



The Chautauqua Church Visitor

Hurlbut Memorial Community
United Methodist Church

L^{ent} - E^{aster}

M^{arch} - A^{pril} 2022

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When someone does a kindness. It always seems to me that's the way God up in heaven would like us all to be...

For when we bring some pleasure to another human heart,
We have followed in His footsteps
and we've had a little part in serving Him who loves us--

For I am very sure it's true that in serving those around us we serve and please Him, too.

Helen Steiner Rice

**FROM THE PASTOR
Rev. Paul Womack**

It sure has been an interesting year. My body, as many of you know, has been consumed by the constant pain associated with fractures in my lower back, probably sustained shoveling heavy wet snow in January. It is getting better, but I am required to work mostly standing up and with a most uncomfortable brace to wear. Yet, there are lessons learned from this. The first, my body, or perhaps its skeleton, is fragile. That is a product of aging it would appear. Second, I am, at this point, grateful to still have a body to become fragile. Jesus said the sun shines on the just and the unjust; it also shines on the frail and the infirm (now me!), as well as the strong and the mighty. I am grateful for that. And, third, I have needed help, from my sister Mary who was here for a period and Natalie (now back in Tennessee) and thus help from many of you. This, too, is a cause for gratitude and humility. It is not easy for some of us to let others look in on us and assist us. But, I have learned not to be so "independent", or so in charge I cannot let others "minister" to me. Remember, when you want to be like me, independent and in charge, even Jesus had someone help him carry the cross. I expect he was grateful, as am I.

And oh the war in Ukraine. How senseless, frightening, sinful, destructive. How many lives irrevocably ruined by injury, displacement, death? What is the response required to halt this? I am afraid to say to be honest with you, since in spite of prayers and more prayers, it continues. Well, keep up with those intercessions. That you do so means much to refugees, diplomats, nurses and doctors, and soldiers (all of whom have mothers and fathers, siblings, dreams and hopes, hearts and consciences). Contribute to organizations that provide humanitarian assistance, like the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) or one called GO UKRAINE (you can find them on Facebook or contact Dena Ward from our congregation for information). Check out organizations like the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace or the United States Institute for Peace- these are agencies that seek to go beyond humanitarian assistance and eradicate war altogether. Such measure also help Jesus carry the cross.

I am also hoping we, with others in the area, can help with the refugees that are probably coming. More on this as I get information.

We may feel insignificant and powerless, but we are not when two or more gather.

And in all things, to God be the glory.

Paul

Celebrations of Life

March Birthdays

- 7 Juanita Jackson, Carl Moore
- 8 Carolyn Latta
- 11 Marcia Limberg
- 12 Samantha Green
- 13 Makena Barresi
- 16 Flora Jo Speck, Isaac Taylor
- 18 Bill Ward, Cindy Loftus
- 22 Chelsea Gifford
- 24 Gene Ferguson, Cindy Chilcott, Bella Ramirez
- 25 Ryan Evans
- 26 Tim Anderson
- 28 Rachel Vaillancourt, Margaret Dietly

March Anniversaries

- 31 Amy and Grant Stephenson

April Birthdays include:

- 1 Bill Doupe
- 3 Judie Peterson, Matt Trusso
- 5 David Doupe
- 6 Amy Stephenson, Amelia Taylor
- 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 Marshaus,
- 23 Cherry Gleason, James Latimer
- 24 Maggie Foster,
- 27 Christopher Hewes
- 28 Rol Hewes
- 29 Janet Weatherlow

April Anniversaries

- 4 Cindy/Dave Shuff
- 21 Debbie/ Tom Caruso
- 21 Juanita/ John Jackson
- 29 Natalie/ Paul Womack

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

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Hurlbut Men's Breakfast CHANGE OF LOCATION IN APRIL!!!!!!!!!!!!

The next breakfast is on Wednesday April 20 2022. The group meets every month on the 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 am to share in a time of fellowship, good food, and conversation.

