



*Easter / Pentecost*

## Chautauqua Church Visitor

*Hurlbut Memorial Community*

**United Methodist Church**

*April- May 2018*

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This is my prayer for you.  
That your love will grow  
more and more, that you will  
have knowledge  
and understanding  
with your love.  
That you will do many good  
things with the help of  
Christ to bring glory and  
praise to God.

Philippians 1:9, 10

<sup>6</sup>There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; <sup>7</sup>and there are different ministries and the same Lord; <sup>8</sup>and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. <sup>9</sup>A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. <sup>10</sup>A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, <sup>11</sup>faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, <sup>12</sup>performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues<sup>13</sup> to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. <sup>14</sup>All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

<sup>15</sup>Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. <sup>16</sup>We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. <sup>17</sup>Certainly the body isn't one part but many. <sup>18</sup>If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? <sup>19</sup>If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? <sup>20</sup>If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? <sup>21</sup>But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. <sup>22</sup>If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? <sup>23</sup>But as it is, there are many parts but one body. <sup>24</sup>So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." <sup>25</sup>Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. <sup>26</sup>The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. <sup>27</sup>The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor<sup>28</sup> so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. <sup>29</sup>If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. <sup>30</sup>You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.

<sup>31</sup>In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. <sup>32</sup>All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? <sup>33</sup>All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they? <sup>34</sup>Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts. And I'm going to show you an even better way.

(1 Corinthians 12:4-31 [CEB]).

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## CELEBRATIONS

## April Birthdays include:

- 1 Bill Doupe
- 3 Julie Peterson, Matt Trusso
- 5 David Doupe
- 6 Amy Stephenson
- 7 Emma Caruso
- 8 Ted Anderson
- 9 Katie Schmidt
- 11 Rhonda Kester
- 14 Beverly Doupe
- 19 David Reese Weasley
- 20 Kristine Gleason
- 21 Ethan Taylor
- 22 Ainsley Helt
- 23 Elizabeth Marshans,
- 23 Cherry Gleason, James Latimer
- 24 Maggie Foster, Alyce Mills
- 27 Christopher Hewes
- 28 Rod Hewes
- 29 Janet Weatherlow

## April Anniversaries

- 4 Cindy/Dave Shuff
- 21 Debbie/ Tom Caruso
- 21 Diane/Charlie Smith
- 21 Juanita/John Jackson
- 29 Natalie/ Paul Wornack

## May Birthdays

- 1 Caitlin Warner
- 3 Joe Trusso
- 5 Valerie Foster
- 6 Billy Clyde
- 7 Sam Hazen
- 10 Gus Gifford, Jessica Harkin
- 10 Lexie Jacobson
- 13 Denyce Akin, Dave Shuff
- 14 Justin Corey, Jan Boyle
- 19 Steven Akin
- 23 Robbie Pudas, John Jackson
- 25 Sandy Green
- 27 Susan Bauer, Thom Cornell
- 28 Samantha Bauer
- 31 Bill Clark

## May Anniversaries

- 6 Sue/ Bob Benjamin
- 12 Kelly/ David Malinski
- 12 Andy/ Ashley Caruso
- 12 Brenda/ Dan Martincic
- 24 Anne/ Mark Sleggs
- 28 Cindy/ Chip Warner
- 29 Mary/ Ted Anderson

This is my prayer for you; that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love that you will do many good things with the help of Christ to bring glory and praise to God. *Philippians 1:9, 11*

