

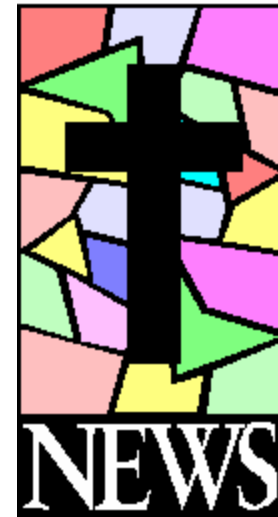
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**RANSOMVILLE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
&
FILLMORE CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Your Church Newsletter

February 2005

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From the Pastor

The terrible aftermath of the tsunami in Southeast Asia makes us all ask the question why? Was God mad? Was God punishing? The answer is no.

Things happen in our world, both good and bad. God is no more responsible for a natural disaster than responsible for someone winning the lottery. Life is full of good and bad and it is up to us to respond in a way that is pleasing to God.

If we were to attribute everything that happened in life to some fatalistic concept then we would be ignoring the gift God gave us of free will. We are free to make choices and we are responsible for those choices.

We cannot abdicate our responsibility in the world by giving everything that happens the simplistic tag of "God's will."

Christ is the perfect example. He had a choice to obey and follow God. He chose for God, which led him to his death on the cross. If he had no choice then his sacrifice would be meaningless.

It is how we make our choices in both the good and bad of life that shows our faith. It is how we respond to the good and bad that happens in life that demonstrates our faith. We have a choice to face both the good and bad that happens in life that is pleasing to God or turn away from God.

When we are confronted with a choice, that is when we have to decide to pick up and carry our cross.

May God's love be with you,

Rev. John

Reverend John

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

RANSOMVILLE

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 3 -- Nancy Trank | 19 -- Dean Schroeder |
| 5 -- Eric Olsen | -- Paige Hardison |
| 6 -- Justin Gamble | 20 -- Robert Hillman |
| -- Pam Jacobs | |
| 7 -- Earl J. Robins | 21 -- Steve Olsen |
| 10 -- Tom Jacobs | 23 -- Cindy Hillman |
| 11 -- Dave Trank | 25 -- Patricia Robins |
| -- Gina Piva | 26 -- Daniel Schroeder |
| -- Samuel Schroeder | 27 -- Lila Myers |
| 12 -- Douglas Harris | |
| 15 -- Dorothy Baker | |

FILLMORE CHAPEL

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| 2 -- Mona Carney | 17 -- Megan Tweed |
| -- Doug Ortiz | 18 -- C. Kenneth Wills, III |
| -- Donna Sulinski | 24 -- Jeff Wilkinson |
| 9 -- Cindy Stewart | 25 -- Caleb Canfield |
| 13 -- Brett Senek | |

AVAILABLE:

17" Monitor, Hewlett Packard printer, a keyboard & mouse.
Excellent condition, approximately 3 years old.
Asking approximately \$50.
Please contact Shirley Schroeder if interested.

Thank You Notes

Thank you, **Paul Manchester**, for all of the work you do for our church. Thank you especially for the past few weeks when you spent so many hours here getting the furnace repaired, and shoveling the walks numerous times. All of your hard work is very much appreciated!

December 19, 2004

Roberts Wesleyan College
2301 Westside Drive
Rochester, NY 14624-1997
(585) 594-6500

To: Ransomville United Methodist Church
Amount: \$200.00

Thank you! Because of your support, Roberts Wesleyan College students are being prepared to make a positive difference in the world.

John A. Martin, President

To all those Special Angels out there!

We, the Robins Family, would like to say thank you to all those Christmas Angels & Secret Santa that helped make our Holiday a Blessed One!!

*Again Many Thanks,
The Robins Family*

December 27, 2004

To the Ransomville Church family,

I was overwhelmed with the check at Christmas. Thank you so very much. I didn't expect it and want you to know that I enjoy working with the choir.

We're very fortunate to have so many "voices" in our small congregation, along with Alan's wonderful piano music.

Thanks again.

