



Connections Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Our delayed General Conference of the United Methodist Church is running from April 23rd through May 3rd, 2024. General Conference meets on a quadrennial basis (every four years by our Constitution) and was originally scheduled for 2020 but has been postponed three times due to the coronavirus pandemic. General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Dr. Sherri Rood, our District Superintendent, who came to help answer our questions about our future at our April 20th all church meeting, is off to our General Conference (GC) in Charlotte, NC. She isn't serving as a clergy delegate, but in the role of a marshal, representing Upper New York (our Conference). This will be Rev. Dr. Rood's first time serving in this role.

"I attended GC 2019 as a guest to support our Upper New York delegation. We made sure they had good coffee, snacks, and little things like chapstick and tissues. We wanted to make sure they felt God's love in tangible ways as well as our appreciation. The delegates' days are long and physically and emotionally demanding. This year I look forward to serving all the delegates, bishops, and other staff as they do important work on our behalf," said Rev. Dr. Rood.

General Conference is made up of an international body between 600 and 1,000 delegates from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the United States. The elected delegates are made up of equal numbers of lay and ordained members of the United Methodist Church. General Conference and the elected delegates usually meet for approximately 11 days to worship, pray, and conduct legislative work.

Just as Rev. Dr. Rood is serving the church as a marshal, we can also serve through prayer. Please consider praying for our delegates, the General Conference, and our denomination as the Church gathers together in North Carolina.

Your Sibling In Christ,
Robyn

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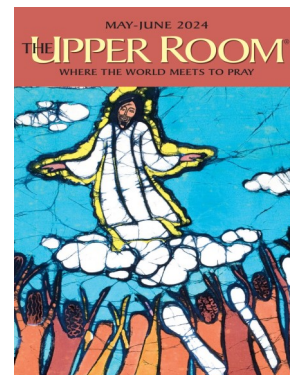
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May Birthdays

Eric Downey	5-4
Harold Wheat	5-8
Derek Wilson	5-17
Hunter Barlow	5-20
Cindy Elberty	5-23
Jackie Bellamy	5-30



THE MAY/JUNE UPPER ROOM IS AVAILABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



July 7th - August 25th
 Worship time will be at **9:30 am.**

On September 1st
 Worship will resume back to 11am.



For June - August
 Office Hours will be:
 Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
 12 Noon-3:00pm

The WEB Program would like donations of Ramon Noodles for May.

Your donations help to feed children in Dryden at risk of hunger on the weekends. WEB works because many people care and volunteers at Dryden Elementary School make it happen! Thank you for your donation!

If you prefer not to shop, a check can be mailed to DCSD with WEB written on the memo line. The check can be mailed to Dryden Central School; P.O. Box 88, 118 Freeville Rd.; Dryden, NY 13053.

You Do Make a Difference!



COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers are needed to provide & serve refreshments following the Worship service on designated Sundays. There is a "sign-up" sheet in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time for fellowship with your church family!



If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact: Karen at drydenmc@gmail.com
 If you are receiving this newsletter by e-mail or snail-mail and would like to be removed from the list, please e-mail or call the church office at 844-9861.



MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 05

Sixth Sunday of Easter/Communion

11 am Worship Service

Scripture: John 15:9-17

Message: We Are Servants No Longer

May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

11 am Worship Service

Scripture: John 17:6-19

Message: My Joy Made Complete

May 19

Pentecost

11 am Worship Service

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14 & Acts 2:1-21

Message: Will These Bones Live

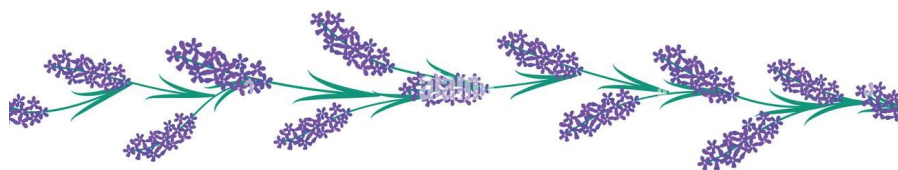
May 26

Trinity Sunday/Memorial Day Weekend

11 am Worship Service

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Message: Being in the Presence



Summer

**WORSHIP
TIMES**

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at 9:30 am.

