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*Our Vision: Love God, love your neighbor
Our Mission: Seek God, Support each other
Serve the World, to make disciples of
Jesus Christ*

A Word from the Pastor Rev. Garry E. McCaffery

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (Acts 2:1-4, NKJV).

O Happy May!! I am very excited with life! I am filled with joy and happiness with the work I see going on at Newark First, both physically and spiritually. Yes, we are busy, but we are busy with a focus. The focus: to honor God and bring God glory by caring for the blessings we have received.

Last month we began an extensive overhaul and rebuild of our 100-year-old pipe organ. Parson's (our organ company) has been working on its restoration for a couple weeks and we have much to be thankful for as we await the day, a few months from now, when everything is fully restored, and we hear the wonderful music played on it once again. This restoration is possible because of your love for the Lord and your faithfulness in making sure the blessing God has given us is properly taken care of. Thank you all for your commitment, both financially and prayerfully, to this venture.

On May 2 – 4 we have our Spring Rummage Sale wherein the community can come and shop in a place where the spirit of love and grace abound. This is all due to the hard work and organization of the United Women in Faith, and all those who donated items for the sale. The women meet every Tuesday and have a time of fellowship as they sort through and price all the items that go into the sale. Thank you to each of you for giving your time and energy, both presale, and during the sale! Your love and commitment to this work is a demonstration of your love for Christ.

Also, this month, the Trustees have scheduled a “church work day”, for Spring cleanup, on Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. This offers us a great time to get together to fellowship and lend a hand in taking care of our buildings and grounds. It is also a time wherein you can meet some of those involved with the Handymen ministry. Maybe you'd be interested in being involved with that as well. Getting together for this workday offers us the opportunity to worship God with our hands and feet as we work and prepare for the months ahead!

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*May 2-4 Spring Rummage Sale
May 5 Mission team Meeting
May 11 Church Clean up Day
May 19 Day of Pentecost
May 12 Mother's Day
May 30-June 1 UMC Annual Conference
June 2 Staff Appreciation and Dish to pass lunch*



A Word from the Pastor Continued

These, and many other things are representative of the physical activity going on. The spiritual activity, which also occurs during the physical, is where we find ourselves engaging in worship, prayer, Bible study, and personal devotions. This month we have the opportunity to celebrate the blessing of our moms on Mother's Day. For some of us, our moms have gone home to be with the Lord, and for some of us our moms are still with us. For some, you are the mom and, no matter how old your child or children are, you continue to love, care, and pray for them. Prayer is a spiritual act of worship.

We also celebrate Pentecost this month on May 19th. This is the birthday of the church and a time wherein we can be refreshed and renewed through the power of the Holy Spirit. When we gather in worship, we come with our hearts united in the love of Christ, and love for each other. This prepares us to be open to a fresh outpouring of the Spirit wherein we are empowered to continue being the people God has called us to be to make disciples and, with God's help, grow this congregation.

I hope that you are all as excited as I am as you read through these things that are going on both physically and spiritually! There are more things happening that could be added to this list, Bible studies, a young men's class, bell choir and choir, etc.

God is working through this congregation and preparing us for a new phase in our life together. God is preparing us for some new ministry opportunities and ways to impact the Newark area. We must stay centered and committed to Christ, and committed to each other, as the Holy Spirit continues to move in our midst!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Garry

Please be in prayer for:

THE UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE: May 30 – June 1, 2024 at the Onondaga Community College, SRC Arena.

Pastor Garry and Kyle Houser, our Lay Member to Annual Conference, will be in attendance and bring back a report on Sunday, June 2nd.

Thank you to everyone who donated money during our **Blessing Baskets** collection. We continue to provide funds for our various mission projects.

2024

*January:

- * Newark Fire Dept
\$429.00 (includes \$200 from Missions)

* February

- * Comfort Care Facilities
(House of John & Laurel House)
\$539.00(includes \$200 from Missions)

*March

- * Emanuel Free Lunch

* April

- * Newark Food Closet

*May

- * Family Promise

The team met and decided on the above Blessing Basket recipients through May. We will meet in April to plan the remainder of the year. The total for each month will be posted as soon as the month is completed. Thanks for your continuing support.

