



New Connexions United Methodist Church

January 2026

Words from the Pastor

Rev L. Grace Harmon

The word "epiphany" describes a moment of sudden insight or revelation. An experience of clarity, when deep truths snap into place, and you *know*. In the Christian tradition of course, Epiphany is celebrated when the wise men recognized Jesus as the Savior. That's their 'aha' moment. If there is some reason to celebrate Epiphany other than it being 'what we do,' it should be a reminder that we are seekers of deep truth, and an opportunity to celebrate our commitment to the quest.



Some epiphanies are gentle, poetic even. Those are certainly my favorite. Still, they can often float by us unnoticed and unappreciated. It could be a kind word from a colleague that invites you to see yourself in a kinder light. Unexpected generosity might spark a reminder to participate in the wider world. A beautiful sunrise can call us in through the majesty of God's artistry. These moments are all wondrous reminders: the divine is never far away. When we pause to appreciate these small wonders, we open our hearts to God's ongoing work in our lives. Other epiphanies are less delightful to experience. It is only human to want to turn away from them, and it is always Jesus-like to invite them in. We see the headlines. We read the Gospel. We are well aware that they are completely divergent. This chasm is why we need to seek epiphany. It is also where we must go searching.

The Gospel is a story of understanding history in order to see the present clearly and predict the future wisely. This search for revelation is at the core of who we are as people of faith, and as Methodists. Our quadrilateral tells us to examine everything we experience through scripture, reason, experience, and tradition. While it would be lovely to have epiphanies where the light bulb suddenly blazes above us, in truth, we must seek them out for all of the pieces to fit in place. We have to plug in the light of our understanding, as it were.

The temptation to despair is great, I know. Every week when we read the World News in Prayer, I feel exhausted. I want to offer good news in addition to the Good News. Yet every week, I am also reminded that the Gospel story tells us the only way to the capital letters in Good News is to go unflinchingly through the reasons for so much bad news. In other words, there is no hiding. And that is, I think, the first epiphany.

In the Christian calendar, Epiphany is the last day before ‘Ordinary Time.’ One year, I want to live in times that feel ordinary. By the time you read this, the liturgical season will have moved on, but if we hope to be ready for the wonder of resurrection, it will be because we decide that seeking epiphanies, the beautiful as well as the terrible, are the only sure path of getting there.

At New Connexions, we have so many ways to practice being epiphany people. The Grove has embraced No BS Bible Study, where we ask fearless questions, challenge our own assumptions, and deal with the text on its own historical terms. Our BLM Book Group continues to dig deep into our own history and how it impacts our lives together in the here and now. Our Fresh Squeezed Liturgy keeps us seeking by ensuring we cannot just let familiar words watch over us, and instead have to actively engage our faith. Wellness Connexions invites us into moments of gentler epiphany. HEARTS, Free Fresh Food, community dinners and other outreach are openings to hands on epiphanies of personal connection to the lives of others. And the list goes on.



Here’s a final thought on epiphanies and actively searching for them: we so often undervalue the sense of rightness, connection, and relief even the hardest of epiphanies offer. A deep and Spirit filled sense of *knowing*, even if what is known is not what we want to be true, is a genuine gift from God. Some epiphanies will bring joy. Some will break our hearts open for love. Others will strengthen our resolve. All of them, if we are open to the teaching of the Gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit will bring us a sense of contentment in connection to the sacred and the vision of the kin-dom of heaven.

Epiphany is not just a day on the church calendar; it’s a way of seeing. God is continually making zir self known to us through ordinary encounters, unexpected challenges, and even the worst current events. As we journey through life together, let’s challenge one another, remaining open to moments of revelation, trusting that every day holds the potential for an epiphany that draws us closer to God and to one another. Who knows, you might even find a few as you keep reading here.

Still keeping Ukraine in our prayers

If you would like to add a financial donation to your prayers, see [GIVE - New Paltz United Methodist Church \(newpaltzumc.org\)](http://newpaltzumc.org) for “Give to Ukraine”.



