

Celebration Times!

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VALENTINE'S DINNER



The Annual Prime Rib Dinner sponsored by the youth group will be held on Sat., February 15th from 5-8 pm. The dinner will feature a choice of Prime Rib or Cornish Game Hen with salad, rolls, elegant desert, and beverage. The hall is beautifully decorated and service is provided by well dressed and trained youth - a truly pleasurable evening out. Reservations by Feb. 10h to Ron/Denise Ormond @ 358-4178 or Dawn Durow @ 358-4772. The cost is \$20 single/ \$40 couple. The proceeds will go toward Mission trips. Numbers are limited, so make your reservations soon. They appreciate your support!!



Family Ice Skating

at the **Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena**

Sunday, January 26, 3-5 pm All invited.

Cost for Sunday school children will be covered by the Sunday school. All others \$5 for admission and skate rental.

Greetings and Happy New Year!



I was reminded this past week, attitude determines everything. If we have a good attitude about life in general, chances are good we will have a good day. If we get up and have a bad attitude our day probably doesn't have a very good chance of being good.

I suspect that is true about our church and the New Year also. If we think that our life is going to be no different in 2014 than it was in 2013, it probably won't be. Attitude is everything! I pray 2013 was a good year for you and 2014 will bring even greater glory to God as he blesses you and your family.

Today I was reading Psalm 8:1-9. In verse 3-4; God says we are in his thoughts all the time and we, each of us is created special by God's design. God says we are special, and he cares for us. He has a plan for our lives individually and together, we are to be a blessing to each other. I Hope and pray I am.

I wonder how we as the church will glorify and honor God in 2014. Will we make God's work a priority? Will we honor God in all we do and complete the work God puts before us?

I pray that as God guides our lives together, we will work together and give God the glory and honor for the opportunities to serve Him and one another.

I pray that 2014 will be joyous and that we have a good attitude while serving. I pray I will be more committed to and more attuned to God's glorious work that he has put before me. I pray the church, you, the body of Christ here in East Randolph will see things, people and God's creation as a gift from God and not a burden. (Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you.)

Coming in the Spring I am hopeful we will go on a mission trip either to Jamaica or the Appalachia service project in Tennessee or Kentucky. All who want to go and help please contact Pastor Rod. You must be at least 16 and we need at least 1 adult for every 3 people under 18. Be in prayer about how and where you can serve. Also, let us know the best week for you to go.

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:9).

In His service,

Pastor Rod



Sunday School News - Congratulations to our Sunday school students for supplying 41 flashlights as Christmas gifts for the children in Harold and Teri Nichol's Bible Club in Jamaica!

The children will be singing praise songs at the beginning of the 10:20 worship service on Sunday, January 26th. The 5th & 6th grade students will do a skit at that service, also. See info front page—this same afternoon - there will be ice skating at the Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena.

A New Year's Prayer—"Lord, we have brought to You our mistakes and our blunders from 2013. We have offered them to You as burnt offerings; now they have gone up in smoke. Thank You for your forgiveness, and for promising us a new and better year to come in 2014. Amen." - Rev. Felix A. Lorenz Jr.

Thank You

Trish and I would like to thank you for the gift of \$300.00 for Christmas and the many Christmas cards we received..

I want to thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls and cards for healing during my recent surgery. The Dr. said surgery went well and all is healing according to plan. Well this wasn't my plan, but you have blessed me and God is with me, thank you.

Happy New Year in 2014.

You're all a blessing,

Pastor Rod

Reminder— Our Labors of Love Holiday Bazaar is coming up in November. On these cold winter days, start working on those crafts!



Missions Committee

would like to thank everyone who has helped with the sale of cookies benefitting the upcoming July mission trip. We would also like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. God bless you!

Women's Prayer Breakfast

NEXT - February 8, 2014 8 - 9 am
Napoli UM Church

What a great way to start the day! Reservations are not needed— just bring yourself (and a friend if you like) and we'll see you there!

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WEDNESDAY

March 5th
 Prayer Service at 7 pm



United Methodist Women

Women Serving God- Women Serving Women

Feb. 17th - Prayer & Self Denial Program. Business meeting @ 11:20 am, lunch at noon, followed by the program.

“Behold, all things are become new.”

- 2 Cor. 5:17

Monday Night Bible Study



Mondays at 7:00 pm

All interested persons are welcome to join!

Congratulations New Trustees!

The trustees added for the Class of 2016 are: Kelley Liskow, Philip Kish, Dawn Durow



Daylight Savings time begins
March 9th

“Old age is a gift, a blessing, an opportunity to model and share what God’s Promise is all about. Our older years are the Passion Years, the Play-filled Years, the Patient Years, the Present Years, the Prime Years, and, yes, the Prune Years.”

- Dr. Richard Bimler

The easiest way to teach children the value of money is to borrow some from them.

You are richer today than you were yesterday if you have made a new friend, laughed often, given something, forgiven something, or have managed to be cheerful despite weariness.

SHOUT-OUTS

by Margie Andrews



- Harry & Cathy Uhl, Branden & Tammy Johnson, Cody & Lyndsey Uhl and all of the **Activities Team (Team Uhl)** that pulled together and made the Living Nativity a big success this year. Countless times I heard people say "Remember the Reason for the Season" - well, you made the REASON come to life! Many families got to see, up close, the REASON for the Season-many people, who perhaps had never known the REASON for the season, were witnessed to those nights. Little children will not only read about Jesus in books or hear the good news—they got to SEE it. Those are memories they will never forget. THANK YOU for your dedication and faithfulness to this project—GREAT JOB!!

