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**Open Minds,  
Open Hearts,  
Open Doors.**

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## Torch Update...

by Barbara Gregorek

**It has been a while since you have received The Torch**, some may have noticed, other's not.

The Torch is a product of the work of volunteers. People who donate their time and efforts to get it together, collect, edit and typeset the articles and get the product to the printers where it is printed and folded and then picked up and labeled and stamped and mailed or hand delivered. It is a labor of many, but many hands make light work. While each small part may seem insignificant, if everyone does not do their part it becomes impossible for the whole thing to be completed.

So I am asking for a few good people to take the time to do a small part in making sure that the RLUMC Torch remains a vital part of our church ministry. Please take the time to submit an article, a poem, a thought, a prayer. Some point of inspiration or information that you would like to share with the members of our church community. All articles and submissions need to be

sent to Subject Line: Torch Articles/Info You can email them to us directly at [RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com](mailto:RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com) between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of the month (to allow time for editing and typesetting). Please feel free to include pictures, original artwork, and announcements of upcoming events in your life and in our community. We will consider and attempt to include as much as possible.

We are working on adjusting our space and columns to include information that is relevant and topical. If you have suggestions of what you would like to see printed or what information you do or would find useful, please include those comments as well, we are open to all ideas and suggestions.

Everyone doesn't have to submit something every month, maybe we will do to a bi-monthly or quarterly printing, but we would like to hear from you what you would like. Thank you in advance for your help in this endeavor.

## United Methodist Women (UMW)

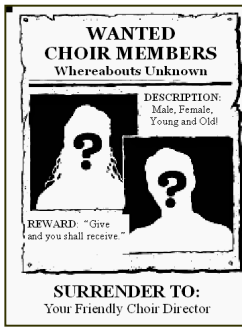
by Carol Millington

HUGE THANK YOU to all who contributed to make our Fall Bazaar success. We made a Grand Total of \$2101.25. Monies will help support our mission work for the Guardian House, Cheryl's Lodge, Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County and Volunteers in Mission.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> our trustees will be sponsoring an Election Day Turkey Dinner; UMW Ladies will be supporting

them in this endeavor. If you'd like to help, please let them know. Monies from this event will help with the upkeep of your church.

All ladies of our church have been invited by the ladies of All Saints Church in Round Lake to a Harvest Time Tea November 15 2-3:30pm. Please let me know if you'd like to attend-Carol 899-2418. We know it'll be a fun time! (Cont on next page)...



*We are the Round Lake  
United Methodist  
Church...  
Opening doors,  
Opening hearts,  
Opening minds!*



## Coffee Hour

Each Sunday after service we meet in the Tobin Room for a Coffee Hour and Fellowship.

If you would like or are able to host this time or help set up or clean up after please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Thank You!

## UMW (Con't from pg 1)....

We will again be filling Christmas Stockings for the children of Cheryl's Lodge. Your contributions can be brought to church between November 16 and December 7. Individually wrapped snack foods, stickers, juice boxes, and any other items that you might put in a stocking would be great to contribute. Also, if you'd rather give money, we can buy fresh fruit to go in them. If you have questions, please call Kathy 664-5057. Our next UMW meeting will be Nov 17.

Carol Fairbanks will be sharing devotions. Kathleen Samaniuk-Hayes from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York in Latham, NY will be giving us an informative program on this wonderful organization. You don't want to miss this program! Tamara Russell will provide delicious refreshments. We'd love to see you there!

UMW has many events planned throughout the year, please come share fellowship with us.

## Trustees Report...

by Jean Halme

It is so nice to have Pastor Penny and Roy now living in the parsonage. While Pastor Penny was at seminary, Dave Meurs installed a new high efficiency gas boiler and water heater. Trustees are confident that this expenditure will save us on heating costs in the near future. Our Election Day Dinner was a great success. Thank you all for your

attendance and assistance on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Currently, Trustees are working on their projected budget figures for next year. This will enable the Finance committee to complete the 2015 budget in time for Annual Conference in November. The next Trustee meeting will be held on December 3rd at 7pm. Please consider joining us.

## My Witness...

by Phyllis Sommerman

Martin Copenhaver, pastor of Wellesley UCC, in Wellesley, MA writes..."In our already overcrowded lives, another space is being taken away. When I was learning to type, I was taught that you should have two spaces after a period before starting a new sentence. Now we are told, by no less an arbiter than The Chicago Manual of Style, that one space is the norm. The primary reason they cite for preferring a single space is "efficiency". Of course, it all comes down to efficiency, as so much seems to these days. They conclude that typing two spaces "is inefficient, requiring an extra keystroke for every sentence."

