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THE MESSENGER

SUMC NEWSLETTER

HOLIDAY-A-FAIR

The Church Holiday-A-Fair is only a month away! Be sure to put the dates on your calendar: Friday, November 20 from 5-8 pm and Saturday, November 21 from 10 am - 3 pm. The craft group has been busy all year making a wide variety of items that will be set up and sold in the lounge. There will be recycled treasures, including jewelry and toys - all for sale by donation to the Church. Be thinking of goodies to make and donate for our yummy bake table sale. The kitchen will be serving hotdogs and chili Friday night and our homemade vegetable beef soup on Saturday for our Luncheon. If you would like to pre-order a quart of our Vegetable soup for Saturday pickup only (after 11:00 am), you may do so by Texting or calling Lisa at 845-399-3044
You may also request a quart of chili. Please leave your name and how many Quarts you would like to order. We will have them ready for you. They will be $10.00. Remember: all proceeds from this event support our Church.

BIBLE STUDY

On Thursday mornings we are continuing our Bible study on Deborah from 10 - 11:30 in the lounge. Much of the story of Deborah is in the book of Judges. The study is called “Not One Moment Late,” and tells how Deborah saved her people at a time when women did not have a major role in public affairs. There is a video that goes along with the topic of the day. We always have a good discussion about the topics. The study is held in the lounge. All members of the church are welcomed to join the group.



ROAST BEEF DINNER

We may have a small congregation but when we all come together to put on an event we do BIG things. Thank you to everyone who helped with our dinner this fall. Each job, no matter how big or small, was the key to our success. We had a record breaking number of take out dinners with 65 dinners to our family and community. Our buffet line served roughly 75 diners. Our total profit was $2125. This is also a record breaking number. Thank you again. Looking forward to working together again in the Spring.
- The Kitchen Crew

“HEROES” BY PATRICK HAMMER, JR.

Are all our
heroes
on vacation?
Can we expect
them to come
soon again
riding on steeds
with lightning
bolts in both
hands? I speak
of the heroes of
love, joy, kindness,
and truth. What
I speak of must be
ourselves at last
rallying together.

CHURCH T-SHIRTS

A limited supply of church tee shirts are still available for $15 each. We can wear these shirts at our events so visitors know who the church members are. See Diane or Pastor Will if you are interested in a shirt. There is only a limited supply left, so act quick to secure yours today!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The next meeting of United Women in Faith is Tuesday, October 20, in the lounge, beginning with a meal at 5:30 and a program at 6:30. Women are invited to bring a dish for the meal at 5:30. The program is called “Grace, Not Punishment.” The session focuses on resisting our impulses to punishment and United Women in Faith’s campaign for eliminating the school-to prison pipeline. We will introduce the practice of breath prayer to connect with our bodies and emotional landscapes, identifying sources of resistance to justice and who we want to be.

SAUGERTIES COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Council of Churches recently elected new officers. Pastor Gene Knoth is still the president, Pastor Will Keck was elected as 1st vice president, Al Whittaker was elected as 2nd vice president, and Jason Adsit was elected treasurer. Phyllis Clark spoke for the Housing Action Committee. They are looking for affordable housing for the homeless in Saugerties. The Council is looking to hold an Advent Walk this year on December 13. The next meeting will be on Monday October 19 at 6:30 at our church.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Halloween is one of my favorite holidays. My grandparents own a farm off the Red River in Texas and we used to hold massive Halloween parties complete with a Haunted House and Graveyard Tour. I always loved to help out, and to scare people! My scaring days are now behind me, but I did learn one thing... People can do really dumb things when they get scared. When we face fear, our best defense is remaining calm and praying to our God for help and courage in whatever situation we face.

HYMN REQUESTS

Do you have a favorite that you haven’t sung in a while? Please let me know- there are so many! And only a few chances to sing together, once a week. Send me an email at clarkphyllise@gmail.com with your request. - Phyllis Clark

SAUGERTIES SINGS

Our community chorus, Saugerties Sings, meets on Tuesdays in the chapel of our church from 7-8:30 to practice and prepare music we present in different venues throughout the town. Talk to Phyllis Clark for more information.

RECRUITING: TUESDAY CREW

I think most of you are aware of our 'Tuesday Crew". We are the ones who try to keep up with the needs of the church - fix the microwave in the kitchen, clean up the extra stuff in the narthex, move furniture, clean the drains on the roof - that sort of thing - that we could pay someone to do, but which probably saves us quite a bit. We are always looking for new recruits - people who are available on Tuesday mornings (thus the name!) from 9 - 12. Not much skill is required. We would welcome anyone who can come most Tuesdays and help out. If you are interested and want to check it out, come on down to the workshop in the basement next Tuesday and join us!
- Nancy Forsythe

COOPERATIVE PARISH NEWS

Our Hudson Valley Cooperative Parish has a new logo! A web site is also being created.

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Have Something to add to next month’s Messenger? Send it to willrkeck@gmail.com with “Newsletter” in the subject line!