

Irondequoit United Church of Christ Weekly Word



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Visit our Website

Sunday, November 12, 2023

@ 10:03am

In person Worship

Worship Leader

Rev. C. Paul Grenier

Liturgist

Terry Frosino

Bible Reading

Matthew 25:1-13



Pastor's Note

Dear Beloved IUCC,

First, I want to extend an enthusiastic and heart-felt thank you to all who helped host the election at Irondequoit UCC yesterday. Hundreds of people came through our doors, and they were all welcomed with a smile, and departed with a snack. In my mind this is evangelism at its highest level, where we are serving others without expecting anything in return. The name of "Jesus" may never be spoken, but he is present in every interaction we have with our neighbors. I

have no doubt that we made a substantial positive impact on our community yesterday.

As we look ahead, there are plenty of opportunities to keep up this momentum. Thanksgiving is only two weeks away and Christmas is barreling towards us like an out of control Polar Express! Rather than be smashed by the holiday train, why not hop aboard and enjoy the ride! There are many opportunities to give your time, talent, and treasure to our church and the wider Rochester community this season. Some of which are listed below, and others will be in future communications. I would strongly encourage **ALL** church members to make a commitment to participate in at least one of these opportunities this year.

Blessings, Pastor Paul

Bible Study!

Our weekly Bible Study is held each **Tuesday at 2:00p.m.** Looking forward to engaging with the group 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=SFNsS2xYWWt1OHJ0NC9VdFh6QU9CZz09>

Meeting ID: 483 630 339 Passcode: 024392

Election Day hospitality at IUCC very much appreciated

No matter how people voted on Election Day, one thing was agreed upon by almost everyone coming through our polling place, voters and poll workers alike: IUCC provided wonderful warm hospitality throughout the day.

Over 1200 voters came to cast ballots, many frustrated by learning that their long-time polling place had changed without them being aware. As usual, we got comments about all the stairs and winding hallways in our

building(s), but many were pleasantly surprised by our inside spaces and the warm welcome and free treats that we provided!

Thanks go to those of you who greeted people and gave directions and assistance throughout the day and evening: Jocelyn Fiederer, Judy Viken, Joni Hinman, Randy McDonald & Laurel Fuller. Bakers and treat providers included Nancy Smith, Mark & Nita Tischendorf, Bernice Bird (someone wants your muffin recipe, Bernice!), Sharon Ahlmann & Judy Viken. A special thanks goes to Marvin Krieger who printed up & placed many signs with arrows to help voters get to the dining room.

Poll workers thanked us profusely and repeatedly said how pleasant our surroundings were and how welcoming and helpful our church volunteers were throughout the day, helping make their job easier. They also enjoyed meeting and talking with Pastor Paul who stopped by.

Well done, all, and let's do it again in 2024!

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

Proposed 2024 IUCC Budget

Continue on the path we set 2 years ago

- Full-time called Pastor
- Support Director of Youth and Family Ministry & Director of Outreach Ministry
- Tap Endowment funds in a mindful way to achieve this vision

Saving & cost-cutting measures taken

- Changing refuse service provider will save over \$5000 in 2024
- Proposed change in payroll service provider will save almost 50% of current cost
- Energy efficient lights, motion sensors and careful timing of heating based on daily occupancy can help offset higher utility costs
- Ongoing rentals/tenants bring needed income & make good use of building space

Budget proposals over past several years have forecast “worst-case scenarios” but actual expenses have resulted in little or no deficit at year end

To make 2024 a successful year fiscally & spiritually, each congregation member needs to commit to prayerful stewardship of this church and its resources

- Pledge generously within your means
- If you have been pledging, consider increasing your pledge amount
- Contribute your skill or asset, whatever it may be, to enhance church life or to offset a possible needed expense
- If you take Required Minimum Distributions of your assets, consider allocating a portion to IUCC

**Budget Vote will be held Sunday 11/12/23
following worship**

Stewardship Sunday is 11/19/23

A Message from Leadership Team Member, Ken Zeiner

Greetings:

I've been a member of this church since 2009. My wife and I joined together here in a commitment ceremony in 2010 and married here during a service in 2014. I've been on the leadership team since 2016, where I have learned what it means to be a congregational church. We are the church; we determine where and what we do with our resources. We hire our own pastor after a long thoughtful and prayerful search. We vote on a budget and officers to represent us. This is our church to support and manage. To do so effectively pledges are needed to help reach the goals we as a church set forth to accomplish as our mission. What you decide to pledge, and give is confidential. There are several ways to make your donations. Some members give their yearly pledge all at once at the beginning of the year, some monthly, some in an envelope provided by the church, I have my bank send a check each week, or you can just drop it in the collection plate. Don't get discouraged when the person next to you passes the plate by, chances are they've made one of the previous arrangements! In conclusion, we will be voting on a faith budget for 2024 and having our pledge drive after, so we as a church need to make those pledges to support our church and accomplish our missions.

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. Instead 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 grandchildren 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

Proposed Schedule of Christmas Rehearsal Activities:

Wednesdays beginning NOVEMBER 15th

Children 5:00pm

Adults 6:00pm

Bell Choir 7:15pm

With hope for the best of Christmas blessings!



It seems that the Holidays are coming earlier and earlier, and they are more and more filled with things to do, plan, and worry about. In our secular society “the Holiday Season,” begins on Black-Friday, or right after Election Day, or maybe even before Halloween. It is a time for decorating, crafting, and cooking. It is a time for doing, and most importantly it is a time for buying!