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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Meredith Croucher	1st
Deb Flannery	4th
Patricia Metcalf	5th
Don Mitchinson	6th
Amy Weykman	8th
Andrea Hoe	10th
Della Ludwig	13th
Lisa Graves	15th
Dan Rease	25th
Halene Ruffalo	27th
Jeanne Strobridge	28th
Julie Flannery	30th
Larry Russell	31st



Neil & Joyce Bergman
Robert & Lucille Sprong

Ministering in May

May 5th 6th Sunday of Easter

Pastor.....	Rev. Garry McCaffery
Liturgist.....	Karen Weimer
Music Dir.....	Stephanie Mercer
Choir Dir.....	Kathy Cornwell
Bell Choir Dir.....	Jenna Taylor
Media Min. Dir.....	Sami Cepulo
Soundboard.....	Tawny DeCann
Slides.....	Sami Cepulo
Acolyte.....	Dallas Marshall
Greeter.....	Gail DeFisher
Ushers.....	Bob & Jean Bendix R or E Miller

May 19th Pentecost

Pastor.....	Rev. Garry McCaffery
Liturgist.....	Nancy Briggs
Music Dir.....	Stephanie Mercer
Choir Dir.....	Kathy Cornwell
Bell Choir Dir.....	Jenna Taylor
Media Min. Dir.....	Sami Cepulo
Soundboard.....	Carl Mercer
Slides.....	Sami Cepulo
Acolyte.....	Dallas Marshall
Greeter.....	Gail DeFisher
Ushers.....	Bob & Jean Bendix R or L Miller

May 12th 7th Sunday of Easter

Pastor.....	Rev. Garry McCaffery
Liturgist.....	Leah Talbot
Music Dir.....	Stephanie Mercer
Choir Dir.....	Kathy Cornwell
Bell Choir Dir.....	Jenna Taylor
Media Min. Dir.....	Sami Cepulo
Soundboard.....	Carl Mercer
Slides.....	Sami Cepulo
Acolyte.....	Dallas Marshall
Greeter.....	Gail DeFisher
Ushers.....	Bob & Jean Bendix R or L Miller

May 26th Trinity Sunday

Pastor.....	Rev. Garry McCaffery
Liturgist.....	Jean Bendix
Music Dir.....	Stephanie Mercer
Choir Dir.....	Kathy Cornwell
Bell Choir Dir.....	Jenna Taylor
Media Min. Dir.....	Sami Cepulo
Soundboard.....	Lucina Hallagan
Slides.....	Sami Cepulo
Acolyte.....	Dallas Marshall
Greeter.....	Gail DeFisher
Ushers.....	Bob & Jean Bendix R or E Miller



Sunday May 5th 6th Sunday of Easter

*Acts 8:26-40
*John 15:1-8

Sunday May 12th 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Day Mother's Day

*1 John 5:1-6
*John 15:9-17

Sunday May 19th Pentecost Sunday

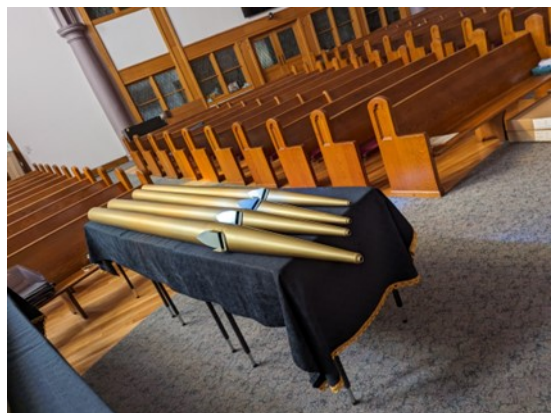
*2 Timothy 1:3-12
*John 15 :26-27, 16:4b-15

Sunday May 26th Trinity Sunday

*Isaiah 6:1-8
*Romans 8:12-17



Restoration on the Pipe Organ has begun.....



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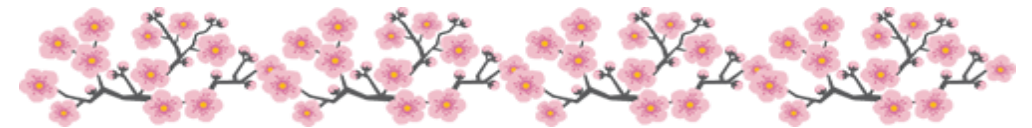
THANK you.

To the First United Methodist Church

What a bright and happy place this world of ours would be, if everyone were just as nice as you have been to me.

