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March/April 2026 Newsletter

Grace and peace to you, Church Family!!

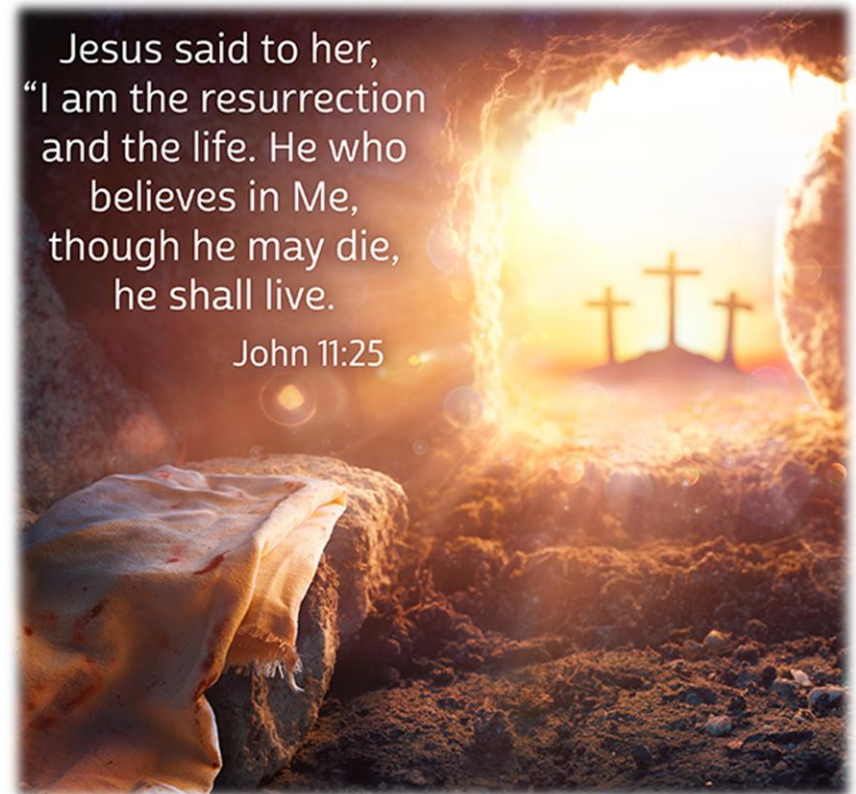
Spring is right around the corner – or at least this is what the weatherman says. It's been a long winter, and I think I speak for many when I say, "I'm ready for spring!" I'm ready for the dull dark days of winter to give way to the new life that comes with warmer weather and the blossoming of flowers and trees.

The season of Lent always makes me more reflective, especially in a time when the winter weather has kept me inside so much more. (I'm not one to find joy in winter events.) Over the last few weeks, I have been looking back over the last 5 1/2 years and thinking about the many faithful servants who have gone on to their eternal home. We have celebrated their lives and given thanks for the many ways they touched our hearts. We shed a few tears and felt the pain of loss. We miss their very presence with us. But just as the dark days of winter give way to spring, we know that our loved ones, although they have gone from this world, are alive forevermore in the presence of our Savior and Lord. Their faith in Jesus Christ has given them eternal life. We know this because of Jesus' promise in John 11:25-26: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me, will never die. Do you believe this?'"

This is the hope and joy of Easter morning. It is the reason we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we believe in Him, we too will experience Eternal Life!

I pray that when the Lenten season ends and Easter morning breaks through the darkness, we will not only celebrate the warmth and newness of spring, but we will also experience the hope and joy of new life in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord!!

Hugs and prayers,
Pastor Karen McCaffery



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"I am the resurrection
and the life. He who
believes in Me,
though he may die,
he shall live.

John 11:25

Mission

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Vision

Our Vision is to join God in a journey of bringing new life, reconciliation, and the presence of Christ to all people, and to helping each person reflect the character of Christ.



Lenten Luncheons

You are invited to join Christians from all denominations the following Wednesdays during Lent at **12:00pm**, as we come together to share a meal and remember our Lenten journey together. This is a community activity and a wonderful way to share our faith. **All are welcome!**

March 4th at Corfu United Presbyterian Church *hosted by*
 Pembroke Community Church

March 11th Corfu United Presbyterian Church

March 18th Cornerstone of EP

March 25th Resurrection Parish, Holy Name of Mary Hall

*****Free Will offering to benefit a local charity*****

Thank You...

Dear Indian Falls friends,
 Thank you for your cards, messages, texts, hugs, and kind words in the years Greg had Parkinson's, and since he died.

