



**“Christians working together to share Jesus” Love as
God’s Hands, feet and voice.”**

God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.

Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us!

***Hymn:** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #121 UMH

****Unison Prayer:**

Dear Lord, sometimes we are wounded, worried, betrayed, afraid, and injured. Sometimes we are physically, mentally, and emotionally challenged. We chase thrills, happiness, wealth, health, longevity, *him, her*, peace; the right job, the right look, anything to lessen our pain. We exhaust even ourselves with our efforts. We continue, broken, day in and day out, hopelessly applying quick fixes. The pain will not subside. We are beckoned by an eternal yearning. We remember a prayer that grandmamma taught us; a lesson learned the hard way, or a word from the Word spoken by a sage. We long for relief, we seek it, search for it, yearn for it— relief that can't be purchased or bartered. But the Bible says, "Drink from these waters and never thirst again." God we are grateful that your thoughts and your ways are higher than our own. Thank you for forgiving our sins. Thank you for new mercies each new day. Thank you for always welcoming us back into fellowship with you. Thank you

for providing waters from which we may drink and never thirst again. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (on screen) p.#895

Gift of Music: The Bellman's Carol Scott Withrow

Young Disciples Time

Scripture: I Corinthians 10:1-13 p.#172

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn: God Hath Spoken by the Prophets #108 UMH**

Scripture: Luke 13:31-9 p.#76

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Is God Punishing You?"

Offering

Offering Music:

Where Cross the Crowded Ways

Healy Willan

Doxology

***Hymn: There is a Balm in Gilead**

#375 UMH

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response:**

Postlude:

[Please feel free to be seated and enjoy the Postlude]

*indicates please stand, if able

UMH = red hymnal

FWS = black songbook

Announcements March 23, 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 memory of my brother, Denis Utter from Luann Longenberger

Lenten Suppers Schedule: 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.

Mar. 26th New Beginnings UMC, 300 Miller St., Elmira Speaker: Rev. Holly Strickland (Webb Mills UMC)

Apr. 2nd Webb Mills UMC, 1623 Pennsylvania Ave., Pine City Speaker: Pete O'Neill (Oakwood UMC)

Apr. 9th Our Savior's Lutheran, 2872 Westinghouse Rd., Horseheads Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff McDowell (First UMC in Horseheads)

Easter Egg Hunt: An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 6th, 2025, here at the church. Donations of candy and crafts are needed for this event. If you shop on Amazon, you can find a registry of requested items. Go to Amazon,

locate the registry and search for Pamela V Skebey. The list of items can be ordered directly from Amazon and will be sent to the church. Or you can bring items to the church office. Sign-up sheets to help will be posted soon. See flier on event bulletin board in the Narthex.

Good Friday Morning CELEBRATION! ACTS (Area Christians Together in Service) invite you to their 51st annual breakfast and program April 18 at Clarion Inn, 760 E. Water St. Elmira, NY. Free Program; \$10 for breakfast with reservation. 6:30 a.m. Served Breakfast; 7:30 Program; 8:30 Breakfast Buffet. *RSVP with Pastor Jeff (pastorjeffmcd@yahoo.com) if you want him to buy your breakfast; he has prepaid the 8:30 buffet for a table of eight. Otherwise, RSVP on your own by calling Stephanie at 607-737-5280, Ext. 207 by April 15. Just coming to the program? No RSVP needed.*

Experience NOAH at the SIGHT AND SOUND Theater June 18! Bus trip with tickets and lunch included. Leave at 7 a.m., from Jubilee Plaza, and returning at 10:30 p.m. COST \$220 pp. Deposit of \$100 required by April 1! See the flyer on the bulletin board or go to www.rollinwithrogers.com for more information.

Lily for Easter Sunday: Please fill in the order form below if you wish to purchase a Lily for the altar on Easter

Sunday. After Easter Service, please take your flower home or give it to someone you know. Please submit this form to the Church Office or put in the collection plate on Sunday. The price per plant is \$12 and all orders are due by April 4th.

Lily In Honor of:

Lily In Memory of:

Your name/phone in case of a needed information:

Amount Paid: \$_____ (*Checks made out to the church with Lily in the memo line*)

One Name per form please. Please print clearly.

Church Committee/Event Schedule

- **Sunday School: 10:45am, Sr. High-Class Rm 18, Adult Sunday School in the LCR**
- **Prayer Group each Monday, 10 am, WR**
- **Women's ministry Bible Study each Wednesday at 11am, WR**
- **Choir Practice each Saturday at 3pm**

Mar. 25, 7pm, Stewardship, Rm. 11

Mar. 26, Lenten Dinner, New Beginnings Church)

7pm, Church Council, LCR (Note time change due to Lenten dinner)

Mar. 30, Rev. Carl Johnson, retired pastor who served here from 1993-2000 will be our guest speaker.

- **UMCOR Sunday. UMCOR Sunday provides hope for children, families, and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster.**
- **Soup to Go, K (Split Pea and Vegetable)**

Please, join us for a

Easter

EGG HUNT EVENT

Month

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Date

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Year

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Family fun for all ages,
starting at 1 pm

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