

Irondequoit United Church of Christ Weekly Word



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Sunday, November 5, 2023
@ 10:03am
In person Worship

Worship Leader
Rev. C. Paul Grenier

Liturgist
Judy Viken

Bible Reading
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Hebrews 12:1-3



Pastor's Note

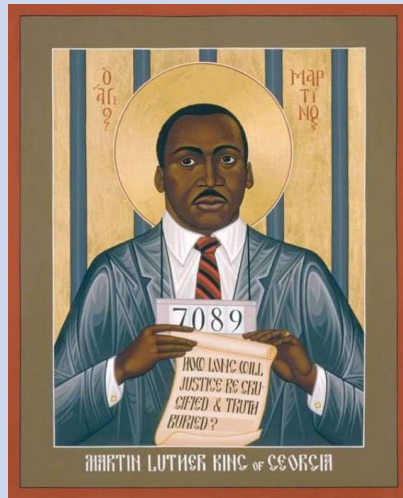
Dear Beloved IUCC,

I hope you all had a fun, safe, and happy Halloween last night! Our church celebrated the holiday on Monday night, and despite the weather it was “a rousing success.” It was cold and rainy, but over 36 people came out to enjoy food, fellowship, and an occasional glimpse of fire between the downpours. In other news, Laurel has prepared us to be a welcoming place for the election, and we’re beginning plans for a fabulous Advent and Christmas Season! Meanwhile we are still not quite out of the Halloween season. Today, is the hallowed day of “All Saints Day,” and

tomorrow is "All Souls Day," which we will be celebrating this Sunday. Naturally, All Saints Day is mainly celebrated by Roman Catholics and other denominations that emphasize the Saints. In the UCC we do not have an official stance on the Saints one way or the other. We believe that all people are Holy Children of God, and so are in some ways saints. If you prefer, we believe that all Christians should strive to be as saintly as possible. Some protestant churches even have a theology of becoming, "sanctified," as a process after becoming Christian.

Personally, I view the saints as inspirational Christian figures that we should strive to emulate. They became famous, not through displays of genius, talent, or power, but through faith, charity, and humility. Unlike Jesus, who had the advantage of being the Son of God, the Saints are fully human, yet they achieved a level of extraordinary holiness. Their lives prove that we do not have to be Christ, to be like Christ. If its too much to think about Jesus dying on the cross, you can think about St. Maximilian, who was a priest that volunteered to die in place of another man in the German death camp of Auschwitz, if that is still too daunting, think of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, who really didn't do much. She is famous for inspiring people by, just being a very faithful, humble and loving nun in France. To me the Saints are the embodiment of the UCC modo that "God is still speaking." I believe we have plenty of Saints in the protestant Church as well, that should be lifted up as examples to emulate. New Saints are made every day, so why not you and me?

Blessings, Pastor Paul



Please submit names for our All Souls Day Service on November 5th. For many people in our church the coming of winter this year may lead to longer and colder nights that have nothing to do with the changing of seasons. This will be the first Thanksgiving and Christmas without my father, and I am not alone. Many people in our community have lost loved ones this year and are still struggling to adjust to the empty seat at their tables. In the church, if one person is grieving, we all grieve together, and if one person is rejoicing, we all rejoice together.

So, on November 5th we will be both grieving and celebrating together as we remember those in our community who have passed away this year with an All Souls Day Worship service. If someone close to you or our church has died in the past year, and you would like to have his/her name included in our Sunday Service please send an email to Carla (office@irondequoitucc.org)

with their name, date of birth and death, and relation to our church **no later than Thursday, November 2nd @ noon.**
Thank you, *Rev. C. Paul Grenier*



***All Are Welcome to Join Us at the
Men's and Women's Monthly
Breakfast Gathering***

**Date: 1st Saturday of each month @ 8:30
A.M. (Men's Group) and 9:00A.M.
(Women's Group)**

**Our next breakfast(s) will, therefore, be
on November 4, 2023.**

The Men's breakfast will be held at Sam's Diner (East Ridge Rd. across from the community center) and the Women's will be at East Ridge Family Restaurant (next to the U-Haul).

In order that we might make sure to have room for everyone, please let Jim Hinman (704-9954 or jshatty@frontiernet.net) know if you will be attending the Men's breakfast; please let Cindy Adams know if you will be attending the Women's breakfast (737-6584 or cpadams45@gmail.com).

Bible Study!

Our weekly Bible Study is back in session each **Tuesday at 2:00PM**. Looking forward to engaging with the group again and encouraging new participants to join us!

