



Ministry Matters



Welcome to Ballston Spa United Methodist Church! We are glad you are here! In the spirit of hospitality, please wear your name tag. Copies of "The Upper Room", a daily devotional booklet are available on our Welcome Table for anyone to take.

March 10, 2019

District Laity Gathering

On Sunday, March 17th there will be a district gathering with worship for laity and clergy at the Saratoga UMC. This will be held from 4 to 6 pm. A video message from Bishop Mark J. Webb will be shown concerning the outcome of the Special Session of the General Conference. The Traditional plan was affirmed. The vote was 438 to 384, a 53 to 47% decision, to maintain the current Church policy which states that "the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching", thus not allowing same-sex marriages or allowing practicing gay clergy to be ordained. We encourage you to attend if you are able or feel free to talk to Pastor Kelly or our Lay Leader Linda Sheeran.

Report of Winter Rummage, Bake and Lunch Sale

Thank you to all who donated items. Without you, we could not have had the sale! So far, the proceeds are:

Rummage	\$732.85
Bake	\$150.67
Lunch	\$47.75
Total	\$931.27

Blessings to all,
George, Janet, Debbie & Melody



Lenten Bible Study

We will be having a Lenten Bible Study on Sunday mornings from 8:45 to 9:35 in the Connections Café. All are welcome to join us. We will be meeting March 17th, 24th, 31st, April 7th and April 14th. There will be no coffee hour before church during this time although the coffee hour after church will still be available.

Sunday School Trip Today

The Sunday School will be going to We Rock The Spectrum gym in Ballston Spa at 12:30 for fun and lunch.



Lenten Ecumenical Lunches

The Village churches of Ballston Spa (Alliance, Baptist, Episcopal, Hope, Methodist & Presbyterian) will hold an ecumenical Lenten lunch series entitled "TRANSFORMATION – HOW DOES JESUS MAKE A DIFFERENCE?" on Wednesdays during Lent (March 13 – April 17) from 12:00-12:50 pm at Christ Episcopal Church (15 W. High St., Ballston Spa). All are welcome each week as we share in a **FREE** meal and hear a brief reflection led by the village clergy.

For more information, please contact Father Derik Roy at 518-366-5160.

50% Sale in our Thrift Shop

During the month of March there will be a sale in our Thrift Shop. Our usual \$2 bag of items will be \$1! Come find some great bargains. And don't forget to say hello to our friendly sales people.

Our Offerings

Just a reminder that there are yellow forms on the tables in the back of the sanctuary to complete and return for electronic giving. There are also offering envelopes available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary and in the entranceways. Please feel free to take them to use each week.



Fair Trade

There will be a sale of Fair Trade products on Sunday, March 17th. We will have coffee (including hazelnut), tea, hot chocolate, and DARK Chocolate bars. We will again be set up near the coat racks just outside of the Connections Cafe.



This Week

- Mon., Mar. 11** – Boy Scouts 6 PM
- Tues., Mar. 12** – Church Council 7 PM; Bears 6:30 PM
- Wed., Mar. 13** – Worship mtg. 6:30 PM; Webelos 6:30 PM
- Thurs., Mar. 14** – Tigers 6:30 PM



Looking ahead:

- Sun., Mar. 17** – Family Sunday, Fair Trade sale
- Mon., Mar. 18** – Boy Scouts 6 PM
- Wed., Mar. 20** – Trustees 6:30 PM; Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM
- Thurs., Mar. 21** – Wolves 6:30 PM

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@albany.twcbc.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.

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