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# THE MESSENGER

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

"Here, too, is the family—This was your home—always waiting. ...

"Here is your family—this is also the truth!"

--Andre Norton in *The Beast Master* (1959)

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Ever since my earliest memories, I have loved to read, and I still have—either in hardcopy or on Kindle—my library favorites. This past week, I have been stressing over this article, so I took a break to read Andre Norton's work, *The Beast Master*, to clear my mind. In this 1959 science fiction novel, I encountered a renewed vision of the purpose of the Last Supper, which we celebrate as Communion.

In the back story, the protagonist is a Navaho serving in an inter-galactic war. As a child, he was sworn to a blood feud by his grandfather. In a final act of vengeance at the close of the war, the enemy turned the earth (Terra) into a glowing blue cinder rendering all Terrans homeless. The blood feud became the protagonist's only link to sanity and purpose—to find and destroy his grandfather's enemy.

In the act of hunting down his grandfather's sworn enemy, he encounters a man totally unlike the one his grandfather taught him to hate, saves his new home (the planet Azor) from a deadly war between natives and settlers, saves the life of his unknown half-brother, and his life is saved by his sworn enemy. He is now a homeless man (no planet and no family) and suddenly no purpose as he learns the blood feud was based on a falsehood. In short, he no longer knew who he was or who he wanted to be.

He is lost until he hears from the lips of the one he had been taught to hate (now, another homeless Terran, Native American): "Here, too, is the family—This was your home—always waiting. ... Here is your family—this is also the truth!"

In this storyline, I find parallels with our times, with our nation's divisions, with our warring world, and most importantly with Jesus' life and ministry. His disciples have been with him about three years. He and they have been scorned, mocked, and driven out of their home (the Temple of YHWH in Jerusalem). They were about to become homeless, as the One in whom their lives have become centered was about to be killed.

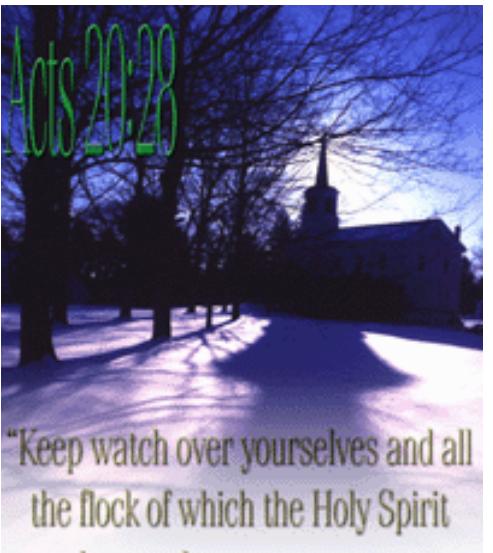
At the Seder meal—the beginning of the Passover—Jesus takes the twelve to an upper room, washes their feet, and serves them. He breaks the bread and passes it among them: "This is my body broken for you. Take, eat!" He takes the cup of Elijah, fills it and passes it among them: "This is my blood of the new covenant—poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Drink from it, All of You". You are no longer accepted in the world (either Jewish or Gentile) in which you grew up. Because I have shown you how to love the other—even those who are different from you and would hate and destroy you, know this!:

"Here, too, is the family—This was your home—always waiting. ...

"Here [in Christ] is your family—this is also the truth!"

Yours in Christ  
Rev. David Herrmann

## February Scriptures



Sunday, 5th  
**5th Sunday after Epiphany**

- \* Isa 58:1-9a
- \* Ps 112:1-9(10)
- \* 1 Cor 2:1-12 (13-16)
- \* Matt 5:13-20
- \*

Sunday, 12th  
**6th Sunday after Epiphany**

- Scout Sunday
- \* Deut 30:15-20
  - \* Ps 119:1-8
  - \* 1 Cor 3:1-9
  - \* Matt 5: 21-37

Sunday, 19th  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

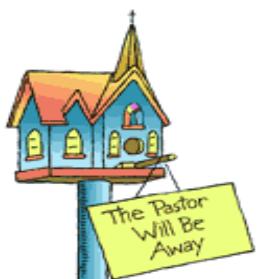
- \* Exod 24:12-18
- \* Ps 99
- \* 2 Pet 1:16-21
- \* Matt 17:1-9

Sunday, 26th  
**1st Sunday in Lent**

- \* Gen 2: 15-17; 3:1-7
- \* Ps 32
- \* Rom 5:12-19
- \* Matt 4:1-11



Wednesday Feb 22nd  
7 pm



Jan 29th - Feb 4th

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Thank you to everyone who donates money during our Blessing Baskets collection. We continued to provide funds for our various mission projects. This is how we did:

* January:		
* Mayfield UMC	\$423.00	
* February		
* Laurel House	\$256.53	
* March		
* Emmanuel Free Lunch	\$1,530.35	
* April		
* UMCOR for Ukraine	2,055.00	
* May		
* Mercy Flight		
* June		
* Red Bird Mission		
* July		
* Heifer International Project		
* August		
* Blessing in a Backpack		
* September		
* UMCOR for Flood Victims		
* October		
* Newark Food Closet		
* November		
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* December		
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The work of this committee is so important and we would love to have more members on this committee. If you feel the calling to this mission, we would love to have you. If you are interested, please reach out to us.

