



# The Herald



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## The First Disciples



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Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes, and accept thy will for my life. I give myself, my life, my all utterly to thee, to be thine forever. Fill me and seal me with thy Holy Spirit. Use me as thou wilt. Send me where thou wilt, and work out thy whole will in my life at any cost, now and forever. Amen.

—Betty Scott Stam



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"See, I am making all things new!"

"Then I (John the Apostle) saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes... And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new'" (Revelation 21:1-5).

The holy city is the bride of Christ, which is Christ's Church. It is the home of the saints of God, including us. If we believe in Jesus Christ of Nazareth, God says we can have everlasting fellowship with the Three Parts of God. When Jesus returns to gather us in, there will be no more sorrow, and he will wipe every tear from our eyes.

In the new year, may God help us make ourselves new, and in God's image! With God's love as our example, may we love God and our neighbor more in 2018.

The following is a poem from Western Tract News:

The Way to a Happy New Year

To leave the old with a burst of song, to recall the right and forgive the wrong.  
To forget the things that bind you fast, to the vain regrets of the year that's past.  
To have the strength to let go your hold, of the not-worthy, of the days grown old.  
To dare to go forth with a purpose true, to the unknown task of the year that's new.  
To help your neighbors along the road, to do their work and lift their load.  
To add your gift to the world's good cheer, is to have and to give a Happy Year!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Dan

HAPPY NEW YEAR



January 7 Epiphany Sunday: Matthew 2: 1-12; Psalm 72; Communion

January 14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany: John 1:43-51, Psalm 139;  
Human Relations Day

January 21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany: Mark 1:14-20, Psalm 62

January 28 4th Sunday after Epiphany: Mark 1:21-28; Psalm 111

**Serving in  
Worship  
January 2018**

*Liturgy is the Work of  
the People  
for the Glory of God*



**Liturgist**

1/07 Peg Wittman  
1/14 Randy Bloechl  
1/21 Sue Josephson  
1/28 Gayel Todd

**Greeters**

1/07 Ellen Farnham  
1/14 Allen Hulme  
1/21 Sharon Kelly  
1/28 Sonya Pease

**Ushers**

1/07 Roger Dart, Susann B  
1/14 Bob Kuder, Jim Kline  
1/21 Barry & Anita Taft  
1/28 Bob & Dianne Arazy

**Communion Servers:**

1/07 Eileen Gill, Todd H, Sue J

**Acolytes**

1/07 Don Allis  
1/14 Rachael Guarino  
1/21 Bob Kuder  
1/28 Rachael Guarino

**Altar**

1/07 Randi Wachter  
1/14 Martha K, Margo H  
1/21 Joyce Palmer  
1/28 Ruth Mori

**Media Booth**

1/07 Randy & Carol Bloechl  
1/14 Rodney N, Todd H  
1/21 Sue N, Todd H  
1/28 Randy & Carol Bloechl

**Media Presentation**

1/07 Carol Bloechl  
1/14 Tom Wulff  
1/21 Sue Norton  
1/28 Carol Bloechl

**Coffee Hour:**

Men's Breakfast Group



To the CARE Team  
Members for providing  
refreshments for the  
month of December.



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH CHILI

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**January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**      8:00AM to 10:00AM

From the Men's Breakfast Group

Featuring Barry's Magic Griddle!

Pancakes Eggs Sausage Juice

Coffee or Tea



Donations: Adults \$5    ages 5-10 — \$3

**Come for Breakfast, Stay for Fellowship!**

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## Gratitude

Are you utilizing the gifts God has given you?

Do you approach life with an attitude of Gratitude?

Do you take the time to say "Thank you" ?

Have you thanked God lately for all the blessings in your life?

What if we posted on Facebook how thankful we are...for our Choir's beautiful music, or the wonderful Coffee hour goodies, or the parking lot being plowed so well? The list is endless !

Send someone a thank you note, electronically or a good old fashioned card in the mail! Let's start the new year off with an attitude of gratitude! And don't be afraid to tell someone Thanks!

Need a new tradition to begin the new year? One way to reflect on your blessings as the days and months pass is to fill a Blessing Jar. Simply find a container (ideally with a lid) and place it in a prominent place in your home. Next to it, set slips of paper and writing utensils.

Encourage each family member to jot down one thing they're grateful for every day. You can also use different-colored paper slips for each family member.

## Pancake Breakfast Fellowship

Back in July 2013 the UMC Mens' Breakfast Club decided it was time to open their Saturday pancake breakfast to the local community. The kitchen crew and dining room servers had practiced a few months before, and felt ready for a public opening. The big unknown was—would the breakfast attract at least 45 customers, which was similar to the attendance count observed at other local Church breakfasts. The attendance that Fourth of July weekend was 75 customers. Success! From that time to now attendance has always been well over 100 customers every Saturday breakfast.