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to 11am.





Friday May 3rd: 9am - 6pm
Saturday May 4th: 9am - 12noon - \$2 Bag

**COME ON
DOWN!**



TOMPKINS
Trust Company

SHRED DAY

DATE CORRECTION

Tompkins Trust Company has announced it will host its annual Shred Day on Saturday, May 4 at the East Hill Plaza. This free event will be open to the public from 9am to 12pm.



Church Work Day
Saturday, May 18th



It's time to give our church some good spring cleaning and attention and we need your help. Saturday, May 18th we will be meeting at 9 am are working on:

- Flower beds will need weeding
- Shrubs pruned
- Perennials thinned or transplanted
- Beds mulched

The more people that help, the easier and faster the task goes! Bring along your favorite garden tool. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Dick or Kathie Chadwick (garden).

More information will follow in your bulletins and emails.



2023-2024



Graduation will be here before you know it!

The graduation season is fast approaching. We would like to recognize all of our graduates at our "Dads and Grads" service on Sunday, June 16th.

Please notify the church office (844-9861 or drydenmc@gmail.com) if you have a family member who is graduating from high school, college or graduate school. Please submit name of graduate and school they are graduating from.



A Note from the Administrative Council:

We want to thank everyone who attended the Church-wide meeting April 20th. Your participation, input, and questions were essential in helping to guide our direction in the coming months. We also thank our District Superintendent, Dr. Sherri Rood for her remarks. Some harsh and uncomfortable financial realities need to be addressed. Decisions will be made regarding the amount of pastoral coverage we can afford in the next year. We will also be discussing some alternative uses for our building and the affordability of keeping our parsonage. Obviously, not all of these topics will be addressed in one meeting.

Our next Ad .Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm in the meeting room. This will be a hybrid meeting. The plan is to assimilate the information gathered on the 20th, and to set a timeline prioritizing the topics to address at future meetings. As Robyn mentioned, this meeting, along with any future meetings are open to everyone. We welcome your attendance. Future meetings will be announced in the weekly emails, Sunday bulletins, and monthly newsletters.

Moving forward please keep Pastor Hays, your leadership team, and the Church Conference in your prayers.

Administrative Council:

Vivian Collins, Jennifer Dick, Janice Downey
Sharon Hamilton, Nancy Hart, Pastor Robyn Hays, Jim Minor, Cathy Paddock
Judy Starr, Hummy Van DeWeert

Church Treasurer:

Charlie Hart



THE 40th DRYDEN DAIRY DAY
Saturday, June 10

Theme is: "LegenDAIRY Superheroes"



Dryden Dairy Day is the community service project of the Dryden Grange. Its purpose is to reinstate an old home day atmosphere in an event with a dairy theme that is entertaining, fun, educational, and affordable to families! The event brings together local farmers, businesses, and organizations through their sponsorship, involvement, and cooperation. Dryden Dairy Day celebrates the many contributions the dairy farmer makes to our lives.



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ITHACA FESTIVAL
MAY 30-JUNE 2, 2024
PARADE MAY 30TH

SPRING CRAFT FAIR
LIVE PERFORMANCES
ITHACA FESTIVAL PARADE



Selection from "Don't Write My Obituary Just Yet: Inspiring Faith Stories for Older Adults"
by Missy Buchanan

Submitted by Judy Starr

Being Content Where You Are

The first time I saw Edith, she was wearing a fuzzy robe and standing on the porch of the humble frame house she shared with her husband. It was a cold December night, and I was part of a church group singing Christmas carols door-to-door. Until then, I had only known Edith's husband, a faithful member of my own congregation. I had not met Edith, who was active in another local church.

A few years after that first meeting, Edith's husband became quite ill. From time to time, I would stop by to visit. The more time I spent with her, the more evidence I saw of her mature faith. She lovingly cared for her life partner. I was drawn to her character and gracious spirit. Over time we developed a deep friendship that would continue long after her husband of sixty years passed away.

