



# HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!!

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## FIRST SATURDAY WORSHIP CONTINUES

Join us on **February 6**, 5:30 pm as we sing a new song to God. Sunday morning worship is the heart of our life together, but worship is not restricted to one form or one time. During these Saturday evening services we will worship God with prayer and scripture and communion...and with contemporary music, videos, and dramas. Sometimes lively, sometimes reflective, this worship is not a replacement for Sunday morning, but will offer new avenues for experiencing God.

## MENS' BREAKFAST

All men from the church are invited to enjoy our fellowship of food, camaraderie, and friendly conversation at the Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8 am, Saturday, **February 13th**, at the Castlewood Cafe, 1707 Burrstone Road in New Hartford. Please let Ian Millen know by February 12 if you will be there. Contact him at home in the evening or by email. Thanks!

## PATHFINDERS YOUTH GROUP

If you are in grades 5 - 12, join us on **February 14** (noon-1:30) as we celebrate a few of the *126 February holidays*. Bring \$1 for lunch and get ready to party!

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE LUNCH

Join us on Tuesday, **February 16** at noon to celebrate God's goodness. We will enjoy pancakes and sausage and have some fun as we prepare ourselves for Lent. You can be finished in time to get back to work by 1:00, or stay and enjoy time with your church friends as long as you wish. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

## ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

On Wednesday, **February 17** at 7:00 pm, we will begin our Lenten journey as we reflect on the love of God and what it means to follow Jesus at a special Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes, prayer, and communion.

## DAY WITH JANET

All children and youth (1st-6th grades) are invited to join Janet on Thursday, **February 18** (10:00-1:30) as we Journey With Jesus. Through games and crafts and some surprises, we'll explore what it means to follow Jesus. Please bring \$1 per child for lunch and supplies—friends are welcome, just let us know they are coming.

## FANTASTIC FEBRUARY

On Sunday, **February 21**, immediately following worship we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a pot-luck lunch. More details will follow, but mark your calendar now and be ready for some fun.

## FAITH FORUM

Join us on Sunday, **February 28** at 5:00 for a discussion of the lessons and learnings from the movie *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. If you like the story of Harry Potter, come and be ready to share some of your insights. If you have never read the books or seen the movies, come to discover the way they can offer understanding to our faith journey. Copies of the film will be available on the cart in Fellowship Hall if you would like to see the movie before the discussion. A light supper will be served—sign up in Fellowship Hall. If you would like child care for this event, please contact the church office.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND FELLOWSHIP

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

February 7 Mark 1:14-20  
14 Luke 9:28-36  
21 Luke 4:1-13  
28 Luke 13:31-35

## PREPARING FOR LENT

The parlor will be available for personal prayer on the Thursdays of Lent (beginning on **February 18**) from 9:00-4:00. There will be guided suggestions for your prayer as well as music, art, and other readings to stimulate your spiritual journey.

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent as we explore the Gospel of Luke and its understanding of Jesus. Beginning on **February 24** we meet from 7:15-8:30 for lecture and discussion. Everyone is welcome!!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

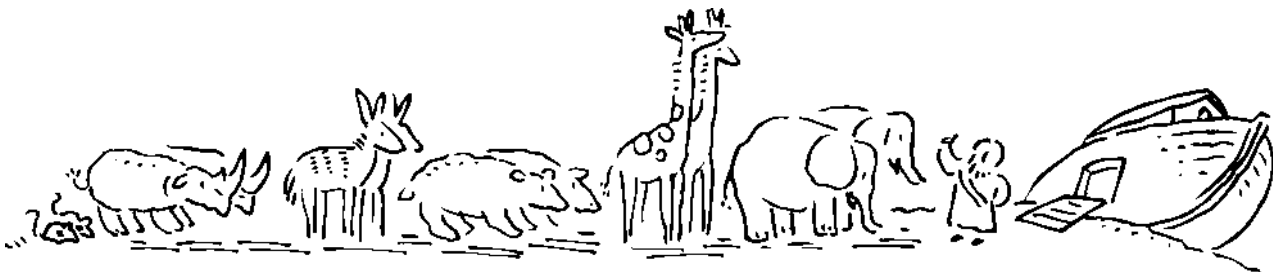
Sunday School classes for all ages (preschool/ kindergarten, 1st-5th, 6th-12th, adult) are offered at 9:30 each Sunday morning. We are never too young or too old to learn about God's love and our call to be disciples. Hope to see you at school in 2010.

