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THE MESSENGER



A Word from the Pastor

Rev. Garry McCaffery

“² For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. (1 Corinthians 2:2, NLT).

We are now in the midst of the Lenten season and working through a sermon series on “Knowing Christ and His Cross.” The cross is one of the best-known symbols in the Christian faith and it is a constant reminder of the sacrificial love God has for the world. Without Christ and the cross we would have no redemption, no forgiveness, and no reconciliation with God. Without the love of God expressed through Christ and His cross, we would be lost in sin and separated from God forever.

What is so special about the cross? For many of us the cross has become something beautiful to adorn our churches as well as adorn our necks as we wear the cross as jewelry. It is true, the cross is beautiful for what it signifies. However, the cross, in and of itself, is not beautiful. In and of itself, the cross was an instrument of torture and death. It was a device used by the Roman Empire for capital punishment. The cross was used in the death of thousands of criminals and rebels. As we know, it was also used in the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The cross, an instrument of torture and death, was used as part of God’s plan to rescue humanity. The cross, wooden, unfinished and full of splinters, heavy to carry, ugly in appearance, was transformed because of the offering made upon it on a Good Friday long ago. That offering, of course, was Jesus.

Jesus was an offering made on our behalf to pay for a debt we could never pay. Our sin was so great that God had to step in and use His own blood to cover our guilt and shame, to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and forgive us and restore us to a right relationship with God. Why was this necessary? To fulfill God’s law. We read in Hebrews 9:22, “In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness” (NLT). Without Christ on the cross, without Jesus’ sacrifice on our behalf, we would be lost. Thanks be to God that, as is written in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

The crucified and risen Christ is central to our faith. Our lives are forever changed by placing our trust and love in Jesus, who calls each one of us into a saving relationship with Himself. As we continue to explore and gain a deeper understanding of Christ and His cross in this Lenten season, it is my hope that we will grow together in our faith and love for our Savior. More than that, it is my hope that the Holy Spirit will revive our hearts to go and spread the word that our Redeemer lives and that the work done on the cross still changes lives today!

There is power in the blood of Jesus! There is salvation through the blood of Jesus! Through knowing Christ and His cross, we experience the wonderful transformation of God!

Blessings!
Pastor Garry

EMMANUEL OUTREACH CENTER NEWS

Hope in the Hard Places: Meeting Our Neighbors Where They Are

◆ As winter deepens here in Wayne County, the realities of daily life are challenging many of our neighbors in profound ways. Freezing temperatures and heavy snowdrifts mean soaring heating costs — expenses that low-income families, seniors on fixed incomes, and those already struggling to make ends meet can scarcely absorb. In this harsh season, even a small rise in utility bills can force impossible choices between warmth and food, medicine and rent. Cold weather doesn't just make life uncomfortable — it drives costs up where there is no room left in an already tight budget.

At the same time, the price of groceries continues to climb nationwide and here in the Finger Lakes, hitting those with the least financial cushion the hardest. Food insecurity has been on the rise in our region, with thousands of households experiencing difficulty putting enough food on the table. These are not abstract numbers; they are real families, neighbors, and often faces we see at our doors.

Adding to these burdens are shifts in long-standing social supports. In Wayne County, programs like SNAP now serve thousands of households — many with children — yet changes to eligibility and benefit structures are making it harder for people to maintain these lifelines. At the same time, enrollment in Medicaid and related support programs has grown dramatically, reflecting increased need even as funding and administrative support tighten. When rental subsidies, heating assistance, food stamps, and medical coverage are harder to access or less stable than in years past, a single illness or unexpected bill can quickly spiral into crisis.

