

# NIMMONSBURG UMC

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## Preparing for Easter

The paradox of celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as an annual holiday is that we end up pretending for 40 days that we don't know what is coming. The first disciples didn't even know that they had clues. Jesus' hints and prophecies didn't make sense to them until after he appeared among them and started explaining it all. For us, Easter celebrations happen once a year. For them, the finality of death had spoken and they could not imagine there was more to say. It is good for us to remember that as we encounter the forces of death within and around us because death still claims to have the last word. And, even though we know the outcome of the Easter story, we are human. Our encounters with grief and death may be as unpredictable for us as the death of Jesus was for the first disciples. Our lives may require of us the kind of trust and vulnerability that led Thomas to ask to touch Jesus, or led Peter into a moment when Jesus allowed him to confess his love again, and again.



So whatever you have chosen as a practice to deepen your love of God, do that knowing that your devotion may become the lifeline God uses to save you from an encounter with the forces of death on Good Friday. The story of God's Son had a Good Friday chapter, but Sunday's coming. And won't there be joy on Easter morning?

*Pastor Harold*

## Easter Egg Hunt (on Easter Sunday)



We would like to make Easter extra special for the children of our community this year by offering an Easter Egg Hunt. This time, the hunt will be contained in our sanctuary, and you, the congregation, will be hiding the eggs during offering time. Don't worry, you can do this! And please remember to invite any families with

children who may be blessed by the opportunity to find treasure in our faith, in our sanctuary.



## Our March Birthday Celebrations

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| <b>March 3—</b>   | Phyllis Churchill | <b>March 20—</b> | Marilyn Herrick |
| <b>March 6—</b>   | Lillie Schaffer   | <b>March 26—</b> | Gail Byam       |
| <b>March 10—</b>  | Dick Church       |                  | Todd Vick       |
| <b>March 13 -</b> | Lacee Lindsey     | <b>March 27—</b> | Madeline Nemcek |
| <b>March 15—</b>  | Abigail Hagerman  | <b>March 28—</b> | Cheryl Ryder    |
| <b>March 16—</b>  | Scott Hoyt        | <b>March 29—</b> | Ellie Austin    |
| <b>March 18—</b>  | Tyler Desario     |                  | Jennine Justice |
|                   | Adrienne Hoyt     |                  |                 |
| <b>March 19—</b>  | Jim Ruth          |                  |                 |

Please let the office know your birthday and/or anniversary so we can celebrate with you.



## 2024 Bishop District Days

Save The Date  
District Days



Upper NY Area Resident Bishop, Héctor A. Burgos Nunez, will be visiting local churches in all twelve districts from February to April during District Days. This time allows Bishop Héctor to meet with laity and clergy across Upper New York State.

Clergy meetings are scheduled from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and Laity meetings are scheduled from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

All United Methodists of Upper New York are invited and encouraged to attend a gathering closest to you.

**The Binghamton District will be meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at Endwell United Methodist Church, 3301 Watson Boulevard, Endicott.**

## St. Patrick's Day Tea



Even if you are not a bit Irish, all women of the Church are invited to United Women in Faith's **St. Patrick's Day Tea** on Sunday, **March 17th at 2:00 pm**. Delicious tea and goodies, great conversation and an Irish sing-a-long! Sean Stafford will be providing the music (and a few tunes of his own), and song sheets will be available.

There's no charge to attend except a food item for CHOW. Please sign-up in the Church entryway or call the Church Office by March 10th so we know how many people to plan on.

We hope to see you there!



## Easter Salad (Samantha Skaggs/Five Heart Home)

Easter Salad (or Strawberry Goat Cheese Salad with Toasted Almonds & Lemon Honey Vinaigrette) is a delicious addition to Easter dinner, or any spring or summer meal! It features sweet strawberries, creamy goat cheese, and toasted almonds on a bed of mixed greens drizzled with Lemon Honey Vinaigrette!

### Ingredients:

1 cup slivered almonds	12 oz. mixed spring greens
16 oz. strawberries (washed and sliced)	4 oz. crumbled goat cheese

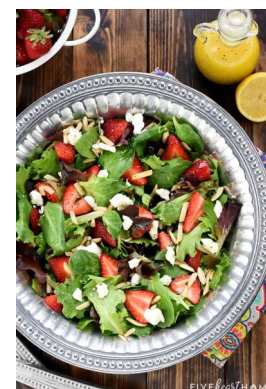
### Lemon Honey Vinaigrette:

1/2 c. sunflower, safflower or olive oil	5 T. freshly squeezed lemon juice
2 T. honey	1/4 t. sea salt (or more to taste)
Freshly ground black pepper (to taste)	1 t. poppy seeds (optional)

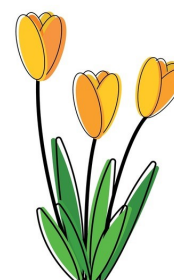
### Instructions:

1. Adjust rack to center, and preheat oven to 350°. Spread slivered almonds on sheet pan and bake 5-7 minutes or until fragrant and light brown. Cool.
2. To prepare vinaigrette, measure all ingredients into a Mason jar. Tightly screw on lid and shake vigorously until thoroughly combined. (Or use blender or whisk)
3. To assemble the salad, layer the mixed greens, sliced strawberries, toasted slivered almonds and crumbled goat cheese in a large bowl. Just before serving, dress with your desired amount of Lemon Honey Vinaigrette and toss until evenly coated.