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The Chancel Choir has been working diligently at the joyful task of making music for our church and our community during the fall and Christmas seasons. The Veterans Benefit concert on November 12 was a highlight of our church year and brought in so many members of our community to honor veterans past and present. Just two weeks later, advent began, and the choir prepared music not just for Sundays, but also for the Elks memorial service on December 4 and our Christmas Eve candlelight service. I want to give special thanks to our accompanist, Stephanie Mercer, whose preparation and musicality make us sound our best!

Chancel Choir is currently preparing music for the next seasons of the church year, with reflective and touching pieces for Lent, and songs of celebration and triumph for Palm Sunday and Easter. There are few pieces of music more triumphant than the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's oratorio *The Messiah*, and the choir will be working on this piece for Easter Sunday (April 9<sup>th</sup>).

Would YOU like to sing this song? If you would like to join the choir for the singing of "Hallelujah Chorus" on Easter Sunday, please contact Kathy Cornwell at [jklmcornwell@hotmail.com](mailto:jklmcornwell@hotmail.com). We will need you to attend a couple of rehearsals ahead of time so we can be sure all sections are prepared and balanced. Invite your family members or friends to join us too! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the choir loft.



Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM



Wednesdays @ 6:30

New Prayer Chain E mail address:  
[Prayer.nfumc@gmail.com](mailto:Prayer.nfumc@gmail.com)

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Zeb Phillips	2nd
Julie Mann	4th
Jimmy Witter	4th
Natalie Kouterick	6th
Jacob Havert	7th
Anne Farrell	10th
Eileen Godfrey	10th
Margaret Rundel	10th
Caitlin Rease	13th
Sue Yatteau	14th
Steve Hallagan	19th
Carolyn Leach	26th
Richard Steiner	27th
Lindsay Wells	27th
Aubrey Dunbar	28th



**February 5th**  
 Pastor ..... Rev. Hermann  
 Liturgist ..... Don Combes  
 Music Dir ..... Stephanie Mercer  
 Choir Dir ..... Kathy Cornwell  
 Bell Choir Dir ..... Jenna Taylor  
 Media Min. Dir ..... Sami Cepulo  
 Soundboard ..... Josh Mercer  
 Slides ..... Sami Cepulo  
 Greeter ..... Gail DeFisher  
 Ushers ..... Bob & Jean Bendix Kirk Palmatier

**February 12th**  
 Pastor ..... Rev. Hermann  
 Liturgist ..... Boy Scouts  
 Music Dir ..... Stephanie Mercer  
 Choir Dir ..... Kathy Cornwell  
 Bell Choir Dir ..... Jenna Taylor  
 Media Min. Dir ..... Sami Cepulo  
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No Anniversaries this month.  
If I have overlooked someone, please let me know.



Bea Richardson is housebound due to illness, and Curt is her main caregiver with the help of their daughter. He does the cleaning, shopping, caretaking, cooking and anything else that needs to be done. He would appreciate anyone else's cooking. So, I am proposing a meal a week to help out. Curt prefers Tuesdays, and to have delivery between 5 and 5:30. Plan on 3 for dinner as their

daughter joins them as much as possible.  
Call Marcy Elmore (315.945.5243) for more information or to sign up. There will also be information and a sign up sheet on the information table outside the sanctuary doors.  
Thank you, to all who can help  
Marcy

# Can You Help ?



## Community Request from Lisa Barrett Newark Food Closet

Newark Food Closet (NFC), a non-profit organization known throughout the community for its outreach to all who face food insecurity, announces a drive to upgrade our delivery/pick-up vehicle. NFC, under the direction of Lisa Barrett and the council of its Board of Directors, has expanded its reach beyond the village of Newark to assist the most vulnerable across Wayne County, New York. From its humble beginnings in 1973, the Newark Food

Pantry has worked with over 2,000 families this year to help them bridge the gap between need and food

The Newark Food Closet provides the community with an essential service. Many of our most economically vulnerable citizens secure a monthly two-week supply of food. "We have seen a significantly increased need for food support, especially in both our elderly population," said one volunteer. "Consider volunteering in addition to your donation, charitable organizations are always eager for help, especially around the holidays." another volunteer added.

"Far too many experience food insecurity in our community," shared one Board member. The Newark Food Closet works hard to ensure no family goes hungry. "In a typical pre-pandemic year," she explained, "NFC met many of its needs through the thousands of food donations from the community. Adapting to the changing needs due to individual donation shrinkage post-COVID-19, we now tap into several big-box companies in our extended area to keep its shelves stocked."

