

# The Nimmonsburg Witness

## Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship at 10 am followed by Fellowship Time at 11 am

**APRIL 2022**

In February, my husband and I announced that we would be moving to Jamestown. Dave will be retiring as of July 1st, and I will begin serving Christ First UMC. We are deep in the process of sorting out our belongings, getting rid of what is no longer useful, and packing up what we want to take with us. This process is a great picture of our spiritual lives.

Throughout our lives, we collect all kinds of things: kitchen items, clothes, tools, knickknacks, and things we do not even remember we have stuffed into cupboards and closets. Some of what we have is good and useful, but some is simply a waste of space. Spiritually, we collect experiences, feelings, hurts, and memories. Items in this spiritual collection may be good or bad, useful or harmful, wonderful treasures and a few broken items.

We collect memories of loved ones, wounds from hurts, useful knowledge, trivial facts, celebrations, and damaged relationships.



Every few years, Dave and I have moved. At that time we take time to clean out our belongings. What if we could occasionally clean out our spiritual houses? We could get rid of the bad, the broken, and the hurtful things. We could carefully clean out and give attention to our memories, celebrations, and loved ones. As I pack, I often wish I had done this right along and not waited for a move. You do not have to wait to clean out your spiritual house. Every day is a good day to clean out the bad, fix up what is worth fixing, and cherish the good.

In June, all of my belongings will be loaded in a truck and I will leave Binghamton for the last time. At that time, I will have mixed emotions. I will be sad to leave friends, partners in ministry, a comfortable home, the familiar, and the activities that I have grown to enjoy. Although there is an excitement for the future, I will also be a bit anxious. As I think about this life change, I have a sense of peace that God has a plan for my life and that God is not leaving all of you alone. Someone will come and take my place and this is good and right, because God has a plan! When we clean out our spiritual homes, there is joy, excitement, sadness, and anxiety, but it is all worth it. It is time to clean the house!

*Pastor Jenni*



### Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise Service—8:00 am

Worship Service—10:00 am

Please arrive early as seating will be limited.





Since this has worked out so well in the past, we are asking everyone to bring your own flowers for our Easter altar. You can bring lilies, tulips, hyacinths, or anything you like to decorate our altar, and take them home after the Easter Services.

Please let Marge know in the Office if you would like to place the flowers in honor of someone special or in memory of loved ones so we can prepare a listing for Easter Sunday.

Please check with the Office if you have any questions. Thanks!



## Lectionary Readings and Sermons

### April 3, 2022—Communion

#### 5th Sunday in Lent—Purple

- ♦ Philippians 3:4b-14
- ♦ John 12:1-8

Sermon: “Lenten Journey—Restore”

### April 10, 2022

#### Palm Sunday—Purple or Red

- ♦ Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- ♦ Philippians 4:4-9
- ♦ Luke 19:28-40

Sermon: “Lenten Journey—Rejoice”

### April 15, 2022

#### Good Friday

- ♦ John 18:1—19:42

Sermon: “Why?”

### April 17, 2022—Sunrise Service

#### Easter Sunday—White or Gold

- ♦ John 20:1-18

Sermon: “I Know Because I’m One!”

### April 17, 2022

#### Easter Sunday—White or Gold

- ♦ 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
- ♦ John 20:1-18

Sermon: “Raised”

### April 24, 2022

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter—White or Gold

Guest Pastor: D. S. Nancy Adams



## Lay Readers and Sunday School Teachers

### Lay Readers:

- 4/3 - Karen Holman
- 4/10 - Mini Daub
- 4/17 - Judy St. John
- 4/24 - Cheryl Ryder
- 5/1 - Elsie Lockhart
- 5/8 - Bruce Kellett
- 5/15 - Patti Derr
- 5/22 - Shirley Savage
- 5/29 - Pat Olmstead



### Sunday School:

- 4/3 - Cheryl Ryder
- 4/10 - Justin Hagerman
- 4/17 - Bruce Kellett
- 4/24 - Karen Holman
- 5/1 - Justin Hagerman
- 5/8 - Brittany DeSario
- 5/15 - Cheryl Ryder
- 5/22 - Justin Hagerman
- 5/29 - Rebecca Olivet

## Endowment Funds Requests Due May 1st

Requests for NUMC Endowment Funds are now being accepted through May 1, 2022. Requests should be submitted in writing to Rex Decker, Chairman, Russ Sanaeko or Cheryl Weeks. Funds will be distributed for (1) special needs; (2) general expenses; (3) building and maintenance; and (4) missions. After the deadline, all requests will be reviewed and recommendations submitted to the Administrative Board for decision. Decisions will be sent to the person or committee which made the request.