Due to the Bemus Point Inn being closed for 8 weeks beginning on March 21 the location is changed for April. The group will meet at the Westfield Diner at 8:00 am in April. We will let you know about May when we get closer.

With Sympathy to all of these families who have recently lost loved ones they will all be truly missed.

David Briggs age 66 of Stockton NY passed away on February 2 2022. He was the brother of Debbie Caruso, Cindy Loftus, and Brenda Cline. He was a life member of the Stockton Volunteer Fire Department, was an EMP, and had held various offices, including a seat on the Board of Directors. He was employed as a truck driver for various companies over the years. David was a Buffalo Bills fan and also enjoyed watching westerns, and spending time with his grandchildren. Our prayers are with this family.

Charles "Charlie" Smith age 75 of Mayville NY passed away on February 4 2022. After high school Charlie worked for Chautauqua Institution Buildings and Grounds, Vacation Properties as a construction worker, and then for Andriaccio's restaurant. He was a 55 year member of and former chief of Chautauqua Fire Department and fire police. He was a member of Hurlbut Church. Our prayers are with Diane and his family.

The Manzella Family recently lost two family members. **Rick Manzella** on January 13 2022 and **Judy Mawhir** on February 28 2022. They will both be sadly missed.

Sarah Thorndike passed away on February 9 2022. She was Evelyn Thorndike Mother in Law. She was a loving and thoughtful woman and is sadly missed.

Karen Gibson-Mueller the daughter of John and Juanita Jackson passed away on February 25, 2022 at the age of 69 after a short illness. She taught for 35 years in the Stoneham Public Schools before completing her career in the Cambridge School district. Our prayers are with John and Juanita.

Eugene Chilcott passed away on February 25 2022 at the age of 96 in Auburndale, Fl. Gene was born in Batavia, NY and spent most of his life in WNY. He joined the US Navy and served his country during WWII aboard the Destroyer Escort, USS Swasey in the Atlantic and Pacific theater. Gene worked for 33 for M & T Bank serving in several branches. He also worked for the Buffalo Courier Express for over 20 years as a newspaper distributor.

And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain, and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives, all fear is gone, because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

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An Invitation to Join Prayer Fellowship

Thank You Note

THANK YOU to the Hurlbut Church community on behalf of the Stahlsmith family for accepting the gift given by Ginny Stahlsmith.

She loved Hurlbut very much... the people and the taco salads!! She would be really glad to know her gift is able to be used in a variety of ways for the church's ministries.

Hurlbut is a very special place, filled with good and loving people... all of whom held a special place in Ginny's heart.

Thanks for being such a great church!!
-The Stahlsmith Family.

Anne Wood started The Hurlbut Prayer Fellowship group under Ted Anderson's pastorship, so the group has been part of Hurlbut Church for many years.

On Thursdays at 11:15 am, the Prayer Fellowship Group meets on line as a zoom meeting. Which makes it easier to attend from where ever you may be in your own home.

All prayer concerns are brought to our attention, including new requests, names on the prayer concern list, and the names of the four families who received letters that week. Prayers are offered for all.

Our time of prayer is followed with a lesson time, a reading providing inspiration for one's prayer life.

We are inviting others to join us to be regular participants in Hurlbut's Prayer Fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Debbie at the church office she can send you the zoom

The Chautauqua Church

Here at Hurlbut....

We worship every Sunday here at Hurlbut all ages gather here at 9:30 am for Christian education classes. Sunday School is followed by the worship service here at 10:45 am. Everyone is invited to attend.

Worship

The true act of worshipping – is really centered around honoring and praising God. The worship experience is also important in that it is meant to be both challenging and energizing for us, equipping us to step out of the sanctuary and into our true “mission field” – into our homes, our places of work, and our schools to make a difference in the name of Jesus Christ! Of course, worship shouldn't only be relegated to our weekly Sunday Worship service – it should be an ongoing way of life for us as Christians!

