



UMC LAKE AND RIVER PARISH NEWSLETTER

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From the Author

The summer has flown by like a flash and the leaves have been kissed with the bright colors of fall. Those of us who garden know that the peak time for tomatoes and cukes has come and gone, although golden squash and earthy beets are becoming the stars of the fall garden. Many of our summer friends have left to make the trek to their winter homes and although we miss them during the winter months, all of the year-round residents look forward to the spring arrivals. It is a time for reflection and preparation for the upcoming busy holiday season. A bit of quiet time to enjoy cool evenings at the firepit and mugs of hot cider while planning for the “next big thing.”

As Christians, we all share, year-round, our “big thing”. What could be bigger, more important, more exciting than sharing the joy of knowing our savior?

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For
unto
us a
CHILD
is born
unto us a
Son
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!
Isaiah 9:6

From the Author cont.

He guides our lives and blesses us with the opportunity to worship together, pray for others and our own needs, to guide our children in the ways of the Lord and so much more. It is a privilege to serve Him in all ways using the gifts we have received; some members are teachers, ushers, master pie bakers and caretakers of the church's buildings and grounds.

I have been asked to author the newsletter and pray I will honor Him in this task. I will need the help of all three congregations to send me current events, special announcements and upcoming celebrations. My email address is: quiltchick555@gmail.com for those of you who use email. Items can be passed on with the Pastor or by mail to the Cape Vincent church address. I am not a big photographer but will share ones sent to me within reason and space constraints.

-Sharon Briggs

Prayer Opportunities

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

A new prayer opportunity has begun at the Cape Vincent UMC. Every Tuesday morning from 7AM to 8:30 AM the church will be open for anyone desiring to come in and pray. There will be no fanfare, no social hour, no organized worship, just a quiet time for reflection in prayer. A time to pray for our churches, the world, our country, our children; for peace, for restored health, for others in crisis. Come and share the quiet blessing of being in God's presence for ten minutes or an hour. A church member will be present and prayer request slips will be accepted for the Sunday worship service.

The Wednesday 6:00 am prayer meeting continues by free telephone call 1-425-436-6304 access code 639723#

Recent Happenings

Blessing of the Animals

There was a blessing of animals on Saturday, October 2, on the UCCV Church grounds. Members of the Church and the Community joined on and all were blessed.

Laity Sunday

On Sunday, October 17th, we took a minute to focus on those members of the church who aren't ministers of Word and sacrament, but who bring their gifts of ministry to our table each and every Sunday. Laity Sunday is the third Sunday in October and is always a special day for us.

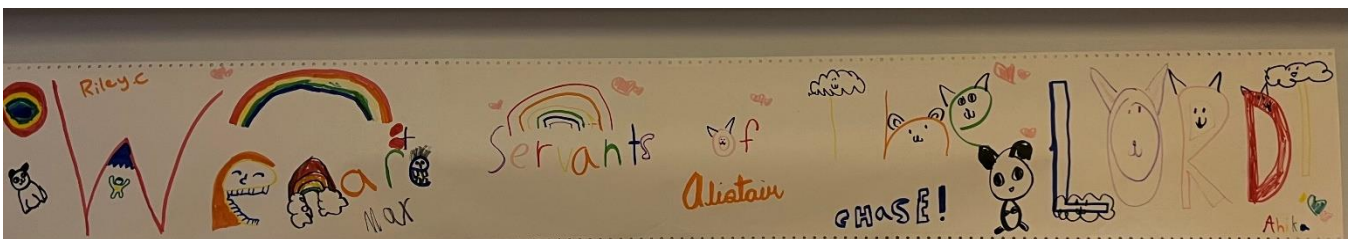


Children's Corner

Family Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. There is no Sunday school but the kids take part in the service instead. Join us as we celebrate the special gifts that all ages bring to our congregation!



The children have been busy in Sunday school learning about God and his followers while creating crafts to make our church more vibrant and beautiful! Please come see their work when you have a chance!



Upcoming Events



CHICKEN AND BISCUITS!

**Three Mile Bay Methodist Church
October 20, from 3:30 PM till gone.**

Curbside Take Out ONLY!

Only \$10 per dinner including dessert!

Frozen pies for sale...Thanksgiving is coming!

**The last TMB Chicken & Biscuit Meal of
this year will be on November 17**

Trek-n-Treat



The Cape Vincent Church will be participating in the Trek-n-Treat event hosted by the Chamber on October 30, 2021. We will be preparing bags for approximately 96 children. Along with the Christian Halloween items and candy, there will be a post card inviting the children/families to join us for services and Sunday School with contact information.

Investing in our community children is very important. Donations to defray some of the costs of this very worthy cause can be given to Perry Golden, Financial Secretary or put in the collection plate - noting that it is for the kid's Halloween event.

Upcoming Events Cont.



CHRISTMAS LOVE BAGS

Christmas Love Bags are a ministry of the Three Mile Bay Methodist Church with help from Cape Vincent UMC. These bags are distributed to members of the local Three Mile Bay and Cape Vincent communities. Items needed include: raisins, crackers and cheese, cookies, popcorn, oatmeal, candy canes, hot chocolate, pudding cups, apple cider packets, small candy bars, individual fruit pies, applesauce and fruit cups. All items should be individually wrapped and sealed.

Donations are needed for bags by December 9th. Please bring them in to either the Three Mile Bay or Cape Vincent churches. Bags will be filled on Dec. 11th at the TMB church. If you would like to suggest someone to be a recipient of a bag, please email or call the church (contact information on page 10).

COMMUNITY EVENTS:



Cape Vincent Fire Dept. Scallop Potatoes and Ham Dinner

Election Day (Tuesday Nov. 2 beginning at 4 PM)

Meals are \$11.00 to support the fire department

Take out ONLY!

Cash raffle tickets to be sold and drawn that evening.

Important Dates through 2021

November

All Saints List Read	11/07/21 (during service)
Parish Charge Conference	11/07/21
TMB Healing Service @ 11AM	11/14/21
UCCV Healing Service @ 2pm	11/14/21
First Sunday of Advent	11/28/21

The Community is invited to both celebrations of healing.

December

Decorate Sanctuary UCCV (9:30am)	12/04/21
Hanging of the Greens UCCV (9:30)	12/5/21 (during service)
TMB Christmas Love Bags Filling	12/11/21
Live Nativity @ UCCV (6,6:30,7)	12/23/21
TMB Christmas Eve Service (7pm)	12/19/21
UCCV Christmas Eve Service (7pm)	12/24/21



He is the Reason for the Season!

Jesus is coming. Mary still carries the king to his earthly humble stable birth. Joseph still stands by his betrothed and awaits the coming of the miracle child he will call his son. The throng of angels and shepherds will meet as the miracle is heralded in Heaven and on earth. And Christians throughout the world will rejoice in the virgin birth of the son of the greatest king, God.

So, decorate your homes with greens and candles, lights and trees. Plan a nice dinner of whatever you have, fashion a gift from wood, beads, fabric or yarn, pass down a family treasure you have. But please, no matter what else you do, remember Jesus. Say grace. Go to church. Sing carols of praise. Share the joy of knowing Jesus with others...the greatest gift ever given and rejoice for He is King!



Parish Contact Information

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United Church of Cape Vincent (UCCV)

176 South Esselstyne Street
Cape Vincent, New York 13618
9:30am Service

Three Mile Bay UMC (TMB)

8580 St Rte 12E
Three Mile Bay, NY 13693
11am Service

Point Peninsula UMC

8580 St Rte 12E
Three Mile Bay, NY 13693
Closed for the Season