

# LYNDONVILLE UNITED METHODIST NEWS



## JANUARY 2023

Jan 1	<b>Sunday School</b>	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Jan 8	<b>Sunday School</b>	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Jan 10	AD Council Meeting	6:30PM
Jan 15	<b>Sunday School</b>	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
	<b>Emphasis on Race &amp; Faith</b>	
Jan 16	<b><u>HAPPY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</u></b>	
Jan 22	<b>Sunday School</b>	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Jan 29	<b>Sunday School</b>	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
	<b><i>Hymn Sing as Part of Worship</i></b>	

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#### Service Times

Sunday School 9:00am  
Worship in the Sanctuary & Online  
10 :00 am  
**LyndonvilleUmc On Facebook**

## FEBRUARY 2023

Feb 5	<b>Sunday School</b>	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Feb 12	<b>Sunday School</b>	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Feb 14	<b><u>HAPPY VALENTINES DAY</u></b>	
Feb 19	<b>Sunday School</b>	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Feb 20	<b><u>HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY</u></b>	
Feb 21	AD Council Meeting	6:30PM
Feb 26	<b>Sunday School</b>	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM

Jan/Feb

## FROM THE PASTOR'S



2023

Here we are at the beginning of a new year. Does the prospect of new opportunities and challenges excite you? The past few years have been difficult for our nation, so we enter a new year with a measure of caution.

Who knows what a year will bring? I was surprised, and pleased, about a move to Lyndonville in 2022. It was not on my “radar screen,” but it has been a pleasant experience to be part of this church. Now, what will 2023 bring? Much of that is out of our control but our approach and attitude about the future is critical. I hope we will elevate our vision for our church this year and see God work in new and wondrous ways.

One of the ways we discover the will and purpose of God in our lives is through the reading and meditation of scripture. I encourage you to use a daily devotional or Bible reading guide. There are enumerable resources for those who want to grow in their relationship with Christ. Many of them can be found online.

As announced previously, I will be using the Christian Standard Bible for preaching this year, so if you follow along in a Bible on Sunday and like to carry a Bible, get a copy of the CSB; you can find them inexpensively online, like at [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com) or [lifeway.com](http://lifeway.com) (check out the clearance section).

As we begin this new year together, let us expand our horizons. What new ministry needs a jumpstart? What should our focus be this year? Church means “fellowship,” which is a togetherness reality. Church is about mission and discipleship. Church is about spiritual growth and renewal.

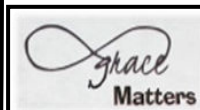
Are you ready to go? Let us see 2023 as a great adventure and a great opportunity.

“For I know the plans I have for you—this is the Lord’s declaration—plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29.11



Pastor Tim Schultz

## Happy New Year!



Each New Year presents us with new ideas, new opportunities and new inspirations... There’s nothing quite like a clean slate. A fresh piece of paper. A re-start, or a do-over... A new perspective... new Joy and refreshed Hope...

I don’t make New Year’s resolutions... that just seems like I want something to change and I’m trying to coerce myself into it by making a promise that I really don’t want to keep. The reality is, I might want something to be different, but, do I want it badly enough to do the hard work to make the change?

I’m reading a book... *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, written by Donald S. Whitney. There are many, many books published on the spiritual disciplines. There are many, many interpretations of what a spiritual discipline is, what the specific disciplines are, and how many there are. Typically there are a core few that are included in every version... study, worship, prayer, fasting, service, confession, and solitude are such standards and are found in most variations.

The thing I like about the book I’m reading is that each chapter addresses one of the disciplines and then includes in the chapter title ...” For the Purpose of Godliness.” For example: “Prayer – For the Purpose of Godliness.” Spiritual disciplines are the means that God uses to help us become more like Christ. As Paul wrote to the Romans “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son” (Romans 8: 29).

