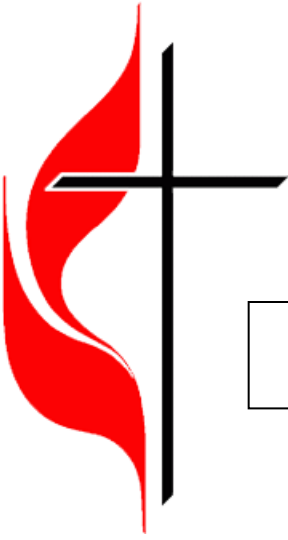


Loving God † Growing Together † Serving the World



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From the Pastor

There was a recent NPR story about an artist who took it upon herself to take photos of the smiling faces of the Ebola medical personnel in Liberia. They then attached these photos to their protective suits so that the patients could actually see who was treating them. The gear they had to wear masked them in such a way that they looked more like Star Wars storm troopers than kind and caring people. The artist wanted to help these people all connect to one another as human beings.

Connecting to one another as human beings is holy work. As I see it, this is the most significant way God moves in the world. When we say “God is love” (and I, for one, do say this often) we are really saying that God is the glue that holds any relationships together. We are saying that our loving words and actions are the very stuff of God in this world.

So when we are at our best, our church should be a community in which relationships are nurtured – in which God is expressed through words and actions that connect people. I see this happen often at Minetto UMC – visitors are welcomed, friendships grow, people risk speaking difficult truths, people study and explore together, people are generous and truly kind. This is God among us and within us.

My hope is we can trust that love whenever and however we move out into the world as well. Taking our church and our love outside the building is something we have begun to practice. This will always be our growing edge. It is the growing edge of any healthy church because there is always more we can do. But in order to do this we have to lay aside all of our protective gear and risk showing up just as we are; kind and caring people, learning to connect to others as human beings. I ask you to imagine with me what this holy work might look like. I am convinced it is our future.

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Shalom, Pastor Chuck (and Rohan)

Our Shut-ins

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



Karen Eason
Emily Dumas
Violet Whitman
Marie Smith

Mogens & June Hansen
Nancy Ravas
Bill & Daryl Martin
Joan Waterbury

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)

Harold & Mildred Clark Memorial Scholarship & Campership Awards

Parents, do you have a child graduating from high school this year? Have your child write a letter to Pastor Chuck requesting one of the Clark Scholarships. The letter should contain your child's academic and religious accomplishments; why he/she should receive a scholarship; and, what their plans are after high school. Scholarships will be awarded on June 19th during the worship service.

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
(2 Timothy 1.7 NRSV)

In the book *Do Yourself a Favor: Love Your Wife*, there is a story about a certain little boy who was asked what his father did. The boy said, "He watches." "You mean that he is a night watchman?"

"Oh, no," the little boy exclaimed, "He just watches." "Well, what does he watch?"
"I don't know if I can tell you everything," the boy continued, "but I can name a few things."
"Well, tell me," the now curious man replied.

"He watches TV, he watches Mom do the housework, he watches for the paper boy, he watches the weather, and I think he watches girls, too," he said with an impish grin on his face. "He watches the stock market, football games, all the sports, he watches Mother spank us, and he watches us do our homework. He watches us leave to go to church and PTA and shopping. He watches Mom write letters and me play with my dog. He watches Mom pay the bills. But mainly, he said with a touch of sadness, he just watches."

God wants us to be much more than a watcher. Our call is to share and give God's love.

Lord Jesus, help me to be bold in sharing your love. Amen.

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Worship Schedule for May 2016

May 1st

6th Sunday of Easter/Communion

Gospel Lesson - John 14:23-29

Psalter – Psalm 67

Lay Reading – Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5

Greeter: Vivian Dement

Acolyte: Jeffrey Barnhart

Lay Reader: Vern Tryon

Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Vern Tryon



May 8th

7th Sunday of Easter/ Mother's Day /Ascension Sunday

Gospel Lesson - John 17:20-26

Psalter – Psalm 97

Lay Reading – Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Greeters: Vern & June Tryon

