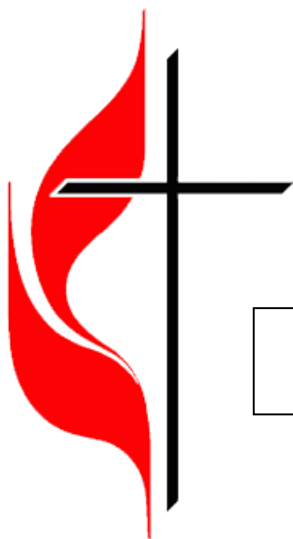


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Christmas 2015

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ at our United Methodist congregations in Upper New York,

“Joy to the World, the Lord is come!”

As followers of Jesus the Christ – from the manger to Galilee, from the cross to the Emmaus Road – we place our trust in the Prince of Peace who is the Hope of the World. As followers of Jesus, striving to become more and more like Him, we not only follow the Light of Christ, but by God’s grace we are to be the Light of Christ for the world!

During this season of Christmas, we open our hearts and lives to welcome the newborn Christ. Even in a time when fear and distrust have gripped our nation – while many warn of the foreigner, the stranger, of people who are “different” – we are called to open our hearts to share the love of Christ. When angry voices call for shutting out our Muslim neighbors, turning back refugees fleeing Syria, or suspecting people who are different from us, the message of the Christmas angels is clear. *“Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy for all the people.”* For all the people. Their message calls us even today to seek to understand one another and cooperate in healthy ways; to stand up against acts of hatred and violence that threaten to diminish the acts of charity and gifts of love that are so much a part of this Holy season.

So how will we welcome Jesus in the new year? Confronted by the very simple story of Christ’s birth, how can we offer Christ’s Light in this particular time of fear and mistrust? We welcome Jesus as a baby, but we remember that the Babe of Bethlehem grew to be a man who challenged the powerful and lifted up the lowly – a Savior who calls His followers, even today, to walk in the way of courage and compassion, justice and love. That could mean speaking up with courage when we hear hate-based speech, whether in our workplace, with friends, on social media, or in our family. It may mean taking time to listen and understand a neighbor, stopping harassing behavior rather than turning the other way, or using our voices to challenge violence as we proclaim the grace and love of God’s Hope and Peace for all. Above all, we are called to not just hear the story, but to respond to it.

“Joy to the World, the Lord is come!” As we kneel at the manger this Christmas, let us pray it may be so.

Peace in Christ (the District Superintendents of the Upper New York Annual Conference)

Rev. William Mudge	Rev. Sherri Rood	Rev. Ted Anderson	Rev. K. Wayne Butler
Rev. Rich Weihing	Rev. Nola Anderson	Rev. Abel Roy	Rev. Rebekah Sweet
Rev. David Kohfal	Rev. Jeff McDowell	Rev. Nancy J. Adams	Rev. Jan M. Rowell
Rev. David Masland			

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.

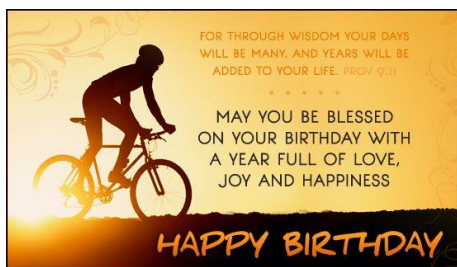
George & Karen Eason
Emily Dumas
Violet Whitman
Marie Smith

Mogens & June Hansen
Nancy Ravas
Bill & Daryl Martin

Tom & Marilyn Putnam
Rev. Catherine Salisbury
Betty Mangano

“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)

January 2016 Birthdays



Jan. 2nd
Jan. 4th
Jan. 6th
Jan. 6th
Jan. 6th
Jan. 8th
Jan. 16th
Jan. 17th

Kay Shaver
Joe Hawksby
Lucille Becksted
Lynn Hawksby
Bill Martin
Grace Raes
Glen Dumas
Beth Busch

Jan. 18th
Jan. 19th
Jan. 20th
Jan. 21st
Jan. 21st
Jan. 22nd
Jan. 23rd

Joan Waterbury
Robert Whitman
Garrett Dunsmoor
William Gibson
Christ Whitman
Fred Adams
Jill Bruns

Church Location Update

The church has been receiving mail addressed using various street addresses. To clarify the situation, please tell people that our mailing address is:

