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From the Pastor

Note: This article on Stewardship is based on Jeremiah 29: 1-14.

There is in our time an exodus from public life in our society into private life, a narrowing of our world into what is personal and manageable. Perhaps it is because we have been disappointed too many times with the failure of leadership, or we have been disgusted with the behavior of leadership, or we have been frustrated with the changes that have happened in our society, all the diversity.

I can remember when we lived in essentially alike communities. At least they appeared that way, and certainly they operated that way. Everyone seemed to have the same values. Everyone seemed to have the same beliefs. But all that has changed now. Sameness is hard to come by in our time. Diversity is what describes us as a society now, especially in California.

And when you add all of that up, many people say, "I want out." And they find ways to get out. The voter statistics bear that out. There is an increased decline in voting over the last several elections. It seems to be an indication they just want out. They don't vote anymore. Some move to the fantasy of a haven some place. Or, they organize into ethnic, gender, political, and cultural special interest groups.

People used to belong to community organizations. Now they belong to special interest organizations. The ties that held community together are weakening. Those ties were found in service clubs, women's clubs, in lodges, all of which are on the decline. Some of them in serious decline.

The organizations that are growing are the special interest groups that unite people not to create community, but to exert influence for their political and private interests. The organizations that are growing today are not the organizations that cross over our differences. They are the organizations that emphasize our differences.

You can trace what is happening in our society through the architecture of the private home. Up to and through the II World War, homes in this country were built with front porches, because it was expected that people would sit on them and have conversation with their neighbors, some interaction with the community.

After the war the suburbs were built up. In the suburbs the family was moved to the backyard, to the patio. The community was narrowed to the family, and to a few invited guests. Later, with the advent of television, the family moved inside to the family room. The family sits around the television now. The rest of the world is shut out.

Then the final innovation, the introduction of the computer, which is a solitary experience. Recent studies indicate that computers do not create community as was prophesied by many, but they increase isolation. The community that is created by the computer, the Internet, is a universal one, not a local community. It is a

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specialized community of those with like interests. All of which increases the alienation and disinterest in what is happening locally, and thus in genuine community.

If there is community, then one has to face the neighbor. One has to get to know the neighbor. One has to love the neighbor. That is what makes our text for this morning so apt and so interesting. From the prophet Jeremiah, his advice to the exiles in Babylon.

Jewish theologians point to this text as a resource that the Jews have used to guide them in what is called the "Diaspora," the dispersion of the Jews after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., into all the nations of the world. They turned to scripture to discover some instruction, some meaning for their lives. They turned to Jeremiah. Which is what we are to do. Particularly if you feel exiled from the world that you grew up in, then Jeremiah is speaking to you. Or if you find yourself in a situation in this life that you don't want to be in, but there is nothing you can do about it, then Jeremiah is speaking to you. This is what Jeremiah has to say to you:

Build houses and live in them;
plant gardens and eat their produce.
Take wives and have sons and daughters....
Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile,
and pray to the Lord on its behalf,
for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The Jewish people have done that to a remarkable extent all around the world, even though they have been banned from countries wherever they have gone. They have established themselves as part of the community and contributed service and benevolence and social compassion in measures that are unequalled by any other group. And they have done it, at least in part, because they listened to Jeremiah. And they "built houses; and they planted gardens," and they "sought the welfare of the city in which they found themselves, and they prayed to the Lord on its behalf."

I want to suggest that that is the model of genuine stewardship. That is serious stewardship. That is biblical stewardship. Biblical stewardship is not giving a portion of my resources to charity. Biblical stewardship is based on the commandment of God, found in the creation, to have dominion. That means to go to work, and to make this place a better place. Dominion means responsibility.

Dominion used in the New Testament parables of Jesus is what the master gives the servant when the master goes away. He gives the servant power and authority to do something in this world. Then he returns, and asks, "What have you done with your stewardship? I expected you to use what was given to you to make this a better place."

