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Letter from Pastor Jim

Church hours:

Sunday Worship Service 10:30am
Sunday School 9:30am
Office Hours Monday thru Thurs-
day 9:00am-12:00pm

What a wondrous ministry we celebrate here in this space!

I am absolutely amazed how many people we see, we help and feed in our hall each week. The third and fourth Fridays of the month we host the "Be Our Guest" dinners. I have not missed one of these and if you came, you would find me at the sink washing dishes.

I confess there are times when I kind of grumble as I come to the dinner because I would rather be doing something else other than dishes for nearly a 100 people each time. Then I get here, and then I see the faces of all those people that are here to enjoy Connie's food magic, the donated food she turns into a gourmet feast. She takes some of this and some of that and creates this four course meal that is restaurant quality. The faces, the smiles, the warmth that is shared during this time is amazing to me. I find myself just glowing in the light of grace as I watch those

around me work and see those receiving food. It is a sight to see and I encourage everyone to come and enjoy a meal or even come in the kitchen to give us a hand and enjoy in our fellowship and banter.

When I walk in the doors of this Church when there is a meal, I am welcomed with smiles and Connie's welcome of "Hello Pastor Jimmy". I never told her that I did not like that name and probably never will, it has become our welcoming. We have forged a ministry, a partnership and a fellowship masked within those meals.

Before, I thought of these meals as simply feeding the masses with some food, but what I realized after being here for these events is that we are also feeding their spirits as well as ours. I walk away from those meals with dishpan hands, sometimes kind of sweaty, always tired and most of all I walk away feeling fulfilled.

I was reminded

of the Gospel verses in Matthew, where Jesus is instructing on how we are to take care of each other.

Matthew 25:34-40 (NIV)

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

In this example we are not just feeding people, we are being a community that cares for one another, what a great example of Grace!! We are being the givers and receivers of Grace through a salad, a bowl of soup, a piece of meat-loaf, through the fellowship, and through the love.

On an end note, I was visited this day by someone that used to come to these meals but a few months ago moved away.

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Church and Community News

LETTER FROM PASTOR JIM CONT

They came in to say hi and to tell me just how much of an impact we had on his life. He is now stable, part of a faith community and looks to have the support system to continue a path of light. He came and told me about just how thankful he is for our hospitality, but most of all he says, "I thank you for the Love you showed. You guys have showed me that I can still be loved."

There were no words I could say except "Thanks Be to God"....

Thanks be to God for you, your walks and thanks for the Love we received through the act of giving. Amen

Come join us for a meal and for a life changing expression of Grace:

Be Our Guest Dinners are on the Third and Forth Fridays of the month 5pm to 7pm

Community Kitchen every Wednesday 9am to 1pm

Monday Breakfasts every Monday 9am to 11am

Shalom,

Jim

UNITED METHODIST 101

On the 4th Wednesday of the month (except when we engage in other projects and activities), come to **UNITED METHODISM 101**. It's interactive and is a blend of audio, video, written materials and group discussion.

A lifelong or long-term or new to the United Methodist traditions?" You may be surprised at what you can learn about our United Methodist Church and how it fits into the modern world.

Why are you United Methodist? What is your image of The United Methodist Church? How did that image develop? What would you like to learn about our church? **Please share your ideas with Deacon Barbara.**

You do not have to attend every one and can jump in any time! Come when you can.

6:00pm

See our Calendar in this newsletter.

Tending the Garden Luncheons

Please join us for a monthly potluck so we may **TEND THE GARDEN**

Join us for fellowship and good eats, on the second Sunday of every month directly following worship.

Join us for the next Tend the Garden Luncheon on April 12th!

Please let Pastor Jim know if you would help

OUR CHILDCARE ROOM



Childcare is available downstairs during our services.

Check the back of your bulletin to see who is the current week volunteer if you have any questions.

