

## **LOWVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday Morning Worship

Pastor John Donner

March 5, 2023

2nd Sunday in Lent

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

### GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 121

OPENING HYMN "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" Brown 466

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-17

### ***SERMON***

***"You Must Be Born Again"***

PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN "Just As I Am" Brown 574

(The altar is a holy place where God is near, take your prayers and praises to him during the last hymn.)

BENEDICTION

***"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me."***

**John 14:1**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- There will be a Church Conference at 7:00 PM on Thursday March 16th in the Lowville UMC Sanctuary. We will try to have it available on Zoom also. The church conference is only open to church members (those on the membership rolls), and all those church members are strongly encouraged to attend. At this church conference, a vote will be taken to approve the binding agreement negotiated between the Lowville negotiation team and WPAUMC Board of Trustees (the denomination). This agreement contains the terms and conditions for Lowville UMC to disaffiliate from the UMC denomination. A 2/3 vote (supermajority) of those attending is required for the vote to pass and for Lowville UMC to disaffiliate from the UMC denomination.
- For those able to stay after today's worship service, Pastor John and our Lay Leader Craig will provide a brief summary of the disaffiliation agreement terms and conditions of which we will be voting on at the March 16 Church Conference. We will also discuss the Lowville Church Council's recommendation to affiliate with the Global Methodist Church denomination following our disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church denomination.
- Reminder to the Erie Prays Team to be praying during your hour **Sat, March 11<sup>th</sup>**.
- If you feel at all sick, PLEASE STAY HOME. Masks are optional. If you test positive during the week, please notify Pastor John.
- Friendly reminder, no food or drink (other than water) in the sanctuary.
- United Women in Faith are collecting recipes to create a cookbook which will be offered for sale at a future date. If you wish to share a recipe, please send to [rmmiller3@YAHOO.COM](mailto:rmmiller3@YAHOO.COM). You can also drop off recipes in the soup kettle on the table. Please include your name and phone number.
- We are collecting health/hygiene kits for folks experiencing natural disaster and emergency situations. Donate items or make a kit. Lists are in fellowship hall.
- United Women in Faith are resuming their bake sales. There is a sign-up sheet in the social room. Sale is the last Sunday of each month.
- We will not be purchasing new offertory envelopes for the year 2024. If you do not use a week, keep for next year, don't throw away. All you will need to do is cross of the date and put the contribution date.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> there will be an Easter Egg hunt at the church @ 2:00 pm.
- Combined Adult and Youth Sunday School classes @ 9:30.
- Seneca Musical, March 10 & 11 @ 7pm. "Mamma Mia".

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Mar 8, Bible Study, 7:00pm via zoom
- Mar 9, Praise team @ 6:45, prayer meeting at 7:45