

# OCTOBER 2023

## Lyndonville United Methodist News

### Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs October 2023

Oct 1	Sunday School	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
	<i>**World Communion Sunday**</i>	
Oct 2	HOPE RESALE MEETING	6PM
Oct 8	Sunday School	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Oct 9	<b>C o l u m b u s   D a y</b>	
Oct 15	Sunday School	9AM
	Worship Service & <i>Hymn Sing</i>	10AM
Oct 22	Sunday School	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Oct 24	Ad Council Meeting	6:30PM
Oct 29	Sunday School	9AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM

*Hope*  
RESALES  
\* A Community Thrift Store

### Hope Resales Hours

Wednesday 10AM-1PM

**Thursday 4PM-7PM**

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](https://www.facebook.com/LyndonvilleUmc)

On Facebook

# FALL BIRTHDAYS ARE THE BEST!

2 Billy Waterstram & Angela Boyce  
5 Thomas Barry  
11 Kathy Goldsmith & Judy Waterstram  
12 Karlee Rounds  
17 Sierra Blamar  
21 Colleen Gooding  
23 Addilee Strickland  
24 Madison Boyle  
28 Kylie Iul  
29 Lisa Salen Lima & Harold Kingdollar  
30 Bernard Barry



*Coming Soon*

**LUMC  
& Lyndonville  
Presbyterian Church**  
will be hosting this  
**Community event**  
**NOVEMBER 12**  
**@ Noon**

**Sign up by October 10**

*Stayed tuned for event details*

## 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*

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Thursday 4 PM to 7 PM

Friday 10 AM to 1 PM

Saturday 10 AM to 1 PM

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

⑧ Keryk & Valerie Keenan



②④ Bill &  
Patty Olinger

②⑥ Ed and Chris Urbanik



October

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

2023

### *A Sister Who Loved the Lord: Reflections On My Sister's Recent Passing*

I always called her “Sue,” although later in life she changed her name to Sienna. We were the “two little kids” since we had three older brothers, and then there was Sue and I, the youngest of five children.

Our lives growing up had a good deal of imagination and adventure since our family moved often and we attended several different schools. We had city memories from a neighborhood elementary school, Norm’s store with candy across the street, and attending the Prospect Avenue Baptist Church downtown. We had many suburban memories too, and for a while we had a fantasy of moving to the “Kentucky Hills,” wherever they are. We both attended a rural camp named Cherry Valley, near Olean, NY. That is where I first gave my heart to Jesus, praying outside a cabin with our counselor.

We shared many church memories because we were church kids who enjoyed going to church. She was the first to discover a little unorthodox Christian coffeehouse that opened in our village, and our experiences there were the seeds planted for our later going to Bible school, and my going into the ministry.

Sienna was a spiritual mentor to me and we both liked obtaining helpful and interesting Bibles. Rarely did I go to her house when she had not ordered a new Bible online, and I gave many of her Bibles away over the years. I still have the first Bible she gave me, and I showed it to her on one of my last visits with her in the hospital. In pencil inside the front cover is a simple inscription: “To Tim, from Sue.”

In recent years Sienna called me frequently, often at night. “What is your sermon about?” she might ask. She talked about her children and grandchildren—whom she adored. It was such a highlight for her to attend the baptisms of her grandsons this past year. Her faith was strong and she wanted her family to share in that faith.

Sienna met the love of her life at a little ministry outreach we had in the Allentown district of Buffalo called *Jesus for You*. I have never seen a deeper and longer-lasting devotion to a spouse as I have seen in Ned.

Although I will miss the other “little kid,” the comfort I have is in knowing that her long-term suffering with MS is over, and she is in the presence of the Lord—a presence she pursued since an early age. She had hoped and dreamed of physical healing, and now that healing has taken place—just differently than she desired.

Sienna was a sister and more: she was a friend and spiritual advisor, a lover of God and his word. Her life will live on in the many people she touched directly or indirectly, such as through her writings.

These are the last two stanzas of a poem she wrote titled,

*My Comfort:*

*Jesus, you're my all in all.*

*Help me never trip or fall.*

*Hold my hand on Zion's Mount—*

*Holy Spirit, be my fount.*

*Through the desert, I must go—*

*Barren region, here below—*

*Past the wilderness I see,*

*How your Spirit cared for me.*



*Pastor Tim Schultz*



## Three Essential Things

This article is a bit of a rewrite but, from a different point of view... it's not that old, four years or so... but it's what God has laid on my heart... so here we go again.

If asked, each of us could probably list a number of attributes that are necessary for a church to thrive. But I don't think the list needs to be that long. As a matter of fact I suspect that the longer the list the more we confound ourselves regarding our purpose and obscure our call. But I can think of 3 things that I believe ought to be on that list.