Please continue to support the ongoing projects of the Outreach Committee:

- Spam, tuna with oil & peanut butter
- * children's underwear
- * old suitcases for Haitian Health Foundation
- * Can tabs for children at Shriners' hospitals
- * Campbell labels for educational supplies
- * Blankets, towels and twin sheets for the homeless shelter
- * Diapers for the local Diaper Bank

The local shelter is looking for shampoo, towels, soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes, coffee cups, soup bowls, silverware, razors, twin sheets and blankets. The sample sizes of personal amenities are welcome too.

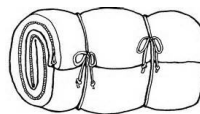
Monday morning breakfasts

could use any of the following:
 Pancake mix, milk and eggs
 Hash browns
 Bacon/Ham/ Sausages
 Coffee, and Juice
 Or a monetary donation to purchase these items

We are collecting used neck ties for the Golden Bees in Webster to use in making their sleeping bags.

The sleeping bags are distributed through out the Rt 395 corridor. They also need donations of light blankets, material scraps, and thread.

Each sleeping bag comes with a health kit containing:



Wash cloth, hand towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, bible or inspirational book, shampoo, hand lotion, small pack tissues, etc.

Each sleeping bag also contains a small pillow, hat, scarf, mittens or gloves and socks.

They are always looking for donations of any of the above items. A collection box will be placed in the back of the Narthex.

Don't forget the homeless shelter in Danielson. They look for donations of a lot of the same

KIDS CARE MEAL PACKAGING

April 12th

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Just a reminder that we are packaging mac and cheese this year on the Sunday after Easter for Kids Care. All meals packaged will be donated to the local food pantries. Weve raised just over \$2500 at this point to package 10,000 meals; we hope to package a minimum of 25,000 meals so any donations are helpful. We were out at Stop & Shop yesterday and collected over \$500 in donations; we will be at RISOM MILLS today and tomorrow selling fudge to benefit Kids Care and accepting donations; You can also make donations directly on line at www.endhungerne.org using a paypal account. Please be sure to indicate "feeding Windham County 4/12" so the donation is properly applied to our event and helps people right here in our community. We will also need volunteers on April 12th to package food so please share with your congregation especially since so many have volunteered time in the past.

The Calendar in Brief

- Apr 1 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Apr 2 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm DUMC
- Apr 3 Procession of the Cross 11:30 @ Davis Park
- Apr 3 Good Friday Service 12:00pm UMC of Danielson
- Apr 5 Easter Sunrise Service 6:15am Allen Hill Tree Farm
- Apr 8 Trustee Meeting 7:00pm
- Apr 8 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Apr 9: Choir Practice 6:30 pm
- Apr 12 Tending the Garden Luncheon following the service
- Apr 12 Kids Care Meal Packaging St John Lutheran Church
- Apr 15 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Apr 16 Choir Practice 6:30 pm
- Apr 17 Be Our Guest Dinner 5:30pm
- Apr 19 Native American Special Sunday of Giving
- Apr 22 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Apr 22 Methodist 101 @ 6pm
- Apr 23: Choir Practice 6:30pm
- Apr 24 Be Our Guest Dinner 5:30pm
- Apr 26 Seminar on autism with resources @ Federated Church
- April 29: Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Apr 30 : Choir Practice 6:30pm





When you want to learn about a new opportunity first-hand, what do you do? You just DO IT. Whether you are perfect or "ready" doesn't matter--you give it a shot, you do what you can to "get your foot in the door." God, in His love for us, gives us the same opportunity to join what He is doing. He could easily do anything without our help at all, but He desires to work through us.

We Don't Want Something from You, We Want Something for You

God is doing some amazing things at Danielson United Methodist Church!

We want you to volunteer, so that you too can join God in what he is doing. We know that God shows up when He gives us what seems like impossible tasks. When we offer what we have, He will use it to accomplish amazing things. We want you to be in on that. We don't want something from you. We want something **for you**: Everybody has something to offer even if it seems small compared to the need. What do you have to offer? How should you join God at

AD COUNCIL SECRETARY

Have you felt the call to become more involved in the "goings on" of the church?

