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# THE MESSENGER

## A Word from the Pastor

*Rev. Garry McCaffery*



***“Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! 2 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! 3 Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!” (Psalm 105:1-3, NKJV).***

I am so excited as we enter the month of June! By the time you read this Kyle and I will have attended our Upper New York Annual Conference Session at the OnCenter in Syracuse, NY. Representatives from all our local churches in the Conference will have spent time in worship, celebration, and praise at the wondrous works God is doing in our midst. We will have shared and given thanks to the Lord for changed lives and expanded opportunities to serve in ministry. We will have called upon the name of the Lord, seeking God’s wisdom and direction for the year ahead. Reports will have been read sharing God’s deeds among the people. Decisions will have been made that shape the future direction of our Conference. The meetings and discussions, although tedious at times, are important as we continue to discern our way forward as the church.

The primary focus of the teaching/learning times of the Conference session centers around the new vision of the United Methodist Church: To “Love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.” We are on a three-year pilgrimage to gain clarity and understanding of this vision. So, the teaching will be centered on clarifying what it means to “love boldly.” This will be a good reminder for us as followers of Christ, to love boldly as Christ loves us!

I am also excited for the month of June because it is the last month of the 2025 –2026 Annual Conference year. What that means is, I will be celebrating three years as your pastor at Newark First! I am stunned to realize three years have passed so quickly! You may be stunned as you read these words to become aware how quickly this time has gone by! How is it even possible?

As I reflect on this time, I cannot help but give thanks to the Lord! I have been so blessed to get to know so many of you and to have developed relationships with you! We have grown together in our faith, and we have seen God bless us with an increase in our attendance and fellowship within our community. We have spent time calling on the name of the Lord together! We have actively worked at making God’s deeds known among the people. We have stepped out into the community to sing in the park, to sing at the Elk’s Lodge, to hand out water at the Laurel House 5k Run, have a booth at SonShine in the Park, a booth at the Rotary Family Picnic. We minister together at the Emmanuel Outreach Center with the Free Lunch and Senior Lunch program, the Food Closet, and the Temple. We also proclaim the love of Christ through the work of our Rummage Sales, Christmas Cookie Sale, and Handyman ministry. There are countless other ways we have shared the love of Christ as well! *(Continued on next page)*

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We also sing to our Lord and share of God's love through the yearly Veteran's Concert and through our Annual Talent Show! More than that, we've had the blessing of bringing the Emmanuel United Methodist Church and the Newark First United Methodist Church together! Pastor Della and I are blessed to be working together in serving this magnificent community of faith! Oh, my goodness, there are so many ways we have rejoiced in the Lord and shared the love of God with each other and to the community. I feel so blessed being in ministry with all of you!

Just reflecting on what the Lord has done in our midst over the past three years has me excited for what God has in store for us in the years ahead! Yes, I see this June as a time for excitement and celebration in the wonderful works of our God! Let's continually rejoice as we seek the Lord together!

Blessings!  
Pastor Garry



United Women in Faith



United women in Faith (UWF) aka Rebecca-Ruth Circle met in April. Nancy Schrader presented an overview of NFUMC's website. Emmanuel Outreach Center (EOC) was discussed as to how we can help at the center. Volunteers are always needed—except Tuesdays. Several ladies decided to volunteer on the 3rd Thurs of every month. More groups like this would be wonderful. Every Monday sandwiches are handed out. It would be great to have volunteers drop off a loaf of sandwiches. No need to check ahead—just drop them off between 9 and 10am. There are many other programs that were discussed. One long range plan is to turn EOC's sanctuary into a thrift shop. We made final plans for the talent show—which was a success. We also discussed the upcoming rummage sale. It also was successful. We had lots of wonderful workers and made over \$2700. Now WE NEED RUMMAGE!! Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 11 at 1 pm in the lounge. We will be deciding on carpeting for the main floor, and discussing Camp Opportunities, a program hosted by Luke Cornwell on Sat. June 13 th at 3:30 pm entitled "Restorative Sound Journey", the staff reception on June 14 th , and the UWF summer picnic. It promises to be a busy June!

**Sunday June 7th  
COMMUNION**

**Report from Annual Conference**

Kyle Houser

\*Romans 4:13-25 \*Matthew 22:36-40

**Sunday June 14th  
Staff Appreciation Sunday**

**Message**  
"Working Together for the Kingdom"  
Pastor Garry

\*Romans 5:1-8 \*Matthew 9:35



Pastor Garry will be on vacation :  
6/15 -6/30

**Sunday June 21st**

**Message**  
"TBD"  
Pastor Della

**June 28th**

**Message**  
"TBD"  
Pastor Della



**Anniversaries**

Manny & Alice Crespo	1
Craig & Kathy Follette	12
Richard & Sharon Steiner	16
Steven & Karen Weimer	19
Rod & Janie Redder	22
Mike & Wanda Minnick	24
Jason & Kathy Cornwell	29

