

### Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs October 2022

Oct 2	Sunday School	MAE
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary World Communion Sunda	<u>,</u> 10AM
Oct 3-10	Pastor Tim On Vacation	
Oct 5	Hope Resales	10AM-1PM
Oct 6	Hope Resales	5PM-8PM
Oct 6-8	Virtual Annual Conference	
Oct 7-8	Hope Resales	10AM-1PM
Oct 9	Sunday School	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary Anne Hyndman Preachin	_10AM
Oct 11	AD COUNCIL MEETING	6:30PM
Oct 12	Hope Resales	10AM-1PM
Oct 13	Hope Resales	5PM-8PM
Oct 14-15	Hope Resales	10AM-1PM
Oct 16	Sunday School	MAR
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary Hymnsing Worship	DAM
Oct 19	Hope Resales	10AM-1PM
Oct 20	Hope Resales	5PM-8PM
Oct 21-22	Hope Resales	10AM-1PM
Oct 23	Sunday School	MAR
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	1DAM
Oct 26	Hope Resales	10AM-1PM
Oct 27	Hope Resales	5PM-8PM
Oct 28-29	Hope Resales	10AM-1PM
Oct 30	Sunday School	MAR
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	1DAM

#### **How To Contact Us:**

#### Address:

PO Box 483 102 North Main St. Lyndonville, NY 14098

Email: lyndonvilleumc @gmail.com Facebook: LyndonvilleUmc Website: www.lyndonvilleumc.org

#### **Prayer Request email:**

noahzarf@gmail.com lifesign@hotmail.com

#### PASTOR TIM SCHULTZ

#### Office hours:

Tues & Wed 10am to 4pm

#### <u>Pastor's Cell Phone:</u> (716)778-4655

email address:

lifesigns@hotmail.com

#### **Church Office Phone**

585-765-9313

#### Administrative Assistant Office Hours

Tues, Wed., Thurs. 8am to 12pm

#### **Service Times**

Sunday School 9:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary & Online 10 :00 am

LyndonvilleUmc

On Facebook

#### October



2022

#### Connecting With Real People

When I look back at my spiritual development, it is the individuals who took time to be personal about their faith and who were loving towards others who made an impression. The counselor who took me aside at summer camp. The storefront ministry people who welcomed us imperfect youth into the fold. The pastor who mentored me towards ordination and further education. Their influence stays with me.

I've been reading a short book titled, *Less of More*, by Chris Nye. He deals with cultural entrapments into materialism and the drive for more and more. He and his wife lived in the Silicon Valley of California and their church was an hour away from home. So, they started a Bible study in their neighborhood centered less on academic reflection and was more intentional about connection with those nearby.

Churches in America think about growth and financial stability because it's what we think about in our daily lives: more security for retirement, another vehicle or two, the big screen TV for football games, so on. And on and on! Yes, growth is important and paying bills is too, but churches are really here for relationships.

Recently I walked a mall over in Erie County and noticed again how "dead" it was, so to speak. It used to be the place to gather and even youth would hang out there on the weekends. But that was before the era of the Internet and Spectrum TV accounts with hundreds of channels. It was the era when you had to find a pay phone to call someone if you were out! To be honest, I miss the days before Amazon, Google, Facebook, and TV called people inward and encouraged staying at home. The church has also been affected by the cultural changes. Introversion, individuality, and distraction are not conducive with community.

We need to find ways to reach out to people who need both the Lord and friendship with others. Do we invite friends and neighbors to church and Bible studies? *Do we even know our neighbors*? I wish I knew a simple answer, but I suspect the pathway to a vital church is not found in having more business meetings, building bigger facilities, finding slick pastors, and offering a rock group for the worship hour. The answer is more one-on-one contact, and that takes time and effort.

Writer Andy Crouch has said, "Our mission is not primarily to 'engage the culture' but to 'love our neighbor.' Our neighbor is not an abstract collective noun, but a real person in a real place."