- Do you have a gift for administration?
- Or do you like to listen to people and take notes?

The Administrative Council needs your help. The Ad Council is a group of people who guide the church in the direction of its mission statement through the work of other committees, Christian education, and outreach and mission.

The group seriously needs someone who can take notes (minutes) for the group. A clear account of each meeting is kept by the secretary and sent out to members of the council. The secretary also has a voice on the council as well.

So - how about it?

Interested in knowing more?

Speak with any of the council members - Rick Hoskins, or Pastor Jim.

Looking for a way to volunteer?

The Creative Angels are facing changing times...our SATURDAY MORNING FARMERS MARKET TEAM OF SUE THEROUX AND JOANN CAULDER are stepping down as the Saturday Sales Team.

Anyone interested in setting up...selling...packing up.... the Baked Goods and Crafts Booth at the Danielson Farmers Market please contact Joann, Sue or Cathy for information. THE FARMERS MARKET OFFERS A SPACE, free of dues to ONE nonprofit organization for the full season....DUMC has been filling this spot for over 25 years...with Sue and Joann involved for over 20...

new ideas.....new blood is welcomed and needed....

PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU COULD HELP IN THIS FUND RAISING.COMMUNITY AWARENESS MISSION

VARIOUS COMMITTEE SEATS

The Finance Committee

The Trustees

The Creative Angels

All have openings for willing individuals to serve. Please make contact with any council member or let the office know your areas of interest.

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Mission Shares

“...the Church is either faithful as a witnessing and serving community, or it loses its vitality and its impact on an unbelieving world.”

The Book of Discipline ¶ 107

Beyond the reaffirmation of faith, each local congregation is an expression of the ministry of Jesus Christ and bears witness to reconciliation with God and one another. As each congregation prepares its annual financial program, the language of numbers gives shape and dimension to faithful response to ministry. These responses connect our denomination in a dynamic multi-dimensional way.

Overall, our resources are apportioned to various distinct, but interconnected, programs and ministries. While they may vary in priority, each one is worthy of your careful, prayerful and responsible consideration and decision.

To assist you in your review of how your apportioned resources work, we have divided the fundamental needs of our Conference and denomination into three fund areas. Each fund represents an important area in which we are keeping faith with the Discipline and our commitment as a connectional people:

Mission Share Funds

- Fund 1 – World Missions
- Fund 2 – New England Mission
- Fund 3 – Ministry Support

Your response to each of these funds will truly be an expression of faith; for all these funds address not only current, but also future needs. As such, they are the substance of things hoped for. In allocating apportioned funds, we are making tangible our confidence of the things we hope...for our communities, for our Conference, for our church, and for our world.

Mission Share Giving: What’s in it for others?

- Undergirds UMCOR so that disaster relief can be delivered, funds Health Clinics
- Sends out 1,812 missionaries around the world
- Supports Urban Ministries in Boston, Lynn, Lawrence, Portland, Worcester, Providence and more
- Supports rural ministries throughout New England
- Helps send Volunteers in Mission throughout the US and abroad
- Supports covenants with the West Angola Conference and la Iglesias de Cristo and other ministry partners in Nicaragua
- Supports Africa University

- Advocates for a living wage
- Helps women experiencing crises
- Opposes use of landmines
- Works to eradicate racism
- Feeds hungry children and families in our Conference and beyond
- Supports economic ministries in Western Maine
- Supports ministries to college students
- Advocates for our environment
- Opposes the death penalty
- Opposes legalized gambling
- Provides scholarships for students around the world
- Helps fund 225 retirement homes, 70 hospitals, 8 two-year colleges, 82 four-year colleges, 13 seminaries
- and much, much

Mission Share Giving: What’s in it for our Church?