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Anderson/Livengood Family	Donna Barr	Natalie Beyeler
David Briggs	Evelyn Caruso	Carboni Family
Nikita Gasiorowski	Jack Gleason	Cady Gleason
Kitty/Lucy Herzig	Tyler Hess	Doug Ireland
Juanita Jackson	Abigail Jopek	Shirley Kocker
Scott Hennessy	Mitra/Debbie Kristy	Carolyn Latta
Marcia/Mark Limberg	Lyda Family	Marlinski Family, Incc
Carl/Barbara Moore	Cindy/Juan Prossack	Barratt Peterson
Pete Peterson	Lucille Piper	Connie Scarpine
Sprague Family	Ethan Taylor	Evelyn Thordalke
Mari/Mary Lou Trusso	Oddick/Trusso Family	Jillian Varela
Marilyn Ward	Lena Weatherlow	Ashville Food Pantry
Project Chacoente	Hope Flowers School	Summer Meals
Habitat for Humanity	Westfield Community Kitchen	St Susan's
Spiritual Growth/faithful Discipleship		Harlot Church Families/Youth
Leaders of our Nation	Literacy Volunteers	Dunkirk Willow Mission
Jail Ministry	UMCOR	Global Missions
WNY Conference Camps/ Campus Ministries		Chaut Co Rural Ministries



Those who know the Lord trust him, because he will not leave those who come to him. *Psalm 54:18*

## Thank You Notes

We will never forget your kindness.

We would like to thank all the parishioners who went out of their way to be so kind to our family, when our daughter Teresa Oddick passed away. May God bless and keep all of you in his hands and heart. Thank you sincerely,

Matt & Mary Lou Trusso 3/2018

## Sunday Worship

April 8, 2018 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	May 6, 2018 Acts 19:44-48 John 15:9-17
April 15, 2018 Acts 1:12-19 Luke 24:26b-48	May 13, 2018 Psalms 47 Luke 24:44-53
April 22, 2018 Acts 1:5-12 John 10:11-18	May 20, 2018 Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27
April 29, 2018 Acts 8:26-40 John 15:1-8	May 27, 2018 Psalms 29 John 3:1-17

This life is a test of the heart and soul.... Rising, we're rising.... But something keeps moving us on to the goal.... Rising, we're rising.

Rising on the wings of faith! Over life's storm-troubled seas! Carried along by a spirit of grace.... Rising, we're rising.

Oh, love is a mountain—the challenge is great!  
Rising, we're rising... But strength for the climb comes to those who will wait... Rising, we're rising.

By Keith Elder

## Thank You Notes

Every day we are reminded how much Jill and I appreciate Harlot Church. When my sister Terri passed, so many people from church took time to send along condolences, prayers and offer their services. I can't even begin to thank individually, those whom helped out with the memorial service for fear of missing someone.

Those who brought food. Those who helped to set up and clean up. And those who made my family and my sisters friends feel welcome at our church. The number of people who attended, who came up to us afterwards to comment on how wonderful it must be, to have people offer to do all that for us. It would cause my watery eye syndrome to flow. I would tell them that is why we love being part of this Christian family.

Jill and I discussed after the funeral home time how much more we appreciate our faith and could not imagine going through this alone without God with us. Pastors Carmen and John both reached out to offer whatever they could do to help. My nieces were not raised in a church but know how strong our faith is and that my sister believed. Having the service in our fellowship hall met our needs and exposed them to our church family. I would also like to give thanks to Debbie Caruso for coordinating the entire memorial service. We are blessed to have her as a member of our church.