Christmas Eve Celebration at New Connexions UMC

Sam Reiss

New Connexions' first Christmas Eve service under the new name was as refreshing and thoughtful as the community that hosted it. From the start, members of The Grove, New Connexions' 20-40s adult group, planned a welcoming communal Christmas space that would smoothly bridge novelty and fun with time-honored traditions. With the goal of creating the ultimate "holiday hang," The Grove and appreciated volunteers at New Connexions organized an evening of Christmas crafts, snacks, laughter, and "Carol-oke," finished off by a reflective candlelit service led by Pastor Limina Grace Harmon and joined by Margaret Howe.



chairs that epitomized the cozy atmosphere of the holiday hangout. I was honored to help host and sing along with the karaoke crew. Seeing the faces spread out amongst the chairs and pews felt more like singing karaoke with friends than a public performance, and the warm, casual vibes seemed to put everyone at similar ease.

As the "hang" transitioned into our service, that sense of togetherness remained. We moved from the high energy of karaoke into a space of reflection and peace. With a running worship theme "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Pastor Grace delivered a keen and relevant service that touched upon modern themes and threaded together the weeks of relating the nativity story to modern role models such as Maya Angelou and Malcolm X.



The evening kicked off with a sense of play. Between the plates of holiday snacks and the craft tables, there was a constant hum of conversation. It was a joy to see different generations sitting together, hands busy with sparkly pipe cleaners and beads, Christmas origami, or simply enjoying each other's company over a cup of hot cocoa and cookies before the formal program began.

As crafts wrapped up, courageous souls took the stage and filled the room with laughter during Christmas-themed karaoke. Over the jubilant serenade of giggles, karaoke instrumentals, and singing, everyone was brought together amongst the pews and the couches and



Amongst the poinsettias and gold ribbon that marked each aisle, bells and candles lay in wait for a glowing, magical “Silent Night,” followed by ringing in the birth of Christ with a joyous, bell-filled “Joy to the World.” It felt like the beating heart of a community united under a church that had exemplified its own name: a new connection being made, a bridge between tradition and innovation, between generations and forms of celebration and worship.

I remember the moment I looked out into the pews, hearing the jingling of bells and the chorus of voices

singing. The building seemed fuller than usual, and our voices filled the space as we sang. A sea of still-lit candles illuminated the faces of hope and joy, and I could see the vision behind our name and our goals into the new year. Everyone seemed loath to leave the almost sacred vibe at the end of service, as if leaving each other's presence in that unity would break the moment, but luckily the candle-lit warmth seemed to linger with each of us even as we went home that Christmas Eve.

The Grove

Jacqui Vedder

After the Wellness Connexions pilot series ended in November 2025, the Grove started meeting weekly with a new, more structured format, in a cozy corner of the Sanctuary or tuned in via zoom. Wednesday nights at 7pm one can join us for no BS bible study, where we explore the reading for the following Sunday. Pastor Grace brings a more in depth and modern perspective to light, that attempts to be historically accurate. After interesting discussions and dissecting the bible from a new vantage point, we move into connecting with one another and checking in asking: “how is it with your soul?” No one is required to share, but if there is something you would like to get off your chest among friends, it is a nice time to do so. Before the night concludes, we often plan for future events the group would like to come together to work on such as Halloween on Grove Street this past fall or our Christmas Eve “holiday hang” featuring crafts, snacks, and Christmas karaoke, concluding with the service.

Wellness Connexions is also coming back in 2026 with an event every 3rd Wednesday of the month starting at 7pm. January 21st, join us for Off Grid Game Night, where we put our phones away and bring out board games, ice breaker cards, adult coloring books, origami, and puzzles. There will be a cocoa and cookie bar too as well as good times to be had by all. We look forward to seeing new faces and hope you come out to explore all the exciting new things happening on the corner of Grove and Main Street in New Paltz at New Connexions UMC.





