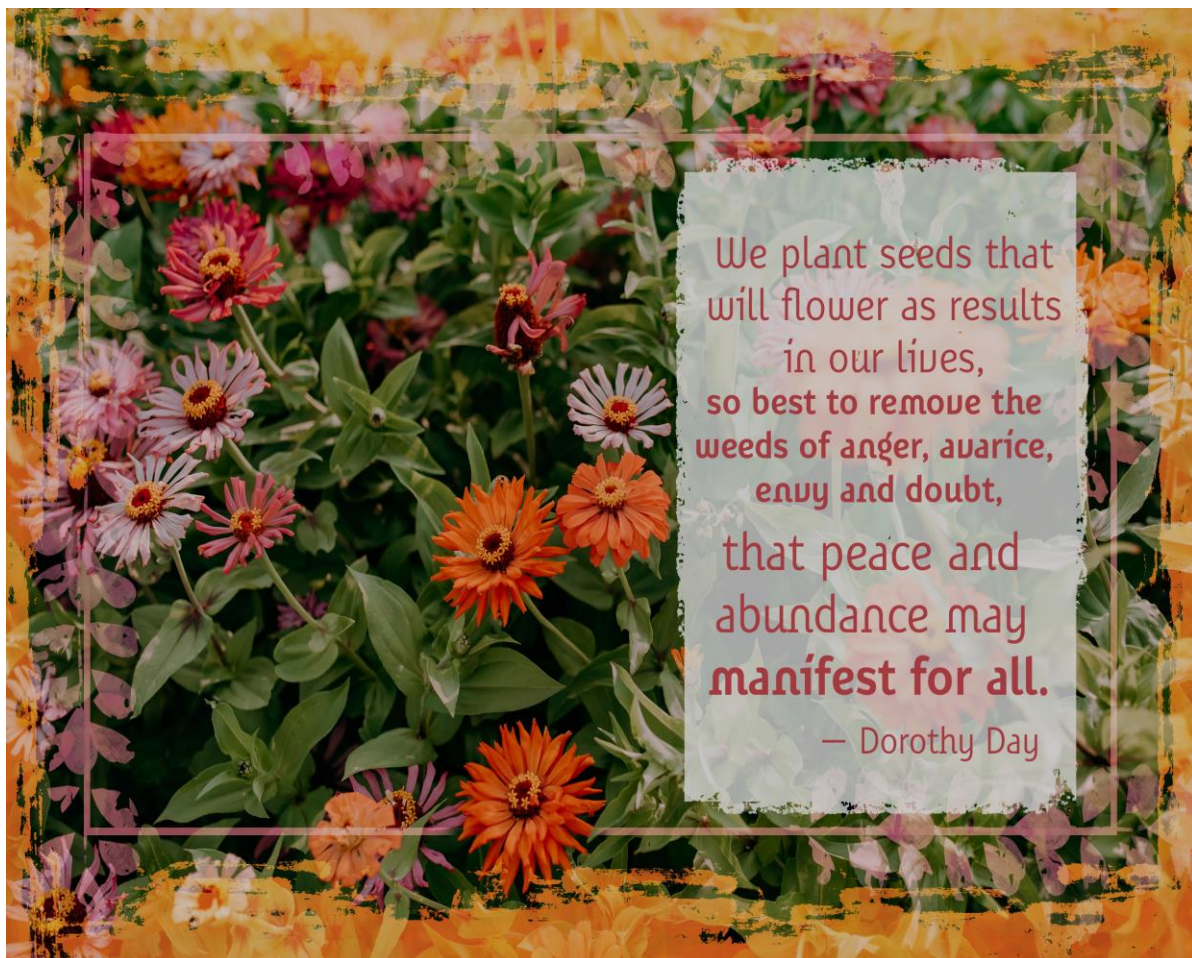


The Word



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Ministers Musings

Thank you, friends. Thank you for four years of good ministry, living out the gospel together as the body of Christ in this place. What a joy it has been to be your pastor!

