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## Pastoral Ponderings

By: Penny Lacey – Pastor

As we wind down another year of the church and begin to look to the next year, a favorite Scripture verse of mine seems very appropriate.

*“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ALWAYS offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you ALL-Philippians 1:3-4*

Every day I witness members going the extra mile, working together to keep Round Lake UMC a vibrant presence of Jesus Christ in the community of Round Lake. There is nothing more important that we can do! From watering flowers, overseeing finances, printing bulletins, cleaning, painting, greeting, ushering, prayer chains, fund raising, worship planning, music, Bible study, missions, visiting shut-ins, and/or faithfully attending worship each week, no act of service is too small, everything we do makes a difference. Jesus calls us to be the difference the world needs.

The foundation of our church community relies on the Word of God. This foundation remains sound through worship, prayer, and maintaining the integrity of the business of the church. Committees such as the SPRC, Finance, Trustees, Administrative Council, and Nominations help to keep everything in check and I hope I speak for everyone in THANKING all of you who volunteer to sit on each of these teams. Without your prayerful dedication and commitment, we would not be able to do all that we do.

I invite everyone to consider what you, as a servant of the Lord, will do to grow the spiritual heart of the church. WE NEED EVERYONE, no idea; no prompting of the Holy Spirit is too small. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to breathe new life into all that we do. Here are a few examples of what is new in RLUMC:

- A support group for caregivers will meet monthly at RLUMC. If you are interested, contact Jill Tuck or me.
- New missions involve collecting used and new pet items and old towels and rags for the Saratoga Humane Society. Please drop them off at the church or the parsonage.
- New fundraisers to help the church budget such as the Vendor/Craft Fair and A Night of Song came from people who had an idea.
- A 20-minute mid-week worship/Communion service is in the planning stages.
- A Bible study of the Book of Jonah on Tuesday evenings is available through the month of October.
- We have begun to offer Sunday school through the efforts of volunteers.

*There is no limit to what God can do through us. What is on your wish list for the church and how can you make it happen?*



Peace, Pastor Penny

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## Upcoming Scriptures for Worship

By: UMC – GBOD

**October 4** - Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Ps 26 or Ps 25 (UMH 756); Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mk 10:2-16

**October 11** - Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps 22:1-15 (UMH 752); Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

**October 18** - Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826); Heb 5:1-10; Mk 10:35-45

**October 25** - Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps 34:1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769); Heb 7:23-28; Mk 10:46-52

## Administrative Council

By: **Joyce Meurs – Chair**

Our Monday night Council Meeting was a huge success. We had 14 people at our meeting giving their input on important issues.

Our Finance Committee reported that our Organ Fund is growing and we need just a little more to be able to do the first phase of repair. There are four phases to bring the Organ to a state of total repair/restoration.

Larry Brehmer and Phyllis Sommerman have volunteered their services to work on asking for grants to replace the protective coverings of our 121 years old Church stained glass windows. The new coverings will preserve the beauty of our windows. They currently are working on a list of foundations who recognize the importance of saving a historic building. If you know of any other foundations that would consider this project a worthy cause, please let Phyllis and Larry know, so that can prepare a written proposal.

The Nominations Committee will be meeting soon. They are looking to fill the following positions: Finance Treasurer, Trustees, Children’s Sunday School Coordinator and/or Volunteers for teaching a Sunday School class (signup sheet is in the Tobin Room), Public Relations Coordinator. Ruth Milczarek has volunteered to take over the position as Administrative Council Secretary. Thank you Ruth. Please consider being a part of our Church Team. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Penny at 844-5385 or [pbrink@nycapp.rr.com](mailto:pbrink@nycapp.rr.com).

Safe Sanctuary is a program to protect children and adults from harm. There is a District Training available at Malta Ridge on November 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 12:30 for this program. Please let Rev. Penny know if you are interested or if you have any questions about the program and what it entails.

Please contact me ([858-8466/jmeurs1@outlook.com](mailto:858-8466/jmeurs1@outlook.com)) with any concerns or issues you would like to have addressed at our Council Meetings. Come to our next Council Meeting scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>.

## United Methodist Women

By: Carol Millington – Chair

“...he (Jesus) went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women...Mary called Magdalene from whom

seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources."

(Luke8:1-3)

Providing for others is what United Methodist Women do. Please consider joining us in mission to care for our friends and neighbors. Our next UMW meeting will be October 19, 7:00pm. Nancy LaPine will be sharing an inspiring program and Carol Fairbanks will be providing delicious refreshments.

October 17 at 9am will be our UMW district meeting at Saranac Lake UMC. The program will be "Act of Repentance, Understanding Our Native Americans". It's a wonderful time for fellowship with our neighborhood churches.

