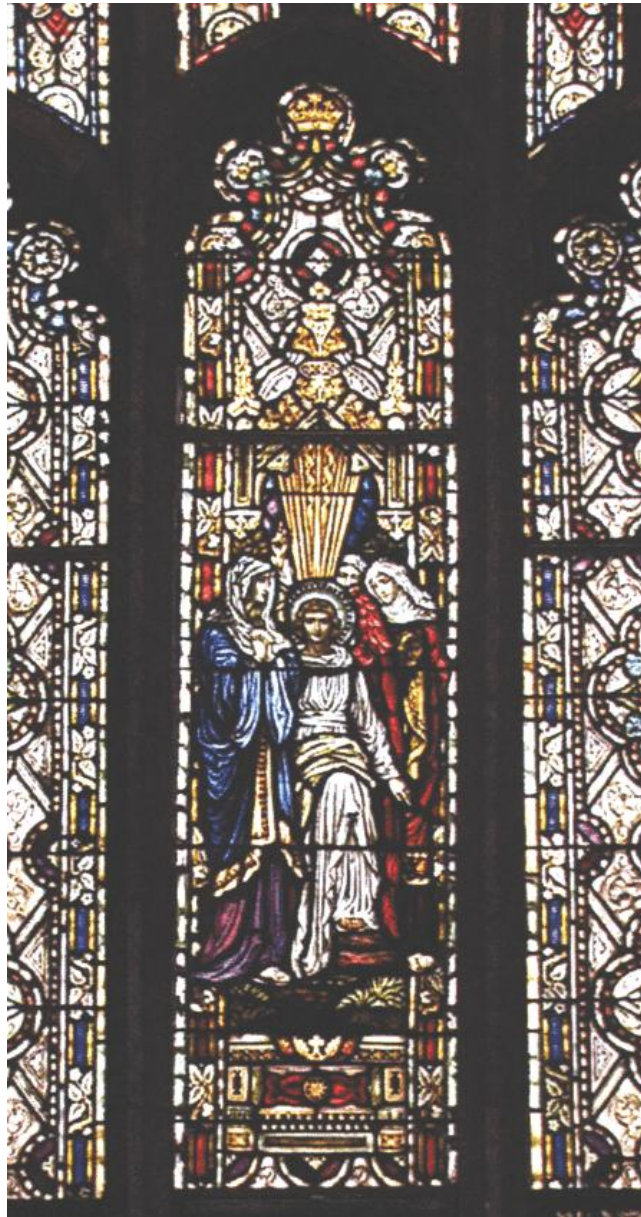


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ONEONTA, NEW YORK



“But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.’”

—Matthew 28:5-6a

Welcome to church! Grace and peace to you.

First United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation affirming all persons without regard to race, age, gender, sexual orientation, handicapping conditions, economics or any of the other divisions separating God's family. We are a Covenant Church of Habitat for Humanity, part of Campus Ministry, a Covenant to Care Church for persons with HIV/AIDS, and a founding church of Saturday's Bread.

In the spirit of Jesus, special care is offered including hearing devices, large print bulletins, seat cushions, an elevator between floors, and a ramp to street level. Simply ask an usher for help. A church pick-up service runs to and from the 10:00 a.m. service. Call the office, weekday or Sunday, to bring it to your home.

The presence of children is appreciated at every gathering of this church. For parents who wish child care, it is available at both services, for children grade 1 and younger.

The lounge on the east side of the sanctuary is a welcome spot for any who would like soft chairs, proximity to a rest room, or space for little ones to move around. "Pew Packs" with crayons, paper & activities for young children are available from one of the ushers

Prayer request cards are in the pews; to have a request mentioned this morning, hand it to an usher before service or during the Children's Message. Pastoral care is offered to everyone. Again, call the office for an appointment.

The words by which we address God are deeply personal, yet never capable of encompassing the Infinite. We make every attempt to use inclusive language while remembering some of the traditional forms. You are encouraged to substitute verbal symbols which are meaningful to you.