I was talking with a friend not long ago and sharing some observations about the spiritual disciplines... her immediate reaction to hearing the word discipline was to interpret that as just another religious tenet aimed at conforming us into a man-made image of piety. So I told her to replace the word discipline with practice to make it seem less a constraint and more a beneficial habit.

The simple truth is that God formed us for his good pleasure. We are made in His image for a reason... and we when think of resembling the image of God we need to think less of the physical aspects since God is Spirit, and more of the moral, intellectual and spiritual nature of God. How do we get to know this side of God? By practicing the spiritual disciplines... studying scripture, praying, worshipping, fasting and spending time just focusing on God, serving God through our service to others, and confessing our sins. Another way to look at it would be to practice the presence of God. It is a wonderful and reassuring thing to know that God is always present with us. If we really want to experience that blessing then we must learn to be fully present with God as well. When we make a deliberate effort to be mindful and aware of God, we become more open to the wonder of His ways and the awe of His creation.

Here we are... standing at the precipice of a brand new year, a brand new opportunity to write a new story. We are like a freshly sharpened pencil on a clean sheet of paper. What do you want your story to be in 2023? Do you want to seize the day, take advantage of the opportunity to grow into deeper relationship with God? Do you want to live your best life?

All of everything begins... by seeking God and practicing His presence.

Carpe diem!

Faithfully, Anne



# MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS 2022

*~In Loving Memory of~*

*In Memory of:* Curtis Valentine & Molly Wolfe  
Wolfe Family

*In Memory of:* Richard, Jeffrey & James Stalker

*In Memory of:* Roy & Jessie Cook

*In Honor of:* Roger Kenyon

*In Memory of:* Ray & Kay Bradley;

