

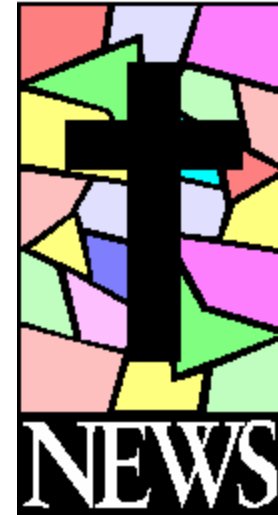
# ***SONRISE EDITION***

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

*Your Church Newsletter*

**November 2005**

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## ***From Your Pastor***

*Give Thanks to God!*

*Do we need to set aside a special day to do that? Shouldn't we be thanking God every day? Amidst the turkey, apple pie, family time, and football games; take some time to think of all that God has done for you and give thanks!*

*Yours in Christ,  
Rev. John*

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.

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

#### *RANSOMVILLE*

4 -- Michelle Andalora	16 -- Darwin Cramer
5 -- Joanne Hopkins	22 -- Susan Harris
8 -- Grace Baker	23 -- Norma Brosnan
11 -- Alexander Finn	24 -- Beth Sutherland
13 -- Tommie Jo Williams	30 -- Jessica Spring
-- Tristan Jeffery	
14 -- Jessie Paglino	
-- Sabrina Truesdell	

#### *FILLMORE CHAPEL*

2 -- Russell Harris	14 -- Cynthia McLaughlin
4 -- Andrew Koroschetz	15 -- Sherri Sulinski
6 -- Jessie Michel	20 -- Shelly Wilkinson
8 -- Charles Michel	30 -- Betty Daniels
12 -- Chris Sembert	

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

#### *RANSOMVILLE*

7 -- Joel & Greta Spring  
9 -- Dave & Elyse Trank  
25 -- Todd & Amy Hauser

#### *FILLMORE CHAPEL*

16 -- Tim & Sheri Senek

***Compeer Volunteers Make a Difference...  
by giving the Gift of Friendship***

***Form a friendship that will change a life!***

*Joy. And wonder. Laughter. And caring. These are the rewards shared by COMPEER volunteers and the men, women and children they befriend.*

*The COMPEER Program matches compassionate volunteers with adults and youth receiving therapy for mental illness. Many are socially isolated, lacking the comfort and reassurance they need to fight "the loneliest illness in the world."*

*You can fill that void. In just an hour each week, you can bring someone from lonely darkness into sunshine. And you can make a friendship that will change a life.*

*COMPEER volunteers come from all walks of life, from all races, age groups and religions. They engage in a one-on-one relationship that means the world to some very fragile people. Volunteers provide support and a growing sense of self-esteem through personal visits and shared experiences, from attending movies and concerts, to taking a walk in the park.*

*Each relationship between a COMPEER volunteer and their COMPEER friend is based on preference and mutual interest and monitored by experienced COMPEER staff.*

*Don't miss the opportunity to form a COMPEER friendship.*

- 1. Call or write for a COMPEER application.*
- 2. Select your special COMPEER friend.*
- 3. Meet your new COMPEER friend.*

*Call Deborah Hastings, COMPEER Volunteer Recruiter, at 433-3780 to request an application or get more information.*

**Sunday, November 6th** - Penny Collection & Food Collection.

**Sunday, November 27th** - First Sunday of Advent.  
**Communion.**

**Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** - **Thanksgiving.**

**Fillmore Chapel Coffee Hour** - We will be having coffee hour at 10:00 AM on the first Sunday of each month. We will add dates if there is enough interest. Please join us!

**A picture gallery of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** is available on the website ([www.RansomvilleUMC.org](http://www.RansomvilleUMC.org)). Check out the beautiful pictures!

**Ransomville's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mugs are available for \$5.00 each.** They are available in the church office.

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If you are interested in participating in the **Operation Christmas Child** mission project, please see Amy or one of the Sunday School youth for instructions, or to give donations. We will need the boxes to be packed, wrapped and at church by Sunday morning November 13. Let's make this year an even greater success than last year, as there are currently so many children in our own country and around the world recovering from disasters.

We are also collecting men's and women's new hats, gloves and socks as well as personal hygiene supplies for the annual Heritage Manor Christmas mission project. The box will be in the entryway. Monetary donations can be given to Amy or one of the Sunday school youth.

