



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

A small group of us has agreed to help coordinate a stewardship campaign with a difference. What's the difference? Instead of setting a detailed budget for the coming year and simply asking you to fund the bottom line, we want to think together with you about this congregation's particular and unique contribution to God's world, based on the biblical image of Jesus as one who gives us life and brings freedom and wholeness.



That's why we exist as a church. Jesus calls us to follow and serve as he served. We need to fund this calling with money and energy so that our community can reflect this image of wholeness and joy. It's a campaign with a difference, designed to make a difference in our world.

Story after story about Jesus show us how he brought new life to all manner of hopeless situations – disease, hunger, injustice, even death. As followers of Jesus we are called to bring new life where we can, through worship, Sunday School, small groups, prayer and other caring ministries. One question we need to answer together is, "How can we do more of these essential, faithful things?"

Our stewardship emphasis will be highlighted in worship on November 8, 15 and 22. Stay tuned to see what your part is in this community called First United Methodist Church.



I have discovered over the years, from church to church, moments when the power of witnessing becomes profoundly apparent. Because witnessing is not as common in our churches as it once was, it always comes to me as a surprise. And it is a welcome surprise, making clear some elements of our practice of faith that often are forgotten.

In many of our churches, it is assumed that people are Christian, meaning, they are members of a church whether practicing or not. Most non-Christians don't particularly care what a Christian is. Our assumptions, however, do not include any thought of a Christian as a person who is fully obedient to Christ, having been "saved by grace", and living a Spirit motivated life like Christ. Assumptions always lead to misunderstanding.

Witnessing is powerful because it clarifies what is most important in the believer's life. In fact, many times witnessing has a greater impact on the one witnessing than it does on the person receiving the witness. It provides courage and strength by taking a simple stand. We take a stand on football teams and politicians, so why not on something more important – our faith. Whether another receives our simple statements is up to that person and God's Holy Spirit.


Witnessing need not be complex. It's as simple as saying "I like going to church" or "I was praying about something yesterday..." or "I wonder what God thinks about this" or "I felt close to Jesus today." You might startle someone at first. Soon, however, the conversation will produce an admiration for your honesty and openness. Just don't be pushy. Witnessing is simply telling your story or at least a part of your story, a very important part.

Witnessing is a way of serving Jesus and also serving someone else. It is also a really commonplace matter, as common as shaking hands or saying hello. Feeling that we might be embarrassed is an unreasonable fear that we can quickly overcome. There is no embarrassment if you think of Jesus as your closest friend and you're introducing him to someone. After all, witnessing is introducing someone new to Jesus as part and parcel of your story and of your life.

Peace and Love,
Pastor Wade

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

Services at **8:15 & 10:30 A.M.**
 (Child Care Available at 10:30 only)

<u>Sunday, November 1st</u> <i>Holy Communion</i>	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost Preaching Text – John 11:32-44	
<u>Sunday, November 8th</u>	23 rd Sunday after Pentecost Preaching Text – Mark 12:38-	
<u>Sunday, November 15th</u>	24 th Sunday after Pentecost Preaching Text – Mark 13:1-8	
<u>Sunday, November 22nd</u> <i>Thanksgiving Sunday</i>	Christ the King Sunday Preaching Text – John 18:33-37	
<u>Sunday, November 29th</u> <i>United Methodist Student Day</i>	1 st Sunday of Advent Preaching Text – Luke 21:25-36	

*See complete lectionary text for each Sunday on a following page

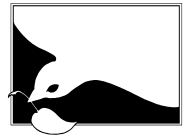
OUR STAFF **REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Monday thru Friday

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- Mission Statement: *"We are called by God to experience and share the presence of Christ."*
- Vision Statement: *"We strive to become a church that reflects the diversity of our community and provides opportunities for all to develop a closer relationship with God."*

SAVE THE DATE! February 26-27, 2010



Healthy Congregations Workshop

The Finger Lakes District of the UMC and Geneva First UMC are sponsoring a Healthy Congregations Workshop from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday (Feb. 26-27). The workshop is designed to help our church members, regular attenders, church staff and pastor become more effective stewards of our congregation's health. Our church is sponsoring this training to help us better implement our church's ministry plan.