AL & Gloria Warrick

*In Memory of:* Rollin & Norma Chaffee

William & Rena Buffin

*In Memory of:* Dewy Geotze & Linda Jones

James & Carolyn Whipple

*In Memory of:* Sandy Flint

*In Memory of:* Donald Diermyer

& Donna Yates

*In Memory of:* Carl Babcock, Alice Fitch

Art & Lance Anderson

*In Memory of:* Frederick L. Large

*In Memory of:* Roger & Betty Woodworth

Carl Babcock Jr., Alice Fitch

& Robert Woodworth

*In Memory of:* Rose and Louis Salen

*In Memory of:* Roy & Jessie Cook

*In Memory of:* Wayne & Gladys Barry

*In Memory of:* Wayne & Marjory Barry

*In Memory of:* Robert Clinkscales

*In Memory of:* Norma J. Nellist

Ethel Valentine

Larry Wolfe

Linda Stalker,

Julie & Mike

Paul, & Family

Their Family

The Bradley Family

Bob & Sue Buffin

& Family

Scott & Jeanne

Geotze

Her Family

Denise Adams &

DeAnne Diermyer

Colleen Gooding

Richard, Robin,

Brooks & Maddy

Boyle

The Woodworths

Their Family

Their Grand Children

Their Grandchildren

Their Grandchildren

His Family

David W. Nellist

**Hector Burgos is our new Bishop.**



**Pastor Tim plans on meeting him in early February.**

## **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

*Hope*

**Wednesday 10 Am to 1 PM**

**Friday 10 AM to 1 PM**

**R E S A L E S**

\* A Community Thrift Store. **Saturday 10 AM to 1 PM**

**NO THURSDAY HOURS TILL SPRING**

**\*Volunteers Always Welcome!\***

Please Call the church office 585-765-9313

# February Birthdays

**2** David Nellist, Addison Paul, Ruth Hedges

**4** Roger Thering **7** Gail Nellist, Tiffani Durow, Sharon Allen, Joycelyn Mack

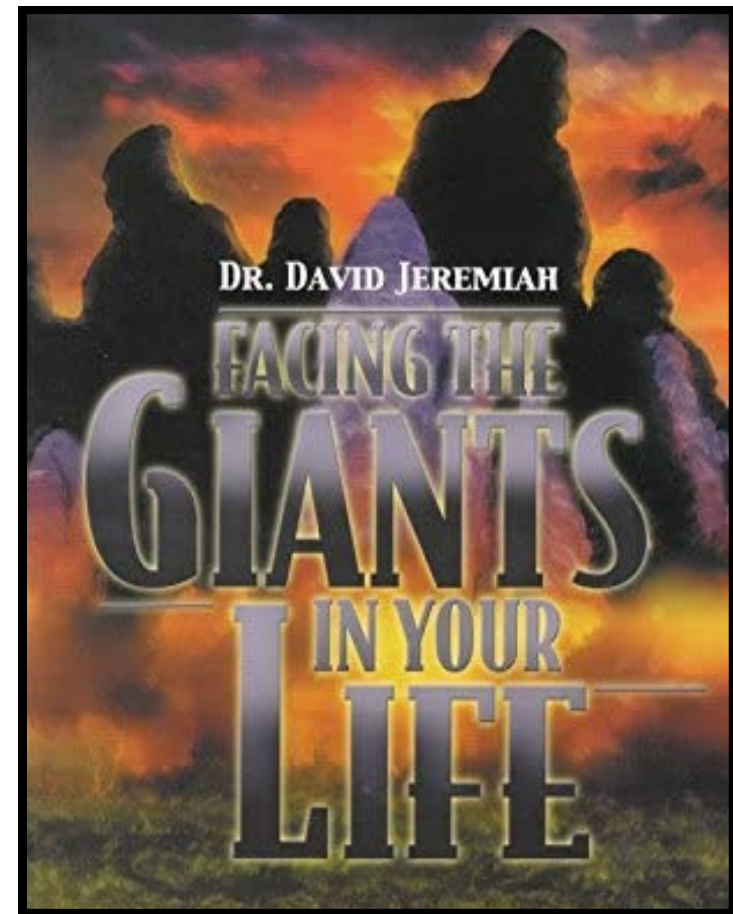
**10** Daniel Barry **13** Kevin Brown **16** Megan Miles **17** Ethel Valentine **18** Christopher Shingleton **19** Robert Bow, Patti Gawne

**22** Gertrude Bane, Dawson Carpenter

**24** Wendy Barry **27** Katherine Grochowski, Jennifer Iulig

**28** Steven Grabowski

Pastor Tim will be starting a new sermon series based on Dr. David Jeremiah's study called: Facing the Giants in your Life.



**WE WILL FACE DOWN GIANTS  
SUCH AS FEAR,  
DISCOURAGEMENT, WORRY,  
GUILT, RESENTMENT, AND  
JEALOUSY.**

*Don't miss a Sunday!!!!*



**Note: An article I wanted to share with you. Please read the scripture verses; they were part of the original article but I've listed just the references. -Tim**

Since 2020, I've felt the gnawing dread that all the norms in life—all the things I've come to expect over the course of my life—could be overturned and reversed in an instant.

In the new year, will I be able to get a car loan? Is the buying power of my dollar going to erode further? Will the challenges with my kids get better or grow worse? Will I gain a new friendship, or will one of my friends stab me in the back? Will the political season stir deeper division in the church?

There's much I don't know about the new year. But as I turn to the Word, there's much I can know. The Bible—and Psalm 90 in particular—gives a set of constants on the horizon as the calendar flips from December to January.

**1. God will still be my refuge. (Ps. 90:1–2)**

The great constant in my life year after year is the unending fact of the presence of God. He has been there, and he will be there. No matter where I find myself this year, God will be there. No matter how strong the storms hit this year, God will always be there *for me*. I love how Moses prays this ancient psalm not just to the abstract God who is out there somewhere but to the God who is our dwelling place—the God at the center of my life, to whom I can run when my life is threatened.

**2. This year—and all my life—will slip through my fingers. (Ps. 90:3–6)**

No matter where I find myself this year, God will be there. No matter how strong the storms hit this year, God will always be there *for me*.

