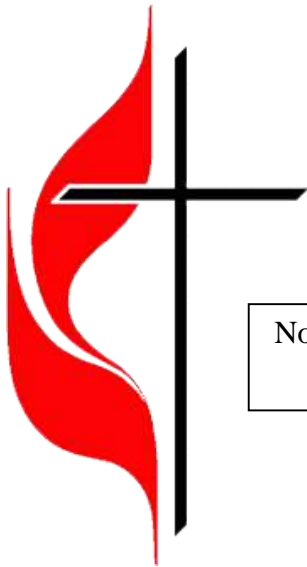


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Annual Church/Charge Conference

Monday, November 16th
6:30 pm



Rev. Nola Anderson, District Superintendent will preside at our annual Church/Charge Conference. While many people don't like to attend meetings, this one is probably the most important meeting of the year. There is the election of officers, hearing of reports and in many ways by our actions, setting the agenda for the coming year.

Everyone is urged to take part, as we determine who will be elected to lead us as Administrative Council, various committees and Trustees.

You will want to be in attendance to offer your voice and vote to the actions that will come before the Conference, including the Pastor's 2016 Salary Package.

Pledge Campaign Underway – Turn in Pledges on or by Sunday, Nov. 15th

The annual campaign to fund the ministries of the Minetto United Methodist Church is underway. You should have received a campaign letter in the mail (if not see Vern Tryon) outlining the needs to be funded in 2016. Several church members have and will be offering stewardship moments during the services leading up to the consecration of pledges on Sunday, Nov. 15. Do your part and step up in the campaign to provide the necessary monies to continue the ministries of our church.

Stewardship Moments will be offered by: Karen Poole, Nov. 1 and Wynnette Dohse, Nov. 8. Don Gifford spoke on Oct. 25. We thank them for their sharing.

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Please note: There will be NO cookie exchange this year.

A Note From St. Pauly Textile

St. Pauly Textile, Inc. that collects the clothing from the shed at the back of the church has sent a check in the amount of \$59.42 to the church for clothing collected to date. St. Pauly also reminds everyone that Nov. 15th is America Recycles Day. In an effort to help keep materials out of landfills, here are some suggestions for us all:

Bring a bag of clothing to donate.

Tell your friends and neighbors about recycling, especially the pick up point at our church.

Continue to keep in mind, that everything we do every day can make a difference for the future, as we recycle and reuse everyday items around the house.

Harvest Turkey Dinner Report

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The weather this year was perfect for a harvest dinner. Harvest Dinner 2015 was completed without running out of a single item. Thanks to the good and generous contributions and work of at least 120 of you, we served 798 dinners in about three hours. The dining room served 193 dinners, 24% of the total (165 in 2014). Take-outs accounted for 605 dinners, 76% of the total (621 in 2014). Carry-outs amounted to 204 dinners, 26%, (211 in 2014). Our drive-thru served 401 dinners to 160 vehicles, 50% of the total – it served 410 last year. We used 32 large turkeys, at least 115 homemade pies, 104 large loaves of bread, 52 pounds of brown sugar, 58 pounds of margarine, 288 pounds of mashed potatoes, 260 pounds of squash, 75 dozen dinner rolls, and 120 pounds of coleslaw.



Our profit was \$4,176 (\$5.23 per dinner), it was \$4,908 last year. The price of turkeys this year was \$1.79 per pound, up from \$1.20 last year. We received \$775.87 in cash and kind and had sales of \$7,593.25, for total income of \$8,369.12. We spent \$2,779.59 for food supplies, \$397.13 for paper products, \$601.60 for rentals, and \$414.59 for other expenses, for a total of \$4,192.91 for all expenses.

We will meet after church on Sunday, November 1, in the take-out room to critique the dinner. Give your comments and suggestions to Vern Tryon if you can't attend.

Worship Schedule for November 2015

November 1st

All Saints Sunday

Responsive Reading: Psalm 146
Lay Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14
Gospel Reading: John 11: 32-44

Greeter(s): Betty Patrick
Lay Reader: Dennis Dumas
Acolyte: Mark Barnhart
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & one other TBA

November 8th

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Responsive Reading: Psalm 42
Lay Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28
Gospel Reading: Mark 12: 38-44
Consecration of 2016 Pledges

Greeter(s): Angela Stoutenger and Family
Lay Reader: Matthew Barnhart
Acolyte: Caitlynn Barnhart
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman, Vernon Tryon

November 15th

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Noisy Can in Support of the Joy of Christmas

Responsive Reading: I Samuel 2: 1-10
Lay Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25
Gospel Reading: Mark 13: 1-8

Greeter(s): Chad and Erin Platten
Lay Reader: Chad Platten
Acolyte: Matthew Barnhart
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman, Nancy Prarie, Linda McFall

