

# Minetto United Methodist Church



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## From the Pastor

Sometimes we all find ourselves living at of a frantic pace, trying desperately to stay on top of everything we need to get done. It's no wonder we feel out of touch with your spouse, your children, and even our Creator at times. But did you know that God offers a little-understood remedy for our hurried and harried lives?

We learn in the Old Testament that there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. And that it is good to take time to rest our souls. I am so looking forward to my time at the family camp in the Adirondacks where I can read, take time to think or not think, to bask in the sun, take walks, and have quality time to be with my family and Rohan, together. I am also hoping for more time alone with God and away from computers and telephones, Facebook and twitter.

There is a quote by Mark Twain that a friend of mine gave me a week ago. Twain wrote, "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bow lines, sail away from the safe harbor, and catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

So, I guess I will try to do both. Have the time to read, pray and reflect but also to meet new people, and be energized by exploring new places, and catching the trade wind in my sails. It is good for all of us to take a "sabbatical time" to find those places within us, where we can be renewed.

Summer is often one of those times to do something different, to take a break from ordinary things, so we can come back with enthusiasm for ministry and refreshed to follow where God is leading us in our ministry to this community and neighborhood together. And so I say to you, as you take your own Sabbath time this summer and travel to new places, 'throw off the bow lines, and sail away'. Please bring back bulletins of the church's you may visit this summer. I love looking at them!

God's love to you church! You are an amazing congregation. It is a pleasure to serve with you!

Shalom,  
Pastor Chuck (and Rohan)

LOVING GOD, GROWING TOGETHER, SERVING THE WORLD

## Our Shut-ins List



Please continue to lift up in prayer, members of our church family who can no longer join us for worship on Sunday mornings.

George & Karen Eason (Home)  
Tom & Marilyn Putnam (Home)  
Nancy Ravas (St Luke's Residential)  
Violet Whitman (Towpath)

Mogens & June Hansen (Home)  
Emily Dumas (Morningstar)  
Catherine Salisbury (Pontiac)  
Bill & Daryl Martin (Home)

## The Shut-ins Prayer

by Jimmy Martin and Paul Williams

Last night as the moon pulled anchor and sailed down the Milky Way;  
it peeked through an old front window where a lonely shut-in lay.

The moon seemed to shine much brighter; each star seemed to nod its head;  
the night seemed so strangely peaceful when they heard what the shut-in said.

Dear God way up in heaven, I earnestly pray to thee;  
and my prayer oh Lord, was thou answered and lay a healing hand on me.

This vain world seems to forget me Lord; and I've been a shut-in so long.  
I'm needing thy love dear Jesus – and still in my heart a song.

Lord, I ask not for gold or silver and no diamonds to call my own.  
Just give me that touch of healing I'm so weak and all alone.

I trust that I'm not asking too much of thy heavenly wealth;  
when humbly, dear Lord, I pray thee – just give me back my health.

Then off to dreamland the shut-in drifted. Yes, God heard what the shut-in said.  
The night seemed so strangely peaceful – when they heard what the shut-in said.



Minetto United Methodist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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## Worship Schedule for June 2015

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Communion

Responsive Reading: Psalm 130

Sermon scripture: 2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5:1

Message: ‘We have an eternal home in Heaven’

Greeter(s): Vivian DeMent

Acolyte: Matthew Barnhart

Lay Reader: Marilyn Stephens reading Mark 3: 20-35

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Linda McFall



**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Anansi the Spider

See Announcement on Page 4 for worship details.

