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"Bearing Fruit for Jesus!"

This is the third week of our stewardship program **Bearing Fruit for Jesus!** Our theme is **"Fruitful Use of Money."** A personal relationship with Jesus impacts everything we do, including how we manage and give our money. With God's guidance, wisdom, and strength, we can bear fruit with our money. Abiding in Jesus enables us to bear fruit with all that God entrusts to us. Copies of this week's essay are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall, are mailed to our shut-ins and will be attached to the e-mailed messenger.

During the coming week we hope you will prayerfully consider what financial commitment God is calling you to make for 2027 in support of the ministries at Utica UMC. Please complete the commitment card you received in the mail a few weeks ago. Then, please bring it with you to service next week, November 1, to return it. Or, return it to the office at your convenience. Extra commitment cards are available at the church to pick up and fill out.

The service commitment sheet will be collected during service on Sunday, October 25th. Extra copies are available to fill out on Sunday morning, or you can still mail or return to the church office.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.
There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.
God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us."
I Corinthians 12:4-6 (NLT)

BELOW ARE THE WAYS I WILL OFFER MY TIME AND TALENTS TO HONOR GOD AT UTICA UMC
Please indicate ways you will continue serving and new ways you are interested in serving.

CONNECT	GROW	WORSHIP	SERVE
Events ☐ Blood Drives (e.g., serve snacks, help with check-in) ☐ Drug Take Back Day (e.g., be present to help police officers collect medications) ☐ Community events (e.g., Rummage Sale, Trunk or Treat) ☐ Church activities (e.g., meals, cook-offs) United Women in Faith (UWIF) ☐ Support UWIF mission projects ☐ Prepare and serve funeral meals ☐ Funeral hospitality (e.g., help set-up things before the service, show individuals where things are located) United Methodist Men (UMM) ☐ Support UMM projects	☐ Bible Study or Small Group – Lead ☐ Bible Study or Small Group – Participate ☐ Sunday School Teacher ☐ Toddler/Nursery Child Care Helper ☐ Celebrate Recovery (e.g., provide childcare, provide encouragement and prayer) ☐ Grief Share (e.g., Facilitator) ☐ STARS/XCEL (e.g., Kitchen, Transportation, Special Guest) ☐ Stephen Ministry ☐ Scouts (e.g., help with merit badges, church liaison) ☐ Committee member	☐ Hospitality Team ☐ Prayer Minister ☐ Usher ☐ Liturgist ☐ Serve Communion ☐ Sound & Video ☐ Live Stream support ☐ Chancel Choir ☐ Handbells ☐ Praise Band (Vocal/Instrumental) ☐ Coffee hour after 9:30 service (set-up, serve, clean-up) ☐ Prayer Bears (e.g., put tags on bears, ensure they are in pews) ☐ Put inserts in the Bulletins for 9:30 Service ☐ Refill things in Sanctuary pews (e.g., prayer request sheets, offering envelopes) and straighten	☐ MCREST ☐ Winter Shelter ☐ Oil Change Ministry (e.g., check-in guests, serve food, talk with people as they wait, move vehicles, purchase supplies) ☐ Mini Pantry (e.g., stock the pantry outside, keep the storeroom organized) ☐ TIM (e.g., participate in activities, donate items when requested) ☐ Adult Mission Trip ☐ Visit those who are shut-in or hospitalized ☐ Drive a shut-in to/from church ☐ Help with maintenance of the church (e.g., plumbing, electrical, auxiliary cleaning, gardening) ☐ Help with maintenance of the parsonage (e.g., yard work, repairs, updates) ☐ Assist with specific office needs/tasks

We are now Live!

Every Sunday, the 11am service will be shown live on our YouTube channel. Links are also available on Facebook and on the church website. Please click on the link or type in the following to view the live stream - https://www.youtube.com/@uticaumc5212/live.

The 9:00am service will continue to be recorded and will be posted the following week on Youtube.

***Please remember that if you watch the 9:00am service it is a week behind and the 11am service will be the current week.

Church Conference

Utica UMC's church conference will be on Wednesday, November 4th at 7pm via Zoom. Church conference paperwork will be available to pick on on Sunday, November 1st in the Narthex or at the church office starting November 2nd. Once we have the church conference zoom link, that will be shared in the messenger and emailed to the church. Everyone is welcome to attend the church conference.

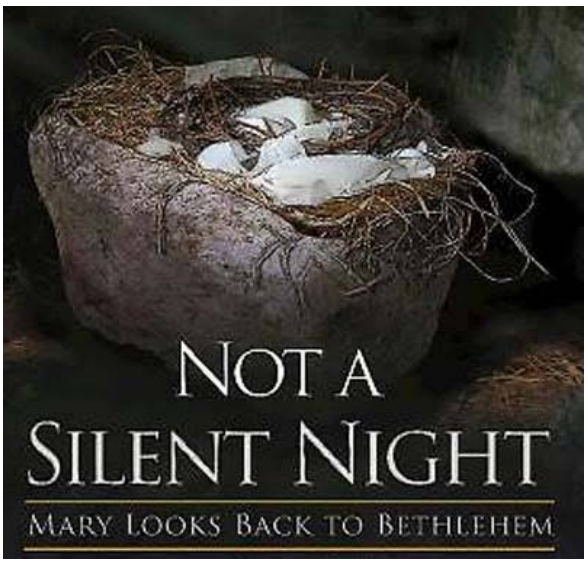
Please contact the church office if you have any questions regarding the church conference.