Tuesdays on Zoom at 2:00PM with Rev. C. Paul Grenier

The link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/483630339?pwd=SFNsS2xYWWwtIOHJONC9VdFh6QU9CZz09>

Meeting ID: 483 630 339 Passcode: 024392

CATTLE CALL FOR ALL!

Open Auditions:

Sunday, November 5th, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Monday, November 6th, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

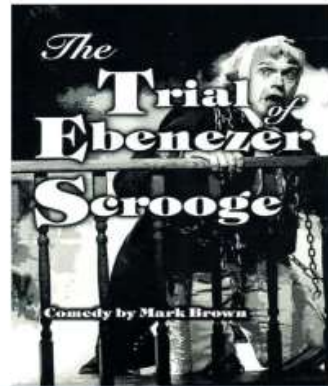
At:

Irondequoit United Church of Christ

644 Titus Avenue

Rochester, New York 14617

Questions?: Contact Rev. Marvin Krieger 201-220-9682



READING OF:



TO BE PRESENTED ON:

Saturday, December 9th: 7:00pm

and

Sunday, December 10th: 3:30pm

At the:

Irondequoit United Church of Christ

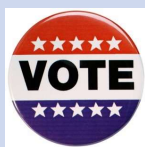
CASTING CALL: SOME ROLLS MAY BE COMBINED

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| ➤ The Bailiff (Mr. Connolly) | ➤ Jacob Marley |
| ➤ Judge Stanchfield R. Pearson | ➤ Ghost of Christmas Past |
| ➤ Solomon Rothschild | ➤ Fan |
| ➤ Ebenezer Scrooge | ➤ Belle |
| ➤ Bob Cratchit | ➤ Mrs. Dilber |
| ➤ Mrs. Cratchit | ➤ Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come |
| ➤ Fred | ➤ The Translator |
| ➤ Sara Wainwright | |

"Produced by special arrangement with
DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois"

Originally produced by the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival, Orlando, Florida
on December 3, 2004.

Jim Heisinger, Artistic Director, Mary Ann Dean, Executive Director



IUCC to be a Polling Site on Election Day **Tuesday, 11/7/2023**

Last year was our church's first year serving as a polling site for the Monroe County Board of Elections. We had over 1500 Irondequoit residents come through our doors to cast their ballots, and the election workers were very pleased with our surroundings and the welcome we gave them and the voters. Some of those voters have returned to the church to worship with us!

This year we can do even more! Last year a few VERY dedicated IUCC folk welcomed voters, steered them toward the dining room where voting machines were set up, offered refreshments and gave anyone interested some background on our amazing old building. This year we'd like to offer even more hospitality: refreshments for the polling workers; baked goods and coffee or cider for our visitors; information on all the groups that meet at IUCC and the programs we support and offer; someone to point out the restrooms. It is a long day; we will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with the workers arriving at 5:00 a.m. and leaving by 10:00 p.m. Many volunteers have stepped up and offered to provide their time and/or goodies to share and will act as greeters and/or servers for a 2-hour day or evening shift. The more helpers we have, the easier on everyone. Looking forward to extending an extravagant welcome to our neighbors once again this November.

ATTENTION:

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Congregational Meeting will be held on November 12, 2023, in the sanctuary, immediately following the worship service, at which time the members of the Irondequoit United Church of Christ shall be asked to approve changes to the by-laws and a budget for the 2024 calendar year, together with such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

Copies of the changes to the by-laws and the proposed budget will be made available on November 5th and will also be distributed by email.

Dated: 29 October 2022

Cindy Adams
Jim Hinman
Co-Moderators

Do You Hear What I Hear??!!



Children Choir, Christmas Plays and More!

Believe it or not we already have to start thinking about worship for the Advent and Christmas Season! Music is always a big part of worship at this time, so we are putting out the call for singers and musicians of all ages! If you have any urge to sing consider joining our choir for the next few weeks and making this Advent and Christmas something special. Invite friends, encourage family members, pick up people on the street! The more the Merrier!

Our talented music Director Deborah Cox-Robinson is planning choir and bell rehearsals on Wednesday nights.

In addition, we would like to start up a Christmas Children's choir, that would rehearse after the Sunday service. This year Christmas Eve takes place on a Sunday, so we will not be having normal worship on Sunday morning. In stead we are hoping to do a Christmas pageant of some sort involving as many children as we can get! Then we will be doing the more traditional candle-light service at 7:00 that evening.

If you want to help, or have grand children you think you can capture, let Pastor Paul and/or Deborah know via email, or just talk to us after church.

pastorpaul@irondequoitucc.org

deborahcox445@gmail.com

With hope for the best of Christmas blessings!