For many years Edith was a hairstylist on the town square, although she says *beautician* was the term used back in her day. The way she tells it, life was fairly simple then. She and her husband worked hard, loved their daughter, and lived contentedly. To this day, she has rarely traveled far from the place where she was reared.

Now ninety-four years old, Edith faces a recurrence of cancer. As I pull up a chair next to her comfortable recliner, I am inspired by the way she continues to find contentment amid the uncertainties of life. She talks glowingly about the flowering vines outside her door. She recalls a recent trip to the lake with her son-in-law. Then she says something I will forever remember. In a clear voice, she exclaims that everything she has ever wanted in life can be found right where she is.

Somehow I know it is true. Edith's life is centered on things that have lasting value—faith, family, friends.

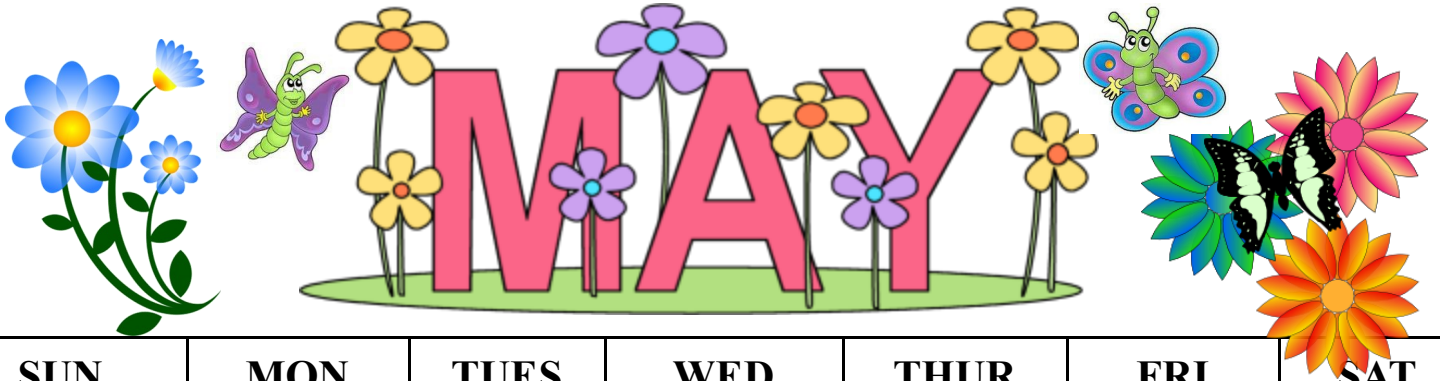
Not long ago I began thinking of all the changes in the world that have occurred during Edith's lifetime. When she was young, there were only dirt roads and horse-drawn wagons in her farming community. Now there are luxury cars and six-lane highways. Innumerable electronic gadgets and medical advancements have evolved over these years. I was reminded that while others get sidetracked by a pursuit of things bigger and better, Edith keeps her eyes clearly focused on things that are eternal. She lives a life free of hypocrisy and selfish greed. There is much to be learned from her about finding contentment in one's own circumstances.


As I prepare to find the scripture verse to accompany Edith's story, I open my Bible and turn to the book of Timothy. There nestled in the pages is a needlepoint bookmark Edith made for me a while back. Two words stitched in blue: *be grateful*. Edith is living proof that contentment comes with a grateful heart. She lives a simple life worthy of her calling. There in a humble frame home lives one of the richest people I have ever known.

1 Timothy 6:6 Godliness with contentment is great gain. (NIV)

Prayer: God of all good gifts, My years have been filled with wonderful memories of friends and family. All that i ever really need is you, O God. Help me to find contentment in my present circumstances knowing you are with me always. Amen.





SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Rummage Sale Donations Accepted Mon.-Wed. 9am-6:30pm NO DINNER	2	3 RUMMAGE SALE  9am-6pm	4 RUMMAGE SALE 9am-12noon \$2 Bag
5 11am Worship Coffee Hour following the service 4pm Wired Word (zoom)	6 2pm Yoga	7 7pm AD Council Mtg. (dumc/ zoom)	8 5:30pm Dinner (HC)	9	10 7pm AA Mtg.	11
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