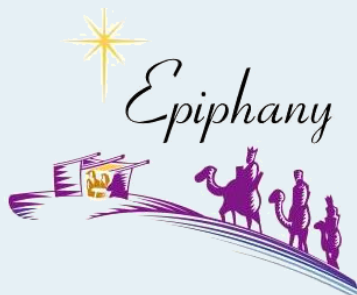
Sermon: *“Recalibrating Discipleship”*

January 30, 2022

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

Sermon: *“Recalibrating Generosity”*



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- 1/4 - Jim Hennings
- 1/9 - Krista Shoemaker
- 1/10 - Marguerite Ferro-Cotton
- 1/13 - Richard Nemcek
- 1/16 - Diane Brutvan
Gene Abbey
Dennis Lockhart
Rebecca Mach
Jadelyn Nabinger
Jason Nabinger
- 1/19 - Michelle Desario
Kamryn Hoyt
- 1/23 - Cobie Schaffer
- 1/27 - Dominic Schaffer
- 1/29 - Marissa Lyn Mach
- 1/31 - Wally Benjamin



Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Anniversary to:

- 1/23 - Marilyn & Richard Riesen
- 1/30 - Linda & Bill Vick

Endowment Committee



Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 27th
6:00 pm
Please plan to attend!

What are the reasons we invite people to follow Jesus?



Henderson Settlement Mission Trip Meeting



There will be a meeting for everyone going on the Mission Trip, and anyone who would like to help us get there, on **Wednesday, January 19th at 10:00 am in Room 202.**

It is important that we have as many people attend as possible in order to make plans and arrangements, and discuss what projects we will do while at Henderson Settlement.

Nimmonsburg UMW—Active Once Again!



UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN

Faith • Hope • Love in Action

After almost two years of inactivity the Nimmonsburg United Methodist Women started up with activities galore beginning in October. On Sunday, October 3rd, we prepared the church service that focused on the ideals and goals of the worldwide United Methodist Women, the largest women's religious organization in the world. (*By the way, all women of our church are considered members.*)

That was followed two weeks later by our Fall Rummage Sale. We hadn't had a rummage sale in nearly two years and people were anxious to participate, bring their stored up items and shop! We nearly met our goal of \$1,000 and while the sale was on the quiet side, the lack of crowded conditions made it safer.

The following week the Binghamton District United Methodist Women chose our church to hold their annual Candle-Burning Ceremony. There was a small gathering of women, a brief program and then candles were lit in memory of or in honor of people in our district's churches. Our sanctuary looked beautiful with the many lit candles.

In November we hosted Fellowship Time to raise money for Church World Service's Blanket Program. We received enough funds to provide 30 blankets to needy people facing cold winter conditions without a warm blanket. Other projects during this time were calendars and cards for the Greater Binghamton Health Center and shoe boxes for the Binghamton Boys and Girls Club. Rebecca Olivet and I delivered 63 boxes on December 20th in time for their Christmas Party the following Wednesday.

That's not all. A group of us got together to give away the Rummage Sale funds and other monies donated by individuals to charities. The following groups will receive at least \$100, and some will receive more: Action for Older Persons, the local chapter of the American Red Cross, Bandera Christmas Dinner, Broome County Council of Churches, CHOW, Catherine's Pantry, Danielle House, Henderson Settlement, Life Choices, Mercy House, Mom's House, Project Concern, Rise, and our local Salvation Army. We may have enough left to help several other worthy causes.

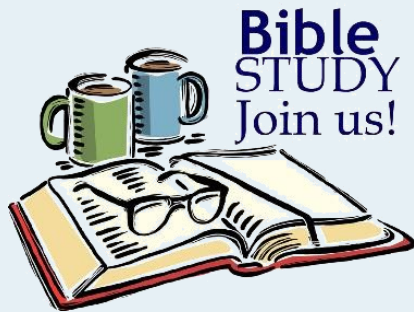
The year 2021 ended with our Christmas Tea. There is no charge to attend except perhaps an item for CHOW. We had a choice of delicious desserts and heard the harp music of Ted Davenport. We intend the Tea to be a soothing respite from hectic holiday preparations and a moment of peace and fellowship to enter the more meaningful time of Christmas. Five bags of food items were taken to CHOW from this event.

There are too many people to thank here for all of the above (*yes, men also that we could not get along without*), but you know who you are. **Thank you.** Next year remains uncertain but we will be waiting and planning and hoping we can return to all the other events we have not been able to have these past years: Mother and Child Banquet, Spring Rummage Sale and several more.

Cheryl Weeks



Thursday Noon Bible Study



Beginning again on Thursday, **January 6th**, the Noon Bible Study will begin a study of the **Parables**. If you are interested in joining us, please let Pastor Jenni know.