May God encompass us today, drawing us closer to each other, and sending us out to the work of Shalom.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK - July 25, 2010

SUNDAY	8:30 am 10:00 am	Worship (Embury) Worship (Sanctuary)
MONDAY	7:00 pm	- Office Closed - N.A.
TUESDAY:		
WEDNESDAY:	5:30-8 pm 7:00 pm	“This Little Light” VBS Springbrook Art Class
THURSDAY:		
FRIDAY:	7:00 pm	N.A.
SATURDAY:	11am-1pm	Saturday’s Bread
Sunday, August 1	8:30 am 10:00 am	Worship (Embury) Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, August 2	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mission Committee N.A.
Tuesday, August 3	6:00 pm	Oneonta Piecemaker Quilters
Wed., August 4	5-7:30 pm 5:30-8 pm 7:00 pm	N.A.M.I. “This Little Light” VBS Springbrook Art Class

Mark Your Calendars:

**August 9: 6:00 pm
7:00 pm**

**Finance Committee
Administrative Council**

**Sunday Summer Worship
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Closed Mondays
Church School Resumes on September 12**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 25, 2010

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

[Prayer request forms are located in the pew racks. If you have a prayer request, please hand it to an usher during the time of the Children's Message.]

[Note: Headings listed in *italics* are unique to the 10:00 a.m. service of worship]

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

[We welcome the Rev. Fred Albrecht as our worship leader and preacher this morning while Pastor Teresa and her family are on vacation.]

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Prelude

“Moderato”

G. B. Grazioli

(let us in silence prepare our hearts for worship)

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in this sacred and holy space

ALL: To become the people that proclaim the Risen Christ.

Leader: We gather after having traveled from our broken spaces

ALL: To experience the healing love of the Risen Christ.

Leader: We gather as one, even though we are diverse and unique.

ALL: We gather as one, because God calls each and every one of us.

*Hymn #57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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*Opening Prayer

God of love and unity, open our hearts and our lives so we may receive your Spirit. Help us to see beyond the differences that separate us. Help us to see beyond the limitations that keep us apart. We invoke your Spirit of Love through the Risen Christ so we may become the church of hope that welcomes an entire community, celebrating our diversity. In the name of the Risen One, we pray. Amen

Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

[Children are welcome, always, to be present and participate in our worship services. Childcare is provided for children grade 1 and younger following the Children's Message. "Pew Packs" with children's activities are also available at the entrances for children to use during the service.]

First Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10

*Hymn #276

"The First One Ever"

Ballad

Sermon

Rev. Fred Albrecht

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Pastor: This is our prayer.....**People: Lord, hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Loving Father and Mother, who art in heaven...

The Offering *Please sign and pass the attendance pads at the end of the row, leaving messages for the pastor/staff if you wish*

[The **"Jingle"** of loose change in the offering plates during July will go to support the Family Service Association's School Supplies Collection.]

Invitation to Give Our Gifts

Offertory

"Devotion"

Craig Penfield

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

God, we have asked that you be at the center of our lives, homes and community, guiding us to perfect unity. We also ask that you be at the center of our gifts, which we offer to you. Empower these gifts so they may heal a broken heart, mend a broken home, and unite a broken community. We dedicate these gifts to your work, and we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.

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*Hymn #127

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*The Good Word

Postlude

"Cwm Rhondda"

Paul Manz

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STEWARDSHIP & FACILITIES REPORT

Did you know that it cost FUMC \$32,575.98 to heat the church during 2009? This equates to \$89.25 per day or \$3.72 per hour. In addition, the electric for the church cost the church \$10,579.35 during 2009, or \$28.98 per day and \$1.21 per hour. This does not include the electric used at the parsonage.

