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From the Pastor

The summer is upon us and the prospects of travel, time with family and friends in relaxed settings, Church camps, and special mission projects loom before us.

The Psalmist (Psalm 139) reminds us that there is no place we can go to escape God's presence. Wherever we go, God meets us there! While we carry a bit of Minetto UMC with us, we may be surprised to discover an additional measure of God's love and grace in new and unexpected ways in the places we travel.

Wherever we go this summer...and I know many may be staying fairly close to home...I would hope that we remain faithful in our prayer life. In recent weeks, I have begun using an old aid that you may have heard about it. It's called the "5-Finger-Prayer." Its aim is simply to keep us focused when we pray...an ongoing challenge for me!

- † The thumb—closest to our heart—reminds us to pray for those closest to us—family members and dear friends.
- † The pointer finger reminds us to pray for all those who point us to God—faith leaders, Sunday School teachers, Church leaders.
- † The middle finger—the tallest finger—reminds us to pray for those who stand tall in the public eye—public safety personnel, government leaders, health and business figures, and other entertainment and sports celebrities.
- † The ring finger—the weakest finger—reminds us to pray for those who are weak and stand in need of an extra measure of God's grace.
- † The pinkie finger—the smallest finger—reminds us to pray for ourselves.

It is amazing how fast the time goes and how richer my prayer life becomes when I commit myself to following this simple guide. Each day brings familiar and new faces to remember and offer to God. Give it a try and see if you find it helpful. Our Bishop continues to urge us to pray for "the renewal and revitalization of the church" and I would hope that we heed his words.

While we may find ourselves in lots of different places this summer, it is always a good thing to remember that God goes with us and stands ready to commune with us. May these summer days be filled with new blessings each leading us to grow in our faith and witness!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Chuck (and Rohan)

Our Shut-ins List



Please 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 Season after Pentecost

The lectionary readings for the Season after Pentecost meet a diversity of situations by offering the opportunity to spend time hearing semi continuous readings from three distinct and unrelated streams of Scripture each week (Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel) and focusing during these weeks in worship series focused intentionally on the one stream that seems to speak most directly to the most important issues facing us in our particular contexts.

The Epistles: Conflict, Stability, Practicing the Faith and a Priestly Covenant

July into August— Stability and Networked Unity: Ephesians

In Ephesus, Paul offers a calm but compelling vision of Jesus who unites Jews and Gentiles, the congregations in the Ephesians circuit and everywhere. He also offers practical guidance and wisdom for living as communities who connect with one another to follow Christ's way.

These readings tell us how to build and connect small groups for accountable discipleship to one another and to our church as a whole. This stream of readings from July 12-August 23 can help disciples where we are build a solid foundation for such work.

September-- Practicing the Faith: James

If you're looking for systematic theology or stories, James is not your epistle. This letter is modeled more on Wisdom Literature than "standard" letters of the day. It reads and sounds like a collection of proverbs for living as disciples of Jesus in the world. It is nuts and bolts, down to earth. It embodies its most famous/infamous dictum: *faith without works is dead*.

James is the handbook for people who are ready, or at least ready to learn, what getting down to the work of discipleship means. This year, we will have the month of September to do that in worship.

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Worship Schedule for July 2015

July 5th

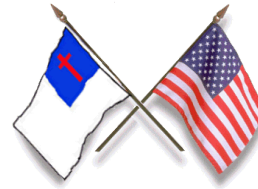
6th Sunday after Pentecost – Communion

Responsive Reading: Psalm 72

Lay Reading: Deuteronomy 10: 12-13, 17-21

Sermon scripture: Philippians 1: 1-11

Message: ‘Who do we pledge allegiance to?’



