

The Messenger



Holiday 2018

*Centenary United Methodist Church
Malone, New York*

Some thoughts on the Road to Ninevah...

from Pastor Heidi Chamberlain – October 31, 2018

Celebrating the Gift of Christ's Resurrection in the Centenary United Methodist Church of Malone, New York



God is with us

Christmas has always been a day of quietness and reflection for me. I know this is not the case for others, where family tension and anxiety, illness, recent death or unemployment can make it difficult to find the joy in this season.

I have been in those places too through the years.

It might be good to remember the experience of Mary and Joseph on that first Christmas. They were unmarried when the baby came. They were journeying to a community that Joseph's family had called home generations before, but where friendly faces were in short supply... especially for travelers with a baby only hours away.

On the first Christmas night, the Holy Family needed to hear the Angels proclaim "Peace on Earth" and "Joy to the World" as much as anyone today.

They needed to remember the earlier appearance of the angels who spoke, "Fear not."

Our community needs these same pronouncements and our families often need to rediscover the old, old story as something that speaks through the years and into our lives today. Each of us has a hunger somewhere that yearns for those same comforting words.

We need to encounter Emmanuel, God is with us, more often than our annual holiday, more often than the Holy Days of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The promise from Christ himself is that we are not alone. He promised that we would receive the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who would remind us of everything he had to say and teach.



"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God is with us).

Matthew 1:23

He calls us into community too, to receive a special set of relationships where we share all the challenges of life, sometimes with better results than others.

Christians struggle with all the challenges and problems of other neighbors. Isaiah, the Old Testament prophet said we 'are like sheep, we have turned, everyone to his own way'. We are not angels. We are very human with all the failures and shortcomings of everyone else.

Like sheep, we need a Good Shepherd, someone who knows more than we do, someone whose understanding and wisdom can guide us through valleys, even where we encounter the deepest, darkest of life's experiences.

As we journey through Advent this year, we need to remember one thing – the Gift of God comes to us, not just at Christmas, but all year through:

The baby in the manger does not remain a baby!

He becomes our Savior. Thanks be to God!

Emmanuel, Pastor Heidi



<i>Holiday Season 2018</i>	
Sunday	Event
December 2, 2018	First Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018	Second Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018	Third Sunday of Advent
(Thursday) December 20, 2018	"Blue" Christmas Service
December 23, 2018	Fourth Sunday of Advent
(Monday) December 24, 2018	Christmas Eve
December 30, 2018	Congregational Hymn Sing
January 6, 2019	Epiphany Sunday

Advent Bible Study:

“FAITHFUL – Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph”

by Adam Hamilton

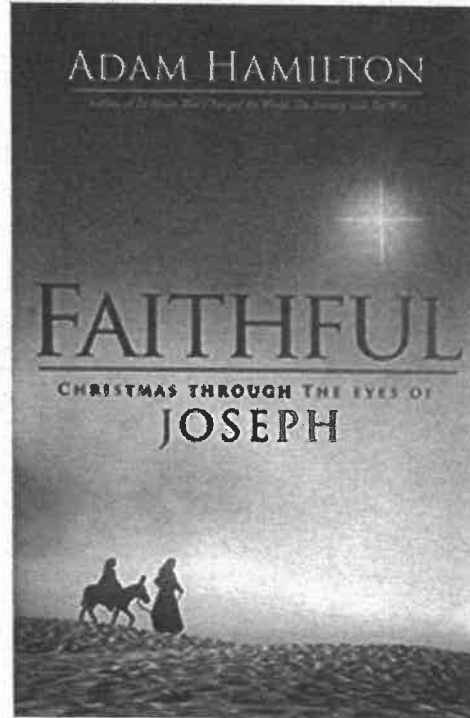
**Books will be available to purchase in the Church Office mid-November.
Please bring a spirit of anticipation, a Bible and a friend!**

**Led by Pastor Heidi Chamberlain
in the Church Library**

From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Join Adam Hamilton as he examines Christmas through the eyes of Joseph. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity.

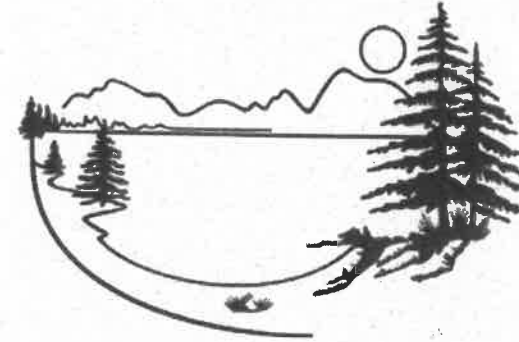
As you read this book, you will understand how Joseph's story is much like our own. In life, we encounter circumstances that we would never have chosen for ourselves. At times it can be tempting just to walk away. Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.