1. Parable of the Sower
Matthew 13:1-23
2. The "Lost" Parables
Luke 15:1-32
3. The Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37
4. The Unforgiving Servant
Matthew 18:21-35
5. The Widow and the Judge
Luke 18:1-8
6. The Wheat and the Weeds
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
7. Parables of Money & Self-Worth
Matthew 19:16-20:16
8. The Wise and Foolish Virgins
Matthew 24:36-25:13
9. Parable of the Bags of Gold
Matthew 25:14-30
10. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
Luke 18:9-14
11. Parable of the Rich Fool
Luke 12:13-21
12. The Rich Man and Lazarus
Luke 16:19-31

Nimmonsburg UMC 2022 Approved Budget

Worship	\$ 1,300.00
Christian Education	\$ 750.00
Outreach	\$ 1,700.00
Leadership Development	\$ 1,000.00
Total Ministry Budget:	\$ 4,750.00

Church Utilities	\$11,953.00
Church Maintenance	\$15,100.00
Insurance & Other	\$ 7,876.00
Total Building Management:	\$34,929.00

Office Expenses	\$ 7,280.00
Pastor Salary & Expenses	\$ 65,787.47
Staff Salary & Expenses	\$28,350.00
SPPRC	\$ 1,000.00
Total Office & Staff:	\$102,417.47

Conference & Connectional	\$27,354.23
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Total 2022 Approved Budget \$169,450.70

Meeting this budget requires consistent giving of tithes and offerings in line with previous years, along with a draw from our reserve funds of \$31,925.70.

If you would like additional detail concerning the 2022 budget, please contact the Finance Chair, Rex Decker, the Treasurer, Rachael Hagerman, or Pastor Jenni Piatt.



Thank you to everyone who donated to help out our **"Adopted Family"** this Christmas. I was able to purchase bedding for all four children, pajamas, clothing and several toys. We also provided them with a gift card to cover the cost of their holiday dinner. In fact, you were all so generous that I called Family Enrichment and asked if there was another family we could help. They did have some families left, so we were able to provide Christmas for two little girls as well as our original family. You all truly made a difference for two families this Christmas, and I couldn't be more proud of the kindness and generosity of our church family. Thank you and God bless!

Debbie Hagerman

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

2022 Administrative Board Members

Title	Member	Term Ends Dec 31
Lay Leader	Don Birtch	2022
Lay Member	Shelly Schaffer (<i>Chair</i>)	2023
SPPRC Chair	Diane Schaumberg	2023
SPPRC – 2	Nancy Oakley	2022
SPPRC – 3	Gail Byam	2024
Finance Chair	Rex Decker	2022
Financial Secretary	Marge McCoy	N/A
Treasurer	Rachael Hagerman	2023
Trustee Chair	Steve Randall	2022
Trustee - 2	Tom Savage	2023
Trustee - 3	Gene Abbey	2024
UMW Representative	Cheryl Weeks	2023
At-Large	Jaqueline Birtch	2022
At-Large	Melani Birtch	2022
At-Large	Karen Holman	2023
At-Large	Rebecca Olivet	2023
At-Large	Phyllis Bartlett	2024
At-Large	Cheryl Ryder (<i>Secretary</i>)	2024
Custodian	Bruce Kellett	N/A
Music Director	Denise Kellett	N/A
Pastor	Rev. Jenni Piatt	N/A

What are some steps our church can take to move away from “membership” and closer to “discipleship”?



**NEW YEAR,
NEW FEELS,
NEW CHANCES.
SAME DREAMS,
FRESH STARTS.**

Term limits are set to encourage rotation of duties, increased participation, and an opportunity for rest and time off. Some adjustments were made this year due to unforeseen changes.

Marge McCoy, Bruce Kellett, Denise Kellett, and Pastor Jenni serve on the board from their positions in the church. As employed or appointed positions, there is no term limit.

Sounds the Same! (Answers on Page 8)

Homonyms are words with the same spelling but different pronunciations and meanings, such as “minute” (60 seconds) and “minute” (very small). Each sentence below has two blanks that you can fill in with the same word. Good luck!

1. The strong _____ caused the flag to _____ around the flagpole.
2. The violinist replaced his violin and _____ before returning to the stage to take a _____.
3. The doctor _____ some gauze around her bleeding _____.
4. She got a _____ in her eye when she saw the _____ in her dress.
5. You should not _____ someone in the _____ without water and food.
6. He _____ for days because he could not afford the scooter, a bright red _____.
7. Our Japanese host asked us not, for his _____, to drink all the _____ because he needed some for other guests.
8. The _____ violin player loved to fish, especially for _____.
9. In a herd of elk, you’ll notice that _____ don’t have antlers, while the dominant buck _____.



Would you be willing to teach Sunday School once a month?

Sunday School lesson plans will be provided ahead of time, (or you are certainly able to use your own if you would like.)

Please see Denise or contact her at 607-725-9617.

Sounds the Same Answers (from Page 7)

1. Wind
2. Bow
3. Wound
4. Tear
5. Desert
6. Moped
7. Sake
8. Bass
9. Does



Nimmonsburg Church Cookbooks

Now that the weather is colder and snow and ice have invaded, soup sounds like the perfect dinner! This delicious recipe was submitted by Dottie Benjamin and warms me up just thinking about it! 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.



