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From the Pastor

As I look over this past year, my heart is heavy for the losses our church family has incurred. We've experienced the passing of dear family members as well as friends. Maybe your family has had a rough year too. Life will never be the same, and yet, that's often the way life presents itself – unpredictable, fleeting, ever-changing. In the troubles of life, I've come to recognize my deep need to be grateful for all I have. As the song goes,

Count your blessings, name them one by one, count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

When I start counting my blessings, I remember our God is so good. God is compassionate and merciful, very patient and full of never-ending love for his children (Ps. 103:8). Yes, life is frail. Scripture tells us the days of a human life are like grass: they bloom like a wildflower; but when the wind blows through it, it's gone; even the ground where it stood doesn't remember it. But the Lord's faithful love is from forever ago to forever from now for those who honor him. (Ps. 103:15 – 17a).

In my effort to honor God, I want to praise God and bless the Lord with my whole being. Because of God's mighty love, I want to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Col. 3:12). As I count my many blessings, I rejoice and give God thanks for the gift of my family. I am blessed with their love and support. In all our times of loss, we have counted on our love for each other and the strong right hand of God to hold us up and give us strength. For that, I am thankful.

The counting continues as I recognized how blessed I am to be your pastor. In just a few short years we have grown in our love for each other, and I give God thanks for you. You have been loving, kind, generous, supportive, patient and encouraging. You are the best! And this year when I count my blessings, I'm thanking the Lord he made you. With a thankful heart, I want to share the following song with you. You can search for it on YouTube.

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Thanksgiving Prayer by Johnny Cash

We've come to the time in the season, when family and friends gather near –
to offer a prayer of Thanksgiving, for blessings we've known through the year

To join hands and thank the creator and now when Thanksgiving is due
this year when I count my blessings I'm thanking the Lord He made you.

I'm grateful for the laughter of children, the sun and the wind and the rain
the color of blue in your sweet eyes, the sight of a high ball and train

The moon rise over a prairie, old love that you've made new
this year when I count my blessings, I'm thanking the lord He made you.

And when the time comes to be going, it won't be in sorrow and tear
I'll kiss you goodbye and I'll go on my way, grateful for all of the years.

I thank for all that you gave me, for teaching me what love can do
Thanksgiving day for the rest of my life, I'm thanking the Lord He made you.

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

Mogens & June Hansen

Tom & Marilyn Putnam

Emily Dumas

Nancy Ravas

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)

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Worship Schedule for November 2016

Nov 6th

All Saints Sunday with Communion

Gospel Lesson - Luke 6:21-30
Psalter – Psalm 149
Lay Reading – Ephesians 1:11-23
Greeters: Chad & Erin Platten
Acolyte: Marc Barnhart
Lay Reader: Jeffrey Barnhart
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Debbie Daby



Nov 13th

26th Sunday after Pentecost/Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday

Gospel Lesson - Luke 21:5-19
Responsive reading: Isaiah 12
Lay Reading – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Greeter: The Bruns Family
Acolyte: Braeden DePoint
Lay Reader: Lynette DePoint
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Bruce Holman



Nov 20th

Christ the King/Communion/Noisy Can

Gospel Lesson - Luke 23:33-43
Responsive reading: Luke 1:68-79
Lay Reading – Colossians 1:11-20
Greeters: Vern & June Tryon
Acolyte: Cailynn Barnhart
Lay Reader: Rachel Pekarek
Counters: Nancy Prarie, Sue Comerford & Mary Lou Bjorkman



Nov. 23rd

Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service at 6:30 PM

If you have visitors in town for Thanksgiving, bring them to this *short* but intimate service. You are asked to bring non-perishable food items to this service that will be distributed to the area food pantries.



Nov 27th

First Sunday of Advent/Communion/Hanging of the Greens/United Methodist Student Day

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 24:36-44
Psalter – Psalm 122
Lay Reading – Romans 13:11-14
Greeter: Lynne Hawksby
Acolyte: Matthew Barnhart
Lay Reader: Steven Tryon
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Debbie Daby



Altar Steward: Lynn Visconti

November 2016 – Birthdays

Nov. 3rd Mackenzie Dunsmoor
Nov. 5th Barry Kingsley
Nov. 8th Linda McFall
Nov. 12th Marilyn Boyea
Nov. 15th Mattilynne Purchas
Nov. 17th Jeff Margrey
Nov. 29th Heather Hawksby



November 2016 – Anniversaries

Nov. 1st Paul & Karen Poole
Nov. 13th Brian & Melinda Stoutenger
Nov. 27th Mr. & Norma Pooler

MYGOD: MINETTO YOUTH GROUP OF DISCIPLES

MyGod is open to any young person in 5th grade or over. We usually meet at 11 AM until Noon on Sundays as specified by our schedules in the Barnard Room. Our meeting dates in November are:

Sunday, November 13th, and
Sunday November 20th.