The next great constant in life is bad news. The reason I need a safe place to dwell is because this life isn't safe. Before we know it, November will be here, and we'll be back in the holiday rush all over again. This year will bring a host of missed opportunities, unproductive weeks, and frustrated plans. This year people will die, far away and close to home. Just as the eternity of God is constant, so also is the mortality of humanity and the temporality of our efforts.

**3. Sorrow and suffering will wreak havoc because of sin. (Ps. 90:7–11)**

Another “bad news constant” is that this year won't just move me one year closer to the end but it'll also contain a measure of evil—pain and persecution, sickness and sorrow. I'll sense the dust of Adam's death on my body. It'll be another year when I'll feel the sting of the curse in my life, home, and workplace. I'll send up the “sigh” of disappointment as creation offers its groans (Rom. 8:22–23). This year, I'll see my own sin ever more clearly and see the wrath it deserves as all the greater.

**4. God's covenant mercies will satisfy me.. (Ps. 90:12–15)**

The next constant is a ray of hope in the darkness of life. Into the dissatisfaction of this life, God will bring satisfaction. Into sorrow, rejoicing. Into the depths of pain, gladness. And in spite of lost years, eons of restoration.

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Seen rightly, flipping the calendar isn't a mere exercise in futility but an opportunity to take stock of our lives in light of the great constants in this life and the life to come. The new year ought to drive me deeper into the arms of God—enjoying his embrace and longing for his return. Another year, a more all-encompassing longing for his kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**5. God will always smile on my efforts. (Ps. 90:16–17)**

This final constant moves beyond encouraging my discouraged heart to strengthening my feeble hands. Those of us who know the favor of the Lord—the happiness of God with us because of the righteousness of Jesus—approach the tasks of the new year in our homes and businesses and churches with renewed energy as the power of God reaches into our lives.

We work under the sun of God's grace, so this year's toils and troubles, sufferings and setbacks aren't cause for dismay. Instead, because Jesus has forever ensured God's smile on my life, I can be certain God will advance his constant work through my inconstant fingers in this new year.

**Phil Thompson**

Teaching pastor at Christ Fellowship Eastside

# JANUARY Birthdays

**6** Lee Boyce Sr. **8** Andy Boyce **9** Laura Campbell, Wendy Thering **10** Rachel Thering  
**11** Penny Barry **13** Don Goldsmith,  
**14** Lucas Seefeldt **15** Leah Kenyon **18** Wayne Barry Jr., Tom Fraser Ella Trupo  
**21** Kenneth Urbanik **26** Peter Miles  
**27** Alexander Barry **28** Susan Fiasco **31** James Olinger, Victoria Neely, Danielle Papp

Happy Anniversary

**January 2**

**David and Diane Nellist**

**January 6**

**Joe and Liz Miles**

**January 26**

**John and Laura Belson**

# January 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Sunday School @ 9:00am Worship Service 10AM <i>New Years Day!</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Hope Resales 10am-1pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Hope Resales 10am-1pm	<b>7</b> Hope Resales 10am-1pm
<b>8</b> Sunday School @ 9:00am Worship Service 10AM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> AD COUNCIL MEETING @6:30PM	<b>11</b> Hope Resales 10am-1pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Hope Resales 10am-1pm <b>Foodlink Truck 8:00am</b>	<b>14</b> Hope Resales 10am-1pm
<b>15</b> Sunday School @ 9:00am Worship Service 10AM Race & Faith	<b>16</b>  MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY I HAVE A DREAM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Hope Resales 10am-1pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Hope Resales 10am-1pm	<b>21</b> Hope Resales 10am-1pm
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<b>29</b> Sunday School @ 9:00am Worship Service 10AM <i>Hymn Sing</i>	<b>30</b> Hope Resale Meeting @ 6PM	<b>31</b>	Zoom Bible Study will resume at a later date: TBA			

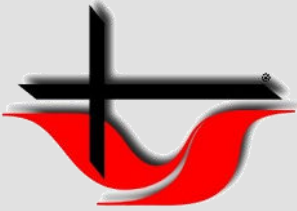
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