

UNION CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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CHURCH OFFICE 748-6329

PASTOR BROWN 748-1358

March 30, 2008

8:30 AM

PRELUDE:

Betty Phinney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:25 AM

***GREETINGS & GATHERINGS:** "Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a maid came up to him, and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." And when he went out to the porch, another maid saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the cock crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly."

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Matthew 27:11-26 RSV

HYMNS OF PRAISE: "O Worship the King" #73

"And Can It Be that I Should Gain" #363

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed #881

***GLORIA PATRI:** #70

UNISON PRAYER: "We have come together, O God, our Heavenly Father, to be clothed with power and to render to You the praise and the worship that is so richly due to You. We pray You, meet us here with truth we can wear with confidence and with joy we can share with sincerity. Awaken us, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, to life in all its fullness. Be with us as we lift up our hands, our hearts, and our voices, to You and prepare us for everlasting life with Christ Jesus, in whose name we worship."

LORD'S PRAYER

CHERUBS: "Ho Ho Hosanna"

JUNIOR'S: "Clap Your Hand"

SHARING IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: "When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre."

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PRAYER CHORUS: "Take Time to Be Holy" #395

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Matthew 28:16-20 RSV

OFFERTORY CHORUS:

CD Special

Presentations of Tithes and Offerings

***DOXOLOGY:**

#95

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

#175

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 26:69ff

Pew Bible #964

MESSAGE: "Where's The Proof"

Drama by the Youth

***HYMN OF INVITATION:** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

#382

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USHER: Dave Ring

AUDIO: Bob Deuel

JR. CHURCH:

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"Days of Elijah"

"God of Wonders"

"Above All"

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"Salvation Belongs to Our God"

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Al and Evvie Binder

NURSERY:

Sandhya Naik

USHER:

Dave Lee

AUDIO:

Bill Jubin

JR. CHURCH:

Sue Bongiorno

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH OFFICE (785-5349) OR 748-6329

PASTOR BROWN 748-1358

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9:30 AM

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

9:25 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

***GREETINGS & GATHERINGS:** “Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains into singing! For the Lord has comforted His people, and will have compassion on His afflicted. The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” **Isaiah 49:13, 35:10**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** “Preserve me, O God, for in Thee I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "Thou art my Lord; I have no good apart from Thee." As for the saints in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their libations of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; Thou holdest my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure. For Thou dost not give me up to Sheol, or let thy godly one see the Pit. Thou dost show me the path of life; in Thy presence there is fulness of joy, in Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.” **Psalms 16 RSV**

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** “Up from the Grave He Arose” #322

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LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” **1 Peter 1:3,5 RSV**

**Welcoming Each Other into the House of the Lord
Sharing Of Our joys and blessings
Sharing our Prayer Concerns**

PRAYER VERSE: “Without having seen Him you love Him; though you do not now see Him you believe in Him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.” **1 Peter 1:8,9 RSV**

MORNING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: Grant, Mary and Ruth

Presentations of Tithes and Offerings

***DOXOLOGY** #95

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** “In the Garden” #314

SCRIPTURE: John 20 Pew Bible #1685

MESSAGE: By Mike Wingard

HYMN OF INVITATION: “He Lives” #310

***BENEDICTION**

It is wonderful that you came to worship today at the Wesley UMC. We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we serve as our Lord. We pray and trust that you received the rich blessings of the Lord today. May the Lord bless you and keep you as you go into the world to live, serve, and witness. Please plan to join in a time of fellowship and sharing soon after the Worship Service. Please join us next Sunday at 9:30 AM for worship and praise. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us.

LASAGNA DINNER-April 25, 2008. Serving at 5:00 p.m.

The Relay For Life of Western Broome is coming soon, June 14 and 15 at Sammon Field, Vestal. Please help us to promote the Relay in our Western Broome community by including the following announcement (or facsimile) in your church bulletin in the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for your support! Relay For Life of Western Broome will be held June 14 and 15 at Sammon Field, Vestal. Relay For Life is an overnight celebration of life and cancer survivorship. Teams of people from the community have fun while raising much needed funds to fight cancer. Contributions to the Relay For Life help the American Cancer Society fight cancer in four ways: research, education, advocacy and patient services. If you are interested in joining a team, volunteering your time or making a donation to support the Relay For Life of Western Broome, contact Gina Chapman, (607) 766-6907 or call 1-800-ACS-2345.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS & STEWARDSHIP FOR March 23, 2008

