

# Nimmonsburg Witness

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## Annual Conference *by Rev. Harold Wheat*



What is the sound of a thousand tongues praising God? Tune in and see; **it's Annual Conference time.** Every year thousands of United Methodist Churches from our Upper NY Area gather in Syracuse to share news of our ministries, worship together, and make decisions that will help us pursue our shared mission. If you are reading this after the actual dates of Annual Conference (June 1-3), check the Conference website for recorded segments of worship, Bible study, and reporting of important news ([www.unyumc.org](http://www.unyumc.org)).

One of the beautiful things we share in the United Methodist Church is our Connection. Those of us who have been formed by the Methodist way know that we don't need to think alike to love alike. So when we meet each other, there is a recognition and space for a special joy in the encounter even though we may not know each other well yet. When it's at its best, Conference is like that times ten! I hope you can feel just a little of the pride we have in what God is doing in our Church and through our ministry together.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

*During Worship on Sunday, June 4th, we will have the honor of presenting Bibles to three of our Sunday School Students.*

1. **Abigail Hagerman** is ten years old, and will enter the 5th grade at Chenango Bridge School in the fall. She's involved in competitive gymnastics which takes her to many places to take part in meets. Abby also does cheerleading, chorus, and loves to read.

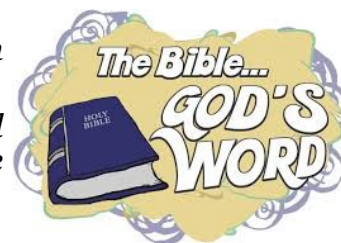
2. **Billy Savage** is eleven and now attends Floyd Bell School. He participates in Little League, and has recently joined Boy Scout Troop 199.

3. **Jaxson Savage** is eight years old and attends Floyd Bell School. He will enter third grade in the fall. Jaxson also plays Little League.

*All of the students enjoy video games and Legos.*

*We are proud of our young people and so happy to have them as part of our church family!*

*After Worship, we are delighted to celebrate Abigail, Billy and Jaxson again at Coffee Hour with cake and punch. We hope to see you there!*





## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1: Ann Wolcott  
 6/4: Cheryl Lindsey  
 6/6: Cherri Rueffer  
 6/7: Jeffrey Oakley  
 6/8: Connor Oakley  
 6/11: Justin Rueffer  
 6/12: Christine Ryder  
 6/13: Brittany DeSario  
 6/15: Mason Randall  
 6/17: Ariana Hudson  
 6/18: Nancy Oakley  
     Annette Ryan-  
     Salisbury  
     Andrew Ryan  
 6/19: Richard Riesen  
 6/22: Steve Randall  
 6/23: Lucas Hoyt  
 6/26: Debbie Hagerman  
 6/28: Sloan Rueffer  
 6/30: Shelly Schaffer

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/10: Cherri and Mark  
     Rueffer  
 6/20: Dorothy and Stan  
     Forsyth (70th)



## United Methodist Night at the Ball Game

The 15th Annual United Methodist Night at the Ball Game will be on **Thursday, June 15th** at Mirabito Stadium. Game time is 6:35 pm, and tickets are \$11.00 each (grandstand seats).

Binghamton District Superintendent Rev. Bob Kolvik-Campbell will throw the first pitch, and the national anthem will be performed by Rev. Lea Harding.

If you would like tickets to attend this fun event, please let Marge know in the Church Office. We have tickets that you can purchase ahead of the game.

All proceeds from tickets sold for this event will be donated to Greater Endicott Missions.



*A baseball fan, with popcorn in hand, was returning to his seat. He stopped and asked the woman at the end of the aisle, "Did I step on your foot when I went out?"*

*The woman smiled, ready to accept his apology, and said, "As a matter of fact, you did."*

*"Good" he said as he squeezed past her. "Then this is the right row."*

*Lord, help me to have a forgiving spirit.*



## Eating Out is Fun!

Remember the **Munching Methodists**? They use to meet at a local restaurant once a month for good conversation, good food and good fun!!

It might be nice to bring back this activity now that the weather is nice and people feel more comfortable going out again.

We just need someone willing to pick a restaurant and make phone calls. Maybe you would like to get this started again?





**Happy 99th Birthday  
Jayne Wheeler!**



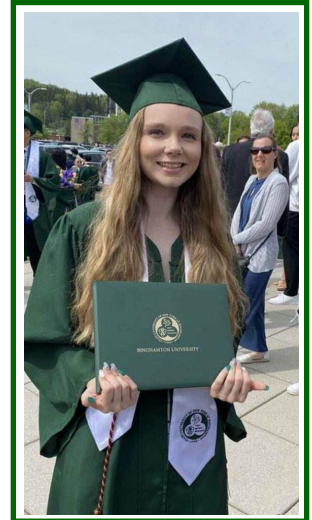
**Charlotte (Charlie)  
Hagerman**  
**Our Newest Baptized Member**



**Ryder Memorial Garden  
in Bloom!**

## Congratulations Breanen Rought

Breanen Rought, daughter of Andrea Pickney, graduated last month from Binghamton University with a Bachelor's Degree in Neuroscience. Breanen plans on working as a CNA starting soon, and potentially applying to a nursing program next spring. We wish Breanen the best of luck!