Lifted Up in Prayer

Please remember the following people in our conversations with God:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Mary Ellen/Eli Anderson | Donna Barr | Renee Beardsley | Nancy Beeson |
| Gena Bedrosian | Betty Jane Berdine | Beth/Jim Boyle | Cynthia Burns |
| Carboni Family | Chilcott Family | Case Foster | Chris |
| Nikita Gasiorowski | MacKenzie Hewes & Family | | Doug Ireland |
| John/Juanita Jackson | Shirley Kocker | Mitzi/Debbie Kristy | Carolyn Latta |
| Manzella Family | James Marlinski | Irene Maxwell | Joan Peacock |
| Ken San George | Mitch Silkotch | John Simora | Kim Spencer |
| Sprague Family | Shirley Stephenson | Robb Stenman | Thorndike Family |
| Marilyn Ward | Paul Wormack | Eliana | Larry Spontaneo Family |
| Mayville Food Pantry | Government Leadership | Westfield Food Pantry | Literacy |
| Volunteers | Chaut Co Rural Ministries | Hope Flowers School | Ashville Food Shelf |
| Westfield Community Kitchen | Chaut Co Jail Ministry | Dunkirk Willow Mission | |
| Habitat for Humanity | | | |

“At the heart of all prayer, and certainly intercession, is our willingness to be at God's disposal, to be available for any action to which God calls. We must not, however, limit our prayers to that which is within the apparent reach of our personal actions.”

A Sharing God's Grace Moment..... From Judie Peterson

Good morning! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Judie Peterson. My maiden name is Aldrich. My father, Rev. Charles Aldrich, brought our family to Chautauqua in June of 1955 (66 years ago) when he came to serve as pastor of Hurlbut Memorial Community Church following the sudden and unexpected death of then pastor Rev. Charles Hagadorn, my father's dear friend and, coincidentally, the one who had introduced him to my mother.

Thinking back, as we are challenged now, I'm sure that was a time of challenge for this church, though as a teenager I wasn't truly aware of the depth of what that meant. The church flourished, and I was fortunate to be a part of this wonderful church family. It was during my dad's ministry here that the Jewish community was welcomed to worship in our building, and Alcoholics Anonymous was invited to meet here and held a week-long conference in our building every August. I actually received a wedding gift from each of those groups in appreciation of the "open doors" of our church. There were large and small women's groups, a men's group, bible study and family night dinners.

We had a wonderful United Methodist Youth Fellowship group that met in the church basement which was then a very large space with lounge furniture, an old upright radio, a piano and an old pool table which was donated to the church by the College Club and brought, piece by piece, up the hill on a wagon by my husband, Pete, and Larry Hagadorn when they were teenagers and reassembled here. In those years, there were many families with children living on the grounds all year long, so lots of hours were spent socializing in that space after school.

We had : , a music teacher, started a Junior Choir. Beautiful
Christma lcCreary, Marcie Larson's parents. We went Christmas
caroling ack here afterwards.

There are many "back when" stories I could tell! The one constant has been that Hurlbut Church has always been my church home. My husband lived in Chautauqua and we met one evening after he came home from serving in the Army when both of us were here at choir rehearsal. We were married here, our children were all baptized and joined the church here. Two of them were married here, two of my grandchildren were baptized here, and today my daughter Margaret is here sitting beside me.

I have found myself here in large groups and small, and sometimes all alone, sitting in a pew in this beautiful sanctuary, to cry, to pray, to reflect and to just "be" when that was what I needed.

Today, I want to say thank you to all of you for being my church family, for giving your support to the ministry of Hurlbut Memorial Church in the ways you can, and for being caring, kind and loving members of our church community here in Chautauqua.

I pray that Hurlbut Church will be able to continue to be a vital presence for each one of us here, for everyone who passes

Each Sunday of Lent beginning on Sunday March 6 2022 we will share Holy Communion Service at our 10:45 Worship. Everyone is always invited to the table of our Lord.

Also, please take a Lenten Nail from the basket under the cross as a token/reminder/ meditation focus during these days of Lent. Pin it to the cross (leave a burden there) any time during Lent and take another as needed.

