

# MAIN STREET MESSENGER

*Jonesville United Methodist Church  
963 Main Street  
Clifton Park, NY 12065*



**FEBRUARY 2010**

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Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery available at 10:30 service

## Sunday School

9:30 a.m. for all ages  
Nursery Available

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## Jonesville UMC Goes Bowling

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>  
2:00pm**

*Good News! Our First Annual Jonesville UMC  
Bowling Event will be held at the  
Spare Time Bowling Alley on Route 9, Clifton Park.*

*Two hours of bowling, shoes, pizza and soda for \$13  
per person. A sign-up sheet will be available in the  
narthex of the church on Sundays, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*Come and join your friends at Jonesville for a great  
church family event!*

**Welcoming all to develop and live as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

## PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Friend,

At a conference meeting the other day a friend of mine shared a recent experience of hers. She is a young, gifted pastor in a growing United Methodist Church. She had been approached by the leader of one of the Cub Scout dens that met in her church to take the young boys on a tour of the church. After taking the boys through the classrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen and offices, she took them into the sanctuary. In silence they looked up and around the sacred space. Finally, one of the young boys asked, "Why is there a little letter t on the wall?"

Yes, we live in a secular culture that has forgotten the cross and sees it as no more than a little letter t. Yes, we ourselves sometimes forget the cross and see it as just another religious symbol or piece of the holy furniture.

Lent is our season to recover the meaning of that little letter t for our lives today. Lent is our time to meditate on important things, ultimate things, like God, grace, faith, Christ, sacrifice, salvation. Lent is our opportunity to grow the little t into a capital T and beyond. Lent is our chance to follow closely the path walked by our brother and Lord, Jesus Christ from Galilee to Judah, Bethany to Jerusalem, an Upper Room to Golgotha, a cold-stone tomb to the brilliant light of Easter day. Lent is our spiritual journey

from dark to light, death to life, doubt to faith, loneliness to love.

And it all begins for us on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The ashes remind us of our absolute need for God's grace in our life. The communion supplies us with food for the journey, grace for the season. Come to our Ash Wednesday Service. Come to all the special services, study groups, faith opportunities at Jonesville United Methodist Church this Lent. Let's recover the meaning of that little letter t for our lives today. Until we gather to begin our Lenten journey,

May God be with you,

David

### Recommitment Sunday Results!!!

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, we held a Recommitment Service for our Capital Campaign titled "Continuing the Journey". After an excellent power-point presentation of what has been accomplished and what lies ahead and a heart-felt offering of "Come Build the Church" in sight and sound, we made our personal acts of recommitment. Sixty-one individuals and families recommitted their resources to the effort. Among these are nine new or increased pledges totaling \$9,370. May we finish up the second-half of our "Continuing the Journey" Commitment Campaign, as we completed the first-half: with strength and joy.

### 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth February 19

The next gathering of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group will be on the Friday of Winter Vacation, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes and ears open for a fun and appropriate movie that we can go to together. Make your suggestions known to David as soon as possible.

Then look for a card and phone call about which movie we will see, and when we will gather at the church. The cost should be about \$7.00.

### Christian Yoga February 24<sup>th</sup>

There is a subtle, yet significant relationship between body and spirit. This Lent come and explore that relationship through the practice of Christian Yoga. The class will meet for 5 Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. Cindy Reinker will introduce us to a gentle yoga practice, while David will highlight various forms of Christian meditation. Cindy is a fitness instructor at the Clifton Park YMCA and the Malta Fitness Center; she has been practicing yoga for eight years and is a certified teacher through Yogafit, Inc. David has a longtime interest in contemplative life and practices Centering Prayer. You should wear comfortable clothes, bring a mat for yoga if you have one, and a pillow or cushion for the sitting, if you desire. Please sign up for this Lenten study by speaking with David or calling the Church office 877-7332.

## ORGANIZATIONS



**UNITED  
METHODIST  
WOMEN**



### Maplewood Manor

New voices are invited to join a Valentine theme sing-along for our Monday, February 1, visit to Maplewood Manor, Ballston Spa. If interested in car-pooling from the church at 9:30 a.m., please call Mildred Howarth or the Church Office at 877-7332.