CALENDAR of EVENTS

Thursday, Nov 2

9:30AM Music Therapy

10:30AM Caring Connection Team Meeting

6:00PM GS Troop #61028

7:00PM Leadership Team Meeting

7:00PM AA - Love and Service

7:00PM Zumba

7:00PM RMJO

Friday, Nov 3

12:00PM S.W.I.M.

Saturday, Nov 4

8:30AM/9:00AM Women's & Men's Monthly Breakfast

9:30AM Music Therapy

7:00PM AA-Love & Service

Sunday, Nov 5

10:03AM In-Person Worship; All Souls Day and Communion Sunday

3:00PM Holiday Show Auditions

Monday, Nov 6

7:00PM Holiday Show Auditions

7:00PM BSA Troop #96

7:00PM Zumba

Tuesday, Nov 7

5:00AM Monroe County Polling Site

9:30AM Music Therapy

2:00PM IUCC Bible Study

4:30PM Music Therapy

7:30PM Alateen Group Meeting

7:30PM AI Anon Family Group

Wednesday, Nov 8

10:00AM Material Aids

6:00PM Praise Band Rehearsal

6:30PM GS Troop #60141

6:30PM Scout Troop #96

Thursday, Nov 9

9:30AM Music Therapy

7:00PM AA - Love and Service

7:00PM Zumba

7:00PM RMJO

Friday, Nov 10 (Nothing on Schedule)

Saturday, Nov 11

9:30AM Music Therapy

7:00PM AA-Love & Service

Sunday, Nov 12

10:03AM In-Person Worship; Fellowship Time & Congregational Meeting (immediately following Service)

Lockup Schedule

Oct 30 - Nov 5.....Scott Krieger

Nov 6 - Nov 12.....Jerry Hortop

Nov 13 - Nov 19.....Dan Leusch



**Girl Scout Troop #61028
Community Service Project to
benefit IUCC Members!**

Girl Scout Troop #61028 who uses our facilities for meetings would like to give back and offer their services to our church members who may

need assistance with yard maintenance. The group is more than willing to provide a helping hand or two and rake leaves for you! If interested, please contact the office (544-3020 or email: office@ irondequoit ucc.org) so that a convenient date and time can be coordinated with the Troop Leader to accommodate your request.

You Are Invited!



Pipedreams Live! Rochester November 10-12

Three churches, four organs, thousands of pipes and stops, dozens of performers and witty conversation with *Pipedreams* host Michael Barone. Join WXXI and the Eastman School of Music for *Pipedreams Live! Rochester* – a series of concerts with host Michael Barone. Performers include students and faculty of the Eastman School of Music.

- **Friday, November 10 at 7:30 pm** | ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
25 Westminster Rd. (off East Ave.) Rochester
- **Saturday, November 11 at 7:30 pm** | THE UNITED CHURCH
11 Gibson St., Canandaigua (Pre-concert meet & greet with Michael Barone, 6:00-7:00pm)
- **Sunday, November 12 at 4:00 pm** | CHRIST CHURCH
141 East Ave., Rochester

--- All concerts are free and open to the public ---

WXXI Classical

Tune to 91.5FM,
listen on a smart speaker, or
stream at wxxiclassical.org

**Listen to Pipedreams
Sundays at 8:00 pm**

BE THE CHANGE

VOLUNTEER &
MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



Deliver meals for Meals On Wheels!

Meals On Wheels needs your help
delivering meals to homebound
residents in Irondequoit!

- Delivery takes about 60- 90 minutes
- Meals are picked up in Irondequoit
- Easy to follow route directions

*For more information or to begin the
application process please call 274-4385 or
visit our website at www.homecare.urmc.edu*



Winter Clothing Collection – A Great Success!

Our congregation is known for their generosity, and came through again! Outreach asked for donations of warm winter outerwear for the homeless teens involved with the SPIRIT NYS organization and we were planning to collect until early November. SPIRIT NYS came by and picked up what we had collected so far and because there has been such an outpouring of generosity they let me know that they now have what is needed to help the youth they serve. We can feel good knowing that the teens will look great and stay warm this upcoming winter! ***Please don't put any additional items in the Fellowship Room, but feel free to put them in our clothing shed, or donate to another worthy charity. Thank you!***



PENNIES FOR PEOPLE

Unfortunately money doesn't grow on trees nor do those pennies come from heaven, they come from people like us so take the time to donate your loose change or dollar bills to Pennies for People at Church. IUCC will send the change to UCC NY Women to join with other donations to benefit a local organization that supports women and families in need. Please place your donation in the jar in the breezeway. Thank you!

Petition to Create Composting Facilities Within Monroe County, NY



Started May 18, 2022

Why this petition matters



Started by [Color Fairport Green](#)

PETITION TO: Monroe County Legislature

We, the undersigned residents of Monroe County, New York, call on the County Legislature to create jobs, generate beneficial soil additives, and reduce our reliance on other counties by building several composting facilities within the county so that businesses may comply with the NYS Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling law.