November 22nd

Christ The King Sunday

Communion

Responsive Reading: Psalm 132: 1-12
Lay Reading: Revelation 1: 4b-8
Gospel Reading: John 18: 33-37

Greeter(s): Steve and Carla Salisbury
Lay Reader: Nancy Prarie
Acolyte: Jeremy Barnhart
Counters: Debbie Daby & Mary Lou Bjorkman

November 25th Thanksgiving Eve Service

Offering of Food Bank items

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6: 25-33

November 29th First Sunday in Advent

Communion

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25: 1-10
Lay Reading: I Thessalonians 3: 9-13
Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36

Greeter(s): TBA
Lay Reader: Vernon Tryon
Acolyte: Jeremy Barnhart
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Sue Comerford

November Altar Steward: Lynn Visconti

JOY OF CHRISTMAS DINNER ADVANCE RESERVATION FORM
Minetto United Methodist Church – 2015

The dinner following the Joy of Christmas program on Sunday, December 13th will be BY RESERVATION ONLY. Please fill out and return this form and the money to Mary Lou Bjorkman, Frank Bickel or Carla Salisbury by Sunday, December 6th. The menu will be announced soon so will the price.

NAME: _____

I would like to reserve _____ dinner (s) for December 13.

Make check payable to Minetto United Methodist Church.

All proceeds from the dinner, along with the free-will offering from the Joy of Christmas program, will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for children in the Minetto School. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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 Putnam (Home)
Nancy Ravas (St Luke's Residential)
Catherine Salisbury (Seneca Manor)
Marilyn Putnam (Seneca Manor)

Mogens & June Hansen (Home)
Emily Dumas (Morningstar)
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)

November Birthdays

Nov. 3rd: Mackenzie Dunsmoor
Nov. 5th: Barry Kingsley
Nov. 8th: Linda McFall
Nov. 18th: Rev. Dr. Catherine Salisbury (99)
Nov. 29th: Heather Hawksby



November Anniversaries

Nov. 13th: Brian and Melinda Stoutenger

Fall Rummage Sale Report

The Rummage Sale, Bake Sale, and Luncheon that took place October 2nd & 3rd was a success for our church. Volunteers from our congregation plus members of other congregations all worked together!

Special thanks to the many volunteers that baked, brought in items for the rummage sale, set up and worked the sale, prepared the homemade soups & sandwich fillings, provided chips, breads, beverages & stayed to clean up.

The earnings were:

Total Bake Sale: \$222.00

Rummage Sale:

Flea Market: \$134.09 Clothes: \$971.10 Bag Sale: \$258.10

Total Rummage Sale: \$1363.29

Luncheon:

Dining room: \$298.25 Minetto Sch.: \$147.50

Donations: \$210.00* Total Luncheon: \$655.75

*Donations turned in to church office separately.



L->R: Ellie Serino, Toni Chiarella, Gloria Bickle, Nancy Prairie, Karen Poole, Barb Buske, Linda McFall, Dick Wheeler, & Jeanette Heath. This happy group prepared 86 bowls of soup, 92 sandwiches and served 95 customers!

Christian Education



During some of the Sunday School classes we have made cards and written personal letters to be included in our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. There is a display showing some of the items that can be used in the narthex. There are also pamphlets to explain "how to pack a shoebox" on this table, if you would like to pack your own shoebox for this project. There are wrapped shoeboxes under the table that you can use to do so. Remember postage is \$7 for every shoebox.

I will be packing about 50 shoeboxes with some help from others for the church. It has become a year long project collecting items all year and receiving donations from family and friends. The pillowcase dresses and shorts that were blessed in church Oct. 18th will be used. If you'd like to do a box yourself that is wonderful. If you'd like to donate some items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, small bars of soap, a Wow toy (a doll, stuffed animal, Nerf football, deflated soccer ball with pump), hair items for girls can be used.

Since each shoebox needs \$7.00 for shipping a donation of money towards shipping is my most needed item at this point. I am going to place the wishing well by the table so donations of cash or check can be left for shipping costs. By paying for the shipping online we will again be able to track where our shoeboxes go. Last year we had shoeboxes going to three different continents (Asia, Africa and South America).

We will be putting the church boxes together starting the first week in November so if you are donating items we need them by November 1st.



If you are doing your own shoebox I need it by Sun Nov. 15th at the latest, since I need to deliver the boxes to our processing center at beginning of that week. Any questions at all email me wkdoose@gmail.com, or call me 343-6097



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!!!

Ecumenical Dinner – Sunday, Nov. 8

5:30 pm

We will gather with our friends and neighbors from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for an evening of fun, food and fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 8. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Following the meal there will be a rousing round of bunco, with prizes for the best and the worst players. Come out and enjoy the evening.



