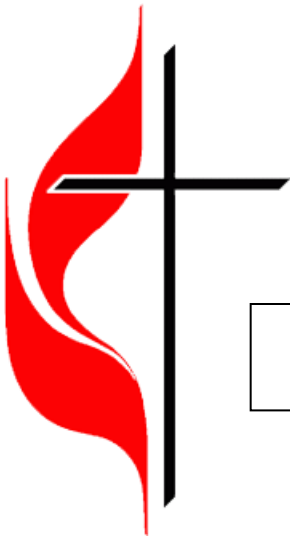


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### From the Pastor

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. These are the first words that open the story of Scripture. God creates light, sky, land, plants, sun, animals and humans. The poetic story of Genesis tells of this creation in six days. It tells of how after six days, God is overwhelmingly delighted and pleased with creation, deeply in love with the birds and people and grass and water. So on the seventh day God rests.

Author Dorothy Bass writes that in resting “God declares as fully possible just how very good creation is. Resting, God takes pleasure in what has been made; God has no regrets, no need to go on to create a still better world or creature more wonderful than the man and woman. In the day of rest, God’s free love toward humanity takes form as time shared with them.”

This first Sabbath rest is an act of love, a choice to show love by spending quality time together. We should not be terribly surprised therefore that the Sabbath is one of the most important and often talked about commandments of God. God wants the people of God to rest, to nourish our souls with uninterrupted quality time spent with God.

Now this might not seem like good news for those of us who love productivity and check lists, for those of us who keep our plates so full with activities and responsibilities that spending one day a week resting sounds as likely as spending one day a week teaching pigs to fly.

We might respond to God’s request saying we just don’t have that kind of time! The world moves faster now!

And still to all this, God says: rest with me. You are not so important and in control that the world cannot get along without your work for one day in seven.

Sabbath is a relinquishing of pride, a relinquishing of the tempting siren song of overworked and over packed schedules. Our place and importance in the world are not determined by how much we do, volunteer for, or how many people depend on us. Instead they are determined by God’s love for us. A love that invites us to set aside our business and spend some quality time with God.

What would it look like for you to join God in Sabbath this week? Sabbath is not a time when you sit still all day and try not to be bored, all that is relinquished is work and productivity, not fun or joy. Instead, Sabbath is a day of worship, prayer, family time, long walks outside, naps, and good books. It is a time to spend with God and those you love, a time spent with the things that nourish your soul and breathe life into your heart.

Author Tony Jones writes, "Sabbath is yet another spiritual practice that at first blush seems to be about giving things up (one day a week to 'get things done'), but in the end becomes a gift that is beyond price. In other words, it becomes an addition (of love, joy, hope, peace, etc.) rather than a subtraction." Sabbath is counter-cultural. It is counter to many of our patterns of life. But it is life-giving and soul-filling.

How can you practice Sabbath this month? What day, half-day, or even couple of hours can you intentionally set aside for Sabbath?

Shalom,  
Pastor Chuck (and Rohan)

## Annual Conference 2016

The 2016 session of the Upper New York Annual Conference will be held at The OnCenter in Syracuse, NY, June 2-4. The theme of this year's Annual Conference is "Called to Give Thanks." Bishop Mark Webb has announced that Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas will serve as the Bible study leader. Our Crossroads District Superintendent, the Rev. Nola Anderson, will serve as the preacher at the Memorial Service on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **IGNITE! Jump-Starting Vibrant, Effective Ministries** A Crossroads District Ministry Gathering, Friday June 24



If we could do the one thing too often overlooked to get effective ministry off the ground, AND out the doors, this would be it. If we could identify a critical element needed to help each of us grow as authentic Jesus followers, Christ-centered leaders, and have a lasting effect on the spiritual lives of others, this would be it. The focus of this event is "Rooted in the Good Stuff", the one thing needed to take your faith beyond the walls. Please make time to attend this extraordinary gathering.