Thank you to all who sent food, and to Celinda and her wonderful crew who fixed dinner after calling hours and for the amazing dinner at the funeral reception. I have heard so many compliments about it.

Thank you to Mikayla, Jen, Josie, McKenna, and Lauren for the beautiful music at the funeral. It was perfect.

Thank you to the tech team who took care of the sound, slide show, and live stream of the funeral service. People hundreds of miles away watched it.

Thank you to Pastor Karen who arranged and led a most special service that celebrated Greg's life and honored God.

This church family is so special, and in big and small ways made the journey so much easier. Thank you for welcoming us to this congregation and for supporting us at this difficult time.

Blessings,
 Jackie Van Dussen and family



**116 days
Until the
Strawberry Social!**

Youth Group & Children's Ministry

WORKING BEE AT SENECA STREET UMC- The Youth Group and Men's Group are teaming up for a working bee at Seneca St. United Methodist Church **NEXT Sunday, March 8th**. We will **leave Indian Falls at 3:30 PM**, work from 4:00-6:00 PM, and **return back to Indian Falls at 6:30 PM**. **All men are welcome!** *If you are interested in attending, or have questions, please contact Carrie Hartz at 814-746-6192. Men will be asked to bring tools to assist with various projects. **After-school snacks, food pantry items, cleaning supplies, 1-ply toilet paper, and paper towels** would also be appreciated and can be left in Carrie's Sunday School classroom.*

On this same Sunday, March 8th, all of the children and youth Sunday School classes will also be **making sandwiches** during their normal Sunday School class time **to benefit Seneca St.**

Maple Weekends are finally here!!

Come and Join Indian Falls GMC

On

March 21-22 & March 28-29

At

Hofhein's Maple Moon Farms 1058 Gulf Rd., Attica, NY
10am-4pm all four days.

During this time Hofhein's Maple Moon Farm will invite visitors to their "Sugar Houses". Visitors also have the opportunity to enjoy fun, family-friendly, wagon rides down to their sugar shack.

Join us this year for great family fun. ~

We will be serving Maple-Buttermilk Pancakes & Sausage and drink for \$8/person (*All You Can Eat Pancakes only, extra sausage 2 for \$1*) along with Maple Chili and Pulled Pork Sandwiches (Yum) also \$8 each with a drink.

~Come out, bring the kids or grandkids and take a wagon ride down to the "Sugar House", it's a great experience!

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Food Pantry Update

All food donations must be NON-Perishable. No Frozen food items please. Thank you for your continued donations.

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We Donated **14** Bags of groceries
&

16 Box of Cereal
in January & February to Batavia's



Giving Hope Today

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a mission through Samaritan's Purse intended to reach children with the gospel and show them God's love through the gifts in a shoebox. We have participated in this ministry for many years and last year sent a record 367 boxes to children. We were able to track our boxes and purses were sent to Madagascar and South Africa!

We are already off to a great start with collecting items for our 2025 boxes. The **white collection box** is located **in the entryway on the left** next to the food pantry cart.

March Collection- Flashlights with batteries, pieces of play jewelry, Hats (no camo print), Work Gloves for 10-14 year old boys.

April Collection- Barbie Dolls or Baby Dolls, Soccer balls, footballs, kick balls, volleyballs, and ball air pumps with needle.



I have many small tasks that can be done to prep our items before we are ready to send them in shoeboxes, so if you are interested in a winter/spring project that you can work on at home, please come see me to discuss potential options! Happy Spring Collecting!
Meagan Stringham

Indian Falls Global Methodist Church

*Invites You to Celebrate
Holy Week & Easter
with us. All are Welcome!*

*Holy Week
Worship Services:*

*Maundy Thursday,
April 2nd at 7:00pm*

*Good Friday,
April 3rd at 7:00pm*

*Easter Sunday,
April 5, 2026
Worship Services:
8:00am & 10:00am*

7908 Alleghany Road, Corfu, NY 14036, 585-762-9105
Services are live-streamed at <https://indianfallsgmc.com>

Yard Sale/ Chicken BBQ/ Geranium Pick-up

On Saturday **May 16th** we will once again be having our **church wide yard sale**. **Table rental is \$10.00 per table** (proceeds to go to Capital Fund) please see Celinda for reservation, you can pay the day of the event. We will also be selling **Hotdogs, chips, and drinks**.

That evening **the Men** will be having a **chicken BBQ- pick up only** at the church from **4:30pm-5:30pm**. The meal will include chicken half, vegetable, potato, roll w/ butter, and cookie. The men's group will be either calling or asking at church how many dinners you would like. ***This is presale only.*** We will have 250 chicken halves for sale.