Minetto United Methodist Church
PO Box 217
Minetto, NY 13115-0217

Our physical location (which should not be used as a mailing address – but used as the GPS directions to the church) is:

Minetto United Methodist Church
2433 County Route 8
Oswego, NY 13126

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Milestones: Looking Back at 2015

Baptized members:

Austin Reed Lipphardt
Mattilynne Marie Purchas
Mason Sullivan Cline
Frederick, Gracie, Chloe, and Tessa Adams



Received into professing membership:

Shawn & Sylvia Allen
Laura Kinney
Norma Pooler
June Baxter
Charlie & Nancy Zawisza
Jeff Margrey
Judy Bradt
Karen Poole



Removed from professing membership due to death:

Carl Shappee
Albert Pfaff
George Smith
Dawn Hart
Mary Shappee
Joanne Reidy

Gone But Not Forgotten

Church Birthday:

November 15th, 2015
167 Years



Non-Perishable Food Donations 2015

You donated 662.5 pounds of food to the local food pantries in 2015. According to a NY State calculation, this translates to 510 people provided with food.

Evangelism 2015 Report

Submitted by Betty Dingman

- † Provided visits including communion with church shut-ins at St. Luke, Bishop's Commons and the Manor @ Seneca Hill.
- † Assisted in a monthly Ecumenical Worship at Springside Retirement Center
- † Conducted a monthly Bible Study at Springside Retirement Center. Studies included completing a study of the Parables.
- † Upon request made home visits to local church families
- † Hospital visitation with comfort and support offered to friends and family members

Future Endeavor: Coordinate with Nurture and Care to distribute the Easter and Christmas Love Gifts through individual home visits.

Nurture, Care & Health 2015 Report

Submitted by Gloria Bickel

- † Nurture, Care & Health held three productive meetings in 2015 including our planning meeting for 2016.
- † Coffee Hour continued every Sunday with the exception of three Friendship Brunches.
- † Love Gifts were delivered to our shut-ins for Easter and Christmas.
- † We held seven Prayers and Squares workshops making prayer quilts, comfort pillows and Baptismal blankets.
- † This year we have given the gift of prayer quilts to 28 recipients and several comfort pillows to those in need of healing and comfort. The total number of prayer quilts given is 180.
- † We had a sewing marathon day that produced 100 dresses and 52 pairs of shorts for the children in Africa and the orphanage in Haiti. All have been delivered.
- † Many people in our congregation have helped us with our Funeral Luncheons and Food for the Soul projects. We could not do these caring projects without their help.
- † Nurture, Care & Health continues with the Osteo program every Tuesday and Thursday. We have several members from our congregation and several from our community.
- † We held two fund raisers this year to help with our Capital Campaign:
 - Magic in Minetto craft sale brought in \$286.21.
 - Joanne Reidy's Frozen Casserole project netted approximately \$700.00.

Christian Education 2015 Report

Submitted by Wynnette Dohse

For the past year we have had 3 different Sunday School classes from preschool through high school. We rotate teachers in most of the classes. We would love to get some more teachers for our Sunday School classes so please consider sharing your time and love of Jesus with our students. Materials are provided. Since the start of this school year we have been using The Greatest Journey materials with our oldest two groups. It is the same twelve-week program used for the recipients of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We should finish the program in January 2016 and hope to share it with the congregation at that time.

Christian Education 2015 Report – continued

Our biggest mission endeavor this year was money for the Imagine No Malaria campaign. Besides the Lenten offering of \$824.05 we had a bake sale on Mother's Day which made \$147.75 and a book sale during Magic in Minetto netting us \$66.25. The book sale was also a great way to get books for summer reading out in the community. We loved the happy faces it brought. We had a display poster for the community to see all about the Imagine No Malaria campaign too. With our noisy can offering which brought in \$177.64 we totaled \$1,215.69. That will provide 121 nets!!!!

We also collected money, in mission banks that we made, to be donated to the Salvation Army before we started our Imagine No Malaria campaign. The donation was to help feed those in need locally from our Sunday School classes.

In June under the direction of Rev Siverson we put on the play Anansi the Spider for our end of the 2014-2015 school year. We had some outstanding very authentic costumes thanks to Rev. Siverson.

We are also doing our yearly Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. It looks like we will have 56 packed shoeboxes this year to take to the distribution center. Last year our shoeboxes went to three different continents: Ukraine (Asia), Botswana (Africa) and Columbia (South America) which was very unusual.

