

The Nimmonsburg Witness

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship at 9:30 am followed by Fellowship Time at 10:30 am

January 2024

Journey with Jesus

Dear Friends in Faith,

Grace and peace from God who calls us beloved be with you in this season of hope and renewal!

The journey with Jesus is seldom boring—and isn't boredom too just an indication that growth is nearby? - but what I'm learning as I reflect on the year that has passed is that everything and anything that happens can be part of our deepening intimacy with God. The story of God's love unfolds within the ordinary stories of the world, the everyday busyness of our lives, yet God's story changes what it touches.

The divine narrative places before us a hope that we can move towards a realization that everything within us belongs, can be loved into belonging. Whether one begins the spiritual journey with introspection or focused outward on making things right in our fragile world, the story of the Living God

who loved us so much that s/he became one with us and lived among us is a sure sign of hope.

Hope is a faithful companion, and I write to encourage you to walk in hope as we begin this New Year. God is with us. I am thankful to be walking with you, and my prayers are with you in this season of hope and renewal.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Harold



Please join us for worship on February 11th for **Souper Bowl Sunday**. Bring a can of soup and \$1 to worship. Rubber band the dollar to the can of soup and place it on the altar rail in front of the Sanctuary. Our collection will go to CHOW. Thank you!

Thank You Nimmonsburg UMC



Thank you to everyone who donated to the families we adopted this year. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase toys, blankets, winter coats and food gift certificates for their Christmas dinners. Everything was dropped off to the Family Enrichment Network for delivery to the families. Thanks again! It was much appreciated!

Adopt a Family



Thank you to everyone who donated new holiday cards, greeting cards and calendars for the Greater Binghamton Health Center. They were appreciated by all!!



If you need a calendar, we have extra ones on the shelf by the Church mail boxes, so help yourself!!



Thank you to everyone who so generously filled the Christmas Shoeboxes for the children at the Binghamton Boys and Girls Club.

Thanks to all of you, we were able to deliver over 50 shoeboxes for them to distribute to the children.

Nice job everyone — You made a lot of kids smile!

The Prayer Chain

There is power in prayer, especially when a number of people are praying at the same time for the same request. If you or a friend are in need of immediate prayer, we urge you to use **Nimmonsburg's Telephone Prayer Chain**. Members of the Prayer Chain are Nancy Oakley, Phyllis Bartlett, Helen Morgan, Burt Sturdevant, Shirley Savage, Peggy Corino, Gail Byam, Holly Sensenig, Pastor Harold and the Church Office.

To initiate a Prayer Chain request, contact the Coordinator, Nancy Oakley, at (607) 743-3022. Your request will then be passed on to all Prayer Chain members in sequence. To avoid any delay in processing a request, the next person on the list will be contacted whenever an answering machine is encountered. Finally, the last Prayer Chain member will call the Coordinator as verification that the request went through the entire Chain.

For confidential prayer concerns, please call the Church Office at 724-5421 or Pastor Harold directly at (607) 339-8200.

If you believe in the power of prayer, are righteous, are able to keep a confidence, and would like to become part of our Prayer Chain, please contact Nancy Oakley at (607) 743-3022.

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

(James 5:13-16)

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Weekly E-Mail is Coming Soon!

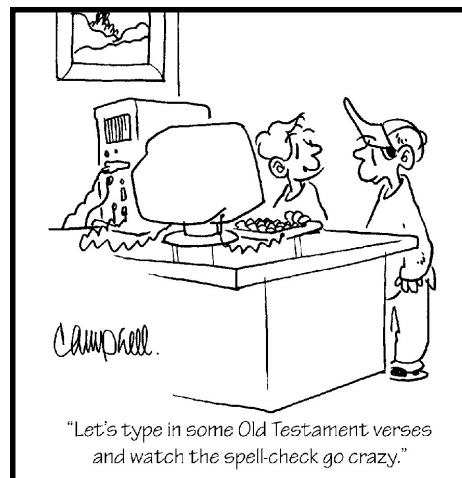


Please make sure that your e-mail address is correct with our Administrative Assistant, Marge, in the

Church Office because we are planning to launch a new communications tool in the New Year. This weekly e-mail will contain an invitation to start thinking about and praying for our worship service, a listing of current and upcoming classes, our events, and occasional stories from members and friends of the congregation. We hope it will be arriving in your inbox soon.