In God's Grace, Matt and Jill Trusso

- THANK YOU!** Greeter March- Zach Stahlsmith, Debbie Caruso, Dave Foster, Sandy Brown
- THANK YOU!** Liturgist March- Val Foster, Jan Derbish, Zach Stahlsmith, Tom Schmidt
- THANK YOU!** Prayer March- Anne Sleggs, Mary Marshaus, Dennie Stahlsmith, Bev Hazen
- THANK YOU!** Fellowship March- Val Foster, Debbie Caruso, Debbie Kristy, Alera Ramirez, Linda Hewes, Bev Hazen, Jim Livengood, Amy Stephenson, Wendy Limberg,
- THANK YOU!** Communion March- Debbie Caruso, Val/Dave Foster, Wendy Limberg, Stahlsmith Family, Bev/Sam Hazen, Linda Hewes, Tom Schmidt, Jan Derbish, Carolyn Latta, David/Sandy Brown.
- THANK YOU!** Uskers March- Mark Sleggs, Zach Stahlsmith, Jan Derbish, Bev/Sam Hazen, Linda Hewes, Debbie Caruso, Carl/Barb Moore.
- THANK YOU!** Nursery March- Courtney and Aaron Taylor, Elizabeth Marshaus
- THANK YOU!** Flowers March- Worship
- THANK YOU!** Zach Stahlsmith, John Jackson, Nick/Carmen Perry for your Maundy Thursday Worship Ministry.
- THANK YOU!** Carl and Barbara Moore for your wonderful job of getting the sanctuary ready for Easter.
- THANK YOU!** John Jackson for your leadership with the Lenten Bible Study and the Easter services.
- THANK YOU!** Case Foster for the great job of cleaning the sanctuary every week. Bev Hazen, Wendy Limberg for helping in the church office.
- THANK YOU!** Deanne Manzella for being our treasurer, Mark Sleggs for your counting ministry each Sunday.
- THANK YOU!** Cindy/Guy Peacock for keeping the church looking great and snow removal all winter. Bill Peterson for your snow removal behind the church.
- THANK YOU!** David Brown for all the repairs you do at the church and manse.
- THANK YOU!** Carolyn Latta for the beautiful bulletin boards.

**A Thank You Note.** "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching ... so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed. 2 Timothy 3:16-17."

Dear Hurlbut Family,

Thank you all for your generous support of our mission trip to Project Chacocente in Manaya, Nicaragua.

We worked hard, played, ate, sang, and prayed together. In spite of language barrier (for most of us) we were able to communicate our love. We were greeted as part of their family.

We worked on several projects including a water line, continued work on the chapel, a deep pit for pig waste, and we completed a cement patio for the school cafeteria.

Some of us taught the children songs including: "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes".... I was blessed to be part of this trip and to be able to join an awesome group of people (you would have been proud) to represent Hurlbut Church and the Genesee Valley District of the United Methodist Church. Thank you. With Love in Christ,

Valerie Foster 2/27/18

#### Communication

Hurlbut will soon have a new Web Site. We have been working with Mike Swanson from Computer Solutions in Erie to help us with the direction we should be taking and training we will need to proceed. Sam Hazen has offer to volunteer on doing the setup and the input of data to the new web site. We are all so excited about having a new look to our web site with current and updated information.

#### Celebration of Life

**Teresa Oskick** 52 years old from Asheville passed away on February 21, 2018. Terry was the sister of Matt Trusso. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, motorcycling, walking on the beach, crafting, entertaining and cooking for her loved ones. She was a hardworking, strong, independent woman with a free and wild spirit. She was always welcoming those who needed her into her home and heart. Our prayers for their loss are with Matt and Bill and their family.

**Gerald "Jerry" Clark** age 91 from New Port Richey, FL, passed away on February 26, 2018. Gerald and his wife Doris were married March 19, 1949 in the Hurlbut Memorial Church in Chautauque after he served in the US Army in WWII in Guam, Saipan, and Iwo Jima. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and a carpenter by trade. Jerry is survived by a very large family our prayers are with his family during their time of loss.

**Frances Lyda** 82 years old passed away on March 11, 2018 in Pickerington, Ohio she was formerly from Mayville NY. Frances was a registered nurse who worked in labor and delivery at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Fort Campbell KY before retiring in 1993. She was a member here at Hurlbut and was part of the Hurlbut Prayer Fellowship group. Frances was a loving, giving soul who will be dearly missed. Our prayers are with Frances's three daughters Beverly, Diane, and Cynthia and their families.

*And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.*

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me, His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me. UMH page 128*

#### Sweet Blessing

**Amelia Grace Taylor** was born on Friday April 6, 2018 at UPMC Chautauque WCA hospital. She is the sister of Ethan and Isaac and the daughter of Courtney and Aaron Taylor. This sweet baby girl weighed 8 lb 15 oz and was 20 1/2" long. We are all so happy for the Taylor Family.