- To the **Sunday School teachers** who get their kids to church on the last Sunday of the month and have them sing and do skits for us. One of my favorite parts of the Christmas Season is to see those little kids shout "Hey Gabriel, GO TELL MARY!" and to hear them sing about the Savior of the world coming and all the expectation and excitement that comes with that. It's contagious, and it always lifts me out of the craziness of the holiday times and reminds me to slow down and ENJOY the faith, hope and love that Christ brings. The last Sunday of the months is my FAVORITE and I am sure I speak for all of our church family when I say that I appreciate the work you are doing in our young people. THANK YOU!!!

- To **Tracey Barron** who put up such a wonderful display in the hallway to the conference room— if you haven't checked it out-make sure you take a look. She has made a wonderful collage of our events in 2013—parties, the Retreat, the Hoe-down-you name it! It's a real testimony to the activity available in this church and how our church family comes together in Christian Fellowship. It's such a nice display-THANK YOU Tracey for once again, going above and beyond!!

**** Dates to Remember ****

Sun., Jan 19 - **Gospel/Western Music** 2:00- 5:00 pm
Tues., Jan 21 - **UMW Luncheon & Planning Meeting** @ 11:20 am
Thurs. Jan 23 - **PPRC Mtg.** @ 6:30 pm
Fri. Jan 24—**FH—reserved** - 4:00—7:30 pm
Sun. Jan 26 - Sunday school Ice Skating—info on other pages
Sat. Feb. 1 - Men's Breakfast 7-8 am
Sat. Feb. 8 - Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8-9 am @ Napoli UMC
Tues. Feb 11—**Trustee Mtg.** @ 7 pm
Thurs. Feb 13 - **Ministry Advisory Council**—7pm
Thurs./Fri. Feb. 13/14— Prime Rib Dinner **Set-up**
Sat. Feb 15 - Youth **Prime Rib Dinner** 5-8 pm
Sun. Feb 16 - **Gospel/Western Music** 2:00-5:00 pm
Tues. Feb 18 - **UMW**—11:20 am
Wed. Feb 19 - FH—**DCOM Mtg.** All day

Bible Study—every Mon @ 7 pm
Yoga Class - every Wed. @ 5:45pm
Choir/Praise practice—every Wed. @ 7/8 pm
Fitness Classes— contact Justin Wheeler @ 269-4903

Growing old
is not much
to pay for
the privi-
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living.

Salvation Army Notes

Year 2013 is over, and the results of the "Red Kettle Campaign" are known. Bells were rung nine hours most days of the sixteen days of the Christmas season. At Tops supermarket in Randolph, five churches and five organizations took their turn at supplying members of the community to man the "Kettle".

Churches included were St. Patrick Catholic Church, Randolph Presbyterian Church, Grace Episcopal Church, Faith Bible Church and East Randolph UMC. Organizations included Randolph American Legion, VFW, Randolph Area Cub Scout pack 103, Randolph Central School organizations and Randolph Lions Club.

The collections for the sixteen days totaled \$6,129, which will be sent to Divisional headquarters in Syracuse for distribution. Randolph area is able to use any or all of the amount collected each year, upon request using a voucher system. The Randolph service unit requests that needs for assistance be directed to one of the unit members for action.

We thank TOPS MARKETS for allowing the Salvation Army to take their position in the shelter of their cart area for the duration of the season, as we had several cold and windy days to man the kettle.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all who assisted by giving an hour or more to the collection duties, and to all who gave financially to help in this campaign. It is heartwarming to know that this collection is done by the people AND for the people.

Randolph area Service Unit of SALVATION ARMY -
Louise Boutwell, Denise Ormond, Dennis Zink

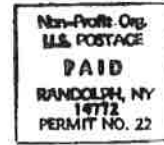
Every day that
you take time to
laugh, love and
pray will be a
happy day for
you.

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**March Newsletter Deadline:
February 15th**

2014 Worship Volunteers

If you are unable to fulfill your duty- please find someone to replace you and let Helen know so we can notify the right folks for Sunday Worship (358-2433)



<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Children's Moments</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
Jan 12: Helen Ranks	Annette Waite	Pastor Rod	Louise Freeman
Jan 19: Helen Ranks	Louise Freeman	Pastor Rod	Judy Turner
Jan 26: Helen Ranks	Cindy Howard	Pastor Rod	Cindy H./Debbie S.
Feb 2: Joe Andrews	Annette Waite	Margie Andrews	Sarla Freeman
Feb 9: ????	Judy Turner	Pastor Rod	Judy Turner
Feb 16: The Barron's	Tracey Barron	Pastor Rod	????
Feb 23: Paul/Dorothy Sherman	????	Pastor Rod	????

Acolytes Trish Mileham 358-4613
Jan 12 - Tayla Keyes & ???
Jan 19- Hailey Darcy & Caitlin Park
Jan 26 - Marcus Evans & ???
Feb 2- Brynn Pagett & Darin Botzenmayer
Feb 9 - Miranda & Renee Waterman
Feb 16 - Caitlin Park & Caliana Wheeler
Feb 23 - Matthew Evans & Mason Pagett



Altar Flowers

Karen Belt 358-9466

Jan 12: Karen & Dana Belt
Jan 19: Kirsten/Ashton J.
Jan 26: Annette W./ Louise F.
Feb 2: Tracey Barron
Feb 9: Kelley Liskow
Feb 16: Tracey Barron
Feb 23: Kim Buck