We are planning to prepare a new Church Directory for 2024, and we are looking for someone willing to take photographs of our Church Family. If you would be willing to take the photographs or have questions about this, please see Marge or Pastor Harold. Thanks!



Sunday School Teachers' Meeting

Sunday, January 14th at 11:00 am (after Church)



In the beginning of the New Year, we will be gathering our Sunday School teachers, those who are called to pass on what we have learned to the next generation, so that we may pray, study and work on our scheduling of Teachers and Helpers.

Please be in prayer for those who have answered the call to support our children as they learn the story of God's love. And, let us know if you are experiencing a calling to join them!

*"You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well."
(2 Timothy 2:2)*

Celebrating our January Birthdays & Anniversaries!

CELEBRATE!

Birthdays

- 1/4 - Jim Hennings
- 1/6 - Joanmarie Stietz
- 1/10 - Marguerite Ferro-Cotton
- 1/13 - Richard Nemcek
- 1/16 - Gene Abbey
Dennis Lockhart
Jadelynn Nabinger
Jason Nabinger
- 1/19 - Shelly Desario
Kamryn Hoyt
- 1/23 - Cobie Schaffer
- 1/27 - Dominic Schaffer
- 1/31 - Wally Benjamin

Did we miss your special day?

Please let us know so we can celebrate with you!



Anniversaries

- 1/23 - Marilyn & Richard Riesen
- 1/30 - Linda & Bill Vick



DONATIONS FOR SUNY-BROOME FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting items for the SUNY-Broome Food Pantry. Their pantry is just about depleted and there are many students needing help. There is a bin in the church hallway coat-rack area where you can donate food and personal care items for the Pantry.

Please let the office know if you have any perishable foods to donate so we can arrange for immediate pickup by the college.



Movie Discussion: Dismantling Racism—Part II

Starting a conversation about race is often as difficult as it can be rewarding. Our first effort with “*Hidden Figures*” was a joyful adventure of a conversation, and we have high hopes for our next movie and conversation.

Please mark your calendars for popcorn, great questions, and the insights that only come when we take time to talk about it.

**Movie Discussion Afternoon
Sunday, January 21st
11:00 am to 2:30 pm**



Living Into Our Mission

Dear Friends in Faith,

Our mission is clear (*to reach, resource and release disciples of Jesus Christ for transformation of the world!*), but we have some questions about how we live into that mission in the midst of our current reality. We need to hear from you as folks who love and lead our church to discern a vision that will help us set goals for the coming year and invest our resources wisely. At its best, the church is in an exciting partnership with the Holy Spirit moving in ways that draw people to Christ and provide healing and positive change to the world. Please take some time to pray about and respond to these questions.

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What's next church?


What part of our church's efforts to live our mission are you most excited about?

What is one step we could take (*something that we are not currently doing*) in the living of our mission to most effectively move forward toward the future God has for us?

Thank you for taking time to reflect on and pray about these questions! We will be gathering this information, reading carefully, and using your responses to inform our work in the Church Council to articulate our vision for the future to which God call us. We hope to identify specific steps we can take to move toward that future together!

Please drop this form into the Collection Plate, to the Church Office or to Pastor Wheat.

Thank you!

 Update Contact Info



If you have moved, changed your phone number or your e-mail address, please make sure to update the Church Office. It makes it easier for us to get ahold of you when needed, and we want to make sure that everything is correct when we do our new Church Directory in 2024. Thank you!

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