Scripture: Psalm 50: 1-15; Genesis 1; Luke 12: 22-34

Greeter(s): Anne Miller

Acolyte: Jeremy Barnhart

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Linda Rosché



Baptism of Austin Reed Lipphardt, son of Benjamin & Jennifer (Reed) Lipphardt

**June 21<sup>st</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Father's Day

Awarding of Harold & Mildred Clark Memorial Scholarships – recognizing graduates

Noisy Can in support of OCO Crisis & Development

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32

Sermon scripture: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Message: ‘Now is the time of salvation’

Greeter(s): The Congregation

Acolyte: Jeffrey Barnhart

Lay Reader: Tim Claflin reading Mark 4: 35-41

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman, Linda Rosché, Nancy Prarie



**June 28<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Responsive Reading: Psalm 30

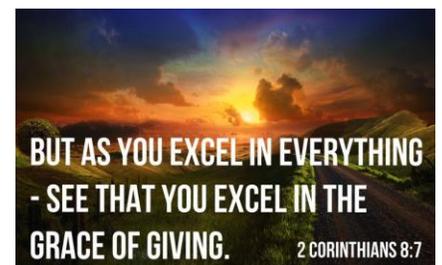
Sermon scripture: 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 ‘Equality’

Greeter(s): Vivian DeMent

Acolyte: TBA

Lay Reader: Linda Rosché reading Mark 5: 21-43

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Linda Rosché



Altar Stewards: Kris & Kaitlyn Armstrong

## June 2015 Birthdays

June 2 Alan Craig  
 June 3 Robin Tryon  
 June 13 Niya Emmons  
 June 15 Susan (Shappee) Caruth  
 June 17 Pam Kuczawa  
 June 18 Mikayla Hardesty  
 June 20 Mark Becksted  
 June 22 Jeffrey Shappee  
 June 23 Sandra Eby  
 June 26 Randy Dohse  
 June 26 June Tryon  
 June 29 Lynnette DePoint



June 3 Greg & Pam Kuczawa  
 June 8 Reuel & Valerie Todd 47 Years  
 June 13 George & Karen Eason 56 Years  
 June 19 Tom & Marilyn Putnam 66 Years  
 June 19 Matt & Beth Busch 22 Years  
 June 20 Jeff & Carrie Fellows 28 Years  
 June 22 Terry & JoAnn Stoutenger 32 Years  
 June 27 Rick & Cathy Van Patten 56 Years

## Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> Worship Anansi the Spider

The church worship service on June 14 will be a celebration of Africa with the children and youth of the church presenting stories of Anansi the Spider. These African folktales tell life lessons in a way that helps us all understand ourselves. Utilizing a variety of African masks and costumes, the stories will be told in a lively and exciting way for everyone to learn and enjoy. The purpose of the theme is to help us all understand our common roots and help promote the program underway to combat and eradicate malaria in Africa. Rev. Siviers will lead the service and help tell the stories.



## Church Picnic

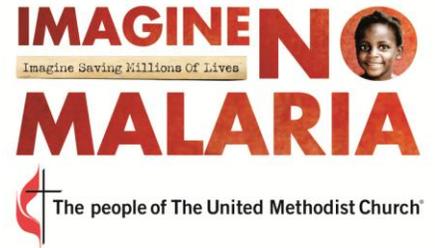


Music for the service will also incorporate an African theme. Following the service will be a picnic lunch for everyone to enjoy. This marks the conclusion of the Sunday School lessons until the fall.

# Ministry Area Updates

## Christian Education

The Sunday School classes will be holding fund-raisers throughout the year that will benefit 'Imagine No Malaria'. Current plans are for a car wash at a date yet to be announced; and games with prizes at Magic in Minetto on August 8<sup>th</sup>. So far, they have raised \$ 147.75 from the bake sale they conducted on Mother's Day. We will have an informational display with a net and a way of keeping track of the number of nets we have raised money for as we progress with our mission project.



Christian Education Directors: *Wynnette Dohse, Becky Craig, Jeff Rothrock*



## MyGod

(Minetto Youth Group of Disciples)

Meetings are scheduled after worship until 12 noon on the following Sundays this summer:

June 14, 21, and 28  
July 12  
August 2, 16, and 23

Any youth in 5th grade and higher are welcome to join in for some fun and a chance to spend time with other youth. Feel free to contact Debbie Daby (343-8301 / [ddaby@twcny.rr.com](mailto:ddaby@twcny.rr.com)) or Randy Dohse (343-6097) with questions or activity ideas.

