

JULY

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Lyndonville United Methodist News

Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs

July 3	Office is Closed
July 6	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary 11 AM
July 11	Rebecca Elsmore Memorial Service Internment at the Cemetery 10:15 am Service at LUMC 11:00 am
July 13	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary 11 AM Special Charge Conference after worship
July 14	Hope Resales Meeting 6 PM
July 22	Ad Council Meeting 6 PM
July 20	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary 11 AM
July 27	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary 11 AM

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Tues & Thurs

8am to 12pm

Service Times

Worship in the Sanctuary & Online
11:00 am

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Faith makes
things
possible,
not easy!





One Matters Award

Every year, Discipleship Ministries partners with Annual Conferences (AC) by offering the One Matters Award (OMA) to one eligible congregation at each Annual Conference.

The award, consisting of a commemorative plaque and a check for \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars), is delivered to the congregation during the annual conference session.

OMA has a strong focus on making disciples because, by integrating into the church body, the individual may experience the personal transformation to potentially engage in the church's mission for the transformation of the world. While most Discipleship Ministries Programs focus on existing members, OMA focus on new members. After all, ONE Matters.

This year the One Matters Award was given to Lyndonville United Methodist Church. Shown below receiving it are Cathie Barry and Scott Coleman.



As we go forward let us remember, especially if and when we are over whelmed by the demands of ministry and life that One Matters. One thing, one person, one step, one action, one prayer. One thing can change everything.



The Giving Table

Some years ago When Pastor Olga was here Alexis fixed up a picnic table and painted it turquoise. If memory serves (and I may not remember exactly right), Olga had read or was familiar with a book titled The Turquoise Table: Finding Community and Connection in Your Own Front Yard.

Thus, the table and benches were placed out near the sidewalk and occupied by various individuals for few hours a day a couple of days a week. The hope was that we could make new connections simply by sitting in "our" front yard and engaging people. Certainly some connection was made with folks in our community but ultimately the idea fizzled out whether as the air grew cooler or the idea of having time to stop and chat is a bit of a lost art as we navigate our busy lives.

As the turquoise table and benches sat in the front yard of the church they eventually found new uses. Parents would sit on the benches in the shade of the tress as they waited for their kids to get out of school. Or, kids would sit there and talk to their friends before heading for home after school.

At some point the table was moved to the back yard of the parsonage (probably for winter.) I believe Tim brought it back over and placed it along the side of the north parking lot where again it was used for waiting, chatting, gathering, etc.

I don't remember when it began but the people began putting things on the table that were free to the community. Items left from the pop-up food pantry, free items from Hope Resales and most gloriously – people began sharing their extra produce with the community.

Maybe to lesson here for us is to understand that our gifts and purposes evolve as we walk God's path for us. What we were 5 years ago has helped to prepare us for who and what we are today.

The table is old and worn out and we are looking to replace it. The new table may not be turquoise but it will certainly hold all of the generous offerings that people put on it to share with their brothers and sisters in the community.

Not long ago someone on FB referred to the table as the "Giving Table" and so it has become. It's a pretty cool story, one that blesses us and blesses the community. Many thanks to all who fill the table with such generous love!



Pastor Pam Klotzbach

July 2025

Greetings Lyndonville UMC Friends,

It is with deep sadness that I reflect on the overnight bombing of Iran's nuclear facilities. Don't get me wrong, I do believe it was a necessary maneuver. What really bothers me is that we hardly blinked. Our military personnel put themselves in harm's way to protect people from the offensive evil of an identified source. Yet, at the same time, innocent (or ignorant) people likely paid with their lives. But, what troubles me most is that it is all so Biblical. The only difference is the size and stealth of the weapons.

We, of course, have been in similar states of threat. (Remember the twin towers in New York City?) We are so outraged and frightened when such attacks sneak through our door. We quickly dig for our Bibles, "Where is it? Where is it? We scramble our way through book after book until the lightbulb comes on and we say "O Yeah, I need to look in Revelation." And we pour over details and cryptic messages to calculate what the end will look like for us. But, we stop reading too soon.

Although, the number of admitting Christians in this country has stopped decreasing, research still shows that young people are less likely to commit to 'religion.' I am praying it is just a trend, a sign of independence.