Easter Celebration! On Easter Sunday April 17, 2022 we will again have two worship services one at 7:00 am which is a Lakeside Worship at Palestine Park and the second is at 10:45 am in the Hurlbut Sanctuary! As is tradition, we will host the Chautauqua community at the sunrise service in Palestine Park. Song and scripture and Holy Communion will be shared, as we hear the ancient and life-giving message: Christ is Risen! Easter celebration at 10:45. We shall gather as the people of God in worship and continue our Easter Observances with special music, song, and the Word: Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen.

Shrove Tuesday was celebrated on Tuesday March 1 from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm. This was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun with the community. We had about 70 or more people join us here at Hurlbut for a pancake supper. It was a great beginning to the Lenten season. We thank the kitchen crew Deanne Manzella, James Marlinski, Cyndy Akin, and Debbie Caruso for preparing all those pancakes and sausage. We also had after the pancake supper some wonderful help with Cleanup. We thank Cyndy Akin, Nic Caruso, Tom Caruso, Wendy Heinz, Marilyn Scarpino, Francine Pokracki, Jill Trusso, and Debbie Caruso .

Lent is a special time for meditation, prayer, and fasting and self-denial practices. Increased understanding of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection. Renewal of baptismal vows and recommitment to the Christian Life. Observing Lent prepares us to celebrate Easter more fully.

History of the Hurlbut Church Moller Pipe Organ

Our Moller Pipe Organ has a current replacement cost for this instrument at \$330,000.00. A good "Rule of Thumb" for restoration is ½ of the replacement cost or \$110,000.00. The organ is now 96 years old with the blast renovation 58 years ago.

The history and origin of this instrument is as follows: M. P. Möller Opus R-682 (1962) Originally built by M. P. Möller - Opus 4030, 1924

- This is a rebuild of an existing organ. Identified by Jeff Scofield, using information found in Factory specifications.
- Originally installed in the Park Theater, Meadville, Pennsylvania, in 1924; moved to Chautauqua at some point and later rebuilt in 1962 as Moller Op. R-682. (Database Manager. January 22, 2013)
- Updated through online information from Jeff Scofield. (Database Manager. January 25, 2013)
- Updated by John Ireland, who heard or played the organ. John Ireland also named this publication as a source of information:
- Hurlbut Memorial Church History as compiled by Miss Zoma Lewis, Chairman of Committee on Church Records and History Date unknown.
- Announcement of the gift of a Moller pipe organ to Hurlbut Memorial by Mrs. C.E. Welch of Westfield, New York was made Sunday evening April 19, 1931 at a sacred concert which inaugurated the use of the auditorium. The organ was presented by Mr. Edgar T. Welch, treasurer of Hurlbut Memorial Committee and a son of Mrs. C.E. Welch. It was accepted by Mr. H.A. Truesdale, chairman of the committee." (Steven E. Lawson. February 23, 2018)

Nurture Committee News

I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to do what is good, who leads you in the way you should go. Isaiah 48: 17-18

College Goodie Boxes

As a Nurture Outreach Project the Nurture Committee asked that families at Hurlbut Church adopt a college student and sponsor a goodie box for that student. These boxes will be mailed out at the end of March to Kristen Akin, Nathan King, Lizzy Marshaus, Josh McCord, Josie Simora, Luke Stephenson, and Will Stahlsmith.

This is a wonderful outreach that we do to show our college students that we miss them and continue to care and support them with our love and prayers through out their college years.

The Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School is currently doing a study "John The Gospel of Light and Life" a six week DVD based study, by Adam Hamilton.

As part of this study, Hamilton challenges us to read the Gospel of John as a Lenten devotion..."and experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal while exploring the major themes of John."

We meet in Truesdale Hall at 9:30 am. Everyone is invited to join us, even if you are only able to attend a few of the sessions. The study is facilitated by Valerie Foster.