## Nurture, Care & Health

Coffee Hour: we will continue to have coffee hour signup sheets throughout the summer. Thank you to those who have been signing up this year.

Food for Soul and Funeral Luncheons: your time, talents and donations are always appreciated. God bless you for your caring hearts. A luncheon was provided for the family of Jim Abel on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The Prayers & Squares Ministry: due to a scheduling conflict - our June Prayers & Squares workshop will meet Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

We will continue our mystery quilt project. Bring a friend. We need a few more participants to make mystery blocks. We will also be cutting out pillowcase dresses and shorts getting a head start for our sewing marathon. Have something to share?? Please bring it along for show and tell. We will not be meeting in July.

Be on the lookout for angels. They come disguised as friends, strangers, children, young, old, rich, poor, and always wearing their gossamer wings.

Any questions or concerns please contact either Co-Chairs Gloria Bickel at 343-5791, e-mail [fgbickel36@aol.com](mailto:fgbickel36@aol.com) or Joanne Reidy 343-4521 [reidypanj@yahoo.com](mailto:reidypanj@yahoo.com)

## Missions

Noisy Can offerings so far this year:

January	- Human Concerns	\$ 120.20
February	- Salvation Army	\$ 70.28
March	- Shriner's Children's Hospitals	\$ 136.18
April	- Campership/ Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,175.48
<b>May</b>	<b>- Imagine No Malaria</b>	<b>\$ 176.69</b>



The June Noisy Can will support the OCO Crisis & Development Programs.



Back to School supplies for Minetto Elementary School: Carla & Steve Salisbury coordinating

We will begin collecting supplies throughout the summer with delivery of the supplies to the school before Labor Day. The July-August newsletter will contain a list of the school supplies needed.

## UMCOR Health Kits:

Collection boxes and instructions on items needed for a kit are in the church hallway. Due to the large number of severe storms and tornados in our nation, UMCOR is asking for Health and School Kits. Here are the materials that make up a health kit:



- 1 hand towel: 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches; kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb: comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long; no pocket combs or picks please; rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.
  
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers: no emery boards, please.
  
- 1 bath-size soap: 3 oz. and larger sizes only; no Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content; do not remove from original packaging.
  
- 1 toothbrush: adult size only; do not remove from original packaging.
- 6 adhesive bandages: ¾ inch to 1 inch-size; common household Band-Aids.
- 1 plastic bag: one-gallon size sealable bag only.
  
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

## Free Dinner Ministry

Served so far this year:

January	- 111 served
February	- 141 served
March	- 106 served - 48.5 lbs. given to Salvation Army
April	- 104 served



The June free meal menu will be: Salisbury steaks, seasoned baked potatoes, corn, bread, and dessert.

## Looking Ahead

August 7 <sup>th</sup> 7 PM	New Horizons Free Concert featuring the chorus and the band
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Magic in Minetto
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rally Sunday
October 2-3	Fall Rummage Sale
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Dinner

## Administrative Updates

### Our Staff

Our custodian, Dominick Yacco, has returned to work. Please thank Nancy Prarie, Joann Reidy, Mike Hardesty, Charlie Zawisza and Rick Van Patten for keeping our church clean and presentable each week while Dominick was on medical leave.

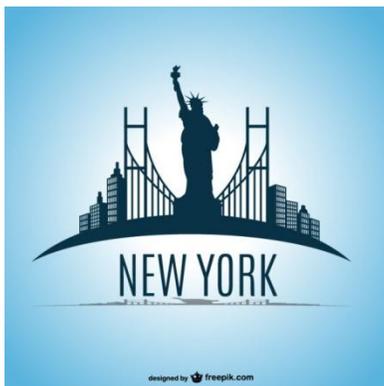
At this writing, Pastor Chuck is awaiting scheduling involving three surgeons. While he was in physical therapy, a problem occurred in the pastor's right leg – the same leg injured last year! The Achilles tendon has torn again and this has to be repaired/ healed before the neuro and orthopedic surgeons will schedule surgery on his neck. He is meeting with the sports medicine surgeon on June 4<sup>th</sup> to determine what needs to be done. Updates will be provided via the Friday Fill-in emails.