Lay Reader: Steve Salisbury

Special Music: Patriotic Music by Mary Lou

Accompanist: Frank Bickel

Greeter(s): Fred Dumas

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Lucille Becksted

July 12th

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Responsive Reading: Psalm 24

Lay Reading: Mark 6: 14-29

Sermon scripture: Ephesians 1: 3-14

Message: ‘Spiritual Blessings in Christ’



Lay Reader: Bruce Holman

Special Music: Frank Bickel

Accompanist: Grace Raes

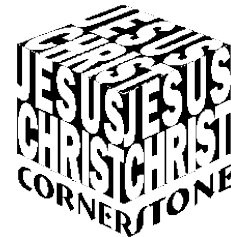
Greeter(s): Mary Cipra

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Linda Rosché

July 19th

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Noisy Can in support of Back to School Supplies
for the Minetto Elementary School



Responsive Reading: Psalm 89: 20-37

Lay Reading: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Sermon scripture: Ephesians 2: 11-22

Message: ‘You are a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit’

Lay Reader: Deb Daby

Special Music: Praise Band

Accompanist: Kathy Duschen

Greeter(s): Nancy Prarie

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman, Linda Rosché, & Diana Rockhill

July 26th

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Rick Sivers will lead worship



Responsive Reading: Psalm 138: 1-3

Lay Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4

Sermon scripture: John 13: 21-30

Message: ‘Listening to the Heartbeat of God’

Lay Reader: Gloria Bickel

Special Music: Jacob New (great-nephew of
Rev. Rick) and Debbie Farden

Accompanist: Grace Raes

Greeter(s): Frank & Gloria Bickel

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Linda Rosché

Altar Steward: Joanne Reidy

Worship Schedule for August 2015

August 2nd 10th Sunday after Pentecost – Communion/Friendship Day

Responsive Reading: Psalm 78: 23-29
Lay Reading: John 6: 24-35
Sermon scripture: Ephesians 4: 1-16
Message: ‘Unity & Maturity’

The Goal A) Our Calling in Christ (Eph 4:1)
The Means B) Our Life in the Spirit (Eph 4:2-3)
The Reason C) Our Oneness in God (Eph 4:4-6)

Lay Reader: Special Music: Sax Quartet
Accompanist: Frank Bickel Greeter(s): Linda Rosché
Counters: Vern Tryon & Sue Comerford

August 9th 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34: 1-8
Lay Reading: John 6: 35, 41-51
Sermon scripture: Ephesians 4: 25 – 5:2
Message: ‘Walk in the Way of Love’

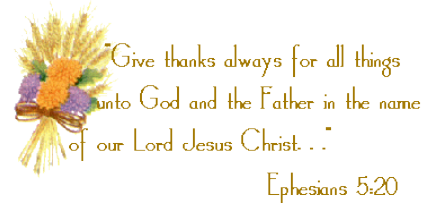


Lay Reader: Sue Comerford Special Music: Ayla Busch
Accompanist: Grace Raes Greeter(s): Duane & Marilyn Stephens
Counters: Vern Tryon & Megan Rothrock

August 16th 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Noisy Can in support of ‘Blessings in a Backpack’

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34: 9-14
Lay Reading: John 6: 51-58
Sermon scripture: Ephesians 5: 15-20
Message: ‘Be Filled With the Spirit’



Lay Reader: Diana Rockhill Special Music: Concinnity
Accompanist: Kathy Duschen Greeter(s): Duane & Marilyn Stephens
Counters: Linda Rosché, Nancy Prarie, & Sue Comerford

August 23rd 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34: 15-22
Lay Reading: John 6: 56-69
Sermon scripture: Ephesians 6: 10-20
Message: ‘The Armor of God’



Lay Reader: Marilyn Stephens Special Music: Praise Band
Accompanist: Kathy Duschen Greeter(s): Frank & Gloria Bickel
Counters: Diana Rockhill & Megan Rothrock

For July and August we are not going to have assigned acolytes since by past experience it doesn't seem to work out. So if your child would like to acolyte get to church a little early so they can volunteer for this valuable service to their church. I will also put up a sign up sheet on the acolyte robe cabinet that you can sign up on if you know you will be in church on a particular Sunday to reserve your spot to acolyte for that Sunday. It is a way for your child to use his talents for the Lord!!!



Teachers Needed!