The revelation in the Jeremiah passage is that stewardship is expected of you wherever you are. You can't say, "Well, we are just temporarily here." You can't say, "I am just a snowbird. I am just here for the winter. Our roots are someplace else." You can't say that. Nor can you say, "I am new here. I'll just let those old timers take the responsibility for the city." You can't say that. Nor can you say, "I feel like a stranger here. These people here, surrounding me now, are not my people. So I don't feel any responsibility now." You can't say that. Nor can you say, "I am too old," or "I am too poor," or "I am too anything else." This comes to us with biblical authority. "Build houses; plant vineyards; seek the welfare of the city in which you find yourself, and pray to the Lord on its behalf."

There are other biblical mandates that have to do with dominion. They all have to do with the same thing. They all say, "dig in," get to work. In fact, all the Bible is really interested in is, "What are you going to do with your life?" You will have to search hard to find commands in the Bible on what to believe. But you cannot avoid commands in the Bible on what you are supposed to do. Because according to Biblical faith, we are here to "dig

in," to be a part of a community, and to invest in that community, "to build homes; to plant gardens; to seek the welfare of the city."

Lawrence Haworth published a book a generation ago I guess now, entitled *The Good City*, in which he said there are two parts to the good city. The first is opportunity. The second is community. You can't have a good city with only one of those. He said what is wrong with American cities is that they have been used only for opportunity, and they have neglected community.

People have always come to the city for opportunity. Right from the very beginning, they come to make money. They feel that if they could live someplace else they would, but they have to be here because this is where they can find work. Cities are economic engines and they attract people for that reason. That is all right. They attract rich and poor alike, people of all nationalities, all races, all come together in the city for economic reasons.

For many Americans that is all that the city is good for. They don't feel any obligation to contribute to the welfare of the city. They take out of the city, but they don't put anything back into the city.

I think that it is significant that *Seinfeld* has been labeled as the defining sitcom of our age, according to *Entertainment Weekly*. The not so subtle message of *Seinfeld* was that the good life is going to be found only if you seek your own pleasure and don't think of anybody else. In fact, do you remember the last episode of *Seinfeld*? It parodied that message, as if it were a signature on the whole series, saying this is who we are. We are people who believe that the only good a city is for is opportunity, opportunity to find your own pleasure and your own wealth. Not only was community not mentioned or illustrated in that series, it was studiously avoided. Any sort of commitment or obligation to anything, or anyone, beyond the self was impossible. It could not happen.

The city exists for opportunity. But cities will become uninhabitable if they don't also create community, concern for one's neighbor, sacrifice of a portion of one's well-being for the common well-being, contributing to the welfare of all.

What is amazing about this passage in *Jeremiah* is the advice to exiles twenty-five hundred years ago. He presents to them the formula for the good city: "Build houses; plant gardens." You could say that is the opportunity side, the economic side of the city. "Seek the welfare of the city, and pray to the Lord on its behalf." That is the community side. That is the stewardship side. Stewardship is seeking the welfare of the place in which you live. Stewardship is giving back something of which you have received.

David Mazel is a writer. He is really an urban storyteller. He tells a story about Mr. Hoffman, who owns a corner grocery in his neighborhood. It was the kind of store, you will remember, where the owner of the store, or the clerk behind the counter, would reach up on the shelves and get things for you and put it in your bag. He knew your name, and would ask about your family.

He said Mr. Hoffman was usually very friendly, talked to everybody and smiled. But on this particular day when David Mazel went into the grocery store, Mr. Hoffman was in a different mood. His chin was in his hands, and he was staring out into space, in an empty store. Mazel said, "How are you?" Mr. Hoffman said, "I was just thinking about the time when I was a boy, and I went to the big city for the first time. I had never seen one. I spent the whole day looking up at the tall buildings and the tall people. When I got home I cried. I told my mother that the city made me feel that I don't matter, that I am so little and it is so big. She dried my eyes, and told me, 'You're wrong. Everybody matters. Everybody is a treasure.'"

Then he said this. "I am just a shopkeeper, that's all I am. Anybody can do that. I am overwhelmed, Mr. Mazel, by people like you. You are a published writer, and yet you are my friend and you pay attention to me."