Nurture, Care, & Health

Coffee Hour:

The November and December sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. This is a perfect time to make a batch of cookies to warm up those chilly mornings and it is always fun to share.

The Prayers & Squares Ministry:

Thank you to all the undercover angels that worked on the pillowcase dresses and shorts. This year we made a total of *100 dresses and 52 pairs of shorts*. The dresses and shorts were blessed during our Children's Time on Sunday the 18th. Our hearts and prayers will go to each child held within their clothes.

There will not be any Prayers and Squares Workshops in November or December due to the Holidays.

If you would like to work on a prayer quilt or comfort pillow over the winter please see Gloria Bickel for a kit.

Did you know?

Our prayer quilts have gone places beyond our shores. We have Prayer quilt recipients in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Texas, Arizona, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Maine. Our prayers are tied into each knot that can touched and the prayers can be felt. The prayers remain in that quilt forever and becomes a treasure which follows its owner everywhere.

May your sorrows be patched and your joys quilted



MyGod: Minetto Youth Group of Disciples

Meetings are scheduled after worship until 12 noon on the following Sundays: Nov. 8, 15 and 29 and Dec. 13 & 20.

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.

November Free Meal

The November Free Meal will be served on Sunday, Nov. 22 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Menu will be spaghetti and meatballs, salad, Italian bread, dessert and beverage. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Finance & Stewardship Committee Report for November 2015

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

- The Salvation Army was given 44 pounds of groceries this month.
- The MY GOD youth group meets periodically and Sunday School classes resumed on Rally Day.
- UM Men meet for breakfast on the second Sunday of the month.
- A Confirmation class has been started with 11 young people enrolled.
- A large number of dresses and shorts were made and will be sent to boys and girls abroad.
- All bills, including our Ministry Shares assessment, were paid in full and on time.
- The September Noisy Can Offering of \$128.19 was given to Blizzard Bags.
- Rev. Rick Sivers began leading a weekly study, *Finding Your Sacred Center*, that will continue through October.
- Preparations for the fall rummage sale and harvest dinner were advancing at full bore.

These are some of the highlights from the October 21st meeting of the committee:

- Current expense income for September was below expectations by about \$1,500 and for the year-to-date, was below projections by nearly \$4,500.
- All budget categories, e.g. Christian education, maintenance, etc., spent less than expected in September as well as over the year-to-date.
- Our year-to-date current expense income from all sources was about \$4,500 below expectations but that is primarily because two of our largest fundraisers had not happened yet — the fall rummage sale and the harvest dinner.
- Expenditures for staff other than pastor are nearly \$13,000 below expectations because of the losses in the services of secretary, custodian, and organist.
- Capital Campaign income for September were about \$750 and for the year-to-date nearly \$10,000.
- Our first Stewardship Campaign mailing has been sent via US mail and email to invite your support for our ministries in 2016, and stewardship minute speakers have been scheduled.

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, November 11, 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; 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
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
IA In One Accord	W&M Worship & Music
GSD Girl Scout Daises	



November 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints Day 10 am Worship Communion 11 AM Coffee Hour	2 7 PM Lay Leadership Meeting	3 9 AM NHC 10:30 AM Osteo 4 PM SoB 6 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM CoN	4 9 AM NHB 6:30 PM GSC	5 10 AM Osteo 10 AM UR 6 PM GSD 6:30 PM CCR	6	7
8 8:30 AM UMM Breakfast 10 AM Worship 11 AM MyGod 5:30 PM Ecumenical Dinner	9 6:30 PM CoM	10 9 AM NHC 10:30 AM Osteo 4 PM SoB 6 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM CoS	11 Veteran's Day 9 AM NHB 6:30 PM GSC 7 PM F&S	12 10 AM Osteo 10 AM UR 6 PM GSD 6:30 PM CCR	13	14
15 8:30 AM UMM 10 AM Worship 11 AM MyGod	16 Church Conf. 6:30 PM December Newsletter Deadline	17 9 AM NHC 10:30 AM Osteo 4 PM SoB 6 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM CoN 6:30 PM P&S	18 8 AM SA Advisory Board 9 AM NHB 6:30 PM Cub 7 PM AdC	19 10 AM Osteo 10 AM UR 6 PM GS 6:30 PM CCR	20	21 1-3 Free Meal Preparations 3 PM Springside Communion Service
22 10 AM Worship Christ The King 4:30-6:30 Free Meal	23	24 9 AM NHC 10:30 AM Osteo 4 PM SoB 6 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM CoN	25 9 AM NHB 7 PM Thanksgiving Worship Service	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29 First Sunday In Advent 10 AM Worship 11 AM MyGod	30					