# Our April Celebrations

## BIRTHDAYS

4/3 - Amy Morgan  
 4/4 - Edith Stalker  
 4/6 - Melanie Birtch  
 4/8 - Skylar Rovere  
 4/10 - Ed Letterman  
 Marjorie Zacharias  
 4/12 - Rachael Hagerman  
 4/13 - Mary Pease  
 4/14 - Simon Austin  
 4/15 - Declan Rueffer  
 4/16 - Jacqueline Birtch



4/17 - Peter Contro  
 Karen Holman  
 4/19 - David Hagerman  
 Norma Letterman  
 4/21 - Corey Hagerman  
 4/23 - Taylen Burish  
 Jordan Oakley  
 Jenna Shoemaker  
 4/24 - Caden Hoyt  
 4/30 - Eric Moyer

## ANNIVERSARIES:

4/26 - Tom and Shirley Savage  
 4/28 - Denise and Bruce Kellett  
 4/29 - Michelle and Jim Hennings



*Did we miss your special day?*

*If so, please let us know so we can  
 celebrate with you!*



## Adding Something for Lent



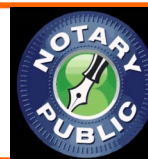
As we did last year, we are asking you **NOT** to give up something for Lent, but to **ADD** something instead. We are in the middle of collecting personal care items during Lent to donate to the Children's Home of Wyoming Conference. These much-needed items will make a big difference in the lives of local children and families in need. Please "**ADD**" your donation to the bin located in the entryway. Thank you for your generous support!

### Items Needed:

1. *Boys' and Girls' socks and underwear for ages 5-18*
2. *Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Youth Toothpaste, Deodorant (male/female), Hair Brushes, Feminine Hygiene Products, Chap Stick, and Bath Towels*
3. *Diapers, Baby Wipes, Pull-Ups, Baby Bedding, Bottles and Baby Formula*
4. *MP3 Players for Residential Youth Units (Music is part of some of our residential youth treatment plans, and are one of the most requested items in the residential units on campus.)*
5. *Restaurant or Craft Store Gift Cards (for families to do activities together; especially helpful in Foster Care emergency situations)*



If you are in need of a Notary Public, please remember that Notary services are available at the Church Office at no cost. You can stop by or call Marge at 724-5421.



## Meet the Finance Committee



Our Finance Committee is responsible for the income and expenses of the Church, creating and reviewing financial policies, making provision for the annual audit, and ensuring proper stewardship of the financial resources of this Church.

If you have any questions or concerns about the finances of our Church, these are the people to talk to. We, as the Nimmonsburg UMC Finance Committee, would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Rex Decker, *Chairperson*

Rachael Hagerman, *Treasurer*

Marge McCoy, *Finance Secretary*

Don Birtch, *Lay Leader*

Shelly Schaffer, *Lay Member*

## Recalibration #5

At our fifth Recalibration Dinner, we had 19 people. After a very fast review of the key elements of our past meetings, we began reviewing the questions on our Church Profile, and began developing an "Action Plan". The Church Profile is the on-line form that the District Superintendent uses to understand who we are and what we are about. The "Action Plan", when finished, will be sorted and prioritized for the Administrative Board to review. We are very excited about our "Action Plan", and hope that the Holy Spirit's creativity will guide our work.



8:00 am Outside  
(inside if too cold or raining)

CHRIST IS RISEN



Easter  
SUNDAY  
service

10:00 am in Sanctuary  
Arrive Early as Seating is Limited

## Who Am I?

We are good at labeling things, especially people. We have titles for people and things so we know who is who and what is what, but the reality is that we don't always understand what the titles mean. It becomes confusing when many terms are similar and several titles are quite non-descript. This is a quick attempt to clear the air on a few titles which we seem to be confused about.

