

Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY

On March 10, 2019, Union Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Though our predecessor church (a Dutch Reformed congregation) started meeting together in a little log structure in what is now our Riverside Cemetery as early as 1791, it was in 1819 that we joined with the Presbyterian stream of American churches. So, at 199 years young, what does UPC look like today?

This week, UPC is all about youth. On June 3 we celebrated Youth Sunday, and the persistent focus of the morning was “God is love.” The children and youth of the congregation led us in worship, highlighted by the sermons shared by graduating seniors. Union-Endicott High School graduates Amy Mueller and Kurt Mueller, and Vestal High School graduate Dana Sullivan, all shared (without consulting one another) stories that highlighted the kindness, mentoring, and encouragement they had experienced at UPC from people other than their parents.



As a pastor, this made my heart sing. It’s incredibly important for young people to form strong relationships in the congregation with adults who are not their primary caregivers. Such relationships are strong predictors of what researchers call “sticky faith,” which is exactly what it sounds like: faith that doesn’t simply vanish after our young people graduate from high school, but which continues to be a strong motivating force in their lives as they move into college or the workforce. The lives of our young people gave testimony to the scripture: “God is love” (1 John 4:8).

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**Lead article from May 24, 2018**

**First United Presbyterian (aka "Red Door"), Oneonta, NY**

This time last year we were planning a Capital Campaign to address various physical projects and energy concerns including replacement of our 57 year old church boiler; a lighting upgrade in the church classrooms, social hall, and offices; and dealing with water infiltration at the manse. We selected as our Mission Component (10% of money raised) a local ministry called Caring Connections. Goal: \$125,000. If we exceeded our goal additional projects were identified, such as repair or replace windows at both the manse and church.

John Wray, our Campaign Consultant, worked with us courtesy of the Presbyterian Foundation. Materials and letters were prepared. Visiting stewards were trained to make pastoral calls. Leadership donors attended a Wine & Cheese party. A kick-off Campaign Dinner brought the church family together. Grants were applied for from local foundations.

On Commitment Sunday, November 12, the "active phase" was closed with the dedication of our congregational gifts. By January 31, 2018 we raised \$164,470 due to the generosity of 37 individual pledges, gifts from two faith communities that share our building, and \$40,000 in grants from two local foundations. We thank God for a dependable boiler that kept us warm this past winter and brighter lights that stay on and do not buzz. Other projects are nearing completion or being planned.

Mission: In addition to making a difference in people's lives with our Campaign's Mission Component, we continue to send church family members on mission trips. This year we are sending a father and son team, David and Bradley Morell, to Jamaica. Locally we are preparing for our 5<sup>th</sup> year of partnering with Catholic Charities to offer a Summer Food Program for children and adults in Neahwa Park, Oneonta.

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### **A Calendar of Prayer for our Presbytery**

#### **June**

- 3 Endicott Union Pat Raube, Pastor
- 10 General Assembly Commissioners
- 17 Andes, Marena Vittorio Schindler, Pastor
- 24 Laurens

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#### **Prayers:**

Prayers for Stan Rogalski, husband of Christine Rogalski (office Administrator) had surgery on May 30th. He is home and recovering quickly.

#### **Joys:**

Congratulations to Christine and Stan Rogalski, (office administrator) for becoming grandparents welcoming a beautiful baby girl, RaeLee Autumn Prouty. She was born at 2:27 am on May 22 and weighing 5.7 oz. We are overjoyed with our new little bundle!!



Junieta Brooks' son Travis was honored May 24th at the Tompkins-Cortland College graduation ceremony with the "Distinguished Alumni" award. Juni is a Ruling Elder from Northminster Presbyterian Church, Endwell, and a long-time member of the Ethiopian Partnership Mission Team.

Please contact Committee on Ministry co-chairs, Marsha Muller and Janet Adair Hansen if you have a pastoral care concern or need.

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## Other News

# CHURCH SUPPORT EVENT - DATE CHANGED TO JULY 21, 2018

Dear Church Family,

Let me begin by saying, the Spirit of Change is all around us in many uplifting ways. So with that The Small Church Team has a new name. We will now be known as The Church Support Team. We strive to serve all churches; small or large, and those without or without a pastor.

Since our last presbytery wide meeting that was held in Delhi United Ministeries we have been busy. Please welcome Rev. Robert Heinle, and Stewart Rogers to our team staff. What a joy it is to have them with us. We have rescheduled our June 2, 2018 "Church Workshop -102.

That workshop will be Saturday, July 21,2018 at 9:00 AM. It will be held at Binghamton United.

For those who were not able to attend any of the 101 workshops, we will have notes from these available for everyone.

If you have not attended any of these meetings, now is the time to come. George Budine has developed a program that addresses many concerns that plague our churches across our Presbytery in one form or another. George has been a Lay Pastor for the small congregation in Nichols which has and continues to be revitalized under his guidance.

We have received positive feedback from all of the churches that have attended the first three gatherings. One church has already begun to employ George's powerful message within their congregation with positive results. Others are discussing thoughts with members from their churches.

Mark your calendar for July 21,2018. This is one workshop you do not want to miss. You will leave filled with hope and take with you lots of inspirational ideas.

The cost to attend this program **is ZERO**; it **is FREE**. Just come and hear the good news of hope and vision for your churches.

