

The Messenger 3.0

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Welcome to the newsletter of the Saugerties United Methodist Church. I hope you'll find it informative and useful. If there are committee report, news articles, events, etc. please submit them to Al McDowell at almcdowell1@gmail.com no later than the first Friday of the month, and please put 4Messenger on the subject line. The newsletter will be delivered to your email shortly thereafter. Comments, questions and suggestions can be submitted to the same email address.

This is your newsletter – contribute! Many hands make great work!

“Contact me...”

A note from the Trustees Chair-

- Hi – I often have people say “oh, I didn’t know YOU were the person to talk to about that!”, so let me give you a quick overview of what you may want to talk to me about.**
- As the head of the trustees and part of the ‘Tuesday Morning Crew’ – if you see a problem around the church, such as a leaky pipe, or a broken chair or a burned out light bulb, let me know.**
 - If you need to get into the building for any reason, contact me.**
 - If you can think of something that would make the church more welcoming – see me (that’s partly how the narthex got spiffed up – and hopefully more welcoming).**
 - If you are interested in renting any of the rooms in the church for an event for a club or other group that you belong to – contact me (we give a discount to members!)**
 - If you have any old photos of the church that you would be willing to loan me so that I can put them on to the computer, see me!**
 - If you extra time on your hands and would like to do some filing, see me! We have been trying to get lots of old papers and such organized and filed in the library upstairs and I keep finding other things to do.**
 - If you would like to help pull weeds from around the church – please see me!**

- If you have any skills that you would be willing to use for the church, please let me know. We have a couple of talented people that I know about, but having more that would be able to help would mean that I don't have to over-burden them.

- Heck, if you would be willing to volunteer to count the offering from the church service see me and I'll connect you to the right person.

- If you would be interested in becoming a trustee and discussing the problems and solutions for the physical building, contact me.

Bottom line – see me and I will see if I can do something about it. Nancy Forsythe (845-246-5509), nforsythe@hvc.rr.com. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

SAUGERTIES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

(updated 05/09/23)

MAY

- United Women in Faith program 5/6 from 9-1 at Memorial UMC
- Garden Tea craft & plant sale 5/6 10-2 at Rondout Valley UMC
- Craft group 5/8 @ 2:00
- Mother's Day 5/14
- Bishop's visit to Catskill Hudson District 5/15 @7:00 at Overlook UMC, Woodstock
- United Women in Faith meeting 5/16 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Craft group 5/22 @ 2:00
- Church Council 5/23 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Last Sunday School until Fall 5/28

JUNE

- Yard Sale 6/2 and 6/3 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Craft group 6/5 @ 2:00
- Book Club 6/12 @2:00
- Car Show 6/17 at Rondout Valley UMC
- Party honoring Pastor Marva 6/17 @ 5:00
- Craft group 6/19 @ 2:00
- United Women in Faith picnic 6/20

Craft Group

Currently the craft group is meeting twice a month on Monday afternoon at 2:00. Here is the upcoming schedule: May 8 and May 22, and June 5 and 19. Other days may be added as the group decides.

You are welcome to drop in at a meeting - no long term commitment is needed. We usually have some group projects going, so you can join in on those or bring a project of your own and enjoy the socializing. All of our completed projects are for the Church Fair in November which is a big fundraiser for the Church.

Contact Diane McDowell or Cece Sciortino for more information.

Farewell

The Church will be honoring Pastor Marva Usher-Kerr at a farewell party on Saturday, June 17 at 5:00. We will be enjoying a covered dish dinner at that time. Please note that Pastor Marva is highly allergic to seafood, so kindly refrain from making any dish that contains seafood for this event. More details will follow!

CareBears

Have you noticed all of the teddy bears on the radiators at the periphery of the Church? They are part of our Teddy Bear Ministry. When someone is sick, in the hospital or in need, members are invited to take a bear to that person. There is a message attached to some of the bears stating that the bear has been in the sanctuary and heard the worship and prayers of our congregation. There is also a notebook to record where a bear went.

A volunteer is needed to check the bears and add a message to those without. Some of the bears may also be a little dusty

If you are interested in caring for the bears, see Diane McDowell.

Flowers

Fresh flowers are always a welcome addition to the altar area of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers in honor or memory of someone, or just have fresh flowers on the altar, there is a notebook in the lobby where you can sign up. You choose the \$ amount that you would like to spend. Be sure to mention it to Joan Robinson, our liaison with the florist, so we can make sure it is taken care of on the date that you choose.

Book Club

The Church book club will meet on Monday, June 12 at 2:00 in the Lounge. We will be discussing the book 'A Year of Biblical Womanhood' by Rachel Held Evans.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

United Women in Faith

We celebrated our Day-a-Part at the Shandaken United Methodist Church on May 7. We joined with women from the Catskill Hudson District to worship and to remember how our organization has helped women and children all over the world to improve their lives.

Our local unit will meet on Tuesday, May 15, at 5:30 in the lounge. We will start with a covered-dish supper. Our program will begin at 6:30. The program will focus on the role of mothers and we will look at some of those in the Bible. Please join us.

Adopt - A - Bill

Please Help Us Pay Our Central Hudson Bill

If you are able and would like to donate toward the Central Hudson account, please and thank you! You can put it in an envelope marked for Central Hudson and place it in the offering plate or the offering box in the back of the sanctuary. Please add memo to your checks- for electric bill, or for Central Hudson. Thank you!

Sunday School

The Sunday School is winding down. May 28th will be our last day. We will play a song for Pastor Marva that day. I hope you can attend and share our moment.

I think the children enjoyed the singing at the beginning of service. Although, we are still navigating different songs and formats I see a whole lot of benefit to doing this.

Teaching Sunday School is very rewarding. I encourage you to think about giving it a try. Next year I will have a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to be a spiritual mentor. Share with us your knowledge of bible stories by bringing it to life for the children at Sunday School.

Our flier shows different resources available to make class interesting. There are many.

Boys and Girls Club

We are continuing to provide meals to the Boys and Girls Club twice a month. If you are interested in participating, contact Marilyn Bucher at 845-246-1209 or cell #860-480-2743.

United Women in Faith

The next meeting of United Women in Faith is April 18. We will start with a covered dish supper at 5:30 and a program at 6:30. The program will be about "Peacemakers and Justice Seekers." All women are invited. We meet in the lounge