

# Highland Highlights

February 6 – February 13, 2019

First Congregational  
Church  
United Church of Christ



309 Highland Road  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Office Hours: 9:00- 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 607-257-6033

E-mail: [Office@fccithaca.org](mailto:Office@fccithaca.org)

Website: [www.fccithaca.org](http://www.fccithaca.org)



## CALENDAR

---

### Wednesday , February 6

1:00 p.m. Bible–side Chats (a.k.a. Bible Study)

### Thursday, February 7

6:00 p.m. Handbells

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal (choir room)

### Friday, February 8

5:00 p.m. Family game night (FH/RM 10-11)

### Sunday, February 10

#### Scout Sunday

9:00 a.m. Children & Youth committees

9:00 a.m. Women's Ministries meetings

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

11:20 a.m. Committee meetings

11:20 a.m. Junior chime rehearsal

11:20 a.m. Junior bell rehearsal

11:30 a.m. Adult Ed. meeting (office)

11:30 a.m. B&G meeting

5:30 p.m. Youth book group

### Monday, February 11

10:30 a.m. Women's book study (library)

### Tuesday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Discussion

5:15 p.m. Growth & Membership

### Wednesday, February 13

1:00 p.m. Bible–side Chats (a.k.a. Bible Study)

---

# Please Note

**Scout Sunday- February 10, 10:00 am.** Please join us at our regular service when we celebrate the Scouting movement in America and other similar youth organizations.

**Children & Youth-** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the YAC & youth bake sale on Sunday! We are so grateful for the \$258.49 you gave to support the 10 youth and 4 adults participating in our summer work trips with Appalachia Service Project. In total, we have raised \$5,281, more than half of our needed funds. We will continue to raise funds to cover the costs of our transportation, room, board, and construction materials. If you would like to partner with us to help fundraise, offer prayers, or teach us construction skills, email [AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org](mailto:AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org)

**Ray Edwin Memorial Fund-** A memorial fund has been set up in honor of Ray Edwin through Tompkins Trust Company. The fund will provide scholarships to Dryden High School students who through their actions demonstrate a commitment to marginalized peoples and to end bullying. Several members and friends have expressed an interest in donating to this fund. All checks can be made out to Bonnie Edwin or to Andrea Russo (Bonnie and Ray's daughter) with "Diversity Scholarship" in the memo line. You can give your check directly to Bonnie or put it in the offering plate and it will be set aside in an envelope for Bonnie to collect. Thank you for supporting an issue that Ray was passionate about in his life.

- ❖ Readers, ushers, coffee servers, greeters, acolytes, offering counters, and flower providers are needed. Please sign up in the narthex or online through SignUpGenius. **SignUpGenius link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849aaab2ba3fa7-sunday2>

**Sunday February 10, 2019**

**Offering Counters:** Eugene Yarussi, Laura Andolina

**Reader:** Scouts

**Greeters:** Scouts

**Flowers:** Laurie Hultberg

**Coffee/Snacks:** Sue Eslinger, Lorrie Phillips, Joyce Billing

**Ushers:** Scouts

**Acolytes:** (1 slot open)

# February

## Children & Youth

- ❖ Game Night! All are invited to join us for games beginning at **5:00 pm on Friday, February 8th**. We'll have active games led by adults and older kids in Fellowship Hall with food and board games set up in rooms 10/11. Feel free to bring your favorite! Pizza will be provided, but feel free to bring a side dish if you have time! If you would like to help with set up, clean up, or hosting an activity, please email [AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org](mailto:AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org)
- ❖ Warm Wooly Tree in entry, **February 1-February 24** Ithaca's Share the Warmth campaign from the end of last year was able to collect warm gear for many in our community, but it wasn't enough. We're following up with our Warm Wooly Tree beginning this week. Community partners have specifically asked for more winter gloves and hand warmers, but all new or gently-used winter gear will be accepted. Because of the expected cold temperatures, donations will be dropped off as they come in to make sure they get to those who need them!

