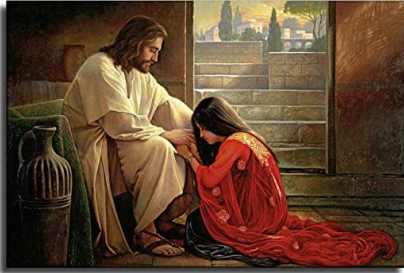


THE NIMMONSBURG WITNESS

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church
918 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, New York 13905
Rev. Harold Wheat (607) 724-5421
April 2023

Grounded



The scholar Brene Brown once said, “*Calm is a superpower.*” In the story of the resurrection of Christ, the gift of calm is given from heavenly beings to us through the words, “*Do not be afraid.*” The words were given first by the angel of the Lord, and then by Jesus himself to his chosen messengers, Mary Magdelene and the other Mary.

We live in a world in which powerful people have for ages tried to organize humanity by fear. When the kin-dom of God draws near to us, that fear is undone, unraveled, found to be ridiculous. Something new is being born among us. Just as long ago, Jesus chose for witnesses those who were not legally recognized to speak in courts of law, so too in our day Jesus will empower those our society marginalizes to carry the message that the world is being renewed in love. Do not be afraid. Whether you are the one called to carry that message, or the one called to drop everything and receive the message, do not be afraid. Neither death nor the fear of death have any further influence over us. We can be calm and hear the Good News of a world reborn.

May this Holy Week and celebration of Easter bring you closer to the superpowers that flow from your calm center!

Pastor Harold

Easter Week Services

April 2nd at 9:30 am
April 6th at 6:00 pm
April 7th at 6:00 pm
April 9th at 7:00 am

April 9th at 9:30 am

Palm Sunday Service
Holy Thursday Communion
Good Friday Service
Easter Sunrise Service
(Inside if too cold or raining)
Easter Sunday Worship Service
(Please arrive early as seating will be limited.)



Woman of Achievement



Easter Flowers

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!



Easter Flowers

Church Women United chose **Cheryl Weeks** as their “*Woman of Achievement*” honoree for 2023. Cheryl was honored along with honorees from other women’s organizations in the Southern Tier for her dedicated volunteerism which positively impacts the lives of others in so many ways.

The award ceremony was held at Traditions at the Glen on March 25th and included a lovely luncheon.

Congratulations Cheryl!! We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!



Recognize any of the helpers at Tabernacle UMC’s free “*Community Meal*”? If you are interested in helping, the Community Meal is every Wednesday from 5-6 pm. You can call their Church Office at 607-723-8983.

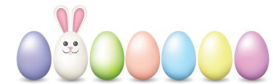
EASTER EGG HUNT!

**Saturday, April 8th
10:00 am**

**Vestal Center UMC
478 West Hill Rd., Vestal
(Rain or Shine)**

**Refreshments, Surprises!
Bring your own basket!!**

**EVERYONE
IS INVITED!**



Please let Pastor Harold or the Church Office know if there are any people associated with the Church who will be graduating from high school or college this June. We want to make sure to remember them!



Thank You

Thank you to our NUMC family for the generous monetary Christmas gift. We paid it forward to those in the community who are in need. Your gift was appreciated by many.

Denise and Bruce

If Jesus Came to Your House ...



If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two,
 If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.
 Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,
 And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best.
 And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there.
 That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare!
 But when you saw him coming, would you meet Him at the door,
 With arms outstretched in welcome to your Heavenly Visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in,
 Or hide some magazines or put the Bible where they'd been?
 Would you turn off the TV and hope He hadn't heard,
 And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, nasty word.
 Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?
 Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?
 And I wonder—if the Saviour spent a day or two with you,
 Would you go right on doing the things you always do?
 Would you keep right on saying the things you always say?
 Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?
 Would your family conversation keep its usual pace?
 And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?
 Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you read?
 And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?
 Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go?
 Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so?
 Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends?
 Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?
 Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on,
 Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?
 It might be interesting to know the things that you would do,
 If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.

Author—Lois Blanchard Eades



Blueberry Pie



This recipe was submitted by Patti Derr for our church cookbook. She tells us that this pie originated at Castle Berry Farm. It is absolutely delicious with a little bit of whipped cream or ice cream on top!!

If you don't have a NUMC Cookbook yet, there are still plenty available. They cost \$10 each and are available in the Church Office.

Ingredients:

9" pie shell (baked)	3/4 cup sugar	4 c. blueberries
3 T. corn starch	1 T. butter	1 T. lemon juice
1/4 cup water	1/4 t. salt	

1. Mix dry ingredients in a sauce pan. Add water and just 2 cups of the blueberries. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until it comes to a boil and is thickened. Mixture should be clear and thick.
2. Remove from heat and stir in butter and lemon juice. Cool.
3. Place second 2 cups of blueberries in baked pie crust and pour cooked and cooled berry mix over the top. Refrigerate.
4. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream!

Celebrating our April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

4/3 - Amy Morgan
 4/4 - Edith Stalker
 4/6 - Louann Lazarek
 Melani Birtch
 4/8 - Skylar Rovere
 4/12 - Rachael Hagerman
 4/13 - Mary Pease
 4/14 - Simon Austin
 4/15 - Declan Rueffer
 4/17 - Karen Holman
 Peter Contro

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



Please let the Church Office know if we missed your birthday or anniversary. We want to celebrate with you!

*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*



Photograph of AriA Williams with the Valentine centerpieces she made during a Sunday School lesson on LOVE. The centerpieces were used for the Senior Social Club's Valentine's Day luncheon, and were given as door prizes to several lucky Senior Social Club members! Thank you AriA.

Please don't forget to let the office know of any changes in your phone numbers, address or e-mail. Thanks!



New Church Keys

Due to issues of missing keys, the locks on the front and back doors of the Church will be changed on April 7th. **You can throw away your present keys to those doors at that time.**

You can pick up a new key from the Church Office beginning on Tuesday, April 4th.

You will need to complete a card with your name and phone number for us to keep on file to receive a new key.

Some Easter Fun for Everyone!

- What is the Easter Bunny's favorite sport?
- How can you tell which rabbit is the oldest?
- Where does the Easter Bunny eat breakfast?
- Where does Easter come before Valentine's Day?
- What does the Easter Bunny say when it burps?
- What's the best way to catch a rabbit?
- Why did the Easter Bunny have to fire the duck?

Basketball

Look for the gray hare

IHOP

In the dictionary

Eggs-cuse me!

Pretend to be a carrot

He kept quacking all the eggs!



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