

***"Working Together with All to Connect to God's Love"***

**First United Methodist Church of Horseheads**

**February 9, 2025**

***Greetings and Announcements***

*As the service begins, please use the white prayer cards on the pew-back in front of you if you want something read aloud from the pulpit. During our first hymn, the Ushers will collect cards to be read aloud.*

**\*Posting of the Colors**

**Scouting America Troop 84**

**Prelude:** Con spirito, from Sonatina Opus 36

Muzio Clementi

**\*Call to Worship**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Class Scout Eric McGrain**

Leader: Beloved, the Savior calls you. Will you follow?

**People: God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Leader: Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path. Will you follow?

**People: God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Leader: Jesus calls us to shift our priorities, to leave behind the baggage of prejudice and the grasping for position so we can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will you follow?

**People: God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Leader: Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone! Today we answer Christ's call together!

**People: God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love everywhere we go! Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

Cry of my Heart

#2165

**\*A Scouter's Prayer**

**Scouting America Troop 84**

**Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me. I come before you, one of your many children. I am weak and small. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset; my ears sharp so I may hear your voice. Make me wise, so I may learn the things you have taught my people, the lessons you have hidden under every rock and leaf. I seek strength, not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy--myself. Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so whenever life fades, like the fading sunset, my spirit will come to you without shame. Amen.**

*(Prayer composed by Chief Yellow Lark, of the Blackfoot Tribe)*

**Joys and concerns**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Gift of Music**

Amazing Grace

arr. John Coates, Jr.

**Scout Pledge and Oath**

Scouting America Troop 84

## Young Disciples Time

### Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Life Scout Emily McGrain (OT-pg. 635)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

**\*Hymn** Holy, Holy, Holy #64

### Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Life Scout Kate Vanzile (NT-pg. 62)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

**Sermon** Fishing for People

### Offering

### Offering Music

Liturgical Meditation

George Oldroyd

### Doxology

**\*Hymn** Cry of my Heart #2165

### \*Benediction

**\*Retiring of the colors** Troop 84

**Postlude** Grand Choeur Theodore Salome

(Please feel free to stay and enjoy the Postlude)

\*Indicates please stand if able.

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### **Sermon Theme**

Naturally, most people want to plan their lives and do whatever they decide with their days. Many people get stuck in a job they don't like, but it pays the bills. Rarely do people get told to go do something else by God. But when it happens, God gives evidence that its really God. This happens with Isaiah, who is too sinful to even consider working for God. But God sent him an outrageous vision, cleansing him of his guilt. After that, he offers himself to God's service without reservation. When Jesus tells fishermen how to fish better, they cannot believe it. But his fishing result overwhelms their doubt, and they leave everything behind to follow him. "You will now fish for people," Jesus tells them. What might God be calling you to do, to serve Him without reservation? Are you ready to respond to a call?

### **Announcements February 9, 2025**

Welcome to Worship today! If you are visiting today with us, please stop by the visitor's table just outside the sanctuary. There is a gift bag there for you!

Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Pauline LeShure's birthday

Sunday School: 10:45am, Grades k-8 Fellowship Hall, Sr. High-Class Rm 18, Adult Sunday School, Large Conference Room

**Sunday, Feb. 16**, our pastor will be on vacation. The Rev. Anne Canfield retired United Methodist pastor will preach and lead the service of worship. Please welcome Anne as she shares a timely message with us: "Kingdom Bound Values" based on Jesus's sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapter 5.

### **February Church Committee/Event Schedule**

Prayer Group each Monday, 10 am, WR

Women's ministry Bible Study each Wednesday at 10am, WR

Choir Practice each Saturday at 3pm

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Trustee Meeting, Rm. 11

\*Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm, Dish to pass meal and a movie

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am, Quilting Ministry, FH

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm, Worship Committee, SCR

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, Noon, United Women of Faith, LCR

2:00pm, Missions Committee, LCR

5:30pm, Stephen Ministry, Rm. 12

6:30pm, Staff Parish, LCR

Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Soup to Go, Kitchen (Italian Wedding soup/Stuffed Pepper soup)

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Stewardship, Rm. 11 Note: *This meeting is canceled.*

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Church Council Meeting, LCR (Note new time change)  
Feb.29th, 5:30pm, Stephen Ministry, Rm. 12

**\*Dish to Pass Dinner (Weather Permitting):** February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, we will be having a dish to pass meal and a movie in the Fellowship Hall. Faith Builders will provide a dessert and beverages.

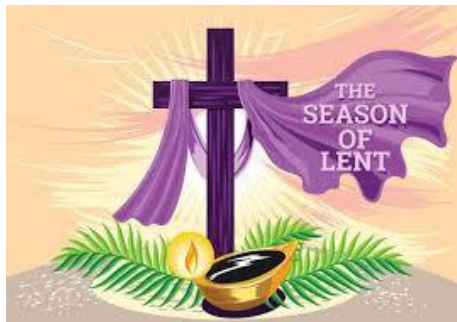
**Are you a Member of our Church?** Would you like to become a member or just know more about our church and our beliefs as United Methodists?

Sign up now through our church office for the series of four classes to meet after church service on

Sunday mornings: March 9, 16, 23, 30 from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

This class will be led by Parish Visitor, Cindy Ellis using the new membership book titled “Belong.”

#### Lenten Suppers



Please join us each Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 for a light meal and a presentation based on the book, The God We Can Know, by Rob Fuquay.

Below are the dates, places and speakers.

*(Details are still being finalized)*

**March 12<sup>th</sup>      First UMC, 1034 W. Broad St., Horseheads**

Speaker: Rev. Susan Husted (retired)

**March 19<sup>th</sup>      Elmira Heights UMC, 212 Oakwood Ave., Elmira Heights**

Speaker: Rev. Pat Hubman (New Beginnings)

**March 26<sup>th</sup>      New Beginnings UMC, 300 Miller St., Elmira**

Speaker: Rev. Holly Strickland (Webb Mills UMC)

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>        Webb Mills UMC, 1623 Pennsylvania Ave., Pine City**

Speaker: Pete O'Neill (Oakwood UMC)

**April 9<sup>th</sup>        Our Savior's Lutheran, 2872 Westinghouse Rd., Horseheads**

Speaker: Rev. Jeff McDowell (pastor at First UMC, Horseheads)

Karren's Clothing Cupboard sign-up sheet for February is in the entranceway.

Food Pantry Needs for February-April. Pineapple, instant potatoes, corn bread and cream corn.