

THE CHAPEL IN MINISTRY AND MISSION

From the Desk of Bishop Mark J. Webb: RESPONSE TO THE FLOODING IN UPPER NEW YORK: "Over the last several weeks, severe weather has caused significant flash flooding in several communities throughout Upper New York. Individuals and families have been greatly affected. Communities within the Mohawk District have been the most severely impacted. Residents of 300 homes have had to evacuate. Seventeen homes were completely destroyed and another 217 homes have had their heating systems compromised. Our Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, Joe Auslander, reports that our Emergency Response Team has already offered 185 hours of work on the ground, with more to come this weekend; and long-term recovery efforts are being evaluated.

"I invite you to join me in praying for those affected by these most recent floods, as well as share in an opportunity for the United Methodist Church in Upper New York to once again be a shining light, offering God's love and compassion. I am asking you to consider taking a special offering at your local church over the next few weekends or make an individual donation. **Checks may be sent to the Conference Office, 7481 Henry Clay Blvd. Liverpool, NY 13088, with "2017 storms # 474" written in the memo line.** Grace and Peace. Bishop Mark J. Webb."

The next CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING will be this Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. Agenda items will include preliminary discussions on the 2018 Budget, Fall Missions, Fall Spiritual Life, Fall and Winter offerings and possible Drive by Pie fundraiser; new Chapel technology, website and Facebook.

FAITH IN BOOKS: We are looking for a new individual or family to take on collection and delivery of Faith In Books donations, gently used books for free distribution in waiting rooms around Tompkins County. Please contact Sara Haefeli shaefeli@ithaca.edu if you are interested.



We welcome all (and all means ALL) who seek a church community whose worship and service affirm the spirit of Christ.

We encourage your participation in worship, mission projects, spiritual growth, service, children's ministries, choir, and social fellowship.

We value the development of personal friendships in a caring and welcoming community.



Forest Home Chapel

July 16, 2017

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Ministers: All the People



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10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE AND CHIMES

Merilee Nord, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*One of our goals at the Chapel is to help people experience a sense of belonging.
You are invited to welcome one another in the spirit of Christian family.
Please return to your seats as music begins.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls from the heavens and the earth
Gather together and praise God!

We declare that God is righteous, just, and eternal!
We come today to glorify God as we witness to this eternal love

Shall we be God's people, this and everyday?
We come with praise and thanks – this and everyday!

OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come to you ready to know you better today, Lord, because we have behaved as though we deny you. We act as though your truth is not the center of who we are and as though we can do without you. We cannot do without you or your love, your grace, your eternal realm that comes to us because of your forgiveness and mercy.

Forgive us, we pray, so that in our yearning to know you better, we might be a part of the light in this world you have asked us to share. We pray in the name of the Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The peace of God be with you. Receive God's forgiveness and the promise of mercy, because our God is the bringer of justice, joy, unity and love. **Amen.**

*TFWS #2126

All Who Hunger

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS ~ *Children come forward as we sing*
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: this is where children belong.

Afterwards, children may go downstairs for Summer Sundays with Christina

*HYMN #145

Morning Has Broken

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Bill Tomek, Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Robin Blair

TIME OF SILENCE / THE LORD'S PRAYER (#894)

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

SHARING OF JOYS, BIRTHDAYS, CELEBRATIONS, AND CONCERNS

*Following each, the leader says: "Lord in your mercy."
The people respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

(Our "noisy can" collects loose change to support local food ministries.)

*HYMN OF PRAISE #94 / PRAYER OF THANKS

*HYMN #389

Freely, Freely

*BENEDICTION BLESSING (unison)

Peace to you from the One who is and was, and is to come. Grace and peace to you from the One who loves us and frees us, the One who gives us repentance and forgiveness. As God sent Jesus into the world, so the Spirit now sends us to continue God's holy work. To God be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.

*POSTLUDE

**You may stand.*

WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to sign the guest book in the front entryway. Restrooms are at the end of the hallways upstairs and downstairs.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR in the Fellowship Hall downstairs after the service. Elizabeth Mount is our host today.