Women's Ministry Survey

Our desire is to meet the ladies of our church where they are and to provide events, activities, and resources to encourage all of us in our walk with Christ. Please consider filling out this quick survey using the link below. Your responses will help us to renew, improve, and refresh our Women's Ministry at Hurlbut Church. Thank you for taking the time to tell us about yourself!

Link: [HYPERLINK](https://forms.gle/7YceM8VGbb8eRo5F9)
"https://forms.gle/7YceM8VGbb8eRo5F9"
"<https://forms.gle/7YceM8VGbb8eRo5F9>"

St Patrick Day was celebrated with a community luncheon here at Hurlbut Church. The luncheon was very well attended. With great food and fellowship everyone had a wonderful time. We

OUR-REACH THROUGH OUTREACH “Your lives are echoing the Master’s Word...The news of your faith in God is out. We don’t even have to say anything more you’re the message.” 1 Thessalonians 1:8

UMCOR Sunday Sunday March 27, 2022 is now called UMCOR Sunday (formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday) this is a Churchwide special Sunday of the United Methodist Church. This is always celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent. UMCOR Sunday provides support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which assists people affected by crisis or chronic need with programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more.

Ukraine The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries, is in communication with partners in the region and actively exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine. You can support UMCOR’s international disaster response efforts by writing a check to the Upper New York Conference with either **Advance #982450/Ukraine** or **UMCOR/Ukraine** written in the memo line.

12-Step Support Group There is a 12-Step Support Group that meets here at Hurlbut Church on Saturday mornings. The meeting begins promptly at 10:00 in the Parlor off the kitchen. Please use entrance on Scott Avenue as that side door will be the open. All are welcome to come.

2022 Financial Status			
	Income	Expenditures	Net
February	12,740.10	13,601.55	(861.45)
Year to Date	28,941.82	23,652.98	5,288.84

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand. UM Hymnal page 587

For the first two months of the year we are financially doing well. As you can see our numbers are in the black. Our in person worship numbers were averaging 47 for January and February. The online worship attendance average was 167 and Sunday school was 13. Our Sunday worship experiences have been very enriching each week with wonderful music, a children time, and thought stimulating messages given by Paul and Natalie.

Our men join each other in fellowship each month with their Men’s Breakfast. The prayer group continues to pray each week for this church and everyone in it by their zoom meetings. And it was fun getting together in fellowship during February for a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Where we had about 70 people come to Hurlbut for pancakes and sausage. March was a celebration for the community with a St Patrick’s day luncheon. We are looking forward to April with spring weather, rebirth and renewal. As we continue to move forward through the year we are reminded to serve God and this church with our prayers, presence, and financial gifts. May it be so!

2022 Gifts from your IRA 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 Hurlbut 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 Hurlbut Church. Gifts may be made at any time in 2022 and in future years without expiration.

For more information, please contact Deanne Manzella Hurlbut Church Treasurer at 716 269 4742.

What are the Special Sundays?	
Ever wonder what a special Sunday is, why these days exist, and when each occurs? Well, read on the find answers to these questions.	
According to The Book of Discipline the special Sundays in the UM Church intended to illustrate the nature and calling of The Church and are celebrated annually. The special Sundays are placed on the calendar to make clear the calling of The Church as the people of God and to give persons the opportunity to contribute offerings to special programs	
Special Sundays can be Church-wide with offerings . There are six Church-wide special Sundays each year.	
Human Relations Day	January 16, 2022
Always celebrated the Sunday before Martin Luther King’s birthday. Supports community developers, UM voluntary service, and youth offender rehabilitation programs.	
UMCOR Sunday	March 27 2022
Always on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Assists people affected by crisis or chronic needs in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food, relief supplies.	
Native American Ministries Sunday	May 1, 2022
Celebrated on the third Sunday of Easter. Provides scholarships for Native Americans attending UM seminaries.	
Peace With Justice Sunday	June 12 2022
Celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost. Supports peace with justice ministries through the General Board of the church.	
World Communion Sunday	October 2 2022
This is always on the first Sunday in October. Provides Scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students and international students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.	
United Methodist Student Sunday	November 27 2022
Always on the last Sunday in November. Provides loan and scholarship funds for undergraduate and graduate students attending UM related colleges and universities.	
<i>“Service one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” 1 Peter 4:10</i>	

Moment.....

