

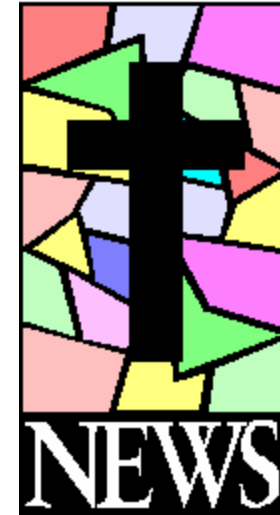
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**RANSOMVILLE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
&
FILLMORE CHAPEL
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Your Church Newsletter

March 2005

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From the Pastor

Easter is the big day in the Christian faith. To paraphrase St. Paul, without Easter, without the resurrection, there would be no salvation.

Easter means new life. The old way of how we lived has died, we become new people, resurrected into new lives with God. That means as new people, Easter people, we do new things.

We forget our old ways, we turn our backs on our sinful lives, we turn our face to God. We begin to love, forgive, care, about others and also ourselves.

Easter means the old days are gone and the new days as people of God begin. That is Good News worth celebrating.

*Happy Easter,
Rev. John
Reverend John*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

RANSOMVILLE

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 -- Bill McLaughlin | 19 -- Timothy Truesdell |
| -- Rev. John Wetherwax | 20 -- Michael Trank |
| 3 -- Callin Wade | -- Amanda Nichols |
| -- Teresa Trank | 21 -- Stephanie Grace |
| 8 -- Raymond Graf | 22 -- Marian Frey |
| -- Gage Maacks | -- Amy Olsen |
| 9 -- Julie Spring-Hatchett | 24 -- Ann Jacobs |
| 10 -- Eric Truesdell | 30 -- Teresa Willms |
| -- Doug S. Diez | -- Deanna Palmatier |
| 11 -- Matt Grace Jr. | |
| 12 -- Nicole York | |
| -- Betty Manchester | |
| 16 -- Amanda Jacobs | |

FILLMORE CHAPEL

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 -- Pam Lederhouse | 24 -- Austin Susice |
| 9 -- Hazel Lederhouse | 25 -- Pam Skellen |
| 10 -- Olivia May Wills | 26 -- Sue Lederhouse |
| 16 -- Larry Peters | -- Denise Johannes |
| 22 -- Mark Senek | 27 -- Marc Canfield |

ANNIVERSARIES

RANSOMVILLE

- 4 -- Raymond & Erva Graf

FILLMORE CHAPEL

- 2 -- Chester & Donna Sulinski
26 -- Jim & Pam Tweed

Thank You Notes

Thank you to all who helped with
Doug's Appreciation Dinner.

Thank you to all who helped with the
Fillmore Chapel Chowder Sale.

*The United Duck's would like to thank everyone
who helped to make their Sub Sale a great success.
Over 130 subs were made, and with a couple of donations
\$400 was made after expenses. Thank you again!*

*Thank you to The Trustees
for all they do
in and around the church.*

Dear Ransomville Congregation,

*Thank you very much for your Christmas gift.
I appreciated it very much!*

*Sincerely,
Rev. John*

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 6 - Penny Collection & Food Collection.

March 20 - Communion. Palm Sunday.

March 25 - **Community Good Friday Cross Walk.** Start at 6:30 PM at Ransomville Free Methodist Church parking lot. Finish at 7:00 PM at Ransomville United Methodist Church for worship service.

A **Ham Dinner to benefit Camp Asbury** will be held by the **Youth Group on March 6th** from 1:00 - 4:00 PM in Ransomville Fellowship Hall. Costs are: \$7.00/adult, \$3.50/(ages 4-12), Free/(ages 3 & under).

Please submit your **Easter Flowers** order form and payment to Ellen Truesdell before March 6th. For further information Ellen can be reached at 791-3960.

Rev. John has United Methodist Loan and Grant Information for 2005. The deadline is April 15. Contact Joan at the office for application forms.

The district web site has moved. The new web site is <http://www.NiagaraFrontierDistrictUMC.org>.

Remember in Prayer

Donna Johannes, James Campbell, Anthony Aaron, Breanne Sterner, Louie York, Joshua Nemecek, 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, the family and loved ones of Raymond Hale, and the family of Lee Austin.

**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 March 10th at 7:00 PM.

Fillmore Administrative Council - Meeting is March 20th 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, March 17th at 8:30 AM at Knead the Dough.

United Methodist Women - Next meeting is Thursday, March 24th at 1:00 PM. Hostess: Betty Lederhouse, Devotions: Reta Hanson, Program: To be announced, Refreshments: Millie Hillman.

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, March 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.

