

# Ecumenical News

*"There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all... (Eph 4:4-6).*

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## **Copake United Methodist**

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Copake, NY 12516  
(518) 329-3565

## **Craryville United Methodist**

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## **Hillsdale United Methodist**

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## **N. Hillsdale United Methodist**

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## **Our Lady Of Hope Roman Catholic**

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Copake Falls, NY 12517  
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## **St. John In The Wilderness Episcopal**

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## **Mission Statement**

**This newsletter supports the churches of Southeastern Columbia County in continuing a long tradition of working and worshipping together. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we intend to**

- 1. Provide a central source of information**
- 2. Make this information available to the churches and the public**
- 3. Encourage greater participation in the events listed here**

Welcome to our 1<sup>st</sup> edition of *Ecumenical News* !

This is our first attempt to improve communications among the churches so, please be patient as we learn how to do this effectively. Most important of all, add your name to our e-mail list and keep sending whatever news you have !

*from Hillsdale Methodist Church . . .*

**Food Pantry** - The pantry provides food to people from the Roe Jan area and is open by appointment Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm.  
Call: Bette Gallup (518) 325-4986 or Lois Edelman (518) 325-5613

*from Copake Methodist Church . . .*

**Church House Chow** - A hot meal is served every Tuesday from 5:00 – 7:00pm at the church house on Church street (Rt 7A). All are welcome. A Free-will offering is accepted.

**Bargain Shop** - The shop is located in back of the church house. A large selection of used clothes and household items are available. Donations are welcomed but, please, electronics or large furniture. Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 1:00 – 4:00pm

*from Our Lady of Hope Church . . .*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - There will be an ecumenical worship service, to commemorate the Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, at Our Lady of Hope Church, on Jan. 22 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

**Ecumenical Witness of Baptism** – When our parish celebrates Baptism, we invite people from other denominations to be present as witness to what the churches share in common. All you have to do is show up. For more information or, to be notified when a baptism is scheduled, call: Rev. George Brennan: 329-4711, Ext. 15

from C.A.N. . . .

Churches are working together to assist people in emergency situations. Anyone requesting help or desiring to be a volunteer should call the C.A.N. number: (518) 821-6931. Someone will return your call promptly.

## F.Y.I.

*You just missed it . . . thought you'd like to know . . . plan ahead for next year*

**Thanksgiving Baskets** – This annual project is organized at Hillsdale Methodist Church. Volunteers from local churches collected food for about 160 families.

**Episcopal Church Women** – About 50 people from 6 local congregations joined with Episcopal Church Women in the annual Christmas Celebration at The Pond Restaurant.

**Blue Christmas** – This annual service for people who find the holidays difficult, was held at St. John In The Wilderness.

**Advent Song & Christmas Carol** – This contemplative service of readings and music was held at Our Lady of Hope Church.

**Christmas Baskets** - This annual project is organized at Our Lady of Hope Church. Volunteers from local churches collected food for about 160 families.

**Christmas Friends** - This annual project is organized at Hillsdale Methodist Church. Volunteers from area churches donated gifts for over 200 needy children.

Anyone who wants to be informed about what is happening in the churches of our area is welcome to receive this e-mail newsletter.

Anyone who wishes to list an announcement about events that involve churches working together or worshipping together is welcome to do so.

Please send all requests to be on the e-mail list and all complete-text announcements to:

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### Quick Reference

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**Church House Chow** – at Copake Methodist Church

Hours: Tuesdays 5:00 – 7:00 pm

**Churches Assisting Neighbors ( C.A.N. )**

Call: (518) 821-6931. Someone will return your call promptly.

**Copake Methodist Bargain Shop**

Hours: Monday , Wednesday, Saturday 1:00 – 4:00 pm

**Craryville Methodist Bargain Shop ( May – Oct )**

Hours: Saturdays 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Ecumenical Witness of Baptism**

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