An extra keystroke? Well, that is simply too much to ask, don't you think? I think we need to be fighting for more space, not less. Space gives us breathing room; space allows for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

J.R.R. Tolkien told the story of correcting student essays, when he came upon a blank page among the papers. He stared at it for a moment and then wrote upon it, "In a

hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit." It just came to him like a revelation. And that's how he started his book, The Hobbit, the novel that leads into The Lord of the Rings trilogy. For that inspiration, he needed that blank page, just a little space. The Holy Spirit can work with that."

This quote makes me think of a recitation that I heard of Leonard Cohen's that speaks of letting the light into that space, that crack.

"Ring the bells that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in."

I enjoy writing devotions for others to read, and when I cannot seem to express what I am feeling, there is a crack in me ... and in steps the Holy Spirit to inspire.

The Light gets in! We all have cracks, and God stands ready for us to let the Light in.

Create your space, your prayer station, with an open mind, and the Holy Spirit will be there!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9am Worship 10am Coffee Ho	Dec 1 1pm Stone Soup	2 11am Bible Stud 7pm Finance Comn 8pm AA	3 7pm Trustee's Mee	4 7pm Choir Pract	5	6
7 9am Worship 10am Coffee Ho	8 1pm Stone Soup 7pm Administrative	9 11am Bible Stud 8pm AA	10	11 7pm Choir Pract	12	13 11:30am Soup & Sa
14 9am Worship 10am Coffee Ho	15 1pm Stone Soup 6:30pm UMW	16 11am Bible Stud 8pm AA	17	18 7pm Choir Pract	19	20 <b>Torch Deadline</b>
21 9am Worship 10am Coffee Ho	22 1pm Stone Soup	23 11am Bible Stud 8pm AA	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> 7pm Choir Pract	26	27
28 9am Worship 10am Coffee Ho	29 1pm Stone Soup	30 11am Bible Stud 8pm AA	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>	Jan 1 <b>New Year's Day</b> 7pm Choir Pract	2	3

Want more details? Check out the interactive version @ [RoundLakeUMC.weebly.com](http://RoundLakeUMC.weebly.com). Want to add your event, birthday, anniversary, etc.? Email it to [RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com](mailto:RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com) Attn: Calendar Event!

## Counters, Readers and Ushers... by Jean Halme

December 7<sup>th</sup> ~

Usher(s):  
Greeter(s):  
Counter(s):  
Reader(s):



December 14<sup>th</sup> ~

Usher(s):  
Greeter(s):  
Counter(s):  
Reader(s):

December 21<sup>st</sup> ~

Usher(s):  
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December 28<sup>th</sup> ~

Usher(s):  
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**Interested in volunteering to be a Usher, Counter or Reader? Sign up on the bulletin board after church, see Jean Halme or send an email to:**

**[RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com](mailto:RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com) with Attn: Counters/Ushers/Readers in the subject line.**



### Our Church Wish List.....

At Administrative Council the idea of having a "wish list" posted in the church was brought up. We will post items here for people to see if they can help out...

*"We have one at Malta and one time I asked for a flat screen TV for movie night and wouldn't you know, a man in the church who repairs televisions had a perfectly good one for us and just gave it to the church. You never know until you ask."  
Pastor Penny*

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## Upcoming Scriptures for Worship

by UMC GBOD



**Sunday, November 30, 2014 ~UM Student Day ~**  
Isa 64:1- 9; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19  
(UMH 801); 1 Cor 1:3- 9; Mk 13:24-37

**Sunday, December 7, 2014 ~Holy Communion ~**  
Isa 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-2, 8-13 (UMH 806); 2  
Pet 3:8-15a; Mk 1:1-8

**Sunday, December 14, 2014 ~**  
Isa 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps 126 (UMH 847); 1 Thess

5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Sunday, December 21, 2014 ~**  
2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Lk 1:47-55 (UMH 199);  
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26- 38

**Sunday, December 28, 2014 ~**  
Is 61:10-62:3; Ps 148  
(UMH 861); Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:22-40

## Mission Offerings....

November 30 –  
United Methodist Student Day  
December 1 – World AIDS Day



by Katie Madigan

If you noticed The Torch was missing in July and August we were a bit short on volunteers to submit articles. Please consider sending in articles for inclusion in future issues via email to [RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com](mailto:RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com)  
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## S/PPR Committee Update

by Tamara Russell

The S/PPR Committee has met several times in September and October as this is a busy time for us. We met with Malta Ridge to set the pastor's compensation for 2015. We also approved raises for the rest of our staff. We completed the Covenant, a form completed by the committee and the pastor, required by conference to be submitted by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. We will meet in November to update our Church Profile,

another form required by conference by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

The S/PPR Committee invites the congregation to give us any feedback – suggestions for changes or things that you love and don't want us messing with! The current committee is John Halme, Nancy LaPine, Linda Brown, Norma Davies, Dave Meurs, Eugene LaDue, and Tamara Russell.



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