We have done good things together since the summer of 2021. There has been singing and praying, preaching and sharing Christ's peace, time at the Lord's Table and time at the fellowship table. We have shared baptisms, funerals, Bible studies, and great times at Kids' Club (if you missed the great times, you might want to come by and help out on Wednesdays.) Families in the community have filled their cupboards at the food pantry and we have filled boxes of cheese and eggs and tuna and apples, and more, for senior citizens in town. Love among us and love given from us. I have appreciated your commitment to accepting and welcoming any and all of God's children. You offer a powerful witness to God's love here at the United Ministry of Delhi. Thank you for that witness.

Pastor Cathy with Corinne & Shannon as they sign their Certificate of Commitment on May 31st.

Every memory brings to mind another. The Holy Spirit has certainly been with us, and I thank God for bringing me here to be church with you.

I will miss this community of love. I will miss the mountains on all sides as I ride my bike around town. I will miss crossing the river regularly and watching it run high and run low, depending on the recent rain and snow. I will miss the Farmers' Market and Fair on the Square and all the ways this community comes together to say hello and stay connected.

Mostly, I will miss you. Each of you and all of you. Your love, your care, your trust in God's hand through difficult times, your willingness to enter into friendship and service and ministry with me. I will miss the joy of passing Christ's peace with

you in worship, the hugs and the smiles, the sharing of joys and concerns through prayers. Thank you for sharing life in Christ with me.

Keep sharing your love and life in Christ – with each other, and with Pastor Prem who arrives soon. God does wonderful things through you. Stay open to God's hand.

We'll have a few more times to be together this month. I hope to see you then.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy

Summary of Parish Council's May 2025 Meeting

There were many topics of the month as there is lots going on at United Ministry.

We started our discussion with the transition to a half time pastor. SPR has been discussing what this would like since DSS Karen Monk said it would be Sunday plus 2-3 days. It was agreed that he should attend Parish Council every month but maybe not Trustees or Finance. The conference recommends that SPR meet with the new pastor once a month for the first 6 months to help with the transition. What are the priorities of our congregation? It was agreed that we need to be ready for flexibility.

Also discussed was the 50th Celebration and council members were given the contact survey that is being sent out to the congregation. The Steering Committee is meeting on 5/20. Once they have the contact information compiled, we will look to developing a timeline and actual dates for events. Possible slogan "Campaign for the Future"?? We discussed the goal for the campaign (\$50,000 - \$100,000) and using a steeple to chart our progress.

The Treasurer's report for April was presented by Susan Frisbee. It was noted that Faith Giving is going well, and other income and expenses appear normal. It was discussed that we probably need to adjust the budget to reflect the changes due

to having a part-time pastor, so it is easier to track. More discussion will take place at the Finance meeting in June.

Finance Committee met in April and discussed the Playschool's not having enough to meet payroll in May. That conversation continued at council because of an email from Fran that Pastor Cathy received with the information that she had advanced \$1000 to pay the last pay period of May, leaving Playschool with a \$589 balance in their account. Playschool reported that they were doing a bake sale at the Memorial Day parade and were awaiting a final May tuition payment which should cover the \$1000, which they considered a loan that would be paid back. Playschool currently has 9 verbal commitments for 2025-2026. After much discussion it was decided that Carol Greene, Pastor Cathy and Susan Frisbee would ask to meet with Pam Savage and Laura Mills to gather more information about plans for next year.

Gideon reported that Trustees met on May 13th. The fire alarm panel has been replaced. On their workday trustees finished outside clean-up work at the church and light bulbs were replaced inside of the church. They are coordinating the floor replacement in the parsonage master bedroom with Pastor Cathy's move date. The Trustees had planned to move funds from investment fund to the money market but later found that Fran needed funds, so they authorized a \$15,000 transfer to DNBD instead.

Barb Jones reported that SPR met on May 9th and talked about the transition. They are completing performance reviews. Cathy's last day preaching will be June 22nd.

