

The Sidney United Methodist Church

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# May



***Church Office Hours:***

***Monday-Friday  
9:30am-12:30pm***

***Pastor's Office Hours:  
Monday through Thursday  
9:00a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
or by appointment***

***Sunday morning***

***Worship time:  
10:15 a.m.***



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Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ,

I remember one day in early May a few years ago, overhearing someone that was confused about when Mother's Day was. I was in a store, and a man was talking to his mother. This man then asked his mother, "Mom what day this month is Mother's Day again?" The man's mother laughed and said, "Every day is Mother's Day!"

The mother of this man was joking of course, but I think that what his mother was saying is that being a mother is an all day and everyday job. Sure we have an actual day on the calendar in May every year that we celebrate and call "Mother's Day," but for many moms every day is Mother's Day. On most days, many mothers get far from the credit they deserve for the work, the sacrifice, and the labors that they do on behalf of and for their children and families.

I think, therefore, it is only proper that we honor and appreciate moms, grandmas, and all female motherly role models in our life on "Mother's Day" each May, but hopefully our understanding of Mother's Day can truly extend to being every day.

In our Sunday morning church service this month on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, I will take some time in the worship service to honor all women, as all women either have children or have been in a mothering role.

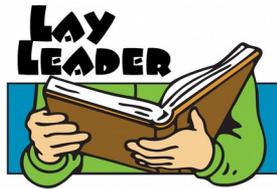
The Book of Proverbs chapter 31 talks about what is special about a wife and a mother. In 31:25-30 it says:

**"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised"** (Prov. 31:25-30, NRSV).

I hope and pray that you have a blessed and a grace filled May! I also hope that this month of May will be a warm and a sunny month. In the midst of all that your month of May is or will be, I would encourage you to take some time to remember or to show appreciation to your mom, your grandma, or any of the women that have cared for you in your life. If you find that many of these women in your life have passed on to be with the Lord, then hopefully you will be the one being honored this Mother's Day on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

May we all celebrate Mother's Day this year on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> and every day!

In the hope of Jesus Christ ☺,  
Pastor Paul W.



### Lay Leader's Letter

M-arvelous woman  
 O-ut standing gift from the Heavenly Father  
 T-eacher who teaches her children to grow in a Christian home  
 H-elping her children to learn their lessons and to share with others  
 E-veryone loves mother unconditionally  
 R-liable mother is always reliable and loving to her children  
 D-evotes her time 24/7 to make sure her children have their needs met  
 A-ngel from God with Love for all  
 Y-outhful heart that unconditionally continues to give to her kids

Thank you Heavenly Father, for gifting all children with a wonderful woman that we can call mother. Father, all of us children are blessed to have a mother who taught us everyday life skills, and raised us in a loving Christian love, and teaching us how to share with others as we grow. This Mother's Day is special to all children Father, because you gave us an angel that we call Mother. Thank you for the love of our mother. In Jesus' name Amen.

Lay Leader,  
 Echo Adams



Native American Ministries Sunday - Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. What is Native American Ministries Sunday? Native American Ministries Sunday is one of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The special offering supports Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the United States and provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans.



### **Heart-Shaped Breakfast**

Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait

What you need:

- 1: Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- 2: Greek yogurt (Mom's favorite flavor)
- 3: Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 4: Two teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

- 1: Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
- 2: Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
- 3: Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
- 4: Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!



**Noah's Carnival**  
Coming to Sidney UMC  
June 1  
11:30 - 2:30

The Youth Ministry Team will be hosting a carnival for the Sidney Community on June 1. Our hope is to have many families join us for a fun filled time as a way to get to know more of our neighbors while sharing Christ's love. In order for this to be a success we will need many volunteers that day to help with various games, food, bounce houses, face painting, ice cream, and more. We are in the early stages of planning and any help will be welcomed. If you can help by participating or donating, please contact Sharon Bassett.



UMW will meet Thurs. May 9 at 1 p m in the Harvester Room for a business meeting.



The rummage sale took in very close to \$1000. **Many thanks to all who helped in any way**, from planning, signage, advertising media ads and articles, posters, setting up and taking down (including heavy lifting from and to the 2nd and 3rd floors) donating, worker recruiting, sorting, pricing, selling, buying, clean-up and handling the money and paying the bills. It takes the whole church to carry out such a labor intensive, detailed project.



### **Angels along life's trail**

Weary long-distance hikers sometimes encounter “trail angels” — people who offer food and drink, bandages, shoelaces and even a place to do laundry. Along the Pacific Crest Trail, one home, dubbed Hiker’s Heaven, serves as a mail drop. Trail angels say they find great joy in offering kindness to strangers.

Unexpected kindnesses — and regular rest stops — make any journey less grueling and more enjoyable. That’s also true on the journey of life as we experience (and bestow) generosity and pause to spend time with God. After all, “It is God to whom and with whom we travel,” said Elisabeth Elliot. “And while he is the end of our journey, he is also at every stopping place.”



**Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb has announced regional gatherings** that he will be hosting throughout the Upper New York Conference in April and May. These regional gatherings will primarily focus on unpacking the Judicial Council’s decision regarding the constitutionality of the petitions that made up the Traditional Plan affirmed by the delegates of the 2019 Special Session of The General Conference. It will also be a time to help attendees to understand what becomes part of The Book of Discipline on January 1, 2020 and what does not. These times will include an opportunity for questions and conversation about what God might be doing in and through The United Methodist Church in the future. There will be a brief time of worship at each gathering as well.