Also that same day **the garden committee** will have our **geraniums** that were previously sold **available for pick up**.



Mission News

Thank you for supporting Jesus' command to go into the world and make disciples. This year's faithful giving gave the mission committee the ability to support missions locally and globally on a monthly basis and many more with one time gifts. Pledges for faith promise are supposed to be that. Offerings are based on faith that God will provide monies over and above supporting our church. As we have given to Him, we have been blessed here in Indian Falls in return!

Monthly support has gone to the following:

Conrad and Irma Phelps (South America/Peru)
Corinne Long (works for financial support for OMS worldwide)
John and Tricia Fraser (Teach Beyond in Hungary/Europe)
Seneca Street Ministries (Buffalo, NY)
NEW OMS Global Church Planting (Africa)

One Time Gifts:

Rodney Stringham (monies to support his entering the ministry)
Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Items (worldwide)
Care-A-Van Ministries (Batavia, NY)
Jail Ministries (Genesee County)
Gideons (Genesee Camp)
Corfu Food Pantry (Corfu, NY)
"Goose" Food Pantry (Oakfield, NY)
Crossroads House (Batavia, NY)
Grace Children's Hospital (Haiti/Central America)
China Outreach Ministries (Asia/China)
Barnabus International/Foglebachs (Asia)
Ken and Leanne Bailey (Wycliffe airplane support/worldwide)
Mel and Fran Noah (OMS Bolivia/South America)

Please pray for these mission endeavors and the people who are serving them. May their physical and spiritual needs be met as well as their protection as they bring the Good News to others.

Remember that dish/cleaning clothes are available outside the sanctuary or the window in the hallway outside the dining room. They are 2 for \$5 and help support Conrad and Irma Phelps.

Easter Flowers

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lilies (white)			
Single	\$15.00	_____	_____
Easter Mums (Assortment of Colors)			
6"	\$13.50	_____	_____
Tulips (yellow, purple, white, pink, orange)			
4"	\$5.50	_____	_____
6"	\$10.50	_____	_____
Hyacinth (pink, white, blue)			
4"	\$5.50	_____	_____
6"	\$10.50	_____	_____
Daffodils			
4"	\$5.50	_____	_____
6"	\$10.50	_____	_____
Total			

*****colors may vary*****

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given By: _____

Checks made out to: **Indian Falls GMC Garden Fund**

Orders & Payment Due by: **March 8, 2026**

Prayer Garden Memorial Cross "Walk of Faith"

The bricks in the cross of our Prayer Garden are being offered to the church congregation and public for memorializing a loved one, honoring your family or someone special to you. A special engraving in the block will last a lifetime and beyond.

One brick, 2 lines =\$125

Additional brick(s) \$100 ea.

One brick, 3 lines=\$135

Additional brick(s) \$110 ea.

Each line consists of 15 characters (spaces & punctuation count). To take advantage of the reduced pricing on any additional bricks, they must be ordered and paid for at the same time. Please complete this form (form is also in the greeter's kiosk) and return to the Finance Committee or mail to:

7908 Alleghany Rd.

Corfu, NY 14036

*All checks should be made out to: **Indian Falls GMC.***

Proceeds to benefit the Building Fund.

Thank you for your support!

(3rd Line Optional)

Name, address, phone: _____

PRAYER CHAIN



- Interested in joining the prayer chain?
- Have a specific prayer request for the prayer chain?

Contact Jill Klotzbach at 585-472-1993 if you have a request for the prayer chain

Pay-Pal

We have a church Pay-pal account. If you would like to tithe using Pay-Pal all you need to do is go to https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=XHG829349SEJ6 and that will take you where you need to go and the rest is just a couple of clicks and your tithe is sent. Since the account is managed by Mandie Coughlin, her name will appear on the receipt, but the description will say it is going to Indian Falls United Methodist Church.

Closing information for bad weather

If there is bad weather and we need to cancel any of our events or Church services, please check any of the following resources.

- † TV channels 2, 4 or 7
- † Facebook
- † WBTA

Domestic Violence at the YWCA- Sample sized toiletry items are collected in the west bin in the entryway to the narthex.

Ronald McDonald House- Can top rings in a jar by the Sunday School rooms.

Samaritan's Purse Livestock Projects- Contribute to the birthday offering jar found in the church office during the week and in the sanctuary on Sunday morning.

Empty ink jets and toner cases- top of stairs from the Narthex.