Please plan to join D.S. Nola Anderson for an evening of inspiration and prayer on **June 24 from 7 - 9 pm** at **CAMILLUS IMMANUEL UMC**. Our guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Diana DeWitt, a dynamic speaker and author of "The Authority of Love: Reclaiming Spiritual Authority in the Church Today".

# CNY PRIDE Interfaith Worship Service, Tues. June 14

**UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** will host this year's CNY PRIDE Interfaith Worship Service at 7 p.m. June 14. If anyone is interested in participating in the choir, please contact Pastor Alicia Wood at [pastoraliciawood@gmail.com](mailto:pastoraliciawood@gmail.com) . A reception will follow the service.

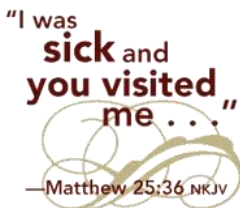
## Tables Needed



Folks, we would like to replace the old wooden tables in our Fellowship Hall and Large Sunday School Room with the white plastic tables. The old tables are very heavy and most of them have many dings and dents from years of use. If you would like to help, let Pastor Chuck know if you would like to purchase a table. A new plastic table costs \$49 and the church would take care of purchasing and pick up.

## 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	Mogens & June Hansen	Tom & Marilyn Putnam
Emily Dumas	Nancy Ravas	Rev. Catherine Salisbury
Violet Whitman	Bill & Daryl Martin	Betty Mangano
Marie Smith	Joan Waterbury	

*“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)

## Honoring the Graduates

Kaitlyn Armstrong	BA, Le Moyne College
Ayla Busch	Oswego High School Class of 2016
Lydia Tryon	Oswego High School Class of 2016

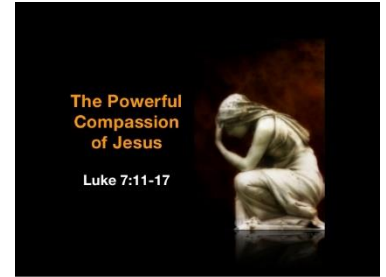
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# Worship Schedule for June 2016

## June 5<sup>th</sup>

Third Sunday after Pentecost/Communion  
Gospel Lesson - Luke 7:11-17  
Psalter – Psalm 146  
Lay Reading – Galatians 1:11-24  
Greeter: Betty Patrick  
Acolyte: Nolan Busch  
Lay Reader: Matthew Barnhart  
Counters: 1) Mary Lou Bjorkman (2) Lucille Becksted



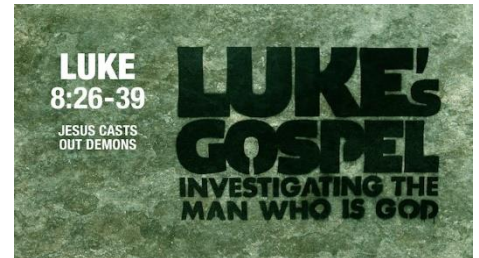
## June 12<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost/Sunday School Play  
Gospel Lesson - Matthew 25:31-40  
Lay Reading – Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
Greeter: Lee Furlong  
Acolyte: Braeden DePoint  
Lay Reader: Sue Comerford  
Counters: (1) Diana Rockhill (2) Linda Rosche



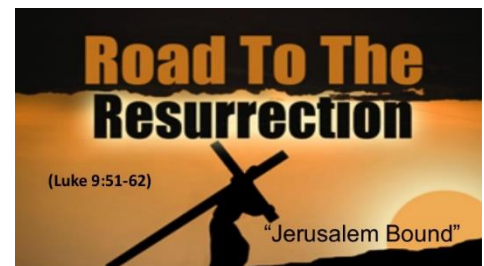
## June 19<sup>th</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
Gospel Lesson - Luke 8:26-39  
Psalter – Psalm 42  
Lay Reading – Galatians 3:23-29  
Greeter: Jean Kingsley  
Acolyte: TBD  
Lay Reader: Karen Poole  
Counters: (1) Sue Comerford (2) Mary Lou Bjorkman (3) Nancy Prarie