I know we have some new people, but new or older members please think about sharing your love of your Savior by helping us teach preschool thru high school Sunday School classes. We rotate most of our classes with our teachers so you would teach for a 3 week rotation with others. The more help, the more we can switch off or add classes. Please prayerfully consider this and let me know. I will be glad to answer any questions.
Wynnette Dohse 343-6097 wkdohse@gmail.com

Nurture, Care, and Health Update



Coffee Hour: We will continue to have coffee hour signup sheets throughout the summer. Your help is needed to continue this fellowship time with our church family.

The Prayers & Squares Ministry: Please note: The workshop will NOT meet in July due to holidays and family vacations. However, we will meet again on Tuesday, August the 11th, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will concentrate on making our mystery quilt, pillowcase dresses and shorts. In the meantime if you would like to make a quilt or a quilt top, please see Gloria for a quilt kit.



Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry

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Food for the Soul / Funeral Luncheons: If you would like your name, phone and e-mail address added to our Food for the Soul / Funeral Luncheon list please contact either Joanne Reidy, Gloria Bickel or Daryl Martin and we will make sure your name will be put on our list. A thank you goes out to all the ones that have been providing meals for the ones in need. This caring ministry is very much appreciated.



Nurture, Care & Health Support Projects: Look for us in at Magic in Minetto next to our hot dog and hamburger tent. We have some delightful crystal crosses to sell made by our crafty quilters. We will also have a variety of other handmade items to sell. This a great time to pick-up a few stocking stuffers for Christmas.

Caring for you Casserole Project: Many of you have asked when we will be offering this very special fund raiser again. Look for information in the September Newsletter. Thank you to all who have commented on how yummy and convenient our casseroles are.

Did you know? The Prayer Quilt Ministry has three Commandments:

- Make prayer the purpose of your ministry. It's not about the quilt, it's about the prayers.
- The recipient must accept the gift of prayer in the form of a quilt.
- Do not accept payment for a prayer quilt.

The quilt is a gift of love and prayers which cannot be bought or sold.

A Prayer Quilt is a blanket filled with prayers of healing, love, faith, hope, and comfort. Any questions or concerns please contact either Co-Chairs Gloria Bickel at 343-5791, e-mail fgbickel36@aol.com or Joanne Reidy 343-4521 reidypanj@yahoo.com .



MyGod:

Minetto Youth Group of Disciples meetings are scheduled after worship until 12 noon on the following Sundays: 7/12, 8/2, 8/16 and 8/23.

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) or Randy Dohse (343-6097) with questions or activity ideas.

The Saga Continues: The Escape of Brother Harmonious

Rick Sivers will be reprising his role at Brother Harmonious on Sunday, Aug. 2 at 2 pm in the Frances Marion Brown Theater at the Oswego Civic Arts Center.

After last year's performance of the irreverent monk, people asked for an encore, so Rick is obliging. However, it will not be just a repeat of the same show, instead Brother Harmonious who had been held in the monastery dungeon has now escaped and is making his way through the countryside, only to be discovered by Sister Melody and convinced to return for a formal trial.



Come find out the outcome and see if Brother Harmonious is set free and will remain forever captive.

Frances Marion Brown Theater
Oswego Civic Arts Center

Tickets: \$12.00
Reservations: Call Box Office 343-5138

Presented by the Oswego Players, Inc.
Written and performed by Rick Sivers and Paul McKinney

Find out what has become of Sister Melody.
Will Brother Harmonious ever be free?

Confirmation Class 2015-2016



The 2015-2016 Confirmation Class is forming up with nine 5th-6th graders so far. If you have a child who will be in the 5th-6th grades this fall and would like to have he/she confirmed, please contact Pastor Chuck. Materials are being ordered. An orientation session for parents will be held Sunday, September 13th after worship.

Milestones



2015 Harold & Mildred Clark Memorial Scholarships & Camperships

The 2015 Harold & Mildred Clark Memorial Scholarships were awarded to two Oswego High Schools seniors.

- † Jared Jaquin, son of Jon & Jill Jaquin, will be attending the Finger Lakes Community College in the fall where he will study Natural Resource Conservation: Law Enforcement.
- † Jacob (Jake) Gardner, son of Mike & Annabelle Gardner, will be attending The College at Brockport where he will be studying Athletic Training.