It's not easy, but let's go against the grain of our lonely culture.





2 Billy Waterstram & Angela Boyce

23 Addilee Strickland

5 Thomas Barry

24 Madison Boyle

11 Kathy Goldsmith & Judy Waterstram

28 Kylie Iulg

12 Karlee Rounds

29 Lisa Salen Lima & Harold Kingdollar

17 Sierra Blanar

30 Bernard Barry

21 Michael Paul & Colleen Gooding



#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING!!!!

Let us continue practicing

"Extravagant Generosity."

Send your offerings by US mail to

P.O. Box 483 Lyndonville NY 14098, or online through Tithe.ly

"Remember whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6





#### PLEASE DONATE

Kids' snacks Coffee, tea, cocoa Laundry soap Dish soap Shampoo

Bath soap, baby soap Hand soa

Toothpaste, toothbrushes
Deodorant

Razors, <mark>shaving</mark> cream Feminine hygiene products

# Wednesday 10 Am to 1 PM Thursday 5 PM to 8 PM Friday 10 AM to 1 PM RESALES \*A Community Thrift Store. \*Volunteers Always Welcome!\* Please Call the church office 585-765-9313

#### **There is a NEED for Volunteers!!!**

#### Set up for Christmas Store:

November 19 & 20

#### Take down Christmas Store:

December 16 & 17

PLEASE CONTACT COLLEEN GOODING OR CALL Church office to set up your desired day.



This morning in church Pastor Tim reminded us that any articles or items for the newsletter need to be in this week. He then added (with tongue firmly in cheek) that he thought someone should write a gossip column. He thought that might make it more interesting.

Challenge accepted.

#### Something to Talk About

After the Sunday service was over and all of the people had gone home, Wilbur the church mouse was having coffee with his wife Edith. They were just chatting back and forth, sharing stories of what they had heard and seen in and around the church over the past week.....

"This morning when I peeked in there were a bunch of people gathered at the end of the dining room. I think they were talkin' about searching for Jesus. I don't know where Jesus was hidin'... probably in plain sight. I've heard 'em talk about other people in the Bible too. They call it Sunday School but I think maybe they just wanted to know how much Peter paid in taxes from fishing... they kept talkin' about his net income."

"Speakin' of people in the Bible, I heard that some of the church people meet online on Wednesday nights just so they can discuss Daniel and Esther. Seems they think that the more they know about the histories of those two Old Testament stalwarts the better off they'll be with Jesus. I wonder if they'll begin to call themselves disciples and debate who should sit at the right?

"I think Pastor Tim is a little confused about feet. He told the people today that they needed to wash each other's feet but then said they could do that in a lot of different ways, like washing cars, shining shoes and other acts of service. I'm not sure what that does for smelly feet but I'm thinking it's a nice way to treat people. Just don't get sock fuzz in the basin water."

"The basement store was really busy this past week. A lot of people were talkin' what good deals they found for clothes and things. They kept sayin' BOGO. I really don't know what that means.... But they kept saying it so I think they liked it. I've heard talk is cheap.... But not as cheap as Hope Resales' prices."

"I heard kids upstairs laughin' and playin' while learning. They were talkin' about Daniel too. Daniel must have been an interesting guy for the people to be talking about him so much. Did you know that he had a second name that a King gave him? The king called him Belteshazzar .... I don't blame him for stickin' with Daniel."

"There's a few people I keep hearin' them talk about that I never really see... I never see the Father from heaven - Howard I think is his name. And I've heard a lot about Grace but I've never actually seen her. And Andy... Andy talks with them, and walks with them but who is he? What does he look like? And where do they walk and talk?"

"Coupla days ago I saw several people holding hands with their heads bowed. I tried to eavesdrop but they were speaking too quiet for me to understand. They were real serious like they were worried about something. After they spoke their piece and said Amen the mood seemed to lighten some and the people seemed to feel better, almost like a heavy weight had been lifted offa them. I'm not sure who they were talkin' to but I think I need to get to know that guy better."