"My Faith" by Valerie Foster

I've always envied those who have unquestioning faith and belief in God, I'm not one of them. I am more like the father who said to Jesus, "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief."

As I reflect, especially on my younger years, my life has been a continual pulling away, and God calling me back. I was blessed to have faith-filled people as examples in my life, especially my mother and grandmother. Neither was perfect, but both had a deep love for God in spite of the many hardships they faced.

I was blessed, and continue to be blessed by David, by Friends, by people in this congregation, those who've moved on or passed on, and those who are here now. I love that this is a place where I am not expected to be perfect, where I can ask questions, where I am challenged, where I can learn and grown closer to God.

I love that almost every week in our adult Sunday School class discussion, someone will ask a question or say something that causes me to see a scripture or a subject in a new way. I love that here we can learn from one another.

As part of my time with God, I often write poems or meditations. I'd like to share one of those with you.

My Faith

I am called to share my faith.... To reduce it to one or two minutes. I wonder, how do I do that, when my faith is still growing, evolving, changing?

Some days I wake up so sure of what I believe, in love with God, my creator sure that his plans for me are good, that I can trust Him.

Then the unthinkable happens some where in the world and I wonder,
"Doesn't God have good plans for them? Aren't we all His children?"

My faith is shaken, just a little. A loved one dies in spite of my prayers. My faith is rattled. I ask, "Where are you God?" "Why did you let them die?"

I hear no response, and I wonder if God has left me.

Still, the sun rises and sets, rain falls, and flowers bloom. A baby is born new life proclaims, "He is here, He is faithful."

And, in that moment, I know. God is Faithful, God is Good, God is Love.

I cling to that moment hoping to remember when the next storm comes. God is faithful, God is Good, God is Love.

Prayer Shawls and Hats for Soldiers Last November we sent 66 hats to Troy Snider at Fort Bragg North Carolina to pass out to his army buddies. Troy went to Chautauqua Lake School and grow up on the Panama-Stedman Rd in Mayville NY. The picture of Troy shows him wearing one of the hats that was sent from Hurlbut Church.

Here is a little bit of history on this ministry. The Prayer Shawl Ministry was started here at Hurlbut Church in 2007. This knitting ministry was expanded to include Hats for Soldiers in 2008.

During November 2021 we gave out 3 prayer shawls and 66 hats. The total number of prayer shawls given to individuals since the start in 2007 is 100. Since the Hats for Soldiers began in 2008 through the year 2021 Hurlbut has sent 1,187 hats to our soldiers serving in the military.. Before the hats and shawls leave the church our Prayer Group prays over them, and a special blessing card is attached to each one.