Pastor Cathy reported that there will be communion on both June 1st and June 22nd. Cathy will be out of town 5/23-5/25 for a retreat and Janine Ware will preach on the 25th. Kids' Club will finish this week. Bible study is continuing. Cathy will be hosting a picnic for Women's Open Circle in June. She will be attending the Annual Conference June 5 -June 8th. Greg Garis will be preaching on Sunday June 8th which is Pentecost Sunday. Pastor Cathy attended the District Conference and met with the Cooperative Parish as well. She will meet with the local Presbyterian cluster on May 29th.

The Food Pantry continues to be busy. There will be a Food Giveaway on June 7th.

Witness report by Fred included that Men's breakfast will be at his house on 5/20/25.

The council approved building use forms for:

The use of McIntosh Hall for an anniversary party on June 21st requested by Kendra Cardillo

Delaware County Community Band- Rehearsal and storage and Sanctuary use in the event of rain for Fair on the Square, June 24th - July 28th.

Delaware County Public Health Services for use of the Harder Room, June 19th and 20th for staff enrichment classes to promote employee retention

The meeting closed in prayer.

If you have questions at any time, please feel free to talk with myself or other council members.

Carol Greene

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PASTOR HALF-TIME APPOINTMENT

I am very pleased to announce that our new Pastor, effective July 1, will be the Reverend Premkumar Immanuel Clement (Prem). Prem comes to us with a rich heritage of faith and a lifelong commitment to teaching, learning, and community building. Prem draws inspiration from his forefathers, who were ordained pastors in the Wesleyan tradition even before India's independence.

Prem recently earned his Master's in Divinity from Boston University where he served as a Worship Team Assistant at the Marsh Chapel there. He also completed an Internship at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Arlington, MA. Prem was

declared a certified candidate and granted eligibility for a local pastor's license in March 2025 by the Northeast Conference.

Prem is a native of Madurai, India where he served as an Associate Professor at the American College from 1987-2022. His academic background includes an M.A and an M. Phil. in Philosophy from the University of Madras and a Ph.D.in Philosophy from Madurai Kamaraj University.

Prem enjoys learning, interacting and connecting with people from diverse cultures, traditions, and identities. He brings a warm pastoral heart, tending to the needs of those in his care. Prem and his wife, Sujantha Pauline, are the proud parents of two children and a granddaughter, and cherish life's simple pleasures together. Prem is passionate about gardening, cooking, and traveling, which allows him to connect with God's creation and individuals from all walks of life. A lover of nature and meaningful conversations, particularly those regarding culture, society, religion, and philosophy, he values community, friendship, and shared spiritual growth. Prem looks forward to walking alongside our congregation in a spirit of humility, joy, and mutual transformation.

Prem will begin his half-time appointment with us effective July 1. There will be a variety of opportunities for our members to welcome Prem and Sujantha and to help with this important transition for the United Ministry. Please watch for ways that you can help pitch in and to welcome the newest members to our church and community!

Carol Greene

WEAR RED FOR
Pentecost
Sunday, June 8

Food Mission

I know some of you have asked if between the budget cuts and tariffs and all the other stuff that keeps changing with the government if I have noticed an effect in the food pantry. I'm not sure how much has filtered down to us yet. I do know that the food bank in Hamden has seen a decrease in the amount of grant money they have. We still have about 40 families a month that are using the pantry (not always the same ones) and an increase in the number of families with kids under 18. I expect that once the school year ends and there are no longer school lunch programs available that this may increase. But as anyone who has volunteered at the food pantry can tell you the usage is as unpredictable as the weather!

Hamden doesn't always have things I need such as crackers, chunky soup and rice. The donations that come in and the items I purchase on sale usually go almost as fast as they come in! Please be sure that any food items for the pantry are left either in the red wagon or the pantry. There have been unmarked items left in Mac Hall and the kitchen and I don't know if they are for the pantry or a group that is using the church.

Carol is planning another food giveaway for June 7th. She may be a little short on help this time but wanted to get in one more before the summer. Deb continues taking boxes to the motel once a month for the people being housed there.

