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## **One Voice**

Monthly Newsletter of  
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**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

**We will speed through this month, jumping from the infant Jesus to the ministry of the adult Christ. We know very little about the thirty some years of this jump in time. We know he and his parents lived in Egypt for a few years and then moved to Nazareth, and he visited Jerusalem at least once and amazed the priests in the temple with his knowledge. That is about it. But when his ministry began, we get more information from multiple sources about a very real human that said and did extraordinary things. Of course, he was and is the son of the living God, the light of the universe. Come and hear the stories on Sunday mornings, there is often something that you hear or understand just a little different every time we hear them. Enjoy them wherever you are, in church, watching the service on You-tube, or reading them for yourself. If you ever have questions, I am glad to talk about them with you. I may not have all of the answers, but we can search for them together. I will be starting a membership (confirmation) class soon. Please let me know if you are interested and we will work out a day and time for a small group to meet.**

**As a public service announcement I want all of you to know that there is a scam going around. There are individuals or groups that use area pastors names to ask for money to cover some emergency. If it is an email delete it, don't open it, if it is a phone call, hang up. If there is ever a true emergency, you will be contacted by the church, using the church email address or letter-head and you can verify it by contacting one or more of the leaders you know and trust. We must pray for the wisdom to know, the grace to forgive, and Gods justice to prevail.**

**I look forward to walking through Lent with all of you for the first time. God bless you all!**

*Pastor Deb*





# February Newsletter

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 ANNUAL MEETING	2 Ground Hog Day	3 TOPS 5:00-6 pm Staff Meeting 12:30	4	5 Contemporary Worship 6:30 PM	6	7
8 BLAST	9	10 TOPS 5:00-6 pm Trustee Meeting @ 6:30 pm Craft Grp @ 7 pm	11 SPRC 6-6:30	12 FREE Meal 5:30-6 pm Contemporary Worship 6:30 PM	13	14 Valentines Day 
15 BLAST	16 Small Grp 10 am	17 TOPS 5:00-6 pm	18 Pancake Supper 5:30 Imposition of Ashes Service @ 6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study @ 7 pm	19 Worship Meeting @ 5 pm Contemporary Worship 6:30 PM	20	21 PRESSED CARD MAKING 2-3:30 \$10
22 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT BLAST	23	24 TOPS 5:00-6 pm Craft Grp @ 7 pm	25 LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 6 PM (NO Lenten Bible Study)	26 Contemporary Worship 6:30 PM	27	28

*Heavenly Father,*

*As I step into this new month of February, I thank You for the gift of life and the blessings You have already placed before me. May this month be filled with peace, joy, and opportunities to grow in faith and love.*

# Birthdays of the Month

## February

2-2 Ale' Caraballo and Chase Young

2-3 Helen Motzer

2/4 Michelle Driscoll

2/18 Missy Arnold

2/25 Leah Young

2/27 Kathy Tubbs

### TENTAVELY PLANNING

Pancake Supper

February 18th @5:30



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAD THIS UP PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE

Imposition of Ashes

Service

February 18th @ 6:30 pm

# ASH WEDNESDAY



Thank you to all those who donated items for the health kits. I was able to make up 17 health kits thus far. If you would prefer to donate money, I would be happy to make the purchases for what is needed.

The Survivor Advocacy Center is looking for donations for their health kits:

- Hand Towels
- Wash Cloths
- Toothpaste
- Band-aides
- Fingernail clippers
- Gallon size Ziplock bags

Contact Hope Albrecht with any questions

@ cemama1969@yahoo.com



"Go Green Redemption Center" on Rt 96 in Clifton Springs (next to the Dollar General) is accepting cans and bottles for the United Church of Phelps. Just take your cans/bottles in and tell them they are for The United Church of Phelps. They will count them and write the amount in the book, then quarterly monies will be deposited into The United Church of Phelps account.

Hours are:

Monday & Thursday-Closed

Tues.-10-5, Wed.: 10-5, Friday: 10-5, Saturday: 10-4, Sunday:10-4

### REMINDER:



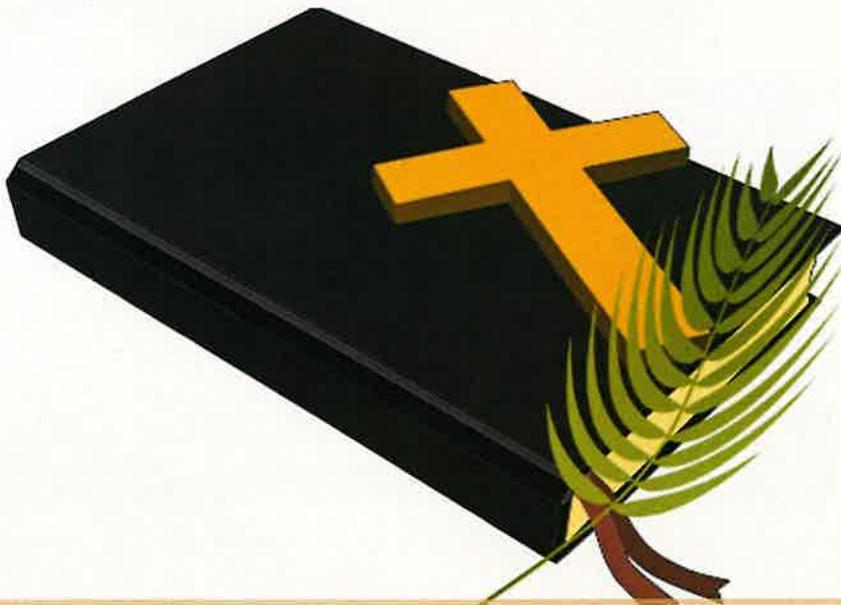
That we have permission from OTTC to park in the parking lot across the street during Sunday worship. The ONLY thing they ask is that we DO NOT park in front of the garage. Hopefully, this will help out some of the parking issues, and please, if you are able to do the walk from across the way, please do so, and allow those to park closer to the church that are not able to.

