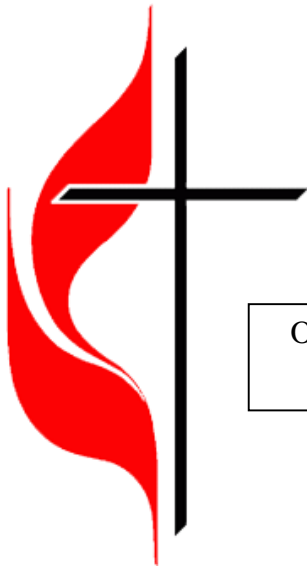


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### Announcing Annual Church/Charge Conference

Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

Time to be announced

Our DS, Rev. Nola Anderson, has re-scheduled our annual church/charge conference to accommodate my recovery from the spine surgery. The conference will be early evening.

This is a mandatory meeting for the members of the church administrative council; however, all members of the Minetto UMC are invited to attend.

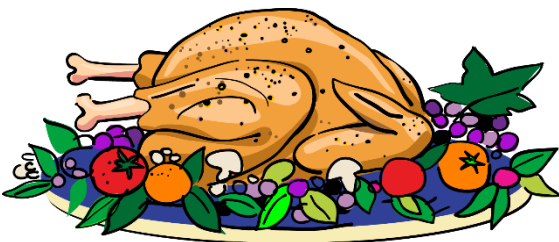
### Harvest Turkey Dinner

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Serving from 4 PM

Drive-thru take-out; no phoning, no parking. Enter line from Empire Avenue, behind the church. Or, come inside and carry out or be served in our dining room.

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, squash, coleslaw, rolls, & homemade pie.



\$ 9.00

## A Personal Message to the Church – **AGAIN!**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, I am preparing **again** for my second surgery on my spine. The surgery is now scheduled for 7 AM on October 5th at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse. The reason for the change in date is that my four-legged friend decided to walk through poison ivy and since he sleeps on the bed with me – the poison ivy transferred to me! Thus, I had to get rid of it before anyone would operate. ☹

As I said in the September Newsletter, for the next 2-3 months, I will be required to wear a neck brace. I will not be able to worship with you during the month of October (except for the 4<sup>th</sup> – I will celebrate World Communion Sunday with you). If all goes well, the surgeons will allow me to resume Sunday worship only beginning November 8<sup>th</sup>. I am so looking forward to that date.

Physical therapy will start in November and will continue for 4 months. As part of therapy, I will be taught how to drive with the limited mobility of my neck. I am not sure when the surgeon will allow me to drive on my own. Again, if all goes well – I will be back to part-time duties in time for Advent; and full-time by January 2016.

In my absence, Rev. Rick Sivers comes out of retirement again to conduct our services in September.

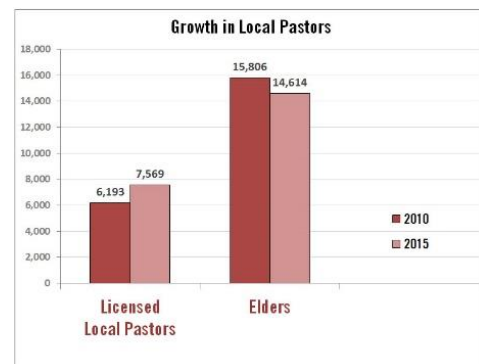
If you are in need of comfort care \visitation, contact Betty Dingman at:  
315-216-4462 (home) or 585-754-7946 (cell).

In case of an emergency, contact Debbie (Rockhill) Daby at:  
315-806-4530 (cell) or 315-343-8301 (home).

I am blessed to be called your minister. I am so thankful God placed me here at Minetto. Your prayers have sustained me and continue to surround me with your love and compassion. God bless all of you. See you in November – I'll be out in time for Advent.

Pastor Chuck (and Rohan)

*United Methodist elders are declining in number in the U.S., but licensed local pastors are on the increase. "Elders" above includes ordained elders and provisional member elders appointed to churches, as opposed to extension appointments. "Local pastors" includes full-time and part-time local pastors. Data source: GCFA.*



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## Worship Schedule for October 2015

### October 4<sup>th</sup> World Communion Sunday

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25  
Lay Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12  
Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 2-16

Greeter(s): Bill & Diana Rockhill  
Lay Reader: Sue Comerford  
Acolyte:  
Counters: Deb Daby & Sue Comerford



### October 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22: 1-15  
Lay Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-16  
Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 17-31

Greeter(s):  
Lay Reader: Mary Lou Bjorkman  
Acolyte:  
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Diana Rockhill