WELLNESS CONNEXIONS

**Free events for
mind, body,
&spirit, in great
company**

THIRD
WEDNESDAYS
@ 7 P.M.

CORNER OF
GROUE & MAIN
NEW PALTZ

JAN 21

OFF GRID GAME NIGHT

Unplug. Relax.
Make Friends.
Cocoa and cookies.

FEB 18

**POETRY AS HISTORY
W/ KATE HYMES**

(Ash Wednesday
Service @6.)
Tea & sympathy, w/snacks.

MAR 18

**SOUND BATH
W/ SAMA SHAKTI**

Kombucha &
Infused waters

APRIL
15

MUSIC OF M'BOLLO

Bissap &
West African treats

MAY
20

**PAINT & SIP
W/ ERIN EDIB**

Mocktails & Treats

ALL
OTHER
WEDNESDAYS

THE GROUE

Socially relevant bible
study w/o BS or pretense

newconnexionsumc.org

AN INCLUSIVE HOME IN THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

The Angel Tree

Kathy Weiss

Christmas is a time of “extra” giving, in our families and in our community. We give throughout the year to family members and to community needs. At Christmas we give something extra. **The Angel Tree** is one of those extra giving at Christmas experiences.

Throughout the year, our congregation contributes to the Supplemental Food Program which provides food each month to families at the Agri-Business Child Development Center (ABCD). At Christmas, we give more.

At Christmas time, congregation members and friends donate money to purchase Shop Rite gift cards. Each donation is represented by an **“Angel”** added to the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. This year, all of us together donated enough to give a \$25.00 gift card to each family and staff member at ABCD: a total of 55 families--55 gift cards. In addition, donations provided 2 extra gift cards, which were used by the Supplemental Food Program to purchase food for the ABCD in January.



It is fun to see the Angels added to the tree each Sunday. It is a blessing for families and for our congregation to participate in The Angel Tree.

Melodious Times at New Connexions

Jane Ruback

On Friday, December 19th, a wonderful event took place in our sanctuary. A local music teacher, and neighbor to our church, Rebekah Davidson, invited a group of her music students to perform. Their recital was enthusiastically received by a large group of parents, friends and family admirers. About 25 youngsters, ranging from elementary aged to high school students, performed a wide assortment of musical treats. Voices rang out, trumpets, trombones and tubas blew with gusto, and our piano keys danced. The pews were filled with about 100 people, all enjoying a delightful time.

Rebekah clearly knows how to teach and inspire youngsters. She loves our sanctuary space and she hopes to have another program in the spring.



It is a joy to have our welcoming space welcome so many. We were happy to have them and we look forward to having them again.

HEARTS

Rev Eileen Daunt

Our HEARTS friends have been having wonderful days of respite from the normal every day.

We have celebrated a different day each and every Friday. A few of these days were Veterans Day, Fall Fun Day, Thanksgiving Friends Feast Day, National Cookie Day, a morning with some of the preschool children and Christmas fun. We were not open the Fridays following Christmas and New Years.

We made thank you poster cards for Veterans in appreciation of their service. These were presented Nov. 11, at the Plattekill Veterans Day Service at Veterans Park, Patura Road, Modena. We acknowledged two of our HEARTS friends and one HEARTS family member for their service to our country.

Fall Fun Day was reminiscing about the fun of building piles of leaves to jump into or perhaps to hide within and the smells and crunching of the fallen leaves. We recalled these fall experiences; hayrides and pumpkin picking, hot cider and apple cinnamon donuts.

Our Friends Thanksgiving Day was a day of engagement and delight as we helped to prepare our meal. We made mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, sweet potato casserole, stuffing, biscuits, pumpkin pie, pumpkin custard, pineapple pie and there was turkey and gravy and mushroom loaf and gravy. Along with all the fixings for the meal, HEARTS friends prepared fall center pieces.



for the meal, HEARTS friends made place cards and set a beautiful table for 21. We even prepared fall center pieces. Once those preparations were completed, we shared many of the



things we were thankful for. The dinner guests were our caregivers. The meal was over the top delicious. We had a few extra helper friends as we rounded out our time together as a thankful HEARTS family. We all went home full, tired and extremely thankful for the day and the gift of many dedicated friends that made the day successful.