Friendship exists when somebody pays attention to you. Community exists when a city pays attention to all of its citizens, and treats them as if they were a treasure. It is of major significance that this church will ask you in the Fall to make a financial commitment at the same time that you are called upon to vote in the national elections, because both are acts of stewardship according to Jeremiah. His counsel to us is, "Build houses; plant gardens; seek the welfare of the city, and pray to the Lord on its behalf."

In the 17th century there was a church built in the little village of Staffordshire, in England. There is a plaque in that church that reads like this:

In the year 1653
 When throughout the nation
 All things sacred were either demolished or profaned
 Sir Robert Shirley, Baronet, founded this church
 Whose singular praise it is
 To have done the best things in the worst of times.

We are to dig in. We are to seek the welfare of the city. We are to do the best thing always, even in the worst times.

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

Tom & Marilyn Putnam
 Betty Mangano
 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)



BIG thank you to the OCO Benson Avenue House for baking and providing the brownies dessert for 150 people at the July Free Dinner.

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Worship Schedule for September 2016

Sept 4th

16th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion – Labor Day Sunday

Gospel Lesson - Luke 14: 25-33

Psalter – Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

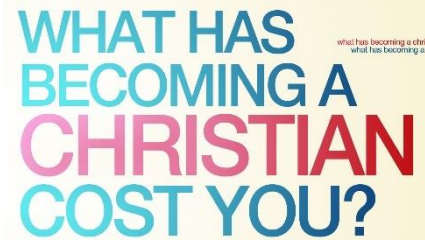
Lay Reading – Philemon Verses 1-21

Greeter: Bill & Diana Rockhill

Acolyte: Marc Barnhart

Lay Reader: June Tryon

Counters: Debbie Daby &



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BECOMING A
CHRISTIAN
COST YOU?

what has becoming a christian cost you
what has becoming a christian cost

Sept 11th

17th Sunday of Pentecost – Confirmation Sunday with Communion

WEAR RED

Gospel Lesson - Acts 2: 1-4, 17-21

Psalter – Psalm 104: 24-34

Greeter: Confirmation Class

Acolyte: Confirmation Class

Lay Reader: Confirmation Class

Counters: Bruce Holman & Linda Rosché



Sept 18th

18th Sunday of Pentecost – Rally Sunday Sunday School Begins

Noisy Can in support of ‘Helping Hands Cupboard’ at Fulton State Street UMC

Gospel Lesson - Luke 16: 1-13

Psalter – Psalm 79: 1-9

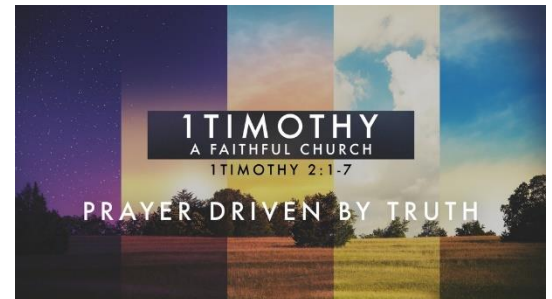
Lay Reading – 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Greeter: Vivian DeMent

Acolyte: Cailynn Barnhart

Lay Reader: Linda Rosché

Counters: Linda Rosché, Nancy Prarie, &
Sue Comerford



Sept 25th

19th Sunday of Pentecost

Gospel Lesson - Luke 16: 19-31

Psalter – Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

Lay Reading – 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Greeters: Vivian DeMent