*Sincerely,
Judy Denio*

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 6 - Penny Collection & Food Collection.

February 13 - Communion. First Day of Lent.

An **Appreciation Dinner for Doug Diez** will be held February 13 at 12:30 PM. A sign up sheet is available in the entry at Ransomville. Please contact Mary Ellen Belschner for information on how you can help.

A **Ham Dinner to benefit Camp Asbury** will be held by the **Youth Group on March 6th** in Ransomville Fellowship Hall. Please see Hap Skellen for further details.

Please submit any information for the **March Newsletter** to Joan by Monday, February 21st.

Remember in Prayer

Hugh Clark Davidson, Rick Diez, Tom Vail, Deont'e Wright (baby), Buck Peters, Millie Hillman, Clarabell Senek, Elsie Hilton, Florence Kickbush, Richard Wade, Julie Kleylein, John Pirinelli, the Feathers family, Cindy Stewart, Ruth Stewart, Doug Ortiz, Mary Ruth Blanchard, Harold Barnes, Marbeth Minnie, Chris & Kim Sembert & Family, Marge Jeffords, Ruth Schultz, and the family & students of Nell Rankin (Ann Kennedy's voice teacher), and the family & colleagues of Renata Tebaldi.

Remember in prayer the men and women in our armed forces and the families of those who have lost their lives in this conflict.

Activities & Meetings

Ransomville Administrative Council - Meeting is February 10th at 7:00 PM.

Fillmore Administrative Council - Meeting is February 27th immediately following worship.

Bible Study - Bible study is held each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM at Ransomville.

Ladies Prayer and Support Group - Meetings are held each Monday at 10:00 AM in Ransomville.

Choir Rehearsal - Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in Ransomville.

Youth Group - Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Ransomville.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Next meeting is Thursday, February 17th at 8:30 AM at Knead the Dough.

United Methodist Women - February 24th, 1:00 PM. Hostess: Millie Hillman, Devotions: Ruth Kennedy, Program: Show & Tell, Refreshments: Betty Lederhouse & Reta Hanson.

Sunday School - Fillmore Chapel Sunday School classes begin at 10:15 AM. **Ransomville Sunday School** classes begin at 10:45 AM.

Ridge Area Ministers Association Meeting - Thursday, February 3rd at noon at Knead the Dough.

Reverend John's office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. Due to emergencies and unexpected interruptions he may not always be in the office so you might find it more convenient to call before visiting. Church office is 791-4978. Friday is his day off but Reverend John is always available 24 hours a day if you need him. His home phone number is 751-9376.

Communion 2005

February 13, 2005

Communion
First Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2005

Communion
Palm Sunday

May 15, 2005

Communion
Pentecost Day

October 2, 2005

Communion
World Communion Sunday

November 27, 2005

Communion
First Sunday of Advent

January 8, 2006

Communion
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

*October is the 100th Anniversary
of the Ransomville United Methodist Church
building.*

*If you have pictures, memorabilia or other items of
interest please let us know.*

**Ransomville
United Methodist Church
2005 Nominations**

Church Lay Leaders: Nancy Trank, George Mayer
Lay Member to Annual Conference:
Administrative Council Chairperson: Doug Diez
Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Maacks
Treasurer: Beverly Jeffrey
Financial Secretary: Larry Trank
Assistant: Janet Fedak
Membership Secretary: Shirley Schroeder
Auditors: Reta Hanson, Elizabeth Maacks
Youth Representative: Ann Jacobs
Youth Leader: Sharon York
Worship Coordinator: Amy Olsen
UMW President: Ellen Truesdell

At Large Administrative Council Members: Hugh Nevins, Linda Steck, Bill McLaughlin, Paul Manchester, Betty Manchester, Millie Hillman, Pam Jacobs, Mary Ellen Belschner, Teresa Trank

Trustees

<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Tom Jacobs Shirley Schroeder Larry Trank	Janet Fedak Liz Maacks Pam Jacobs	Paul Manchester

Pastor-Parish Relations

<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Sharon York Mary Ellen Belschner	Steve Olsen Bob Emerson	Pam Jacobs

Nominating

<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Millie Hillman Tom Jacobs	Greta Spring Linda Steck	Teresa Trank

If anyone's name has been omitted in error, please let us know.

