

# Nimmonsburg Witness

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church  
918 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905  
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**July 2023**

## Celebrating a Year of Ministry Together



It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I am making preparations to celebrate being your Pastor through the last year. Our liturgy for communion has the phrase, “*when we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.*” That line is addressed to the Lord when we celebrate communion, but as I reflect back on the past year, I think it would be fair for me to say something like that to you. It wasn’t so much my love that failed as my strength when I went on disability, but I can say that I deeply appreciated you remaining steadfast while I took time to heal. Thank you!

I look forward to what Jesus may have for us as our work continues in the year to come. We have seen enthusiastic Bible Study, a heart for mission, and creativity in the pursuit of the mission God has given to the church. As we strive to Reach, Resource, and Release disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, I believe with all my heart that we can expect the miraculous presence of the Holy Spirit moving alongside and within us.

Thanks be to God from whom all blessings flow!

*Pastor Harold Wheat*

## Character of Discipleship in a Distressed World



What a joy to come together in devotion and Scripture study! With an average attendance of nearly 16, this class has been full of profound conversation and deepening insight. The Revelation of John, one of the most frequently misinterpreted books of the Bible, has a lot to teach us about what it means for us to be disciples of Jesus Christ in this season of life.

Using techniques of Bible study lead us to look for clues in the meanings of words, references to other parts of Scripture, and use of other ancient sources. We have been learning to ask powerful questions that can lead us on journeys of discovery. After summer break, we will be resuming our gatherings on Thursday September 7th at 10 am. There is plenty of room for you to join us too!!



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### BIRTHDAYS

- 7/6 - Patti Derr  
Jacob Shoemaker
- 7/9 - Jacob Rueffer
- 7/18 - Lynne Ruth
- 7/19 - Russ Sanaeko
- 7/21 - Zach Moyer  
David Wolcott
- 7/22 - Myrnie Ferro
- 7/23 - Marie Thornton
- 7/28 - Mini Daub  
Justin Hagerman
- 7/31 - Deaven Rought

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/2 - Amy and Dan  
Morgan
- 7/7 - Kathy and Chris  
Nabinger
- 7/10 - Madeline and  
Dick Nemcek
- 7/19 - Debbie and Dave  
Hagerman



## **“Mini Mission” Project for July**

**Bags are needed by  
local soup kitchens to  
use for meal takeout.**

**Paper bags,  
Plastic bags and  
Cloth bags!**

**Please put in tote in  
Church Entry.**

**Thank you!**

I have many locks that don't need a key and I was far too many for you to count. I was never to be shortened for a vow had been said. I was a symbol of strength that flowed from the head. But in a moment of weakness my secret was out. I lay all in pieces when she gave the shout. I am in the Bible. What am I? *(Answer on Pg. 3)*

## Helping Out Our Trustees



If you notice something that has to be fixed or done by the Trustees, we have **“Work Order Request”** forms to be filled out.

The forms are available in the pocket of the Church Office Door. You can leave your request in the door pocket or put it in the Trustees' Church mailbox.

This procedure makes it a lot easier for the Trustees to get to things as they have time.

And, if you see something that needs to be done and you would like to do it yourself, or help with the project, please check in with one of the Trustees. They love helpers!

Thank you!



## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Endwell UMC

July 9th—13th

**Ages 3 and Up Welcome!**

Further information in Church Narthex

To sign up, contact: [lynnekimplandclc@gmail.com](mailto:lynnekimplandclc@gmail.com)  
or visit their website at: [www.rootedateumc.org/herohotlinevbs](http://www.rootedateumc.org/herohotlinevbs)

Children's  
Home

## THANK YOU

Thank you all for your generous donation to the Wyoming Conference Children's Home for their mission trip. We collected \$700 and it was very much appreciated!