Acolyte: Matthew Barnhart

Lay Reader: Bruce Holman

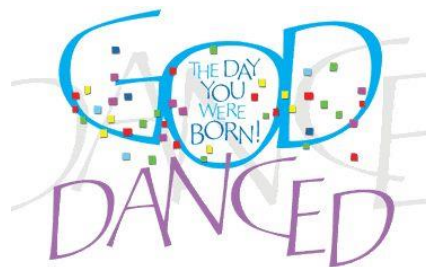
Counters: Bruce Holman &



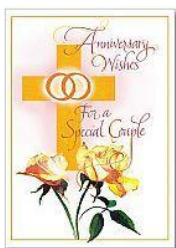
Altar Steward: Nancy Prarie

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September 2016 – Birthdays



1	Jordan Tryon	17	Carrie Fellows
2	Randy Farnsworth	17	David Kingsley
2	Derek Salisbury	18	Dan Williams
3	Nancy Tomlinson	21	Vern Tryon
6	Mason Margrey	21	Cooper William Klefbeck
9	Amaryss Sim Lock	25	David Wadsworth
11	Richard Everett Wheeler	25	Teagan Elizabeth Roy
11	Duane Stephens	26	Bruce Weir Holman
13	Gavin Shannon McNamara	28	Daryl Martin
14	Karl Dumas	28	Dylan Dunsmoor
14	Kerry Shawn Allen	28	Hayden Michael Beckwith
14	Sheila Harris-Ortiz	30	Tom Putnam
16	Carla Salisbury		



September 2016 – Anniversaries

September 1 st	John & Jeanette Reynolds	9 Years
September 19 th	Steve & Carla Salisbury	?? Years

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 \$39 and the church would take care of purchasing and pick up.

Spaghetti Dinner



The Girl Scouts will hold a fund-raiser spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 22nd in our Fellowship Hall. They are serving spaghetti and meatballs with a side salad and drink and will offer assorted deserts. Tickets are \$ 10 presale and dinner goes from 4pm to 7pm.



Confirmation Sunday for the 2015-2016 Class of Confirmands is September 11th at 10 AM. The confirmands will conduct the worship service with Pastor Chuck. Communion will be served. The confirmands are:

Jeremy Barnhart
 Matthew Barnhart
 Cailynn Barnhart
 Marc Barnhart
 Noah Cordone
 Braeden DePoint
 Collin Dohse
 Dylan Dunsmoor

Fall Rummage Sale
 Sept. 30th – Oct. 1st



Our annual Fall Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, September 30th from 9-4 for the rummage and bake sale; the luncheon on Friday will be from 10-1; and, the bag day will be Saturday, October 1st from 9-1.

We ask that clothing be gently used and clean. Games, toys, and kitchen items must work and have all of their parts. We will not accept TVs, stereos, or other large electronics. You may bring yours items for drop off on Monday through Wednesday, September 26th-28th all day. Final drop off is Thursday, September 29th at noon.

We can always use volunteers during the week and for the sales. Please contact the church and let them know if you can help.

Annual Church Charge Conference
 Saturday, September 17th 10 AM



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What is a charge conference? It is an annual meeting of the church where officers are elected for the coming year. It also receives reports, reviews and evaluates the total mission and ministry of the congregation, and adopts objectives and goals recommended by the administrative council. It also recommends candidates for the ordained and licensed ministry to the District Committee on Ordained Ministry.

Members of the Administrative Council are members of the Charge Conference. The district superintendent calls the meeting and presides over it. Anyone may attend the meeting.

Life Line Screening will be at our church on Friday, September 23rd in the Fellowship Hall. This marks the fifth year Life Line has used our facilities for their screening. Call 800.718.0961 for an appointment.



Transitions

By Pastor Chuck



July 3rd, 2016 H. Dale Slife went home to be with the Lord at the age of 86.

He was educated in Staplehurst and Seward, NE, and graduated from CTI in Kansas City, MO with his electronics degree. During the Korean War, Dale served 4 years with the US Navy as an Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class, completing a mission in Iceland as an Airdale. He met the love of his life, Mary Eloise Spaulding, RN on the beaches of Fort Lauderdale, FL while stationed in Jacksonville and Key West, FL. He courted her with poems and they enjoyed 59 years of marriage. He was employed with General Electric, Utica, NY for 34 years as Quality Control Engineer. Dale was an active member of the First United Methodist Churches of Minetto, NY and New Hartford, American Legion Post #1000 Chadwicks, NY, and the GE Elfuns. With his wife, he volunteered for JCTOD, Mohawk Valley Refugee Center and was on Board of Directors of Hope House for 11 years. They received the Oneida County Good Neighbor Award in 1999.