I hope everyone has a good summer.

Edie

Joint Worship

On Sunday, June 29 we'll join together with United Presbyterian Church for a joint worship service. We'll be travelling to UP Walton, 58 East Street, Walton, for worship at 10:00 am. <https://www.facebook.com/UPChurchWalton> to join the live stream. We will be sending out our regular Sunday morning invitation to worship, which will have the link to the UPC Walton Facebook page for the live stream. Please note the earlier time for the service!



Women's Open Circle

Women's Open Circle will meet Thursday, June 20 at noon for our annual end of year picnic. Bring your own table service. Bring the dish you signed up to fix, and the BBQ will be going! The picnic will be at the Parsonage at 23 Prospect Street, Delhi. For more information call Beth Hildreth at 607-746-3015. Please RSVP so we know how many are coming!

All women of The United Ministry are invited!

Kids' Club

Kids' Club sang during our worship on Sunday, May 18th. Many thanks to Virginia Mills and Madison Vredenburg for supporting Kids' Club with their singing on the 18th!

We have to thank Evelyn Jacksto, Carol Greene, and Pat Nabinger for all their hard work and dedication to this group! Along with Pastor Cathy, they've put a lot of energy and creativity into this weekly program for children in K – 5th grade.

They met for the last time this school year on Wednesday May 21st. Watch Sunday announcements and the September issue of *The Word* for start-up information for the '25/26 school year! Have a great Summer!



We Need Your Help!

As we start planning for our 50th Anniversary Celebration, one of our first steps will be to gather contact information for the many people over the years who have been involved with or impacted by the United Ministry. This database will allow us to reach beyond our congregation with information about events that are taking place during the year. A form has been created on which you can share any contact information you may have. Chelsea Frisbee will develop this master database. You may also receive this form in an email which will allow you to fill it in electronically and return it to Chelsea via email.

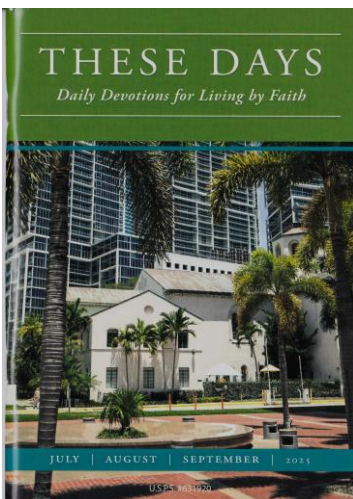
Printed forms are included separately and may be returned to either Chelsea or Carol or sent to the church office. We encourage the return of forms by June 15th.

We look forward to gathering names and addresses for as many people as possible

To fill out the form online, go to: umdelhi.org/news-and-events/ and follow the instructions. Then email the form to: office@umdelhi.org.

Daily Devotional Available

Strengthen your faith with *These Days*, an inspiring and uplifting daily devotional! Each issue of *These Days* features:



- Scripture suggestions
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- Inspiring prayers
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- Information about the writers

Available on the table under the digital display.



IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same side) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

Puzzle!

A FATHER'S INSTRUCTION

Although babies don't come with instructions, God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

"...
2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2

6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3

5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1

4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3

3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1"

Ephesians 6:4, NIV

Answers: "... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4, NIV

Play School Update June 2025

As we wrap up our 56th, 2024-25 school year, the kids had fun making ice cream with Mrs. K. on their last day of school and some summer fun & father's day activities. Registrations are out for the upcoming school year and look for our banner. It will be hanging up over Main Street June 16-30th.

Our Memorial Day bake sale went really well. A very busy and festive morning on the square! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported those who served in our armed forces and remembered those we lost. Also, thank you to all of you who supported Play School by baking, helping, buying, and visiting on this beautiful sunny day!

Look for us on the square in July. We are planning on a couple of Friday evenings at The Fair on the Square! We have some fun things planned just waiting on some finalizations then flyers will be printed. Please keep watch for some updated information soon.

