



June 2018

Hilton United Methodist Church

Pastor's Corner

The last few weeks have brought on the beauty of Spring....and with that comes outdoor activities.

My kids have been riding bikes since they were able to pedal (even before). They started riding a tricycle that we would push as they placed their feet on the pedals. Eventually they learned to pedal the tricycle themselves. Then the day came that they were able to ride a two-wheeler with training wheels. An entirely new freedom down the driveway with a safety net at the end.

Then one day each of them asked us to remove the training wheels. It seems like those days when the training wheels were no longer there to support their freedom were the most frustrating and even the most exhausting (for the parent running alongside). Then in a moment each child is able to ride a bike.....free and clear. In our neighborhood is it a big deal when a child learns to ride a two wheeler without training wheels. Everyone notices and cheers as the once hesitant and shaky rider continues to pedal past each driveway. The neighbors offer support and even a calming presence when the child eventually crashes.

That particular day for me as a mom was a little scary as I realized there was little stopping them, and they were truly becoming independent. However, I still had some control. The question often asked was, "Momma, how far can I ride?" "What are the markers for which I need to turn around and come back?" For our kids we always used a visible bush or trusted neighbor's driveway.

This year we are parents of a teenager and no one under 9 years old...." time marches on." Sunday afternoon, May 6th (yep I remember the date, lol), I was surprised to hear Troy say, "If you stick together (Will in the lead and Trent bringing up the rear) you may ride around the block. You need to stay with one another and not leave anyone behind." My mother's heart said, "WHAT???" But, I knew that most kids over 10 in our neighborhood were already riding much farther than the 6 driveways I was allowing my kids to venture. So off they went, happy as can be.

As they came around the corner of Rolling Meadow I noticed that they were going to need to cross the street to get to our driveway. I also saw a car coming down the

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street. I wondered if they saw it, I wondered if they would cross in front of the car and not see it barreling down the road. I wanted to cry out, "CAR!!!" Then it occurred to me..... I needed to let them be. Not be the parent hovering, but trust that Troy and I had given them the skills they needed to safely ride their bikes.

Every day God sets us out on our own way. I wonder if God sees the pitfalls of decisions we are about to make and wants to shout out, "Watch out! Danger!" But, God has given us free will. In that free will we are able to make decisions about relationships, activities, and even ministry opportunities. Perhaps there are numerous times God wants to shout out to us, "CAR!" along the journey. But God doesn't. God allows us to make our own decisions whether they lead to immediate good things or along a less direct path to good things. God doesn't let anything separate us from God's love. Even our decisions that may lead us away from an active relationship with God.

May you continue to pursue a relationship with Jesus Christ. May you be open to the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. May the love of God guide your decisions. By the way....the car passed LONG before the kids needed to cross the street to get to our driveway. The kids made it safely home and have even driven that route a couple more times since...not excited about the days they get their driver's licenses.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Jennifer



Yesterday, today, tomorrow

Four years ago, our congregation embarked on a journey toward revitalization called Hand to Plow. At a church conference in April of 2014, we unanimously voted to implement the recommendations of the Conference consultation team. Teams were formed focusing on ways God was calling us to improve or develop our small groups, worship, discipleship and leadership pathways, and resolve population gaps. The teams then presented their plans to the Church Council who adopted those strategies in April of 2015. The Church Council is now reviewing our progress in these ministry areas. We are in the process of discerning what's working, what's not, and tweaking the areas that need fine-tuning.

One of our initiatives is to develop long-term strategies - to discern where God is calling us to be in the next three years in the areas of worship, youth ministry, outreach, and small groups. To do this, we need your help.

Be on the lookout in the next few weeks for an email that will point you to a set of questions that will help us discern God's plan for future ministries here at HUMC. There will be a paper option available for those who do not use email.

In His Service,
Bob Comstock, CLM

Sunday Servant Training

Hospitality is essential to a vital and authentic worship experience at HUMC. To ensure a meaningful experience for all, we are excited to offer training in the following areas:

June 3rd: Communion Servers (coordinator: Carol DeNeve)

Communion servers distribute the consecrated elements.

June 10th: Lay Liturgist (coordinator: Sharon Miller)

The Lay Liturgist assists the pastor in leading worship. He/She leads the opening prayer and reads the Scripture lesson(s).

June 24th: Greeters (coordinator: Ingrid Richardson)

Greeters are the first people worshippers encounter when entering the building. They assist new attenders with directions to child care, the sanctuary, and other locations within the building.

Please note: Usher Training already happened on May 6th. There have been a few changes. If you missed the training, please talk with your Team Leader or Scott Campbell before you Usher next.

This training is designed for those who have served in worship since the Apostle Paul walked the earth (lol) or those that want to try out serving in a new way. We would like to ensure consistency across these areas of hospitality and worship within the life of our congregation. We will provide you with the theology and reason behind your important role in the life of our congregation.