He was predeceased by his parents and sisters Nadine Hoyt and Georgia Bennett. He is survived by his wife Mary Eloise of Oswego; daughters Barbara (Ronald) Fay of Candor, NY and Janet (David) Takach of Marcellus, NY; son David Slife (Pina Caso) of Port Chester, NY; grandchildren Dale Fay and Rebekah Fay of Candor, NY; great-grandchildren Keanna and Karlee Fay, and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.



July 5th, 2006: Rev. Dr. Catherine Salisbury, our Pastor Emerita, went home to be with the Lord at the age of 99.

Catherine was born November 18, 1916 in Pulaski, the daughter of Guy and Eva Chase Frary. She graduated from Pulaski Academy as Salutatorian in 1933. She married Charles Salisbury in 1935. They lived on a dairy and poultry farm in Pulaski. He died December 9, 1978. She received Bachelor and Master Degrees in Education at SUNY Oswego and taught at Central Square and Sandy Creek Central Schools, retiring in 1979. She received a Master of Divinity degree (cum laude) from Drew Theological School in Madison, NJ in 1982 and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, NY in 2001.

She was ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church and served as a fulltime pastor at the Philadelphia and Evans Mills UM Churches and the Mannsville and Lorraine UM Churches. After mandatory retirement at age 70, she served two years as associate pastor at the Ellisburg, Henderson and Belleville UM Churches, four years at Park UM Church in Pulaski, and two years at Asbury UM Church in Watertown. During those same years, she served part-time as interim pastor at Antwerp and Spragueville UM Churches, at Carthage and Champion UM Churches, and at Sandy Creek and Orwell UM Churches. From 1998 until 2000 she served as pastor at Christ Church Parish, a charge made up of Dugway, Altmar and Fernwood UM Churches. She formerly served as a member of the Ontario District Board of Ordained Ministry, the District Council of Ministries, the District Board of Church Building and Location, and the Northern New York Conference Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Marilyn Maurer of North Syracuse, Lois (Juan) Olaiz of Arizona, two sons, Donald (Maria Cecilia), of Texas, and David (Shelley) of Georgia, a daughter in-law, Barbara Salisbury of Pulaski, 12 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles, four brothers, George, Robert, Harrison and Willard Frary, and three sons, Warren, Richard and Bruce.

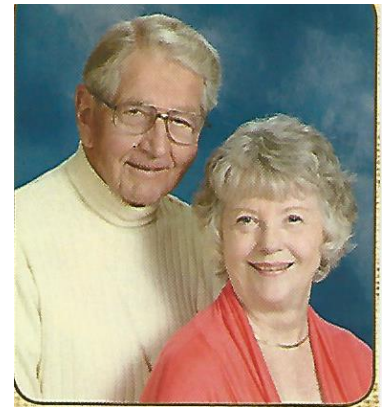


July 16th, 2016 Jerry Bailey and Donna Moody were joined in marriage at the Minetto United Methodist Church. Officiating was Pastor Chuck Forbes. The Matron of Honor was Diana Hardesty, daughter of Donna. The Bride's Maids were Janna Moody, Mikayla Hardesty, and Alexa Hardesty. Flower girl was Taylor Wallace. Best Man was Larry Bailey, brother of Jerry. The Ushers were Tyler Wallace and Kevin Moody. Ringbearers were Konner Moody and Bailey Wallace.

August 10th, 2016 Fred Raes went home to be with the Lord at the age of 92.

He was a retired Coast Guard Commander of 25 years and was stationed in Oswego from 1961-1965. He attended US Coast Guard Academy in New London Ct. and graduated with a BS degree in Engineering. Upon retirement, he graduated from Syracuse University with a MS degree in mathematics and taught in Corcoran High School in Syracuse until retiring again in 1995.

