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THE MESSENGER

SUMC NEWSLETTER



SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

In conversation with some of our partners, who use our buildings, we have discovered an opportunity to better organize the Sunday Morning Schedule. To best facilitate this, we would have to move our typical 10:30 AM Sunday Worship time to 11:00 AM. This move would also free up Sunday evenings for further ministry oppertunities. Even though it's only 30 minutes, we understand that can be a big change. We would like to hear your thoughts and concerns. Please email or talk to Pastor Will!

HOLIDAY-A-FAIR

The Holiday A-Fair is coming right up on Friday, Nov. 20 from 5-8 pm and Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10 am - 2 pm. On Friday evening, the kitchen will be offering hot dogs, chili and salad. The menu for Saturday is homemade vegetable beef soup.

There will be lots of recycled treasures available including toys, books, jewelry, puzzles, CDs and DVDs, albums, Christmas items, household items, lamps, coffee makers and other appliances, tools, golf clubs, framed art work … and much more! All are available by donation to the Church. Handcrafted items, gourmet nuts, and homemade goodies are also available for sale. This is a great way to start the holiday season. Be sure to attend …and bring your friends!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

11/14 Hudson Valley Parish conference @ 1:30-4:30 pm at the Town of Esopus UMC in Port Ewen

11/15 Pro Musica @ 3 pm

11/20 Holiday A Fair @ 5-8 pm

11/21 Holiday A Fair @ 10 am-2 pm

11/24 Finance & Church Council meetings @ 6:30 & 7:00 pm

11/25 Thanksgiving Eve service at Centerville UMC @ 7 pm

11/28 Decorate Church @ 10 am

DECEMBER

12/5 Breakfast with Santa @ 9:30 am

12/8 United Women in Faith @ 5:30 pm

12/13 Saugerties Council of Churches Advent Walk

12/24 Christmas Eve worship at Saugerties UMC @ 7 pm

HOLIDAY-A-FAIR PREPARATIONS

Sunday, Nov. 15 after worship: set up 5 tables in the Lounge for crafts and jewelry.
Wednesday, Nov. 18 @ 5:30 pm: set up tables in the chapel and move items for recycled treasures from the classroom to the chapel. Lots of help is needed here!
Friday, Nov. 20 at 9:30 am: decorate and set up the Fellowship Hall for the cafe, and put tables up for the bake sale. Again, lots of help is needed!

During the week, you are welcome to help organize the recycled treasures (in the basement and in the chapel). Donations of chili, hotdogs and cans of soda are welcome before the Fair, as well as items for the bake table (which can be brought in on Friday morning).

Questions? Here are the people to ask!
Kitchen - Lisa K. and Karen B.
Recycled Treasures - Jan
Bake Table - Dolores, Phylis F., and Marilyn
Recycled Toys - Joan
Recycled Jewelry - Robin
Crafts - Michele, Aleda, Cece, Marcia, Diane, and Danni

Diane and Joan can answer general questions. See them if you want to know how you can help!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Saturday, December 5 at 9:30 am our Church will be hosting Breakfast with Santa. There will be a free breakfast buffet for families …. and of course Santa (aka Al) will be there to chat with all the children who come to see him, and give them a little gift. Pictures can also be taken with Santa. We also plan to have some Messy Church activities during the event. Be sure to put this on your calendar!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

We invite you to join us as we prepare and beautify our sanctuary! Whether you enjoy decorating or simply want to lend a helping hand, we would love to have you join us. Every helping hand makes a difference, and it's a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship while preparing our church for the season ahead. All are welcome! Thank you for sharing your time and talents to help make our sanctuary a beautiful and welcoming place for worship. We will meet on Saturday, November 28th at 10:00. Light refreshments will be served.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

This month, I hope and ask that you will continue to be in prayer for the church as we discern our Mission and Vision Statement. If you have not already filled out the Survey we sent out. Please do. If you require a paper copy, or need the link to the survey please email me at willrkeck@gmail.com. Thank you!

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. We are always looking for new recruits - people who are available on Tuesday mornings 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

UMW MEETING

The next meeting of United Women in Faith will be Tuesday, December 8, at 5:50 for a meal and 6:30 for a program. We will not meet in November. The program will be called "Following a Start" and we will bring the year to an end with a hopeful and open vision for our future. We hope all women of the church will join us.

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