



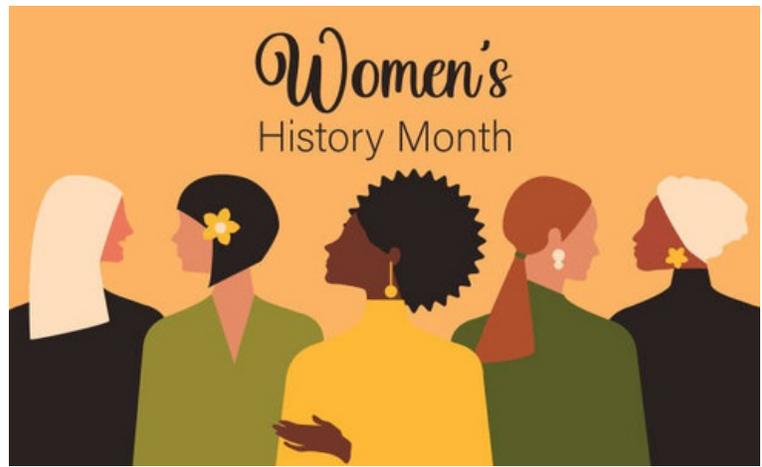
Faith. Family. Fellowship. Music.
Congers United Methodist Church

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Worship

March 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent
Women's History Month



ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Jim West

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Cheery Villaseñor

OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.
Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Lord, Listen to your Children Praying" (2X)

TFWS #2193

ASSURANCE OF GRACE, FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Offer each other the gift of forgiveness: **"In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."**

WELCOME FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF CHURCH AND COMMUNITY (*see page 3*)

PROCLAMATION

140TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIVE MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF THE GUEST MESSENGER

Dr. Rondee Gaines Hall

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

"Open My Eyes"

UMH #454

***SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Luke 4:1-13

Roger Edwards

MESSAGE

**Lenten Series: Attack on Identity
"Surviving the Assault on Identity"**

Rev. Dr. Stacey May

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RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION TO THE MESSAGE

Leader: Even in the wilderness...

People: God sustains us.

Leader: When our identity is questioned...

People: We are still beloved.

Leader: When the journey gets hard...

People: God walks with us.

Leader: When systems try to break us...

People: God strengthens us.

Leader: When fear tries to silence us...

People: Faith will speak.

Leader: When we leave the wilderness...

People: We will leave stronger.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF COMPASSION/ PASTORAL PRAYER

You are invited to lift names for prayers of celebration or concern; respond with “Thanks be to God/ Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Gracious God, we come before you with joyful hearts, eager to give back a portion of what you have given us. May our tithes and offerings be a blessing to others as they have been to us. Amen.

For your giving convenience, Congers UMC now has online giving with Givelify: go to <https://www.givelify.com> designate Congers UMC. Or, Use our QR code by pointing the camera on your cell phone to this image:



***SENDING SONG**

“Halle Halle Hallelujah (3 X)” TFWS # 2026

***DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

POSTLUDE (*Please be seated*)

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

Thank you

We thank our Worship Team Leaders:

Worship Leader: Frances Reid

Scripture Reader: Roger Edwards

Music: Jim West

Praise and Worship: Cheery Villaseñor

Welcome to Congers UMC. We are happy to have you with us. Join us for a time of food and fellowship after worship service in the fellowship hall.

If this is your first or second time with us, please fill in your name, email address, and/or cell number in the **“CongersUMC Connect Card”** in the back of the pew in front of you. Kindly place it in the offering plates or give it to any member. You may also access this form digitally with our “Connect” QR code.



We hope to see you again.

*Please be aware that we use **Facebook Live for our worship services.** If you are uncomfortable being screened or having pictures taken of yourself or family members, please let our Communications Team (Cheery Villaseñor or Bishop J know).

Today

We celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which began on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and ends on Holy Saturday, April. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection.

March is Women’s History Month. The theme for 2026 theme is ***“Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future,”*** emphasizes the significant contributions of women in various fields, particularly in creating sustainable solutions to pressing global issues such as climate change, economic inequality, and social justice. It recognizes that women, especially from marginalized communities, are often at the forefront of these efforts, leading initiatives that promote environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE COMPASSION PRAYERS

- Please keep in heart and prayer church members, families, and friends who stand in the need of prayer. You can find the complete list on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. (If there are additions, removals, or amendments to this list, please let Pat Williams know.,
- We pray for God’s Peace and Justice throughout our country and throughout this world; such as the ongoing wars between Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Iran, The Congo, Somalia and other parts of Africa, and other parts of our world. Global issues, such as, immigration, atomic energy, women and children abuse, active shootings, climate change, attacks on democracy, disarmament, food insecurity, the unsheltered, etc.



SERVICE

- If you didn’t bring your non-perishable food item to be donated to **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE**, this Sunday, and you would like to donate, bring it next week or see Francis Reid, coordinator, for more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday March 15, 2026, 10am**
Celebration of **Women’s History Month**
- **Sunday March 22, 2026, 10am,**
Celebration of CongersUMC 140th Anniversary,
Rev. Dr. Robert Duncan, Jr, Preaching. Dr. Duncan is currently president of Northwind Theological Consortia, and previously lived in the CongersUMC parsonage while his father pastored 1954–1960. Anniversary Committee: Evelyn Jaeger, Jayon Anthony, Cheery Villaseñor



Journey with us this Lent:

Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7pm (via Zoom).

Lead by: Rev. Woo Lim Kwak, Rev. Lark McCalman, Bishop Alfred Johnson & Rev. Gabrielle Corbett - "I Love to Tell the Story" A Pilgrimage Towards Racial Justice in The United Methodist Church by Rev. Bonnie J. McCubbin. Available on Amazon, Kindle version suggested. Register at:

<https://pearlriverunitedmethodistchurch.breezechms.com/form/84db2c29>.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89648269924?pwd=3dtGvOjLs13avqN0mPHIGtCYHnUnbm.1>

Lenten Services at 7pm

All Rockland County UMCs gathering: Spring Valley, Thiells-Garnerville, Suffern, Congers, Pearl River, & New City

- **Maundy Thursday**, April 2, at Congers, Pastor Woo Lim, Thiells-Garnerville, preaching
- **Good Friday**, April 3, at Pearl River, Bishop J, preaching

Franchelle Stewart Baker (3/6)

Linda Cantillano (3/22)

Michael Miller (03/10)

Voncile Oliver (3/27)

Chad Salvant (3/7)