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Heavenly Father, guide those in conflict toward peaceful solutions. Soften hardened hearts and open ears to listen with empathy. Help all parties seek understanding rather than victory, compromise rather than stubbornness. Replace anger with compassion, hatred with love. Bring reconciliation where there is bitterness and restore relationships that have been broken. May Your Spirit of peace descend on negotiations and discussions worldwide. Teach us to be patient and gentle peacemakers, following the example of Your Son.

Amen.



INDEPENDENCE *Day*

A Meditation

What does God require of a nation?

Deuteronomy 10:12 –13, 17–21

Micah 6:8

What is the proper use of freedom?

Galatians 5:13 –26

What is true freedom?

John 8:31-36

A prayer for justice and righteousness

A Hymn

This Is My Song pg 437 in our hymnals

This is my song, Oh God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine. This
is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my sacred
shrine. But other hearts in other lands are
beating, With hopes and dreams as true and
high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine. Oh
hear my song, oh God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-
doms, Thy Kingdom come; on earth thy will be
done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve
him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O
hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee. Let thy will be done.



= SCHOLARSHIP =

2025 Daniel Irwin Scholarship

Evee Heinsler has been awarded the 2025 Daniel Irwin Memorial Scholarship.

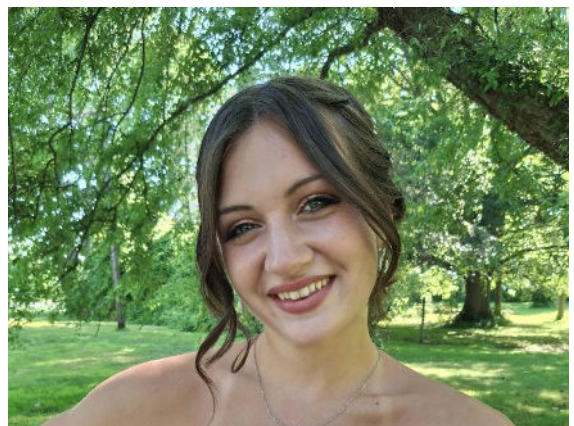
The Daniel Irwin Memorial Scholarship annually awards \$2,000 to a student who demonstrates a commitment to character, scholarship, and service.

Evee graduated ranked number four in the Class of 2025. She will be joining the Light of the World Ballet School/Company.

The organization's mission is to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ in an unconventional way as the art of dance moves through barriers to minister the love and power of the Holy Spirit.

Congratulations Evee!

We hold you in our prayers in your ministry and future endeavors!



Disciple Profile: Andrew—The Apostle of Small Things

Adapted from Twelve Ordinary Men—John D MacArthur

Peter's brother Andrew is one of the least known for the four disciples considered the "lead" disciples. Although very much a leader, he remained mostly in the background. Andrew was the first of all disciples to be called and he had a particularly close relationship with Jesus because he was so often the means by which other people were personally introduced to Jesus. His eagerness to follow Christ combined with his zeal for introducing others to Him, fairly typifies Andrew's character.

Almost everything scripture tells us about Andrew shows that he had the right heart for effective ministry in the background. He did not seek to be the center of attention. He was not envious of those in the limelight. He did what he could with the gifts and the calling God gave him. He seemed to be the least contentious and most thoughtful of the disciples.

Peter and Andrew, though brothers, had totally different leadership styles. Each was perfectly suited to their calling. Andrew could be considered the model for church leaders. Many called to ministry will labor in relative obscurity like Andrew as opposed to being renowned and prominent like Peter. When dealing with people Andrew fully appreciated the value of a single soul. Almost every time we see him in the gospels he is bringing someone to Jesus. Andrew was not hesitant when someone wanted to meet Jesus, he knew that Jesus would want to meet anyone that wanted to meet Him.

Some people see the big picture more clearly because they appreciate the value of small things. This can be seen in the feeding of the 5000. Jesus says "give them something to eat" the other disciples look around adding up their money and resources... but Andrew spoke up pointing out that there was a boy with 5 barley loaves and two small fish... you know the rest of the story. Andrew found one small food source, told Jesus about it and let Jesus do the rest. What an amazing example for us today!

Expand your learning!

After reading the profile – dig deeper into the Bible find the verses that reveal the personalities and the activities of each disciple.