Exchange your doubt for courage this Advent and Christmas season. The story of Joseph provide us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.



<i>Advent Bible Study – 4:00 pm</i>		
Tuesday, 11/27/18	Week 1	A Carpenter Named Joseph
Tuesday, 12/04/18	Week 2	Whose Child Is This?
Tuesday, 12/11/18	Week 3	Raising a Child Not Your Own
Tuesday, 12/18/18	Week 4	The Journey to Bethlehem The Rest of the Story

The Adirondack Singers and Players



Directed by Jeffrey M. Burghdurf

Accompanied by Diane F. Burghdurf

December 8, 2018

at 3:00 pm

Blue Christmas

*For those who grieve
and those who love them.*

December 20, 2018

at 6:00pm



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services**

A Service of Word & Song

December 24, 2018

at 6:00 pm

United Methodist Women:

Submitted by Cindy West & Karen Dumas



United Methodist Women

NEWS FROM UMW:

Our United Methodist Women have met and we are excited that we have many opportunities for our women and our church. Our mission is to be aware of the needs of women and children in our community and world around us. We also have expanded this mission to men's needs as well. We are doing many activities to help us meet these needs.

We hope to have a Trunk or Treat event on Halloween, inviting young families into our church to enjoy candy and fellowship along with adults enjoying cider and donuts. We will be encouraging everyone in the church to participate by either donating candy or being at the church Halloween night to help greet our Trick or Treaters.

In November we will be using a Thankful calendar to show an attitude of gratitude of how "Good" God has been to us. A part of our collection from the calendar will be sent to the

district and a portion used right in our community.

We also plan on selling wreaths. This fund raiser was very well received last year and we hope it will be this year also.

December is a special month with many activities taking place. Our bazaar will be Dec. 8th. We look forward to all the delicious baked goods, candies and Christmas treats that you all provide for us. We also look forward to the amazing crafts that we receive for our bazaar. Our soup and sandwich makers always amaze us with their delicious luncheon!

Our women's group is successful because of such a giving congregation. Thank you in advance for all your support!

Liturgists:	
November 4th	Scott Aldrich
November 11th	Robert Miles
November 18th	Phyllis Grady
November 25th	Beth Mosher
December 2nd	Barb Sullivan
December 9th	Craig Symonds
December 16th	Scott Aldrich
December 23rd	Robert Miles
December 30th	Phyllis Grady

A Gathering of Men:

Faith, Food & Fellowship



Our first breakfast on Saturday, October 20, 2018 proved to be a time of laughter, sharing, and homemade bread! Thanks to Don Dumas for cooking a delicious and hearty breakfast for all! The food was good, conversation was even better and we all felt that we came away knowing one another on a deeper level.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for what we plan to be a monthly gathering for men of all ages hosted by Centenary UMC.

**Saturday, November 17th
9:00 am**

Grab your Dad, your Lad, and all of your Friends and gather at the table.

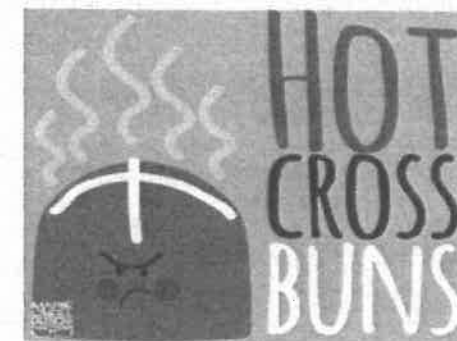
MENU: Sausage gravy and biscuits, orange or apple juice and coffee.

**Donations appreciated,
but NOT expected!**

Hot Cross Buns:

(Or H.C.B. for the faint of heart!)
Submitted by Beth Mosher

The Hot Cross Buns – (Centenary's holy correspondence group) met on October 16th for a time of community and writing. In about an hour and a half, those present put out 14 notes to various individuals both within and outside our Church community. Our carefully considered writings contain words of comfort, support, recognition, and compassionate care. HCB is a mission of loving words inscribed on paper.



The HCB group meets about every 6 weeks or so to help address the many individual needs that arise. We will assemble again in early December for a meeting and we warmly welcome anyone who might like to join us in this worthy mission. Look for the exact date and time in our Church bulletin.

