

NORTH FERRISBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sharing Christ's warm transforming love with our community, our state, our nation, and our world



We now have a new paved driveway, new sidewalks, and a repaired garage floor. See more on this in "News Items" pg 2

A Message from Pastor Kim

Last month, we invited people to write down the name of a child that they know who does not have a Sunday school to attend. That child could be a family member, neighbor, or friend of your own children.

We promised to pray for that child/family and to ask God to guide us to invite them in a warm, non-judgmental way to try our Sunday school which begins September 13th. We encouraged you to offer to pick the child up and bring them and any family members who want to attend so they have a friendly person to walk through our doors with.

It is hard for me to imagine anything more important than a life-giving faith in a God of love who is eager to help us be the best we can be.

Yes, I do think this is more important than being a star athlete, top student, popular, or famous. This holds no matter what our age! For we all know "stars" who fail at having good character.

A person with genuine faith is joyful, patient, faithful, loving, hopeful, serves others, makes the world a better place, and has a peace that no circumstance can shake. This is true "stardom".

I hope that you are praying for someone that you can invite. Faith is meant to be shared.

Grace and Peace,
Kim

Events Link

- ☉ Staff Parish Committee: Sunday Sept. 6th 11:30am, Upper Room
- ☉ Men's Breakfast: Sat, Sept 12th, 7:30am to 8:30am in Fellowship Hall
- ☉ Sunday School: Begins Sunday Sept 13th. See pg 2 for details
- ☉ Chocolate Sundae Sunday: Coffee hour by the Werner's on Sun, Sept 13th.
- ☉ Finance Committee: Meets Thursday September 17th at 7pm Upper room
- ☉ Youth Group (7th-12th grade) Sunday Evening Programing: Sun, Sept 20th 6:15-7:45pm in Fellowship Hall. See pg 2
- ☉ Administrative Council meeting: Sunday September 27th 5-6pm in Upper Room
- ☉ Wed Morning Bible Study: Wed 10-11:30am in Upper Room. Studying Ephesians.
- ☉ AA: Women only group: Meets every Sunday 6-7pm. Upper Room.

NEWS ITEMS

NEW: Sunday School Begins: Sun, Sept 13th: Classes for those turning 4 years old this year through those in 7th grade. Nursery coverage continues as usual for those 0-3 years old. Invite a friend to come with you! Youth 8th-12th grade will have a twice a month Sunday morning class starting in October.

NEW: Chocolate Sundae Sunday: Sept 13th. Coffee hour will feature Bruce and Jane's amazing chocolate brownie sundaes to celebrate the beginning of Sunday school.



NEW: Once a Month Youth Group on Sunday Evening: Programming for youth 7th-12th grade 6:15-7:45pm the third Sunday of the month – Sept. 20th, Oct. 18th, Nov. 15th in the Fall. Meets in Fellowship Hall. Lively games, food, and 30 min of discussion that will function as confirmation for those not yet confirmed. It is new material, so for those who are confirmed, we will continue to grow in our understanding of our faith.

NEW: Youth Fund Raising: Darcy Tarte is coordinating a Cookie Love Cookie dough sale for our youth. Proceeds can be used towards summer camp, Mission trips, or youth activities. General form sign up out during coffee hour. The proceeds from the general sales will be split among all the youth who go on the Mission trip. Individual youth who sell dough to non-church folks will have their profits credited just to the cost of their camp, mission trip or youth event.

Dough sale sheets will be available starting Sunday September 6th. Turn in by Sunday October 4th.

NEW: New Pavement in! Mike and Doris Clafin, the Hornungs, and Trustee funds helped us complete this project. Please note: the paved area between church and parsonage is now narrower. You need to use that section as an “exit only” lane. Please enter by the western part of the dirt drive west of the parsonage.

NEW: Evening Classes: Stay tuned for several options to study “Unbinding the Gospel”. Ted Marcy will be facilitating a men’s only group. Linda Field and Carole Stoneking will be facilitating a group for couples and women. This is wonderful book for growing your faith! These will be 6 week studies.