ATTENDANCE: (101,69/170, Sunrise 28)

TOTAL OFFERING:\$2,992.15

General:\$2,444.35

Designated:\$547.80

YOUTH CONCERT--On Friday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a "Five 4 Five" concert held at the Sarah Jane Memorial United Methodist Church. Five 4 Five is a national tour that features five bands in concert for just \$5. The bands are: *DIZMAS, THE SEND, A DREAM TOO LATE, CHILDREN 18:3, AND CAYERIO*. The event is being sponsored by the Union Center, Boulevard, and Hawleyton United Methodist Churches, Sarah Jane Memorial UMC, First Presbyterian Church of Endicott, and First Baptist Church of Owego. Tickets are available at itickets.com or by calling 1-800-965-9324. Tickets can be purchased directly from Union Center UMC—Pastor Brown, umcgpel@aol.com or by calling, 607-748-6329. First Presbyterian Church—Jeremy Finn, JMFinn@hotmail.com or by calling 748-1544. Hawleyton United Methodist--Ray Haskell, wpuckey@stny.rr.com or by calling 669-4373. First Baptist Church Owego--Rev Marlene Steenburg, mcsteenburb@aol.com or by calling 607-232-2302. Boulevard United Methodist Church--Rev Tony, blydumc@stny.rr.com or by calling 607-797-5675.

ALUMNI CHOIR-Will be sharing a special worship service on Sunday, June 16, 2008 during both services. Those who have sang in the choir in the past and those who sing at present are invited to join us for a special rehearsal. Please contact Aric Phinney at 786-8812 for more information.

PRAYER VIGIL-A prayer vigil will be held on April 12, 2008 starting at 6:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the vigil: our building project. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISER EVENT-April 19, 2008 starting at 6:00 p.m. This event is to raise money, excitement and awareness of what the Lord can do as we collect money for the building fund. We will also be serving Authentic Indian dishes. All the funds received will go to the building fund.

WOMEN'S BANQUET-Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jane Divine, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

MEN'S BANQUET-Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Bishop Larry Simpson.

THE CONTINENTALS- Will be in concert on July 11 and November 14, 2008.

VBS-July 25-August 1, 2008. Shannan Meilunas is the coordinating this VBS program.

CHICKEN BBQ/TENT MEETING-FUND RAISING FOR THE BUILDING-August 9, 2008.

UPCOMING 2008 WEDDINGS: May 10, Danny and Sarah
May 24, Robby and Ashley
July 12, LeAnna and Billy
July 19, Mike and Amber

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEK of April 6, 2008

TODAY: 8:30 AM First Worship Service
9:50 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Second Worship Service
9:30 AM Wesley United Methodist Church Service
WED: 6:00 PM Soup/Supper
6:30 PM Bible Study
FRI: 7:00 PM TV Ministry – Cable Channel 4

PRAISE THE LORD FOR:

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Harry Phillips (prostrate cancer), Guil Woodward (back at Hilltop), Lillian Eckler (in Wilson hospital), Lamani (Pastor Brown's sister-in-law in India), Mr. DiGal (Prasant's father in India), Paulette (colon cancer, going through heavy chemo), Jessica Burelle, Sarah Deuel, Ethel Hower, Francis Potter (Betty Fowler's sister-in-law), Christopher Fowler (Vivian Perkin's son), Chuck Loeffler, Kathleen Budnovitch (Millie Rood's friend), George Cameron, Irving Rosenbarker, Connie Perry, Pamela Jean (Jack and Alice Black's niece), Bob English, Jack Black, Jonathan (Nate Young's grandson), Orin White, Jeffery Sibley, Diane Ryans, Ralph Kocik, June Smith, Chad Grindel (Ray & Betty Fowler's grandson), Dorothy Sedlacek, Ruth Ross, Alana Otis, Don Eckler, Andy & Ann, Mahlon Tewksbury, Paul Carpenter, Alan VanWormer, Alex Madison, Kim Soundararaj and Jack Hoppes.