**Lay Leader**—The Lay Leader is the key link between the Pastor, the local church and the community, and works with the Pastor to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation.

**Lay Member** - The Lay Member is the key link between the Annual Conference and the local church.

**Certified Lay Minister** - A CLM has received training in order to serve a church, in a pastoral capacity, as needed by the District Superintendent.

**Lay Speaker** - A Lay Speaker is one who is trained to serve the church in a variety of capacities and to provide preaching as needed by the Pastor or District Superintendent.

**Lay Servant** - A Lay Servant is one who is trained to serve the church in a variety of capacities, but not necessarily preaching.

**Worship Leader** - This person leads any portion of the worship service as needed by the Pastor, except for preaching. Sometimes the Pastor or a Lay person fulfills multiple roles at a worship service.

**Liturgist** - The Liturgist is the person who reads the Scripture at Worship services. This person may also do other readings as needed by the Pastor or the Worship Leader.

**Pastor** - The Pastor may be Licensed, Ordained, or somewhere along the process. This person is appointed by the Bishop to oversee the spiritual and temporal needs of the congregation and business operations of the church.

**District Superintendent** - The DS is appointed by the Bishop to oversee the churches and pastors within a geographical area within the conference. Our DS is Rev. Nancy Adams.

**Bishop** - The Bishop serves as a general superintendent for the church, assigned to a geographical area. In the United Methodist tradition, bishops are not "ordained" as bishops, but are clergy elected and consecrated to the office of bishop. Our Bishop is Rev. Mark Webb.

**District** - Nimmonsburg UMC is in the geographic area called the "*Binghamton District*."

**Annual Conference** - The Binghamton District is within the "*Upper New York Annual Conference*." This body meets annually with equal representation of laity (non-clergy) and clergy.

**Jurisdictional Conference** - The Upper NY Annual Conference is within the geographic area call the "**Northeastern Jurisdiction**." In the US, The United Methodist Church is divided into five areas known as jurisdictions: *Northeastern, Southeastern, North Central, South Central and Western*. These provide program and leadership training events to support annual conferences. Every 4 years the jurisdictional conferences meet to elect new bishops and select members of general boards and agencies.

**General Conference** - The General Conference is an international body of nearly 1,000 delegates that meets every 4 years. Delegates are elected by annual conferences. They represent all annual conferences around the world. Half of the delegates are laity (non-clergy) and half are clergy.

**Charge Conference** - This is the annual meeting of the local church. Nimmonsburg UMC has an annual meeting to elect officers, set the Pastor's salary, and conduct business for the coming year.



## Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Pastor Jenni began this special Bible Study on March 31st, but it's not too late to join her for the other five weeks! The study meets in the Wesleyan Room at noon on Thursdays.

This study is based on Exodus 13 and 14. It is an opportunity to see how God worked in the story of Israel, and to reflect on how God might be working in our own story.

Please see Pastor Jenni if you would like to join in.

## Nimmonsburg Church Cookbooks



If you are looking for a quick and easy weeknight dinner, this stir fry recipe is the way to go! You get your protein and vegetables in one skillet, and in a flash you have a delicious dinner! This recipe was submitted to our Church Cookbook by Marge Lieberum.

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.

### Stir Fry Chicken

#### Ingredients:

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| 1 T. Oil   | 2/3 c. Sliced Carrots   |
| 1 medium Onion Sliced                                    | 1/2 c. Broccoli Florets |
| 1 c. Hot Water   |                         |
| 2 Envelopes Lipon Cream of Chicken "Cup of Soup" mix     |                         |
| 1/2 lb. boneless Chicken Breast cut into one-inch Strips |                         |

#### Directions:

1. Heat oil in skillet.
2. Cook chicken and carrots, stirring constantly, for five minutes or until chicken is almost done.
3. Add "Cup of Soup" blended with water. Bring to a boil.
4. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for five minutes or until the sauce thickens.
5. Serve over rice.



How do you mend a broken tomato?



Why didn't Noah ever go fishing?

## Global Methodist Church



You may have heard that the 2022 (originally 2020) UM General Conference has been postponed again. It is now being planned for 2024.

