



Lyndonville United Methodist News

Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs

Jan 5	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11AM
	Youth Epiphany Presentation during worship	
	Advent Study w/ Pastor Pam	2:00 PM
Jan 12	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
	Advent Study w/ Pastor Pam	6:30 PM
Jan 13	Hope Resales Meeting	6:00 PM
Jan 19	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
Jan 21	Ad Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Jan 26	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM

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Administrative Assistant Office Hours

Tues & Thurs

8am to 12pm

Service Times

Worship in the Sanctuary & Online
11:00 am

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Hope Resales Winter Hours

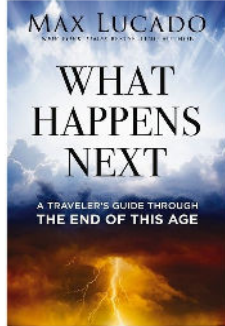
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

10:00 am—1:00 pm

Closed Thursday

What's happening in Adult Sunday School?

On January 5 we will begin a study using Max Lucado's book What Happens Next— A Traveler's Guide Through the End of this Age



Contact the church office if you would like to participate 585-765-9313 or lyndonvilleumc@gmail.com

The Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:45 am in the church library.



A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,
Whether I leave behind
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,
I pause to *give thanks*.
Thank you for being with me
every day of every year.
Thank you for making all things *new*
and for giving me the grace of
fresh starts
and *new beginnings*.
Remind me of your presence in the days to
come,
even when I feel pushed and rushed by
busyness.
Be glorified in my life this year.

Amen

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January Birthdays!

6 Lee Boyce Sr.
8 Andy Boyce
9 Laura Campbell,
11 Penny Barry
13 Don Goldsmith,
15 Leah Kenyon
18 Wayne Barry Jr. & Ella Trupo
21 Kenneth Urbanik
26 Peter Miles
27 Alexander Barry
31 James Olinger



We continue to list birthdays but I'm pretty sure we haven't updated our list in a very long time. Please, if you know of any additions or subtractions send a note to the church office or place it in the secretary's mail box.

Thanks very much!

Youth Sunday School

Join us during worship on
January 5, at 11:00 am for an
Epiphany experience
unlike any other.
Come celebrate
and laugh with us!





Letter from the Pastor
Pastor Pam Klotzbach

January 2025

Wow!

We made it through Christmas! It was made tougher for me as the Geothermal guys spent two weeks installing the new system in our house (the gas well is petering out). Over the course of a couple of weeks my house has been invaded and furniture has been shifted and I can't find a thing!

I am pretty sure it wasn't God's intent to make the birth of his son so hectic. In fact, the simplicity of the event proves his wish for a low key birth followed by the angels/shepherds/Wise Ones celebration. The quiet, simplistic and rustic birthing speaks to me of the peace that Mary and Joseph accepted as the peace of the day. No hospitals, no labor rooms, no sterile clad attendants scurrying about. Just the quiet munching and snorting and stomping of the animals around them, forced to eat their meal off the ground. Nothing like Christmas these days...full of hustle and bustle, wrapping paper and tape, cookies baking and colored lights. Children crying and long lines and wobbly shopping carts and chintzy paper bags.

I wonder how long Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus stayed in that stable. Where is the rest of the story? We jump from Wise Guys (or could they have been women?) to slaughtered babies and flights to Egypt (I wonder which airline was available on such short notice?). Somehow, the Bible writers didn't tell us enough, what about the rest of the story? O, but they did!

Would we have read all the way through those first years? Kids will be kids so I am sure we would have heard many episodes of family get-togethers and naughty children. Who was Jesus' best friend as he grew to maturity. It is thought that his ministry didn't begin until around age 30. I think that was because he took care of his mother since it appears that Joseph was gone early in the story.

I think the writers of the Gospels shared only what they saw as important enough to share with us, each from their own perspective. The ordinary, which certainly came through the early years of Jesus' life, might have made us miss the points that were obvious in Jesus' later ministry.

Shifting topic. Unbelievable, Monday is Wesley and my 35th wedding anniversary. I guess you could say we've been a good match. (Of course, I am a tax bride!)

Thanks to all who were able to be at our 11pm Christmas Eve service. It holds a special place in my heart.

Blessings!

Pastor Pam

Disciple Profile: Phillip – The Bean Counter

One of 4 Phillips in the Bible and often confused with Phillip the evangelist. Phillip the disciple is mentioned only a few time in the NT but we can learn from him.

We can read the call of Phillip in John’s gospel, chap 1, vs 43. Two simple words...”Follow me.” A fisherman from Bethsaida, (as were Peter and Andrew) MacArthur calls Phillip “the Bean Counter”, Saying he was an administrative type, an organized by-the-book type of person. Maybe the quality control manager of the 12.

MacArthur also says that Phillip has a seeking heart. In John 1:44-45 we read that Jesus found Phillip and in turn Phillip finds Nathaniel, proclaiming to him “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law.” The finding is reciprocal. As far as Phillip was concerned he had sought and found the Messiah.