In the midst of these very real and very human hardships, **Emmanuel Outreach Center stands as a place where no one has to face such struggles alone.** We continue to walk alongside our neighbors in practical, caring ways:

- ◆ Every weekday at **11:00 AM**, our **Free Lunch Program** offers a hot meal and a warm welcome, followed at **11:30 AM** by the **Senior Lunch Program**, open to all age 60 and over. Doors open at **10:00 AM**, offering coffee, breakfast treats, and space for community and conversation — because nourishment of the body and of connection go hand in hand. To help us plan, please call ahead if you intend to join us.
- ◆ Three mornings each week — **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 AM to noon** — the **Newark Food Closet** is open to provide groceries that help families and individuals keep food on their tables. On days the food closet is closed, we offer **Dinner Tonight** bags so that no one goes without a meal at the end of the day.
- ◆ Through **The Temple**, we make available personal hygiene essentials, household items, and winter necessities like **coats, hats, gloves, and boots**, along with weather-durable blankets and specially prepared care backpacks for people experiencing homelessness.
- ◆ Our **Medical Equipment Loaning Library** provides walkers, canes, shower chairs, and other donated items to help seniors and those with mobility challenges remain safe and supported at home.

All of these efforts are rooted in the conviction that love takes shape in tangible care. And **we cannot do this alone**: it takes many hearts and hands to make these ministries effective, compassionate, and sustaining.

We invite our church family to be part of this work in three meaningful ways. First, consider giving your **time**: help prepare or serve a meal, stock the food closet, or share your listening heart with a guest who simply needs someone to sit with them, look them in the eye, and say, *"You matter."* Second, we encourage you to offer **support** — whether through a financial gift, or a simple handwritten note of encouragement that we tuck into every Dinner Tonight bag and Produce Box we share in the community. These small gestures often bring more hope than we know. Finally, please **share the news**: if you see someone in need, let them know about the services we provide, or encourage others who have the means to support these ministries.

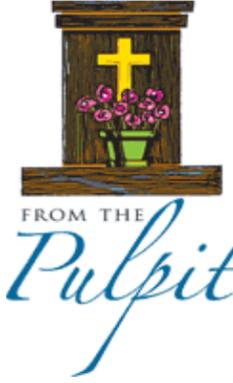
In a season where isolation and insecurity can press in from every direction, we hold fast to a vision of community that reflects the heart of Christ: where burdens are shared, hope is cultivated, and no one walks their road alone. As the apostle Paul wrote to the early church in *Romans*, we are called not simply to care for those like us, but to *bear one another's burdens*, and in doing so, *fulfill the law of Christ*. May we be a people who live this out in word and deed, especially to those who are most vulnerable among us.



Birthdays	
Kristine Joslyn	2
Rachel McCaffery	7
Jenna Taylor	8
Patrick Tellier	9
Mike Piampiano	11
Bill Shrader	11
Jason Wetmore	11
Michael Parsons	15
Greg DeWolf	18
Matthew Rease	18
Lorrie Palermo	19
Elie Bump	22
Bob Bendix	24
Suzanne Colucci	25
Trinity Wells	28
Matt Wells	28
Abby Wells	29
Cathy Knarr	31

Anniversaries

Wow! No Anniversaries in March



March 1st 2nd Sunday in Lent
Communion

Message
"The Cross: A Stumbling Block"
Pastor Garry

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Matthew: 16:13-28

March 15th 4th Sunday in Lent

Message:
"The Cross: It's Lesson of Love"
Pastor Garry

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

March 8th 3rd Sunday in Lent

Message
"The Cross: A Revelation of Humanity's Wickedness"
Pastor Garry

Philippians 3:17-21 Luke 23:26-49

March 22nd 5th Sunday in Lent

Message:
"The Cross: Its Mark of Discipleship"
Pastor Garry

Philippians 3:4b-14 Luke 9:23-26

March 29th Palm/ Passion Sunday

Message
Reading of the Passion Narrative from :
Matthew 26:14—27:66
Interspersed with hymns



Newark First United Methodist Church
Soup & Chili Dish to Pass
 Sat., Mar 14, 2026 5:00-7:00pm
 301 S. Main St., Newark, NY; 315-331-3895

After the meal we will play

Please call the church to sign-up (315.331.3895)
 Or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
 We ask each family to sign-up to bring either Soup, Chili, Bread & Butter or Dessert



Thank you to Della and all of you for thinking of me and sending the "Abandoned Barns" Lenten Study. I had thought of asking for one to be sent but did not want to bother anyone and then it came in the mail. I will enjoy following along with you until Easter! I am blowing warm weather your way to let you know that I am thinking of you and will see you later in April.

