

United Church of Fayetteville January 25, 2023

WHAT'S HAPPENING WHEN

Steeple Coffeehouse with Isreal Hagan on January 28, 2023

Isreal Hagan is both an accomplished singer and songwriter and is known for his ability to engage and entertain an audience. A veteran of the Central New York Music Scene for over 30 years, he has had the opportunity to share the stage with such luminaries as Robert Cray, B.B. King, Carlos Santana and Otis Day. If you can bake, contact Mary Jane at 315.637.5804; mjwoodcock74@gmail.com



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE – LOTS HAPPENING IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

January 29 10:00 AM Worship

While Dr. Even is on study leave, we welcome Rev. Susan Faye Wonderland to the pulpit. She tells us this about herself: *Born outside of Philadelphia, Pa, I was ordained in 1983 by The Presbytery of Philadelphia and have pastored local congregations in New York State, as well as providing staff leadership for the presbyteries of Hudson River and Lackawanna. I began work as the Associate Executive in the Synod of the Trinity in 2009 and became its Transitional Executive in 2014, a role which I filled until my retirement at the end of 2021. That work connected me with leaders, congregations and presbyteries across Pennsylvania, much of West Virginia and the Upper Ohio River Valley, as they claimed new and renewed visions for their work in Christ. I am a graduate of Muhlenberg College and Princeton Theological Seminary. Ken (also Rev.) and I have three children and are adoring grandparents to three young ones who make us laugh a lot. Our move to Cazenovia in 2021 was to be close to one of the kids and to return to a part of the country that we love!*

January 29 during Worship Young Person Activity with Gratitude Theme

Young people leave for the Gathering Room during the first hymn

February 5 10:00 AM Worship

We welcome Dr. Ramy Marcos to the pulpit. Dr. Marcos is ordained in the Christian Church of Egypt and came to the U.S. six years ago. He will be leading worship with us to allow other congregations in the presbytery to experience his worship leadership. Folk from other congregations will be visiting us that day. In Presbyterian parlance, we are providing the

hospitality of a “neutral pulpit” which allows search committees to experience worship leadership before making decisions and recommendations to congregations. This will be an engaging worship experience for us. He is not providing leadership in order to be considered by our congregation.

February 10, 7:00 PM Game Night is Back!



Round 2 of Game Night. Everyone is invited. Bring a game. Bring a snack. Bring yourself. No one is too old or too young to come and have fun. Who is competitive; who is a good winner; who is a good loser; and who are the sleepers who come out of nowhere to excel and show us how it is done. Look for a sign-up sheet in the hallway.

February 12 Young Person Activity Spreading the Love

Young people create and send Valentine greeting to our homebound folk.

March 19 Young Person Activity Signs of Spring



March 19, After Worship Bible Study

Participants will share a potluck lunch. After lunch there will be an approximately two-hour large and small group conversation, including discussion of how Scripture is interpreted or misinterpreted; humans as woven into the whole fabric of creation, not above or outside it; and scripture's guidance for responsibility and action. The experience will be designed and led by Dr. Even.

While it isn't "Game Day," a little healthy competition never hurt anyone. As voted on by class participants, a prize will be given for the wittiest, funniest or most creative biblical name given to a potluck offering. (The challenge is not to create a biblical dish (no locusts, please!)) but to name your offering. Put your thinking caps.

April 23 Young Person Activity Service

April 30 3:00 PM Spring Pops Concert

May 6 9:00 AM to Noon Brown Memorial Meal Prep in Church Kitchen

May 7 Afternoon Serving Meal at Brown Memorial

June 18 10 AM Outdoor Worship and Picnic

We will be checking out the Cedar Bay facility in Dewitt; ~about a mile from Ryder Park. More information later

JUST FOR FUN

Time, Day, Schedule TBA - Mahjong Anyone?



Are you interested in learning how to play this fun and enormously popular classic game of strategy, skill and summation? Sarah has offered to host a series of classes on how to play. If you are interested contact Sarah directly, thenextmile@yahoo.com , by January 31 and she will arrange a time for the classes.

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

At its January meeting, the Board:

- Met with SU Newhouse professor Kelly Gaggin who leads a PR Research class at Newhouse. We are fortunate to have been chosen as a “client” for the class’ work. It’s excellent timing to help us address changing times, needs and potential practice. More information and invitations to participate in various ways will follow.
- Discussed the Annual Meeting coordinating various reports would provide transparent reports of our status and plans, as they always have.

Lift at the Access Project

Please note that the lift near the Access Project can be left ONLY on the main floor, not in the basement. When using, please be sure to return it to the main floor. Otherwise, we need to arrange for service and repair.

Dr. Even’s Study Leave Continues

Thank you to Sarah for serving as Elder on Call. Should you have a pastoral need, please contact Sarah at h:315.637.3932 or cell:315.663.5273; and to Linda R. for providing office support.

THIS WEEK’S THANKS

- Shirley for baking for the 1/14 coffeehouse
- Bob for the extra task of streaming the congregational meeting.
- Dear United Church of Fayetteville Community, Thank you so much for the wonderful donation in memory of Knowlton Foote. I had the pleasure of meeting him a few times

when I picked up the generous food donations from your congregation. His wife Connie is lovely and a faithful supporter of IFC. Sending many blessings for 2023.
Peace, *Kate*, Interfaith Food Consortium

- To **all** our Board members, committee chairs and volunteers for “powering” our ministry.