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**OUR REACH THROUGH OUTREACH** *Service one another with whatever gift each of you has received.* 1 Peter 4:10

**Adopt A Highway** As spring gets closer we are starting to think about our highway cleanup. On Saturday May 5, 2018 beginning at 8:30 am we will meet at the church and leave from that point. The stretch of highway that we pick up is from Song Harbor to the Turner Center. This is a fun way to do something for the environment, get some fresh air and exercise. Save the date...the more hands we have will make the job go quicker.

**Mission Trip to Nicaragua Presentation** On Sunday May 6, 2018 during fellowship time there will be a presentation given by the group who went on the mission trip to Nicaragua in February.

Mary and Ted Anderson lead the group made up of people from Genesee Valley and Huribut Church. From Huribut the group was Sandy Brown, Kathie Clyde, Valerie Foster, Carmen Perry, Tom Schmidt, Zach Stahlerwith, Grant Stephenson, and Luke Stephenson.

We invite you to stay and enjoy this presentation it will give you a chance to see all the wonderful pictures that were taken on the mission trip.

**Men's Breakfast** The Men's Breakfast is held on the third Wednesday of the month. The next breakfast dates will be Wednesday April 18 and May 16, 2018, 7:30 am at the Mayville Diner. Please come join us for good food, conversation, and fellowship.

**Christian Education Sunday** Christian

Education Sunday is a special day that we take the time to THANK our teachers. Our teachers prepare lessons and give of themselves each week. They lead small group studies throughout the year. Come share with us the joy of thanking all these wonderful people on Sunday June 10th. You are all special to us all year!!!!

**NURTURE COMMITTEE** *"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching ... so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed." 2 Timothy 3:16-17.*

**With Love From Huribut--College Students Goodie Boxes**

Members of the Huribut Family were able to adopt a college student again this year and prepare a goodie box for them. We purchased a gift card for one student. Eight boxes were mailed out after Easter in April to our away college students. **Thank you to all of you for participating in this ministry, it is a special way to let our college students know that we remember them with our actions, thoughts, and prayers.**

**Huribut Church Family Fun Day, Sunday, June 10, 2018**

Mark your calendars now and save the date for a Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> following worship. We will have lunch, activities, music, and a special time of fellowship and fun for all ages.

Everyone is invited to stay for appetizers during fellowship time and then join the fun with a scavenger hunt, music, X-box, board games, prizes, and more.

A late lunch will be served with Nurture providing grilled meat and beverages.

Sign up to bring side dish/dessert to share. Let's spend some fun fellowship time together before the Chautauqua Season begins.

Late afternoon snacks will be served before parting for the evening.

**OUR REACH THROUGH OUTREACH**

**Habitat for Humanity** The long journey working on the Westfield house started on April 22, 2017. In the year that the volunteers have been working on this house a lot has been accomplished. These major accomplishments have happened only because we've had dedicated people willing to continually give of themselves. At this point in construction walls are being painted, laminate floors are being installed in the upstairs bedrooms and hall way, inside doors are being hung. A beautiful wood accent wall was completed in the living room area. Molding is being painted to prepare for hanging in the completed rooms. Soon the downstairs area will be painted and the tile floor installed. The kitchen cupboards are being ordered so they can also go in soon. Some outside work is still needed to be completed on the front porch and the back porch still needs to be built when the weather improves.

Each week volunteers come to work on Saturday for four hours starting at 8:30 am. Another work day has been added on Wednesday afternoons starting at noon. Huribut Church has been wonderful with the support they have given this project. Week after week members of the congregation go and give their time working on the house. Others have baked cookies, muffins and quick breads, and brownies for refreshments, or give monetary donations. Your helping hands are making a difference in giving a family a home and a better future. The hope is that the house will be completed by June 1 for Alma and Bella Ramirez.

Volunteers are always needed if this is something you would like to do. Everyone needs a foundation to build a future. Every home is a building block. Every home improvement gives children a better chance for a stronger future. Every donation helps a family help themselves. Every helping hand makes a difference. Are you ready to give a helping hand and make a difference in someone's life...who does it take? It takes everyone!!!!