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The **Nominating Committees** for both churches will meet on **Wed., November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 PM** at Ransomville after Bible Study.

**NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Activities & Meetings**

**Ransomville Administrative Council** - Meeting is Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 PM.

**Fillmore Chapel Administrative Council** - Meeting is Sunday, November 27th immediately following worship.

**Ladies Prayer & Support Group** - Mondays at 10:00 AM in Ransomville.

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

**Youth Group** - Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Ransomville. Youth group is open to all youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Feel free to bring a friend.

**Bible Study** - Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Ransomville.

**Ransomville United Methodist Women** - Thursday, November 17th at 1:00 PM. Hostess: Shirley Schroeder, Devotions: Betty Lederhouse, Program: Ellen Truesdell, Refreshments: Millie Hillman.

**Fillmore Chapel United Methodist Women** - Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM in Fillmore Chapel. The Fillmore Chapel UMW will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in Fillmore Chapel.

**Sunday School - Fillmore Chapel Sunday School** classes will be held during worship. Class will begin immediately following *The Children's Moment*. **Ransomville Sunday School** classes begin at 10:45 AM.

**Ridge Area Ministers Association Meeting** - Wednesday, November 2nd at noon.

## *Remember in Prayer*

Lila Myers' family, McCrory's, Dean Schroeder, Rick Diez, Janet Fedak, Gerald Michel, Christopher Michel, Jonathon Michel, Loni Lynn Atts, John Taylor, Pat Stojak, Ethel Thomas, Gordon C. Gladden, Betty Rusk, Ellen Truesdell, Ann Lederhouse, John Hilton, Denise Woodruff, Ruth Kennedy, Colin James Scull, Bob Edmunds, Breanne Sterner, Tom Vail, Dorothy Kickbush, Cindy Stewart, Ruth Stewart, Doug Ortiz, Mary Ruth Blanchard, Harold Barnes, Marge Jeffords, Ruth Schultz, the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the family of Steve White.

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

### Ransomville Faithfulness in Giving: October 23, 2005

2005 Budget Gen. Fund	\$ 61,612.00			
Apportionment Budget	<u>\$ 9,496.00</u>			
2005 Budget Total	\$ 71,108.00			
	<u>Needed Weekly</u>	<u>10/23/05</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Needed to Date</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,184.85	\$ 1,378.00	\$ 39,995.72	\$ 50,948.55
Apportionment Budget	\$ 182.62	\$ 58.50	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 7,852.66
Total	\$ 1,367.47	\$ 1,436.50	\$ 42,315.72	\$ 58,801.21

UMCOR - Hurricane Relief: \$2,086.75 (Y-T-D)

\*Capital Fund Committed - \$7,788.35 (Y-T-D)

**Youth News**

## from Hap Skellen

*The United Ducks meet every Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the youth room at the Ransomville church. Youth group is open to all, from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.*

*Currently our youth group includes approximately 15 - 20 teens from all over the area, (from many different churches and some who do not attend church), but we get together as one.*

*Some of the activities in which the youth group has been involved include: serving at Ransomville's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner, a Halloween get-together with Warren's Corners, and a summer bash at the Skellen's lake cottage. **Coming events include:** carving pumpkins at Laurie's house this weekend, an overnighter at North Ridge with Warren's Corners in November and a few service projects. **We are also planning:** gym nights, swimming, hockey games, bowling, our Teen Retreat, game nights and much more.*

*We are selling our calendars again this year. They are **appointment calendars** with lots of space for writing and they can be hung on the wall. Each month has a wonderful picture with a Bible verse. They are **\$6.00 each** and are available at both churches.*

*During the month of October the **United Ducks will be collecting items for a Christmas care package to be sent to Bruce Schultz and his fellow soldiers in Iraq.** The suggested items are: disposable cameras, white socks, flea collars, and tuna fish. A box will be provided in the back of each church for your donated items. The package needs to be sent the first week of November.*

*Thank you to **Herberta Skellen** for all you did to make the summer bash such a success. Also, thank you to **Mom York** and **Pastor John**, without you we could not have a youth group.*

*We are planning for a great year. Watch the newsletter for more information about us, or see Hap, Mom York or Pastor John. **Thank you for your support!***

### **Our Mission Statement**

***The youth group is a place that we can come to learn more about God and to learn how to have a relationship with God. We can learn how to live better Christian lives. We can feel we belong here and are able to explore our faith as a group. It is a place where youth can feel safe and hopeful as we deal with our own lives.***

## Letters & Notes

October 12, 2005

**RE: "We're Praying for You Next Week!"**

Dear Ransomville UMC,

As part of our continuing prayer ministry, the members of **Medina United Methodist Church** are praying for the Ransomville UMC, your pastor, Rev. John Wetherwax, and your church members this coming week. We ask God that your church community and your programs be doubly blessed as you respond to God's word both today and in the future. We thank God for you and our connectional ministry into the world!