### February Program News

Women of the church are invited to the monthly program of United Methodist Women and welcome our newer church members on Tuesday, February 9, at 7 p.m. The video "Made in L.A." will be shown. This features immigrant women in the Los Angeles area and situations that they encounter in their search to earn a living. Come and enjoy this interesting program with fellowship and refreshments in the Upper Room. Hostesses are Janet Harris and Carol White.

### Prayer Shawl "Yarns"

Bring your needles and yarn for the February meeting of the Prayer Shawl Group on Thursday, February 18, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thanks to all those who have kept their crochet and knitting needles busy through the winter to keep up the supply of shawls. Since September 2009, 18 shawls have been distributed to people in need of comfort and prayers. We know that these are very

much appreciated when we read notes of thanks from the recipients. Here is an excerpt from one: *"What a beautiful loving gift that will keep on giving. Every time I look or wear the Prayer Shawl, I will feel God's love, and the love of Jonesville United Methodist Church congregation."*

- Marcia (Baltimore, Maryland)

### Clean Water and Bread

"For everyone born, a place at the table; for everyone born, clean water and bread". As we sang that hymn one Sunday I was struck by the words "for everyone ... clean water". Through *Response* and *New World Outlet*, UMW magazines, I've frequently read about women in other countries, who have to walk long distances to get water for their families for washing and cooking, drinking and laundry. Often they are attacked while on their journey.

What could we do to improve their water situation and alleviate their unsafe treks? I found out that several organizations, also concerned, provide water filters or pumps. Some provide wells. I thought we should work through a Methodist organization so I called UMCOR. They told me a well would cost \$8,000! I mentally gasped, but realized there are four districts and nearly 300 Methodist churches among them, and immediately knew we all could do it!

In June, Troy Conference will end as we have known it. This would be a great final project!

Will you help and do you have ideas for FUNdraisers? They can be creative and fun. Thank you.

-Janet Harris,  
Social Action Chair  
Troy Conference UMW  
Jonesville UMW  
899-2721

### UMW's Visit to Schuyler Ridge

Thanks to those who braved a cold evening for our January 12 song program at Schuyler Ridge Nursing Home, to our accompanist Orpha Schoener, and to all who donated gifts for the residents. We are assured that they will be well used. The staff will direct the Prayer Shawl gift to a resident who is in special needs of some extra warmth and our prayers.



### CHURCH BREAKFAST

Sunday,  
February 21  
9 - 10am

The UMM will be serving breakfast between the services. All invited!



## ORGANIZATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS

### METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Sun. February 7<sup>th</sup>  
No Meeting –  
Super Bowl with Family

Sun. February 14<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 – 6:30pm MYF Meeting

Sun. February 21<sup>st</sup>  
2:00 – 4:00pm Bowling with  
Family/Congregation

Sun. February 28<sup>th</sup>  
Attend GODSPELL

### Kids' Communion Breakfast March 6

What is Communion? What does it mean? What do my children need to know when they receive Communion? These questions will be answered for children in Grade 3 and above at our Kid's Communion Breakfast March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Children and Parents will gather at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast in the Upper Room. Then David will guide a discussion about Jesus, the Last Supper, the meaning of Communion, and how we experience Communion at Jonesville UMC. Children attending the breakfast will be recognized and receive Communion first with their families at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on the following Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up your child for the Kid's Communion Breakfast by calling the church office at 877-7332.

### Experience Joyce Meyer March 7

Joyce Meyer is a well known Christian preacher and evangelist. We will view her DVD, "Destiny Altering Decisions" on February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. Joyce says, "The power of choice is an awesome gift from God but with it comes awesome responsibility. Every time you make a choice, you're not just making it for you, you're making it for everyone else your life affects. Wrong choices ultimately lead to death, but right choices always lead to life...It is in these moments of choice that you must learn to lean on the Lord for His superior insight to select the right way to go."

The DVD and discussion will last 2½ hours, with snacks provided. All are invited to come.



Cards of caring for  
**Marilyn  
Hildenbrandt**  
should be sent to:

17 Thelma St.  
Albany, NY 12205

Our thoughts and  
prayers are with  
her.

## GODSPELL

Prepare Ye the Way for  
*GODSPELL*,

the Gospel according to  
Matthew, with a few twists.

