



# 2023 May

## Lyndonville United Methodist News

### Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs May 2023

May 2	Ad Council Meeting	6:30PM
May 7	Sunday School	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
May 8	Finance Committee Meeting	6:30PM
May 14	Sunday School <b>**MOTHERS DAY**</b>	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
May 21	Sunday School	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Apr 17	Hope Resale Meeting	6PM
May 28	Sunday School <i>(No Adult Classes)</i>	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
	<i>Guest Preacher: Rev. Mike Breunig</i>	



**\*\*\*HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY\*\***



### Spring/Summer Hope Resales Hours

Wednesday 10AM-1PM

Thursday 5PM-8PM

Friday & Saturday 10AM-1PM

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Tues & Wed  
8am to 12pm

#### Service Times

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

1 Rebecca Botsford & Elijah Kingdollar 2 Darcy Brabon & Barb Halpern  
 5 Carla Woodworth & Sawyer Wilson 6 Matt Barry & Marge Houseman 9  
 Adam Gawne, Mike Wells & Alexa Miles 10 Brian Gawne & Herbert  
 Bohnet 12 Genevieve Breed & Dan Barry 15 Robert Barry 16 Rachelle  
 Goldsmith 18 Wanda Oakes 20 Cheryl Cleveland & Steve Wadford 22  
 Grace Kenyon & Emily Quintern Blonar 26 Dan Miles, Chris Urbanik &  
 Julia Bacon 27 Gary Housel & Sue Moden 28 Cathie Barry & Rick Miles  
 29 Greg Stanton

*Birthdays in*  
**MAY**

May 28 *HAPPY Anniversary* May 30  
 Daren & Wendy Wilson Scott & Jeanne Geotze

**Hope**  
 RESALES  
 \* A Community Thrift Store.

Wednesday 10 AM to 1 PM  
 Thursday 5 PM to 8 PM  
 Friday 10 AM to 1 PM  
 Saturday 10 AM to 1 PM

**\*Volunteers Always Welcome!!!\***  
 Please Call the church office 585-765-9313

Note: New Winter Hours for Thursday Nights 4PM-7PM

**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



## Foundations Classes Continue Through May

Classes for those seeking membership, confirmation, or a refresher in the basic doctrines of the faith will continue until the end of May in the fellowship hall each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. Video sessions conducted at another United Methodist Church for their confirmation classes are being used, along with fill-in worksheets. Currently there are six attendees of the class, including the pastor, who leads the class. Topics covered have included: The United Methodist Church, The Bible, Prayer, Jesus, Faith, and Sin.

**Everyone is welcome!**

May

FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK

2023

## *After God's Heart*



A new sermon series on the life of the Old Testament character David has begun. Like the lives of so many other biblical characters, David had a storied history that included great moments of triumph, deep moments of devotion to his maker, and disappointing moments of failure. And through it all, he is considered an example of a man whose heart was after God.

Many of us were introduced to David in Sunday School as we reveled in his dramatic victory over the giant Goliath. Others--especially those seeking solace—take comfort in David's poem of Psalm 23. He, a shepherd boy himself, states, "The Lord is my shepherd." The closing words of Psalm 23 are beautiful: "and I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live."

Others relate to David on a human level: David the sinner. The sin that is highlighted in scripture is shocking for a man who also was seeking after God. In a moment when all he had in his life, including with his relationship with God, was not somehow enough, so he sought a woman who was married to one of his soldiers and then had the man killed on the front lines of battle, so he could have Bathsheba for himself. Right there we want to say, "That David is a bad person!" He himself would agree, as we read in Psalm 51, as he cries out for mercy from God.

Do you relate to David at some level, or more than one? Then I invite you to journey with me as we investigate the life of David for several weeks, even months. Spend time reading the books of First and Second Samuel and the Psalms of David. This study could be a time of significant spiritual growth in our lives, if we seek God with all our sinfulness and brokenness as David did.



*Pastor Tim Schultz*



Have you ever woken up in the morning, got out of bed and as you were moving around began to feel like you had someone else's hips on? Maybe not particularly painful or stiff or sore..... just uncomfortable like something's a little off kilter. Like your gait is different, maybe slightly out of balance. Sometimes as you continue to move through your day it works itself out, sometimes it doesn't. Sometimes you spend the entire day feeling like something isn't connected quite right.

I've been having some trouble with my hip lately. Everything from oddly uncomfortable to almost can't walk painful. The notion of balance or lack thereof has been something I've both experienced and pondered a lot recently.

It's fairly easy to tell when our balance is off physically. Perhaps we list to one side when we walk, maybe even fall. If riding a bike we may steer side to one side or put a foot down. If we have an inner ear problem we feel that our equilibrium is impaired. It's usually pretty obvious when we're out of balance physically.