## LENT RETREAT

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, **March 13** 10:00-2:00 for our annual Lenten Prayer Retreat. Look in the bulletins and the March newsletter for more details. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

## Just for Kids answer:

„I have loved you with an everlasting love.“



## SEEDS OF HOPE

Thank you to all who continue to give personal care items and to the whole congregation for the commitment you have shown to Seeds of Hope.

At its January meeting, the Steering Committee began discussing the possibility of starting food distribution one night a month during the season of daylight savings time. We are thinking of a Monday or a Thursday evening from 5-7 PM or 6-8 PM. As this is very much in the discussion stage, we'd like to know if there are any New Hartford congregation members or friends who would be interested in volunteering their time for this new effort. Volunteers would be needed to coordinate the evening hours and to guide clients through the food selection process. Our hope is to involve more members from our Partner Congregations who are not usually available during normal daytime open hours. If this is something that you would be interested in doing, please let Bill Pfeiffer know.

Seeds of Hope has received generous gifts during the holiday season. In addition to our financial commitment, NHPC members gave over 700 items to the Seeds of Hope Tree. Seeds of Hope also received very helpful donations from Hannaford Brothers, the Utica Road Runners Thanksgiving Day Run, Wilson Farms, and the Utica College holiday food drive.

### Thank you for your prayers Of Sympathy and Support

for Mary Ann Smith and her daughter Susan and their families on the death of Susan's husband on January 22nd.

Dear Church Friends,

Dorothy and I have received comfort from your prayers, cards and acts of kindness during my recent hospitalization. We are looking forward eagerly to NHPC.

Our heartfelt thanks,

Leonard and Dorothy Wynne

LET THE  
CHURCH  
SAY  
AMEN!



Blessed are  
those who  
hunger and  
thirst for  
righteousness,  
for they will  
be filled.

Matthew 5:6



## *February Birthdays*

- 1 Bill Pfeiffer
- 1 Jane Rappleyea
- 1 Robert Sosnowski
- 2 Howard Heffron
- 3 Ruth Nill
- 3 Eleanor Stitt
- 3 Victoria Jones
- 5 Rebecca Bashant
- 5 Elizabeth Zalewski
- 6 Hailey Mahardy
- 7 Ellen Cole
- 8 Tom Jones
- 9 Robert Carr
- 11 Hilda Hecox
- 12 Christopher Green
- 13 Isaiah Fancett
- 14 Howard (Skip)  
Mansur
- 15 Norma Schneider
- 15 Emilie Fancett
- 16 Barbara Canter
- 16 Nancy Rooney
- 16 Judy Bayliss
- 17 Hannah Mahardy
- 19 Barbara Bushinger
- 20 Robert Lewis
- 20 Eleanor Jenkins
- 22 Paul Keefe (Jr)
- 23 Matthew Zogby
- 25 Espen Taylor
- 26 Evelyn  
VanNederynen
- 27 Kristine Giotto
- 28 Yvonne Churchman
- 28 Janice Young
- 28 Michael Owens

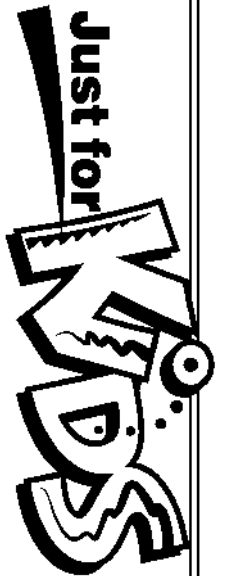
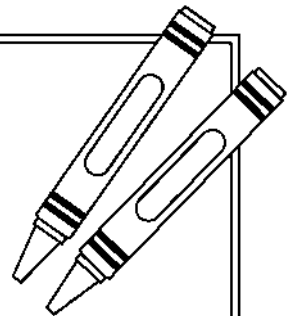
*Please call the church  
office if we've missed  
your birthday so we can  
update the list.*

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## A Special Message

During the month of February we focus on special feelings and people. We see hearts everywhere and send cards and greetings to friends and family. We need to do this every month!

Use the code to find a special message from God. It's good for any day — any month!

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(G E) (N L) (T S) (Y W)

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