Yours in Christ,  
Bill Arnett, Lay Leader  
Pat Payne, Administrative Chairperson  
Pastor Jim Maxwell

October 7, 2005

Dear United Methodist Church friends,

We were so glad to hear of your 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Oct. 9. My family moved to Ransomville in April 1938 and we were part of your wonderful fellowship from that time on for a number of years.

It has been a real joy to get to visit you the last few years, at least once each year.

Lately we are not able to do much travel out of town due to health reasons.

But we keep active locally even though we of necessity have to navigate around very slowly.

Be assured of our prayers and the Lord's best for all of you.

Thank you for your gifts and prayers.

Our greetings and appreciation to all our friends there.

In Christian Love,  
**Ralph Seefeldt and Nellann**  
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South Glens Falls, NY 12803-5129  
518-792-0559

**The United Methodist Church**  
**New York West Area**  
1010 East Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14607-2220  
585-271-3400

October 2005

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ:

Grace and peace to you in the Name of the One who calls us each by name.

I am honored to have this opportunity to offer my congratulations to you who are Ransomville United Methodist Church as you celebrate 100 years of ministry in the community.

I was deeply disheartened when the time of your worship service changed from 9:30 to 11:00 am, which made it impossible for me to be with you today. Many of you know how tight my schedule is and our office had worked around the original February 21<sup>st</sup> request for a 9:30 worship celebration.

I am most grateful that your District Superintendent, Rev. Natalie Hanson, was willing and able to step in this morning to bring you the Good News.

This meaningful occasion is a testimony to your fulfillment of our solemn purpose to Make Disciples for Jesus Christ. May you continue to serve as the Body of Christ - bringing the great message of grace, hope and peace to a world in need.

Best wishes to you on this auspicious occasion.

Grace and peace,  
**Violet L. Fisher**

October 1, 2005

Dear Ransomville United Methodist Church,

Thank you for the invitation. I live a little too far way to get there for the celebration. I know it will be a wonderful event.

I have lots and lots of wonderful memories of the church. It was a very important part of growing up in Ransomville.

Have a great anniversary.  
love,

Cheryl Matthews

## Community Events

**Annual Turkey Dinner** - November 6, 2005 12:00 - 3:00 PM at **North Ridge United Methodist Church**, Route 93 at 425, Cambria. Adults: \$7.50, Children 5-12: \$3.50. Homemade desserts. Take-outs available.

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### **Ransomville Lighting of the Wreaths**

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **Ransomville Lion's Club at American Legion Hall**

7:00 AM - Noon - Pancake breakfast with Santa  
(\$5 - adult, \$3 - children under 12,  
Free - children under 5)  
- Chinese Auction  
- "Toys for Tots" Drop-off location

#### **William McLaughlin Library and The Ransomville Historical Building**

1:00 - 4:00 PM Open House with refreshments

#### **Friends of the Library will have:**

1:30 - 2:15 PM Buffalo and Brandy Children's Show  
2:15 - 3:00 PM Santa  
3:00 - 3:30 PM Wilson High School Ensemble Choir  
3:45 PM Lighting of the Wreath Ceremony  
At the Gazebo with  
St. Peter's Children Choir and  
Wilson High School Ensemble Choir





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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b> Choir Rehearsal 7 PM  FC UMW 7 PM	<b>2</b> Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM RAMA Meeting - noon  Bible Study 7 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Penny Collection Food Collection	<b>7</b> Boy Scouts 6 PM  Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	<b>8</b> Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	<b>9</b> Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM  Bible Study 7 PM	<b>10</b> R Admin. Council Meeting 7 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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<b>27</b> Communion FC Admin. Council - noon  Festival of Wreaths	<b>28</b> Boy Scouts 6 PM  Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	<b>29</b> Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	<b>30</b> Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM  Bible Study 7 PM			

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