

We Warmly Welcome You!

If you are new, please visit the welcome table near the back ramp entrance. Refreshments, coffee and fellowship are brewing after each service. Hopeful hospitality is our aim as a church; we pray you experience that warm embrace today!

All of God's Children Are Welcome Here!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me; for to such belong the kingdom of God." We, too, welcome children being present in worship. No child is ever a distraction when we gather; we are a family in God! Children's offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

Enjoy The Journey of Worship

Hymns #1-904 are found in the red hymnal. Hymns #2001-2284 are found in the black hymnal. Hymns #3001 - 3190 are found in the green hymnal.

Our services are at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM. Communion is offered each week at the 8:30 AM service and the first Sunday of each month at the 10:30 AM service. Christ's table is for ALL! Receive a piece of bread (gluten-free available), dip lightly into the cup of grape juice and remember Christ's gift of love!

Please Pray With Us...

In Prayer: Arlie Siler, Shirley Dumont's mother; Henry & Helen Sander; Kathy Sweet; Bob Rowe; Lenny Eaton and Harold Vance. (To submit joys and concerns to the prayer list, contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless you call and add them again.)

In Military Service: Seth Parker, Air Force, the grandson of Ken & Sandy Parker. To place someone on our list, please contact the church office. Names are rotated each week.



Entrance

please stand wherever an asterisk () appears*

Prelude (*silent prayer during the prelude helps every soul to prepare for worship*)

***Call to Worship**Psalm 138

Leader: I give thanks to you with all my heart, Lord. I sing your praise before all other gods.

People: I bow toward your holy temple and thank your name for your loyal love and faithfulness because you have made your name and word greater than everything else.

Leader: On the day I cried out, you answered me. You encouraged me with inner strength.

People: Let all the earth's rulers give thanks to you, Lord, when they hear what you say.

Leader: Let them sing about the Lord's ways because the Lord's glory is so great!

People: Even though the Lord is high, he can still see the lowly, but God keeps his distance from the arrogant.

Leader: Whenever I am in deep trouble, you make me live again; you send your power against my enemies' wrath; you save me with your strong hand.

ALL: The Lord will do all this for my sake. Your faithful love lasts forever, Lord! Don't let go of what your hands have made.

***Hymn:**#3105 *In Christ Alone* (*please stand as the light of Christ is brought forward*)

Invocation & Call to Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

***Affirmation of Faith [Unison]:**

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in the true Person, Jesus
the Christ, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the
Spirit.

We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

***Gloria Patri**#102 v. 3

*Let us greet one another with the signs of
peace and reconciliation.*

***Hymn:**#3132 *House of God*

Holy Communion (8:30)

Testimony

Scripture ReadingMatthew 16:1-20

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus. In order to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven.

But he replied, "At evening you say, 'It will be nice weather because the sky is bright red.' And in the morning you say, 'There will be bad weather today because the sky is cloudy.' You know how to make sense of the sky's appearance. But you are unable to recognize the signs that point to what the time is. An evil and unfaithful generation searches for a sign. But it won't receive any sign except Jonah's sign." Then he left them and went away.

When the disciples arrived on the other side of the lake, they had forgotten to bring bread. Jesus said to them, "Watch out and be on your guard for the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

They discussed this among themselves and said, "We didn't bring any bread."

Jesus knew what they were discussing and said, "You people of weak faith! Why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you don't have any bread? Don't you understand yet? Don't you remember the five loaves that fed the five thousand and how many baskets of leftovers you gathered? And the seven loaves that fed the four thousand and how many large baskets of leftovers you gathered? Don't you know that I wasn't talking about bread? But be on your guard for the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Then they understood that he wasn't telling them to be on their guard for yeast used in making bread. No, he was telling them to watch out for the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Now when Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Human One is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

He said, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Then Jesus replied, "Happy are you, Simon son of Jonah, because no human has shown this to you. Rather my Father who is in heaven has shown you. I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won't be able to stand against it. I'll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Anything you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Anything you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven." Then he ordered the disciples not to tell anybody that he was the Christ.

Anthem: *Thy Will*

Children's Meditation

**Hymn:...#3109 Living Spirit, Holy Fire*

Meditation: *"Come and Follow"*

Response

**Hymn:.....#2130 The Summons*

Sharing of Faith, Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Welcome & Invitations

Offertory:.....