National Cookie Day, we shared and named over twenty kinds of cookies. We had the opportunity to decorate gingerbread cookie stars and trees. We took home our decorated delights to share with our family.



We invited children (and their teacher/helpers) from the New Paltz Preschool to join us one December morning. We had a delightful time singing Christmas songs together, making door hangers and dot painting our own Christmas tree. It was a very active busy time for all our friends young and old being together. Oh, there was a great ringing of jingle bells as we all sang and jingled our bells. Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!

Our final 2025 day was spent reflecting about Christmas and sharing briefly about Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. With carols playing, we created cards to give to our families. We each had a HEARTS photo that was attached in the card. Each card was carefully placed in a homemade envelope too! We had a special dessert - ice cream sundaes with all the fixings.



For the past 39 months, the HEARTS Ministry has been serving families that are living with dementia. HEARTS has provided over 600 hours of respite care in that time. We are so thankful to each and everyone who has supported this ministry either financially or volunteering. They provide a social, engaging loving community of friends. I look forward to see the future that God is preparing for HEARTS as we engage with additional UM faith communities to help them begin the HEARTS Ministry.



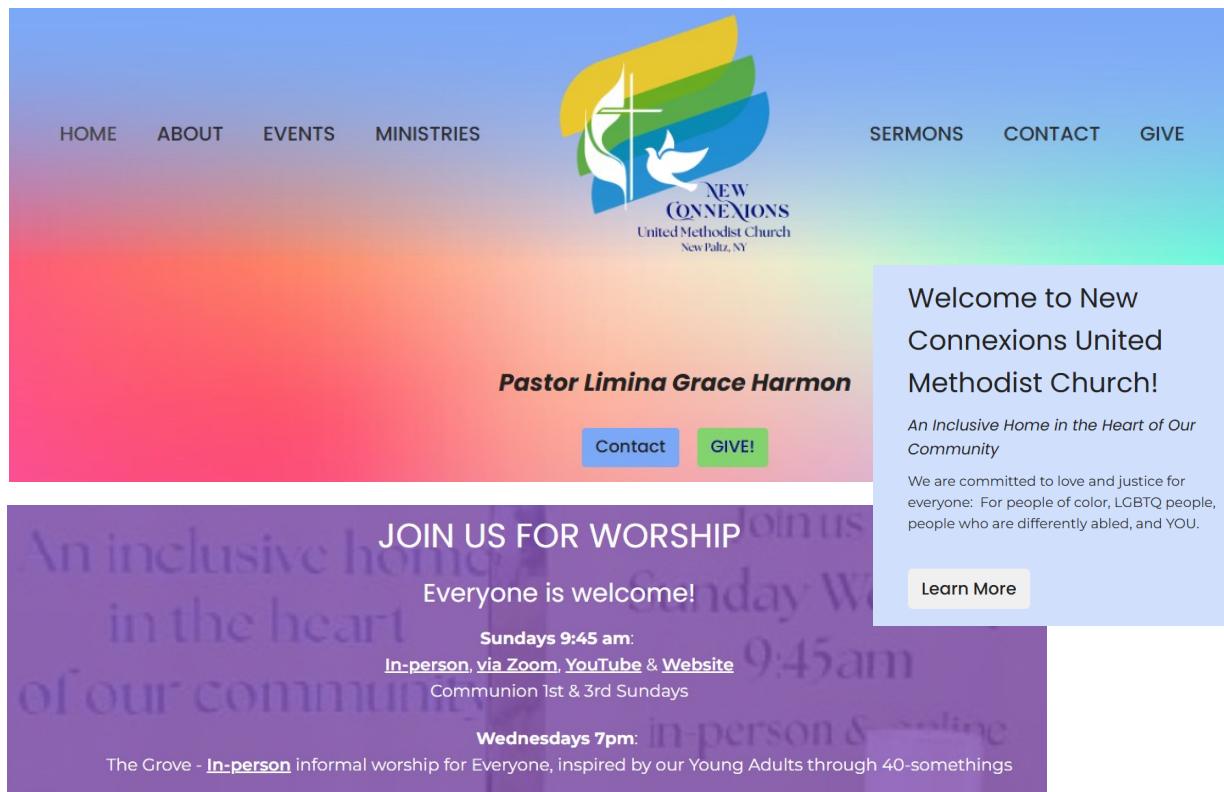
New website for New Connexions UMC

Brenda Beane

Linda Mellor, our tech guru, has created our new website... <https://newconnexionsumc.org/>
She will continue adding content and migrating content from our old site as she has time.

We needed a new website... not just because we changed the name of our church! We needed a new web hosting service since the one we previously used, UMC Churches (umcchurches.org), discontinued support as of year-end 2025. We chose to use Tithe.ly as recommended by UM Communications. Their website building tools are proprietary and do not support WordPress, which is what we previously used. Therefore, a full rebuild of our website was needed. The format and structure of the website had to change based on what the tools allow.