- Trains lay speakers
- Subsidizes seminary education for your clergy
- Helps provide for youth ministry
- Provides pension and health benefits for clergy and families
- Helps start new churches
- Helps identify grant money for churches
- Provides consultants for churches
- Stewardship training
- Develops curriculum for Sunday Schools
- Provides scholarships
- Develops Disciple Bible Study
- Trains and develops missionaries
- Provides counsel for treasurers and trustees
- Maintains resource library
- Appoints a pastor to your church
- Administers pension and health benefits and local church insurance programs
- Works for an inclusive denomination
- Provides equitable and strategic compensation to pastors
- Supports 4 camps and a retreat center
- Holds annual conference sessions
- and much, much more.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES FOR APRIL 2015

GOD'S CHISEL

BOOK STUDY

Dates will be:

We will gather at 9:30am

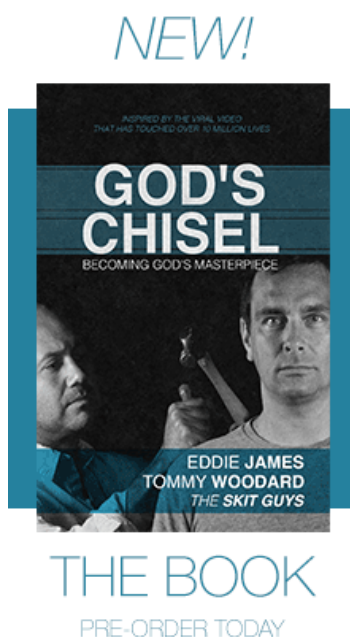
*Class will begin at
10:00am*

April 11 at Danielson UMC

April 18 at Oneco UMC

April 25 at Moosup UMC

This is based on the skit you saw a few weeks ago with Joann and Pastor Jim



April 2	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
Maunder	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837)
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 3	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Good	Psalm 22 (UMH 752)
Friday	Hebrews 10:16-25
	John 18:1-19:42
April 5	Acts 10:34-43
Easter	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)
Sunday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
	John 20:1-18
April 12	Acts 4:32-35
	Psalm 133 (UMH 850)
	1 John 1:1-2:2
	John 20:19-31
April 19	Acts 3:12-19
	Psalm 4 (UMH 741)
	1 John 3:1-7
	Luke 24:36b-48
April 26	Acts 4:5-12
	Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)
	1 John 3:16-24
	John 10:11-18

Please join us for our

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm

April 2nd

Psalm 116: 1-4

1 I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

2 Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

3 The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

4 Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"



MAUNDY
Thursday

APRIL VOLUNTEERS**04.05**

Liturgist: Cyndi Perkins
 Greeter: Del Tomasi
 Ushers: Betsy & Ron Kneeland
 Tellers: Marsha Hardell & Nate Bramlett

04.12

Liturgist: Art Ouillette
 Greeter: Joyce Davis
 Ushers: Jill Ouillette & Kyle Provencher
 Children's Message: Shawn Remillard
 Tellers: Sue Theroux & Barbara Schreier

04.19

Liturgist: Rick Hoskins
 Greeter: Vernis Kelly
 Ushers: Cranston Briggs & Joyce Davis
 Children's Message: Shawn Remillard
 Tellers: Jenelle Provencher & Mildred Briggs

04.26

Liturgist: Cathy McNeill
 Greeter: Bev Fedorowicz
 Ushers: Anthony Casillo & Amanda Sousa
 Children's message: Betsy Kneeland
 Tellers: Pam Bramlett & Betsy Kneeland

TELLER LIST

Week 1	Marsha Hardell + Nate Bramlett
Week 2	Sue Theroux + Barbara Schreier
Week 3	Jennelle Provencher + Mildred Briggs
Week 4	Pam Bramlett + Betsy Kneeland
Week 5	Del Tomasi + Nancy Wold
Floaters are:	Kendra Collins Cathy McNeill Barbara Schreier

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Pastor meeting available upon request 860.779.2018