Eileen



Sunday March 8th

Thank you for donating money during our **Blessing Baskets** collection. We continue to provide funds for our various mission projects. (All totals include \$100 from UWIF and \$200 from Missions budget)



- 2026**
- * **January**
Care Net \$504,25
 - * **February**
Family Promise
 - * **March**
Heifer International
 - * **April**
EOC Free Lunch Program
 - * **May**
UMCOR
 - * **June**
Helpful hearts
 - * **July**
NOMADS
 - * **August**
EOC Food Closet
 - * **September**
TBD
 - * **October**
TBD
 - * **November**
Mighty Oaks Foundation
 - * **December**
EOC Holiday Distribution



Heifer's Mission

- * We work to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities we serve. Our programs support entrepreneurs around the world, creating lasting change from the ground up.
 - * It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets.
 - * These families are able to earn a living income and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation of leaders.
- *By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, we're investing in a new breed of success



Where We Work

Heifer International is working to end world hunger in 19 countries across four continents. Heifer works in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Ethiopia, Honduras, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, the United States of America and Zambia.



Do you love to sing? Are you ready to make music with a amazing group of voices?

The Canaltown Chorale invites YOU to be part of something Special.

Rehearsals begin: Tuesday March 10th
Time: Registration 6:45 Rehearsal 7-9pm

Location: United Church of Marion (Right side door entrance)
3848 N. Main Street
Marion NY

Bring you love or singing!

Chorale experience is helpful; We welcome you to join this talented SATB (Soprano, alto tenor, bass) group.
Not sure? Come to our March rehearsals and see what we're all about.



This month I would like to call on our community to come out, support our mission and enjoy a good old Chili Cook Off!

Our 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off will be held at Lyons Elk Lodge located at 32 Church St Lyons, NY on **Saturday March 7, 2026. 5-7pm** is tasting, voting, and basket raffles. 7-9pm is music, prizes announced and dessert. If you are entering your chili there is no entry fee, you will need to register by 5pm on March 6th! For tickets to test taste you can purchase them online by 5pm on March 6th for just \$10. At the door it will be \$15. The ticket includes test tasting chili, salad, dessert and one free vote. Extra votes can be purchased at the event. You can go to <https://www.fpwayneny.org/events> to register or contact myself at epomerantz@fpwayneny.org. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up. If you are interested please contact me in the email above.

We continue to provide Case Management to over 20 families, we currently are interviewing families for shelter as we have 2 openings, we have been assisting families in need of sustaining or obtaining stable housing and recently we had Pal-Mac School District join Newark, Williamson and Wayne with contracting us to assist their students families who are in need of our services. Your continued prayers and support are always appreciated. Please keep it coming because together we can make a difference for families right here in our own county!

All my respect,

Evonne D. Pomerantz

Executive Director



Caring Connections

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29.11

I Love to travel! I come from a family who like to travel. Mom and Dad took their Model T and drove to Washington for their honeymoon. Once we kids were old enough, we went too, staying in rooming houses for the night and later in motels. Once I was on my own, I traveled to Europe, and then went tenting across the United States. This past October I traveled to be with family for my great nephew’s wedding in Wisconsin.

This scripture talks about the plans Jesus has for me, if I will just follow him. He knows the experiences and friends I will meet during my journey with him. He has planned all with love and care, and promises hope and a future. Why would you not follow him? Remember to think of our friends who cannot leave home. Call, send a note or text, visit if you can. Your journey with Jesus will be enriched by your caring

Eileen

	Grace Kreuger	Doris Humbert	
Jean Lansberry	Penny Proper	Maggie Mathis	Elmer Trunick (E.T.)
Margaret Rundel	Betty VanAuken	Hazel Herdman	Lois Ludwig
Beatrice & Curt Richardson	Jean Strobridge	Elaine Herman	

(Please pray for the family of Don Mitchinson as Don passed away in February)

Please contact Marcy Elmore (315.945.5243) for contact information of the above friends



This month of March we will collecting Chocolate and Vanilla Pudding, and Jello of any kind for the Food Closet at E.O.C. Please bring your food gifts for our friends and neighbors who need help. We will bless the food on the last Sunday of the month.

Thank you for your help with this very important mission.

Eileen