The SP/PRC Committee has begun a search for a secretary and an organist. Beth Smith has been a wonderful fill-in for us but regrettably, she has to return to her own church. She will continue to play for us as she is available.

### Action of the Administrative Council

By action of the Administrative Council at the April meeting, the following action was taken:

- † Our entire campus has been declared a 'Smoke Free Area'. Signs will be put up.
- † A new mission statement has been adopted: 'Loving God, Growing together, Serving the world.'



### Trip to New York City

Rick Sivers will host an informational meeting for persons interested in a trip to New York City. The meeting is set for 2 pm at the church on Sunday, June 21. Rick has led a number of trips for youths and adults to New York City in the past, and this will be a four-day excursion to the Big Apple to take in the various sights of the city. Tentative dates are Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 2-5 (although it could be moved up to the week before Thanksgiving).

Persons will ride back and forth by train, stay in a New York City hotel, see the Christmas show at Radio City and visit historic sites. Those who are at the meeting will help decide what museums and sights to visit in the city.

Anyone interested in the trip is welcome to attend. There will be cost estimates available and an open discussion about the trip.

## Finance & Stewardship Committee Report for April 2015

Thanks to your faithful stewardship, we can celebrate a number of accomplishments during the month of April 2015:

- † Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services and Easter Prayer Vigil were conducted, culminating in the Easter Communion Service.
- † Monthly ecumenical services at Springside led by our pastor and monthly Bible study led by Betty Dingman are ongoing.
- † The monthly free dinner was served to 104 guests — 62 in dining room, 42 take-outs.
- † MY GOD (Minetto Youth Group of Disciples), led by Deb Daby and Randy Dohse, continues to meet on designated Sunday mornings after worship.
- † The Salvation Army was given 68 pounds of groceries this month.
- † All bills, including our Ministry Shares assessment, were paid in full and on time.
- † The April Noisy Can Offering of \$1,175.48 was given to our Harold & Mildred Clark Memorial Scholarship and Campership Fund.
- † Our chancel reminds us of the generations of worshippers that have gone before us in this church. The dossal curtain, whose colors change with the seasons of the Christian year, are memorials as are the fresh flowers and plants on the altar. Future flower memorials can be arranged with Mary Cipra.

Our April income from pledges and the customary gifts of those who do not pledge were about \$240 more than projected and total income from all sources for April was nearly \$900 less than projected. The shortfall can be attributed largely to the absence of current expense fundraising projects in the spring. April's total expenditures for current expenses in all areas were about \$2,500 less than expected. Most expense areas spent less than was budgeted for the month. Our April income was about \$1,300 less than April's expenses.

It should be noted that our projections of income and expenditures are based on the assumption that everything that happens is uniformly distributed over the twelve months of the year. That is not always a valid assumption. Insurance, for example, is paid in one lump sum once each year. Despite their limitations, our assumptions provide a frame of reference to help the Finance Committee discover problems sooner rather than later.

Contributions and fundraising for our Capital Campaign totaled \$2,168.89 for April; bringing the year-to-date total to \$5,624.16.

The members of the Finance & Stewardship Committee continue to be grateful for your faithful attention to the financial needs of our ministries. Please remember that you can contribute to our Capital Campaign with a minimum of effort or expense on your part by:

- † Depositing your unwanted used clothing in the collection shed behind the church
- † Purchasing our commemorative Christmas ornaments and telling your friends and neighbors with a connection to our church or Minetto about them
- † Using Shop with Scrip to purchase gift cards through our church account. Garry Visconti can answer questions about the program.