The 2015 Harold & Mildred Clark Memorial Camperships were awarded to Matthew, Jeremy, Marc, and Cailynn Barnhart. They will be attending Camp Casowasco in July.

Baptism: On June 14th, Austin Reed Lipphardt, son of Benjamin and Jennifer Lipphardt, was baptized.

United Methodist Certified Lay Ministry

A Certified Lay Minister (CLM) is a qualified United Methodist layperson called to congregational leadership as part of a ministry team under the supervision a clergyperson. A person wishing to become a CLM enters the certification process, which includes training, support, supervision, and accountability to the District Committee on Ordained Ministry and to a support team from the church the person is a member of.

CLMs are laypeople serving out their call as disciples of Jesus Christ. They are neither full- nor part-time clergy. Why do we have Certified Lay Ministers? We have certified lay ministers in order to:

- † Enhance ministry in small-membership churches
- † Expand team ministry
- † Recognize the importance of the ministry of the laity, linking back to early Methodism.

What does a Certified Lay Minister do?

- † Preaches the Word.
- † Provides care ministry.
- † Assists in program leadership.
- † Serves as a witness to the community.

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating Betty Dingman as a Certified Lay Minister for our church.

July 2015 Birthdays

July 2nd James Eby
 July 3rd Debbie Familo
 July 8th Bill Rockhill
 July 10th Ann Eason
 July 14th Tyler Dohse
 July 20th Mary Shappee
 July 23rd Charlie Zawisza
 July 24th Peter Tomlinson
 July 24th Kelsey Porter
 July 28th Gloria Bickel
 July 28th David Martin
 July 29th Megan Porter



August 2015 Birthdays

August 1st Sara Stone
 August 2nd Nolan Busch
 August 4th Alexis Lighthall
 August 11th Betty Mangano
 August 16th Laurie Cramer
 August 18th Scott Dohse
 August 24th Robert Taylor
 August 29th Irene Barnard
 August 29th Deb Daby

July 2015 Anniversaries

July 7 th	Bill & Diana Rockhill	53 Years
July 9 th	Duane & Marilyn Stephens	60 Years
July 15 th	Brad & Lynnette DePoint	10 Years
July 20 th	Garry & Lynn Visconti	30 Years
July 22 nd	Rob & Jen Reese	4 Years
July 31 st	Kyle & Megan Norton	5 Years



August 2015 Anniversaries

August 7 th	Fred & Emily Dumas	66 Years
August 13 th	Dennis & Debra Farden	27 Years
August 11 th	Dan & Robin Tryon	25 Years
August 19 th	Charlie & Nancy Zawisza	37 Years
August 26 th	Fred & Brace Raes	35 Years
August 27 th	Vern & June Tryon	55 Years

Finance & Stewardship Committee Report for July 2015

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

- The United Methodist Men's group served Mothers' Day breakfast.
- The Sunday School sponsored a bake sale to raise funds for Imagine No Malaria.
- Monthly ecumenical services at Springside led by our pastor and monthly Bible study led by Betty Dingman, are ongoing.
- Committal services were held for Dawn Hart, George Smith, and Albert Pfaff and a memorial service for Jim Abel.
- 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 May Noisy Can Offering of \$177.64 was given to Imagine No Malaria. A total of \$1,149.44 was raised for that cause.
- Concinnity marked its fifteenth anniversary with a concert at the Church of the Resurrection.
- The spring rummage sale was a good success, earning about \$2,100.

Our May income from pledges and the customary gifts of those who do not pledge were about \$780 more than projected and total income from all sources for May was nearly \$1600 more than projected.

May's total expenditures for current expenses in all areas were nearly \$4,000 less than expected. All expense areas but one spent less than was budgeted for the month. Our May income was about \$2,600 more than May'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 \$980.21 for May; bringing the year-to-date total to \$6,604.37.

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, July 15, 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

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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
IIA In One Accord	W&M Worship & Music



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