Jeff Gardner, Business Manager

Pastor Teresa and her family are on vacation for the next week. The office can connect you with the persons who are covering the various aspects of ministry while she is away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



School Supplies - July is the month that we collect school supplies to support the Family Service Association "Back To School" effort. Though it seems early, FSA starts distributing supplies mid-August to families that need a little extra help providing school supplies for their children. Blue collection bins are at the entrances to our worship areas for donations on Sundays - other days bring them to the church office.



Golf Tournament for Habitat - The 2nd Annual Richard Couch Memorial Golf Tournament benefitting Habitat for Humanity of Otsego County, will be held on **August 1st, 2010**. Dr. Couch was very involved in the campus community as a Professor of Education and served as Dean of Division of Behavioral and Applied Science, as well as being active in the Oneonta community. Registration for the tournament, lunch & goody bag pick-up will be held from 11:30-12:45 p.m., leading up to a shotgun start @ 1:00 p.m. Stay for the cocktail hour & awards @ 5:30 p.m. Entry Fee: \$340 per team of 4, including lunch. **Registration deadline is July 30, 2010**. Please contact Brenda Balcom for sign-up information at balcombl@oneonta.edu, extension #3713 or stop in the Financial Aid Office at 123 Netzer. Join them for a day of fun at the Oneonta Country Club!



Vacation Bible School - Our July & August Wednesday evening Intergenerational Church School "**This Little Light**," is underway and you are welcome to drop in any Wednesday to see what's going on. The event is from 5:30-8 pm on beginning with a small devotional service followed by a light supper, then going on to classes and activities based on our church's beautiful stained glass windows, creative art projects and more. Registration forms are at the entrances to our worship areas - sign-ups are helpful to plan for the amount of food needed each week.



Jammin' For Jamaica - Have you been asked yet to sponsor a youth for the 'Jammin for Jamaica' overnight event on August 21? One suggestion for donating to the youth might be to decide ahead how much you are willing to give and divide it into a few portions and pledge to the first youth that approach you!



Red Bird Mission School Collection - We learned that with deep regret the Red Bird Mission Board voted at a meeting on May 13, 2010 that due to lack of funding the Red Bird School would be closed temporarily at the end of the current school year and would not reopen in the Fall of 2010 for any grades. This month we are taking up a 'second mile' offering to send to Red Bird to show our support and extend our hopes for the reopening of the school as soon as possible. Checks may be made out to 1st UMC with "Red Bird" in memo. To date, \$100 has been collected.



Saturday's Bread Help Needed - On Saturday **August 28**, 1st UMC will be the participating group at Saturday's Bread. That means we need about 12 people on each of those days. Call *Joyce Miller* (432-8751) to sign up. **On all the other Saturdays this summer**, *Laurie Zimniewicz* is recruiting individuals who can help out. Call her at 432-9273. Volunteers need to show up at 9:30 and should be done by 1:30.



Art Exhibit - Arc Otsego has announced *Voice!*, a juried art exhibition which celebrates the creative voices of artists with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. The Exhibit will run through July 31 at the Martin-Mullen Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Building on the SUNY Oneonta campus.. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m to 3 p.m. more information go to the website www.arcotsego.org or call 432-9595.

Ice Cream Social! You are invited to the Children's Home 52nd annual ice cream social, August 10th from 5 to 8 pm at the Hillcrest campus, 1182 Chenango Street, Binghamton. Enjoy homemade cake, ice cream, music and activities for the whole family. Tickets are just \$3.00 each, with hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and beverages available for an additional cost.

YOUTH NEWS

Hey, all you who are "Jammin' for Jamaica - it's time to start asking folks for sponsorship for the overnight event that has been rescheduled for August 21-22. All the money collected will go toward the rebuilding of the Moses Baker Pre-School in Golden Grove Jamaica and for future mission trips there. Don't forget to ask teachers and neighbors for sponsorship, too.

SCRIPTURE — July 25, 2010

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Leader: Thanks be to God.....**People: Amen**

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Leader: Thanks be to God.....**People: Amen**