## June 26<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
Gospel Lesson - Luke 9:51-62  
  
Psalter – Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Lay Reading – Galatians 5:1,13-25  
Greeters: TBA  
Acolyte: TBD  
Lay Reader: Gloria Bickel  
Counters: (1) Debbie Daby (2) Vern Tryon



**June Altar Stewards:**  
Kris & Kaitlyn Armstrong

## June 2016 Birthdays

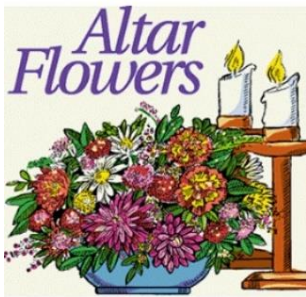
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Craig	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Becksted
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robin Tryon	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jeff Shappee
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Niya Emmons	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sandra Eby
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Caruth	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Randy Dohse
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Kuczawa	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	June Tryon
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mikayla Hardesty	June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lynnette DePoint



## June 2016 Anniversaries

June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Reuel & Valerie Todd	48 Years
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Greg & Pam Kuczawa	
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Matt & Beth Busch	23 Years
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tom & Marilyn Putnam	67 Years
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff & Carrie Fellows	33 Years
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Terry & JoAnn Stoutenger	57 Years
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rick & Cathy Van Patten	29 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 Sunday: June 5. 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](mailto:ddaby@twcny.rr.com)) or Randy Dohse (343-6097) with questions or activity ideas.

## Council on Ministries



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2:30 PM with 12-15 in attendance. The 3rd Saturday of each month at 3 PM, an ecumenical communion service is held.



### Nurture, Care, and Health

Coffee Hour: Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. Your treats and goodies are always appreciated. Don't forget, Nurture, Care & Health provides the coffee and beverages, plates and napkins. We need your help in keeping this fellowship going.

Thank you: We received many thank you cards from the Easter Shut-in Love gift recipients. Thanks to all who contributed to this very loving project.

### The Prayers & Squares Ministry:

Our next workshop will be Tuesday, June 14th, 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have fabric color auditions for some very special projects coming up. We will also audition and sort fabrics for future prayer quilts, boys shorts and girls dresses for Africa, and doggie and kitten beds for the humane society. Bring along a friend to join in the fun.

The following are the workshop dates for the remainder of the year.

June 14th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th

Looking Ahead: Our next Friendship Brunch will be held on July 10th. Karen Poole has something up her sleeve for fun and fellowship.

### Worship & Music

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



## Finance & Stewardship Committee Report for June 2016 Newsletter

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

- Rev. Rick Sivers led our worship services in the pastor's absence for medical leave. Betty Dingman provided leadership for comfort care and visitation to shut-ins.
- Primary elections were held in our building.
- The quarterly Friendship Brunch, in celebration of Earth Day, was held after church on April 10.
- Sixty-four pounds of food were given to The Salvation Army pantry.
- The Noisy Can Offering yielded \$111.19 for World Autism Awareness Day.
- Confirmation classes continued under the leadership of Betty Dingman.
- Our twice-a-year rummage sale with luncheon and bake sale was held and earned \$1,872.96.

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

- Contributions from those that pledge and those that contribute regularly but do not pledge amounted to over \$7,400 and fell short of expectations by nearly \$600. Income from all sources fell short of expectations by \$36.
- Total current expense expenditures fell short of projections by over \$4,500, largely because of reduced expenses for staff, maintenance, and fundraising expenses, but all areas but one spent less than expected.
- In summary, our year-to-date income is ahead of projections by about \$3,500 and our expenditures have been more than \$11,600 less than expected for the reasons noted above.

**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, June 15, 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.

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

## To the people of The United Methodist Church:



The Council of Bishops brings you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who has called us to be servant leaders of the church. In 1812, Bishop Francis Asbury, Bishop William McKendree and General Conference Secretary Daniel Hitt sent the first letter to churches following General Conference. This letter seeks to revive that tradition. Many bishops will also be communicating individually in their own areas.