Some snip-its of the new website to give you a feel for the format.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the New Connexions UMC website. The header features a colorful gradient background with the church's logo in the center. The logo consists of a stylized cross and dove above the text "NEW CONNEXIONS" and "United Methodist Church New Paltz, NY". The navigation menu includes links for HOME, ABOUT, EVENTS, MINISTRIES, SERMONS, CONTACT, and GIVE. Below the header, a banner with a red-to-purple gradient background promotes "JOIN US FOR WORSHIP" and "Everyone is welcome!". It lists service times: "Sundays 9:45 am: In-person, via Zoom, YouTube & Website" and "Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays". It also mentions "Wednesdays 7pm: The Grove - In-person & online". A call-to-action button labeled "Contact" is visible on the left, and a "GIVE!" button is on the right. To the right of the banner, a sidebar welcomes visitors and states: "An Inclusive Home in the Heart of Our Community. We are committed to love and justice for everyone: For people of color, LGBTQ people, people who are differently abled, and YOU." A "Learn More" button is located at the bottom of this sidebar.

Thank you Linda for all your hard work at a very busy time of the year!

Church Lay Leadership for 2026

A big **THANK YOU** to our church leadership! We appreciate all that they do!

Here is the list of our church leaders from the current Charge Conference Booklet.



Administrative Council Chairpersons	Ann Craig and Margaret Howe
Lay Leaders	Linda Mellor and Jane Ruback
Recording Secretary	Sandy Kane
Board of Trustees President	John Bautochka
Board of Trustees Vice President	Joe Watson
Finance Chairperson	Margaret Howe
Finance Vice Chairperson	Linda Mellor
Treasurers	Margaret Howe and Linda Mellor
Associate Treasurer – Modena Campus	Steve Schifani
Financial Secretary	Brenda Beane
Staff Parish Relations Chairperson	Jane Ruback
Planned Giving	Dan Ruback
Lay Members to Annual Conference	Stephanie Parsons and Linda Loomis
Alternates	Linda Mellor
Justice, Outreach, and Mission Coordinators	TBD
Communication Coordinator	Margaret Howe
Web Coordinator	Linda Mellor
Newsletter Editors	Brenda Beane and Jacqui Vedder
Sunday School Facilitators	TBD
Safe Sanctuary Officer	TBD

Also, a big **THANK YOU** to all our church members and friends for all that they do.
We are the church!

New Paltz Play School News

Nancy Vance, Director

Our Playschool children had a very fun month of December celebrating upcoming holidays. Eileen invited the children to come visit with our Hearts friends doing Christmas projects, singing and having snack together. Everyone had a wonderful time! Thank you Eileen for including our little ones with the Hearts group. We look forward to our next visit.