Advent Study

Imagine Jesus from Mary's point-of-view—proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. In this book, Adam Hamilton begins at the end, with Mary at the crucifixion and resurrection; travels back in time as she witnesses his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ child born in a stable, Mary's beautiful baby. This year, experience Advent and Christmas with Mary.

The five sessions are:
1. Beginning with the End
2. The Piercing of Mary's Soul
3. Amazed, Astounded, and Astonished
4. Mary, Full of Grace
5. It Was Not a Silent Night

You are invited to share this beautiful Advent Study by Adam Hamilton.
We will meet Tuesday's at 11:00 am in the Conference Room adjacent the Office.
November 17th, November 24th, December 1st, December 8th and December 15th.
The study book is available online. If you need assistance ordering or have any questions please contact Martha Powers @ 586-703-1668.



Mini Pantry Update

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

We build it and they come. We build it and they generously give. We build it and the need is met. How great is our God that every time we go to fill our Mini Food Pantry we have been blessed by the generosity of our neighbors and most importantly by this congregation. We will continue to focus on the special needs for Thanksgiving Dinner. We know we cannot offer a Turkey however providing the essentials is something we can easily accomplish.

Watch you store ads….sales are happening every week.

Cans of Green Beans and Corn
Gravy …jars, cans or packets
Potatoes…boxes or bags of potatoes
Cranberry Sauce or Whole Berries….cans only
Cornbread Muffin Mix…boxes only
Stuffing Mix…boxes or bags.
Pumpkin…cans only
In addition we would appreciate:
Cans of Tuna Fish
Chef Boyardee

With never ending gratitude,
Linda, Melanie, Cathie, Jim and Liza and Ron and Martha

Trunk or Treat

As I write this article we have not experienced this year's Trunk or Treat however as I listened to the news/weather this evening it is evident God is already smiling upon us with a "beautiful fall day forecast".

The success of this event in which we have the blessing to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors is not possible without YOU, our greatest supporters.

You have purchased candy, volunteered to serve, signed up to be part of Trunk or Treat Alley.
You have set up and cleaned up.
You have cooked and served with love and smiles on your face.
You have welcomed our guests.
You have shared your gifts and talents…all in the name of JESUS.

With deepest gratitude and thankful hearts,
Ron and Martha Powers

Interested in making cards?

Join Kathy Kamlay and friends for a cardmaking event on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m. No experience necessary. You'll go home with 5-6 greeting cards ready to send. Sign up (sheet in Narthex) by October 31 to reserve your spot. Questions? Talk to Kathy after service or call 586-979-7875.

Featured Library Books

This week, I could not choose just one book to put in the library so this is the group I have chosen.

Imperative People by Dr. Les Carter
If you identify with always being in control, this book might help you break the habit.
Call Number 310 in our church library

The Lost Ark of the Covenant by Tudor Parfitt
The Ark disappeared in 586BC. This is the story of just one of the many attempts to recover the Ark.
Call Number 270 in our church library

Come Before Winter by Charles R. Swindoll
If you are a lover of Charles Swindoll and devotions, you need to crack this book open.
Call Number 248 in our church library

Finding God's Peace in Perilous Times by Beth Moore and more
Finding God's peace in perilous times:;I ask you is that a lot like maneuvering down Hall Road. Not just one author but over 30 authors throw out their works in this devotional book.
Call Number 210 in our church library

Upcoming Dates for the Church
Please mark you calendars – more information will be available as we get closer to each event

Sunday, November 1st – All Saint's Sunday. Join us in remembering our loved ones this day.

Tuesday, November 3rd – Church office will be closed due to the election and our church as a polling location.

Thursday, November 26th – Thanksgiving! Church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27th.

Sunday, November 29th – Special giving Sunday – Student Day. First Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 5th – Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 13th – Handbell Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th – Christmas Cookie Walk

THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES:

9:30AM
with Organ, Choir and Handbells in the Sanctuary

11:00AM
with our Worship Band in Fellowship Hall

Online Worship
A recorded service will be available online on Facebook, our church website and on YouTube beginning at 9:00am each Sunday.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday
8:00am-2:00pm

Mini Pantry
Food and Monetary Donations are being accepted.
Suggested foods canned meat, pancake mixes and syrup, small peanut butter and jelly, boxes of crackers.

Keep Connected
If you are not signed up for our Weekly Messenger email, you can do so on our website by clicking on the "More" tab, then "Weekly Messenger; on that page you will find a place to register for our weekly email!

"Like" us on Facebook!

Our Mission
Inviting people to rely on Jesus to find unexpected purpose, peace and joy.

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Deadline Information

Announcement Loop/Vertical TVs—**End of day on Tuesday** each week
Messenger Articles and Prayer List by **Noon on Wednesday** each week.
Announcement made during service by 1pm Friday
E-mail rachelle@uticaumc.org or office@uticaumc.org

E-Giving

Going on vacation; can't make it to church?
How about using E-giving so you can still give your offering for those times when you can't be here **The E-giving tab is on our church website: www.uticaumc.org**
If you need assistance, call the church office.

Celebrate Recovery, Thursday, 6:30pm

Watch the 11am service Live on our YouTube Channel every Sunday morning

https://www.youtube.com/@uticaumc5212/live