Worship and Music 2015 Report

Submitted by Mary Lou Bjorkman

2015 was a challenging year for Worship and Music due to the instability of Pastor Chuck's health and the loss of our accompanist Dan Williams to another church, which also accounted for half of the praise band. We seem to have traveled through this year, despite its roadblocks, and arrived safely, wholly, but differently, at the dawn of 2016.

In addition to the regular work in assisting the celebrant and choosing anthems and hymns appropriate to the theme of the Sundays, the following highlights are noted:

Early in January, we learned of Chuck's need for more surgery to help alleviate his chronic pain. Retired Rev Siverson graciously stepped up to the plate and has filled in whenever Pastor Chuck has been unable to be in the pulpit. We also prepared for a visit from Bishop Webb to come and participate in our worship service. Soon thereafter we celebrated Ash Wednesday with a special evening service in February. It was this month we were to find out that Dan Williams was leaving us for another church. The search for another organist/accompanist was immediately undertaken.

Beth Smith agreed to be a long term organist/accompanist sub for us starting in March. Beth was a special find, and we were fortunate to have her most Sundays through to the end of June. Despite our invitations, she chose to stay with her home church and not take the permanent position.

Early spring brought us a flurry of activities in service: Palm Sunday, in which the children led a procession around the church with their palms, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the ever joyous Easter celebration. Our Mother's Day worship focused on women and their service to the church. We continued with a search for a full time organist.

June was also a busy month for us: the last service of Sunday School was celebrated with an African theme: the children acted out African stories, and the choir donned African robes and sang African anthems with the aid of drumming. The end of June was the last choir service of the year.

Worship and Music 2015 Report – continued

Summer brought many talented congregants to the altar with their contributions for special music each week. This year we were fortunate to hear meditations and praise songs from choir members Frank Bickel, Kathy Duschen, Betty Dingman, and director Mary Lou Bjorkman. Other church members who provided music for us were Deb Farden, Matthew Farden (and his saxophone quartet) and Ayla Bush, who played her violin. The valiant remainders of the Praise Band also contributed music. Frank, Kathy and Grace Raes undertook the job of organist/accompanist for the summer. The search continued for a full time replacement.

Choir started up again on Rally Sunday in September, and has continued through the end of the year, with our subs in place at the keyboard. Early October we were fortunate enough to hire a new organist. Heather Eldridge is a senior at Oswego State University. Heather is an accomplished piano soloist, and under the tutelage of Grace Raes, has taken to the organ quickly. Her accompaniment skills are growing every week.

Thanksgiving Eve brought us a quartet of singers, Kathy Duschen, Mary Lou Bjorkman, Dan Williams and Marty Bayhan, to inspire us with special music. Hanging of the Greens was, of course, the first Sunday of Advent. It was decided that the selection of hymns throughout Advent would focus on the wonderful Advent hymns that are not often done, as we jump right into the Christmas carols. The annual Joy of Christmas Concert was held on December 13, filling the church with attendees and wonderful music. For possibly the first time, there were almost 100 musicians performing at once in our modest church. The concert was a success, as usual.

Christmas eve brought us to the Greco's farm for our traditional Barn Service, led this year by Rev. Rick Sivers. The Christmas story was enacted by youth from our church with Rick's narration. Carols interspersed with the story allowed everyone to participate. Afterwards, the Candlelight Service was a simple, meaningful and inspirational worship with the choir providing 2 anthems. The Sunday after Christmas, just 2 days later, the choir was allowed time off for the last Sunday of the year.

Looking forward to 2016: Worship and Music will continue to assist and support the Pastor in whatever way we can, and we will continue to do our best to provide thoughtful and inspirational music for worship. As Heather will graduate in May, we will again be looking for an accompanist. The Praise Band will also be undergoing some transformation.