Local Service: • August Free Community Meal served 110 meals and take out. We thank Tom Drumheller, Chris and Betsy Brown, Linda and Stan Field, Cathy Reitz, Jamie Steadman and youth, Jennifer, Lily, James, Jadyne Steadman, Ally Brown, Erich, Julia Reitz, Aidan and Tori Scott. • We are one of the largest monthly delivery sites for Middlebury foods!

Many Thanks to: • Shirley Parfitt leading worship music when Lloyd was welcoming Jasper’s birth. • Margo Emmell and Linda Field coordinating and delivering meals to those with deaths/ hospitalizations. • Chick Wood who dog sat and did airport delivery and pick up for the Harvey’s. • John DeVos and Bob Jenkins for their work on our paving, sidewalk and garage repair project. • Linda Field leading Bible Study and Larry Stoneking preaching in August. • Our Shift team of: Linda Field, Chris Potter, Chris Steadman and Larry and Carole Stoneking attended the worship training end of August. • Safe Sanctuaries and Ed Committees have put in lots of good work.

SO MANY BLESSINGS – PRAISE TO GOD AND THANKS TO ALL

- ☉ End of July we had the highest average attendance we have ever had at that point in the year (80 per Sunday, 10% ahead of July 2014)
- ☉ We sent out many more thank you notes for donations and service than a year ago. The Playground, Paving project, Mission Trip, Covenant Hills campers, Lobster Fest, the new Endowment Fund at the New England Foundation—all received generous donations of time and talent.
- ☉ We have many returning and many new Sunday school teachers and helpers this fall.
- ☉ We sent 21 people to the UMARMY Mission trip—our biggest group ever.
- ☉ We are looking at an improved youth confirmation program – better than ever this fall for 7th-12 graders.
- ☉ We are seeing more visitors per Sunday than a year ago.
- ☉ We saw our biggest Men’s Groups this summer! Wildberries also included new people.
- ☉ Our Intergenerational Events have all been well attended (Winter Carnival and Lake Monster Ball game)

PRAYER REQUESTS AND OTHER ITEMS TO LIFT UP

Rejoice: with Lloyd, Shannon, and Aiden on welcoming Jasper Lila Dugger, born August 9th..

Lift up: Lee Steadman and his family—Lee is on a June-October deployment to Japan with the air guard. He is VERY appreciative of our many letters.

Grace Edney’s youngest brother, Leroy Longley, died August 3rd.

All fighting cancer. • Our shut ins. • Peace

in the Middle East and Africa. • All who are suffering from gun violence.

Congrats to: Daniel Emmell is an official Eagle Scout! Daniel’s Eagle project (improvements to the fire exit from the sanctuary) benefitted our church.

DeVos’s Kimball Brook Farm for an awesome open house in August at their farm.

SERMON SERIES IN SEPTEMBER

The sermon series for Sept 6th, 13th and 20th will be "Back To Sunday School". We will look at some famous Bible stories to renew our faith.

☉ Sept 6th: "What's for Lunch?" Jesus feeds the 5,000 John 6:1-15

☉ Sept 13th: "Being a True BFF (Best Friend

Forever) The story of Ruth and Naomi” Ruth 1:15-18

☉ Sept 20th: "No more Couch Potato Faith The story of Lazarus” John 11:35-44

Important Information

	Sunday Sept 6	Sunday Sept 13
Coffee Hour:	Karen Rose	The Werner's (Chocolate Sundaes)
Liturgist	Karen Rose	Diane Shortsleeve
Greeters:	George and Barbara Whitney	Margo Emmell
Nursery:	Chris Steadman	Chris Steadman

*"You'll never find a rainbow if
you are looking down."*

Charlie Chaplin

If you can volunteer for an open spot email Christine Steadman cas_5476@yahoo.com or call the church office at 425 2770. Contact her if you would like to be placed on the email prayer list where we send out prayer requests as they occur.

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