**Note:** If you don't care for goat cheese, use crumbled feta or blue cheese instead.



Only 210 calories  
per serving



## Missional Leadership Team

As our church seeks to adapt to a quickly changing cultural environment, our Church Council has given its permission and blessing to Pastor Wheat to call and convene a small team whose work will be praying, learning, and creatively charting paths for the church to faithfully take our next steps toward bearing fruit with the mission we've been given. You know it, right? We are called to reach, resource, and release disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. If you or someone you know might be ready to make a commitment of time to this important work, please contact Pastor Wheat.



## Women's History Month

### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Women's History Month is dedicated to the many accomplishments and achievements of women in US history that are often overlooked.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8 to be National Women's History Week, urging everyone in the United States to participate. According to Carter:

*"too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength, and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."*

This week-long event officially became a month-long one in 1987 when Congress passed a resolution designating March as **Women's History Month**. Women's History Month has been celebrated in the United States every March since.

Some simple ways that you can observe Women's History Month include:

1. Watch a documentary about women's rights.
2. Read books about women's rights.
3. Put it in writing. Think of a woman you look up to and admire. Write her a letter describing the impact she has/had on your life.
4. Have a girl's lunch. Lunch, breakfast, dinner—it doesn't matter.
5. Study up on Women's History. There are some excellent museums dedicated entirely to the accomplishments of women.

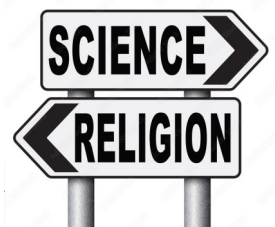
*"The success of every woman should be the inspiration to another. We should raise each other up. Make sure you're very courageous: be strong, be extremely kind, and above all be humble," said Serena Williams.*

## Collaborative Sermon



What happens when a scientist who believes in God sits down with a Pastor who respects science?

We want to thank Professor Rachael Hagerman for joining Pastor Harold for worship on February 11th for "questions and conversation" about science and religion.



If you missed this special Worship Service, you can easily watch it on our website at: [www.nimmonsburgumc.weebly.com](http://www.nimmonsburgumc.weebly.com)



## Stewardship at Nimmonsburg UMC



God, Whose Giving  
Knows No Ending

One of the lines of our Communion Liturgy sums up the Christian spiritual journey in a single phrase: *“In remembrance of these the mighty acts of Jesus Christ ... we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ’s offering for us.”*

Our financial stewardship is a recognition that having made a commitment to give our whole selves to God in faith, we now signify that commitment by the way we offer a meaningful portion of the fruit of our financial lives to the God we love. We will be sending out stewardship letters soon. Please be in prayer about what you could pledge to give this year to helping the church walk in the mission God has given us.

## Trustee News

Spring is on the way!!! Our “NEW” snowplow contractor (Mike Gage from Castle Creek) has not been very busy thanks to a very warm winter, but he has done a great job keeping the driveway and parking lot safe for all of us when it did snow. His cost for this service is the lowest price we’ve had in many years. Thank you Mike!



We are planning to bring back the “Good Ole Work Day” to tidy up the church property before summer gets here, so watch for a date. These are a few of the projects we would like to accomplish:

1. Clean out the lawn mower shed and discard/recycle/sell any unneeded materials and equipment.
2. Clean out the Mechanical Room (Furnace Room) of any unneeded items.
3. Wash windows.
4. Spray the parking lot with weed killer to help prevent weeds growing in the cracks.



In case you didn’t already know, we have installed security cameras on the doors, and a monitor on Marge’s desk so she can see who is entering and exiting the building. So smile, you’re on Marge’s camera!! ☺



*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

*(1 Peter 1:3 NIV)*



# Adding Something for Lent

It is a tradition to “give up” something during the Lenten season. This year we would like to continue our recent tradition of “adding something”. We have been collecting items for the SUNY-Broome Student Food Pantry, but the need continues.

This Lenten season, please consider “adding something” to our food collection box in the Sanctuary each Sunday. The week after Easter we will deliver all collected items to the SUNY-Broome Food Pantry. Below are some suggestions, but what you add is up to you.

- Sunday, Feb. 18th - *Small Salt/Pepper Shakers or Tea Bags*
- Sunday, Feb. 25th - *Canned Fruit (with pull tops)*
- Sunday, March 3rd - *Small Flour, Sugar or Oil*
- Sunday, March 10th - *Canned Vegetables (with pull tops)*
- Sunday, March 17th - *Crackers*
- Sunday, March 24th - *Juice Boxes or StoveTop Stuffing*
- Sunday, March 31st - *Canned Tuna, Chicken or Chili (with pull tops)*

*Thank you from all of the students you will be helping this Lenten Season.*



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Rather than ordering through the Church, we are asking everyone to bring your own flowers for our Easter altar.

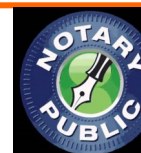
You can bring lilies, tulips, hyacinths, or anything you like to decorate the altar, and take them home after the Easter Services.

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

You can check with the Church Office if you have any questions. Thanks!



If you are in need of a Notary Public, please remember that Notary services are available at the Church Office at no cost.





**Holy Week Schedule**  
 Sunday 3/24 at 9:30 am Palm Sunday  
 Thursday 3/28 at 6 pm Maundy Thursday  
 Friday 3/29 at 6 pm Good Friday  
 Sunday 3/31 at 7 am Son Rise Service  
 Sunday 3/31 at 9:30 am Easter Service



# EASTER WORD SEARCH

- EASTER
- LAMB
- COTTONTAIL
- CHOCOLATE
- DUCKLING
- JELLYBEANS
- DAFFODIL
- RABBIT
- HYACINTH
- BONNET
- LILLIES
- SPRINGTIME
- BASKET



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