The first is **Energy**.... I think that a church that is rooted in Jesus possesses a certain energy, or an enthusiasm, that demonstrates that the Holy Spirit is alive and working. This energy or enthusiasm is not the type that we can summon for ourselves. Oh, we like to think we can, but no... at least not with the very best results. In everything, but especially when doing God's work (btw everything we do is, in fact, God's work) we must draw our energy from our vine, our root, our life source, and not rely only on ourselves. If I decide to go work in my garden I can summon enough energy to make that happen with reasonable results. But if I attempt to teach a Bible study I have to draw my energy and guidance from the Holy Spirit. Because teaching God's Word requires so much more of me than I possess in and of myself. I often joke about teaching by the seat of the Holy Spirit's pants. Now, I'm pretty sure the Holy Spirit doesn't actually wear pants... what I'm really saying is that I strive to remain wide open to the spirit's leading. I don't own the lesson I'm teaching, Jesus does. And because of that it is necessary for me to stay in tune with the Holy Spirit. Sometimes that results in unplanned conversations and topical detours that I'm not sure I'm prepared for. But the result is always, always fruitful, and I am continually amazed and thankful for the many ways that the Holy Spirit prepares me, sustains me, and works powerfully through me or in spite of me. And that's just plain cool!

We do not own our acts of service that we perform for the church, for each other, for the community, for whomever. When we surrender our service to Jesus with the guidance of the Holy Spirit our efforts result in experiences that produce an energy and enthusiasm that wells within us and that we can draw on for the next thing we are called to. Energy and enthusiasm are infectious and will spread throughout our church family if only we will embrace it and share it.

The second is **Grace** ... I think that a church that thrives receives and offers a whole lot of grace. John Wesley understood grace as God's everlasting kindness in our lives, or unmerited favor. It is ours because God chooses to offer it to us not because we have earned it. It is offered, but it's not there for the taking... grace is a gift, and gifts to be truly accepted must be received with open hands and open hearts. There's a difference between taking and receiving. Think about it!

Grace is a gift that is always available to us, but we must choose to receive it and we must choose to offer it to others. We can also refuse the gift. It is our choice... we can choose not to receive God's grace and we can choose not to offer grace to anyone else. In order to thrive though we must choose to both receive grace and to offer it to anyone else who needs it, whether they know they need it or not and whether they want it or not. Grace isn't ours to save with the intent to offer only on special occasions or only to those we deem worthy. Grace is a lot like manna, if we try to hoard it, it will rot in our hands, worse yet... in our hearts.

A thriving church must be a conduit of grace. I think that if grace does not flow freely into us and through us it's largely because our hearts are in conflict. Conflicted hearts are often too proud to receive and often feel too poor to give. If we will surrender our conflicted hearts to Jesus and choose to be receivers and offerors of grace, we will find we can have hearts at peace.... and hearts at peace are poised to thrive.

The third attribute is **Integrity**. This one can be tougher, we might get a little caught up in defining it rather than modeling it. My ethics course for tax prep says that "Integrity requires consistent honesty and candor which must not be subordinated to personal gain or advantage." Some definitions of Christian integrity hang on Proverbs 20:7 which says the righteous shall lead blameless lives. Well, none of us lead blameless lives... and we can't make ourselves righteous, at least not the righteousness of God. It's about relationship. It's messy. David screwed up royally and yet God called him a man after His own heart. Somehow along the way it seems that being right has become a primary tenet of integrity. But this is wrong... being right is not a vital component of Christian integrity, doing right is. We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... what makes for integrity is continually reconciling our hearts back to God, and living obediently to His call as we prayerfully discern it. It is as simple and as complicated as that.

Three essential things...

- Anne Hyndman



# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. On World Communion Sunday - United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.

Your donations support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities. In 2021, World Communion Sunday offerings awarded 242 scholarships and grants. Your generosity continues to provide scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development. The needs exceed what we can fund and your gifts can further growth and success. Learn more about the racial and ethnic scholarships and grants.

Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries.

Thirty-five percent supports racial and ethnic scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry (deacon or elder) and includes a mentoring program.

Fifteen percent funds Ethnic-In-Service Training Grant for leadership development, recruitment, training, and retention of ethnic United Methodist persons in leadership positions in every level of the church and its ministry.

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to extend healing and hope which will guide us to becoming a new creation in Christ. Through our gifts and support, we can invest in talented, qualified students from around the globe to transform the world as witnesses for Christ!

([World Communion Sunday \(umc.org\)](https://www.umc.org))

# FALL In to GOLD, So NO RD







SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <b>Sunday School</b> @ 9:00am WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM <b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	2 Hope Resale Meeting 20PM	3	4 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	5 Hope Resales 4PM-7PM	6 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	7 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
8 <b>Sunday School</b> @ 9:00am WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM	9  Pastor Tim away at Keep the Fire Burning Conference	10	11 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	12 Hope Resales 4PM-7PM	13 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	14 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
15 <b>Sunday School</b> @ 9:00am WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM <b>Hymn Sing Service</b>	16	17	18 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	19 Hope Resales 4PM-7PM	20 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	21 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
22 <b>Sunday School</b> @ 9:00am WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM	23	24 AD Council Meeting 20:30PM	25 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	26 Hope Resales 4PM-7PM	27 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	28 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
29 <b>Sunday School</b> @ 9:00am WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM	30	31 				





# Volunteers Needed

PLEASE HELP WITH THE CHRISTMAS STORE SET UP!!!!

November (12) & (13)

If you are free and want to get into the Christmas giving spirit contact the Church office, Laurie Bradley or Colleen Gooding

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# Hymn Sing

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2023