YOUTH NEWS from Hap Skellen

What our United Ducks have been up to:

This is our busy time of year, as we prepare for our annual trip to Camp Asbury in Perry, NY. We like to call it our teen retreat. We are planning on taking 14 - 20 people from our group, (including adults). This year we have also invited the teens from Warren's Corners and North Ridge United Methodist Churches.

The cost of this retreat is around \$1,500.00 which includes two nights lodging, 4 meals, snacks, and a guest speaker. Our guest speaker for the weekend is Dee Fitch, Conference Youth Speaker.

When we plan this event we want the teens to raise the money to go themselves. They also have to attend 8 youth meetings, and work at three fundraising events. This is the purpose of the fundraisers, including the sub sale, M&M candy, and the ham dinner.

Each church set aside \$400.00 for the youth group. The youth have not used that money the last couple of years. By not using this money we feel that we are teaching the teens the value of money and giving back to the churches.

The pink flamingo fundraiser last summer enabled us to pay \$25.00 per teen to go to the fall gathering. The sub sale made \$400 toward the teen retreat. The M&M candy donations and the profit from the ham dinner will also help fund the teen retreat. I hope this helps everyone to understand how much your donations help and why we need to raise this money.

We meet each Wednesday night from 6:30 - 8:00 PM and about 15 - 17 teens attend each week.

We also invited Warren's Corners and North Ridge youth groups to a game night at the church. We have devotions, play games, and have snacks.

Some of you have received postcards from the youth letting you know that we prayed for you. We pull a name each week at the youth meeting and pray for them. Then we follow up with a postcard (with a picture of us on it) to let people know that we have prayed for them. If you have not received one yet, watch your mail!

Please support the youth in your prayers.

Something we have tried to teach the youth is:

**I Believe, I Believe, I Believe,
I Believe in God, I Believe in Me, I Believe in Tomorrow.**

*On October 9th, 2005 we will be celebrating
the 100th Anniversary
of the Ransomville United Methodist Church building.*

*If you have pictures, memorabilia,
or other items of interest
please contact Millie Hillman or Paul Manchester
as soon as possible.
(Your items will be returned after the anniversary)*

Commemorative mugs will be available
for the **100th Anniversary**.
These lovely mugs have a picture of the church on
them and are available for
\$5.00 each.

*If you are interested in purchasing a mug please
contact*

Millie Hillman or Betty Manchester.

*Payment is due by May 1st
and the mugs will be delivered June 1st.*

Ransomville Faithfulness in Giving: February 20, 2005

2005 Budget Gen. Fund	\$ 61,612.00			
Apportionment Budget	\$ 9,496.00			
2005 Budget Total	\$ 71,108.00			
		Needed Weekly	2/20/05	YTD
General Fund	\$ 1,184.85	\$ 755.00	\$ 6,608.30	\$ 9,478.80
Apportionment Budget	\$ 182.62	\$ 54.50	\$ 374.50	\$ 1,460.96
Total	\$ 1,367.47	\$ 809.50	\$ 6,982.80	\$ 10,939.76

*You will or have received a letter explaining our Capital Fund
Campaign for the major projects that need to be completed this
year. Please give your prayerful consideration to help.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Edna Seyler has moved to an assisted living facility. Her new address is:

Edna Seyler
Heritage Manor of Lockport
Room 110
41 Lexington Court
Lockport, NY 14094

Her telephone number is 434-2666. Julie Willis said that her mother would welcome calls, cards or visits.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ham Dinner - The Youth Group will be having a ham dinner on March 6th from 1:00 - 4:00 PM in Ransomville Fellowship Hall. \$7.00/adult, \$3.50/(ages 4-12), Free/(ages 3 & under). The proceeds from this dinner will benefit the Youth Group trip to Camp Asbury.

Tsunami Relief Skate - Sunday, March 13th, 5:00 - 7:00 PM - presented by the Niagara Frontier District Council on Youth Ministries (DCYM). Eastern Hills Roller Rink (behind Eastern Hills Mall). Cost is \$7.00 per person. Skate rental is extra, (Rollerskates - \$2.00, Rollerblades - \$3.00. Please bring extra money for food at the snack bar. Beverages will be provided. All proceeds will go to UMCOR.

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.



March



<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
6 Penny Collection Food Collection Ham Dinner 1 - 4 PM	7 Boy Scouts 6 PM Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	8 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	9 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bible Study 7 PM	10 R Admin. Council Meeting 7 PM	11	12
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20 Palm Sunday Communion FC Admin. Council Noon - 12:30 PM	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 Good Friday Community Cross Walk 6:30 PM	26
27 Easter	28 Boy Scouts 6 PM Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	29 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	30 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bible Study 7 PM	31		

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