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The Nimmonsburg Witness

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

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The Joy of Missional Focus



Any telling of the story of our year together must acknowledge that this has been a difficult season for the church. We've lost some beloved companions in faith this year. We've seen our

Pastor impacted by illness and unable to work for two months. We've watch Annual Conference struggle as sister congregations made the decision to leave our Connection. We've engaged significant identity conversations and wrestled with God and one another. It has been a difficult year.

And, it has also been a joyful year in which we have often experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit as we have pursued the call of Jesus Christ on our lives. The beauty of a powerful mission statement is that it stays steady as leaders of the church come and go. Our mission at Nimmonsburg UMC to **reach, resource and release disciples of Jesus Christ for transformation of the world** has helped us to have a focus for our time together. It has also helped us have an identity we can share with those who are new to our community of faith.

Together we have practiced saying "yes" to Christ, "yes" to the mission, and "yes" to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. We have engaged in a robust ongoing Revelation Bible Study, offered a Faith Exploration Class that gave opportunity for six people to join our church, and come together in powerful weekly worship services. We have invited leaders from the American Civic Association to speak to our Church Council, and deepened our relationship with immigrants in our community by providing physical and financial support. We have responded to an invite from leaders at SUNY Broome to support a food pantry on campus for students in need. We have welcomed and supported a United Methodist missionary who began his itineration with us at Nimmonsburg UMC. We have welcomed into our gatherings people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity, and sent them away with as much as they could carry, prayers and relational support for their efforts to begin again. In these activities and so many more that express the mission, we have experienced the partnership and support of the Holy Spirit. This is our story of joy in the midst of the challenges and sorrow we have faced this year. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Harold



NUMC Charge Conference
November 4th at 3:00 pm
Held at Chenango Bridge UMC



Pastor APPRECIATION DAY



We enjoyed a wonderful "Pastor Appreciation" Fellowship Time on Sunday, October 22nd. Delicious cake (and gluten free cake) in honor of Pastor Harold was enjoyed by all!

Pastor's Discretionary Funds

(for the Special Needs of our Congregation)

Thank you to everyone who is supporting this fund. You have helped a lot of people in their time of need, and made their lives a little easier. If you would like to make a donation, we have



envelopes in the pews and on the shelf in the entry. Please mark "Discretionary Fund" on your envelope and/or check. AND, if you are aware of a need, please contact Pastor Harold.

Pastor's Spiritual Growth Plan

(still in process)

Covenant Group: Meeting every other week for prayer, accountability and spiritual exploration with three other men of God in pastoral leadership.

Daily Devotion: Focused reading of various Scriptures combined with journaling and prayer in the mornings.

Continuing Educational Reading: Engaging with authors writing about contemporary issues in faith and leadership.



Silver Bells Project



As we have done in the past, we will be receiving Silver Bells this year. The **Silver Bells Project** is for homebound seniors with little or no family in the area. A simple gift and just knowing that someone is thinking of them during the holidays can mean a lot.

Soon we will be placing TAGS on the Bulletin Board with the name of the person, their age, and their Christmas wish. Simply select a tag, sign the sheet (so we know who is doing what), do your shopping, and return it to the Church. Faith in Action volunteers will wrap and deliver all of the gifts. **Thank you for helping out!**

Night of Fun at Dining for Dollars!



It was a great night of fun on October 19th at **Dining for Dollars** for the NUMC guests, and everyone who attended. Pastor Harold and friends served dinner and sang for tips to support Faith in Action.

Faith in Action is a non-profit network of volunteers helping adults 60 years and over living in Broome County maintain quality of life and independence.



Harvest Dinner at Nimmonsburg



Let's all get together on **Saturday, November 11th at 6:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall for our **Harvest Dinner!** We have invited Pastor Alicia Dixon-Garhard and the Community of Grace Church to join us for this special event. Everyone is asked to bring a "fall" dish to pass. Beverages will be provided.

Please take a minute to sign up in the Church narthex so we have an idea of how many people will attend.

We hope you will join us for delicious food and fellowship!

NOTE: This dinner is for Nimmonsburg UMC and Community of Grace members and friends, and is not open to the community.

All Saints Day Service—November 5th at 9:30 am



We want to invite everyone to our **All Saints Day Memorial Service** on **Sunday, November 5 at 9:30 am** here at Nimmonsburg UMC.

We will be honoring those members and friends of our Church family who have passed away. This will include everyone who has passed away over the last year, but anyone who has lost a loved one is invited to be part of this special service.



Days To Remember In November

Birthdays:

11/6 - Ian Randall
 11/7 - Tom Savage
 11/8 - Gary Edwards
 11/9 - Craig Button
 11/22 - Peter Austin
 11/24 - Barbara Zweig
 11/25 - Gwyn Oakley



11/26 - Taylor Oakley
 Shirley Savage
 11/27 - Donald Schaffer
 Cheryl Weeks
 11/28 - David Lindsey
 11/30 - Melissa Burish
 Jim Tregaskis



Anniversaries:

11/4 - Janice & William Kienzler
 Barb & Jim Zweig
 11/14 - Elsie & Dennis Lockhart

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



Faith Exploration Classes

Weekly on Sundays at 10:45 am in Room 101
Beginning November 12th

What does it mean to be a follower of Christ in the United Methodist tradition? This class is designed to provide participants with tools and teachings that will help you practice your faith. Sign-up sheet in the Church Narthex (*or just show up*).



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Nimmonsburg Church Cookbooks

Marilyn Moyer stopped by the office while I was selecting a “fall” recipe for this newsletter, and suggested her own **Pumpkin Pie Crunch**. You can find it on page 230 of the Church Cookbook. Sounds delicious!



Pumpkin Pie Crunch

Ingredients:

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| 1 yellow cake mix | 12 oz. can evaporated milk |
| 2 c. pumpkin (no spices added) | |
| 1 1/4 c. sugar | 1 c. pecan pieces |
| 4 t. pumpkin pie spice | 1/2 t. salt |
| 3 eggs | 1 c. melted butter |

Instructions:

1. Mix evaporated milk, pumpkin, sugar, pumpkin pie spice, salt and eggs together. Spread in lightly-greased 9x13” cake pan.
2. Sprinkle dry cake mix over the pumpkin mixture. Sprinkle pecan pieces over the cake mix. Pour melted butter over the top.
3. Bake at 350° for 50-60 minutes or until golden brown.

Thanksgiving Word Search

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