

# Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs **April 2024**

April 7	Sunday School	MAR		
-	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10am		
April 14	Sunday School	9AM		
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10am		
	Ministry Assessment Gathering	2PM		
April 21	Sunday School	9AM		
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary			
	Presentation of Gideons Ministr			
April 22 April 23	Hope Resales Meeting Ad Council Meeting	6PM 6PM		
April 28	Sunday School	<b>MAR</b>		
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM		





### Hope Resales Hours

Wednesday 10AM—1PM Thursday 5PM-8PM Friday & Saturday 10AM-1PM

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#### **Service Times**

Sunday School 9:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary & Online 10:00 am LyndonvilleUmc

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#### 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



Wednesday 10 Am to 1 PM Thursday 4 PM to 7 PM Friday 10 AM to 1 PM

RESALES <u>Saturday</u> 10 AM to 1 PM **‡**A Community Thrift Store.

\*Volunteers Always Welcome!!!\* Please Call the church office 585-765-93/3





POINTS OF LIGHT

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK April 21—27 WE APPRECIATE
AND CELEBRATE
EACH AND EVERY
ONE OF OUR
VOLUNTEERS



Jetter from the Pastor

• April 2024 •
Pastor Tim Schultz

On Sunday, February 25, my retirement from Lyndonville United Methodist Church was announced, effective June 30, 2024. I had an earlier season of retirement that was interrupted by the desire to return to ministry. So, this is a return to retirement, but not necessarily time for reclining in a rocking chair and gazing into the sunset. It is retirement part-two.

This has been a unique experience for both you and me! My church background is not United Methodist; our family attended Baptist, Mennonite, and Assembly of God churches. The one connection with the UMC—a significant one—was my parent's encounter with a large dynamic Methodist church in Tampa, Florida, which led them into a new dimension of Spirit-filled faith. We lived on "the Ridge" at the time—only about fifteen minutes from Lyndonville—and my parents, my sister and I were growing in our walk with the Lord. Ministry was just beginning for me, even at Royalton-Hartland school, where I graduated from. Now as I look back, I realize how quickly life seems to have gone by so far. Some of you can relate to that feeling.

Each church I have served has been unique. My first church was a small inner-city group that met in a storefront in a lively Buffalo neighborhood, then we moved to a more poor and dangerous section for several years. Much of my career was spent in the Mennonite church (modern), where the values of simplicity, peace, and service challenged me to be a more authentic believer. Church of the Brethren and American Baptist USA churches followed, and then more recently I have been part of the UMC. Being a pastor has been a privilege, although there was some stumbling, periodic frustrations, and seasons of loneliness along the way. All in all, it has been good.

Thank-you for welcoming me here! You have blessed me with your encouragement, your faithfulness in service, and acceptance of a Baptist/Mennonite as your pastor. Those of you of a certain age know about arriving at the place in life where you realize that you have only so many years left. So, I desire to enjoy a bit more carefree routine, possibly return to my roots in the city, and discover connections with people in church and community.

May we all move forward in these last few months with hope in our steps. Let us trust God and remain faithful. Perhaps God wants to do a "new thing" here in our midst.

Again, thank-you, and God bless you in the months and years ahead!

# Ministry Assessment Gathering Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m.

As a part of the process of finding a new minister ...

Upon meeting with the DS to begin the discussion around finding a new pastor the SPRC asked for help. In response to asking for help we will be working with a team from the district to conduct a ministry assessment.

What is a ministry assessment or a ministry audit?

It is simply an evaluation process intended to identify our strengths and weaknesses, our challenges and our unique opportunities and potential as a congregation.

The process takes a few weeks and is carried out over a series of 4 church gatherings. The first of these gatherings will be held on Sunday April 14 at 2:00 pm here at the church.

We will meet with members of the district ministry audit team and begin the assessment process.

*Everyone* is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. *Everyone* is essential to the process.

No one or two of us possess all of the gifts and graces LUMC needs to do and be all that we hope to be.

But together, together, we are fully equipped to be the church that God is calling us to be in our community. Because the God that calls and sends... also sustains.

If you cannot be there or connect with us remotely and have some thoughts regarding the direction and or ministries of our church please email them to Anne Hyndman at noahzarf@gmail.com

Again, and I cannot stress this enough, no one is inconsequential to the process, it will take each and every one of us!

Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. Please participate!





# Grace Upon Grace

Seems lately that the Grace of God weighs on my mind a bit. Not a heavy weight by any means.... More like continuous awe and gratitude that no matter how far I stray

or how much I mess up... God offers Grace and draws me back to Himself. Let me re-phrase that... no matter how far we stray or how much we mess up God offers Grace and draws us back to Himself.

Many of you may not know.. I am a closet poet.. except for the Christmas Eve poem I put on Facebook each year most of what I write is not shared. I have one though that I am sharing here... and it's possible I've already shared it once before... I don't remember. I wrote this at a time when I was overwhelmed with gratitude as God poured Grace upon Grace upon me even though I was not in a place to fully appreciate it.

Here we are having just celebrated Easter – the culmination of Immanuel, God with us...

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only *Son* from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> John testified about Him and called out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who is coming after me has proved to be <sup>[a]</sup>my superior, because He existed before me.'" <sup>16</sup> For of His fullness <sup>[t]</sup>we have all received, and <sup>[s]</sup>grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth <sup>[t]</sup>were realized through Jesus Christ. "

This section from John 1 reminds us that God's redemptive Grace is offered to us because of and by the way of the life and death of Jesus Christ. It's not just a one-time offer but is available to us all day every day. Grace upon Grace, upon Grace, upon Grace, upon Grace... poured out in extra measure for each of us as we have need.

Hallelujah!

Anne

#### April words:

**Spring**: Scripture **Hosea 6:3** Quote: "Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be." —Unknown

**Growth**: Scripture Colossians 2:7 Quote: "If we're growing, we're always going to be out of our comfort zone." John Maxwell

**Plant**: Scripture 2Corinthians 9:6 Quote: "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." Robert Louis Stevenson

Release: Scripture Deuteronomy 15:1-2 Quote: "Bitterness imprisons life; love releases it." Harry Emerson Fosdick

#### If I Fall Away

Sometimes life gets crazy
Beyond all rhyme or reason
The path seems somewhat hazy
I drift 'tween changing seasons
Sometimes I get lazy
Half-heartedly to seek
The way you've set before me
My prayers grow far too weak

But if I tend to stray And my feet begin roam You whisper while I play And softly call me home

At times my heart grows weary
The way seems oft too harsh
I struggle with the dreary
And dwell 'tween light and dark
Moments of disillusion
Leave me lost and wondering why
Bound up in my confusion
Left all alone to cry

But if I lose my way

And my heart begins to roam

You calmly speak my name

And gently draw me home

At times I become indignant
In my lack of understanding
An attitude malignant
Gives voice to my demanding
Sometimes while I smolder
And anger rules the day
I stumble into emptiness
And long to run away

Yet if I turn away
From all I think I know
You remind me was is true
And guide me safely home



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"He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." (Hosea 6:3)



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