But, maybe it's not so obvious if we're out of balance emotionally or spiritually? I think perhaps if we are out of balance emotionally we ride the feelings roller coaster more than usual. We may waffle between the extremes of the emotional spectrum with little rhyme or reason. I think perhaps we laugh easier, cry easier, anger easier..... or maybe we don't laugh at all, don't cry, don't really get angry, and don't really feel..... anything. We may strive harder and accomplish less. We simply don't function on an even keel.

I think that if we are out of balance spiritually it's a lot like being out of balance emotionally combined with that strange uncomfortable feeling of waking up in the morning with someone else's hips on....or maybe someone else's life on. I suspect that being out of balance spiritually would feel like everything is a bit off kilter. Not necessarily painful but not comfortable either. Maybe like our walk is impaired. Loss of spiritual equilibrium may well manifest itself with the same contradictory emotional responses noted earlier. I would think that spiritual imbalance would also feel a bit disconnected from God. How do we get there? Or, more importantly, how do we find our way back into balance? I think we look to Jesus and get back to basics.

My hip pain was due to an inordinate amount of time sitting at a desk. The discomfort didn't begin immediately. It took about 6 weeks for it to be aggravated enough to cause pain.

It was a process of position, posture, circumstances and lack of movement or exercise that created my hip problem. Like wise it took time, a lot of TLC and stretching to alleviate the discomfort. Basic muscle care... stretching and gently exercising it.

Whenever we wander off the path Jesus tends for us and dwell there too long, we move from stability into instability, from peace into a state of flux, from balance into imbalance. The step away may at first be so subtle that we do not feel the loss of equilibrium. Eventually though we wander far enough that we begin to feel that something is askew, perhaps fully out of whack. When fully out of whack we focus more on regaining our own sense control and security rather than running back to Jesus. Ultimately that doesn't achieve balance, only the illusion of...

The first step in returning to spiritual balance is to get back to the basics. Get in the Word, read your Bible. Do so with an attitude of prayer, asking God to speak to you through His Word. Pray, ask for help discerning His Will. It takes time and some TLC... be ready for some spiritual stretching and then exercise what you learn.

Faithfully,

Anne

Greater love has  
no one than this:  
to lay down one's  
life for one's friends.

*John 15:13*



## ***Using a big word: “Disaffiliation”***

by Pastor Tim Schultz



The “elephant in the room” in the denomination we find ourselves, and the denomination many of you here at LUMC have been part of most of your lives, is the split that has been going on in recent years. Indeed, many United Methodist congregations have left the denomination. I drove by one local church that even has the United Methodist name taken off the building.

I have been part of several denominations in my lifetime: Baptist and Mennonite among them. Baptists have been known for splits, to the extent that they are even identified by their geographical regions: “Southern Baptists” are one example of a conservative sect. American Baptists (formerly Northern) are more moderate. As a youth I attended a very conservative Baptist church whose denomination even fretted over long hair on men and scorned women preachers. They also denied that they were a “denomination.”



There are many beliefs we can separate over in our denominations. And there are beliefs that we *should* separate over. Not believing in the salvation that Jesus provided on the cross or denying the resurrection of Christ are foundational beliefs. The United Methodist Church still believes in the basics. However, there are Methodist churches, and Mennonite ones too, that have departed from doctrine or practice that is not promoted by the larger denomination, although those progressive churches are tolerated. So, the question is, “Should we leave a denomination if it tolerates diversity in doctrine and practice?”

Some practical considerations come to my mind: (1) We are mostly connected to the UMC through local churches and our District Superintendent. My experiences with both have been positive. Scripture is upheld in those settings. (2) The UMC has not changed the Book of Discipline yet regarding controversial issues; the foundational beliefs of the church remain at the present time. Thus, leaving the denomination currently seems premature. (3) Is there any family or group that we agree with completely? Should we disaffiliate ourselves from our families because we strongly disagree with a brother or sister? Sadly, many know the pain of family disaffiliation.

So, while many UMC churches are going off the rails—so to speak—I hope we can be patient and non-reactionary. In the meantime, I plan on preaching the Bible and following Jesus. I plan on holding to the doctrines that were foundational to the early church and to John Wesley and others. I plan on conforming to the current Book of Discipline concerning sexuality issues and others matters. The time may come when disaffiliation may be necessary but that time does not seem to be today.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 AD Council Meeting @ 6:30	3 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	4 Hope Resales 5PM-8PM	5	6
7 Sunday School @ 9:00am WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM	8 Finance Committee meeting @6:30	9	10 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	11	12	13 Hope Resales 10am-1pm
14 Sunday School 9:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM 	15	16	17 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	18 Hope Resales 5PM-8PM	19 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	20 Hope Resales 10am-1pm
21 Sunday School 9:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM	22 Hope Resale Meeting @6:00PM	23	23 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	25 Hope Resales 5PM-8PM	26 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	27 Hope Resales 10am-1pm
28 Sunday School @ 9:00am <b>**No Adult Class**</b> WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM Guest Preacher Rev. Mike Breunig	29 	30	31 Hope Resales 10am-1pm			

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*Remembering*

those who gave their lives  
and the One who gave His all.