Directed by:  
Barbara Jacoby

with

Robbie Callen as Jesus

Ray Stees as John the  
Baptist

along with a talented cast of  
favorites.

**7:30 pm Saturday  
February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**2:30 pm Sunday  
February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Jonesville UMC  
Sanctuary

**COME and be a part of  
our Community!**

Music and New Lyrics by STEPHEN  
SCHWARTZ

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# SCHEDULES FOR FEBRUARY

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Prayer Partners  
Janet Harris, Alice Vautrin, Carol White

Ushers  
(8:30) Ron Neu  
(10:30) John & Cathy Kellogg,  
Bob Standish, Gary DiLallo

Worship Greeter  
Barb Phillips

Sound System  
Dan Moran

Nursery  
PJ Furnari

Children's Church  
Corinne Woods, Gwen Weldy

Children's Message  
Holly Greene

Worship Leader  
Mildred Howarth

Offering Counters  
Bob Vawter, Bev Anderson

Financial Assistant  
Jason George

Coffee Hour  
(8:30) Carol Larsen  
(10:30) Robin & John Davey, Christine Parker

Communion  
(8:30) Mildred Howarth  
(10:30) Bev Schultz

Communion Preparer  
Mildred Howarth

Acolyte  
Christine Kevan

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Prayer Partner  
Carole Collins

Ushers  
(8:30) Ann Luse  
(10:30) Jeff & Julie Hecht, Peter & Pat Simpson

Worship Greeter  
Karen Kennedy

Sound System  
Tony Furnari

Nursery

Children's Church  
Kelly MacLain, Holly Greene

Children's Message  
David Lockwood

Worship Leader  
Cindy Taber

Offering Counters  
Jason George, Scott Strock

Financial Assistant  
Jane Rose

Coffee Hour  
(8:30) Alice Vautrin  
(10:30) Mildred Howarth, Diane & Bill Patmos

Communion  
(8:30) Mildred Howarth

Communion Preparer  
Mildred Howarth

Acolyte  
Allen McClearnen

## FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mon.	Feb. 1	7:00 pm	Trustees
Tues.	Feb. 2	7:00 pm	Membership Dev.
		7:30 pm	Education
		7:30 pm	Finance
Mon.	Feb. 8	7:00 pm	Pastoral Partners
		7:30 pm	Outreach
Tues.	Feb. 9	7:00 pm	Worship
		7:00 pm	UMW
Mon.	Feb. 15		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues.	Feb. 16	7:30 pm	Administrative Council
Mon.	Feb. 22	7:00 pm	Staff Parish Rel.
		7:30 pm	Technology Team
Tues.	Feb. 23	7:00 pm	Spiritual Formations

**Nominations meets each Sunday at 11:30am.**

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Prayer Partner  
Betty Eaton

Ushers  
(8:30) Ron Neu  
(10:30) Dan & Ginny Rae Moran,  
Alice Vautrin, Mary Lockwood

Worship Greeters  
Debbie & Dana Devenpeck

Sound System  
Bob Scranton

Nursery  
Kate Huber

Children's Church  
Janet Harris, Holly Greene

Children's Message  
David Lockwood

Worship Leader  
Jon Cochran

Offering Counters  
Les Hipenbecker, Judie Scranton

Financial Assistant  
Jason George

Coffee Hour  
(8:30) UMM Breakfast  
(10:30) Pat Hatlee, Kathy Burton, Marlene Dickson

Communion  
(8:30) Mildred Howarth

Communion Preparer  
Mildred Howarth

Acolyte  
Madison Weaver

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Prayer Partner  
Gerry Pfeiffer

Ushers  
(8:30) Laurie Burns  
(10:30) Bob & Judie Scranton

Worship Greeter  
Sim Family

Sound System  
Burt Theurer

Nursery  
Linda Thomason

Children's Church  
Terri Miller, Amy Aragones

Children's Message  
David Lockwood

Worship Leader  
Gary DiLallo

Offering Counters  
Debbie Devenpeck, Bob Scranton

Financial Assistant  
Kathy Van Patten

Coffee Hour  
(8:30) Pat Stone  
(10:30) Laural Hayes, Carol DiLallo, Mary Lockwood

Communion  
(8:30) Mildred Howarth

Communion Preparer  
Mildred Howarth

Acolyte  
Cameron Weaver

## LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 7	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13), Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11
Feb. 14	Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)
Feb. 17	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb. 21	Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13
Feb. 28	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

## MISCELLANEOUS



**THANK YOU** from the bottom of my heart for your many prayers during my recent surgeries and stays in the hospital. With your prayers and those of others, I am recovering well at home. Thank you so much for your thoughts.