Make a Difference in Monroe County. Help us build Composting Facilities for a Greener Future! [chng.it](#)

For more information contact Brenda Campbell (bjcamp61@gmail.com)



Honored Ushers Training!

Ushers are an essential part of our Sunday service that are deserving of respect and honor. They are the welcoming face of the church that greets visitors and ensures everyone is seated comfortably. They are the ones who watch over the congregation and help out if anyone is in distress during the service. They collect and protect the offering and facilitate the church's most sacred ritual of Holy Communion. Ushers are the ones who "assure" the congregation that they are seen, safe, and that the service will go smoothly.

It doesn't take much time or effort to be an usher, but it does take commitment and consistency. Therefore, we will be holding our first Usher's Training this fall. This training will be no more than two hours and it will involve food and fellowship. If you would like to be part of this training please sign up this Sunday.

What does an Usher do?

- Ready the Sanctuary to receive the community for worship. (Lighting candles, gathering bulletins, etc.)
- Greet people as they arrive. (informally)
- Collect the offering and ensure it is stored safely.
- Serve Communion to the Congregation on the 1st Sunday of every month.
- Help anyone who is distressed or confused.
- Sound the alarm in case of danger such as fire.
- Be a source of welcome and information for visitors.

*IUCC Community "Connection
Corner"*



**Friendly Reminder ...
Turn Your Clocks Back on 11/5/23**



Daylight Savings Time by Phyllis McGinley

In spring when maple buds are red,
We turn the clock an hour ahead;
Which means, each April that arrives,
We lose an hour out of our lives.

Who cares? When autumn birds in flocks
Fly southward, back we turn the clocks,
And so regain a lovely thing
That missing hour we lost in spring."

**New Initiative to Bring Light to the Lighted
Cross and various church communications ...**

Pastor Paul is interested in making all church communications more interesting, by highlighting the diversity of talents and personalities in our congregation.

Every month we ask congregation members to submit articles and announcements, but we might get more diverse submissions if we provide our readers with a prompt.

Our next publication comes during the month of November. Therefore, we would like to request that you consider writing a personal story, prayer, poem, or reflection about Thanksgiving and/or what you are grateful for during this special holiday. Some examples include sharing a special memory, a cherished recipe, a description of a special tradition in your family, or a reflection for this time of year and what it means to you.

Please consider contributing an article to share in this IUCC Community “Connection Corner” section. Please send ASAP - no later than Friday, November 3rd to: office@irondequoitucc.org.

Also, don't let the struggle with the thought of putting pen to paper with your stories hold you back ... Pastor Paul is more than happy to assist you if you need a little help to bring your words to life!



PLEASE NOTE:

Autumn is here ... the calendar is filling up fast as we look forward to many activities and events to be enjoyed! We welcome news, articles and any other noteworthy information you want to provide in future church communications. We ask that

**submissions be sent via email
to: office@irondequoitucc.org as follows:**

**For inclusion in the weekly Wednesday e-
Newsletter (delivered electronically) - submit by
5:00pm Tuesdays, the day prior to the mailing.**

**For inclusion in the Sunday Announcement
Insert (printed tri-folds) - submit no later than noon
on Thursdays**

**For inclusion in the weekly Worship Email (sent
electronically each Saturday) - items can be added to
the Announcement section until noon on Fridays**

**Thank you in advance! We look forward to hearing
from you and sharing your useful information!!**

We Remember In Prayer

Jennifer Grenier, Randy Hems and Family; William Peterson, Janet Goodman, Barbara Zuegel, Alice Littler, Don Vanselow, Olga Deavitt, Laura Fregosi, Amanda Gee, Diana Kubick, Jim Loveland, Tony Proietti, Ida Saucke; Marilyn Weaver's Family, Vandy Humphrey and Family; Family and friends of Carol Cowan

***All people affected by natural disasters
and conflicts worldwide***

In The Military

Major Gregory Campbell, USAF (son of Brenda & Doug Campbell),
PO3 Andrew Loveland US NAVY (grandson of Jim & Carol Loveland),
Paul Gately (son of Mary Gately)

We are a Safe Sanctuary Church

In a world that is becoming increasingly divided, people are weary of judgment and starving for acceptance. Even in places that should be open and safe, many have felt unwelcome. By simply living God's love, Irondequoit United Church of Christ is a place where everyone can feel welcome and accepted.



Irondequoit United Church of Christ Mission

We extend God's love and extravagant welcome to all to share in our community of worship and following Jesus, to work together toward a more Just world.

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