These trainings will be no longer than 20 min and take place in the sanctuary at 11:30 am after worship on the above dates respectively.

NOTE: Adult Sunday School will begin after the training on these dates.

Not already serving? We encourage you to come and find out more about these important roles and consider serving in a new way.

Please contact either the church office (office@humcny.org) or me (clm@humcny.org) with any questions concerning these training meetings.

In His Service,
Bob Comstock, Certified Lay Minister

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## FYI – Annual Conference

Please keep our district (The Genesee Valley District of UMC) and our conference (Upper NY Conference of the UMC) in your prayers as the Bishop, Superintendents, Pastors, Staff and Lay Members prepare for our Annual Conference in Syracuse. More information is available on the Conference website at [unyumc.org](http://unyumc.org)

May 30, 2013 – June 2, 2018 = Annual Conference

## Summer Cadet Cupboard

We have been busy preparing and coordinating with the Hilton CSD in preparation for the upcoming 2018 Summer Cadet Cupboard Extension program. We are reaching out to our congregation to see if you are interested in joining us for the Summer 2018 season and if so, in what capacity.



### **What is the Summer Cadet Cupboard?**

**The Summer Cadet Cupboard Program's purpose is to provide weekly supplementary boxes of food to Hilton's at-risk families during summer break. These families have been (or will be) identified by counselors at Hilton School District Elementary and Middle Schools.** The children identified have been receiving food in their backpacks during the school year. The need is great during the summer months and Hilton United Methodist Church is responding to this need. *This program runs with no cost to the District or the participating families.*

### **We are in need of:**

**Volunteer Families:** responsibilities include: creating and delivering boxes (approximate value of \$30) weekly to outreach families weekly over the course of the summer

**Food Pick up coordinators:** Some of our families chose to pick up outside of normal office hours. These families need to be met and boxes distributed. Additionally, some of our volunteer families supplement their boxes with Food link or community donations from downstairs.

**Community volunteers:** These volunteers would be willing to reach out to area businesses to solicit donations to the Cadet Cupboard Program and our Backpack Back to School Program.

**Publicity Volunteer:** work on publishing and increasing community awareness of the Cadet Cupboard Extension Program through writing articles for the Westside News, the Mouse, HUMC Bulletin and Hilton School Insight Paper.

**Back to School Bash Coordinator(s):** organizing games, dinner, volunteers, bounce house, coordinate with local groups/persons such as hair dressers, the clothes closet, Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Please reply by July 1<sup>st</sup> to both Manuela ([missions@humcnny.org](mailto:missions@humcnny.org)) and Lara ([lschuler@live.com](mailto:lschuler@live.com)) indicating your interest and in what area.

## Summer activities:

Mark your calendar for July 21 to participate in our Playground Patrol. We will visit several playgrounds and end with a special treat.

We are planning a picnic on a Sunday in August. We are looking for a host who can choose the location and the exact date. Help is available. Suggestions are welcome.

See Jim or Sally Lee for more information.

## Open Table Supper

Open Table (previously Sharing Suppers) will be held on  
Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

This is the last dinner before summer.

All are welcome. Bring Family, friends, neighbors or the guy walking  
down the street, lol.



This month's chef is Kevin Sullivan.

Menu is: ham; mashed potatoes; corn; applesauce; and ice cream.

Please check the bulletin board to see where you can help.



**UMW** June is just around the corner, doesn't seem possible but here we are planning our  
last meeting in spring.

In June the ladies of the church family are invited to come to a **GIRLS NIGHT OUT** dinner--a  
celebration of our work during the Sept-June church year. It is great time to sit back, relax  
and enjoy each other's company.

This year we have reservations at Forster's on Canning Street We will have a private room at  
the back of the bar, (There are two rooms back there and I am not sure which side will we  
have, just walk to the back of the bar room to the hostess desk and ask the  
hostess) Reservations are under my name--Janet

The important things for you to know.

Place Foster's 50 Canning Street

Date: Tuesday June 5

Time: 6:00pm

We get to pick three choices from the menu. See the signup sheet in the Narthex.

## TREASURERS' REPORT - May 2018

As of May 1, 2018, we have the following balances in our major financial accounts:

| Account Name          | As of January 7, 2018 | As of May 1, 2018 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Checking (in Quicken) | 7193.00               | \$1,545.20        |
| Savings - General     | \$0                   | 28,292.60         |
| Reserve – Capital     | \$10,550.00           | \$10,703.73       |
| Remembrance Fund      | \$3,550.00            | \$3,551.73        |
| Endowment Fund        | \$108,857             | \$107,037.35      |

### Account Definitions:

**Checking Accounts** Account utilized to pay all internal and external invoices using Quicken.

**Savings – General** Account where all 2018 full year Offerings are held until released each month.

### SUMMARY:

As of May 1, 2018, .....we have \$1,545.20 in the Checking account (in Quicken as shown above). We have NO outstanding invoices; and all salaries have been paid for April.