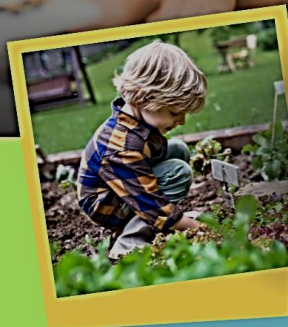
Have a wonderful summer with friends and family! May each day bring you much joy and happiness!

Respectfully
Submitted,

Pam Savage

Play School
Director





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Isabella M. as seen on Facebook

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You are Invited to Attend the
CONSCIOUS CONNECTIONS: DEMENTIA AWARENESS
WORKSHOP

June 12th, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

PHOENICIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
29 Church Street, Phoenicia, NY 12464

These five (5) sessions informative workshop is open to the public, sponsored by
Onteora Cooperative Parish of United Methodist Churches and Jewish Family
Services.

Jewish Family Services of Ulster County Presents:



June 12: Session One Dementia: What is it?

- The Dementia Diagnosis & Risk factors & Assessments

Session Two: June 19: What Changes and Why?

- Overview of Brain Function: Healthy or Not?

Session Three: June 26: How Do I Feel?

- Strength based assessments, Caregiver & Recipient Grief

Session Four: July 10: What Do I Do Now?

- Caregiver Skills & Care recipient Skills

Session Five: July 24: Who Can Help?

- Community Resources, Building a Dementia Friendly Community

Our Changing Family

The highlight of May was the celebration of love that Corinne Jones and Shannon Robinson have for each other! On Saturday, May 31st, Corinne and Shannon expressed their commitment to each other in front of witnesses in our sanctuary with Pastor Cathy officiating. Corinne looked beautiful in a long white dress carrying blue flowers and Shannon certainly shined in his suit!



They and their friends and well-wishers celebrated at a reception afterwards in McIntosh Hall. They make a beautiful couple and we hope that God blesses them and their union always, in all ways!





June Birthdays

Amy Warner	6/2
Anna Mason	6/4
Latham Gielskie	6/4
Faith Savage	6/7
Rachel Cole	6/8
Allen Greene	6/9
Gillian Fisher	6/9
Frances Lykens	6/11
Abigail Tessier	6/14
Crystal Kennedy	6/18

Sandie Reynolds	6/20
Evelyn Jacksto	6/20
Deb Kearney	6/21
Scott Oles	6/25
Leanne Nabinger	6/26
Mark Chatterton	6/27
Charlotte Hill	6/28
Susan Ackerly	6/28
Corinne Jones	6/28
Wyatt Frisbee	6/28

Coffee Hour Hosts & Flowers for the Sanctuary



Have you signed up to host Coffee Hour yet? Would you like to commemorate a loved one or special event in your life?

Coffee, tea, lemonade, and paper goods are supplied. Cookies are optional. Sign up on the sheet on the Bulletin Board or call the church office to pick your date.

Garden and wild flowers are always welcome! If you are uncomfortable creating the arrangement, call the office and we can make the arrangement for you.

Coffee Hour

June 1 _____

June 8 Pentecost

June 15 _____

June 22 _____

June 29 Worship in Walton

Flowers

June 1 _____

June 8 Geraniums for Pentecost

June 15 _____

June 22 _____

June 29 Worship in Walton

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office.

Word and Worship

Sunday, June 1
7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97
Revelation 21:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;
John 17:20-26

Sunday, June 8
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27

Sunday, June 15
Trinity Sunday
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8
Galatians 2:15-21; John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 22
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalms 42-43
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 29
Worship at Walton United Presbyterian Church
58 East Street, Walton
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Lectors

June 1 *Carol Greene*
June 8 *Gideon Frisbee*
June 15 *Liz Frisbee*
June 22 *Edie Campbell*

Acolytes

June 1 *Madison Vredenburgh*
June 8 *Virginia Mills*
June 15 *Wyatt Frisbee*
June 22 *Virginia Mills*

June 29 *Worship in Walton*

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