We now find ourselves in the precarious position of securing a reliable vehicle to continue this important work. Extensive repair bills have plagued us over the past months, causing us to make multiple trips to secure donations. It is common for the Newark Food Closet to amass 100 miles a week picking up unshelved items from stores within our tri-county area. The NFC Board of Directors has investigated what it will take to secure a vehicle that will meet our needs. We have received a quote of \$35,000 which will cover the cost of the vehicle, insurance, and inspection.

"A reliable vehicle will allow us to continue the work we do in this community and across the county," said NFC director, Lisa Barrett. It will allow us to extend our reach for donations as well as gather local donations. Further, it will allow us to continue to deliver food boxes to those who cannot make it to our site. We also are hopeful to initiate temporary pop-up Food Closet sites in areas of greatest need.

This year the Newark Food Closet team has organized a drive to directly collect monetary donations that help fund a more reliable vehicle. One hundred percent of every dollar contributed will go entirely to the Newark Food Closet pick-up and delivery needs. The Newark Food Closet invites everyone in the local community to participate in this drive. Please be generous – the need is greater than ever this year.

Thank you  
Lisa



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift at the end of my semester. I was really surprised. I used the money to have dinner delivered when I didn't have time to cook. This is my last year at Syracuse University. Thank you for all the years you supported me with an encouraging note and gift. It always arrived at the perfect time.

Andrea Hoe

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## Communities Missions:

**Newark Food Closet:**  
Wayne County Residents (Every Month)  
301 E. Miller Str., Newark  
Monday - Friday 10AM - Noon  
Every 3rd Saturday 9AM - 10AM

## Baby Closet:

Families can get diapers, wipes, baby food and formula.  
Wayne County Residents (Every Month)  
301 E. Miller Str., Newark  
Monday - Friday 10AM - Noon  
Every 3rd Saturday 9AM - 10AM

**Lunch Program:** Emmanuel UMC gives out free lunches 11am - 12pm and are in need of volunteers & Financial help. Send any donations to Emmanuel UMC/ Newark Free Lunch Program, 301 E. Miller Str., Newark, NY 14513

**Common Threads:** Will be open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month between 9 AM - Noon. Need donations of children clothes size 2-14 gently used.

## Helpful Hearts Community Closet:

Wayne County Residents monthly  
44 William Street, Lyons  
Monday - Friday 10AM - 4pm  
Saturday 9AM - 2PM

**Salvation Army**  
Emmanuel United Methodist Church  
301 E. Miller Str., Newark (315)331-8755  
Emergency Help with: Utilities,



## CARD MINISTRY

February, the month of Love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 says "The three most important things are Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of them is Love. Valentine cards are being sent to people of our church family who cannot come to church for any number of reasons. Please keep our church friends in your prayers, and perhaps give a call or write a note to tell them that we send them loving thoughts.

## random Acts of kindness



February we will be helping the Food Closet by collecting: 64oz Juices (any kind), broth ,gravy, peanut butter, cranberry sauce and peas. Please bring your contributions during the month so we can bless them the last Sunday of the month, and Kik can take them to the Food Closet. I am hoping someone has been helping Kirk with this mission while I have been away. Thank you !!!

Eileen



## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

### "HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY"

Shirley Hyman	Maggie Mathis
Margaret Rundel	Norma Walters
Elaine Herman	Betty VanAuken
Charlie Hallagan	Dorothy Decker
Dian Schultz	Judy Jansen
Enid Shultz	Jean Lansberry





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### REBECCA RUTH CIRCLE

*United Women in Faith*

WOMEN'S  
MINISTRY

No Meeting January & February

March 10th Meeting in the lounge 10 am

April 13th Meeting in the lounge 10 am

28th & 29th Set up tables for rummage sale.

30th Empty rummage room after church

More to come.....



Thank you so much UMWIF ladies, for the unexpected and thoughtful gift. It's a pleasure getting to know you. Please stop by the office any time I would love to see you. Brenda



### S/PPRC

Pastor Dave will be on leave Jan 29th-February 4th. Please call the church office if you have any pastoral needs during his absence.

Chad Scheckler will lead Worship on Sunday January 29th

S/PPRC committee members attended a training workshop with District Superintendent Debbie Earthrowl on January 24th.

Next committee meeting: Thurs Feb 9th, 5pm at the church. We will focus on preparing for our new pastor which we will be notified of in the spring!



Always, Thank you to our staff and volunteers for your dedication and hard work.

Any concerns, please contact; Jean Hoe-S/PPRC chair@  
rhoe@rochester.rr.com or 315.359.7673

Please join us for an evening of Fellowship, Food & Entertainment

at at the  
First United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall (Dining Room)  
301 S. Main St., Newark, NY

Sat., February 11, 2023, 5pm to 7pm

Please bring a dish to pass  
(one per family)

The UWIF will provide Ham, Potatoes, Beverage and Tableware.

Please sign up in the church narthax or RSVP by contacting  
Elsie Dedrick @ 315-573-6841 or Nancy Schrader @ 315-573-9273.



**Live Entertainment by the  
Cornwell Family**



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