

# The Nimmonsburg Witness

## Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

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### SAYING GOODBYE

As I sit down to write this article, I am aware that it will be my last for Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church. I have had the honor and pleasure of serving this church since July 1, 2016. During this time, I have learned a great deal about God, people, and myself. I have moved from being a Licensed Local Pastor to a Provisional Elder. I have taken many classes and completed a Masters of Divinity Degree. But that all pales compared to the people I have met and grown to care for. I have completely enjoyed my time at this church and I know that God has used this experience and each one of you to teach me and help me mature to where I am right now.

In these six years, our church has healed, grown, listened to God, seen his plan, and taken steps to fulfill God's mission in and around Nimmonsburg. We have lost several dear members of our church and gained many new friends. We had a very unique 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the midst of a pandemic, and sent a mission team to Henderson Settlement for the second time. The Recalibration Team has done the hard work to identify the next steps for Nimmonsburg UMC. I do not know what the future will look like, but I know that God has chosen someone to come in and serve during this next phase of your life. I will be excited to hear what happens as God continues to work in you and through you.

In my first newsletter article, I wrote, *“Ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in*

*his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”* (Paul, Ephesians 1:15–23)



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# SAYING GOODBYE (Cont.)



My prayer for you has not changed. My desire is that you would know the great love and power of God and take that love into the world. Continue showing the love of God through meals, Bible Study, cleaning up the highway, the Senior Social Club, or something you have not even imagined yet. Do not stop telling the world that God loves them.

The people of Nimmonsburg UMC will always be in my prayers and you will hold a special place in my heart. You are my friends - my brothers and sisters in Christ.

With all my love,

*Pastor Jenni*



## FAREWELL PARTY

EVERYONE is invited to a special Farewell Party to say goodbye and thank you to Pastor Jenni for her years here with us at Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church.

Let's send her off on her next *adventure* with wonderful memories of Nimmonsburg UMC.

**June 5th**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Immediately Following Worship**  
**Luncheon Served**



## Ryder Memorial Garden Workers



# UMW Rummage Sale



The Nimmonsburg United Methodist Women will hold a two-day **Rummage Sale on June 3rd and 4th.** *(The date coincides with the neighborhood sales.)* Sale hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday, and 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday. There will be a bag sale on Saturday. We will begin accepting items on Tuesday, May 31st. Please drop them off at the back door.

We will be accepting donated items that are *clean and in good working order.* Clothing must be laundered and in good condition, and summer clothing is especially desirable. Clothing for children and toys are really good sellers. Kitchen and household décor also sells well if in good condition and clean. *(Dirty and/or broken doesn't sell!)* Please make sure that your donated appliances are in working order *(please plug them in and check).*

We cannot accept any televisions or outdated electronics, textbooks or large boxes of books. Please save all of your holiday decorations for our Fall sale in September.

This is our first big fundraiser of the year. We help out many worthy causes, both local and worldwide, with the money we earn. **We appreciate all that you do by helping set up, donating items and clothing, working at the sale, and shopping! Thank you everyone!**

## United Methodist Night at the Ball Game

Please join us for the **15th Annual United Methodist Church at the Ball Game on Thursday, June 23rd at 6:30 pm at Mirabito Stadium. Tickets are \$10 each and available in the Church Office.**

District Superintendent Rev. Nancy Adams will be throwing out the first pitch and the National Anthem will be performed by Gina Moscato who sings with the Tri Cities Opera and represents Sarah Jane Johnson United Methodist Church. See you there!!!



## COLLECTING FOR PRODUCT PANTRIES



Thanks to the efforts of the High School Art Club spearheaded by Cassidy Nowik (*granddaughter of Paul and Patti Derr*), "**Product Pantries**" have been placed in each of the Chenango Forks Schools stocked with personal care products. These pantries were created to help students who may not be able to purchase needed items. The Club is raising funds and collecting items to keep the pantries stocked. If you would like to help, we are collecting items in the Church entryway.

Most needed items are shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, mouthwash, toothpaste, tampons, pads, wipes, hair ties and bobby pins.

Monetary donations are also being accepted. Checks can be made out to *Chenango Forks Central School District* with "*Art Club Pantry*" in the memo and left at our Church Office or mailed to the high school at 1 Gordon Dr., Binghamton, NY 13901.

**Thank you!**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING



Anyone interested in the future of our children's Sunday School who would like to volunteer to help for the upcoming 2022-23 school year is invited to attend a **Planning Meeting** on **Tuesday, July 5th at 6:30 pm in the Wesleyan Room.**

Please bring your thoughts, your ideas and your schedule to this meeting.

If you need more information on the kind of help we need and cannot make the meeting, please contact Denise Kellett.



## Mother-Child Banquet



The Mother-Child Banquet was held on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00 pm. This event, sponsored by Nimmonsburg United Women in Faith (*formerly Nimmonsburg United Methodist Women*) had been held for many years to honor mothers and their children. But due to COVID we hadn't had one for two years. All women are invited, with or without children!!

For many years it was the Mother-Daughter Banquet and boy children were left out. All children are invited now. Twenty-seven attended this year, including some daughters and granddaughters of women, although not members of our church, that have attended over the years with their mothers and grandmothers who were members of our group. They have fond memories of it and love to come every time we revive it.

This year the banquet was catered by Peter Boigeol who flew up from Florida for the occasion and was willing to tackle the stove situation. He said he only needed one oven! Peter's crew put together a tasty dinner and those that enjoyed the feast want to thank all that put in time cooking, serving and cleaning up so we could have a lovely night of food, fellowship and entertainment. Each table was decorated with a potted flowering plant which went home with the woman whose napkin was adorned with a green owl.