Surviving are his wife, Grace; children Jon Raes (Jenna Weitzel), of Syracuse; Eric Raes (Nanette), of Baldwinsville; brothers, Tom Raes (Kathy), of Rochester; Bob Raes (Sue) of Apopka, FL; step children, Sandra Miller (Don), Laurie Burns (Tom), Jerry Blum (Cheri), James Blum (Gail); 11 step grandchildren; 16 great step grandchildren; 2 great-great step grandchildren.



August 20th, 2016 Michael Stiles and Hailey Spencer were joined in marriage at BayShore Grove with Pastor Chuck officiating. Hailey is the grand-daughter of Laura Kinney.



Preparations are already underway for our Harvest Turkey Dinner scheduled for Saturday, October 15.

We served 798 meals and raised over \$4,000 at last year's dinner. We depend upon the harvest dinner's earnings to narrow the gap between our church's income and expenditures. It typically accounts for about 4 to 5% of our annual current expense income. Over the 15 years since 2000, we have served 11,970 dinners for a total profit of \$72,992, averaging \$4,866 per year. The average profit per meal over that period has been \$6.10.



Leadership for the project has been reorganized to provide broader involvement and assure continuity of the popular annual event. The leadership team includes: **Carla Salisbury**, food preparation and storage; **Nancy Prarie**, dining room set-up and operation; **Steve Salisbury**, turkey purchasing, carving, and storage; **Karen Poole**, cutting, packaging, and storing homemade pies; **Jerry and Donna Bailey**, purchasing of supplies; **Mike Hardesty**, set-up of building and grounds; and **Vern Tryon**, advertising, publicity, personnel, and general oversight. Of course, our success depends upon having everyone in the church involved as in previous years and that is what makes it such an important fellowship activity as well as fundraiser.

As this is written in mid-August, the next steps to be taken over the coming days and weeks include:

- Preparing letters to volunteers reminding them of their roles last year and inviting them to participate again this year.
- Placing orders for turkeys, bread, potatoes, squash, and other supplies.
- Telephoning volunteers to secure their commitments to participate.



Council on Ministries (CoM)

Council on Ministries is comprised of committee chairs for the various missions and ministries of Minetto United Methodist Church. The purpose of Council on Ministries is to coordinate the programs, missions and activities of the church. Committees represented on Council on Ministries include Missions; Evangelism; Worship & Music; Nurture, Care, and Health; and, Christian Education. The CoM Chair for 2016 is June Tryon.

Ministry Reports:

† Evangelism:

- Pastor Chuck will assume the role of chair temporarily and be responsible for community involvement.
- Diana Rockhill will continue her shut-in visitation ministry and a recruitment of visitation/communion server volunteers will take place.



† Nurture, Care, and Health:

- Gloria Bickel has decided to step down as co-chair (Jan. 1st) and will instead devote her time and efforts to the Prayers & Squares Ministry.
- Karen Poole has recruited Nancy Prarie to be her co-chair.
- Gloria shared with the CoM bereavement clothes for babies – possible placement of the clothes at Oswego Hospital and Golisano Children’s Hospital.
- July patriotic friendship brunch was a success with lots of delicious food and fellowship.
- Prayers & Squares Ministry will be working on dresses and pants for the children as well as more quilts and pillows.
- The annual sewing marathon for the children’s dresses and pants will be September 19th beginning at 9 AM.



- Planning meeting for 2017 will be October 4th at 6:30 PM.
- Christmas gifts for shut-ins will be distributed December 11th.

† Worship & Music:

- Mihoko Tsutsumi's last day with us is August 28th. We have two leads for potential pianists from Oswego State.
- Praise music will resume on the third Sunday of the month for September – November.
- A musical will be performed by the Chancel Choir on Rally Sunday, September 18th.
- Training of acolytes and scheduling of acolytes is now the responsibility of Worship & Music.