**Cookies for Chautauqua Lake School** One of our traditional outreach projects that we do every year is to show our appreciation to the Chautauqua Lake School staff. This is a small way we can show all the staff at CLCS who are teachers, administration, custodians, cafeteria, and transportation staff how much we appreciate their caring, dedication, and nurturing that they give to all the children in the school district throughout the year. We will be collecting the cookies given by our congregation on Sunday April 22. The cookies can be homemade or purchased and every donation will be appreciated. We will then prepare 10 very large trays of cookies, which we will deliver on Monday morning April 23.

**WORSHIP NOTES**

*Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is Our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Psalm 95:6-7*

**Prayer Fellowship-** Come and join our Harbut Prayer Fellowship Group on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. Our weekly pray'er's meet to pray for families here at the church, special prayer concerns, and names from our church mailing list. If you would like to join them for a brief inspirational lesson or reading and 1 hour of praying for others you will always be welcomed.

**Wednesday Night Worship.** Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm, join us for a time of music-filled, scripture led, prayer guided worship. Wednesday Night Worship is a time for us to gather with Bill Ward and Carmen Perry as a community to refresh our bodies and renew our spirits.

The United Methodist House warmly and enthusiastically invites Harbut Church to the United Methodist House every Sunday during the summer for worship at 9:30 and to the Annual Meeting, Wednesday July 18, 2018 at 4 p.m. If you plan to attend the annual meeting bring a generous casserole, salad, or dessert to share. Bob & Karen Doudu will be returning again this summer as the Methodist House host and hostess. If you would like to check out the United Methodist House Web Site go to [www.umhouse.com](http://www.umhouse.com). Their



newsletters are now posted on their web site. Chris Redmond a summer visitor to the House does a great job of maintaining the web site and making it very welcoming to anyone who might want to know what the UM House has to offer in the Summer and Retreat seasons.



Amelia Grace Taylor was born on April 6, 2018 at 4:14 pm which was a little bit earlier than we had planned on having her, but we couldn't be more excited to welcome her to our family. She was 8lb 15oz and 20.5" long. Both mom and baby are doing well and we're excited to introduce her to our church family in the coming weeks!

Aaron Taylor

**Summer Meal Ministry**

Summer is just around the corner and it will soon be time for our Summer Meal Ministry. Every year for the 9 weeks of the season the Harbut Meal Ministry and many, many volunteers come together to help serve the hungry people of Chaataqua. We will be again serving our delicious meals for lunch and Thursday night dinner, and our Sunday Lemonade stand.

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you have a few extra hours during the week, or a desire to come and serve the church please contact the church office.

The kitchen will be serving up meals Monday through Friday 11:45-1:15 pm, Thursday nights 5-7:00, and Sundays from 9:30-2:00 pm. The menu is the same as past years for all of the meals. The lunch choices are the ever popular soup and sandwich, soup and side salad, fruit plate, turkey salad plate, a vegetarian wrap, or the daily special. The specials are spinach and cheese or ham and cheese quiche, taco salad, crab salad. The Sunday lemonade stand consists of pastries, cookies, hamburgers, hotdogs, sausages, chips, and beverages. Thursday night is Thanksgiving at Harbut, with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and homemade desserts. All meals are Eat-In or Take-Out.

Working in the Harbut kitchen is a very special opportunity for fun and fellowship, and if you haven't had the pleasure, we would love to have you join us. So between all the meals there are plenty of opportunities for you to help your church and your Harbut Family. There is no age limit in the kitchen and we love everyone. If you are a baker, maybe you can make a dessert one week or maybe for multiple weeks. If you love to serve people, there is always need for servers in the dining room on Thursday nights. We can also use people for prepping and serving lunches.

The meals are still the best deal on the Chaataqua grounds.

Thank you in advance for your help this summer in the kitchen or just for your support of Meal Ministry by coming to our meals! This ministry is a success because of all of you! We're looking forward to a fun and exciting summer and one that will benefit Harbut and all of the ministries and missions that we support. Why not come and join us!