-Bob Suggs,  
Father of Kathy Van Patten

**THANK YOU** so much for the beautiful prayer lap robe. What a beautiful way for you to express your sympathy and support for me and my family. We appreciate your thoughtfulness during this difficult time. -Rachel Hansen (Penfield UMC)

**THANK YOU** so very much for your gracious letter. My sisters, I and our families deeply appreciate your thoughtful prayers. Mother peacefully left her tired body and, with joy, was welcomed into her heavenly home. -Suzanne Shelton

**THANK YOU** to JUMC congregation and all who prayed for me during my recent eye surgery. -Cynthia Stoll

**OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS** have been made to the Christmas programs of Albany United Methodist Society and the Schenectady City Mission, Dr. Paiglow's Albany Medical Ministry, Volunteers in Mission trips, Jubilee USA, New York State Interfaith Power & Light, and Samaritan Counseling. These organizations are thankful for our generosity.

**GREETINGS** in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ Who gave His life for us! I am writing this note to send you my hearty gratitude for your generous gift of money for Emmaus After School Program. Emmaus is serving sixty refugee kids and this money will be used for their school supplies and transportation. I so appreciate your contribution to Emmaus ESOL Program. You truly did a wonderful thing. Your generosity will directly benefit the refugee kids and their families. Please convey my appreciation and gratitude to the whole congregation. It was a blessing to worship at Jonesville UMC.

-Rifat Sultana,  
Education Director  
Emmaus ESOL Program

**THANK YOU** to our wonderful church family for the generous gifts to the staff. They are greatly appreciated. Your expression of thanks reminds us why it is a joy and pleasure for each of us to serve with you, in the name of our brother and Lord, Jesus Christ!

Peace & Joy,



### 8 Days of Biblical Discovery

The ten-day trip is from January 10-20, 2011. Join me and Journeys Unlimited, a Christian travel service, to tour the sacred sites of Israel's Galilee and Judea. Roundtrip airfare, motor coaches, guided sightseeing, entrance fees to all sites, first class hotels, and daily buffet breakfast and dinner, are included in the approximate \$3000 per person cost.

Two identical information sessions are planned which feature the showing of a DVD about the tour of Israel. They will both be in early March. Come and see Cana, the Sea of Galilee, the Mt. of the Beatitudes, the Jordan River, Qumran (cite of the Dead Sea Scrolls), the Garden Tomb of the Resurrection, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Room of the Last Supper, King David's tomb, and so much more.

For those starting to think seriously about the January trip, it's not too soon for passports!

Contact Ray Stees at 406-5349 ([rstees@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rstees@nycap.rr.com)) for more information about the trip or for details about the two information sessions in March.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**


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**One  
Achord**

**February  
7<sup>th</sup>**

A unique and exciting experience is in store for us at the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. The praise band, "One Achord" will lead our worship with a variety of contemporary Christian songs, some familiar, some new, and some original with the band. Based at the Round Lake United Methodist Church, One Achord has been offering Christian music for a dozen years in local churches and at area religious events. Come raise the roof with One Achord, as together we praise God. Our traditional worship service will be offered at 8:30am.



Ash  
Wednesday  
Service

**February 17**

We begin the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm. The service will include a homily, anthem by the choir, imposition of ashes and communion. Come, join with members of our Jonesville church family, as we begin our Lenten journey.

**"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY**

**February 7, 2010**

Jonesville Church will once again join thousands across the nation in this annual "souper" bowl of caring to help fight hunger. Please bring a can of soup and /or \$1 to services on Super Bowl Sunday.



**COOKIE WALK  
SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
Cookie Cans  
are still just  
**\$5.**

**PRETZEL SUNDAY**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday school classes are invited to make pretzels in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School Hour for all to enjoy after the 10:30 service.

**GODSPELL**

**Sat. Feb. 27, at 7:30pm**  
&  
**Sun. Feb. 28, at 2:30pm**  
**Jonesville UMC**