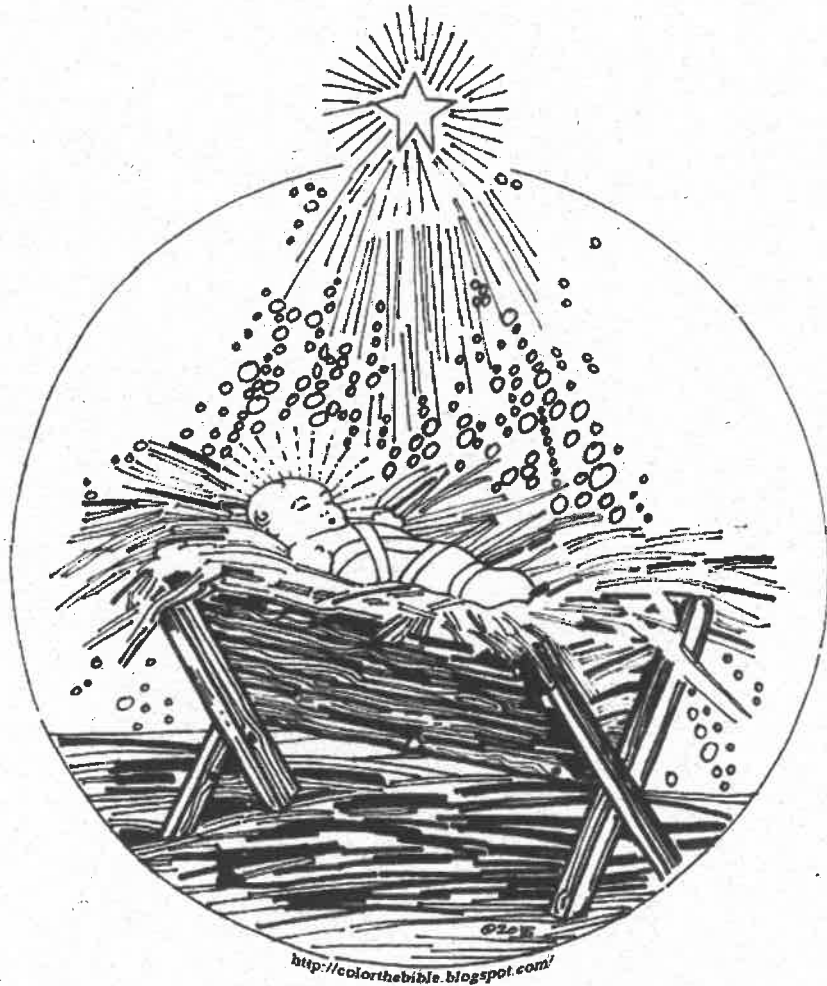
November 2018 – Centenary UMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Notes
				1 Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon Choir Practice 7:00pm Pastor Heidi -Vacation	2 AA 8:00pm Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon Pastor's Sabbath	3	New STACK group is meeting the 2 nd & 4 th Wed. of the month for crafts and fellowship, join us!!!
4 Adult Sunday School 8:30am Worship 10:00am Kids Sunday School 10:15am	5 Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon	6	7 AA 8:00pm Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon	8 Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon Choir Practice 7:00pm (Cinema at Centenary)	9 AA 8:00pm Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon Pastor's Sabbath Ed Tatro	10	**Cinema at Centenary* Pizza & Movie Newsies at 4:00 pm (G) Believe at 6:00 pm (PG) 11/8-Pastor Heidi returns from vacation
11 Adult Sunday School 8:30am Worship 10:00am Kids Sunday School 10:15am	12 Veteran's Day Church Closed (UMW Meeting at 4:00pm)	13 Crimson Phoenix Thanksgiving Noon-2:00 Young Sun & Bruce Leavitt	14 AA 8:00pm Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon STACK II Craft Group - Noon	15 Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon Worship Committee 6:00 Choir Practice 7:00pm	16 AA 8:00pm Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble 6:00pm Pastor's Sabbath	17	Birthday's 16 th Rachel Grue 16 th Louella Forkey 16 th Paul Fowler 16 th Lyn Shatraw
18 Adult Sunday School 8:30am Worship 10:00am Kids Sunday School 10:15am Fellowship Luncheon (following Worship)	19 Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon	20 PPRC/Vision Meeting - 1:00 pm Rita Warner Cory West	21 AA 8:00pm Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon Lori LaRock	22 Thanksgiving Church closed	23 AA 8:00pm Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon Pastor's Sabbath	24	
25 Adult Sunday School 8:30am Worship 10:00am Kids Sunday School 10:15am	26 Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon	27 Advent Bible Study 4:00pm Darrel Hoadley	28 AA 8:00pm Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon	29 Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon Bucket Brigade Event Choir Practice 7:00pm Patrick Yeddo	30 AA 8:00pm Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon Pastor's Sabbath Kelly Taylor		Bucket Brigade Event at 4:00pm (Packing Bucket's) Soup & Sandwich to follow.

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30 Adult Sunday School 8:30am Worship 10:00am Kids Sunday School 10:15am New Year's Eve Janet Tucker	31 Life-Cent-Lunches 10-noon Pastor Heidi						

The Kids Corner:



Luke 2:11 (KJV)

“For unto you is born this day
in the city of David, a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord.”