Please let the church office know if you may be willing to volunteer this summer in any way or have any questions. We are looking for a few people willing to work on Sunday's at the Lemonade Stand as the grill master and serving the public.

*Let us pray daily for our Summer Meal Ministry that we be richly blessed at Harbut as we all continue to work together, as God directs and leads us. "Whatever you do, work at it with all our heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. It is the Lord, Christ you are serving". Colossians 3:23*

*Finance News And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28*

#### Finance News

Easter is over and we continue to move toward summer it seems like time is flying... before we know it our Summer Meal Ministry will be starting again. Our Lenten Bible Study Final Words by Adam Hamilton was lead by John Jackson. Bill and Carmen have made Wednesday Night Worship a special time of reflection and music filled renewal of our spiritual growth. Some Harbut Youth, and other adult leaders attended the Footsteps weekend which was a very spiritual enriching weekend. The trustees are still waiting some office and upstairs windows to be installed. We have also started working on creating a new web site for the church with the help of Mike Swanson. This is an on going project that has been discussed many times and is now becoming a reality.

Together we continue to act faithfully as we serve God, we are all truly blessed. We know that God will meet our needs when we are hopeful and faithful to him. May we act with an enthusiastic faith and stewardship!

*Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing what ever tomorrow may bring.. The Word is our promise always, forever, we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love. UMH 87*

2018 Financial Status			
	Income	Expenses	Net
March 2018	9,505.00	15,480.36	-(5,975.00)
Year to Date	27,673.09	49,995.23	-(22,322.00)

This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day! When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!  
UM Hymnal p 87

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you may now instruct your IRA custodian to transfer any amount up to \$100,000 directly to Harbut Memorial Community Church. This distribution would not be included in your taxable income (but could fulfill any required minimum distribution requirements) and would not produce an income tax deduction.

This outright gift must come directly from your IRA custodian to Harbut Church. Gifts may be made at any time in 2018 and in future years without expiration.

For more information, please contact Dearnie Manzella Harbut Church Treasurer at 716 269 4742.

#### Imagine No Racism

On April 21, 2018 from 12:30- 4 pm, clergy and lay members across the Upper New York Conference will have the opportunity to unite together and begin strategizing how they can work together to eliminate racism. This event will feature Bishop Webb and members of the Bishop's Taskforce on Eliminating Racism. Both Pastors Carmen Perry and John A Jackson will be serving as Volunteer District Advocates for the new ministry called Imagine No Racism. The event will take place in every District at the UNY District Communication Hubs. The Cornerstone District Event will take place at Bemus Point United Methodist Church located at 4954 Bemus-Ellery Road, NY 14712.

Background information on Imagine No Racism: In July of 2016, the Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church unanimously approved a resolution for every Annual Conference to confront the sin of racism in our own hearts, our churches, and our communities. Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Created a taskforce, know now as the Bishop's Taskforce on Eliminating Racism, to start strategizing ways to confront this deeply embedded issue across our Conference. The taskforce is now ready to help the rest of the UNY Conference to act.

The taskforce has called this new ministry, Imagine No Racism, drawing inspiration from our denomination's successful Imagine No Malaria campaign. Like Imagine No Malaria, Imagine No Racism will unapologetically identify the disease of racism and offer concrete ways to bring healing.

The Bishop has sent a letter to the clergy across the Conference to set aside Saturday April 21 (12:30 pm – 4 pm) for the Imagine No Racism Launch Day open to both clergy and laity; simultaneous events will be held across the Conference in every District. If you would like to read a copy of Bishop Webb's letter, copies will be made available in the church office or can be emailed to you by Debbie Caruso.