**Fillmore Chapel
United Methodist Church
2005 Nominations**

Lay Leaders: Laurence Lederhouse, Carol Houwaart-Diez
Lay Member to Annual Conference:
Administrative Council Chairperson: James Stojak
Recording Secretary: Debbie Skellen
Treasurer: Terry Skellen
Membership Secretaries:

Administrative Council Members at Large: Herberta Skellen, Elberta Wills, Laurie Koeppen, Hazel Lederhouse, Betty Daniels, Charles Michel, Jessie Michel, Arlene Moore, Ann Lederhouse, Emma Mylchreest, Rick Lederhouse

Youth Leaders: Harold Skellen, Laurie Koeppen

Trustees

<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Harold Skellen, Chp. Malcolm Johannes	Laurie Koeppen Debbie Skellen	Roy Johnson Randy Skellen

Pastor-Parish Relations

<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Kim Sembert, Chp.	Arlene Moore Herb Lederhouse	Cindy Stewart

Nominations

<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Jessie Michel Hazel Lederhouse	Arlene Moore Debbie Skellen	Betty Lederhouse

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fillmore Chapel Chowder Sale, Saturday, February 5th. Starting at 11:30 AM & continuing until chowder & subs are gone. Please see bulletin board for further details.

United Duck's Annual Super Bowl Sub Sale, Sat., Feb. 5 & Sun., Feb 6. Funds raised will support the Teen Retreat at Camp Asbury. Subs available are ham, assorted and turkey. Small/\$3.50, Large/\$6.00. See bulletin board for details. Order forms are available at both churches.

"Ann Kennedy & Friends Sing Opera" sponsored by Erwin Johnson Fund, **Sunday, March 13, 7:00 PM** at Parkside Lutheran Church. Located at Wallace & Depew Streets in Buffalo. Wesley Garrison will be singing with Ann on the concert.

United Methodist Women Sponsor "Blessed are the Piecemakers". On **Saturday, February 5th** the UMW will sponsor a "Morning Apart" from 9:30 to Noon at the Clarence UMC, 10205 Greiner Road in Clarence. The event entitled: "Blessed are the Piecemakers" will be presented by Barbara Weaver and the quilt squares from the Buffalo District's United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting will be tied as a portion of the program. ****ALL women of the Niagara Frontier District are welcome****

The Niagara Frontier District Laity Banquet will be held on **Sunday, May 15, 2005**, beginning with a punch reception at 4:00 PM. The banquet will be held at the Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road, Depew. Further details will be provided as they become available.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Births:

On Wednesday, January 26, 2005 **Meghan Grace Averell Zimmerman** was born to **Sarah & Russell Zimmerman, Jr.** Meghan's big brother is **Brendan Zimmerman**. Meghan is the granddaughter of **Sharon & Russell Zimmerman, Sr.** and **Cindy & Scott Hillman**. Great-grandparents are **Albert & Millie Zimmerman** and **Millie & Robert Hillman**. Meghan was 8 lbs., 1 oz. and 20" and mother and baby are doing very well.

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



February



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	2 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bible Study 7 PM	3 RAMA Meeting - noon	4	5 FC Chowder & Sub Sale
6 Penny Collection Food Collection FC Sub Sale	7 Boy Scouts 6 PM Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	8 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	9 Ash Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bible Study 7 PM	10 R Admin. Council Meeting 7 PM	11	12
13 Communion Appreciation Dinner for Doug Diez	14 Boy Scouts 6 PM Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	15 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	16 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bible Study 7 PM	17 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 AM	18	19
20	21 Boy Scouts 6 PM Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	22 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	23 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bible Study 7 PM	24 UMW Meeting 1:00 PM	25	26
27 FC Admin. Council Noon - 12:30 PM	28 Boy Scouts 6 PM Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM					

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