

SERMON NOTES

THE MISSION FIELD

Do you see a need that has gone unmet? We're looking for a few outwardly-focused ministry ideas. If you have any suggestions for how Ithaca UMC can connect with the community to offer hope and purpose in Christ, please get in touch with one of the members of the Leadership Board: *Pastor Gary Simmons, Mark Monroe, Ben Bates, Jim Bowen, Joelle Gibson, Keegan Hartman, Glenda Konecny, Scott Merchant, and Anna Rittersdorf.*

FAITH@HOME

Small groups are a great way to build authentic relationships with other Christ followers and dive deeper in discipleship. If you'd like to take this opportunity to grow in your faith and experience Christian camaraderie, we encourage you to join an existing small group or start one of your own. Please contact Mark Monroe at 989-506-7996 or Ken Gibson at 989-388-2831.

YOUR INPUT

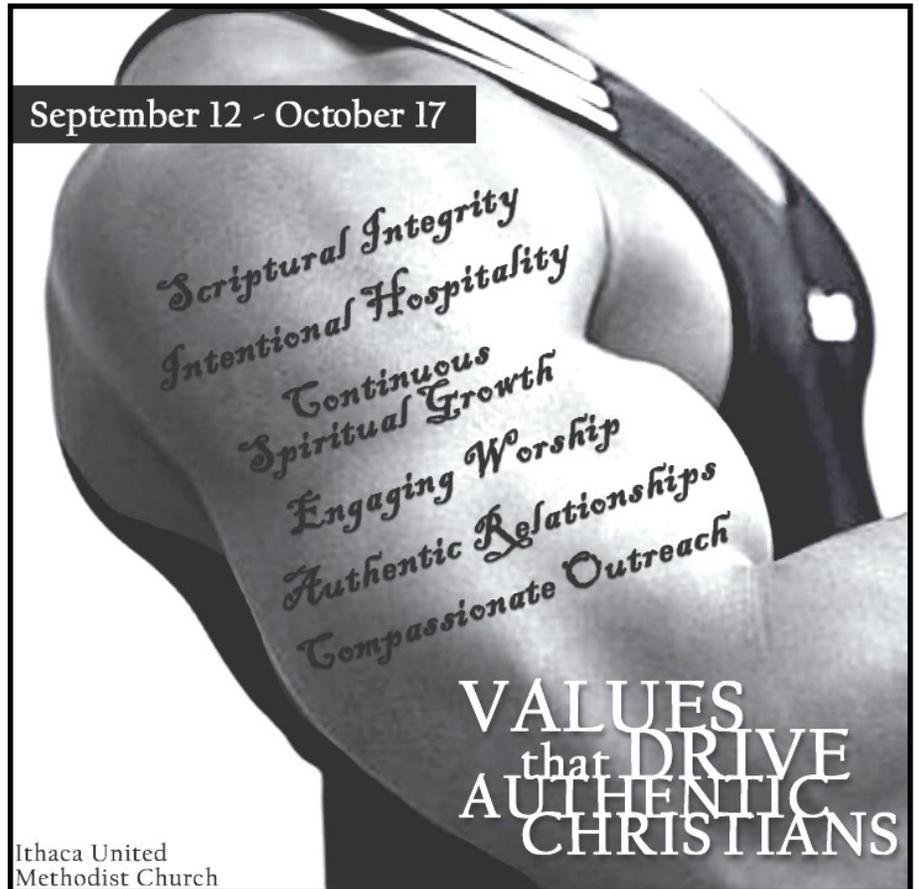
As part of the framework of our church vision and in an effort to give you the best possible small group experience, we will be requesting your feedback during our next Sunday morning worship service. On September 12th, the Small Group Ministry Team will ask you to take a couple of minutes to complete a simple questionnaire. The results will impact decisions we make about small group communities here at Ithaca United Methodist Church. Your responses will remain anonymous. Thank you in advance for your participation.



ITHACA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Connecting with our community by
offering hope and purpose in Christ.*

September 2021



PRIMARY SCRIPTURES

2 Peter 1:16-21, 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Psalms 119:105
1 Peter 4:8-9, Acts 2:46-47, Matthew 25:40
John 8:31-32, Matthew 19:14, 2 Peter 3:18,
Colossians 3:15-17, Ephesians 5:19, Psalms 100:1
Romans 12:9-10, Ephesians 4:2

GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Children's Church at 10:30 AM during Worship Service

All children preschool - 6th grade are welcome. Pastor Gary will dismiss them to the education wing for a Christ-centered experience geared for them. Please retrieve your children following the service.

Cry Room and Nursery Care

Available during Sunday worship service for children 3 years old and under. Both are located in the education wing and the nursery is staffed by volunteers on a rotating schedule. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the nursery or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Deana Schaffer at 989-576-1765.

Assisted Listening System

A "Hearing Loop" is provided in this sanctuary for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use this service, please switch to "T".

STAY CONNECTED

Senior Pastor: Gary Simmons
Assistant to the Pastor: Mark Monroe
Worship Leader: Keegan Hartman

Contact Pastor Gary

Parsonage: 989-875-3086
E-mail: PastorGarySimmons@Gmail.com

Questions to ask? Announcements to make?

E-mail: Connect@IthacaUMC.org
Phone: 989-875-4313 (Leave a message)
Church Office: Currently Unstaffed
Join the Prayer Chain: Prayer@IthacaUMC.org

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Website: www.IthacaUMC.org
FB & Insta: @IthacaUnitedMethodistChurch
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Leadership Board Meeting

Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 PM in the church basement.
Open to anyone who would like to attend and observe the discussion.

Painting Project

Do you like to paint? The heavy-duty kind, not the classy artistic kind? Not so much like Bob Ross. More like Bob the Builder. If you'd like to lend us a hand - er - roller, please e-mail Connect@IthacaUMC.org.

Praise in the Parking Lot

Saturday, October 23rd at 3:00 PM
Light snacks and water will be available.
Other fun plans for this event are under consideration. Keep listening for more.
Bring a lawn chair.



ONGOING COLLECTIONS

Baby Shower for the Nursery

Our infant care facility is being revitalized and is currently short on supplies. Please consider donating as we prepare for a rebirth. This "baby" is due on September 30th. See insert for details.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Pregnancy Services of Gratiot County will be accepting donations during their Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. All donations will be matched up to \$10,000 by United Way of Gratiot and Isabella Counties. Details are available at pregnancyservicesgratiot.com and on a flyer in the lobby. Fundraiser ends October 18th.

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse's annual international evangelism project has begun. Shoeboxes can be dropped off in the box in the lobby and will be packed on a later date. National Collection week is November 15th - 22nd.

DISCONTINUED COLLECTIONS

These items were collected at one time to fulfill a specific need. Now that the needs have been met, the projects have ceased.

Plastic Grocery Bags	Pop Bottles & Cans	Clothing
Empty Medicine Bottles	Egg Cartons	