One of the essentials of leadership is a sense of vision. MacArthur suggests that Phillip was materialistic and pragmatic often focusing more on the mundane details of a situation than the possibilities and opportunities of faith. In John chapter 6 at the feeding of the 5000 Jesus asks Phillip “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” Phillip is counting the cost rather than counting on Jesus.

In John 14:7&8 we find Phillip expressing his lack of understanding when Jesus tells them if you know me you know the Father and Phillip’s response is to ask Jesus to show them the Father. To which Jesus replies “Don’t you know me Phillip, even after I have been among you such a long time?”

Phillip was a man of great hope but also was slow to comprehend, slow to trust and slow to see beyond the immediate. Yet, Jesus saw him as exactly what he was looking for and molded him into a disciple who was instrumental in the life of the early church. Phillip was martyred, put to death by stoning but before his death multitudes came to Christ through his teaching.

Expand your learning!

After reading the profile – dig deeper into the Bible use a concordance, find the verses that reveal the personality and activities of each disciple.



2024 proved to be Hope Resales’ most successful year to date! Income hit a new high enabling us to reach a new high for donations!

Year-end numbers are not official yet but below is a list of all of the donations made during 2024.

To all who volunteered, to all who donated, to all who shopped our stores you have blessed us immensely with your generosity!

We are certainly blessed to be a blessing!

Angel Tree Gifts	\$596.04
Beds/Bedding for local family in need	\$354.00
Children's Christmas gifts	\$153.19
Camp Scholarship	\$200.00
Donation for Fireworks	\$200.00
Eight Days of Hope	\$200.00
Genesee Orleans Ministry of Concern	\$200.00
Go Barn! (Go Art! Cultural Center)	\$200.00
Heifer International (chicks and bees)	\$200.00
Lockport Cares Homeless Shelter	\$2,400.00
LCS Backpacks & School Supplies	\$250.00
LCS Music Boosters	\$300.00
LCS Teacher's Baskets	\$46.77
LYFE Food Pantry	\$1,800.00
Lyndonville Fire Department	\$200.00
Mercy Flight	\$200.00
Orleans Koinonia Kitchen	\$1,200.00
Pastor Russell Peters Medical Expenses	\$300.00
PAWS	\$100.00
Sleep in Heavenly Peace	\$204.56
Local Family in need	\$100.00
UMCOR US Disaster Relief	\$400.00
Whispering River Rescue	\$100.00
Yates Community Library 5K Fundraiser	\$200.00
2024 Total	\$10,104.56





Extraordinarily Ordinary

Every year I ponder the looming new year and how the changing of one single day on the calendar offers us the opportunity to resolve to make changes. There's something about turning over a new year that provides us with the space to believe that changes are possible and ought to be made or to want to become better versions of ourselves. Whatever that is... however we define it.

I don't make New Year's resolutions..., haven't for a really long time. Pretty simple... Didn't keep 'em, don't make 'em anymore. If a better version of myself is required shouldn't I try to find that person as soon as I realize it and not wait for some quasi moment when time seems to reset? It's not that I'm opposed to improving... I do wonder though what standard we're assessing ourselves by or who we're allowing to determine our criteria.

Recently I stumbled across the book *Twelve Ordinary Men* written by John MacArthur. In it, he offers a series of character studies on the 12 disciples. In its introduction MacArthur states that the disciples "were perfectly ordinary men in every way. Not one of them was renowned for scholarship or great erudition. They had no track record as orators or theologians." "They were not outstanding because of any natural talents or intellectual abilities. On the contrary, they were all too prone to mistakes, misstatements, wrong attitudes, lapses of faith, and bitter failure." "They spanned the political spectrum." In other words, they were they very definition of ordinary. MacArthur also said that "They are just like us, and they are like other people we know. They are approachable. They are real and living characters we can identify with. Their faults and foibles, as well as their triumphs and endearing features, are chronicled in some of the most fascinating accounts of the bible."

These were the men that Jesus hand picked and called into extraordinary service. Jesus knew them as their creator which means that He knew all of their faults long before, and still He chose them. The role of apostle was one of leadership and authority for teaching in the early church. The same is true of us today. Just as was true with the original 12, we are, in and of ourselves insufficient for the task Jesus calls us to. But because Jesus calls us and encourages and equips us... we are uniquely qualified through Christ. Jesus still calls ordinary people (us) to extraordinary things.

Beginning with this newsletter and throughout 2025 I will offer a profile of each disciple, drawing largely from MacArthur's book. It is my hope that we will discover that these common men with an uncommon calling are no different than we are. When Jesus called these men, they responded. They didn't need to know all the details before committing. They didn't dip their toe in to test the waters... they left everything and followed.

What if in 2025 we let Jesus determine our criteria for becoming a new or better version of ourselves? What if we resolve to heed Jesus' simple call ... "Come as you are!"

Happy New Year!

Anne



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Word Search



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HAPPY
New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...

