

September 2022

The Nimmonsburg Witness

Times of Refreshing

The late summer among these Southern Tier hills is a treasure. Dappled sunlight finds my porch, and I remember to give God thanks and praise. Finding a foundation of gratitude in the midst of the struggles of the day can open us to the flow of God's grace in such a way that the troubles can find their completion and pass from us more expeditiously. Ultimately, worship is about caring for the connection of our souls to that source of grace. In worship we practice living as covenant people, develop tools to overcome the impediments to joy within us, and remind one another of the power of practicing gratitude together. As we make a return to fall routines, let us be intentional about coming together regularly for worship. For in worship God not only gives us gifts for the refreshing of our souls, the truly astounding thing is that God desires to entrust you and me with gifts that will refresh one another. First God gives us God's own self, and then God gives us each other. Come, friends, let us worship together!



Pastor Harold



Faith Exploration Class

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast."
(Ephesians 2:8)*

Most of us go through at least a season of our lives thinking we have to impress God in order to be accepted. When the concept of grace sinks in, the spiritual breakthroughs shake through our souls like mini earthquakes. The concepts behind covenant, Baptism, Holy Communion, and Holy Conferencing are similarly powerful. Together these core teachings have been energizing the "People Called Methodists" for centuries. Our Faith Exploration Class is a time to encounter, review, or simply deepen your understanding and practice of these spiritual teachings. It provides participants with everything necessary for church membership, but it is so much more than just a membership class. It's an exploration.

Classes will be held at 6:30 pm on Sunday evenings, and at 10:00 am on Thursdays, and will begin on **September 11th**.

We hope you will sign up for classes and we can enjoy the journey together! Please sign up in the Church Narthex, and I will see you there!

Lord, behold our family here assembled.
We thank you for this place in which we dwell,
for the love that unites us,
for the peace accorded us this day,
for the hope with which we expect the morrow,
for the health, the work, the food,
and the bright skies that make our lives delightful;
for our friends in all parts of the earth.
Amen



Robert Louis Stevenson



Our September Celebrations

Birthdays

9/4 - Denise Kellett
9/5 - William Vick
Richard Heuther
9/15 - Stan Forsyth
Gene Shoemaker
9/17 - Kathy Nabinger

9/18 - Don Birtch
9/19 - Judy Halavik
9/24 - AriA Williams
9/27 - Rebecca Olivet
9/30 - Nancy Stockholm

Anniversaries

9/8 - Holly Sensenig & Diane Schaumberg
9/13 - Norma & Ed Letterman
9/16 - Ann & David Wolcott
9/17 - Gwyn & Jeff Oakley
Judy & Eric St. John
9/21 - Judy & Andy Halavik
9/28 - Nancy & Alan Stockholm

***If your birthday or anniversary should be on
this list, please let us know.
We want to celebrate with everyone!***

What do they serve at birthday parties in heaven?
ANGEL FOOD CAKE!



Fifth Annual Southern Tier MobilePack

FEED THE NEED![™]

We are happy to announce that Southern Tier MobilePack is continuing to make a difference in helping feed God's hungry children around the world.



Nimmonsburg UMC is scheduled to pack meals on **Saturday, October 15th, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Owego Church of the Nazarene in Owego.** We are hoping for at least 10 volunteers for our "packing team". Please take a minute to sign up for this event in the Narthex.



If you would like to donate to this event, you can send a check payable to "Feed My Starving Children" and mail it to 523 Dugan Road, Owego, NY 13827, or donate online at: <https://give.fmssc.org/owego>.

Five Senses



R	P	D	T	A	S	T	E	H	O	T	L	R	F
S	C	O	L	D	C	S	E	Y	E	S	I	L	E
T	O	N	G	U	E	O	A	F	B	E	G	S	E
L	L	S	K	I	N	F	R	A	R	E	H	D	L
N	O	S	E	Y	T	T	S	W	E	E	T	A	H
E	R	L	O	U	D	K	G	K	O	D	O	R	E
W	S	O	U	N	D	S	M	E	L	L	P	K	A
S	O	U	R	T	O	N	S	T	I	C	K	Y	R

Find these words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → and ↓.

SEE	HEAR	FEEL	TASTE	SMELL
EYES	EARS	SKIN	TONGUE	NOSE
COLORS	SOUNDS	HOT	SWEET	SCENT
LIGHT	LOUD	COLD	SOUR	ODOR
DARK	SOFT	STICKY		

Wheelchair Available for Borrowing

In the past we had a wheelchair that anyone could borrow when they needed it, but we had to "retire" that one a while ago. Andrea Fynboe has found us another wheelchair that will be stored in Room 202 for anyone who needs to borrow it. Just let the office know that you will be using it, and return it when you are done. Thanks!