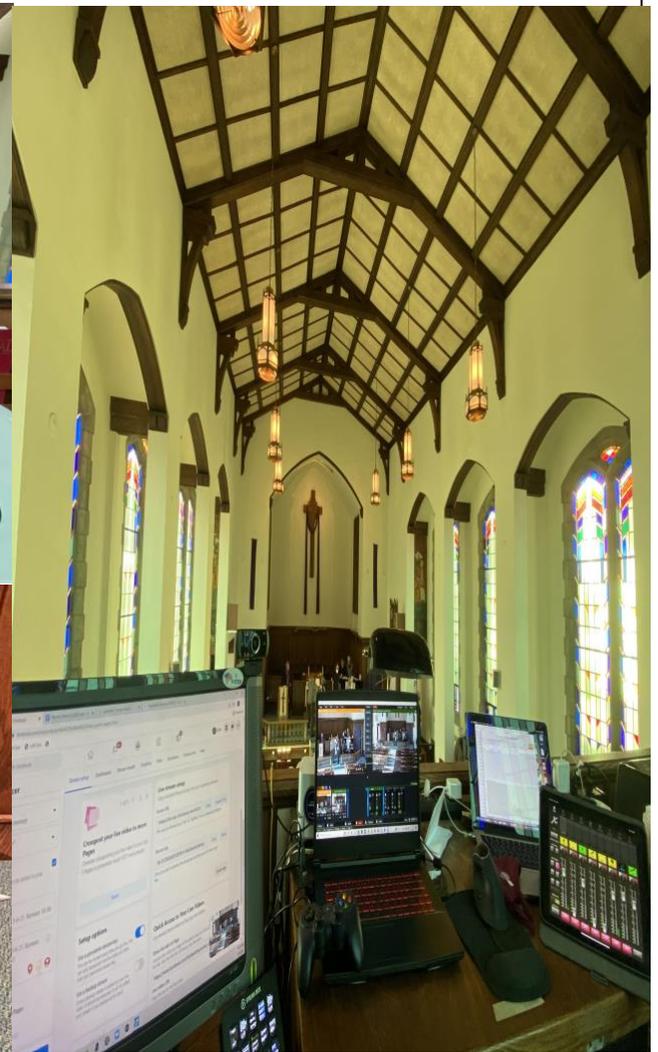
Several members of our congregation and others from outside of this church have very lovingly spent endless hours knitting these hats and shawls. Over the years there have been so many individuals who have participated in this ministry and some have passed away. When Carolyn Latta a member of this congregation first started knitting hats for the soldiers she set a personal goal for herself of making 500 hats, in 2021 she had reached a total of 886 hats that she has made over the years. Through this ministry Hurlbut's congregation is helping to spread to others a feeling of God's loving care with their generosity of love and warmth.

We are inviting new knitters to join others here at Hurlbut with this very special ministry. If you do not knit but would like to contribute to this ministry, donations are willing accepted to help purchase yarn for our knitters. Or if you would like to learn more about this ministry, how to knit, or have questions please feel free to contact Carolyn Latta or the church office.

Technical Upgrades made at Hurlbut Church

This Winter/Spring has seen a lot of technical upgrades at Hurlbut Church in terms of the audio, video, and internet infrastructure. The “Karl Peterson Field of Interest Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation” allowed us to purchase new gear that we are using as tools in our outreach and worship ministries. A new streaming computer that is specifically designed to handle high-end video and audio production, an HD license for a streaming software called vMix (which allows us to stream to multiple platforms beyond only Facebook), a Behringer x32 digital soundboard with a stagebox companion for mic inputs and monitor outputs, cables and adapters for a forthcoming live audio and video feed to the Nursery from the Sanctuary, and a new amplifier to be installed in April.

Hurlbut Church has created a vital and powerful online presence that connects Hurlbut friends both old and new. Through our new streaming gear, we can move beyond our walls and spread the Gospel to a wider audience than ever before!! There have already been thoughts and conversations circulating around the congregation about what else we can do now with these upgrades that expand beyond our Sunday morning worship time. Recently, Hurlbut played the role of virtual host to participants of the Mission of Peace program, which has existed since 1986 and given youth the experience of traveling the world to experience Shalom and learn about other cultures and peoples. These Zoom interviews had people who have gone on a Mission of Peace and wanted to share their testimonies about how the MOP changed their lives, so that other youth will be inspired to go on a MOP. Additionally, these interviews are being compiled into compilation videos to be shared with other conferences in the Northeastern Jurisdiction to help get the word out about MOP as the leaders work to get it going again after a 2 year hiatus. This would not have been possible to do without the new gear Hurlbut received!



**HURLBUT MEMORIAL COMMUNITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Where Worship Welcomes

THE MISSION

*To share Christ with the community and the world
by being a center for Christian worship,
education, fellowship and service.*

Serving our community with an ecumenical outlook.

Ministers: The members and friends of this
congregation

Lay Leader: Dave Foster

Member of Annual Conference:

Ministries Coordinator: Debbie Caruso

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Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Church School at 9:30 a.m.