Acolyte: Braeden DePoint

Lay Reader: Jeremy Barnhart

Counters: Debbie Daby & Vern Tryon



May 15th

Pentecost Sunday

Noisy Can: In support of Camperships/Scholarships

Gospel Lesson - John 14:8-17

Psalter – Psalm 104:24-34,35b

Lay Reading – Romans 8:14-17

Greeters: Steve & Carla Salisbury

Acolyte: Jeffrey Barnhart

Lay Reader: Bruce Holman

Counters: TBD, Diana Rockhill, Vern Tryon



May 22nd

Trinity Sunday/ Peace with Justice Sunday

Gospel Lesson - John 16:12-15

Psalter – Psalm 8

Lay Reading – Romans 5:1-5

Greeters: Diane & Bill Rockhill

Acolyte: n/a

Lay Reader: Marilyn Stephens

Counters: Vern Tryon & Bruce Holman



May 29th

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Gospel Lesson- Luke 7:1-10

Psalter – Psalm 96

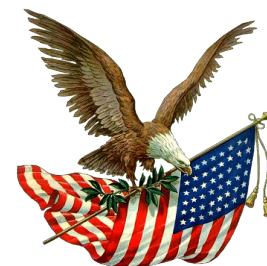
Lay Reading – Galatians 1:1-12

Greeter: Lynne Hawksby

Acolyte: n/a

Lay Reader: Carla Salisbury

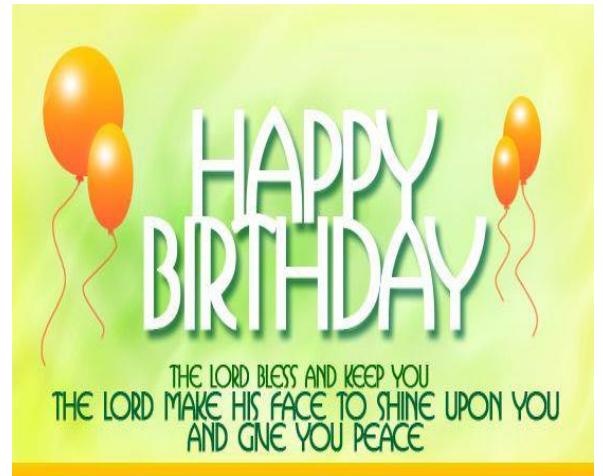
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Bruce Holman



May Altar Stewards: Jeff & Megan Rothrock

May 2016 Birthdays

1st	Douglas Dodge
2nd	Megan (Reidy) Norton & JoAnn Stoutenger
4th	Jessica Reidy
5th	Tom Machuga
6th	Lynn Visconti & Abigail Kinney
8th	Matthew Farden & Vern Harris
9th	Grace Bruns, R. Sam Pekarek & Fred Dumas
11th	Victoria Stoutenger
14th	Jason Taylor, Arlene Dodge & Lawrence Dodge
15th	Lori Kingsley
16th	Bonnie Kean & Jeanette Heath
20th	Peggy Arter
21st	Maryn Margrey
25th	Jeffrey Barnhart
28th	Betty Patrick
29th	Allison Rolander
30th	Jake Gardner
31st	Donna Reed

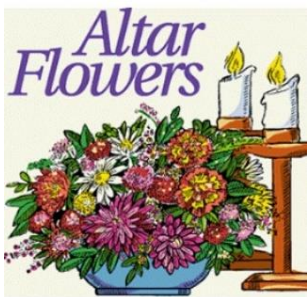


May 2016 Anniversaries

May 4th Dale & Mary Eloise Slife, 59 Years!



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.

MyGod: Minetto Youth Group of Disciples

Meetings are scheduled after worship until 12 noon on the following Sundays: **May 1 & 15**. 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@twcnny.rr.com or Randy Dohse (343-6097) with questions or activity ideas.

Council on Ministries

Christian Education

The confirmation students are personally involved in the learning. The retreat at the Casowasco Camp was a grand experience for all.

The play “Moses” will be put on June 12th. Rick Sivers is writing and directing the performance. It will be followed by a picnic lunch with hots supplied by the Education work area. That will be the last Sunday for Sunday School.



Evangelism

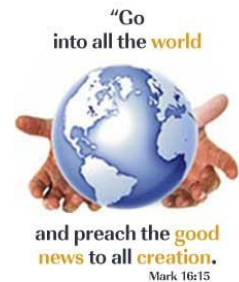
Many visits by Betty Dingman and Diana Rockhill have been made. Communion is not always taken since some people are physically not able to handle it. Visits are appreciated though.

A monthly Bible study at Springside continues on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:30 PM with 12-15 in attendance. The 3rd Saturday of each month, worship services are held with Rick Sivers.