Salvation Army Food Pantry- In the grocery cart in the narthex and special "food pyramid" collections throughout the year.

"Bible Bucks"- If a dollar bill has the letter 'B', 'I', 'L', or 'E' in the Federal Reserve Seal, donate it to the Capital Improvement Fund. Place in an envelope marked "Bible Bucks" and give with your offering.

Global Methodist Conference News

Subscribe to the E-Newsletter <https://globalmethodist.org/connect/>
Send an email to the District Office asking to be added to the mailing list.

Global Methodist Northeast District News

Subscribe to the Conference Newsletter-
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/wj1VpFy/join>

Praise be to God for His indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

*Happy
Birthday!*

March

5 th	Matthew Penepent	17 th	Lindsey Dibble
7 th	Hannah Harlach	20 th	Jackson Hamilton
	Jeanne Klotzbach		Jill Klotzbach
	Louelle Gerwitz		Ethan Klotzbach
8 th	Larry Klotzbach	22 nd	Kim Kenyon
10 th	Darlene Anderson	23 rd	Ann Goepfert
	Lois Starkweather		Wesley Klotzbach
	Timothy Stringham		Megan Stringham
	Grant Kenyon		Carrie Hartz
11 th	Mandie Coughlin	24 th	Brian Castiglione
12 th	Jeffrey Sage		Bill Penepent
	Randy Tamburlin		Josh Swimline
13 th	Jennifer Kehrer	26 th	Betty Hall
15 th	Weston Swimline	30 th	Matthew Olsen
16 th	Ella Klotzbach*		Melissa Keller

April

1 st	Debbie Stringham	12 th	Deb Hill
2 nd	Chelsie (Dibble) Harlach	13 th	Aidan Summers
3 rd	Kolton Schafer	15 th	Claranne Burgel
4 th	Douglas Hendershott III	18 th	Pat Samanka
6 th	Nathan Klotzbach	19 th	Cassie Hinkson
	Zona Shreves		MaryJo Hinkson
7 th	Mary Jane Sage	22 nd	Lee Hartz
8 th	Mark Dibble	24 th	Derrick Phelps
9 th	Sophia Fauth	27 th	Esme Swinehart
11 th	Lois Olsen	29 th	Sally Ditzel

*Happy
Anniversary!*

*Do everything in love.
1 Corinthians 16:14*



March

3 rd	Larry & Melissa Childs
8 th	Marvin & JoAnne Meiser
12 th	George & Janet Klotzbach
15 th	Mac & Celinda McQuiston
18 th	Gary Diamond & Julie K.
19 th	Barb & Ralph Cavalieri
21 st	Nathan & Heather Klotzbach
26 th	Edward & Julie Keller

April

15 th	Randy & Teri Tamburlin
22 nd	Kyle & Alessandra Sage

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Worship 11:30am Sunday School 6:30pm-8:00pm YG Meeting	2	3 9:30am Women's Bible	4 12:00pm Lenten Lunch- at Pembroke Community Church 7:00pm-8:00pm Choir	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Begins / Int'l. Women's Day 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Worship 11:30am Sunday School 3:30pm-6:30pm YG Work Bee at Seneca Street UMC	9 2:00pm Women's Fellowship	10 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	11 12:00pm Lenten Lunch- at Corfu Presbyterian Church 7:00pm-8:00pm Choir Practices	12 7:00pm Emmaus Gathering	13	14 12:00pm Senior Lunch 6:00pm-9:00pm Family Fun Night
15 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Worship 11:30am Sunday School	16	17 St Patrick's Day 9:30am Women's Bible 6:30pm Ad Council Meeting	18 10:00am-2:00pm Respite Care 12:00pm Lenten Lunch- at Cornerstone of EP 7:00pm-8:00pm Choir	19	20 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox)	21 Maple Weekend
22 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 10:00am Worship 11:30am Sunday School	23	24 9:30am Women's Bible Study	25 12:00pm Lenten Lunch- at Resurrection Parish, Holy 7:00pm-8:00pm Choir	26 6:00pm FREE Community	27	28 Earth Hour Maple Weekend
29 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Worship 11:30am Sunday School 6:00pm-8:00pm YG Mini-Mission Dinner & Work Bee	30	31 9:30am Women's Bible	Notes:			

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5 Easter 8:00am Sunrise Service 10:00am Worship 11:30am Sunday School	6 	7 9:30am Women's Bible Study	8 7:00pm-8:00pm Choir Practices	9 7:00pm Emmaus Gathering	10 	11 12:00pm Senior Lunch 6:00pm-9:00pm Family Fun Night
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