Birthday Celebrations continue for the children of Cheryl's Lodge. Our next one will be Nov 17 with Ruth and Joyce delivering. The children so look forward to this party with goodie bags and cupcakes.

Please keep in mind our Christmas Mission Project will be collecting hats, scarfs, mittens and stocking stuffers for the 40 children of Cheryl's Lodge. So when you're out shopping, please put and a little extra in your cart. It will be greatly appreciated.

If you'd like more info on or want to be a part of any of the wonderful things that UMW is doing please call Carol 899-2418. Thanks for your continued support!

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## Trustees Report

By: Jean Halme – Recording Secretary/Trustee

Trustees continue to look after the physical well being of our church and parsonage. Currently many of the projects that were targeted in 2104 have been completed.

The Organ Repair fund is doing well and we are confident that our goal will be met prior to the 2016 deadline. In the meantime, the organ is repaired as needed to ensure it can be played.

Another long term commitment that Trustees have undertaken is the replacement of the window coverings on the exterior windows of our church. Phyllis Sommerman and Larry Brehmer have taken on the task of writing grants to help fund this project. There will be information shared with the congregation as it becomes available.

The Election Day Dinner will not be held this year. It is felt that this event is too much to ask of our members. We will take a look at other options later in the year when we are not so busy with other church functions.

Our committee will be looking for new members come 2016. If you feel that you would like to be a part of this group, please contact Rev. Penny or write your name on the Trustee Nomination list located on the bulletin board.

The next Trustee meeting will be Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

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## Safe Sanctuary Training

By: Pastor Penny – Pastor

The District has graciously provided a Safe Sanctuary training on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-12:30 at Malta Ridge UMC. Because district trainers will be leading this event along with local trainers, I highly recommend this particular training.

Congregations from around the district will also be attending, which will provide a great opportunity to share ideas and have your questions answered. This training is necessary for members who work with children or vulnerable adults within the church. If you are interested, please email me (Pastor Penny) or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Tobin Room at the church.

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## Sunday School

By: Phyllis Sommerman – Member

Another exciting thing is happening at Round Lake **Sunday School!!** Cool! As I am typing this, like magic, "Jesus Loves Me" started playing in the background. Only God knows how that happens!!! And perhaps some very wise people at Windows 8. But I think it was God! I'm smiling!

Sunday School is about 20 minutes in length. It begins as Pastor Penny begins her message. Allow about 5 minutes for a lesson, the rest is your opportunity to witness through your love. Coloring pages, stories, suggested activities will be available in a notebook in the church office.

You may bring your own ideas and plans as well. Sign up! See us grow with God!! Speak to Pastor Penny or sign up in the Tobin Room

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## Caregiver Support Group

By: Jill Tuck – Member

This past Wednesday night, September 23<sup>rd</sup> we had the first meeting of our Caregiver Support Group. This group will be meeting once or twice a month in the Tobin Room. Meetings will be announced. Contact Pastor Penny if you would like more details.

## Counters, Readers & Ushers

By: Jean Halme & Mina Cranston– Co-ordinators


October				
Date:	4	11	18	25
Ushers	Doug Madigan	John Halme	Bob Washburn	Dave Meurs
Greeters	Dan McDermid	Carol & Carl	Steve Mitchell	Helen DeVoe
Counters	Terry Reynolds	Walt Agnew	Bob Washburn	Nancy LaPine
Readers	Jean Halme	Shelda Roerig	Jean Halme	

## Combined Service RL & MR

By: Pastor Penny – Pastor RLUMC & MRUMC

**Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>** we will be participating in a combined worship service at Round Lake UMC. The service begins at 9 am and will be followed with a potluck brunch in the fellowship hall. This coming Spring, we will have another combined worship at Malta Ridge UMC date. The choirs from both churches will be joining together to provide us with their gift of music. This was a decision made by the SPRC members from both churches and is a beautiful example of the connection between the two congregations and their support of each other. Please consider bringing a dish to pass if you are able and joining us for worship!

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH



### Just for KIDS


### Bugs in the Bible

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs! Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.


*Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse. Circle them in the puzzle below.*

Proverbs 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus 16:20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Psalms 78:45 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Sam. 24:14 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matt. 23:24 \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 50:9 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Judges 14:8 \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 59:5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acts 12:23 \_\_\_\_\_ Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deuteronomy 7:20 \_\_\_\_\_

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A	N	T	A	L	L	C	H	P	E	O
G	R	A	S	S	H	O	P	P	E	R
G	F	C	R	I	C	K	E	T	S	N
O	L	S	P	I	D	E	R	S	B	E
T	E	C	L	O	C	U	S	T	D	T
S	A	E	F	K	A	T	Y	D	I	D
G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S



Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

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