[www.umyunc.org/events/event/imagine-no-racism-launch-day](http://www.umyunc.org/events/event/imagine-no-racism-launch-day) [accessed April 10, 2018]

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### McClurg Museum      By Beverly A. Hazen

In the heart of Westfield, at Routes 20 and 394, stands a statue of Abraham Lincoln greeting Grace Bedell, the young girl who politely suggested he grow whiskers to improve his appearance and chances of winning the election. Lincoln met Grace in February 1861 when his inaugural train stopped in Westfield and, yes, he had whiskers. More can be learned about the letter exchange at the McClurg Museum, home of the Chautauqua County Historical Society (CCHS), located in the town park diagonally across the street from the statue. Displays in the second-floor Lincoln Legacy Room, considered the most significant room in McClurg, include the lamps from Lincoln's carriage and various photographs. Civil War camp paraphernalia and artifacts carried by Chautauqua County soldiers during the War are also featured.

Nearby is a display regarding the four sons of the Cushing family of Fredonia who served the Union in the Civil War. Three sons returned, one a National Hero, and one never returned. Lt. Commander William Cushing (Navy) had five U.S. Navy warships named for him and Brevet Lt. Col. Alonzo Cushing (Army) was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2014, posthumously, in Westfield. Various medals and family letters are exhibited.

Another noteworthy collection features documents of civil rights leader Albion W. Tourgee, who lived and is buried in Mayville. Denouncing white racism, Tourgee was chief counsel for Louisiana black leaders in a segregation legal battle that ended in defeat with the *Plessy v. Ferguson* Supreme Court decision of 1896 that legalized segregation. *Plessy* was overturned in the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling.

The main parlor and dining rooms in the mansion feature period furniture. The dining room has a large Pier glass mirror that is original to the house of 1820, and a carved cherry table set and a chestnut ceiling give the room a "warm" appearance. In the main parlor, a 5' by 6' painting of the Guild family of Westfield adorns one wall. Two Pier glass mirrors from community mansions and a Bull's Eye Mirror dated 1795 embellish others.

Information on the Holland Land Company, who purchased the land in Western NY from the Seneca Indians, is shown in the Octagon Parlor. William Seward served as an agent in 1836 – 1837 of the Chautauqua Land Company (successor of the Holland Land Company) and his desk and safe are on display. Seward later became Governor of New York and Secretary of State under President Lincoln.

Another room (featured in 2017) hosted musical instruments, including a Victrola phonograph, a Symphonion and a hammered dulcimer of 1875. The basement hosts a "First Nations Room," weaving and spinning displays, a wooden washing machine, and a multitude of other items.

What makes visiting this Museum especially welcoming is the personal interest of its tour guides. They offer additional information on the period displays of historical events and the archival materials relating to the settlement and development of Chautauqua County. "Our museum is unique," Museum Curator, John Paul Wolfe, said. "We do tours and we tell stories, explaining what you are looking at."

The McClurg Museum was built as a mansion for Westfield pioneer James McClurg, who moved in the brick house in 1820. It is here today because the CCHS saved it from demolition and proudly opened the Museum as its home in 1951. The house was practically vacant when purchased. "In the front hall, there is one case that displays a few items that had belonged to the family," Wolfe said.

The Museum is open all year from 10 am – 4 pm Tuesday - Saturday. (716)326-2977; [www.mcclurgmuseum.org](http://www.mcclurgmuseum.org).



#### McClurg Museum

In the heart of Westfield, at Routes 20 and 394, stands a statue of Abraham Lincoln greeting Grace Bedell, the young girl who politely suggested he grow whiskers to improve his appearance and chances of winning the election.

Photos were taken by Sam Hazen.



**Footsteps Weekend** On the weekend of April 13 - 15, 2018 Footsteps 39 took place at Camp Mission Meadows.

The theme/subject of the weekend was "The Greatest Showman". The weekend verse was 2 Corinthians 12 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Participating in the wonderful weekend was 32 candidates. Of the 26 adults serving on the weekend (4) were from Hurlbut Church. Zach Stahlsmith was the Technology Coordinator, Dennie Stahlsmith Prayer Team Coordinator, and Mark and Arnie Sleggs were the Footsteps Coordinators. On the 41 member youth team Lizzy Marshans was the Assistant Technology person and Will Stahlsmith was the Head Gofer both were our Hurlbut Youth.