"Ya know Edith... there's a whole lot of interesting things going on in this ol' church. We might need to get up earlier on Sunday mornings just to keep up with all of the fun."

Anne Hyndman

#### Christian, Don't Grow Cold

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 BRANDON KNIGHT



It's an unmistakable truth: sin makes our hearts grow cold. It doesn't happen at once, though. The process is gradual as we remove ourselves from fellowship with other believers and our heavenly Father. But how does it happen?

Though every story is different, here are three questions to assess the direction you're headed—and what effect it might have on your church.

#### 1. What did I love?

"You were running well," lamented Paul to the Galatian believers. "Who hindered you from obeying the truth?" (Gal. 5:7). Or consider Jesus's warning to the church in Ephesus: "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first" (Rev. 2:4). Something has gotten in the way.

So many begin their races well. They're eager to participate in worship, to share the gospel, to enjoy Christian fellowship. But according to the parable of the soils (Matt. 13:1–9, 18–23), some receive the Word and believe—and then life gets hard. He loses his job. Her relationship turns sour. A pandemic hits. The time of testing comes, and they fall away because their roots never went deep.

With the pandemic seemingly in our rearview, we're discovering that what many once loved is now barely an afterthought. According to Barna, 32 percent of American churchgoers <u>stopped going altogether</u>. What do we make of this? True believers will have moments of uncertainty and may even shift their values for a time, but they're anchored in God's grace such that they'll repent and endure to the end (<u>Matt. 24:13</u>).

We must examine ourselves. What did we love? And what does it say about that love if it doesn't abide?

#### 2. What do I love?

In 2021, Barna conducted a study on how often professing Christians opened their Bible throughout the year. The majority reported never picking it up. Not only that, but only 25 percent of self-identified Christians were actively practicing their faith. Just 20 years ago, it was 45 percent.

Cultivating a love for anything requires practice. No wonder love for God springs from an intentional desire to know him.

Growing up, my grandfather loved Mercedes cars. Everyone knew it because that's the only car you'd see him in. Whatever we love will put us where we love to be. Discovering what you love is as easy as observing your practices.

Restoration Academy, where I serve as director of spiritual formation, did a survey on screen time with a group of Christian high school students. Many averaged north of 10 hours a day on their phones. Unsurprisingly, many complained of having little interest in strengthening their relationships with God. There were simply too many competing loves in their lives. Without discipline, we're susceptible to being overtaken by all sorts of desires.

