

LOWVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

Pastor John Donner

March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday in Lent

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 63:1-4 and Isaiah 12:1-3

OPENING HYMN "For Those Tears I Died"

Brown 436

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: John 4:4-42 and other selected verses

SERMON

"Living Water"

PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN "Fill My Cup, Lord"

Brown 481

(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 THIS THURSDAY (March 16) at 7:00 PM in the Lowville UMC Sanctuary. We will ALSO HAVE IT ON ZOOM for the out of town and homebound. 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.
- Following the above-mentioned church conference, if the binding agreement vote had passed, we will immediately have a second church conference chaired by our church council to vote on our local church affiliating with the Global Methodist Church.
- 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 Erie Prays Team to be praying during your hour **Tuesday, April 11th.**
- If you feel at all sick, PLEASE STAY HOME. Masks are optional. If you test positive during the week, please notify Pastor John.
- 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. 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 1st there will be an Easter Egg hunt at the church @ 2:00 pm.
- Combined Adult and Youth Sunday School classes @ 9:30.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 14, Women's Society Meeting at church, 12:00 pm
- Mar 15, Bible Study, 7:00pm via zoom
- Mar 16, Church Conference 7:00 pm in building and zoom