

THE CHAPEL IN MINISTRY & MISSION

TODAY during worship we will gather to prayerfully honor **offerings to help victims of recent hurricanes**. After worship, our **Second Sunday Connect activity will be to assemble donated flood bucket and health kit items**. Buckets, kits and supplies will be taken to Upper New York UMC Mission Hub in Syracuse this week.

If you wish to **DONATE FUNDS to ongoing hurricane relief efforts through United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**, here are two ways: **1) Hurricane Recovery:** You may donate by check in the offering, to Forest Home Chapel, with FUND #481 - "2017 Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief, #482 - 2017 Hurricane Irma Disaster Relief," or #483 - Hurricane Maria Disaster Relief" on the memo line. The Chapel will send a check through the Upper New York Annual Conference. **2) UMCOR's general relief and recovery efforts: U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670** at umcor.org/donate.

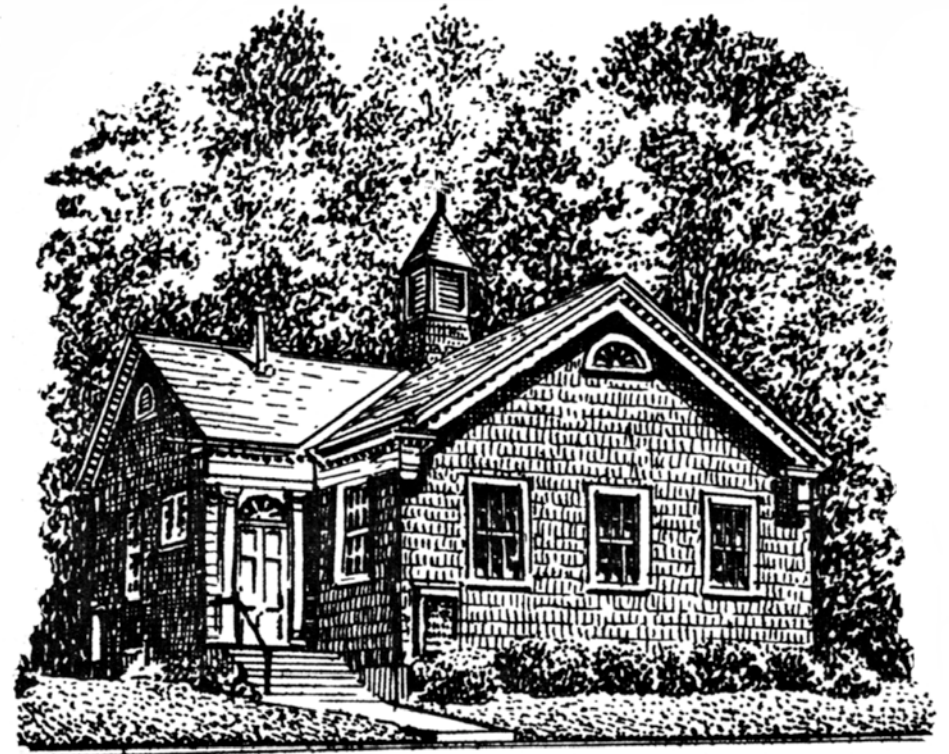
Today is our DEDICATION of KITCHEN CUPBOARD DONATIONS. Bring boxed or canned foods to donate to this important community ministry. A complete list of needed items is in the foyer. You may also donate cash in the noisy can on Sundays. **Thank you!**

The Mission Team, led by Sara Haefeli, is working on a possible **new mission statement**, based on Micah 6:8, "... and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." A draft of the mission statement currently reads "*Embracing God's will for our community through compassion, education and justice.*" The team and Pastor Robin look forward to further Chapel conversations in fellowship, prayer, and preaching in the next few months. Contact Sara at shaefeli@ithaca.edu if you would like to participate.

NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION: This fall we'll also read and discuss *Islam: A Short History*, by comparative religion author Karen Armstrong. A focus of the book is Islam's primary goal of fostering social justice. Discussion will be led by David Robertshaw, based on his own experiences working and traveling in the Middle East. Discussion date TBA.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Our next **Administrative Council** meeting will be October 18 at 7:00. Among other business, we will be voting on the Chapel's 2018 budget, as well as the Pie and Craft Sale proceeds recipients. Our **Charge Conference** will be November 5.

PIE & CRAFT SALE is November 18. Last year's "Drive By Pie Sale" was such a success we are repeating the event and this time adding a few very choice crafts. For more information about the sale and volunteering/participating in any way please email sally.grubb@gmail.com.



FOREST HOME CHAPEL

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United Methodist Church**

October 8, 2017

10 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE Merilee Nord, Music Director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Crystal Peebles

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER
*One of our goals at the Chapel is to help people experience a sense of belonging.
Please return to your seats as the music begins.*

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP
In the midst of life we come to praise God!
The Lord is our strength and our power!
We come in peace hoping for understanding and comfort.
The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.
In all things, we know that God is good.
Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day. AMEN.

*HYMN #539 *O Spirit of the Living God*

OPENING PRAYER (unison)
Lord of life and eternity, hear our prayer. There has been more violence in the world than we can possibly imagine. There has been confusion that is beyond our comprehension. We try not to add to the violence and confusion and yet, sometimes, we do. We are more subtle than overt, because we can withhold our love, we can turn our heads, we can walk away.

Help open our hearts to let go of hate, reach more deeply for understanding in confusion, and find the faith that you offer so generously all the time. Forgive us our shortcomings, help us to heal, grow and be closer to you. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God hears our prayers. We are called to stand strong and confident in God's love. Rejoice, dear friends, for that love which began before creation flows in and through you this day! **AMEN.**

ANTHEM

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.**

After this time, children may go downstairs for Sunday School.

*HYMN #553 *And Are We Yet Alive?*

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Mark 11:27-33
Colossians 3:12-14
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Love Wins Rev. Dr. Robin Blair

TIME OF SILENCE / THE LORD'S PRAYER (#895)

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

SHARING OF PRAYERS, CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS
*Following each, the pastor says: "Lord in your blessings."
The people respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN of PRAISE #94 / *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN #557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*BENEDICTION

*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** after the service in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.