Missions

The blizzard bags were a huge success and our Sunday School classes helped by decorating the bags. Blizzard Bags were also made for our own shut-ins.

There will be another chance to contribute to the campership fund with a noisy can offering in May.



Nurture, Care, and Health

The Earth Day Friendship Brunch was successful and the idea of a theme went over very well. There were table decorations, and a presentation. The next friendship lunch will be July 10 and it will have a patriotic theme.

Coffee Hour continues to be a problem with the same people signing up. Ideas and suggestions are always appreciated.

The angel statue has arrived and will be inscribed with Joanne Reidy's name. It has been placed in the Chapel room.

Worship & Music

The Cantata, The Three Trees, done on Palm Sunday went well. The visuals were especially nice.

Heather Eldridge's last day will be May 8. She will graduate that week.

The choir's last Sunday will be June 19th. After that, there will be special music for the summer.



Finance & Stewardship Committee Report for May 2016 Newsletter

We should be grateful for all the ministries that were accomplished in the month of March 2016, including:

- Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services were held, featuring our Chancel Choir in the cantata, *The Tale of the Three Trees*, on Palm Sunday, and our traditional floral living cross on Easter. Many memorial flowers graced our chancel for Easter.
- Gifts were made and delivered to members of our congregation that are no longer able to come to the church.
- Fifty-nine pounds of food were given to The Salvation Army pantry.
- The Noisy Can Offering yielded \$163.37 for Disabled American Veterans.
- Members of our congregation volunteer to read scripture, greet parishioners, count financial receipts, keep financial records, pay bills, provide coffee hour refreshments, and sing in the choir every week. Their contributions are invaluable to the quality of our worship experiences and the functioning of our church.
- The Council on Ministries recently distributed a booklet outlining their activities and listing their leaders for you to contact if you have questions or would like to become involved in some of their work. Copies are on the counter near the water fountain.

The following are financial highlights for the month of March 2016:

- Contributions from those that pledge and those that contribute regularly but do not pledge amounted to over \$10,000 and exceeded expectations by over \$2,000, partly due to the receipt of a substantial annual gift. Income from all sources exceeded expectations by over \$900.
- Total current expense expenditures fell short of projections by over \$3,000, largely because of reduced expenses for staff, maintenance, and fundraising expenses, but most areas spent less than expected.
- In summary, our year-to-date income is ahead of projections and our expenditures have been less than expected; a most agreeable circumstance due to factors that we cannot expect to continue all year.

The members of the Finance & Stewardship Committee continue to be grateful for your faithful attention to the financial support 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, May 18, 2016. Copies of our reports, minutes, or the budget will be provided upon request to Vernon Tryon.

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 2016 are: Deborah Daby, chair, Pastor, Staff, Parish Relations Committee; Dennis Dumas, Treasurer (598-9770); Chuck Forbes, Pastor; Steve Salisbury, Lay Leader and Member of Annual Conference; Marilyn Stephens, Financial Secretary (216-6725); Steven Tryon, chairman, Administrative Council; Vernon Tryon, chairman, Finance Committee (343-9692, 529-0120 or Vernon@Tryon.US); Rick VanPatten, chairman, Trustees; and Carla Salisbury and Bruce Holman, at large members.

Church Calendar Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

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

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Communion 10:15 Confirmation 11am MY GOD	2	3 TSched	4 WSched	5 National Day Of Prayer ThSched	6	7
8 10am Worship Mother's Day	9	10 TSched	11 WSched	12 ThSched	13	14
15 Pentecost 10am Worship 10:15 Confirmation 11am MY GOD 1pm Gifford/ Arroway Wedding	16 Newsletter deadline	17 TSched	18 WSched 7pm Finance	19 ThSched	20	21 Springside Ecumenical Service
22 Peace w/ Justice 10am Worship 4:30-6:30Pm Free Meal	23	24 TSched	25 WSched 2:30pm Springside Bible Study	26 ThSched	27	28
29 10am Worship	30 Office closed for Memorial Day	31 TSched	<p align="center">“Pentecost is great enough, important enough, and inspiring enough to be commemorated with all earnestness and devotion throughout all Christendom.”</p> <p align="center">The United Methodist Church governing body, General Conference, will have its quadrennial meeting May 10th-20th in Portland, Oregon.</p>			