Thank you for keeping me in your prayers. It's truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Cathy Follette



Hazel Johnson Hinkley Award

Reminder High School Seniors

Now is the time to apply for the yearly Hazel Johnson Hinkley award given annually. Applications from committee members: Eileen Godfrey, Kyle Houser or Elie Bump, we need applications returned by Sunday June 2nd

Worship While you Wash !

Here are some ways you can praise God in 20-30 seconds while you wash your hands!

Sing a verse of a hymn:
The Doxology,
Morning has Broken,
Be thou my Vision.

Sing a Chorus of:
Here I am Lord,
How great Thou Art,
Great is thy Faithfulness.

Or Say "The Lord's Prayer"




- Community Missions:**
- Newark Food Closet:**
301 E. Miller St. Newark
315.331.8582
Monday - Friday 10AM - Noon
Every 3rd Saturday 9AM - 10AM
- St. Mark's (Baby Closet)**
400 South Main St. Newark
315.331.3610
Help with diapers, wipes, clothes baby food and formula.
Tues-Thurs 10am - Noon
Or by appointment.
- Emmanuel First UMC Free Lunch Program:**
301. E Miller St. Newark
Lunch served every day from 11-noon. Always in need of volunteers & Financial help.
- Wood lane Community Church Common Threads**
315.331.4903
5694 Wood Lane. Newark
Please use west entrance
Clothing for all ages
1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9-noon
- Helpful Hearts**
12, Geneva St. Lyons
315.690.1952
Monday - Friday 10 am- 5pm
Saturday 9AM - 2 pm
Clothing, food pantry, thrift store.
- Family Promise:**
3, Holley Street. Lyons
315.665.0037
Mon-Fri 10-2pm
- ROTH program:
(Roof Over Their heads)
Help with utilities, rent, 1st and last dep etc.



All people are like grass, their faithfulness like the flowers of the field. Isaiah 40:6
 When you look out at the May flowers, especially the lilacs around our area, we think of all the Christians and their faithfulness! Remember those friends and members who are unable to come to church. Just as we enjoy the beautiful spring flowers our friends would enjoy hearing from us by phone or note or text. We could be their "Spring Flower" for the day.

Jean Lansberry Penny Proper Maggie Mathis Norma Walters
Margaret Rundel (@ Wayne County) Betty VanAuken Shirly Hyman (both @ The Terrace)
Inez Brumm (moved to Rochester to be with her son. She has a new personal phone number.

Charlie Hallagan Jean Strobridge Bea & Curt Richardson

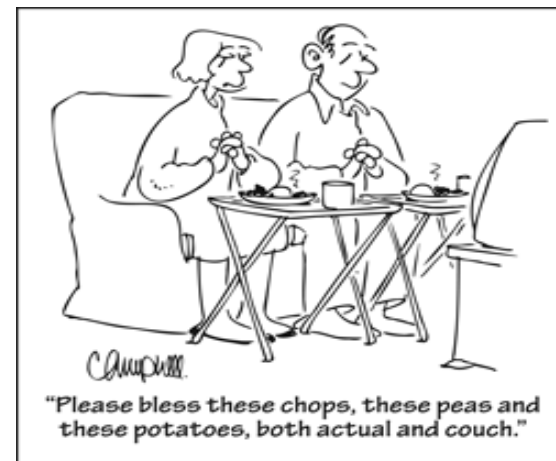


May 2nd - May 4th
Thurs/Fri May 2& 3, 9am-5pm bring your own bag.

Sat May 4th 9am-11 am, \$1 per Grocery Bag Sale
(bags provided)



The 2024 Annual Conference for United Methodists of New York, is Scheduled for May 30th - June 1st at SRC Arena, located on the campus of Onondaga Community College in Syracuse. Please check UMC Website for more details
Www.umc.org
Please be in prayer for all involved



The month of May we will be collecting peas, pears, white rice, and Spaghettios for the Newark Food Closet. Our church has been so faithful and Lisa Barrett is always ready to tell us of their needs. The food gifts we bring will be blessed on the last Sunday of May.
 Thank you for all your contributions

Kirk, Ron & Eileen



Please Check out all the exciting things happening at CASOWASCO this year. There is something for everyone, kids camp, family camp, quilting, gardening, and something called" A DAY APART,
 Turn down the Noise!!!!
 Check all the Happenings at the link below or on the church website.
<https://casowasco.org/summer-2024/>

