

 **LECTIONARY READINGS**

February 21st Second Sunday in Lent Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

February 28th Third Sunday in Lent Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

March 6th Fourth Sunday in Lent Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 13th Fifth Sunday in Lent Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

Ushers

February 21st: Joyce Campanella, Carolyn Holzbaaur Dot & Bob Paine-9:30, Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

February 28th: Dorli Retinger-9:30

Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

Communion Stewards

February 21st: Usha Singh, Myrna Loudon, Rob Schozer, Bob Carle

March 6th: Nisha Misra, Tom Sattler
Rob Schozer, Usha Singh

Greeters

February 21st: Betty & Danny Gastelua

February 28th: Joan Ganz

∞ **CONFIRMATION CORNER** ∞

Feb. 28th 11:00-12:30 Confirmation Class

March 6th 11:00-12:30 Confirmation Class

∞ **YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE** ∞

February 26th 6:30-9:00 Youth Group combined with Hicksville Youth.

March 11th 6:30-9:00 Youth Group combined with Hicksville Youth.

✠ **LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM 2016** ✠

We will be studying “*The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*” by Adam Hamilton. Evenings begin at **5:00pm** with a potluck dinner, followed by DVD & group discussions. 40 Day Devotional books “*The Way: 40 Days of Reflection*” (\$7.00) & Lenten study Books “*The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*” (\$15.00) are available for purchase in the So. Transept. Following are the topics for each Sunday:

February 21st – The Healing Ministry

February 28th – Proclaiming the Kingdom

March 6th – Calming the Storm

March 13th – Sinners, Outcasts, and the Poor

March 20th – The Final Week

PRAYER for the LENTEN SEASON

Gracious God, You take delight in those who trust in You and choose to work in response to the prayers of Your people. We praise You for the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have life, joy and peace.

Lord, we pray for our Lenten Journey that You will bless & use this opportunity to strengthen our walk with Christ and discover new dimensions of faith, hope and love that we may live to do Your will. Grant that we may experience afresh renewal and growth in our faith and in our church. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: March 6th.

Envelopes are available in the *South Transept* for your offering, which helps UMCOR provide relief in the form of food, health care and natural disaster recovery.

PLEDGE CARDS: If you have not had a chance to express your financial support for the church by submitting your 2016 pledge card, you can still do so. Let’s partner together to serve God’s purpose. You may drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office. Pledge cards are available at the *Office* and the *South Transept*.

STEPHEN MINISTRY WORKSHOP: will take place on **Saturday, March 12th 9:00am-1:00pm** at *Ascension Lutheran Church* in Deer Park. Stephen Ministries equips lay people, pastors and caregivers to minister to hurting people. Stephen Ministers are well-trained lay caregivers who provide high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing various difficulties in life. They are the “after people”, coming alongside a person *after* a crisis occurs and walking with that person for as long *after* as necessary. Call the *Church Office* if you are interested in attending the workshop.

UMW is preparing personal care boxes for the Children’s Home in Binghamton. If you’d like to help, there is a list of items needed and a collection box in the *So. Transept*. Thank you!

UMW LADIES: Please pick up your 2016 Blue Book at the Visitors’ Center.

LOST & FOUND: Please check *Lost & Found* by the main door of the church if you have lost a key, scarf, charm, anything!

2015 ANNUAL REPORTS: All committees and ministries are asked to submit an annual report as soon as possible. If you have already done so for the *Charge Conference*, please submit your most updated report. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: Lancaster, PA bus trip to see **Samson** on **Sat. Nov. 12, 2016.** \$135.00. Contact *Joan Ganz* jganz65@verizon.net 516-249-2119.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS: Barry Lumsden, Carolyn Holzbaaur, Emily Brown, Bill Landahl, Usha Singh, Bill Jones, Rose Marie Tiedemann, Barbara Middendorff, Muriel Knoell, Marge Brem, Cynthia Hansen, Ruth Burkhardt, Laura Ohler, Joseph Varghese, Ruth Mace and ALL our troops seeking to restore peace. **If you know of someone in the hospital, or someone who wishes a pastoral visit, please call the Church Office.*

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21st

Sun.	9:30am	Family Friendly Worship
	11:30am	Praise Service
	1:00pm	Soup Group - F. Hall
	5:00pm	Lenten Program
Mon.	6:00pm	Lay Leaders' Mtg.
	7:00pm	Church Council – F. Hall
Tues.	7:15pm	A.A. - Bike Room
	7:30pm	Finance - Library
Wed.	1:30pm	Bible Study
Thurs.	8:00pm	Chancel Choir
Fri.	5:30pm	A.A. - F. Hall
	6:30pm	MYF combined with Hicksville Youth
	7:30pm	Covenant Group
Sat.	8:00am	Men's Group
	8:30am	Tai Chi

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28th

Sun.	9:30am	Family Friendly Worship
	11:30am	Praise Service
	1:00pm	Soup Group - F. Hall
	5:00pm	Lenten Program
Tues.	7:15pm	A.A. - Bike Room
	7:30pm	Trustees - Library
Wed.	1:30pm	Bible Study
Thurs.	8:00pm	Chancel Choir
Fri.	5:30pm	A.A. - F. Hall
Sat.	8:00am	Men's Group
	8:30am	Tai Chi

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