### October 18<sup>th</sup> Laity Sunday

Noisy Can in Support of 'Helping Hands Cupboard' Fulton State Street UMC

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104  
Lay Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10  
Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 35-45

Greeter(s): Betty Dingman  
Lay Reader: Bruce Holman  
Acolyte:  
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman, Bruce Holman, & Nancy Prarie



### October 25<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34: 1-8  
Lay Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28  
Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 46-52

Greeter(s):  
Lay Reader: Randy Dohse  
Acolyte:  
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Linda McFall



September Altar Stewards: Maggie Holman and Nancy Prarie

## 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)	Mogens & June Hansen (Home)
Tom & Marilyn Putnam (Home)	Emily Dumas (Morningstar)
Nancy Ravas (St Luke's Residential)	Catherine Salisbury (Seneca Manor)
Violet Whitman (Towpath)	Bill & Daryl Martin (Home)

*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 (NIV)*

### October Birthdays

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Hawksby, Jr.  
 Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Rick Van Patten  
 Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Julie Sliwa  
 Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Sean Simonson  
 Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Sofia Yablonski  
 Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> Cheryl Hotchkiss  
 Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Jessica Henderson  
 Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Amber Burgess  
                   Violet Whitman  
 Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Riley Jo Kroner  
                   Jeffrey Martin  
 Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Lou Ann (Miller) Hodge  
 Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Cailynn & Marc Barnhart  
 Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Harvey Fadden  
 Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Pastor Chuck (65) ☹️  
 Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Lenny Besaw



### October Anniversaries

Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Todd & Rachel Heath	5 Years
Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> Pete & Joanne Reidy	37 Years

### Fall Rummage Sale

Friday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rummage & Bake Sale	9-4
	Luncheon	10-1
Saturday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bag Day Sale	9-1



## Confirmation Class 2015-2016



The 2015-2016 Confirmation Class has formed and these are the members:

Jeremy Barnhart	Matthew Barnhart	Cailynn Barnhart
Marc Barnhart	Braedon DePoint	Colin Dohse
Dylan Dunsmoor	Abby Toland	Noah Cordone
Lucas Bruns	Allyson Bruns	

Please keep these eleven young people in your prayers as they journey on their road to confirmation on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Confirmation Sunday.

Mentors are needed for this class. If you can do one or more sessions or all 13, you are welcome. Please contact me of your availability. The first three sessions have been scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> 2-5 PM; December 6<sup>th</sup> 2-5 PM; and, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 2-5 PM.

**TEACH**  
encourage  
instruct  
**MENTOR**  
**PRAISE**  
influence  
**GUIDE**  
INSPIRE

## Christian Education



### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

We are off to a great start with our Sunday School classes. The two older groups are going to be going through the 12 week program called “The Greatest Journey” that the kids receiving a shoebox from Operation Christmas Child are offered. It will be neat for our kids to experience that first introduction to Jesus as their Savior that these kids are offered. Of the 74 different languages the program is published, in we are, of course, using English!!!

The preschool to first grade group started out with the unit “God’s Creation is Good.” It starts out with the creation story and yes we got to talk about dinosaurs. The unit concludes with the story of Adam and Eve. The second unit will be “Big Promises” talking about Abraham and Sarah, Abraham and Lot, the Birth of Isaac and concluding with Isaac and Rebekah.

We are now in full swing getting ready to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. I will be putting out a display with suggestions for the shoeboxes. You can either fill a shoebox yourself or bring in items for the shoeboxes. Please remember that postage is \$7.00 for each box and donations towards shipping are most appreciated. The shoeboxes are for 3 different age groups: 2-4 years, 5-9 years, and 10-14 years and labeled for either boy or girl.



LOOKING AHEAD: We are going to be doing a new script for our Christmas Eve barn service under the direction of Pastor Rick Sivers. Of course we will still have the birth of Jesus but with a new and exciting cast of “characters” besides. So mark your calendars not to miss the 2015 Christmas Eve barn service!!!

## Nurture, Care, & Health



and a thank you.

**Coffee Hour:** Did you know?? Marie Smith brews our coffee and water for tea, pours the beverage and has helped out every Sunday for ??? amount of years. She arrives an hour before church and sets everything up. She is always delighted to see that someone has signed up to bring in treats for coffee hour. When no one has signed up, she often brings in brownies or cookies she has made herself. There are so many people in our church that do things that no one notices. I pray we can look around and find these undercover angels and give them a blessing

**The Prayers & Squares Ministry:** Please note: Prayers & Squares Workshop will be October 13, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the last workshop of the year. We will concentrate on making a mystery quilt and we will return to quilting our Friendship Star quilt. I urge you to bring in any sewing, quilting, craft questions that you may have. Bring a friend to join in the fun and fellowship.