After enjoying the meal and fellowship, we adjourned to the sanctuary to hear high school senior Jack Conant play the piano. Jack will be attending Houghton in the fall to pursue a career in piano performance. Phyllis Bartlett had heard him play and was very impressed. Jack's mother told his story of being home from school during the COVID shutdown and turning to a piano sitting in their basement for entertainment. He found he could recreate music he had heard on the piano—playing by ear came easily to him. After having the piano tuned and lessons from a Binghamton University faculty member, Jack plays wonderfully--- with no music in front of him. Hopefully his discovery of a previously unknown talent will lead him to a career. We sure enjoyed his playing.

We hope to keep this tradition going in the future. It is a wonderful connection to our church's past.



# Senior Friendly Food Drive

Faith in Action is partnering with CHOW to create a senior-friendly Food Drive during the month of June. Your donations will provide food pantries with healthy food options for seniors. Look for labels that say: Sodium or Salt Free, Low Salt or no Salt Added; Low Sugar, Sugar-Free, No Sugar Added; Packaged in Water or Packaged in own Juice; Gluten Free; Fat Free or Reduced Fat.



## Some donation ideas:

Canned Vegetables  
Broths—Reduced/Low/No Fat  
Canned Beans  
Tuna in Water and Low Salt  
100% Real Fruit Juice  
Peanut Butter—Low/No Sugar  
Gluten-Free Baking Mixes

Canned Fruits packed in Juice or Water  
Reduced/Low Fat Soups  
Unsalted Nuts  
Dried Dates, Apricots Raisins  
Rice and Rice Mixes—Check the Salt!  
Gluten-Free Pasta  
Gluten-Free Crackers and Snacks

Please put your donations in the collection box in the Church Entryway during the month of June. **Thank you for helping our seniors stay healthy!**

## Treasurer and Choir Director Positions



**Treasurer**— We are looking for a part-time Treasurer to work approximately 3 hours per week starting as soon as possible. Salary will depend on experience. If you are interested in this position or need more information, please contact the Church Office, or forward your resume to [ChurchOfficeNUMC@gmail.com](mailto:ChurchOfficeNUMC@gmail.com). Candidates should indicate if they have experience working with a payroll service.

**Choir Director**— We are looking for a part-time Choir Director to work approximately 3-3½ hours per week, 2 Sundays per month and some holidays, plus rehearsals and warm-ups when singing on Sunday. This is a 10-month position, and salary will depend on experience. If you are interested in this position or need more information, please contact the Church Office or forward your resume to [ChurchOfficeNUMC@gmail.com](mailto:ChurchOfficeNUMC@gmail.com).

## Ushers and Greeters Needed

We need people who would like to be ushers and/or greeters on Sunday mornings before worship begins. The ministry of being a Church Usher is a vital role in our hospitality to all who walk into our doors. All you need is a “smile” which you all have! Please take a minute to sign up on the sheet in the Church entryway or talk with Dick Oakley. Thank you!



## CLAM CHOWDER SALES

A big thank you goes out to Tom and Shirley Savage, and all of their helpers, for the delicious Clam Chowder they made to raise funds for the Henderson Trip.

Once everything was tallied, sales were approximately \$822!!

Nice Job!!



What did the pirate name his pet clam? **Michelle**

What do clams do for their birthday?  
**They shellibrate**

Why did the clam lose his court case? **He didn't have a leg to stand on.**

## Nimmonsburg Church Cookbooks

Here is another one of the many wonderful recipes you will find in the Nimmonsburg Church Cookbook. This recipe was submitted by Phyllis Bartlett and it sounds absolutely delicious for a summer meal!

### TROPICAL CHICKEN SALAD

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1 cup celery
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 to 1 t. curry powder
- 1 can (20 oz.) chunk pineapple (drained)
- 2 large bananas (sliced)
- 1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges (drained)
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 3/4 cup salted peanuts or cashew halves
- Salad greens (optional)



#### Directions:

1. Combine mayonnaise and curry powder in large bowl.
2. Add chicken and celery, and mix well.
3. Cover and chill for at least 30 minutes.
4. Before serving, add pineapple, bananas, oranges and coconut. Toss gently.
5. Serve on salad greens if desired. Sprinkle with nuts.

- Serves 4-6 people -

## Henderson Mission Trip Team





# Congratulations

TO OUR GRADUATES!

## MEGAN DERR

*(Granddaughter of Paul and Patti Derr)*

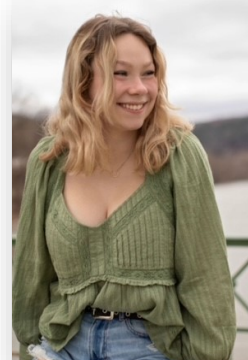


**Megan Derr** is graduating from Seton Catholic Central High School.

Megan will be attending the University at Buffalo in the Fall studying Psychology and Criminal Justice.

## CASSIDY NOWIK

*(Granddaughter of Paul and Patti Derr)*



**Cassidy Nowik** is graduating from Chenango Forks High School.

Cassidy will be attending St. Lawrence University in the Fall studying Political Science and English.



## GHIA MEDOVICH

*(Granddaughter of Gail Byam)*



**Ghia Medovich** is graduating from Harpursville Central High School.

Ghia will be attending SUNY Broome in the Fall studying Liberal Arts.

**Prayers and blessings to each of you on your graduation and for your future!  
Congratulations!**

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**Sunday Worship  
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**All are welcome!**



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