The Mens' Breakfast Club alone could not handle these customer levels without additional help from the Church to make this event happen every month. Our sincere appreciation is expressed to the following Church members and Pastor Dan for sharing their weekends once a month in making this breakfast fellowship a success over the past years:

Roger Dart	Barry Taft	Randi Wachter	Lyle Tague
Kathy Krisher	Don Allis	Dee Colwell	Jim Kline Jr
Bob Arazy	Gene Mori	Martha Kline	Jay Kline
Susann Brainard	Nancy Nichols	Bob Kuder	Ralph Squire
Bea Tyson	Mike Carr	Sharon Kelly	Jim Kline Sr
Rodney Nichols	Joyce Palmer	Linda Tague	Ellen Farnham
Gail Powell	Janet Snyder	Jane Huey	Judy Guarino
Gayel Todd	Sonya Pease	Kyle Kline	Rachael Guarino
Mary Lou Bowers	Todd Hochgraf	Don Fernberg	Allen Hulme
Erin Nichols	Peg Wittman	Sue McCracken	Gary McCracken



**Upper new York Conference of the United Methodist Church** extends sincere thanks to all of us here for our contributions to both UMCOR Disaster Response for \$150. and the 2017 Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief for \$2175.

## Mission Highlights

**Operation Christmas Child:** We filled and shipped 37 Christmas shoeboxes for children in November. Thank you to everyone who participated in this mission!

**Project Chacocente News:** In 2018 we are sponsoring a child in Nicaragua. We do this through giving here at church. It is \$360 to sponsor a child for 1 year at the Chacocente Christian School. Our little girl is Lesly Martinez. She is 6 years old. Her favorite color is yellow and she likes to dance and draw. Lesly has one older brother and likes to play with toys and her friends! We'll keep you updated on her progress. Check the Bulletin board by the Pastors' office.





## January Birthdays

1/2 Elizabeth Hulme      1/7 Gail Powell  
1/8 Larry Huey          1/14 Amanda Archer  
1/17 Matt Huey          1/18 Rory Bloechl  
1/21 Jim Miller          1/21 Amy Cook  
1/22 Rodney Nichols

## Prayer Concerns for January

**Prayers for:** Dee, Carol M., Rick & Kitty, June H, Bea's great grand-daughter Paityn, Judy G's mom Ellen S., Gary, Nubby, Erwin & his wife, Jeff, Deborah B, Martha & Jim's sister-in-law Jane, Walt P., Deb C, Stephanie, Adelaide.

*Please keep these families who have lost loved ones in your thoughts:* Amy Cook and her Aunt Rose's family, Students of Case Western & the Rob Parks family, Judy's friend Sharon.



Dolores Calvin, Gary & Marcia Caswell, John DeBack, June Harndon, Irene Kochersberger, Helen Ottley, Ruth Peck, Mildred Tower, Barbara Ward, Lyla Weinreber

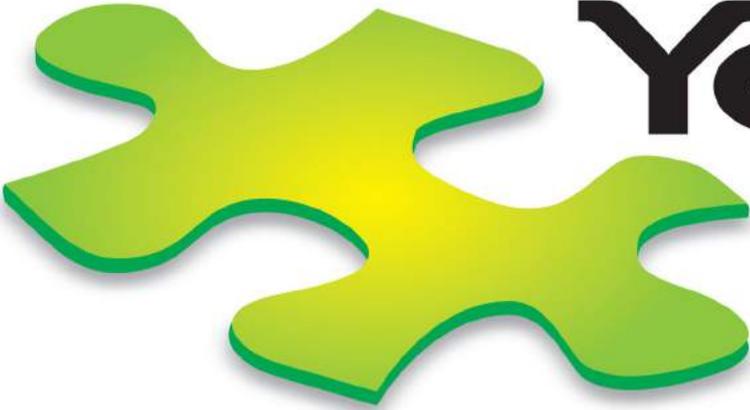
Ruth Peck would like to Thank everyone for all the cards and prayers during her recovery and her move to Westwood Commons. Her new address is: Westwood Commons, Union Square Blvd., Room 212, N. Chili, NY 14514

We hope everyone has enjoyed seeing the Nativity Scene all lit up in front of Adam's Hall throughout the Christmas season! It was donated to us by Dave and Barb Kelly.

A couple of our College Students would like to say Thank you for the Goodie Boxes they received. It was a great boost for them and helped them get through those end of semester exams! Their thank you notes are on the bulletin board. Thank you to Sandra Waterman for coordinating this project!



# Where Do You Fit?



## **Is God Calling you to Participate in Worship? Or to join a small group?**

We are often looking for people to help during Worship. If you have not yet participated and would like to help out, we would love to have you, please let Susann know in the Office, or a member of the Worship team.

If this is a new experience for you please speak to one of the experienced people who do the service already or someone on the Worship team. The serving in worship tasks are not difficult and are a way for each of us to help out a little each week. We also have a sheet of basic instructions for Greeters, Ushers, Acolytes and Liturgists. Please let us know if you are interested in serving .

We have several small groups here that are open to everyone. Take a look at the calendar to see when a group meets so you can join in. There are Bible studies, prayer group, Cuddle quilts, United Methodist Women and UMMen, Faith Stitchers, Care, Worship and Altar groups, Senior's group, Meal & More, Farmer's Market or even Game night. Something for everyone! If you have an idea for a group that we don't have yet, bring it to the Pastor and see if it can be accommodated. Maybe you would like to help with a Social media team or the Media booth? Choir always welcomes new voices! How about a mission project? This is your church—make the most of it!

## **LOVE THY NEIGHBOR**



**Donations** are needed such as Dry Goods, Toiletries, Paper towels, Soap & Dish soap. Our delivery day is Sunday January 21 this month. The donations are delivered to Grace Church of the Nazarene each month to benefit people in our area who need a little help.



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