Many United Methodists had hoped that the General Conference would finally meet and vote to adopt *The Protocol* – a plan for amicable separation. Out of this separation, the Global Methodist Church was to be launched as part of an orderly process sanctioned by the General Conference for those with irreconcilable differences to separate for the sake of the larger mission. Rather than devoting additional energy and resources to a 50-year-old conflict, it is time to form a new branch of the Methodist family.

United Methodists, around the world, believe that our church leaders have failed to make timely arrangements for holding a General Conference. Therefore, *The Protocol* will not be adopted until at least 2024. The Global Methodist Church Transitional Leadership Council determined it will therefore launch the Global Methodist Church on May 1, 2022 so local churches, annual conferences, and central conferences wanting to join it could do so as soon as possible.

The next 12-18 months will be a time of transition, so we need to be patient and not panic. I encourage you not to be passive about these events. I encourage you to learn more about the Global Methodist Church. You can do this at [globalmethodist.org](http://globalmethodist.org). There is a great deal of information on the website to help you and answer your questions. Additionally, **I will be offering four informational opportunities between April and May. These will all be the same, but I want to offer several dates and times so that everyone can be informed. The sign-up sheet is in the entryway. You will need to sign up. If none of the dates and times work for you, contact me and I will work something out. (See below for dates)**

I know this may all be new to some of you. I have not talked much about it, because there was not enough information to work with before now. There were more questions than answers. There are still many questions, but we now have a few more answers.

I want to echo Bishop Webb's words and encourage this church to keep focused on the purpose of reaching, resourcing, and releasing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. That has always been our mission and will continue to be going forward. That does not change.

*Pastor Jenni*

## Discussion/Information Meetings Global Methodist Church / United Methodist Church



Sign-up sheets are in the Church Entryway  
***You only need to attend one meeting.***

*April 18th at 1:00 pm and again at 6:00 pm  
May 16th at 1:00 pm and again at 6:00 pm*



## Congratulations Cassidy Nowik!

Congratulations to Chenango Forks High School's **Cassidy Nowik** (*granddaughter of Patti and Paul Derr*)! Cassidy was nominated for her tireless efforts to bring students and the community back together following an exhaustive two years dealing with the pandemic. This culminated in her founding the Chenango Forks High School Branch of the InterAct Club to promote and provide community services not only within her school district, but throughout her local community.



Her diligence and determination of giving back to her community and helping those in need makes her a perfect example of what it means to be an Akshar's All Star, not to mention a member of the National Honor Society, on the High Honor Roll throughout her high school career and maintaining a 97% GPA while participating in a long list of clubs, sports and activities: Art Club President, National Honor Society President, Student Council Vice President, Class President, Yearbook Club Vice President, CFTV Club, Varsity Lacrosse, Indoor Track, District Videographer and WSKG Intern. Whew!

## Paid Treasurer's Position at NUMC



We are currently developing a paid position of Treasurer for NUMC. We are looking for someone who has bookkeeping, Quick Books and payroll experience. Responsibilities will include, but not be limited to: Record incoming funds; make outgoing payments; document all financial transactions; create monthly reports; reconcile bank accounts; and preparation of our annual budget. If you are interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Judy St. John, SPPRC Chair, or Rex Decker, Finance Chair.

## Paid Choir Director's Position at NUMC

We are looking for a Choir Director here at NUMC. Our choir will sing every Sunday, and rehearse each Wednesday or Thursday evening from 6-7 pm. Choir also meets 15-20 minutes prior to our worship service on Sunday to practice. Eligible candidates must be able to select music relevant to the worship plan, direct the choir and play the piano. Please contact Judy St. John, SPPRC Chair, or Phyllis Bartlett for more information.







## Holy Week

### Holy Thursday Service with Communion

Conklin Forks United Methodist Church is hosting a Holy Thursday Service with Holy Communion on **Thursday, April 14th at 6:30 pm**. The church is located at 4420 Brady Hill Road, Binghamton, NY 13903. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Good Friday Ecumenical Service

The Chenango Area Clergy are holding a Good Friday Ecumenical Service on Friday, **April 15th at 1:00 pm** here at Nimmonsburg UMC. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Good Friday Pot Luck Dinner

Dinner will be held at **5:15 pm on Friday, April 15th**. Please bring a meatless dish to pass and your own place settings. Drinks will be provided. We will finish in time for the 6:00 Good Friday Service. *Please let Denise Kellett know if you need a ride so one can be arranged.*

### Easter Sunrise Service

Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday will be held at **8:00 am outside in front of the Church** (*inside if it is too cold or raining*).

