

WEEKLY UPDATE

October 31, 2024

Erwin First UMC

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"A dynamic network of disciples of Jesus Christ

Growing deeper in faith

Growing wider in mission"

<http://www.erwinfirstchurch.org>

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12:1-2

In the United Methodist Church, All Saints Sunday is observed the first Sunday in November. The day serves as a comforting reminder that in Christ, death, does not create separation. The day holds a vital significance in the UMC, merging memory with hope, and sorrow with joy. It is a day to remember and celebrate those who have contributed to the faith, offering inspiration for personal spiritual journeys and invigorating the church to live its faith actively.

This Sunday, we will pause to remember the saints who have joined the "great cloud of witnesses."

Blessings!

Nola Anderson, Rev.

Our Scripture reading this Sunday is Mark 12:41-44. The sermon title: The Heartbeat of Generosity.

The following are links to the service:

November 3rd

<https://www.facebook.com/events/533869322834665/>

<https://youtube.com/live/op5PrhrgCrE?feature=share>

HERE AT ERWIN FIRST UMC

Lisa will be out of the office from Wednesday, October 16th, to Friday, November 1st.

Reception after Worship on November 3

Join us after worship for a reception celebrating the marriage of Noah and Danielle Landers.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

The United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) will host a bake sale on Election Day, November 5th. We invite anyone who would like to contribute baked goods to drop them off on Sunday, November 3rd, or Monday, November 4th. The UWF will be pricing items on November 4th in preparation for the sale, which will begin at 6:00 AM on November 5th. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the event. For more information, please contact Evelyn at edisinger235@gmail.com or Dorcas at deerdz28@yahoo.com

The House of Light Bible Study

Our young adult group for college students and young adults from the community Fridays, at 5:30 pm.

We are also looking for volunteers to provide dinners. Please contact Dorcas for the dinner schedule if you would like to provide or donate a dinner.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November Birthdays

November 6 Mike Nevin
November 14 Renee Houck
November 16 Terry Richmond
November 18 Joel Arandia
November 28 Ed Richmond
November 29 Randy Klein
November 30 Adebite Adebimpe

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Fri. 11/01 **House of Light at 5:30 pm**
Mon. 11/04 **Annual Charge Conference at St. Paul's UMC - 7pm**

Tues. 11/05 **General Election-** *Erwin First is a polling station, all day*

Tues. 11/05 **Election Day Bake Sale at Erwin First from 6 am**

Sun. 11/24 **Sparrow Benefit Concert for UMCOR** at Erwin, 4pm- flyer attached

Sun. 11/24 **SUMM Annual Thanksgiving Service-** *at St. Paul's UMC- 6pm*

Thur. 11/28 **Thanksgiving Day-** *Office closed*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones:

Charlie and Nancy, Ernie and Elsa Arandia and family, and all others who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

Pray for the sick:

Gloria, Barbara, Robin, Taylor, Yong Kim Fah (brother of Monica), Ann Crawford (Terry's sister), Lisa, Elsa, Laurena, Dennis, Myrta, Sylvia, Nancy, Debbie, Connie, and two of our congregants with ailing parents in other parts of the world.

College Students:

Asriel, Evelyn, Natalie, Precious and others

Other Concerns

Those who are victims of Typhoons, hurricanes, tornados, and other natural disasters. Those seeking employment.

The Church

Upper New York Conference Staff, Bishop Héctor Burgos, the members of the Cabinet, and the congregations of SUMM.

World Concerns

People in South and North Korea, South Africa, Italy, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Afghanistan, Haiti, Taiwan, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Greece, Indonesia, and all those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Pray for humanitarian relief efforts around the world.

Our Country

Pray for the leaders and our community in their efforts to find solutions to minimize the prevalent gun violence in the country. All elected officials.

Do you have a prayer request?

A sign-up sheet has been set out on the entry lectern where we place the service bulletins for you to write your prayer concerns, send us an email, or call the church office.

SYRACUSE UNITED METHODIST MINISTRIES (SUMM)

MONTHLY MISSION: NOVEMBER AT GETHSEMANE UMC, 1700 BUTTERNUT STREET, SYRACUSE,NY

We, the members of Syracuse United Methodist Ministries, consisting of members from Bellevue Heights, Brown Memorial, Erwin First, Gethsemane, St. Paul's and University UMC reaffirmed the importance of strengthening collaboration within the Syracuse community.

We agreed to focus on deepening our relationships, staying informed about activities at each site, and providing mutual support to foster this collaboration. Our goal is to create a culture of shared learning and growth. To this end, each month will spotlight one of our locations.

For November, we will turn our attention to Gethsemane UMC. They are inviting us to come volunteer at one of their ministries.

Food Pantry: Fridays, from 10 am to 12pm

Northside Thrift Store: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 12 pm

Personal Closet: Fridays, from 10 am to 12 pm

Diaper Ministry: Fridays, from 10am to 12 pm

For more information, please contact the church office at 315- 479-7971

We are also encouraged to make a donation to assist with the personal closet. A special offering will be taken on November 10th to assist in this ministry.

Your participation is crucial to making this a memorable and impactful event. Let's join efforts to make a difference in our community. We are SUMM, Syracuse United Methodist Ministries!