**Answer to Bible Riddle on Page 2:**  
Samson's Long Hair

*Thank you everyone at Nimmonsburg UMC for the wonderful card and gift you sent me. I was so pleased and touched.*



*Nimmonsburg UMC holds a special place in my heart.*

♥ Jenni

### **A man was asked to paint a boat ...**

He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him. While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull and quietly repaired it. When he finished painting, he received his money and left.

The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting. The painter was surprised and said, "You've already paid me for painting the boat Sir!" The owner replied, "This is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat."



*"Ah! But it was such a small service ... certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant." "My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened."*

*"When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip. They didn't know that there was a hole, and I wasn't at home at the time. When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole! Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing."*

*"Then I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole. You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children!"*

**So, no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively and carefully repair all the "leaks" you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone. Along the way, you may have repaired numerous "boat holes" for people without realizing how many lives you've saved. ♥**





# Raspberry Coffee Cake

It will be raspberry season soon, and I thought you might like something delicious to start off the day! Just begin with a cake mix and make something special ...

Thanks to Andrea Fynboe for sharing this recipe with us.

## Cake Ingredients:

- 1 white cake mix
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup water
- 3 cups fresh raspberries

## Streusel Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup flour
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon



## Directions for Streusel:

1. Combine flour, brown sugar, butter and cinnamon until crumbly. Set aside.

## Directions for Cake:

1. Preheat oven to 375°
2. Grease a 9 x 13 cake pan
3. In large mixing bowl, combine cake mix, sugar, cream cheese, eggs, oil and water.
4. Beat on low speed for 1 minute to blend, then on medium speed for 2 minutes or until smooth.
5. Spread half of batter in prepared pan and scatter raspberries over batter.
6. Spread remaining batter over berries.
7. Sprinkle streusel evenly over batter.
8. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until top springs back when lightly touched.
9. Cool for 30 minutes on a wire rack.



## THE PRAYER CHAIN

*Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:13-16)*

There is power in prayer, especially when a number of people are praying at the same time for the same request.

If you or a friend are in need of immediate prayer we urge you to use **Nimmonsburg's Telephone Prayer Chain**. Prayer Chain Members are Nancy Oakley (Coordinator), Phyllis Bartlett, Helen Morgan, Burt Sturdevant, Shirley Savage, Peggy Corino, Helen LaBarr, Gail Byam, Holly Sensenig, Dee Seeley, Pastor Harold and the Church Office.

To initiate a Prayer Chain request, contact the Coordinator, Nancy Oakley, at (607) 743-3022. The request will then be passed on to all Prayer Chain members in sequence. To avoid any delay in processing a request, the next person on the list will be contacted whenever an answering machine is encountered. Finally, the last Prayer Chain member will call the Coordinator as verification that the request went through the entire chain.

For confidential prayer concerns, please call the Church Office at (607) 724-5421 or Pastor Harold at (607) 339-8200.

# Binghamton and Oneonta District Contact Information



On July 1st, United Methodists of New York will begin a new structure for District Superintendents and Administrative Assistants. Our District Superintendent will be serving both the Binghamton District and the Oneonta District. *Please make note of their new contact information.*

**District Superintendent:** Rev. Bob Kolvik-Campbell  
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## Helping Our Neighbors

In one of Jesus' most direct sermons, he preached, "*just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me*" (Matthew 25:40). From this teaching, and the many other times God has reminded us to care for the displaced among us, our church experienced a call to connect with the American Civic Association to see how we could help the immigrants coming to our Binghamton area.



Executive Director Hussein Adams and Deputy Director Laila Hernandez came to speak with our Church Council on June 15th. They talked about the process of helping families and individuals who are starting new lives here in Binghamton. They suggested several different ways our church could partner with the ACA to give support to the work.

One of the needs they expressed is for furniture and housing supplies. If you have anything that you think might be useful to a family getting started, please call the church office and Marge can share the ACA list of needed items with you.

Though the church is not able to store these items, we can help you connect with the ACA staff who can say more specifically what is needed and make arrangements with you to get things to families who can use them.



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