Missions 2015 Report

Submitted by Carla Salisbury

Noisy Can Offerings

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
May	- Imagine No Malaria	\$ 176.69
June	- OCO Crisis & Development	\$ 140.62
July	- Back-to-School Supplies	\$ 129.21
August	- Blessings-in-a-Backpack	\$ 173.68
September	- Blizzard Bags	\$ 128.19
October	- Fulton State St UMC Helping Hands	\$ 128.55
November	- Joy of Christmas	\$ 135.11
December	- Operation Christmas Child	\$ 139.26
Total 2015 Offerings		\$ 2,653.45

Noisy Can Offering



Worship Schedule for January 2016

January 3rd

Epiphany Sunday/Communion

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 2: 1-12

Psalter – Psalm 71: 1-7, 1014

Lay Reading – Isaiah 60: 1-6

Greeters: The Bruns Family

Acolyte: Caitlynn Barnhart

Lay Reader: Carla Salisbury

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman and Megan Rothrock



January 10th

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Gospel Lesson - Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Psalter – Psalm 29

Lay Reading – Isaiah 43: 1-7

Greeters:

Acolyte: Matthew Barnhart

Lay Reader: Karen Poole

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman and Megan Rothrock



January 17th

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Sunday

Noisy Can: American Heart Association and Go Red for Women Campaign, Feb. 5th, 2016



Gospel Lesson - John 2: 1-11

Psalter – Psalm 36: 5-10

Lay Reading – Isaiah 62: 1-5

Greeters:

Acolyte: Jeremy Barnhart

Lay Reader: Sue Comerford

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman, Sue Comerford, Vern Tryon



January 24th

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany/Ecumenical Sunday

Gospel Lesson - Luke 4: 14-21

Psalter – Psalm 19

Lay Reading – 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Greeters:

Acolyte: Jeffrey Barnhart

Lay Reader: Dennis Dumas

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman and Debbie Daby



Worship Schedule for January 2016 - continued

January 31st

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Gospel Lesson - Luke 4: 21-30

Psalter – Psalm 71: 1-6

Lay Reading – 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Greeters:

Acolyte: Marc Barnhart

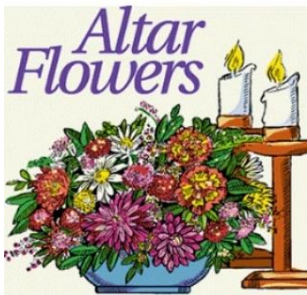
Lay Reader: Noah Cordone

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman and Bruce Holman



Altar Steward: Wynnette Dohse

In Memorial Altar Flowers



At times throughout the calendar year, some members of our congregation have specified certain Sundays when they wish to remember loved ones by placing memorial flowers on the altar. The person(s) being honored and the donor(s) names will be recorded in that Sunday's worship bulletin. If you would like to participate, please let Pastor Chuck know the date and who the memorial is in honor of. More than one person can be remembered on the same date.

January 2016 Memorial Altar Flowers

Jan. 10th In memory of Robby Dohse by Wynnette, children, and grandchildren

Jan. 17th In memory of Martha Meade by Lynnete, Randy, and Scott Dohse

Jan. 24th In memory of Walter & Gladdys Schaal by daughter, Wynnette Dohse

Jan. 31st In memory & honor of John & Irene Barnard by the Sunday school classes

MyGod: Minetto Youth Group of Disciples

Meetings are scheduled after worship until 12 noon on the following Sundays: January 10, 17 & 31 and February 14 & 21. Any youth in 5th grade and higher is welcome to join in for some fun and a chance to spend time with other youth. Feel free to contact Debbie (Rockhill) Daby (343-8301 / ddaby@twcny.rr.com or Randy Dohse (343-6097) with questions or activity ideas.



Meet the Bishop

Our District Day with the Bishop is Thursday, January 14 at Bellevue Heights UMC, 2112 South Geddes Street in Syracuse. Clergy will gather at 10:00 am and stay through lunch. A clergy/laity gathering with the Bishop is planned for the evening, beginning at 6:30 pm.

If anyone would like to attend, please contact me (not the Bishop) by January 10th.

2016 Lay Leadership Report Minetto United Methodist Church

Officers take office as of January 1st, 2016

Administrative Council Members

Chair Person	Doug Buske	Vice Chair Person	Steve Tryon
Lay Leader	Steve Salisbury	Youth Representative	Jeffrey Barnhart
Lay Member to AC	Steve Salisbury	Alternate Lay Member	Carla Salisbury
Recording Secretary	Pastor Chuck	Treasurer	Dennis Dumas
Financial Secretary	Marilyn Stephens	Chair Finance Committee	Vernon Tryon
Chair SP/PRC	Deb Daby	Chair of the Trustees (Elected Jan. 3 rd)	