## Happy 70th Anniversary Stan & Dorothy Forsyth

Dorothy and Stan are celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary! They were married at the old Nimmonsburg Methodist Church on Front Street on **June 20th, 1953** by Rev. Porter Adams.

Dorothy and Stan met at North High School where Dorothy was the manager of the cafeteria, and Stanley was a salesman for a local company providing food and supplies to the school. They have three children, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

*(Did you know that Dorothy is the longest living member of Nimmonsburg Methodist Church? She became a member after completing her confirmation classes when she was 12 years old!)*



## Harpursville Robotics Team and Jacob Rueffer



*Liam, Jacob and Alex  
with their Robot*



The Harpursville Middle School Robotics Team consisting of Liam, Alex and Jacob, is “putting in the work”. “*If you’re looking at what they’re doing here, it’s really STEM in action,*” said Robotics Advisor Bruce Salisbury.

This trio is getting positive results as seen at a recent competition in Syracuse for the Northern New York State Championship where they won their division 7-0. The team competed against high schools since the Syracuse competition didn’t have a middle school division. At the Syracuse event, they did the best out of three to win the division, and then to win the championship!

They went on to the World Championship in Dallas where they placed 27th out of 88 in the Engineering Division, and 125 overall out of almost 1,000 teams! Salisbury said that this trio *beat the odds* as only 2% of the robots around the world ever make it to the World Championship.

Jacob Rueffer will be teaching robotics for six weeks in Summer School. He’s also working on his own robot for next year, putting a team together, and hoping two teams will make it to the World Championship.

Congratulations Jacob Rueffer and teammates!!

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### **Don’t read this until you have answered the Bible Quiz on Page 5!!**

1. Adam (Genesis 4:8); 2. Noah (Genesis 7:7); 3. Abraham (Genesis 22:3); 4. Jacob (Genesis 37:28); 5. Saul (1 Samuel 19:10); 6. David (2 Samuel 18:33) and name in blank is Absalom; 7. Laban (Genesis 29); 8. Jairus (Mark 5:41); 9. The father of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32); 10. Zacharias (Luke 1:20).

## Easy Pasta Salad

Enjoy this Easy Pasta Salad recipe that’s a winner on every level! It’s easy to prepare, delicious to eat, and it’s a “healthy living” recipe! (*Kraft/Heinz*)

### **Ingredients:**

2 cups whole wheat rotini pasta	2 cups small fresh broccoli florets
1 cup halved cherry tomatoes	1/3 cup Kraft Lite House Italian Dressing
1/4 cup Kraft Reduced Fat Parmesan Grated Topping	
1/4 cup sliced black olives	

### **Directions:**

1. Cook pasta in large saucepan as directed on package, omitting salt.
2. Add broccoli for the last 2 minutes of cooking; drain.
3. Place in medium bowl and add remaining ingredients.
4. Refrigerate several hours or until chilled.
5. *Have a nice picnic on your porch!*



## David Orr's Heart Transplant Fundraiser

David Orr has been battling heart failure for many years after getting a blood infection that caused multiple heart attacks. Dave is a proud member of the community who previously served in the Conklin and Sanitaria Springs Fire Departments, and served at ground zero just days after the tragic events of September 11th.



John Hus Presbyterian Church, located at 47 Glenwood Avenue, Binghamton, is hosting a **Chicken and Biscuit Dinner** to help raise funds for the many expenses involved with his heart transplant process.

Please join us and help support our community member in need, and enjoy a delicious dinner at the same time!

**Saturday, August 5th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm**  
**Free Will Offering**

*\*There will also be a bottle and can drive at the Church.\**



## Bible Quiz—Fathers!

1. What father had a son who was the first murderer?
2. What father took his three sons and their wives to safety during a world catastrophe?
3. What father was willing to sacrifice the son of his old age because he thought God wished it?
4. What father had a son who was sold into slavery?
5. What father tried to kill his son's best friend?
6. What father cried in anguish, "O my son \_\_\_\_\_, would God I had died for thee"?
7. What father had two daughters married to the same man?
8. What father, a ruler of the synagogue, had his daughter brought back to life by Jesus?
9. What father made a great feast and rejoiced at the return of his younger son?
10. What father was dumb, because of unbelief, until his son was born?



**Find Answers  
on Page 4**



~ Happy ~  
 Father's  
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