

# Hello MAY

*Lyndonville United Methodist News*



## Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs May 2024

|        |   |      |
|--------|---|------|
| May 5  | Sunday School                                     | 9AM  |
|        | Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary             | 10AM |
|        | <i>Guest Preacher: Larry Malakie</i>              |      |
| May 12 | 🌸 <b>Happy Mothers Day</b> 🌸                      |      |
|        | Sunday School                                     | 9AM  |
|        | Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary (Communion) | 10AM |
| May 19 | Sunday School                                     | 9AM  |
|        | Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary             | 10AM |
| May 20 | Hope Resale Meeting                               | 6PM  |
| May 26 | Sunday School                                     | 9AM  |
|        | Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary             | 10AM |
| May 27 | <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>                               |      |
| May 28 | Ad Council Meeting                                | 6PM  |

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**Service Times**  
 Sunday School 9:00am  
 Worship in the Sanctuary &  
 Online 10:00 am  
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**Hope Resales Hours**  
 Wednesday 10AM-1PM  
 Thursday 5PM-8PM  
 Friday & Saturday 10AM-1PM



**1** Rebecca Botsford & Elijah Kingdollar **6** Matt Barry & Marge Houseman **9** Adam Gawne, Mike Wells & Alexa Miles **10** Brian Gawne **12** Genevieve Breed & Dan Barry **15** Robert Barry **16** Rachelle Goldsmith **18** Wanda Oakes **20** Cheryl Cleveland & Steve Wadford **22** Grace Kenyon & Emily Quintern Blahar **26** Dan Miles & Chris Urbanik **27** Gary House **28** Cathie Barry & Rick Miles **29** Greg Stanton



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*"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  
 Thursday 4 PM to 7 PM  
 Friday 10 AM to 1 PM  
 Saturday 10 AM to 1 PM  
 RESALES  
 \* A Community Thrift Store.

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



**Coffee House Night!!**



*Letter from the Pastor*  
• *May 2024* •  
*Pastor Tim Schultz*

***Churches I Have Known***

Soon I won't be a pastor anymore. Oh, there will likely be some preaching opportunities in retirement and the occasional pastoral duty, but the day-to-day call and privilege of leading others towards spiritual growth and being part of significant moments in people's lives-- such as marriages, illness, and death--will come to a close. Naturally this is a time of reflection.

Like many of you, I grew up in the church. Or I should say, "churches." Our family attended several churches over the years, and it is with fondness that I remember those spiritual homes. The Baptist churches really emphasized the need for a personal relationship with Christ, and the Bible was central in the preaching and teaching. It was important to have a "born-again" experience in order to know one was going to Heaven after death, or upon the Lord's return. And sharing our faith was important too, as the consequences of not being "saved" were most critical, and we didn't want others to perish.

The Mennonite church we attended between Baptist churches was so significant to me that I later spent much of my career serving Mennonite churches as a pastor. In those years, the Mennonites valued spending time with one another without TV, phones, or sports activities as distractions. Just going to someone's house for a meal after church and spending a few hours there in the afternoon was normal in those early years. Mennonites also put a great emphasis on living in peace and reconciliation with others (not always successful).

When I was in high school, we attended a Pentecostal church in Lockport, NY. Worship was a major theme of those years. And there were "altar calls," in which those in attendance would feel compelled to go to the front of the sanctuary as music played and "wait on the Lord." In New York City I was privileged to be a student intern at a church that had a dynamic and visionary pastor. That year had a huge impact on my life and ministry direction. Years of ministry in inner-city Buffalo involve so many stories, that I suppose I could write a book about that very special era.

Now as I look to the future, I desire to continue to be part of the church of Jesus Christ. I'm not much interested in denominational concerns, rules and regulations, or politics. I want to be a faithful attendee (most likely of an urban church), a support to the pastor, and be in a place where my faith can grow in a deeper way. This faith-journey never ends, does it?

Well, this is a short essay about my church experiences. To look back on life and not think about the churches along the way is unthinkable to me. I hope you too have had a spiritual and emotional connection to church in your life. May this next season of life be a time for making memories that have both earthly and heavenly rewards.



## A Few Random Thoughts on Discipleship...

The stated mission of The United Methodist Church is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Just exactly how we set out to do that results in vast and varied plans, programs, processes, procedures, and perspectives... every church is supposed to have a discipleship plan.

I've spent most of my work life as a Quality Assurance Manager and I can tell you unequivocally that you can have the most comprehensive, best practice, clearly documented programs and procedures but if you don't engage your people, if the people don't invest in it, believe in it, and care about it.... production of a quality product will be difficult, sporadic, and lackluster, at best.

Here's the thing about discipleship - the call is simple - Go and make disciples...

**Go** and make disciples - What does go mean? It might mean physically relocating. It might simply mean be willing to be moved out of your comfort zone, minimally it means “do something.”