SUMM WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER GATHERING:

Join with clergy and members of Syracuse United Methodist Ministries online on Wednesday mornings at 7 am to 7:30 am.

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86875827407?pwd=dTRsNENoNW1hNGJURG9CVzJvNnJWUT09>

Meeting ID: 868 7582 7407

Passcode: 076716

SUMM FUNDRAISERS

The Syracuse United Methodist Ministries leadership team consisting of Bellevue Heights, Brown Memorial, Erwin First, Gethsemane, St. Paul's and University UMC are attempting to raise \$12,000 to assist with the ministries. We have planned some fundraising events to help us realize that goal.

Funds collected so far:

Lenten Booklets \$1,435.00

Coins for Lent \$ 626.32

Bottles and cans at the end of September \$860.15

See the details for the bottle and can drive below.

SUMM Bottle and Can Drive

The Syracuse United Methodist Ministries (SUMM) has organized a yearlong bottle and can drive.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE – YOU CAN BRING RECYCLE CANS & BOTTLES TO ERWIN

Erwin has two designated drop-off places at the church:

1. A smaller recycling container is in the narthex area for smaller amounts.
2. For full bags, you may set them in the stairwell off the main floor (parking lot level).

Volunteers at Erwin will periodically take them to the **Express Bottle Return, 2312 Erie Blvd. East.**

We welcome volunteers who are willing to take a turn to make that run. Please let them know that you are depositing toward the Syracuse United Methodist Ministries Fundraiser.

The RESTART Ministry Needs twin, full and queen size blankets in new or like new condition

For the families we are helping, this is something they are always needing. We run out of them quickly! And please, they must be in good condition. **Thank you!**

We can also use volunteers:

Mondays: 1 – 3 pm at the RESTART headquarters (4845 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY) - to help sort and put away donated items, focusing mostly on linens and kitchen supplies.

Tuesdays – Picking up and delivering donations. 2 different shifts: 12pm – 4:30pm & 5pm – 6:30 pm

Household Repairs: Restart is in need of someone to repair lamps and small furniture items (tables & chairs). Your help would be so much appreciated! If interested, call or email Evelyn Disinger: 315-857-7634, edisinger235@gmail.com.

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Bellevue Heights United Methodist Church Chapter

Celebrating 8 years of ensuring hunger-free weekends for over 400 Delaware Primary School students throughout the school year.

The children receive school breakfast and lunch during the week. Our Blessings in a Backpack program at Delaware Primary School make sure they're getting healthy, kid-friendly, ready-to-eat breakfasts, entrees, and snacks over the weekend.

Your gift of \$150 (\$4/week) will feed one child every weekend of the school year. Our program is made possible through charitable giving. Your gift in any amount is gratefully appreciated.

Please give today:

1. **Securely online** by clicking [Donate](#).
2. **By Check** payable to Bellevue Heights UMC with **BIBP in the memo line**. Mail to: Bellevue Heights United Methodist Church, 2112 S.Geddes Street, Syracuse, NY 13207.

**Donation forms can also be found on the Erwin community board table with self-addressed envelopes.*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES from the Interfaith Community Co-op at University UMC

For more information contact Galyn Murphy-Stanley at University United Methodist Church outreach@uumcsyracuse.org or 315-475-7277

Friday, November 1, 2024 8:45am-12noon Assist with the Emergency Food distribution

NEW: 9am-12noon Support, Organize donations in the Clothing Room *Great Large group activity

Saturday, November 2, 2024 *after 2pm Set up lower level kitchen/gather needed supplies for Community Breakfast MUST contact Joyce Flynn jhflynn56@gmail.com for more information

Sunday, November 3, 2024 8-10:30am Assist with To-Go Community Breakfast and (VERY BIG NEED)supporting access to Clothing Room, sorting, organizing clothing for guests

Please register using the below link to volunteer on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (Election Day) to sell Krispy Kreme donuts at Nottingham High School's (3100 East Genesee St. Syracuse, NY 13224) polling site. More information will follow to registered volunteers. Thanks for considering! Galyn

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AEA728ABFCC43-52795498-support>

DISTRICT & CONFERENCE NEWS AND EVENTS

Disaster Response Coordinator

Please click on the links below to stay up to date with what's happening around the conference.

- [Weekly Digest: October 30, 2024](#)
- [Weekly Digest: October 23, 2024](#)

Download the new UNY UMC app from the App Store or Google Play for free. [MORE](#)

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COMMUNITY NEWS:

WESTCOTT COMMUNITY CENTER FOOD COLLECTION

A large, designated bin is located in the sanctuary area.

Aside from their food pantry, the WCC offer an array of services for the elderly, youth, and people with basic needs, legal advice, mental health, education and job training and job search programs. To take a closer look, check out their website: <https://westcottcc.org/>

Thank you for your donations.

WESTCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. Actively engages the greater Westcott neighborhood in order to strengthen the quality of life in the Westcott community. They aim to enable residents to collectively enjoy and improve “their” neighborhood.

To see their calendar of events or how you can get involved click the link to their website.

<https://westcottsyr.com/>

Have a blessed week!