Hundreds of lay and clergy delegates from around the world gathered in Portland, Oregon, along with bishops and pastors, church members and staff, volunteers and visitors, to engage in Christian conferencing, to make decisions for our church's future, to affirm our global connection, to worship and to celebrate God's faithfulness.

We celebrated the success of our Imagine No Malaria initiative, which seeks to raise \$75 million in the fight against malaria, a disease that takes the life of a child in Africa every two minutes. We celebrated our ecumenical partnerships as we move into full Communion with the Uniting Church in Sweden and toward full Communion with the Moravian church. We celebrated our heritage: the 250th anniversary of our oldest church, John Street United Methodist Church, the 200th anniversary of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women, the 25th anniversary of Africa University and others.

We continued in our acts of repentance with a presentation from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes about the Methodist involvement in the 1864 Sand Creek massacre. We shared in the consecration of deaconesses and home missionaries and the commissioning of missionaries. We moved toward a global Book of Discipline and global Social Principles. We voted to add five new bishops in Africa after 2020, and approved a churchwide study on our ecclesiology.

The Episcopal address set the tone for the event, focusing on humility and lifting up our accomplishments. We heard from our laity an invitation to members to be more involved in making disciples and getting involved in ministries to bring the love of Christ to others. We heard our young people say they "are engaged in Christ's journey with energy and love." We also heard them say clearly that they do not want a divided church and urged us to "be in unity even if we do not have unanimity." They give us hope for our future.

The body had difficult and challenging work before it as we acknowledged our differences over human sexuality. Amidst those differences, the delegates affirmed they want their bishops to lead and we found ourselves with an opportunity for a holy moment. We spoke candidly about what divides us and what our church might look like in the future if we dared to consider new possibilities. We offered a way forward, postponing decisions about sexuality matters and committing to having a different kind of global conversation that allows all voices to be heard.

Our differences do not keep us from being the body of Christ. They do not keep us from doing good in the world. They do not keep us from making a difference – and so we set forth bold new goals: to make a million new disciples of Jesus Christ; to engage 3 million new people to make a difference in the world; to transform 400 communities for vital abundant living; to reach a million children with lifesaving health interventions; and to double the number of vital congregations.

Most importantly, we affirmed our commitment to stay united. We proved that we are more than debates and divisions, more than rules and resolutions. We stood together as the body of Christ. As we reflect on our time in Portland, our prayer is for unity in the church for the advancement of our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As John Wesley reminded us, "Best of all, God is with us."

Signed on behalf of the Council of Bishops, --Bishop Bruce R. Ough, president of the Council



# June 2016

## Church Calendar Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

Tuesday Schedule 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

Wednesday Schedule 9 AM New Horizons Band  
 (WSched) 6 PM Cadette Girl Scouts

Thursday Schedule 10 AM Osteo Exercise  
 (ThSched) 10 AM Upper Room Prayer Grp  
 6 PM Daisy Girl Scouts  
 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 10am Worship	30 <b>Office closed for Memorial Day</b>	31 TSched	1 WSched	2 ThSched	3	4
5 10am Worship 11 AM MyGod	9	10 TSched	8 WSched	9 ThSched	10	11
12 8:30 AM UMM Breakfast 10am Worship	13 Newsletter deadline	14 TSched 6:30 PM P&S Workshop	15 WSched 7pm Finance	16 ThSched	17	18 3PM Springside Ecumenical Service
19 Father's Day 10am Worship	20	21 TSched	22 WSched 2:30pm Springside Bible Study	23 ThSched 3 PM PC dCOM Interview	24 Prayer Event Camillus Emanuel UMC 7-8:30 PM	25 Clergy Gathering Camillus Emanuel 9AM
26 10am Worship <b>4:30-6:30Pm Free Meal</b>	27	28 TSched	29	30		