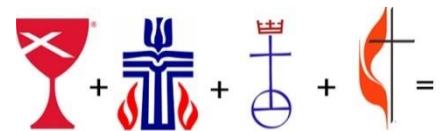
† Christian Education:

- Becky Craig has offered to advise the committee until new directors are named. In the interim, Pastor Chuck will act as the director.
- Curriculum for the Fall was ordered and has been received: Bible Lessons for Youth (BL4Y) and Deep Blue.
- The structure of Sunday School is under development: at this time, classes will be held for prek-to-1st grade; and, Grades 2-5. After considerable discussion, it was hoped that the older students will attend worship services with the possibility of more structured lessons that could be built into the MyGod youth group/ Unless more teachers become available, this appears to be an alternative.
- Rally Sunday, start of Sunday School, will be Sunday, September 18th.
- The following people have agreed to be teachers: Becky Craig, Beth Busch, June Tryon, Wynnette Dohse on a rotation basis. There is an immediate need for 3 or 4 more elementary level teachers who would work on rotation.
- Barn Service will be directed by Pastor Chuck and Worship & Music.



Other Business:

- † Ecumenical Dinner/Bunco – September 18th at 5 PM. Our Lady of Perpetual Help is in charge if the dinner and games.



Our Ecumenical Family

Looking Ahead: October 2016

1 st	9-1	Bag Sale
2 nd	10 AM	World Communion Sunday
4 th	6:30 PM	Nurture, Care, and Health 2017 Planning Meeting
9 th	8:30 AM	UMM Men's Breakfast
13 th -14 th		Harvest Dinner Set Up
15 th	4 PM	Harvest Dinner
16 th	10 AM	Laity Sunday
19 th	7 PM	Finance & Stewardship
22 nd	4-7 PM	Girl Scout Fund Raising Dinner
21 st -22 nd		PC at Course of Study, Buffalo
23 rd	4:30 PM	Free Meal



Wondering about the wishing well in the Narthex?

The wishing well is used to collect monies to help support Heifer International. An organization founded by a farmer from the mid-west more than 70 years ago.

They empower families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity, but the approach is more than just giving them a handout. Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas

with a long history of poverty. The animals provide partners with both food and reliable income as agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey to be traded or sold at market.

When families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives, forming community savings and funding small businesses. Thank you for your support.



UMCOR Responds to Louisiana Floods



Greg Forrester, UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response executive, called the disaster “catastrophic,” and recalled that it follows on the heels of “massive” spring floods in Louisiana. He said UMCOR had just approved a long-term disaster-response grant to aid the Louisiana Conference in its response, when floodwaters again impacted the state, affecting some of the same areas as the previous event.

UMCOR is collaborating with FEMA and other national disaster response organizations, including the American Red Cross, Lutheran Disaster Response, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, and the umbrella group, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD). “The Red Cross national office reached out to us, and we have connected them with the Louisiana Annual Conference leadership, as well as with UMCOR Sager Brown for warehouse space, cleanup buckets, distribution assistance, and shelter for evacuees,” Forrester stated.

The best ways to help

“The best ways to help are to assemble and send cleanup buckets and to support the **UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response Advance, #901670**, with your donations,” he stated. “This will allow us to assist the most vulnerable communities in need because of this and other disasters.”

Forrester reminded readers that, in mid-August, the U.S. is approaching the height of the Atlantic hurricane season, and he said the current supply of cleanup buckets will be exhausted by this event. “We need your prayers and cleanup buckets, cleanup buckets, cleanup buckets!” he said.

Your gift to **UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670** will help UMCOR respond to this and other disasters across the United States.



Nurture, Care & Health

Coffee Hour: Nurture, Care & Health supplies the coffee, tea and beverages. The sign-up sheets for coffee hour is on the long table in Fellowship Hall. Your treats do not have to be a result of your own culinary prowess! Store bought works just as well. Whatever, your treats are always welcome.

The Prayers & Squares Ministry Workshop: We will have a Prayers & Squares Workshop September 13th, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue to prepare for our sewing marathon of pillowcase dresses and pants scheduled for, Monday, September 19th. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Support Project: Our craft booth set up for Magic in Minetto was a complete success even with low attendance due to the weather. We have turned in approx. \$190.00 and we have a few orders to fill for more profits. A thank you to all those who donated their handicrafts and helped us out in our booth. A big thank you to Jeanette Heath for the shelter.