Thank you!

# Lenten

# Bible Study

February 18th through April 2, 2026



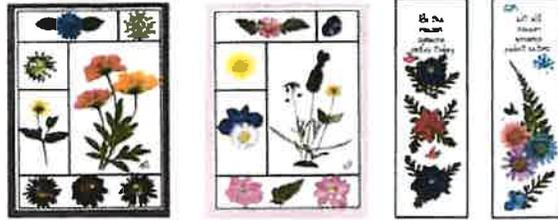
A Lenten Bible Study entitled *Abandoned Barns: A Lenten Journey Toward Restoration* will be held by Donna Crouse. It will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18th @ 7 pm immediately following the Ash Wednesday service. We will NOT be meeting on February 25th but will resume on March 4th @ 7 pm

If you would like to lead a morning group, please contact Donna @ (315) 694-2512.

The book/ study can also be done individually during Lent.

If you are interested in having a book, make sure you have signed up, either on a clipboard passed around during Worship Service or by contacting the church office and paid the \$8 for the book.

## Pressed Flower Card & Bookmark Making with Betty Green



**Saturday, February 21, 2026 2-3:30 p.m.**

Would you like to create your own beautiful card & "Be the reason someone smiles today" bookmark from real pressed flowers similar to what Betty has created? Your designs will vary based on available flowers

Come join us at The United Church of Phelps, 58 Main St., Phelps, NY. Betty will bring all supplies and tools for the class. Class fee is \$10. Minimum attendance is 10 students; maximum 15. Register by 12 noon on Wednesday, February 18. Sign up by calling the church office at 315-548-2772 or adding your name to the class signup form.



**FREE DRIVE THRU MEAL**

**February 12th, 2026**

**5:30-6 pm**

### On-Going Mission Projects We Support:

- > Health Kits
  - > Blessing Box
  - > Food Pantry donation
  - > Eyeglass collection
- (Done through Lion's Club)

**WINTER  
WEATHER  
Cancellations and  
Schedule Changes**

TV-13 WHAM-TV, 13WHAM.com, Fox Rochester

Radio: News Radio WHAM 1180, 98PX, 95.5 WBEE, 98.9 The Buzz and  
96.5 WCMF



**THURSDAYS @ 6:30 IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



For Prayer Concerns contact Nan Clark @ 315-406-5526 or  
email: clarknelaine@gmail.com



If you would like to take communion to shut-ins  
Please contact Hope Albrecht @  
cemama1969@yahoo.com or 315-945-8812 for more  
information



UCP Craft Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 PM until  
about 8:30 PM. We work on "goodie bags" for our shut-ins, el-  
derly, and those going through trials. Sometimes we bring our  
own craft- whether it be knitting, crocheting, cross stitch, em-  
broidery etc. and just sit and have fellowship while we "craft". In  
addition people are also welcome to help with our blanket minis-  
try. If you have any questions , contact Donna Crouse @  
croused585@gmail.com or (315) 694-2512 or Hope Albrecht  
@ cemama1969@yahoo.com or (315) 945-8812

BIBLE STUDY  
Sundays @ 9:45 am:



Led by Jerry Clark  
All are welcome! Please come and join us!



United Church of Phelps UCP is the name of our  
Facebook page



TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

The United Church of Phelps provides a place for the Phelps  
chapter of T.O.P.S. national weight control organization to meet.

Currently we have a membership of 11 men & women involved  
with weekly weigh-ins, programs, games & fellowship. First visits  
are free.

**Tuesdays @ 5 pm**

Location: United Church of Phelps  
(enter by office door)

**Contact Info:**

Mary: 585-472-6601

Robin: 315-719-1533



BLAST for children in K-6th grade is offered during worship on the  
2nd thru 5th Sundays.  
Children are welcome to stay for worship & communion on the



**GROUND HOG DAY**

Celebrated on February. It is derived from the Pennsylvania  
Dutch superstition that if the groundhog emerges from its bur-  
row on February 2, and sees its shadow, it will retreat back into  
its den, indicating 6 more weeks of winter. If he does not see his  
shadow, and early spring is expected.



# CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Date	Greeter (Ramp)	Greeter (Front Door)	Lay Reader	Acolyte
2/1/26	Annette Beniamino	Don & Dawn Pierce	Christina Albrecht	Griffin Bowers
2/8/26	Brian Hemminger	Sheila Hemminger	Karen Moracco	Harper Young
2/15/26	Linda DeWeaver	Gloria Orsini	Frank Van Nostrand	Ale Caraballo
2/22/26	Shelly Bengston	Hope Albrecht	Barb Mater	Genevieve Brown

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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