The dates, times, and locations of these gatherings are as follows:

- April 30, 2019 from 6:30 -8:30 p.m.: Potsdam UMC
- May 1, 2019 from 6:30 -8:30 p.m.: Olean: Christ UMC
- May 13, 2019 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.: Cicero UMC
- May 14, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Chenango Bridge UMC
- May 15, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Clarence UMC
- May 29, 2019 from 6:30- 8:30 p.m.: Shenendahowa UMC

# PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

## Pastor Paul on Vacation

Sunday April 28th (after church) - through Sunday May 5th. Pastor George Gallandorm will be doing the worship service with communion, on Sunday May 5th. During Pastor Paul's week of vacation from Sunday April 28th (after church) - through Sunday May 5th, Pastor George will be Pastor Paul's emergency on-call pastor. For emergencies, he can be reached at (607) 316-3941



## May Dates to Remember

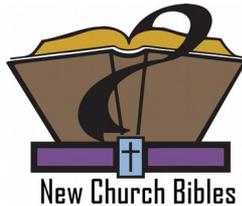
- National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2019
- Mother's Day, May 12, 2019
- Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2019
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 20, 2019
- Memorial Day, May 27, 2019
- Ascension, May 30, 2019



### Rain or Shine

Unless you're a pluviophile (someone who loves rain), a stretch of sunshine-free days can seem drab and dreary. To make South Korea's long monsoon season more colorful, art students created murals on some Seoul sidewalks with hydrochromic paint. It's invisible on dry surfaces, but as soon as water hits, vibrant images appear. Rain transforms gray pavement into bright scenes of fish, whales and turtles.

Life's storms, whether literal or figurative, can dampen our enthusiasm and even challenge our faith. Yet adversity often reveals God's true colors — and ours. No matter what clouds pass overhead, God remains perfect, loving and steadfast. And by praising God "rain or shine," we, as his artwork, reveal that our Creator and his every brushstroke are trustworthy.



### New Church Bibles

Have you ever noticed that our pew bibles in the sanctuary don't seem to match? Our church Administrative Council has approved ordering a new set of Bibles for the church sanctuary. This set of Bibles will be the same Bible edition as our lectern Bible. The church does have some funds available to purchase these Bibles, but you also have an opportunity to purchase one or more of these Bibles for \$12. These Bibles will be in memory or in honor of one or more loved ones that you designate. If you wish to purchase one or more of these Bibles in someone's memory or honor there will be forms available at the church soon to do so. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

God bless,  
SUMC Church Council



***The Master's Touch Chorale***  
***in concert June 2, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. here at SUMC!***

***The Master's Touch Chorale*** is a choir of 40 dedicated Christian singers, from some 28 churches of 18 denominations. Our members are united by our common faith in **Jesus Christ** as Savior and Lord, and by His calling to spread **His Good News** in the ministry of music.

Founded on April 23, 1993, ***The Master's Touch Chorale*** is now in our twenty-seventh year of ministry under the musical direction of Warren Ottey, who also serves as Director of Music and Organist at The Episcopal Church of St. Mark the Evangelist in Syracuse, and as Artistic Director of the ***CNY Voices*** choral ensemble. During its tenure of ministry, ***The Master's Touch*** has sung year around in countless churches and community events over a wide geographical area.

In December of 2002, ***The Master's Touch Chorale*** was invited to sing its Christmas program at **The White House**, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC, at a reception for the White House Staff and their families, and for some Congressmen, as well. ***The Master's Touch*** was invited back for a return engagement in December of 2004, to sing at a reception for the Armed Forces men and women who had recently returned from active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2008, the ***Chorale*** accepted its third concert invitation from **The White House** and sang a Christmas program in the Grand Foyer on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. On the preceding evening, ***The Master's Touch*** sang its full Christmas concert to an overflow audience in the newly-dedicated sanctuary of Resurrection Lutheran Church, of Fredericksburg, VA.

***The Master's Touch Chorale*** has been privileged to record and publish for sale three CD albums: ***Beyond the Manger: Christmas with the Master's Touch Chorale***, ***Sometimes I Hear God's Music***, featuring music of our non-holiday repertoire, and our just-released second Christmas album, ***Emmanuel: God with Us!*** The albums are on sale at all of our concerts. We anticipate the release of our fourth album, ***JEHOVAH RAPHA "I am the Lord, your Healer"*** in the very near future!

***The Master's Touch Chorale*** is a faith ministry! Thus, we do not charge a fee for our concert appearances; but instead we give the members of our audiences the opportunity to help with our expenses through a free-will love offering at each concert. Featuring a menu of Christian music ranging from Beethoven to Bluegrass, ***The Master's Touch Chorale*** seeks to please the musical palate of every listener in every concert. Even more important is our desire to magnify our **Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior**, and to bring every member of our audiences closer to Him, so that each one may experience a deeper sense of **Christ's unconditional love, His forgiveness, His power to save and to heal, and His victory over sin and death!**



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