Looking ahead: Friendship Brunch: (2016 Quarterly) The next brunch is October 9th; the theme is Halloween.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 17th at 6:30 PM in the Mowry Lounge. This will be a 2017 Planning meeting.



Volunteers Needed for 2017

Your church has a need for you to step forward and volunteer to be a part of some of our ministry areas.

† We are in need of Sunday School

teachers. Our long-time directors: Wynnette Dohse, Becky Craig, and Jeff Rothrock stepped down last school year after being the directors of the Sunday School for at least seven years (as long as I have been here – so they may have been in their positions even longer). They always conducted a wonderful Sunday School program and we are very grateful for their contributions to educating our youth.

We currently have four volunteers committed to teach. We need at least 3-4 more volunteers. If you can do one Sunday a month – you would be welcome. If you can do a whole month – we would be exceptionally happy. The curriculums are easy to follow and all of the materials are ready for you to review and prepare at any time.

If you feel called to teach, please contact Pastor Chuck (Pastor@MinettoUMC.org) or June Tryon (June@Tryon.com).

† We are in need of a church treasurer. Do you ‘love’ math -and- balance your checkbook each month? Then, you could be our treasurer. Besides paying bills, our treasurer also does the payroll and produces the employees IRS forms. How to do all of these things has been well documented and the instructions are easy to follow. For more information, contact Pastor Chuck (Pastor@MinettoUMC.org) or Vern Tryon (Vern@Tryon.com).

Finance & Stewardship Committee Report

for the September 2016 Newsletter

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

- Several of our youth attended church camp at Casowasco with some financial help from our Harold and Mildred Clark Memorial Fund.
- Fifty-two pounds of food from our collection were given to The Salvation Army pantry.
- The Noisy Can Offering yielded \$151.68 for school supplies for students at Minetto Elementary School.

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

- Contributions from those that pledge and those that contribute regularly but do not pledge amounted to over \$9,200 and exceeded expectations by over \$1,200. Income from all sources met expectation at over \$9,500.
- Total current expense expenditures, at \$8,910, were nearly \$3,600 less than expected; largely because of reduced expenses for staff and maintenance, but all areas spent less than expected.
- In summary, our year-to-date income is ahead of projections by over \$5,900 and our expenditures have been about \$21,000 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. Speak to Marilyn Stephens or Vernon Tryon to make purchases.
- 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, August 17, 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; **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 & Stewardship Committee (343-9692, 529-0120 or Vernon@Tryon.US); **Rick VanPatten**, chairman, Trustees; and **Carla Salisbury** and **Bruce Holman**, at-large members.

Church Calendar Abbreviations

TSched 9 AM New Horizons Chorus
 10:30 AM Osteo Exercise
 4 PM Sounds of Brass
 6 PM Cub Scouts
 6:30 PM Concinnity

WSched 9 AM New Horizons Band
 6 PM Girl Scouts

ThSched 10 AM Osteo Exercise
 10 AM Upper Room Prayer Group
 6 PM Girl Scouts
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 ThSched	2	3
4 10 AM Worship with Communion	5 Labor Day Holiday Office Closed	6 TSched	7 WSched	8 ThSched	9	10
11 8:30 AM UMM Breakfast 10 AM Confirmation Sunday with Communion	12 Cub Scouts Kick-off Night	13 TSched PEO 1:30-3:30 Guest Chef Dinner 4:30-6:30 Salvation Army	14 WSched	15 ThSched	16	17 10 AM Annual Church Charge Conference 3 PM Springside Service
18 10 AM Rally Sunday - Sunday School Begins 5 PM Ecumenical Dinner	19 Sewing Marathon 9 AM	20 TSched Noon Clergy Luncheon	21 WSched Finance 7 PM	22 ThSched	23 Lifeline Screening (FH)	24 Donahue/March Wedding 1 PM
25 10 AM Worship 4:30 PM Free Dinner	26 Fall Rummage Sale Set Up	27 TSched	28 WSched	29 ThSched	30 9-4 Rummage & Bake Sale 10-1 Luncheon	