

OCTOBER 2018



Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the **SUMC Charge Conference** taking place on **Thursday, November 29th at 7:00 pm** at the church.

District Superintendent Rev. Rich Weihing will preside. Refreshments will be served.

This is your opportunity as a church member to show your support and voice your opinion about the future direction of our church.

Sunday School

We are off to a busy start in Sunday School this year. The students updated their class bulletin boards to reflect our lesson series on Prayer and they look awesome! Stop by and see.

On September 30th, the students spent time assembling hurricane relief kits for those affected by Hurricane Florence. Answering Jesus' call to help one another.



Wesley's Wisdom

"Wesley emphasized the importance of experiencing God's accepting, justifying grace by faith. Justification by faith and new birth are inseparable. For purposes of analysis and discussion, however, Wesley thought the two could be distinguished. Justification, he held, is the work God does for us. The new birth (John 3:1-10; II Corinthians 5:17) is the work God does *in us*."

(John Wesley, *Holiness of Heart & Life*, page 33)

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

10/7 Dean Goodell
10/14 Sue Sykes
10/21 Steve Long
10/28 Holly Russo

Sound

Jim Coburn
Mark Cieslak
TBA
TBA

Ushers & Greeters

10/7 Carole Jacobson, Barb Hanley
10/14 Sally Dean, Holly Russo
10/21 Sue Sykes, Meg Sykes
10/28 Darlene St. Amour, Meredith Van Vorst

Counters

Tim Keegan, Dean Goodell

Social

10/7 Sue Sykes, Carole Jacobson
10/14 Kim Huhtala, Pat Knapp
10/21 Charlene Vice, Holly Russo
10/28 Connie Large, Jennifer Baron

SUMC IN MISSIONS

Regional Food Bank – Volunteers, please meet at the Food Bank at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 16th. If you need to carpool, contact Dick Knapp at 518-393-5737.

-Jill Dunster-Wesley (cell) 423-3546 (home) 372-4047 jldunster@hotmail.com

The Story Behind the Hymn

The hymn is **#586 Let My People Seek Their Freedom**. The lyrics are inspired by Deuteronomy 8: 14-18 and the tune is Ebenezer or in Hebrew it's Ton-y-Botel. The word EBENEZER comes from 1 Samuel 7:12. It's a Welsh hymn tune. It was brought to hymnals in 1890 in Llaw lyfr Moliant. This tune is also the melody of #108 in our hymnal and of several other hymns. It's in the track "Red Square" in the Call of Duty video game soundtrack.

The story is about Moses leading his people across the parted waters to freedom. The lyrics were by T. Herbert O'Driscoll in 1971 and the music by Thomas J. Williams in 1890. This hymn was copyrighted for our Methodist hymnal shortly after it was written.

Herbert O'Driscoll was born in Cork, Ireland in 1928. He was a pastor, a naval chaplain, a dean. He moved to Washington, DC in 1982 to become the warden of the College of Preachers at Washington Cathedral for one year before returning to Canada. Thomas J. Williams was born in 1869 in Glamorganshire, Wales and died in 1944 in Wales. He served as organist and choir director in two Zion churches from 1903 to 1944

Deuteronomy 8:14 starts "then do not exact yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness..." The first verse is very poetic and goes like this: "Let my people seek their freedom, In the wilderness awhile, From the slave pens of the Delta, From the ghettos on the Nile. So God spoke from out of Sinai, So God spoke and it was done, And a people crossed the waters, Toward the rising of the sun."

To further paraphrase the additional notes this hymn is a reminder that without God who tests you and supports you that we'd still be wandering around in the wilderness of our own making. – submitted by Holly Russo



Our second pie sale of the year is now going on. Pie orders and checks need to be in by Sunday October 14 with pick up on October 28.

All pies are \$15.00. Please fill out the form as our volunteers pass out the clipboard through church or take time to order during fellowship hour.



Calendar

10/1 Trustees Meeting 7 pm
10/7 World Communion Sunday
10/8 Women's Group 7 pm
10/16 Regional Food Bank 2:30 pm
10/27 Building Use SLP
10/28 Trunk or Treat
10/30 Admin. Council 7 pm

We celebrate the recent baptism of Adaline Marie Lelievre, daughter of Jennifer and Jeffrey Lelievre.

Interim



Minister

Pastor Carl plans to be in the church office on Tuesdays for about two hours each week between 11 am to 1 or 2 pm. Please call ahead of time to be sure of his schedule if you'd like to stop in and see him.

Phone: 518-322-1179 OR Email: umccarl@nycap.rr.com

Roast Beef Dinner – is scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd – don't miss it!

All Saints Day – Sunday, November 4th – To honor the memory of loved ones of church members & family who have died this past year of 2018. If you would like the name of your loved one read during this service, please email names to the office by October 28th.

Next Community Breakfast – Saturday, November 17th.

Church Treasurers Report
31-Aug-18

	Total thru <u>Aug-18</u>
Individual Contributions	\$70,839
	17,25
Building Use/Rent	8
	1,01
Fund Raising/Interest Income	2
	(11
Other Designated Giving	0)
Total Operating Receipts	<u>\$89,000</u>
Wages & other employment expenses	\$49,512
	5,80
Church Operations/Program	5
	9,65
Parsonage Expenses	4
	2,88
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	5
	9,84
Church Building-Utilities/Water	2
	5,87
Church Building-All Other	5
	1,87
Apportionments	8
	7
Benevolences	7
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$85,527</u>
	\$
Surplus	3,472

There is a surplus of \$3,472 as of 8/31/18.

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,
please contact Mary Connors at mecharbball@yahoo.com.

ERT class: November 10, 2018 - Calvary United Methodist Church, 15 Ridge Place, Latham, NY, 12110 - 8:30 AM – 5 PM

UMCOR's Early Response Teams (ERT) provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of disaster. The training equips you to help communities to clean up after a natural disaster - flood, tornado, hurricanes. Your ERT badge is issued by UMCOR after successful completion of the course and a background check to be initiated online during class (**please know your social security number.**) Badges are valid for 3 years. Individuals need not be United Methodist to take the training.

The Early Response Team course is facilitated by Carl Shepard, Albany District Disaster Response Coordinator and certified ERT trainer. He may be contacted at umccarl@nycap.rr.com.

Registration is online at <http://bit.ly/LathamERT> (Ctrl+click to access the form). **Registration deadline is Sunday, November 4.**

If you have not already paid, your check will be collected at registration.

- Cost for the class materials, badges, and background check is \$25 payable at the time of registration. Write check to "CSUMC" with "ERT" on memo line. Please be clear who the payment is for. Multiple payments in one check is OK.

Class participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. Refreshments will be offered at registration and breaks. Consider bringing a water bottle or travel mug.

Please dress comfortably, in layers. Prediction is for a cool day.

Bring a pen or pencil to take notes. Again, be sure you know your Social Security number - you will complete an online request for an UMCOR background check during the class.

Excited to have you join the wonderful people of ERT!