Thank you to members of Hurlbut church who attended the Holy Hour on Saturday night and the closing on Sunday, making the weekend even more special.

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it. You spread his love to everyone, you want to pass it on.  
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#### **Meet, Pray, Love**

While we're not sure whether church going makes you happy or whether happy people tend to be religious, research shows that people who belong to a faith-based community regardless of religion-and-attend services more than once a week live as many as seven years longer than people who don't.

Plus, churchgoers are less likely to engage in risky behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse, are satisfied with less money and have less stress and built-in social network.

If you belong to a faith community, you'll benefit even more if you volunteer. "Give yourself a Happiness Makeover".

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Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

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#### *From the Hurlbut Prayer Fellowship*

##### **A Church that Prays**

1. Prays about what it does.
2. Fits prayer in.
3. Prays when there are problems.
4. Announces a special time of prayer... some in the church show up.
5. Asks God to bless what it is doing.
6. Is frustrated by financial shortfall... backs down from projects.
7. Is tired, weary, stressed out.
8. Does things within its means.
9. Sees its members as its parish.
10. Is involved in the work of people.

##### **A Church Devoted to Prayer**

1. Does things by prayer.
2. Gives prayer priority.
3. Prays when there are opportunities.
4. Announces a special time of prayer... the church shows up.
5. Asks God to enable it to do what God is blessing.
6. Is challenged by financial shortfall... calls for fasting, prayer and faith.
7. Mounts up with wings like eagles runs and doesn't grow weary... walks and does not faint.
8. Does things beyond its means.
9. Sees the world as its parish.
10. Is involved in the work of God.

*Fred A. Hartley III*

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

The purple headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

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I am fairly certain that a good number of you who are reading this newsletter right now have heard of the 80/20 rule. That is 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Whether this is accurate or not is not for me to judge. What I will say is that we have a habit of asking the same people to do multiple jobs. One of the reasons we do this is because nobody likes to hear the word “No,” in response to a request. One of the unfortunate consequences of asking the same people to do different jobs is that someone else is then overlooked, and most people are not going to volunteer themselves. They would rather be invited.

So, why on earth am I talking about asking new people to do different jobs in this article? There are actually two reasons: first, we are now in the season of Easter, a season that lasts 50 days and culminates with the giving of the Holy Spirit to the Church on Pentecost Sunday (May 20, 2018). Second, as the Church, the body of Christ, who has been gifted by the presence and realization of Holy Spirit in our midst, we each have a responsibility to listen for how and where we may be calling to serve.

Early each fall, your Ministry Team, that is the chairpersons of each of the Church committees and your lay leader, Mark Sleggs, meets together with me to discern who God might be calling to serve in various capacities on one of our church committees. I confess, as the chairperson of the Nominations Committee, that more often than not we think of people who are already currently serving in some manner, and we neglect to think of others. Yet, the apostle Paul, in his first letter to the church at Corinth reminds me that the same Spirit has been gifted to each and every one of us. God has given each of us God’s own Spirit, and Holy Spirit manifests itself in each one of us in unique and valuable ways. For us who claim Jesus as Lord this means that we all have something valuable to contribute to the life of the church. It does not matter how old you are or how young you are; it does not matter whether you live close by or at a distance; it does not matter whether you have served on a number of committees or have never served at all. Everyone has something to contribute to the life of this worshiping community.

So, I am going to ask each one of you to pray. I want you to pray for your Ministry Team, who chair the church’s various committees and who, together, act as our Nominations Committee. Pray that this committee keeps the mission of the Church: to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and Hurlbut’s vision: to be where worship welcomes foremost in our minds as we meet together and do our work. Pray for me, as the chairperson of the Nominations Committee, that God will remove any blinders I have, and give me fresh eyes to see who is waiting for an invitation to use his or her gifts, and pray for your own discernment. Where might God be calling you to use your gifts of ministry at Hurlbut Memorial Community United Methodist Church? In the next issue of *The Visitor*, you will find a list and a description of ministry opportunities.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Carmen