#### 3. What will I love?

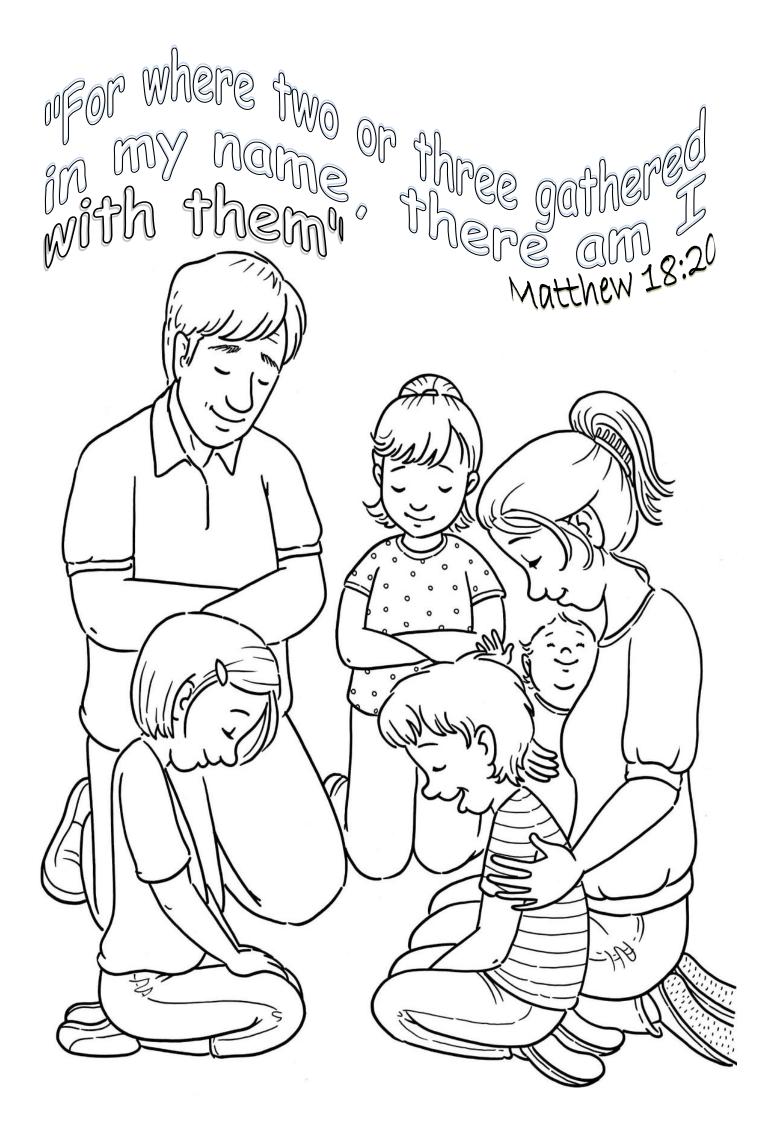
When Jesus was getting ready to depart, he had a poignant conversation with Peter. Three times—one for each denial—he asked, "Do you love me?" He then told Peter to feed his sheep, which Peter went on to do. What changed? How did Peter go from denying Christ to not only professing his love, but even being willing to die for his faith? How does he go from casual—perhaps even cold—

We open the Bible and see the ebbs and flows of faithful believers like Peter. What they experienced should remind us how arduous the journey will be for us. But it should also remind us of God's sanctifying work in the believer's life. His promise is true: if we draw near to him, he will draw near to us (James 4:8).

What will you love? If your passions have been misdirected or your heart misaligned, turn back to him. Scripture promises that God will not lose any of his true children. His love is the guarantee of ours.



**Brandon Knight** (Samford, MA Regent University) is pastor of Victory City Church in Birmingham, Alabama. He and his wife, Christie, have four children.



## Hello October 22

	4						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
						1 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	
2 Sunday School  a 9:00am  WORSHIP SERVICE  10AM	3	4	5 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	<i>∲</i> Hope Resales 5pm-8pm	7 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	ර Hope Resales 10am-1pm	
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	Zoom Study  Annual Conference *Virtual*  Pastor Tim on Vacation Oct 3-Oct 10						
9 Sunday School  a 9:00am  WORSHIP SERVICE  LOAM  Anne Hyndman  to Preach	10	11	12  Hope Resales  10am-1pm  Zoom Study  @6:30pm  LYMA MEETIN@12:00PM	13 Hope Resales 5pm-8pm	14 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	15 Hope Resales 10am-Ipm	
16 Sunday School 9:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM Hymnsing Worship	17 Hope Resales meeting @6:00	18	19 Hope Resales 10am-Ipm Zoom Study @6:30pm	20 Hope Resales 5pm-8pm	21 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	22 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	
22 Sunday School 9:00AM Worship Service 10AM	23	24 AD Council Meeting @6:30pm	25 Hope Resales 10am-lpm Zoom Study @6:30pm	26 Hope Resales 5pm-8pm	27 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	28	
29 Sunday School 9:00AM Worship Service 10AM	30	31	**	Zoom Study	ís on Daníel §	g Esther**	



#### LYNDONVILLE UMC NEWSLETTER