The 4th Of July (Feeling the 4th of July)

As the fireworks
Burst around in
Circles and all the
Different designs, the
Evening gets longer. So cheers
For all the
Good times we've
Had.
I wouldn't trade them for anything. It's
Just so bitter sweet.
Kids having the time of their lives,
Lost in time.
Memories in the making.
Noises of the summer.
Overwhelming excitement in the air.
Patriotism, the red, white, and blue.
Quick little moments fly by.
Relatives and friends having a blast.
Smells of good ole homemade cooking. Just some
Toasting and traditions along the way.
Unbelievable love and sacrifice.
Visioning every night like this one.
Water balloons flying in the air.
eXpectations of the night, blown away.
Yelling and singing every word to every song.
Zoned in on honor and enjoying life on the 4th of July.

Jackly Wingfield. "The 4th Of July." Family Friend Poems, July 2, 2015. <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/the-4th-of-july>

July Birthdays!

3 Louann Manning

16 Robin Boyle

26 Scott Goetze



Everything is Figureoutable



A couple of weeks ago, while visiting my sister in Reno, I was wandering through a souvenir store. I saw a sign that read “Everything is Figureoutable!” I laughed, and then I pondered on it for a while because I was pretty certain I didn’t believe it. Apparently I’ve thought about it enough that it’s about to become my newsletter article.

What is it about humans that drives us to figure things out? Why do we think we need to know... everything? AI would tell you that our need to understand and “figure things” stems from a combination of factors; including our God given curiosity, a desire for control and security, and the need for validation and belonging. Sadly too often our quest for knowing ends at the point at which we’re satisfied that we know enough or that we come to conclusions that agree with our sensibilities.

When we’re young we are taught the basics about things and then encouraged to use what we’re taught to reason out how to navigate our world. As we grow the teaching lessons often take a back seat but the expectations of understanding rise. We are expected to know things, not the least of which is , what to say and how to behave. Maybe we spend a lot of time thinking about the right response to a given situation... maybe we think too much, afraid of doing or saying the wrong thing. Maybe we don’t spend enough time contemplating what we actually know versus what we only think we know. I don’t know.

Similarly, our need to know affects our walk with Jesus. We feel a call to something as yet not fully defined... we’re not sure so rather than put our best foot forward and wander further along the path with Jesus to see what develops, we stop and wait until we think we can see enough of the journey to be comfortable with it. The problem with that is we can never fully know and understand the path Jesus wants to walk with us, even if it looks predictable. But that’s OK, we are called to walk in faith, not certainty. Nowhere in scripture are we told that we can know all there is to know.... about anything. In fact, in 1Corinthians 13 Paul tells us that we see through a glass darkly, which means not fully or clearly. What then do we do with our need to know the scoop before we act? Before we trust?

Borrowing from the Disciple Profile in this newsletter: Maybe we can learn something from Andrew about our “need” to know before we act. In John’s gospel, Jesus asks his disciples where they could buy enough bread to feed the mass of people (5000) coming toward them. Philip starts counting their money and finds them lacking sufficient funds. Andrew though, notices a boy with five small loaves and two small fish. He tells Jesus about them wondering how far the meager rations will go in feeding the crowd. We know what happens next, Jesus takes the loaves and fishes, gives thanks for them, and passes them out. Everyone ate, and there was even some leftover.

What we learn from Andrew is to not rule anything out, precisely because we don’t know... so many things, not the least of which is God’s good and perfect Will. Not everything is figureoutable, it isn’t meant to be, but Jesus is redoubtable, accountable, capable and trustable. Living out our calling with Jesus is an adventure that defies logic. The more we try to know it, understand it, or figure it out the further we stray from trusting that because of Jesus, we are able to do what needs to be done, to experience the all things work together for good promise of following Christ. While we contemplate it, count the cost, or wait for the full plan to unfold... or even while we ask God to give us a sign that the inkling we’re feeling is legit.... All that’s needed to see the glory of God is to simply offer what we have when we’re asked to put it to use. And trust me... there will be leftovers.

Faithfully,
Anne



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	3 Office Closed Hope Resales 5-8 PM	4  Hope Resales Closed	5 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
6 Worship at 11	7	8	9 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	10 Hope Resales 5-8 PM	11 Elsmore Memorial 11am Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	12 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
13 Worship at 11 AM Charge Conference after worship	14 Hope Resales 6pm	15	16 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	17 Hope Resales 5-8 PM	18 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	19 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
20 Worship at 11	21	22 Ad Council 6pm	23 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	24 Hope Resales 5-8 PM	25 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	26 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
27 Worship at 11	28	29	30	31		

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