**Doxology:.....#95*

***Prayer of Dedication:** May these gifts, O God, be sign and seal that we are willing to truly follow you. Amen.

Going Forth

***Recessional:**#2129 *I Have Decided*

Benediction

Postlude

Serving Us Today:

Ushers (8:30 AM):Pat Brayton, Hilda Pratt
Head Usher (10:30):Larry Elmen
Reader:Jeanne Runkel
Usher:Dianne Rutledge
Welcome Table (8:30):Paula McMahon
Welcome Table (10:30):Kim Wolak
Dir. of Children's Ministries:Kristen Lambiaso
Dir. of MusicCarol Ann Elze-Sussdorff
Deacon for Discipleship:Rev. Nancy Dibelius
Vocalist:Rhonda Becker
Pastor:Rev. Phil Phaneuf

Invitations to Discipleship & Fellowship

Worship Schedule Online

Go online to qumc.church for the upcoming worship calendar. We will be following the gospel lectionary texts throughout this coming year as we learn more about Jesus Christ and how to be his disciples. The Scripture passages for each Sunday are available there for you

to read ahead of time and prepare for worship during the week!

“Lifting-Off” of Each Other’s Generosity

As we together plan our ministries for 2018, we together can plan our generosity as well. Coinciding with the Adirondack Balloon Fest, Sunday Sept 24th we will “lift off” our official annual Pledge Sunday. A pledge is a prayerful estimate of giving by which we together can financially plan the upcoming year. Pledge cards and envelopes will be provided for you that day OR you can pledge confidentially online as well beginning Sept. 10th. United we can continue to reach more people with the life-changing discipleship to Jesus Christ.

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) Begins Sept. 10th

Our fall kick-off UMYF meeting will be Sunday Evening Sept. 10th from 5-7pm. Youth in grades 7-12 are all invited. The following Sunday, Sept. 17th, parents are encouraged to stay so that we can go through the year's schedule together, hear about the Summer 2018 mission trip to Rutland, VT., and learn more about the Andrew Cutts Scholarship that is awarded annually to eligible graduating seniors. UMYF is a time of food, fellowship, sharing, and learning how to follow the ways of Jesus Christ that is relevant for adolescents.

Needed - Two UMYF Counselors

Rev. Phil, Megan Phaneuf, Karen Kowalczyk, and Amanda Sander are UMYF adult counselors but we would like two more to join us and the youth in this year's journey! We would need you to be present most Sundays from 5-7. If you love good food and fabulous conversations with youth, please contact the church office after you've prayerfully considered joining the team!

Sunday School Teachers/ Helpers/Parents

Register your children ahead of time for Sunday School at umcq.org. We're asking all parents to volunteer in children's ministry this year. You will have options on the registration form as to how you will volunteer in at least two ways. We will give you all the guidance you need but many hands make light work. A robust rotation-force of harvest workers and seed planters will bear much fruit in leading our children to knowing God loves them. Your generous spirit to volunteer is appreciated

Bible Sunday - Sunday Sept. 24th

On Bible Sunday we will celebrate our 3rd graders with the reception of new bibles with their names engraved. Any other children desiring a bible can also request one! Please contact the church office with the name as you would like it printed by Sept. 13th.

Sign Up for the Alpha Course!

Please put your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. A kickoff potluck luncheon will be held in Clark Hall on Sunday, Sep 10th at noon. Anyone who has signed up or who is interested and would like more information is welcome to attend. Please bring a dish to share.

The first of 10 weekly meetings will begin on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Dessert is provided. Invite a friend to share the experience with you.

Alpha graduates can be part of the team by volunteering to provide a dessert for one of the sessions. A sign up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board. Your servanthood is appreciated. - Dianne Rutledge

Family Fun Fair Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way at our 3rd Annual Family Fun Fair on Saturday, August 12th! A very special thank you goes to our coordinator, Paula McMahan, who worked tirelessly and led her volunteers with grace and kindness.

New Worship/Sunday School Schedule Begins September 10th!

The format: 8:30 AM worship service, 9:30 AM to 10:10 AM adult education and/or coffee fellowship, 10:15 AM worship service.

Adult Education Class

Our Deacon for Discipleship, Rev. Nancy Dibelius, will lead our fall Sunday morning adult education classes, beginning at 9:30 AM (between the first and second worship services) September 10th. We will learn and explore classic Christian spiritual practices.

Do you sense an invitation to spend more time with God but don't know how? Have you been wondering...