The church, as always, is counter-cultural. We are called to live in the world but not be of the world. “For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.” (Titus 2:11-12) As a result the Church celebrates the time before Christmas as “Advent,” a season of patience, prayer, and giving.

To help our community tap into this unique aspect of our faith Pastor Paul will be offering an Advent Devotional Group on Monday nights from 6:00-7:00 pm. (Dec. 4, 11, 18.) We will be discussing the theology and the traditions around Advent and

Christmas, in an effort to deepen our understanding of this Holy-day season.

Save the Date!!

STAGED READING OF:

The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge

A COMEDY BY MARK BROWN

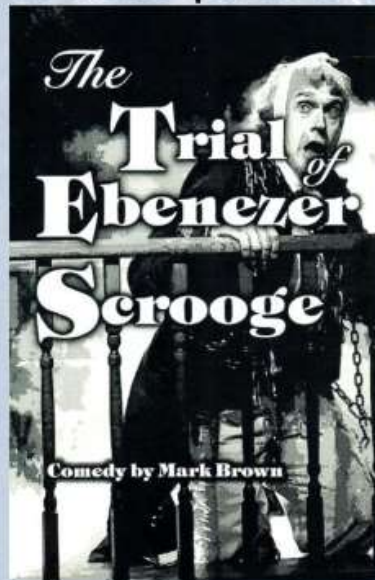
Saturday, December 9th: 7:00pm

and

Sunday, December 10th: 3:30pm

At:

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Originally produced by the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare
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Jim Heisinger, Artistic Director, Mary Ann Dean,
Executive Director

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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)

Monday, Nov 13

7:00PM BSA Troop #96
7:00PM Zumba

Tuesday, Nov 14

9:30AM Music Therapy
2:00PM IUCC Bible Study
4:30PM Music Therapy
7:30PM Alateen Group Meeting
7:30PM Al Anon Family Group

Wednesday, Nov 15

5:00PM X-mas Choir Rehearsals
6:00PM Praise Band Rehearsal
6:30PM NFB Monthly Meeting
6:30PM GS Troop #60141
6:30PM Scout Troop #96

Thursday, Nov 16

9:30AM Music Therapy
7:00PM AA - Love and Service
7:00PM Zumba
7:00PM RMJO

Friday, Nov 17

5:00PM Troop 96 Camp-out @ IUCC (thru Sat afternoon)

Saturday, Nov 18

9:30AM Music Therapy

7:00PM AA-Love & Service

Sunday, Nov 19

10:03AM In-Person Worship; Stewardship Sunday

2:00PM Pastor Paul Installation Ceremony (reception following)

Lockup Schedule

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

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

Nov 20 - Nov 26.....Tim Tracey

***** Drivers Urgently Needed to deliver food
and more to needy families *****

From ESWA:

There is an urgent need for volunteers to help with our supplementary food distribution benefit on Thursdays and Fridays to our members of low-income working families. This program allows our members to receive fresh produce and meats on a weekly basis to help bridge the nutritional gap that can arise when trying to feed a family on a fixed or low-income budget. **Volunteers can arrive at 234 Bay St. anytime Thursday or Friday afternoon and they will be given food to deliver and addresses.** Thank you for any amount of time you are willing to give.

Also, this month:

Drivers are needed for **ESWA's Thanksgiving Food Distribution at Greece Baptist Church on Monday, 11/20/23, 8am-5pm and Tuesday, 11/21/23 8am-9pm.** Local grocery stores will be donating turkeys and assorted food items for ESWA member's Thanksgiving food boxes and the

members who are without transportation will need their boxes delivered to them.

Drivers are needed for **ESWA's Toy sort on 12/15/23** at TBD and times TBD for our Holiday party where member families will be receiving toys donated by local churches.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tina Howard at 585-654-9640 or email eswa-roch@juno.com

In Solidarity and God Bless,
Tina, ESWA Coordinator

Be Prepared - Emergency Medical Treatment at IUCC

To ensure that everyone using our facility could be helped in an emergency, we have some important tools available and wanted to make sure you are familiar with them. These tools are located in the storage cabinet on the wall opposite the main office. Call 911 immediately before proceeding with anything else. *Remember that these tools need to be administered as quickly as possible to be successful and good Samaritans are protected from legal recourse if the person is hurt or dies in spite of your attempts.*

----- > We have an AED (automated external defibrillator) which is a device that can shock a stopped heart back to life. It is simple to use and there are instructions that anyone can follow.

-----> We have doses of Narcan which are used when there is a suspected overdose. This medication is simply inserted into the person's nose like an inhaler. A second dose may be necessary if the first one is not successful. *Note: The person will not be harmed if it is administered but they are not suffering from an overdose.*



**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@irondequoitucc.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**

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"*



November Highlights



*In the tender light between fall and winter
the margins **soften**, the colors **shift**.
You may not be sure of what's before you
but your heart describes **what you remember**.*

*A brindled barn, a scarlet edge
a gilded field, a sloping roof.
A glow of people you know and love.
An open door that **calls you home**.*

*A glimpse of grace you cannot see
but know is there.*

*Celebrating this **season of gratitude**,
and every open door that calls us home.*

Poem by Margret Melozzi

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 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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