**Birthdays**

Jennifer Weykman	4
Penny Proper	7
Dottie Graudons	7
Janie Reeder	10
Julie Black	11
Jackie Storrs	13
Janis Comstock Sloane	15
Eloise Miller	16
Wilda Smith	19
Matt Lemcke	22
Irene Deemer	23
Curtis Richardson	25
Robert Barrett	29
Beth Heasley	29



As the school year winds down, so does the chancel choir. June 21st will be our last Sunday of providing an introit and anthem for each Sunday Service. Instead, we will be having a "pop-up" choir starting July 12th. For those unfamiliar, this choir practices Sundays @ 9:30 am and sings at the 10 am service. Everyone is invited to be part of "pop-up" choir! You do not need to be part of chancel choir to join us, Summer is also a great time for special music offerings. If you have a musical talent and want to share that with the congregation, or if you want to be part of "pop-up choir", please see Stephanie or email her @ mercermusicstudio@gmail.com

# Caring Connections

*Phillippians 4:6. Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God'*

We often talk about prayer and know to “take everything to God in Prayer” as the song goes. Another way to look at it is what a pastor at my Florida Home UMC is always saying— “YOU may be the answer to someone else’s prayer.” I think that is so true. I’ve thought of my own time when I was missing my friend Gay as she had died, and later that day the phone rang and a friend invited me to dinner. That friend was an answer to my prayer! I had a lot of trouble that I did not expect when I went to Florida and had to set up my infusions. I had called the places in Florida and was getting nowhere. I was getting nervous about going without and praying for help. Dave, from the pharmacy in Rochester called to see how I was doing and he offered to send down medicine for a few more days. Neither my friend Carolyn or Dave knew they were answering my prayers, but God used them to certainly help me. Just think how He may use you to answer someone else’s prayer. Please remember our friends who would love to come to church but cannot. Think of sending a note or making a phone call. Better yet a visit.

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

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

## FRIENDS OF NORMA WALTERS

Norma died of heart failure in April of 2025. She requested money gifts celebrating her life be given to Newark First United Methodist Church. Norma was our son's mother in law. In the words of her daughter Kathryn, "Mom was always taking care of somebody." For her spiritual needs, she drew from NFUMC. Thank you for sharing your understanding of Jesus and His Mission to save those who Believe in Him, from the slaves of sin. God's faithful love certainly got through to her from her association with your people, and she passed it on to so many.  
 Sincerely,  
 Ruth and David Barnard



This month of JUNE we will be collecting vegetable soup, Jello, puddings and crackers for the Food Closet at E.O.C. Please bring your contributions and place them in the baskets on the right side of the altar. The food gifts will be blessed the last Sunday of the month, and taken to the Food Closet for our friends who need help.  
 Thank You!  
 Eileen

# EMMANUEL OUTREACH CENTER NEWS

## One Loaf, Many Blessings



Each weekday morning, the doors of Emmanuel Outreach Center open at 10:00 a.m. By 11:00 a.m., lunch is served. Some guests sit down and share a meal onsite. Others receive a grab-and-go meal to take with them. All are welcomed: families, seniors, people experiencing homelessness, neighbors who are unemployed or underemployed, and anyone who finds themselves in need.

In a time when food insecurity is a growing concern in our local community, this ministry matters deeply. For some, the lunch provided at Emmanuel Outreach Center may be the most dependable meal of the day. For others, it may be the only place where they are greeted by name, offered a kind word, or reminded that they are not alone.

The Free Lunch Program is about more than food. It is about dignity. It is about welcome. It is about conversation across a table, prayer offered quietly, community formed gently, and the simple but powerful act of making room for one more person.

Again and again, the Gospels show us Jesus meeting people in their hunger, their weariness, their loneliness, and their need. He fed the crowds. He welcomed the overlooked. He sat at tables with people others ignored. He noticed those who had been pushed to the edges. In this same spirit, the Free Lunch Program becomes a living expression of Christ's care in our community.

Every meal served says, “You matter.” Every cup of coffee poured, every table wiped, every prayer offered, every bag handed through the door becomes a small act of grace. It may not seem extraordinary at first glance, but in the life of someone who is hungry, isolated, grieving, or struggling to make ends meet, that kind of welcome can carry real hope.

This ministry depends on the faithful support of people who are willing to help. Some may be called to volunteer their time. Others may be able to donate food, supplies, or financial gifts. Still others may support the ministry through prayer, encouragement, or by helping spread the word to neighbors in need.

One especially helpful way to support the Free Lunch Program is by providing sandwiches. These sandwiches are used both to supplement weekday meals and to offer food to those who stop by hungry at times when lunch is not being served. A simple loaf of bread, made into sandwiches of your choice and dropped off at the Free Lunch Program on Mondays by 10:00 a.m., can make a tremendous difference for both the volunteers and our guests. It is a practical, generous way to help keep food available for those who need it most.

Together, we can help Emmanuel Outreach Center continue to be a place where Christ's love is made visible in practical, humble, life-giving ways.