-Where is God in all of this?

-How do I know what God wants me to do?

-How can I learn to recognize and hear God's 'still small voice' in my life?

Spiritual practices have helped Christians for the last two centuries answer those questions; join us and see if they can help you deepen your relationship with God.

Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule

Please note that once our new worship schedule begins on September 10th, there will be only one coffee hour - between the 8:30 and 10:30 services! To celebrate this new time, we are asking YOU for baked goodies that day. Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex. Please have your items here by 9:30 on Sunday morning OR drop them off Saturday and label your items "For Coffee Hour." Let's make the first Sunday of our new beginnings a yummy one for

everyone. - Kathleen Kelley, Coffee Hour Coordinator

Update on Congregational Care and Stephen Ministry

We are pleased that Sandy Lowder has committed to continuing to serve as CCT leader! Along with this program, we are still looking to recruit Stephen ministers. An introductory course of the Stephen ministry is planned on Saturday, September 30th in Wayland, MA (a three-hour drive) and we would like for four or more people from our congregation to attend and commit to this program. Following that, a year-long training will be held at QUMC. We ask that you pray and if tending to others is on your heart, please let Rev. Phil know.

We are working on clarifying responsibilities. If you have not been contacted by a church member, or if you have any concerns or needs you would like made known, please contact Sandy Lowder.

Revelation Bible Study

Join Rev. Phil in this hope-filled, fear-less 8 week study beginning the week of Sept. 17th (this is a week later than was previously publicized). Join us Mondays from 6:30-8PM or Wednesdays from 9AM-10:30. Please RSVP to the office. \$8 suggested donation for the course book.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please add your name to the list of once-a-month volunteers for our Food Pantry, which is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-30 AM to 11 AM and 9 to 11 AM the last Saturday of the month. Please contact Maureen Worthing at 518-812-8131.

The summer worship service helper schedule in the narthex still has many openings for readers and ushers through September 3rd.

Our 2nd Life Warehouse needs your help on Saturday from 9 AM to noon. Please contact Sharon Cederstrom to help at 793-0545.

Greeting Card Donations

The congregation has been most generous in donating spare greeting cards for the residents of The Warren Center! Our Mission Outreach committee will continue collecting until September 3rd if you still wish to add to the pile. A box is in Clark Hall for your convenience.

New Name Tags Coming to QUMC

Beginning Sunday, September 10th, we are kicking off the fall with magnetic name tags so we can all identify each other better! When you arrive, please go to the magnetic board in the narthex to find yours. At the conclusion of the service, please put the tag back in its place for the following week.

Wesley Class Meeting - Koinōnia Invitation

What is koinōnia? It's biblical greek for deep sharing and fellowship between each other and God! Our Sunday 5pm Wesley Class Meeting (a one hour, simple time to share how you are growing in God!) would like you to join them. This fall is your opportunity to share in Rev. Phil's doctoral dissertation project as he tests out what effect daily group texting will have on the ability to reach chosen discipleship goals. It will prove to be worth your time and effort so please give this opportunity some prayerful consideration! Contact the office to sign up!

This Week's Church Events

Worship Services

- ✦ Today (Sanctuary) -8:30 & 10:30 AM
- ✦ Heavenly Grounds (Clark Hall) - Immediately following each service
- ✦ Healing Service (Sanctuary) - Thurs. 7 PM

Small Groups/Prayer Meetings

- ✦ Wesley Class (Parlor) - Sun. 5 PM
- ✦ Morning Prayer (Sanctuary) - Mon./Tues./Thurs. 6 AM, Wed. 6:30 AM
- ✦ Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor) - Tues. 7 PM
- ✦ Church Council (Clark Hall) - Tues. 7 PM

Volunteer/Outreach Services

- ✦ Food Pantry (Clark Hall) - Tues. (Jeanne Runkel) & Fri. 9:30 AM
- ✦ Clothing Ministry Sorting (Rm 3) - Tues. 9:30 AM, Thurs. 7 PM
- ✦ Clothing Ministry (Lower Level) - Sat. 9 AM - Noon

Community Groups

- ✦ Overeaters Anonymous - Sun. 6 PM, Thurs. 6:30 PM
- ✦ Alcoholics Anonymous - Sun. 7 PM, Tues. 7 PM, Fri. 6 PM
- ✦ Al-Anon - Tues. 7 PM

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