We are welcoming both United Methodist churches and the Geneva Community to join us and we need you to be there. Richard Blackburn of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center has led this workshop for others in our church conference and we are excited about the opportunity to host this district event at our church. The cost is normally \$89 per person. Geneva UMC members and those regularly attending our church will be able to attend at a cost of \$20 per person or \$30 per family. Contact the church office for more information or to sign up (789-6550).

GREETER SCHEDULE

PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO BE A GREETER. THIS IS THE ONLY SCHEDULE YOU WILL RECEIVE.

The Membership Team wishes to thank you for being a greeter. Your friendly welcoming of all who come to worship is a tremendously important ministry. So mark your calendar! If you have any questions or problems, please call Kitty Starr at the church office.

	<u>Back Door</u>	<u>Front Door</u>
Nov. 1	Alan Nester	Dortha Nester
Nov. 8	Barb Carragher	Barb Warner
Nov. 15	Jeff Stanton	Sue Kolbeck
Nov. 22	Bill Brandow	Ann Brandow
Nov. 29	Ed Emmons	Nancy Emmons

OTHER SCHEDULES

Funeral Reception People for November:

- Hostesses: Ann Brandow and Shirley Powers
- Cookie Bakers: Cindy Mitchell, Belle Morehouse and Millie Perry
- Set up people: Ted Mitchell and Charlie Quinter

After Church Receptions for November:

- November 1 – Betty Shaner
- November 8 – Nancy and Ed Emmons
- November 15 – Charlie and Sally Quinter
- November 22 – The Biehls Family
- November 29 – Dortha and Alan Nester

Communion Stewards: Judie Lyons

Communion Servers: Phil Biehls, Jeannine Biehls, and Sue Kolbeck

Scripture Readers:

- November 8 – Tricia Maurer
- November 15 – Carole Huether
- November 22 – Jeannine Biehls
- November 29 – Cornelia Johnson

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER

This year, our church is offering to provide poinsettias for our December 13, 20 and Christmas Eve worship services. If you indicate on the sheet below, we will order the poinsettias for you and have them delivered to church. Then you can take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Service, December 24th. This is an easy way, we believe, for you to share the beauty of the floral arrangement during the holidays and also, to recognize or memorialize a loved one with a poinsettia. A list of donors will be indicated in those bulletins.

Six blossom (red) poinsettia with foil and bow.

Deadline: November 29th

Please order _____ poinsettia(s) at \$12.00 each for the First United Methodist Church in

() Memory of: _____

OR

() Recognition of: _____

Given by *(Name) _____

*Give name as you wish it to appear in bulletin.

() Check attached**

() Cash attached

**Payable to the 1st United Methodist Church. PLEASE MAKE A SEPARATE CHECK FOR THIS.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

An Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration will be held Sunday, November 22nd at 7:00 pm in the new Community Center on Carter Road.



POINSETTIA ORDERS

The deadline for ordering poinsettias this year for Christmas is even earlier than usual. Please have your orders in by Sunday, November 29th. The cost is still \$12.00. Please see the order form included in this newsletter.

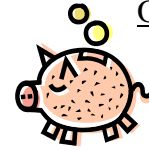


HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will be decorating the church for Advent on Saturday, Dec 5th starting at 10 am. We need your help doing this. If you could donate an hour or two that Saturday morning, it will make the job much easier since we have to decorate the Sanctuary and the Chapel.



KEEP THE COINS COMING



Our Camp and Conference Ministries is finishing our second year contributing to the building and expansion project at Casowasco Camp and Conference Center. Our church has pledged \$3000 over 3 years. Coin containers are at both entrances to the sanctuary and chapel to put your loose change in to help fund our share of this project. Of course, no paper money will be refused. Add to the container and watch it grow! So far we have collected \$1827.16. That adds up to \$1000 for 2008 and so far \$827.16 for 2009.

GENEVA METHODIST WOMEN

The Geneva Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, November 18th at 12:00 pm at the church for a bag lunch. All are invited. We will be accepting donations for our Christmas project.