Christian Education Chairs (one vote)	Wynnette Dohse, Becky Craig, Jeff Rothrock
Worship & Music Chair	Mary Lou Bjorkman
Nurture, Care & Health Chairs (one vote)	Gloria Bickel, Karen Poole
Missions Chair	Carla Salisbury
Futuring/Evangelism Chair	Betty Dingman
Council on Ministries Chair	June Tryon
Council on Ministries Vice-Chair	Pastor Chuck

Administration Committees

Committee on Finance & Stewardship:

Chair: Vernon Tryon
 Vice-chair: _____
 Treasurer: Dennis Dumas
 Financial Secretary: Marilyn Stephens
 Lay Member to AC: Steve Salisbury
 Admin Council Chair: Doug Buske
 SP/PRC Chair: Deb Daby
 Trustees Rep: _____ (to be chosen in January 2016)
 Ad Hoc: Carla Salisbury and Bruce Holman
 Ex-Officio: Lay Leader, Pastor

Board of Trustees:

Note: Officers to be elected in January 2016

2016	2017	2018
Jill Bruns	Wynnette Dohse	Steve Salisbury
Rick Van Patten	Bruce Holman	Charlie Zawisza
Sue Comerford	Bob Bruns	Matt Busch

Staff/Pastor – Parish Relations Committee (SP/PRC):

Chair: Deb Daby
Vice-chair: Judy Dunsmoor

Members by virtue of office: Lay Member to AC, Lay Leader

2016	2017	2018
Linda McFall	Jeanette Heath	Deb Daby
Jeff Fellows	Diana Rockhill	Megan Rothrock
Judy Dunsmoor	Karen Poole	Wynnette Dohse

Lay Leadership & Development Committee:

Pastor chairs this committee
Member by virtue of office: Lay Leader

2016	2017	2018
Beth Busch	Diana Rockhill	June Tryon
Frank Bickel	Rick Sivers	Sue Comerford
Sheila Seeley	Mary Lou Bjorkman	Becky Craig

Additional Committees

Altar & Memorials: Chair: Mary Cipra
Auditor: Rev. Judy Selover
Advocates for those sexually harassed and/or abused: Vernon Tryon, Deb Daby
Membership Secretary: Pastor
Church Historian: Arlene Dodge, Fred Dumas, Tom Putnam
Native American Ministries District Representative: Sue Ann Simonson
Free Dinners: Garry and Lynn Visconti
United Methodist Men: Pastor Chuck

Volunteer Recruitment Personnel


Securing Lay Readers: June Tryon
Securing Ushers: Rick Van Patten
Head Usher: Rick Van Patten
Securing Counters: Vern Tryon
Securing Acolytes: Christian Education
Securing Greeters: Lynne Hawksby

Church Calendar Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

<u>Tuesday Schedule</u> 9 AM New Horizons Chorus (TSched) 10:30 AM Osteo Exercise 4 PM Sounds of Brass 6 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Concinnity Singers	<u>Wednesday Schedule</u> 9 AM New Horizons Band (WSched) 6 PM Cadette Girl Scouts
<u>Thursday Schedule</u> 10 AM Osteo Exercise (ThSched) 10 AM Upper Room Prayer Group 6 PM Daisy Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice	

All of the above meetings occur every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. In order to save space on the calendar, these meetings will not be listed every week unless there is a cancellation on a specific date.

January 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 	2
3 10 AM Epiphany - Communion 11 AM Trustees	4 6 PM SP/PRC	5 TSched	6 WSched Epiphany of the Lord	7 ThSched	8	9 Boundary Awareness 9-4 Casowasco
10 10 AM Baptism of the Lord 11 AM MyGod Friendship Brunch 2-5 Confirmation Class	11 6 PM Church/Charge Conference	12 TSched	13 WSched 6:30 PM Council on Ministries	14 ThSched Bishop's Crossroads Day	15	16 3 PM Springside Ecumenical Service
17 10 AM Worship Human Relations Day 11 AM MyGod	18 6:30 Worship & Music Martin Luther King Holiday	19 TSched	20 WSched 7 PM Finance	21 ThSched	22	23
24 10 AM Worship 4:30-6:30 PM Free Meal	25	26 TSched	27 WSched 2:30 Springside Bible Study 7 PM Admin Council	28 ThSched	29	30 District Training Day at Cicero UMC
31 10 AM Worship 11 AM MyGod						