Since the weather is certainly providing cold & snow, our children will have a lot of fun outside on the playground.

Our Cookie Walk was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came & bought delicious cookies.

Planned Giving

Dan Ruback

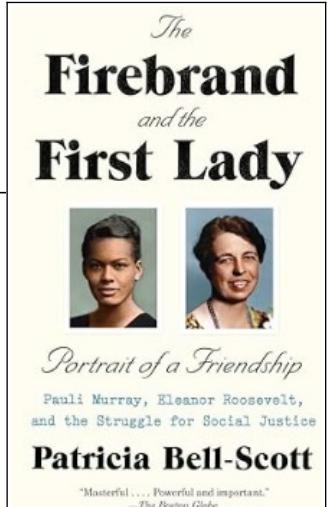
Just a reminder that the New Paltz UMC has a planned giving program. Will you join Jane and me as members of our Church's Now and Forever Givers by naming the New Connexions United Methodist Church in your estate planning. Just email the Church and your message will be forwarded to the Planned Giving Committee. Money received from prior planned gifts will be used in 2026 for the Supplemental Food Program for Senior Citizens, to replace the Parsonage roof, help pay the Pastor and other Church programs. Funds will also be used to install air conditioning in the Sanctuary.

The annual letter asking you for your financial commitment to the Church will be coming out soon. Remember if you give appreciated stock, you will get a tax deduction for the current value of the stock and not be taxed on the any appreciation since when you purchased it. Or, if you give a qualified donation from your IRA, you will not be taxed on the distribution and it will not be counted as income when determining income for medical expenses. Information can be found on the website. Click the Give tab and then More Ways to Give.

Also, starting in 2026 those who take the standard deduction will be able to take an additional "above-the-line" deduction of \$1,000 for individuals and \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly for gifts to qualified charities like the New Connexions UMC.

BLM Small Group Study

This group meets next on Wed Feb 4th at 7pm. They are currently reading the book ***The Firebrand and the First Lady*** by Patricia Bell-Scott. All are invited to join. Reach out to Margaret Howe or Kate Hymes for more information.



The Firebrand and the First Lady

Portrait of a Friendship

Pauli Murray, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Struggle for Social Justice

Patricia Bell-Scott

"Masterful . . . Powerful and important."
—The Boston Globe

The Vi Cole Reading Group -- Close but not Closed

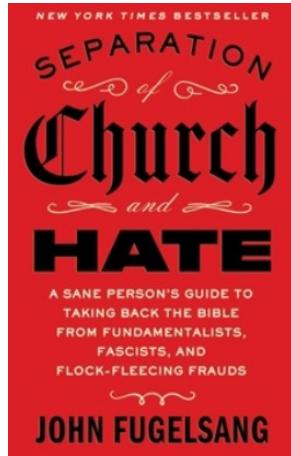
Ann Craig

The Vi Cole reading group continues to engage with issues and ideas about spirituality and social justice through reading a common book and meeting weekly at 3:30 on Tuesdays. Our biggest surge in participation was when we read *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. More recently, we have read:

- Richard Rohr, *The Naked Now*
- Karen King, *The Gospel of Mary of Magdala*
- David Grann, *Killers of the Flower Moon*
- Kurtz & Ketcham, *The Spirituality of Imperfection*

Our next book is *Separation of Church and HATE*, by John Fugelsang, starting on Tuesday, January 12, 2026, at 3:30 by Zoom. For the Zoom link, write to Ann at craignewyork@gmail.com

For our book discussions, we are all encouraged to read the book, but it is not required. We always end up selecting meaningful paragraphs to discuss. Then we bring our own life experiences to the table. Everyone participates in their own way, whether reading and analysing or listening and adding thoughts and examples. We try to hear from everyone.