SERRV GIFT SHOP

SERRV International Fair Trade Gift Shop Open House will be held at The Presbyterian Church, 24 Park Place on Saturday, November 7th from 10am to 4 pm. Find the perfect gifts created by artisans around the world. They are also open every Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



We offer our prayers and concerns for those in our church family with immediate health and other immediate concerns:

- The mourning family of **Edna Shaner**, mother of Betty Shaner – 150 Lyceum St. #408
- The mourning family of **Mary Landin**, grandmother of Phil Biehls – 165 S. West St.
- Norma Carson – 149 Overlook Dr., Horseheads, NY 14845
- Mildred Woodley – (GGH-335W) 234 Ashton Ct., Clifton Springs, NY 14432
- Ednamae Hannacker – 454 Washington St.
- Harry and Fay Queener (new address) – 511 Court St., Penn Yan 14527 (315-536-6448)
- Jim Darrow (GGH #237) – 23 Ada St.
- Lisa Gage – 816 S. Main St.
- Millie Perry – (GGH) 19 North St.
- Tim TenEyck – 198 Packwood Rd., Waterloo 13165
- Dave Parker – 1021-84 Waterloo-Geneva Rd., Waterloo 13165

Ronald Emmons (*son of Ed and Nancy Emmons*), Bernita Brouse, Julie Carragher (*daughter-in-law of Barb Carragher*), Evelyn Maurer (*mother of Kent Maurer*), Kathie Drerup (*mother of Beth Borsching*), Ken Morehouse (*son of Belle Morehouse*), Adrian Parish (*son of Geraldine Parish*), Vi Welton, Lisa Gage (*surgery in Oct.*), Tim Smith (*son of Jim and Nancy Smith*), Millie Perry, Elva Schillinger (*daughter of Millie Perry*), Hans Elsevier, Sr. (*father of Irka Elsevier*), Hans Elsevier, Jr., (*brother of Irka Elsevier*), Ana Elsevier (*mother of Irka Elsevier*), Jeremy Lathey, Shirley Calabrese, Craig and Helen Pease, Don Kean, Ira Smith, Miama McGirt, Edna Nowak, Jess Mansur, Dawn Pallor (*sister of Elaine Reich*), Charlie Russell, Ron Robinson (*father of Tasha Williams*)

On October 11th we celebrated the baptisms of **Charles Francis Damick III**, **Dominick Beanton Damick** and **Christopher David Damick**, children of Charles Francis Damick, Jr. and Jessica Ordway.

(Please let the church office know of any other immediate concerns or joys that should be listed in next month's newsletter. Also please let the office know when it is appropriate to remove a name from this list.)

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER

Lectionary Readings for November 1, 2009

- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Psalm 24
- Revelation 21:1-6a
- John 11:32-44



Lectionary Readings for November 8, 2009

- Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
- Psalm 127 or Psalm 42
- Hebrews 9:24-28
- Mark 12:38-44

Lectionary Readings for November 15, 2009

- 1 Samuel 1:4-20
- 1 Samuel 2:1-20 or Psalm 113
- Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25
- Mark 13:1-8

Lectionary Readings for November 22, 2009

- 2 Samuel 23:1-7
- Psalm 132:1-12
- Revelation 1:4b-8
- John 18:33-37

Lectionary Readings for November 29, 2009

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Psalm 25:1-10
- 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
- Luke 21:25-36

CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY

We would again like to offer the church family two opportunities to help families in our community receive gifts for Christmas. Please consider making a donation to these worthwhile projects to help bring Christmas to needy families in our community.

1. Operation Merry Christmas, sponsored by the Center of Concern needs support to help needy families in our community. Eligible families will receive a holiday dinner and a gift (ages 0-18) for each child in the family.



Gifts are needed beginning now through December 6th:

- Due to toy recalls, no toys will be collected
- Hats, mittens, scarves, socks and gloves
- Money to purchase food for the holiday dinner baskets, as well as frozen turkeys and hams. Canned goods will also be a welcome addition to the holiday meal baskets

Unwrapped gifts can be brought to church by December 6th. They can be placed in a box near the ushers' station.

2. **The Child and Family Resource Center** provides volunteers to work with mothers in need, helping them in many ways. We would like to help them bring a Merry Christmas to the families in their program by providing some toys for the children. Please choose a tag from the easel trees by the office or by the back door. Choose an **age appropriate** toy or book for the child on your tag. **Do not wrap the gift.** Put the tag with the child's name on the gift and bring it to church no later than December 13th.



"...You will bear a son, and you will name him Jesus."
Luke 1:31