



Ministry Matters

**Welcome to Ballston Spa United Methodist Church! We are glad you are here!
Please fill out a visitor card found in the pews if you are joining us for the first time. Hearing devices are available, speak to a sound assistant in the back of the church.**

February 23, 2020

Ash Wednesday Service

There will be an Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday at 7 pm in the Connections Café. Please join us to begin our Lenten journey.



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Ecumenical Lenten Luncheons

The Ecumenical Lenten Luncheons will begin on Wednesday, March 4th at noon and will be held at the Episcopal Church. Pastor Kelly will do devotions that first week and our church will provide the meal. See Helen Senecal if you can help. Any donations made are donated to the Ballston Area Clergy Association Community Assistance Fund. Please plan on joining us.

Sneak Peek: Youth News

Put on your calendar Friday, February 28th from 6 to 8:30 pm for our Pizza and a movie night. We'll watch "Angry Birds 2". Come for fun and bring a friend. Plan on joining us for the March 27th Youth Group meeting too! The theme will be "emojis".

Rummage Sale and Bake Sale

The church will offer a Winter Rummage Sale and Bake Sale, Saturday, March 7, 8 AM --3 PM, in the Fellowship Room. In preparation, we are asking for donations to be brought to the Fellowship Room starting Wednesday, March 4 from 4 PM - 8 PM, Thursday, March 5, 8 AM - Noon and again on Friday, March 6, 10 AM - 4 PM. Those items include linens, housewares, games, puzzles, books, sporting goods, collectibles, etc. Please, NO electronics, TV's, computers, kids' car seats, big furniture items or mattresses. It would be helpful if games and puzzles have all the pieces and are sealed, if possible. Make sure items are clean and not damaged.

We will be looking for volunteers to help set up and help the day of the sale. We will need baked goods to sell and someone to sell them. We will be offering complimentary coffee and tea as well as offering hot dogs, chips, sodas and water for sale.

Any Questions may be directed to Melody Babcock or Janet Mallette.

A Super Sale in March

There will be a "March Madness" sale in the Thrift Shop. All winter clothing will be reduced. The Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to noon. Come shop for some great bargains!

District Day Is Less Than a Month Away!

There will be another District Day, "Informed to Transform," on Saturday, March 7 at the Saratoga Springs UMC. Registration will be at 8:30, followed by worship, and then three rounds of workshops, each lasting 75 minutes. We will conclude the day with a 2:30 PM worship and Communion service. Lunch is included in the registration fee of \$10.

A flyer which gives the topics of the workshops and registration form can be found in the Connections Café. Deadline to register will be Feb. 25. Childcare will be provided if there is enough interest.

Standard Safe Sanctuaries training and Elder Abuse Safe Sanctuaries to be held March 21st in Queensbury

The three-hour standard Safe Sanctuaries training will be held on Saturday, March 21 at the Queensbury UMC, 460 Aviation Road. A two-hour Elder Abuse Safe Sanctuaries will also be offered that day.

The curriculum educates those involved in ministries who work with children and vulnerable adults on risks and prevention strategies related to abuse. The trainings will be facilitated by Ruth Persons and Stephanie Schrom.

The Standard Safe Sanctuaries training is from 9 AM to Noon and is a recommended class for those working with children. Please arrive by 8:45 AM to register.

Elder Abuse training is from 12:45 PM to 2:45 PM and is not a required class. Please arrive by 12:30 PM to register.

Please register with Carrie Boyer in the District Office: adironackdistrict@unyumc.org

The Upper Room

The Upper Room for March and April is now available.

Casting Crowns – Only Jesus Tour

Casting Crowns, a contemporary Christian and Christian rock band, will be coming to the Times Union Center in Albany on March 8th. If interested in going as a group, please contact Mark Warner at 518-309-3737.



- Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday 7 pm service
- Feb. 28 – Youth Group 6-8:30 pm
- Mar. 1 – Sunday School mtg. 9 (SS)
- Mar. 4 – Lenten Luncheon at Episcopal Church – our day for lunch and lesson
- Mar. 4 – Donations for Rummage Sale 4-8 pm (FR)
- Mar. 5 – Donations for Rummage Sale 8 am – 12 pm
- Mar. 6 – Donations for Rummage Sale 10 am – 4 pm
- Mar. 7 – Rummage and Bake Sale 9 am – 3 pm (FR)
- Mar. 7 – Certified Lay Ministry Course 9 am – 3 pm
- Mar. 7 – District Day at Saratoga UMC
- Mar. 8 – Fair Trade
- Mar. 10 – Church Council 7 pm (CC)
- Mar. 11 – SPRC 6 pm (CC)
- Mar. 13 – Fellowship Night 6:30 pm (CC)
- Mar. 15 – Church Council/UMW presentation
- Mar. 15 – Church Audit due to Conference

Our Weekly Ministry:

Thrift Shop – Tuesday, 9 :30 – 12:00 (CH)

Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30 – 12:00 (CH)

Please Note:

Pastor Kelly is available Tuesday - Thursday, **her e-mail:** bsumcpastor@yahoo.com

Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 10:00-2:00 PM, phone: **518-885-6886**.

All news and information items are to be sent to the Church Office Email:

bsumc@albany.twcbc.com

Weekly Announcements: by Wednesday, 12 PM.

Tidings Newsletter: by the 20th each month.

Education and Equality: The Work of Mary McLeod Bethune

“Invest in the human soul,” Mary McLeod Bethune declared. “Who knows, it might be a diamond in the rough.” And invest Bethune did. This incredibly accomplished public servant founded the school that became Bethune-Cookman College as well as a training school for nurses, advised the White House, founded the National Council of Negro Women, worked towards integration of the Red Cross and served four times as a delegate to General Conference.

Bethune was born in South Carolina in 1875 to Sam and Patsy McLeod, both former slaves. She recognized the importance of access to education and devoted a significant portion of her life to educational issues. She founded the Daytona Educational and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls in 1904 in Daytona Beach, Florida. In 1923, it merged with the Cookman Institute and became a coeducational college. She also founded the Mary McLeod Hospital and Training School for Nurses in 1911, which at the time was the only school of its kind that served African-American women on the East Coast.

In addition to her considerable educational initiatives, Bethune worked tirelessly for civil rights. During the First and Second World Wars, she advocated for integration of both the American Red Cross and the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps. She worked extensively with the National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs, before founding the National Council of Negro Women in 1935. During the Roosevelt administration, she advised the White House on minority affairs, and after her death she became the first black woman to be honored with a statue in Washington, D.C.

During Bethune’s lifetime, the predecessor denominations of The United Methodist Church included the Central Jurisdiction, which effectively ensured segregation within the church. As Methodist leaders began to work toward unification in the 1930s, Bethune argued vehemently for the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction and a more inclusive denominational structure. She served on the Woman’s Division Committee on Minority Groups and Interracial Cooperation and as a delegate to General Conference four times. She identified proudly as “a Methodist woman in mission” until her death in 1955.

***Have a blessed week.
We look forward to seeing you
next Sunday.***