**Make** - this is a little misleading - we don't actually make disciples... having a relationship with God does that... we encourage that relationship by telling folks about Jesus and what Jesus has done in our lives. By sharing our stories with vulnerability and authenticity. The truth is, we are often working out our own discipleship when we tell others about Jesus. God is very economical - there is never just one blessing bestowed when we are faithful to God's leading.

What if genuine discipleship is less about having a clear and concise written plan and following structure and more like messy, imperfect people living life authentically, following wherever, whenever God leads them sharing the hope they have in Jesus in messy, imperfect ways?

Desire - many of us have had the feeling, maybe a poke, maybe an instinct, maybe a 2 x 4 up the side of our heads .... That God is calling us to something new, something a bit different, maybe something that feels uncomfortable...

How many of us answer God's call like Isaiah?

Here I am; send me... Isaiah 6

How many of us answer more like Moses?

Here I am; send someone else... Exodus 4

Encourage - We can tell people about Jesus. We can quote scripture, we can offer platitudes, canned answers, etc... but that's not really encouraging is it. It's more like informing and a little too impersonal, I think. I think we encourage when we come along side people in their walk with Jesus, supporting, sharing, investing in each other... yes, it is reciprocal.

A disciple understands that God's call in our lives is a continuous process of becoming...

As we perceive God's call, if we will pray about it and continue to seek God's guidance regarding it God will create with in us a desire for it... It is by this reality that we go from a feeling of dread, indecision, discomfort and just plain you gotta be kidding me... to getting excited about it and looking forward to this new adventure in Christ. This is how God works out His will in us... He plants the idea... the Holy Spirit moves us to pray about it and as we pray we make friends with the idea... it becomes less scary or challenging to us. A disciple responds in faith.

- Anne Hyndman

### May Words

**Go** - Isaiah 43:18, Quote: *“Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.”* Martin Luther

**Plant** - Isaiah 43:19 (ERV): *“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”* Robert Louis Stevenson

**Hope** - Isaiah 40:31, Quote *“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”* Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Rest** - Matthew 11:28-30, Quote *“Rest and be thankful.”* William Wordsworth



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|--|---------------|--|---------------|
| Lyndonville Food Pantry                | <b>\$3200</b> | Lyndonville July 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Fire Works Display     | <b>\$300</b>  |
| Albion Kiononia Kitchen                | <b>\$600</b>  | Lyndonville School Distr.<br>(School Supplies)             | <b>\$500</b>  |
| Orleans Off. of the Aging              | <b>\$100</b>  | Lockport Cares Homeless<br>Shelter                         | <b>\$1200</b> |
| Genesee/Orleans Ministry<br>of Concern | <b>\$100</b>  | Nat'l. Child Safety Council<br>(Sheriff Dept. Educ. Prog.) | <b>\$160</b>  |
| Mercy Flight                           | <b>\$400</b>  | Heifer International                                       | <b>\$500</b>  |
| Turkey Earthquake Relief               | <b>\$100</b>  | Tunnel to Towers<br>(9/11 First Responders)                | <b>\$200</b>  |
| Knights/Kaderli Cancer<br>Support      | <b>\$100</b>  | Angel Tree Gifts   | <b>\$1077</b> |
| Methodist Camp<br>Scholarship          | <b>\$250</b>  |  |               |
| Lyndonville Fire Co.                   | <b>\$377</b>  |  |               |



Her children arise  
and call her blessed;  
her husband also,  
and he praises her.

*Proverbs 31:28*

# May 2024

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                          | Thursday                          | Friday  | Saturday                           |
|--|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <p><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b><br/>HONORING ALL WHO SERVED</p>   |  |                                | 1<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM  | 2<br><br>HOPE RESALES<br>5PM-8PM  | 3<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM                           | 4<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM  |
| 5<br><br>Sunday School<br>@ 9:00am<br>WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM<br>Guest Preacher:<br>Larry Malakie | 6  | 7                              | 8<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM  | 9<br><br>HOPE RESALES<br>5PM-8PM  | 10<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM                          | 11<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM |
| 12<br>Sunday School<br>@ 9:00am<br>WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM<br><br>Communion Sunday                | 13   | 14                             | 15<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM | 16<br><br>HOPE RESALES<br>5PM-8PM | 17<br><br>Food Truck<br>8AM<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM | 18<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM |
| 19<br><br>Sunday School<br>@ 9:00am<br>WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM                                    | 20<br><br>Hope Resales<br>Meeting @6PM           | 21                             | 22<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM | 23<br><br>HOPE RESALES<br>5PM-8PM | 24<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM                          | 25<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM |
| 26<br><br>Sunday School<br>@ 9:00am<br>WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM                                    | 27<br><br><br>MEMORIAL DAY<br>REMEMBER AND HONOR | 28<br><br>Ad Council<br>6:00PM | 29<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM | 30<br><br>HOPE RESALES<br>5PM-8PM | 31<br><br>Hope Resales<br>10AM-1PM                          |                                    |

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