**Food for the Soul / Funeral Luncheons:** A thank you goes out to all who have provided food, donations, and time for Mary Shappee's Memorial Luncheon. We had many beautiful comments on this very caring ministry and the delicious buffet.

**Nurture, Care & Health Support Projects:** We are going to meet and succeed our goal of 100 dresses and 50 pairs of shorts for the children in Africa and the orphanage in Haiti. I am always humbled by the attendance of the people in the community that come and share in this experience. It is not too late to drop off a pillowcase or a roll of ribbon for this very special project. The project deadline is set for October 13th.

**Please Note:** Nurture, Care & Health Team planning meeting for 2016 is scheduled for October 5, 6:30 PM in the Mowry Lounge. Any questions or concerns please contact either Co-Chairs Gloria Bickel at 343-5791, or Email [fgbickel36@aol.com](mailto:fgbickel36@aol.com).

### MyGod: Minetto Youth Group of Disciples



Meetings are scheduled after worship until 12 noon on the following Sundays:  
10/11, 10/18 and 10/25.

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.

**Please join the Conference and District in celebrating Rev. Nola Anderson's installation as Crossroads District Superintendent**

**Sunday, October 11, 2015 at Cicero UMC  
Reception 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm All are Invited**

**Worship Celebration of the Appointment of the Reverend Nola M. Anderson as District Superintendent of the Crossroads District  
4:30 - 6:00 pm**

## Finance & Stewardship Committee Report for October 2015

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

- † Our recently appointed Crossroads District Superintendent, Rev Nola Anderson, served communion in our worship service on August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- † Members of our congregation provided a very busy food concession and craft booth on a beautiful day in the park during Magic in Minetto. A number of our Minetto Village Series Christmas ornaments were purchased.
- † A large quantity of school supplies were contributed for children in need at the Minetto Elementary School.
- † Free meals have continued monthly throughout the summer.
- † The Salvation Army was given 27 pounds of groceries this month.
- † The MY GOD youth group continued to meet periodically during the summer.
- † All bills, including our Ministry Shares assessment, were paid in full and on time.
- † The August Noisy Can Offering of \$173.68 was given to Blessings in a Backpack.
- † Volunteers have continued cleaning the church during the absence of our custodian, Dominick Yacco, as the result of a very serious motor vehicle accident.
- † Our Financial Secretary, Marilyn Stephens, and our Treasurer, Dennis Dumas, continue their work behind the scenes handling our banking, keeping financial records, and paying bills.
- † The parking lot has been sealed and striped and the corridor carpets professionally cleaned.

These are some of the highlights from the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the committee:

- † Current expense income for August exceeded expenses by nearly \$3,900 but for the year-to-date, expenses exceeded income by about \$2,600.
- † All budget categories, e.g. Christian education, maintenance, etc., spent less than expected in August as well as over the year-to-date.
- † Our current expense income from all sources was about \$3,000 below expectations but that is primarily because two of our largest fundraisers have not happened yet — the fall rummage sale and the harvest dinner.
- † Expenditures for staff other than pastor are nearly \$11,000 below expectations because of the losses in the services of secretary, custodian, and organist.
- † Capital Campaign contributions for August were about \$850 and for the year-to-date nearly \$9,300.
- † Plans are shaping up for our Stewardship Campaign to invite your support for our ministries in 2016 and the proposed budget is being assembled.

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 the 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, October 21, 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.

## 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
CoN 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
GSC Girl Scout Cadettes	WF Women's Fellowship
LDT Leadership Development Team	WG Writers' Group
IIA In One Accord	W&M Worship & Music
GSD Girl Scout Daises	



## October 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 10 AM UR 6:30 PM CCR	<b>2</b> <b>9-4 Rummage &amp; Bake Sale</b>  <b>10-1 Luncheon</b>	<b>3</b> <b>9-1 Bag Day</b>  5 PM Connors-Dishaw Wedding
<b>4</b> 10 AM World Communion Sunday  <b>11 AM Friendship Brunch</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 AM Pastor Chuck Surgery  7 PM Bible Study	<b>6</b> 9 AM NHC 10:30 AM Osteo 4 PM SoB 6 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM CoN	<b>7</b> 9 AM NHB  6:30 PM GSC	<b>8</b> 10 AM Osteo 10 AM UR 6 PM GSD 6:30 PM CCR	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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