### Key Financial Key points tracked;

- ✚ April 2018 Ministry Shares, Health premiums and Retiree premiums are paid in FULL Year to date. All Repeating expenses and Church Mutual Insurance were paid in full ... Year to Date.
- ✚ Our total Annualized income for April (5 weeks) was \$23,892 with expenses of \$20,431. The YTD Annualized offering is \$2,059 below our annualized YTD budget, an improvement of approximately \$3,000. 😊

### Other key financial items in April:

- Project Chacocente: A check of \$480 was sent in April to cover Marbelly and Ariel's support through December of 2018. Starting in 2019, we will send our annual Sponsorship donation of \$720 each January; this will align with their annual fund drive period.
- Sanctuary fund drive still needs \$1,700 to meet our Targeted Goal. We still owe our Endowment Fund approximately \$5,000.
- An additional \$5665.00 was donated to the Bring Stella Home fund!!!

### Communications:

If you have any questions on any of this information, or would like to see specific information or more details ... please contact me.... email is dsneddon@rochester.rr.com

**Dennis Sneddon**

# Servants for June 2018

| Servants for June 2018 |                                               |    |                                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------------|
|                        | <b><u>Lay Liturgists</u></b>                  |    | <b><u>Greeters</u></b>                      |
| 3                      | The Disciple Class                            | 3  | Ed & Marj Earnhart; Barb Hare               |
| 10                     | Ingrid Richardson                             | 10 | Karen & Mark Swanson                        |
| 17                     | Alea Floyd                                    | 17 | Mary Hall                                   |
| 24                     | Marj Earnhart                                 | 24 | Sam & Sue Emerson; Sue Sutherlan            |
|                        | <b><u>Ushers</u></b>                          |    | <b><u>Guides</u></b>                        |
| 3                      | # 5 – Pat Holenbeck                           | 3  | Ed & Marj Earnhart                          |
| 10                     | # 6 – Dennis Sneddon                          | 10 | Terry & Nancy Young                         |
| 17                     | # 1 – Ed Earnhart                             | 17 | Sue Sutherland & Sparky Hess                |
| 24                     | # 2 – Jim Lee                                 | 24 | Sam & Sue Emerson                           |
|                        | <b><u>Jr. Church Assistant</u></b>            |    | <b><u>Nursery Assistant</u></b>             |
| 3                      | Karen Blank                                   | 3  | Eithen Pardi                                |
| 10                     | Kathy Blackburn                               | 10 | Lucus Speer                                 |
| 17                     | Sue Emerson                                   | 17 | Nicole Pilon                                |
| 24                     | Nancy Manning                                 | 24 | Anna Miller                                 |
|                        | <b><u>Sound Booth:</u></b>                    |    | <b><u>Acolytes</u></b>                      |
| 3                      | Patti Sullivan                                | 3  |                                             |
| 10                     |                                               | 10 |                                             |
| 17                     | Dan Van Vleck                                 | 17 |                                             |
| 24                     | Dan Van Vleck                                 | 24 |                                             |
|                        | <b><u>Communion Servers</u></b>               |    | <b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>                   |
| 3                      | The Disciple Class                            | 3  | Debby Comstock & Lois DeWitt                |
|                        |                                               | 10 | Sparky Hess & Karen Swanson                 |
|                        |                                               | 17 | Dads & Grads Reception by Friendship Circle |
|                        |                                               | 24 | Sue Sutherland, Deb Ortiz & Marj Earnhart   |
|                        | <b><u>Lighthouse 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult</u></b> |    | <b><u>SLAM 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult</u></b>     |
| 7                      | Patti Sullivan                                | 1  | Karen Blank                                 |
| 14                     | Sue Emerson                                   | 15 | Sue Emerson                                 |

## June Anniversaries



|                             |               |                   |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Bob & Debby Comstock        | June 1, 1974  | Years Married: 44 |
| Chris & Jeanne Wanjon       | June 3, 2000  | Years Married: 18 |
| Ed & Marj Earnhart          | June 5, 1982  | Years Married: 36 |
| Joe & Ann Hurlimann         | June 7, 1986  | Years Married: 32 |
| Ron & Janeen Gary           | June 16, 1989 | Years Married: 29 |
| Troy & Jennifer Green       | June 18, 2000 | Years Married: 18 |
| Mike & Katie Paxton Johnson | June 22, 2002 | Years Married: 16 |

## June Birthdays

|                 |                           |                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Bethany Gary  | 16 Kate Earnhart Reynolds | 24 Linda Smith        |
| Pasquale Neri   | 19 Mickey Woodams         | 26 Dan Rickman        |
| 2 Michele List  | 20 Nina Neri              | 27 Annette Zobel      |
| 12 Ron Davies   | Tanner Smith              | 28 Bob Comstock       |
| 13 Marisa Pulci | 21 Nathan Thompson        | 30 Caroline Van Vleck |
| 14 Will Rickman | 23 Jenna Neri             |                       |



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## June 2018

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