French Onion Soup

Ingredients:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3 large Onions, thinly sliced | 1/2 cup Margarine or Butter |
| 4 cups hot water | 1 t. Worcestershire Sauce |
| 1/2 t. salt | 2 T. instant beef bouillon or |
| Croutons | 6 bouillon cubes |
| Parmesan Cheese | |

1. In large skillet, cook onions in butter until lightly browned.
2. In pot, combine browned onions in butter with bouillon, water, Worcestershire Sauce and salt. Cover. Cook on low at least one hour.
3. When serving, top with croutons as desired, and sprinkle on Parmesan cheese.



We celebrated with a special cake for Fellowship on December 19th!
Congratulations to Pastor Jenni on completing all of her course work!!



What's Happening

January Happenings:

January 4th at 5:00 pm
 January 16th—Worship
 January 18th at 5:00 pm
 January 19th at 10:00 am
 January 20th at 4:00 pm
 January 27th at 6:00 pm

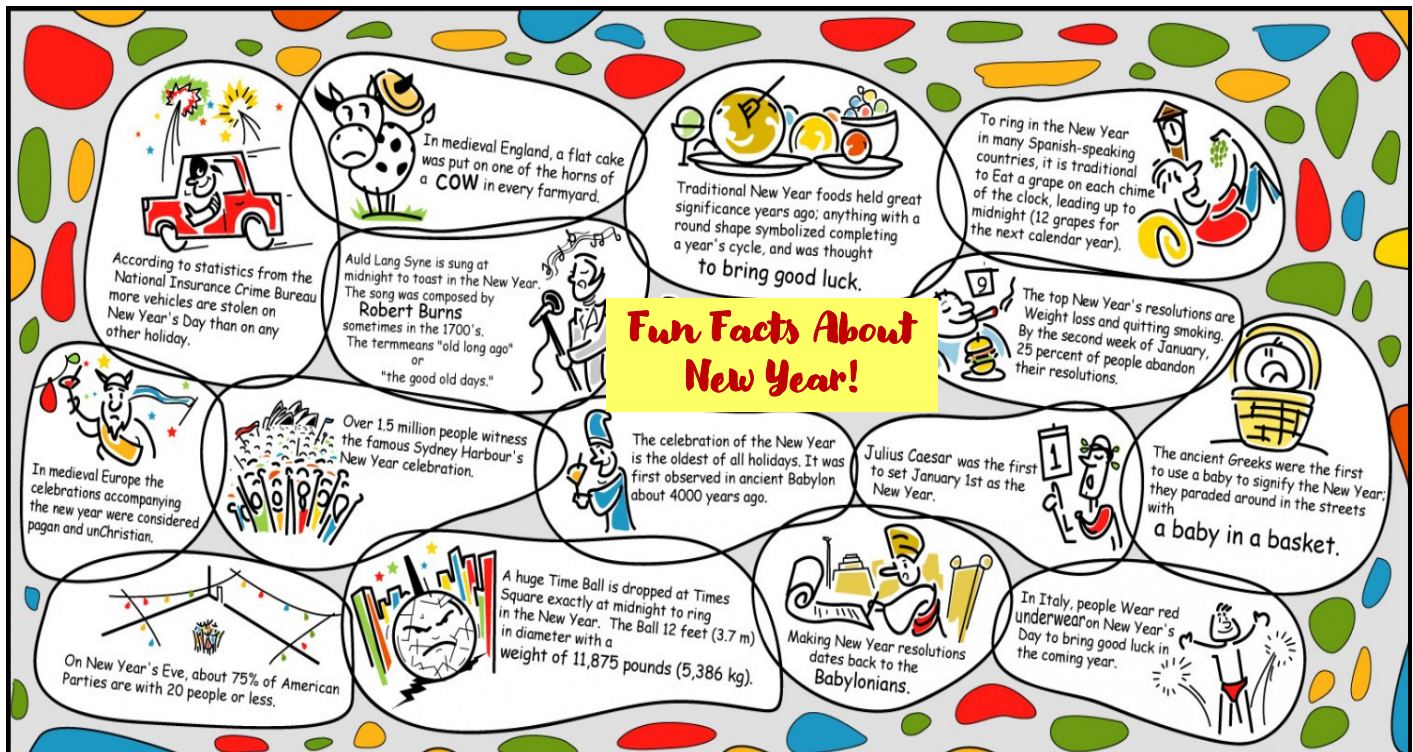
Recalibration Meeting and Dinner
 Human Relations Sunday
 Recalibration Meeting and Dinner
 Henderson Settlement Mission Trip Meeting
 Administrative Board Meeting
 Endowment Committee Meeting

February Happenings:

February 1st at 5:00 pm
 February 13th—Worship
 February 15th at 5:00 pm
 February 17th at 4:00 pm

Recalibration Meeting and Dinner
 Souper Bowl Sunday
 Recalibration Meeting and Dinner
 Administrative Board Meeting

Happy New Year!!



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WORSHIP**
with us!



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