Refreshments will be provided before and during the program, including lunch. This is also **FREE**. You will not leave hungry for food, both physically and spiritually. We are confident that everyone will come away with some valuable information that they can take back to their churches that can have a positive difference. We feel this can only lead to new energy and stronger faith.

Please contact any one of the team staff no later than July 13, 2018 so that people at Binghamton United will have sufficient time to shop and prepare for the event.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

Please feel free to contact one of us if you have questions.

We will try to set up for child care. Let us know if you need this.

Please RSVP to any one of us.

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### **Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology (HSIT) in Oneonta**

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology (HSIT) is a series of courses and seminars that will be held on the campus of Hartwick College from Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 3, 2018. The Institute is open to all laity and clergy for personal enrichment and continuing education. It is sponsored by the area Lutherans.

Two types of classes are offered:

- Courses are for one hour each morning Monday - Friday (Monday -Thursday in some cases)
- Seminars are for 2-1/2 hours each Monday-Thursday (afternoons and evenings)

Instructors come from several faith traditions including Lutheran, Orthodox Church of America, Presbyterians, and Roman Catholic. This year Cynthia Walton-Leavitt is offering two seminars: 1) Abortion: Most of Us Are in the Middle and 2) Iona: An Island and a Pilgrimage.

#### Attached are:

- 1) HSIT Brochure with courses and seminars listed [2018 HSIT Brochure final](#)
- 2) HSIT Registration form [2018 HSIT Regis Form](#)

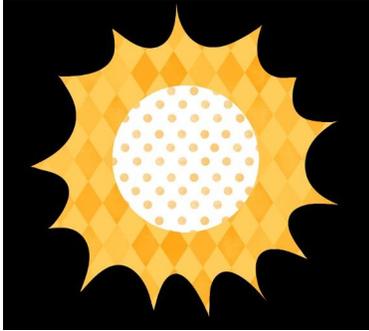
Please look over the list of offerings to see if there is something that peaks your interest.

Our Committee on Lay Preaching encourages everyone in church leadership to consider continuing education opportunities. For more info. about possible scholarships, please contact CoLP Chair Barbara Renton at (607) 967-4819 or [therentons1@gmail.com](mailto:therentons1@gmail.com)

For details about HSIT, please contact Paul Messner, Pastor of the Otsego County Lutheran Parish, and Administrator of the Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology at (607) 287-4534 (cell) or [prpaul\\_theoinst@hotmail.com](mailto:prpaul_theoinst@hotmail.com)

May God bless our ministries of education and faith formation.

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Presbytery Campership for school-age children and youth (K–12th grade) and young adults with special needs

Overnight Christian camps only ~ One campership per camper per summer season  
Camperships are NOT a financial aid program. They are an incentive, provided to ALL families (regardless of family income) involved in churches in the presbytery, to support and enhance kids' Christian faith journeys.

Level 1: Presbyterian (PCUSA) camps 3/4 of cost of one week of camp (up to \$500 maximum)

Level 2: Churches Uniting in Christ (includes United Methodist), American Baptist, or Reformed Church of America camps 2/3 of cost of one week of camp (up to \$375 maximum)

Level 3: All other Christian camps (camps are evaluated on a case-by-case basis) 1/2 of cost of one week of camp (up to \$250 maximum)

Applications will be accepted through July 31, 2018

For information and applications, visit [www.susvalpresby.org](http://www.susvalpresby.org) and go to Mission > Christian Nurture then click on Camperships

Questions? [pmc@susvalpresby.org](mailto:pmc@susvalpresby.org) or 607-323-4477

Let's work together to encourage our children and youth to grow in God's love!

Presbytery Camperships



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**BUS TRIP TO SEE JESUS AT SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER - JUNE 26, 2018 -**

The First Presbyterian Church of Gilbertsville is sponsoring a trip to see *JESUS!* - the action packed musical stage adventure that takes us on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the every day people whose lives he changed forever. **Hales bus coach will pick up passengers at the Gilbertsville Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, June 26, boarding at 6 a.m.**

**(NOTE:** Arrangements can also be made for attendees to get the bus in Oneonta,

Sidney and Binghamton.) With a stop along the way, we will arrive in the Lancaster, PA area around 11:30 to enjoy a scrumptious buffet at Miller's. The 3 p.m. matinee of *Jesus* has us sitting in the balcony, center section, to witness and take in this life adventure, including the unexpected *Jesus* as it reaches down and pulls you out of the water, wherever you are in your life. All inclusive rate to include a comfortable seat on the bus, the full buffet and admission to *JESUS* is **\$168 per person, based on 30 passengers**. If we are successful in reaching 35 or over 40 passengers, each will receive a refund the day of the trip. Following a brief stop on the way home, we are scheduled to arrive back in Gilbertsville around 11 p.m. **Questions or payment for reservations are to be made payable to Roger Halbert, P.O. Box 321, Gilbertsville. Seats on the bus will be made in order of payments received. Questions, contact Roger at 783-2691.**

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**CLARIFICATION on the SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP to HEIFER VILLAGE:**

**The bottom line cost for participants is \$75.** Please encourage interested youth to register soon. (We already have several planning to go - yay!)

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**And a reminder: This trip is open to youth regardless of church membership.**

Thanks!

The CN Team

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