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Christmas in July

We are modifying the idea of the "Reverse Advent Calendar" into a "Christmas in July" donation event, as the need for items is ongoing. Besides food items for the Watertown Urban Mission Food Pantry, we are looking to provide laundry soap. We will also be collecting hygiene items to be dispersed through North Country Family Health Center.

The month is broken down into themed weeks. However, feel free to drop off any of the items anytime through July 26th. Collection boxes are in the back of the rotunda. Any questions, contact Sarah Lehman at 315-767-2641.

July 5th - Kids home from school - "I am hungry and want a snack"

Individual ramen bowls, mac and cheese bowls, microwavable pasta cups, canned Chef Boyardee pasta, Spaghetti O's, granola snack bars, pop-tarts, cheese or peanut butter filled snack crackers, fruit cups/pouches, applesauce cups/pouches, pudding cups

July 12th - Sunday fun day, catch up on laundry day - *Laundry soap*

July 19th - Too hot to cook, cereal is what's for dinner - *Boxes of cereal*

July 26th - Clean up after a hot day - *Body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, tooth brushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, disposable razors*

Last month, **WOMEN IN FAITH (WIF)** made a donation of \$500 to the **Watertown City Pools Fund** established through the Northern New York Community Foundation. The goal of the fund was to raise \$50,000 that the City of Watertown had indicated was needed in order to bring back free admission to the Watertown City pools (Flynn Pool - Northside and Thompson Park Pool) rather than the new proposed fees:

\$3 ADMISSION FEE FOR ALL PATRONS

Individual Passes: \$25 Resident/\$35 Non-Resident

Family of 4: \$80 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident

Additional Family Member: \$10 Resident/\$20 Non-Resident

For many families, these extra costs would be burdensome. The extra cost would also affect local area summer recreation programs and their programming decisions as many programs take kids to Thompson Park and their pool for the day.

With the donation by WIF and other community members and organizations, the goal of \$50,000 was met. The city released the news that the pools would have free admission.

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July 3	Aaron Johnson
July 3	Herbert Van Houten
July 5	Quay Gonzales
July 6	Gerald Holder
July 10	Mark Battista
July 13	Benjamin Rudd
July 13	Carol Wright
July 14	John Deal
July 14	Lenora Forbes
July 16	Louis Dolloway
July 17	Susan Beaman
July 17	Pam Hughes
July 20	David Daily
July 21	Lilia Rudd
July 22	David Forbes
July 24	Carol Stoodley
July 24	Linda Adams
July 30	Sandra Johnson



Paul and Deborah Simmons
July 13, 1968

Jim and Krista Juczak
July 16, 1983

Fred and Frances Goutremout
July 22, 1967



August 2	Hannah Johnson
August 2	Angelo Gonzales
August 3	William Smith
August 3	Nathan Lehman
August 3	Kay Phillips
August 4	Erin Brislan
August 7	David Stoodley
August 9	Randy Sealing
August 11	Allyson Van Houten
August 12	Margie VanWie
August 15	Bruce Chapman
August 15	Lynn Morgan
August 15	Tack Farris
August 20	Madyson Smith
August 21	Chris Clark
August 21	Eleanor Kinnard
August 26	Shirley Berry
August 26	Nancy Dolloway
August 26	Ethan Fesler
August 31	Jeannette Streeter



Steven and Jean Marshall
August 1, 1992

Bruce and Lorraine Irwin
August 15, 1997

Dr. Glen and Susan Snell
August 20, 1966

Rev. Toby and Myrtie Schilling
August 24, 1968

Join us on **Sunday, July 19,**
immediately following worship
for our **ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

Enjoy delicious ice cream topped with a variety of toppings and spend time visiting with friends and fellow church members. We hope you'll stay after the service for this sweet time of fellowship.

Please note that there will be
**NO monthly luncheons in
July or August.**

ASBURY ANNUAL PICNIC

AUGUST 19 5-8PM

Thompson Park The Large Pavilion

**Bring a salad, casserole, or dessert
for the buffet.**

**Bring your own drink, silverware,
and a chair.**

**Hot dogs, plates, cups, and napkins
will be supplied.**

**The kids' splash pad and playground
will be open.**

The guest speaker will be Dr. Mark Irwin, zoo director. He will speak about his experiences at the zoo, selection and care of the animals, why the zoo is the 2nd largest attraction in our area, his vision for the future, and how we can help.

Come enjoy great food & fellowship!



FALL RUMMAGE SALE

OCTOBER 2 & 3

Every six months, we fill the rummage room next to the stage with all the goodies we don't want! With summer here, it's a good time to clean out your garage, attics, and closets and go shopping for new things! Our best sellers will be Christmas items, jewelry, furniture in good condition, toys, puzzles, books, kitchen items, antiques, and of course, baked goods, especially homemade pies.

You can bring items on Sundays or during the week, Monday-Thursday, during church office hours (9-1). You can let our church secretary, Faith, know when you are coming and if you need any help. Any questions, please call Sue Snell, 315-782-8235. Thank you!!

On behalf of the Trustees, we want to thank the congregation for supporting the Capital Improvement Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! The sidewalk has been completed and it is much safer. It will be seeded along the edge and a handrail will be installed later this summer. The Chapel windows outside wooden frame was repaired by William, our custodian. He did a great job. He is currently repairing and painting the lower windows on Parker Street. We are also replacing the rusted out red doors on Sterling Street. It is all because of your continued support, so again, THANK YOU!



Syracuse Mets

United Methodist Family & Friends Night at the Ballpark

Thursday - August 6, 2026



The Syracuse United Methodist Ministries (SUMM) will be sponsoring our 45th annual United Methodist Family and Friends Night at the Ballpark, located at NBT Bank Stadium (1 Tex Simone Drive, Syracuse, NY 13208). The game is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, at 6:30 p.m. Our Syracuse Mets will be playing the Omaha Storm Chasers. There will be no tailgate party, however food and beverages will be discounted again this year for Dollar Thursday.

Like last year, we will have 200-level assigned seats, and we will gather on the field at 6:15 pm to sing the "National Anthem" from home plate. Game tickets are \$18 each and can be ordered through Leon VanWie until Sunday, July 12th. If the tickets need to be mailed to you – please add \$1 to the total price. Tickets can also be handed out at church on Sunday, August 3. Any questions – please contact Leon at (315) 771-9142 or leonvanwie@gmail.com.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
at
8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.**



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Open Minds,
Open Doors...

The people of the
United Methodist
Church

Asbury United Methodist Church

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*"The hard things break. The soft things bend.
The stubborn ones batter themselves against
all that is immovable. The flexible adapt to
what is before them. Of course, we are all hard
and soft, stubborn and flexible, and so we all
break until we learn to bend."*

- The Book of Awakening