We welcome your suggestions and questions and invite you to attend any of our meetings. We normally meet at 7:00 P.M., on the third Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17, 2015. Copies of our reports, minutes, or the budget will be provided upon request.

Speak to Marilyn Stephens if you would like to have envelopes for your Sunday offerings or Capital Campaign contributions. We encourage you to put your name on pew envelopes, if you use them, in order to receive credit for possible tax benefit.

Finance & Stewardship Committee members for 2015 are: Mary Cipra, chair Altar & Memorials Committee; Deborah Daby, chair Pastor, Staff, Parish Relations Committee; Dennis Dumas, Treasurer (598-9770); Mike Hardesty, chair Trustees; Steve Salisbury, lay leader and member of Annual Conference; Marilyn Stephens, Financial Secretary (216-6725); Vernon Tryon, chairman Finance Committee (343-9692, 529-0120 or Vernon@Tryon.com); Garry Visconti, chair Administrative Council; Joan Waterbury, vice chair & at large member Finance Committee; and Bruce Holman, at large member.

## Church Calendar Abbreviations

ACG Area Clergy Group	MIS Mission Team
AdC Administrative Council	MyGod Minetto Youth Group of Disciples
BdT Board of Trustees	NCH Nurture, Care & Health Team
CCR Chancel Choir Rehearsal	NCO Noisy Can Offering
CoM Council on Ministries	NHB Oswego County New Horizons Band
ConS Concinnity Singers	NHC Oswego County New Horizons Chorus
Cubs Cub Scouts	NEWS Newsletter Deadline
EcD Ecumenical Dinner	Osteo RSVP Osteo Exercise
Edu Christian Education Team	PEO Philanthropic Education Organization
EvT Evangelism Team	P&S Prayers & Squares
FC Futuring Committee	SoB Sounds of Brass
F&S Finance & Stewardship	UR Upper Room Covenant Prayer Group
FM Free Meal Ministry	UMM Men's Group Breakfast
GS Daisy, Brownie & Junior Scouts	WF Women's Fellowship
Ldt Leadership Development Team	WG Writers' Group
11A In One Accord	W&M Worship & Music



## June 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9 AM NHC 10:30 AM Osteo 4 PM SoB 6:30 PM ConS	<b>3</b> 9 AM NHB	<b>4</b> 10 AM UR 10 AM Osteo 1 PM 11A 6 PM GS 6:30 PM CCR	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>10 AM Communion</b> 11 AM MyGod  <b>5:30 PM Ecumenical Dinner</b>	<b>8</b>  6:30 PM P&S	<b>9</b> 9 AM NHC 10:30 AM Osteo 4 PM SoB 6:30 PM ConS	<b>10</b> 9 AM NHB	<b>11</b> 10 AM UR 10 AM Osteo 6 PM GS 6:30 PM CCR	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:30 AM UMM 10 AM Worship <b>11 AM Church Picnic Baptism</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9 AM NHC 10:30 AM Osteo 4 PM SoB 6:30 PM ConS	<b>17</b> 9 AM NHB  7 PM F&S	<b>18</b> 10 AM UR 10 AM Osteo  6:30 PM CCR	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>3 PM Springside Ecumenical Service</b>
<b>21</b> 10 AM Worship 11 AM MyGod <b>2:30 PM NY Trip by Rick Sivers</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>July-August Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>23</b> 9 AM NHC 10:30 AM Osteo 4 PM SoB 6:30 PM ConS	<b>24</b> 9 AM NHB  <b>2:30 PM Bible Study @ Springside</b>	<b>25</b> 10 AM UR 10 AM Osteo	<b>26</b>  <b>Life Line Screening</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10 AM Worship <b>Praise Band</b> 11 AM MyGod  <b>4:30 PM Free Meal</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9 AM NHC 10:30 AM Osteo 4 PM SoB 6:30 PM ConS				