Recently, the group walked with LynnHolly Wilson as she dealt with the final stages of Parkinson's disease. We all faced and discussed mortality together. LynnHolly joined the conversation whenever she had the energy and focus to do so. We recently spent one session remembering her life and what she shared with each of us.

We all have faced family and health issues that shape our lives and conversations. The group is close but not closed. We welcome anyone who would like to participate.

Financial News

Margaret Howe

Oh my goodness – Newsletter time again – am I last to submit? I find this Newsletter very informative – information about the church and its ministries – its missions – its growth as we have become New Connexions. And we always have to deal with finances. Money is always a struggle unless you have won the lottery and even then I am sure there are issues of how best to invest – donate - use the winnings. We at New Connexions who have to account for the money do worry and struggle and are also very good stewards of that which we receive.



It has been a bit more difficult this year with the merger with Modena to become the New Connexions community. I will say right here – we have ended the year 2025 in the black. It is good!

We were very concerned about Modena's Apportionments as none had been paid at the date of the merger. Paying Apportionments in full is an important part of who we are as a connectional ministry – we pay – we have opportunities. We did pay those Apportionments in full. We appealed for some assistance from our members – and almost half of what was needed was gifted to the cause. Thank you to those folks who made those contributions.

Going forward and until we sell the Modena campus there are certain expenses we need to pay – insurance for the site, utilities to keep the church safe and heated/lighted for showings, snow plowing, etc. The tenant living in the parsonage is moving out by the middle of January so we will not have that rental income to use for these expenses. We will manage. We will maintain the St Pauley's Clothes bin until we sell the property. If you have clothing items to give away, this is a good place to donate. The income varies from \$250 to \$400 per month.

We have yet to pay the lawyer for the merger documents – that invoice is \$3,000 plus. I will use the surplus from 2025 to pay. I hope the Operating Budget can get that money back once the property is sold. There is so much yet to do until we have only the New Paltz property.

The Finance Committee has drafted a 2026 Operating Budget for New Connexions and presented it to the Administrative Board. As I am sure you would understand, this budget does include the Modena Campus expenses. Your continued financial commitment is essential in keeping the finances of New Connexions fluid. The finances of a Methodist church are critical – however the ministries and mission, if they are in full operation, are the foundation and money becomes the necessary second. In the Methodist denomination, we are not subsidized by the greater church – we develop our own financial budget and work to maintain it. And, as Methodists we make a membership vow to serve our congregations through our prayers, presence, service, gifts and witness. I think we sometimes get so busy we forget these important vows/commitments we made – we need to acknowledge what and how we fulfill these – we do many automatically – let's do them all as a matter of recognizing what it means to be a United Methodist. I think we will be surprised that we are committed.

In the next two weeks you will receive your 2025 financial statement. Use that as a reminder to make a 2026 commitment to New Connexions. Let's celebrate and challenge ourselves to full commitment – I am! Let us see what surprises us.

As we saw in the last quarter of 2025, many new ministries are emerging – Wellness Connexions is an example. Based on the success of the 5 week session in Oct/November, Wellness Connexions is launching a year long every third Wednesday night event – and wow – they are all so different – come and be part of this. The Grove is finding its niche and now meets weekly. It is thanks to their ideas that some of our new ministries are emerging – Halloween on Grove Street was a huge success – Christmas Eve "Carol-oke" was fun – followed by a beautiful Christmas Eve worship. There is no limit to what we can do!

Our food ministries continue to feed those who are short of food. In addition to the monthly food supplement to the ABCD Center and Senior citizens, New Connexions gave a Shoprite gift card to every family and staff member at the ABCD Center (55 - \$25 gift cards) through The Angel Tree ministry. The money for the food supplement program comes from your gifts as

well as grants. Each year a percentage of the Endowment earnings goes to this project. Fresh Food Give-A-Way takes place each 4th Sunday and provides fresh food to families and students. The source of this food is so wide – grocery stores, local farmers and growers – often home made soups. These ministries reinforce our place in the community.