## Men's Breakfast & Discussion

- ❖ We will meet **February 12th at 8:30am** at the Royal Court Restaurant on Meadow St. across from Tops & Wegmans. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday morning of each month.

## Lunch Bunch

- ❖ Lunch Bunch—We will meet again on **February 17th at 12:30pm** at the Ramada Inn on Triphammer Rd. Lunch Bunch meets every 3rd Sunday. Please sign up in the Narthex.

## FCC Against Hate Action

- ❖ Interested in exploring the roots of and taking action against hate? A new group is forming at our church called FCC-AHA (FCC Against Hate Action). We plan to read material on the underlying causes of hate, learn more about how hate groups form, and explore the ways in which our progressive faith tradition can equip us to live more fully in the way of love as modeled by Jesus. The Anti-Defamation League reports that anti-Semitic incidents increased 57% last year in the U.S. (*Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents, 2017*). Many mass shootings in our country, including especially the recent shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue, are motivated by what philosopher Peter Sloterdijk describes as a "rage" that has deep roots in western history. Dehumanization of the "other" seems to drive so much cruelty, and yet scripture is clear: "You must not hate another person ...; you must love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:17-18). In what ways can our faith equip us to love better and to live differently? If you're interested in thinking more deeply about these issues and in taking action *against hate* in our town and world, please join this group! For more information, **contact Rev. David Kaden**.

## February-Special Outreach Offering

- ❖ St. Johns Community Services-On November 1st, 2018, St. John's Community Services took over operations of the Ithaca homeless shelter in Ithaca, New York. Through the shelter, emergency housing is provided to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Food pantry and emergency food services are also provided to those in need.

# Make a Difference

## Action FCC

- ❖ Who are the Immigrants in Our Midst? **Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Mary Jo Dudley, Director of the Cornell Farmworker Program will be at "The Interfaith Center for Action and healing" located on 1939 East Shore Drive Lansing, NY 14882.** Please join this discussion to gain insights about immigrant farmworkers in living in Cayuga, Tompkins, Cortland, and surrounding counties.

- 1) Where do they come from?
- 2) Why do they come?
- 3) What jobs do they perform?
- 4) Do they pay taxes? What services are available to them?
- 5) What types of work visas exist for farmworkers?
- 6) Who lives here year-round or only during harvest season?

### **For more information, please contact:**

The Interfaith Center for Action and Healing | [interfaithcenterah@gmail.org](mailto:interfaithcenterah@gmail.org)

Amy Saz | [ags253@cornell.eu](mailto:ags253@cornell.eu)

**Outreach Special Offerings for 2019**-In an effort to give our congregation an opportunity to plan their giving for the year Outreach is publishing our list of special offerings for 2019. Each month we will continue to highlight the offering of the month with more in-depth information about that organization's mission.

Please note that special offerings run for the calendar month only unless otherwise specified.

As always please mark your memo line and the front of the pew envelope so that your generous gift is allocated as you wish.

### **Special offerings for the year**

**February:** St. Johns (formerly Rescue Mission)-emergency shelter/ friendship center.

**March:** Protestant Cooperative Ministries UCC 5 for 5 special mission One Great Hour of Sharing collected on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**April:** Church World Service- national and international relief through cleanup, hygiene and school kits as well as blankets for refugees.

**May:** Fresh Snack program- fresh local foods and nutritional education to local elementary students.

**June:** Family Reading Partnership- early literacy program for Tompkins County UCC 5 for 5 special mission Strengthen the Church collected on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**July:** UCC 5 for 5 special mission Christmas in July.

**August:** Kitchen Cupboard diaper/hygiene drive.

**September:** Feed My Starving Children- Support for Ithaca Mobile Pack.

**October:** UCC U.S. based Natural Disaster relief UCC 5 for 5 special mission Neighbors in Need collected October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**November:** Kitchen Cupboard- Supplemental nutritional assistance for Tompkins County Residents.