

## News from Our Committees and Church Groups

⇒ **From the Community Brunch Crew — Pies and holiday décor needed** - The next brunch will be held Saturday, November 24 . We would like to provide each person with a piece of Thanksgiving pie. We are asking for your donations of a full pie or maybe a partial pie that you just couldn't finish on Thanksgiving! We are also going to be putting out some Christmas items for our guests to take home for the holiday season. If you have any of these items, pies or holiday décor, please call Nancy Spencer (518 817-1956) before dropping them off at the church on Friday, November 23. Or bring in your donations on the morning of the brunch.

⇒ **A Request from the Niles Judson Circle** — They are once again collecting boxes of Whitman's chocolates (12-16 oz) for the mothers who visit the City Mission of Schenectady at Christmas time to select gifts for their children. They don't expect anything for themselves so imagine their surprise when they are given a box of chocolate as a gift. Last year, stores such as CVS Pharmacy offered two boxes for the price of one. Hopefully, they will do the same this year.

Please bring your chocolate to the church office by Monday, December 10. Take pleasure in the delicious gift you are giving to a child's mother! Josephine Cristy, on behalf of the Niles Judson Circle, thanks you for your generosity.

⇒ **From Angela Keller, Moderator, Church Council—An Invitation to all Friedens United Church of Christ members and any other interested individuals in the congregation:** Please join us for Adult Sunday School on Sunday, December 2 to learn about the Articles of Federation and to discuss the requirements of the Constitution of the United Church of Christ. We need everyone's input.

Secondly, we welcome nominations for the positions of Moderator and Treasurer.

⇒ **From the Trustees: Sunday School Monitor - Can you help?** In compliance with our Safe Church Policy, we are required to have a monitor for the downstairs hallway during the Sunday School hour. This person would wander the hallway, check in with classes and make sure that all is well. We still need a few people to volunteer so we can maintain a schedule. Please contact Mary Lou Chotkowski if you would like to help out.

## Christian Education

### **Adult Sunday Classes**

Sunday, November 18 : "Sharing Faith" - a review of Karen Lampe's book The Caring Congregation and a discussion of ways to share faith, with and without words.

Sunday, November 25 : "Sharing Our Gratitude" - A discussion of gratitude, sharing what we are grateful for in different areas of life, and creating a gratitude tree.



**Worship Time for Grades 3-6:** The Christian Education and Activities Committee, along with the help and support of the Worship committee, Church Council, and congregation, is well on its way to putting together a separate worship time for the children of the church, grades 3-6. This separate worship time will take place after the children's time with Peter and go until the end of the church service.

They are looking for volunteers to help run this service. The separate worship service begins on Sunday, January 16, 2019, and plans are to run the service every Sunday except for communion Sunday (first Sunday each month).

Please contact Cassidy Lent if you are interested or would like more information. The committees believe that this will be a fun and special time for these children and they are excited, so they hope to have some excited adults to help as well! Cassidy Lent ([snowstorm87@hotmail.com](mailto:snowstorm87@hotmail.com), 518 487 1753)

## Community & Denominational News

**Stockade-athon — This Sunday, November 11:** It's that time of year again for the annual Stockade-athon Foot Race. The race will be held Sunday, November 11 beginning at 8:30 and finishing around 10:30 am. **In order to get to the church, you must enter from the intersection of Nott Terrace and State Street. We have been assured by the Schenectady City Police Traffic Bureau that members will be able to enter at this point. Just tell the officer that you are coming to Emmanuel Friedens and you will be let through onto Nott Terrace.** Check out the website, [www.stockadethon.com](http://www.stockadethon.com) or the newspaper for a detailed list of street closures and times.

**Capital Area Baptist Association (CABA) Annual Meeting:** November 17 @ Latham Community Baptist Church. Registration begins @ 9:00 am; program from 9:30 am-12:30 pm, lunch is included; RSVP by Thursday, November 15 to the CABA office by telephone (518-374-0288) – please leave a message or send an e-mail to [abcnyseast@yahoo.com](mailto:abcnyseast@yahoo.com). Fee is \$15 at time of registration.

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, November 25** (refer to enclosed flyer)

**Schenectady Community Ministries (SiCM) December Holiday Assembly Meeting (open to all):** The Assembly will be held on Tuesday, December 4 at St. George's Episcopal Church, 30 N. Ferry Street in Schenectady. Gather at 6 pm for a potluck dinner, A-L: main dish, M-Z: vegetable/salad. Program includes SiCM Community Service Awards.

**Safe Church Training:** We have received an invitation to join First United Methodist Church (FUMC) for Safe Church training, which will be held on Saturday, December 1 from 9 am-12 pm at FUMC. It is necessary to register so that they have enough materials prepared. Please call FUMC's church office at 518-374-4403 by November 28. **If you are unable to attend this training, our church will have a Safe Church training session sometime in the first quarter of 2019.**

This type of training is essential to keep up-to-date with the current safe church policies for church members to follow. Adults who work with children/youth are expected to attend these trainings even if you have had this training in the past, so please attend again as the training has improved. If you are thinking of working with children/youth in the future, you are also invited to participate.