Look for information about Together @ the Table Free commUNITY meals – a Tuesday night weekly meal. We will be doing it for some weeks beginning January 20th.

I am repeating – and this time it is a test -

If you know your John Wesley history – you know that May 24, 1738, known as Aldersgate Day – at a prayer meeting on that day – Wesley felt his heart “strangely warmed” – he experienced an assurance of God’s love and went on to share that love with all. Want some Methodist history read more about John Wesley, I suggest *John Wesley Holiness of Heart and Life* by Charles Yrogoyen, Jr. Why do I share this – because much has happened to us at New Connexions – and although my heart still gets financially heavy – I do feel a warm spirit of potential growth and renewal – not to the past – rather to the future – we have much work to do to embrace our sustainability as a church, a parish, a district and a conference – we have opportunities - let’s grab hold – and with enthusiasm move forward with these ministries and missions.....doing good, doing no harm and staying in love with God.

The test is... did you read the book and/or do you want to read the book and do a one or two night book study to see what made John Wesley tick and help us be 21st century Wesley people?

The Council of Bishops and the Connectional Table of the United Methodist Church recently unveiled a new vision statement – “*love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously*”. I look forward to the growth and love and sharing and fellowship and discipleship sharing that can emerge from our new *connexion*. Let’s continue to show signs for the future - Forward we move on the corner of Main and Grove out and about wherever we are called.

May it be so!!!!

With love,
Margaret

LOVE BOLDLY
PASSIONATELY LOVE GOD AND, LIKE JESUS,
EMBRACE AND INCLUDE PEOPLE OF EVERY
AGE, NATION, RACE, GENDER AND WALK
OF LIFE.
INSPIRED BY MATTHEW 22:37-39 AND JOHN 13:34-35

SERVE JOYFULLY
WITH A CHRIST-LIKE HEART, JOURNEY
ALONGSIDE THE MOST VULNERABLE,
OFFERING CARE AND COMPASSION WITH JOY.
INSPIRED BY PSALM 100:1, NEHEMIAH 8:10, JOHN 13:14-15
AND 1 PETER 4:10

LEAD COURAGEOUSLY
FOLLOW JESUS' EXAMPLE BY RESISTING AND
DISMANTLING ALL SYSTEMS OF EVIL, INJUSTICE,
AND OPPRESSION, STRIVING FOR PEACE,
JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION.

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Let's Celebrate



Happy Birthday!

Jan 2	Katelin Roe
Jan 8	Shannon Smith
Jan 11	Kelly Scott
Jan 19	Samantha Judge
Jan 24	Twana Lundin
Jan 28	Makayla Bennett
Jan 28	Pearl Lee
Jan 28	Jess Balog (Morhous)
Jan 29	Sue Ulrich
Feb 4	Susan Kartis
Feb 5	Charley Loomis
Feb 6	Nancy Schifani
Feb 6	Nancy Vance
Feb 8	Pat Wager
Feb 11	Julie Edwards-Ransom
Feb 14	Steve Rappleyea
Feb 15	Ian Costley
Feb 16	Elizabeth Dressel
Feb 19	Aimee Ciarimboli
Feb 20	Sarah Bautochka
Feb 25	Marisa Villarreal
Feb 28	Lizzy Schifani

Happy Birthday!

March 1	Herb Witz
March 2	Kim Haughton
March 2	Margaret Howe
March 6	Art Mellor
March 8	Katelyn Welch
March 12	Eileen Daunt
March 12	Matthew Schifani
March 13	Tiresias Lundin
March 15	Brenda Beane
March 15	Karen Seyfert
March 17	Patricia Buchanan
March 22	Christine Ransom
March 27	Sam Reiss
March 28	Landen Sanchez

Happy Anniversary!

Feb 26	Dianna and Paul Smith
March 29	Kate Hymes and Bill Flanagan

We welcome your feedback. Email the church at newconnexionsumc@gmail.com. It will be forwarded to Brenda Beane and Jacqui Vedder as current newsletter editors.