There is a FREE table set up in Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to take anything you would like from the table, or leave items that you don't want so someone else can take them. It's all FREE!



Why didn't the teddy bear have dessert?

Answer: He was stuffed!

Nimmonsburg Church Cookbooks



This delicious dinner recipe was submitted by Peter Boigeol and makes for a really nice meal!

The Nimmonsburg Church Cookbooks are \$10 each and are available in the Church Office or from Jim Tregaskis.



Chicken Marsala

Ingredients:

4 boneless Chicken breasts, sliced in half and pounded
1 cup Flour
1 c. Bread Crumbs
2 T. Oregano
3 T. Garlic (granulated or minced)
2 cups Marsala wine
3 T. Butter
2 T. Olive Oil
1/2 c. Chicken Broth

Directions:

- ① Mix flour, bread crumbs, oregano and 2 T. garlic. Lightly coat chicken.
- ② In pan, put 2 T. butter and 2 T. olive oil and cook coated chicken over “medium” heat until done.
- ③ In another pan, add 1 T. butter to pan and bring to “high” heat. Add 1 T. garlic, 1/2 cup chicken broth, 2 cups Marsala wine and cook until thickened. Add chicken and cook for one minute.
- ④ Remove chicken and plate. Cover with sauce.

Endowment Fund Distributions for 2022

Nimmonsburg UMC Endowment Funds are available each year for distribution in four categories: (1) Special Needs; (2) General Expense; (3) Building and Maintenance; and (4) Missions. For 2022, the following requests were approved:

1. Pastor Jenni Piatt—Phone system for church for \$250.00. *This was from the Building and Maintenance category.*
2. Rebecca Olivet—Fire relief in the amount of \$1,057.93. *This was from the Missions category.*
3. Bruce Kellett—Strip and wax church floors, and wash windows in the amount of \$1,448.44. *This was from the General Expense category.*
4. Denise Kellett—Sunday School tables in the amount of \$1,300.00. *This was from both the Building and Maintenance category, and the Special Needs category.*



Bishop Mark J. Webb's

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

After a season of prayer and discernment, I have made the decision to retire from the active episcopacy on December 31, 2022. I have submitted my request for retirement to the Northeastern Jurisdiction and the Council of Bishops.

I have not made this decision lightly and it is the right one for personal and spiritual reasons. The divide within the United Methodist Church has lessened my joy for this role and changed my sense of whether my gifts, convictions and leadership as a residential Bishop are best for the United Methodist church in the future. The writer of Ecclesiastes says: *"There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven."*

Jodi and I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve with and among the people of Upper New York over these last 10 years. We look forward to returning to Pennsylvania to be closer to our children and other family.

Over the next few months, I will continue to offer all I can to assist leaders and congregations of Upper New York in preparing for days of ministry ahead that will honor God, boldly share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and increase God's kingdom. The mission of *"making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"* continues.

Thank you for praying for us and be assured of our ongoing prayers for each of you.

With gratitude and love, *Mark J. Webb*

Bell Team for Kids

Bell Team practice for kids ages 5 and up will be held after worship each Sunday morning **beginning Sept. 11th**. This is an every-week commitment, so please be aware that if your child signs up, they will be part of a team and expected to be there. Please see Denise if your child is interested.



EMAIL SCAM

Did you get an e-mail from someone asking you for a favor? Did they ask you to send gift cards to pay for something? Before you go out and pay up, ask yourself this: *"Is this really the person you think it is?"* It could be a scammer trying to get your money!

Here's how it can play out. The scammer sends you an e-mail impersonating someone else, either using a spoofed e-mail address or by hacking into their account. Then they make up a story about needing your help, and ask you to help by paying them with gift cards, promising to pay you back later. BUT, once you hand over the gift card number and PIN, the money is gone!

If you get an unexpected e-mail from someone asking for this kind of help:

- 1. Don't pay for anything with a gift card. If anyone asks you to pay with a gift card, it is a scam.**
2. Double check with the person who you think sent the e-mail, but use a different e-mail address or phone number to contact them, not something that was written in the e-mail.
3. If you can't reach the person you thought sent the e-mail, talk to a friend about what they would do.

Did you, or someone you know pay a scammer? If you act quickly you can sometimes get your money back. It's worth trying! If you spot a scam, report it to [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/ReportFraud).





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Sunday School Begins September 11th
Come join the fun!!

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