To learn more about how you can support the Free Lunch Program, please see information to the right of this article. Whether you can give an hour, a gift, a prayer, or a helping hand, your support matters.

## The Temple Needs Men's Hygiene Items Combs & Brushes

**Emmanuel Outreach Center**  
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Learn more about volunteering at

**Free Lunch Program**  
 315-359-3769

**Newark Food Closet**  
 315-351-6474

**Senior Lunch Program**  
 315-879-2484

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)



**Helpful Hearts  
Community Closet, Inc.  
23 Geneva Street Lyons  
New York 14489  
315-690-1952  
Helpfulheartsc@hotmail.com**



To Our Friends at First United Methodist Church,

Spring has brought a season of transition, growth, and renewed purpose here at Family Promise of Wayne County. As I step into the role of Executive Director, I first want to extend heartfelt gratitude to Evonne Pomerantz for her years of compassionate leadership and unwavering dedication to families in crisis throughout Wayne County. While her role has shifted, we are incredibly grateful she will continue serving the mission as a member of our Board of Directors.

At Family Promise, our work continues every single day behind the scenes, often in moments families never imagined they would face. Over the past several months, we have continued providing prevention and diversion assistance to families facing eviction, utility shutoffs, unsafe living conditions, and housing instability. Through financial assistance, advocacy, landlord mediation, referrals, and case management, families are being stabilized before homelessness becomes a reality.

What many people do not realize is that homelessness prevention is often one bill, one landlord conversation, one security deposit, or one act of community support away from changing the entire outcome for a child.

As we move forward, Family Promise is focusing heavily on prevention, stabilization, and long-term sustainability for families in Wayne County. We continue to provide individualized case management and support services while building stronger partnerships with schools, landlords, churches, businesses, and community members who believe every child deserves a safe place to sleep.

Since this publication we have been busy with our fundraising events, including:

- Night Without a Bed on May 30-31 at Ginegaw Park in Walworth
- Community fundraising partnerships throughout Wayne County
- Ongoing volunteer opportunities and donation drives supporting local families

There are many ways to become involved in this mission. Whether through volunteering, sponsorships, donations, advocacy, or simply helping spread awareness, your support truly changes lives.

On behalf of Family Promise of Wayne County, thank you for continuing to stand beside families during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. Your compassion helps create stability, dignity, and hope for our community.

With gratitude,

*Nancy Ramos*

Executive Director

Family Promise of Wayne County

**2026**

* <b>January</b>	
Care Net	\$504.25
* <b>February</b>	
Family Promise	\$671.00
* <b>March</b>	
Heifer International	\$841.65
* <b>April</b>	
EOC Free Lunch Program	\$816.00
* <b>May</b>	
UMCOR	
* <b>June</b>	
Helpful hearts	
* <b>July</b>	
NOMADS	
* <b>August</b>	
Newark Food Closet	
* <b>September</b>	
TBD	
* <b>October</b>	
TBD	
* <b>November</b>	
Mighty Oaks Foundation	
* <b>December</b>	
EOC Holiday Distribution	

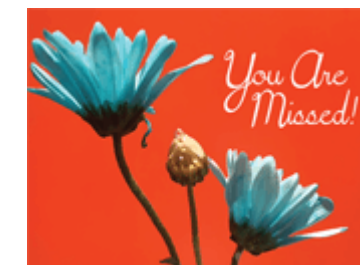
- ♥ **MISSION** ... to be a valuable resource to anyone we encounter by helping them gain items necessary to improve their quality of life.
- ♥ **VISION**...Everyone works together to help those in need.
- ♥ **VALUES**...Compassion, Respect, Partnership, Kindness, Public Service, Diversity, Community Growth.
- ♥ **WHAT WE DO...**
- ♥ Provide a heating/cooling center for those in need of a place to escape extreme weather conditions. Provide a public restroom and lounge with tv, microwave/coffee machine use at **55 Canal St (Yellow Door)**
- ♥ Provide free back to school supplies, clothing, household items, furniture, shoes, books, toys, diapers, food, Easter baskets, Christmas gifts and resources for anything we cannot provide.
- ♥ Provide a thrift store with affordable prices. Thrift store hours are weekdays 10am-5pm and 9am-2pm Saturdays at **23 Geneva Street, Lyons (Yellow Door)**
- ♥ Our Wayne County food pantry is located at **59 Canal Street Lyons (Pink Door)**. Low-income Wayne County residents are eligible for a food box every 30 days.
- ♥ Operate the annual Wayne County Holiday Hero Toy Drive and Distribution.

***We are a small 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization established as an outreach to provide helpful items to families in need. Founded May 2016 by Carolyn Cook in Lyons, N.Y. We run by volunteers that have helpful hearts. ♥***

The work of this committee is so important and we would love to have more members involved in this ministry. 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 beautiful pots of flowers under the church sign were purchased and planted by Elie, in loving memory of her husband George Bump and the Arend family loved ones.