THOSE SERVING IN IRAQ: Ryan Warner (Jean Warfield's granddaughter's husband), Alan Votakpa, Frank Simser, Kyle Chanitz, Scott McPherson, Christopher Simser, Jr., Adam Tatusko and Nicholas Tokos. Please pray for our Nation, Kenya and Orissa, India.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Doug/Karen (Frisch) Lehman (Africa), Jim/Shawn Ramsay (Georgia/Mission Society), Peter/Esther Pereira (India), Dave/Jean Coles (Indonesia), Neal/Mari Hicks (Japan), Guido/Kim (Warren) Orellana (Ecuador), Dr. Jeff/Marilyn Lester (Medics International), Dr. Terry/Renee Wortz, Elizabeth Salisbury(USA), Gary/Rebecca Mink (Africa), Leroy/Peg Jones (USA), Larry/Marian Byrnes (Indiana/OMS), Christopher/Rashaell Jones (Ecuador).

SIGN UP NOW TO “ADOPT A BASKET”

What: Silent and Live Auction
When: Saturday April 19, 2008, 6:00-8:00pm
Where: Union Center UMC
Why: To raise money, excitement and awareness of what the Lord can do as we collect money for the building fund.

Look over the following list and see if there is any “themed basket” that you would like to adopt or think of another idea of what you could donate!! REMEMBER, it doesn't have to be anything elaborate or expensive!!! And why do it alone?? Get together with: your Sunday school class, women's group, men's group, walking partner, your kids, the Youth group, you name it and give a basket from the group! Thank you for your participation!

Let one of us know today which one you'd like to adopt!!! Get the items together and to the church the week of April 14th!! It's that easy!

Pampered Chef gift basket

PartyLite gift basket

Avon, Mary Kay, etc. gift basket

Gift certificates for a haircut

Gift certificate for piano lessons

Gift certificate for counseling

Gift certificate for audiology services

Gift certificate for balloon bouquet

Gift certificate for whatever your specialty is (do you do yardwork, oil changes, painting, raking leaves??)

Donation of a quilt, wall hanging, needlepoint, etc

Donation of a painting

Basketful of kitchen gadgets (spatulas, towels, cookbook, measuring spoons, etc)

Baking basket (cake mixes, frosting, cookie mixes, frosting spreader, wax paper, etc)

Relaxation basket (candles, bubble bath, towels, etc)

Basket of books (in good condition, add a bookmark, carrying bag, etc)

Baby basket (baby bibs, onesies, baby toys, diapers, bottles, parenting books, etc)

Kid's basket (crayons, coloring books, stickers, doodle pad, little toys, etc)

Cat Lover's basket (cat nips, toys, treats, etc)

Dog Lover's basket (dog biscuits, rawhide bones, leash, etc)

Chocolate Lover's basket (anything and everything chocolate)

Gardening basket (gardening gloves, bulbs, seeds, tools, knee pad, etc)

Car care bucket (sponges, car wash solution, towels, glass cleaner, etc)

Tools for the handyman (screwdrivers, wrench, tool belt, etc)

Music basket (CDs of hymns, Christian music, etc)

Donation of collectibles (Boyd's bears, Beanie Babies, Lladro, etc)

Basket of candles (votives, votive holder, tealights, jar candles, accessories, etc)

Dessert of the month (offer to make the winner a dessert each month, or every other month!)

Sweet tooth basket of goodies (cookies, candy, fudge, etc)

Sugar-Free basket of goodies (perfect for the diabetic - everything sugar-free!)

Let's stay in and watch movies (DVD, popcorn, soda, candy, etc)

Already donated:

Coffee Lover's basket, original watercolor paintings, Overnight “Bed and Breakfast” stay at a beautiful Lakehouse

If you have questions, more ideas or want to make a donation, please contact Deborah Eckhardt 772-2472, Chris Doyle 754-2399, Robin Bartholomew 349-9221, Jim Holmes 748-7963 or Liz Haas 862-9288.

A Note to Secret Pals—How fast time flies, we have started our fourth month with Secret Pal. We are all enjoying Secret Pals, but there are some who have joined with us and they have not yet heard from their Secret Pal. It is important for you to remember that you have chosen someone to be a blessing to.

Some ideas for things to do for your secret pal:

1) Birthday or un-birthday or anniversary cards.

2) A thinking about you note or a card.

3) Make them some cookies or cupcakes.

4) Send them a small gift (books, candles, flowers, seasonal items)

5) Drop clues as to who you are to see if they can figure it out.

Thank you and if you have any questions please contact Marti Holmes.