### Easter Sunday Service

Easter Sunday Service will be at **10:00 am** in the Sanctuary. Please arrive early as seating will be limited.



### Recalibration #6

At our sixth Recalibration Dinner, we had 14 people. We continued reviewing the questions on our Church Profile and added to our Action Plan. At our next meeting, we should complete the Church Profile and the prioritized Action Plan! This is really exciting! Nimmonsburg has a great future!





## Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 am at Dr. Lalor's Parking Lot  
Coffee and Donuts After!

**Sign-Up Sheet in Church Entryway**  
**See Bruce Kellett with any questions.**



## Recalibration #7

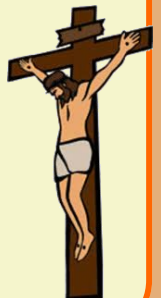
At our seventh Recalibration Dinner, we had 9 people. We finalized and prioritized a 30-point Action Plan, and updated all of the questions on our Church Profile. I want to thank all of those who were involved in this work, and a special thanks to those who helped provide our meals.



Can you spot the Williams Family on this Boardboard?

## STATEMENTS RECORDED IN THE BIBLE THAT CHRIST SAID ON THE CROSS?

1. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (*Luke 23:34*)
2. "Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." (*Luke 23:43*)
3. "...he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!" (*John 19:26, 27*)
4. "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (*Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34*)
5. "I thirst." (*John 19:28*)
6. "It is finished." (*John 19:30*)
7. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." (*Luke 23:46*)



### Answers from Page 6:



1. With tomato paste!
2. He only had two worms!

# What's Happening

## April Happenings:

April 4 & 5 at 9:30 am -

April 5th at 1:00 pm -

April 7th at Noon -

April 9th at 10:00 am -

April 14th at Noon -

April 14th at 6:30 pm -

April 15th at 1:00 pm—

April 15th at 5:15 pm -

April 15th at 6:00 pm -

April 17th at 8:00 am -

April 18th at 1:00 pm—

April 18th at 6:00 pm -

April 21st at Noon -

April 21st at 4:00 pm -

April 28th at Noon -

## Upcoming Happenings:

May 1st -

May 5th at Noon -

May 8th at 10:00 am -

May 10th at 6:00 pm -

May 21st -

May 29th -

AARP Safe Driving Classes at NUMC

Henderson Mission Trip Orientation Meeting

Bible Study in Wesleyan Room

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

Bible Study in Wesleyan Room

Holy Thursday Service with Communion at Conklin Forks United Methodist Church

Good Friday Ecumenical Service (held at NUMC)

Good Friday Pot Luck Dinner at NUMC

Good Friday Evening Service at NUMC

Easter Sunrise Service at NUMC

GMC/UMC Discussion/Information Meeting

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Bible Study in Wesleyan Room

Administrative Board Meeting in Wesleyan Room

Bible Study in Wesleyan Room

Deadline for Endowment Requests

Bible Study in Wesleyan Room

Worship Service Pulpit Swap—Rev. Dave Piatt

UMW Mother/Child Banquet

Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement Begins

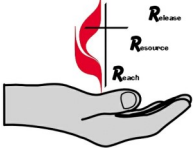
Return from Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement

## **Henderson Mission Trip—Donations Needed**

When our “Mission Team” takes off to Frakes, Kentucky, there are some items they would like to take with them that we could help with. Below is a small list of some of the items they would like to deliver to Henderson Settlement. *We will begin collecting these items after Easter.* Thanks for your help!

Ziplock Baggies; Lysol Wipes; Seed Packets (Vegetables and Flowers); Plant Tags; Work Gloves; Safety Glasses/Goggles; Dust Masks; Tin Snips; Drill Bit Sets; #10 Envelopes; Copy Paper; Tape; 13 and 33 Gallon Trash Bags; Paint Brushes, Rollers, Paint Trays and Liners; and Painters' Tape.

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