Feel free to contact Debbie Daby (343-8301 / ddaby@twcny.rr.com) or Randy Dohse (343-6097) with questions or activity ideas (or Pastor Chuck as well).



Nurture, Care & Health



Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour: Look for a new sign-up sheet that will be available for people to sign-up and become part of our Sunday coffee hour team. Coffee hour is great time to spend a little time with our church family. The fun and fellowship



The Prayers & Squares Ministry Workshop:



coming together for a wonderful cause.

We have currently been working on the dresses and pants for the little girls and boys in Africa and Haiti. The dresses and pants will be blessed on Sunday, October 30th. We have had a great response from our church family along with our community and it has been heartwarming to see the fellowship with so many people

We are always looking for new team members. If you are interested in joining our Nurture, Care & Health team please contact Gloria Bickel, Karen Poole or Nancy Prarie.



November 23rd at 6:30 PM
Join us for a Thanksgiving Eve Communion
Service
Public is Welcome

Attendees are asked to bring
a non-perishable food item for the local food
pantries.

**The Advent Season begins Sunday,
November 27th.**



Join us in decorating the church for the
Advent/Christmas Time on Saturday,
November 26th at 9:30 AM.

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.

Finance & Stewardship Committee Report for the November 2016 Newsletter

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

- † The new carillon in memory of Joanne Reidy was dedicated on September 25.
- † Life Line screening held a prevention and wellness screening assessment in our Fellowship Hall for a sold-out clientele.
- † September 11th saw the confirmation of eight young people and the United Methodist Men's breakfast.
- † Rally Sunday was marked on September 18 with the resumption of Sunday School. An ecumenical dinner and Bunco with Our Lady of Perpetual Help was enjoyed that evening.
- † \$182 was contributed to flood relief in Louisiana.
- † The Scout groups that meet in our church are busy launching their programs for the year.
- † 55 pounds of food from our collection were given to The Salvation Army pantry.
- † The Noisy Can Offering yielded \$116.55 for the Helping Hands Cupboard at Fulton State Street UMC to purchase necessities that cannot be bought with food stamps.

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

- † Contributions from those that pledge and those that contribute regularly but do not pledge amounted to over \$9,000 and exceeded expectations by over \$1,000. Income from all sources also exceeded expectations by nearly \$150.
- † Total current expense expenditures, at \$9,200, were nearly \$3,300 less than expected; largely because of reduced expenses for staff and maintenance, but most areas spent less than expected.
- † In summary, our year-to-date income is ahead of projections by over \$3,700 and our expenditures have been about \$28,000 less than expected for the reasons noted above. We are seeing the benefit of the major renovation projects we have done in the form of fewer emergency repairs.
- † Over \$600 was contributed to our Capital Campaign Fund in September and the year-to-date total is \$1,700.

We hope you will indicate your financial intentions for 2017 by returning the form that was recently mailed to you. If you did not receive the mailing, please speak to Bruce Holman.

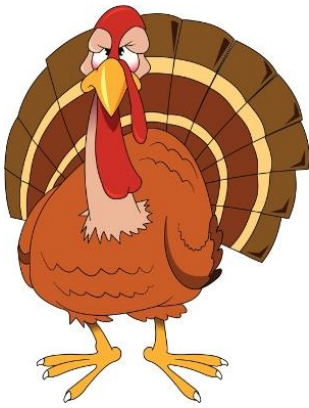
We welcome your suggestions and questions and invite you to attend any of our meetings. We normally meet at 7:00 P.M., on the third Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. Copies of our reports, minutes, or the budget will be provided upon request to Bruce Holman.

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; **Bruce Holman**, chairman, Finance & Stewardship Committee; **Steve Salisbury**, Lay Leader and Member of Annual Conference; **Marilyn Stephens**, Financial Secretary (216-6725); **Steven Tryon**, chairman, Administrative Council; **Vernon Tryon**, Treasurer (343-9692, 529-0120 or Vernon@Tryon.US); **Rick VanPatten**, chairman, Trustees; and **Carla Salisbury**, at-large member. Our Stewardship Study Committee, chaired by **Bruce Holman**, includes **Jerry Bailey**, **Karen Poole**, and **Charlie Zawisza**.

Harvest Turkey Dinner 2016

Another harvest turkey dinner has come and gone and now we can appreciate what we accomplished. 105 of us worked and contributed to serve 723 dinners and earn \$3,893.20.



The members of the leadership team offer their sincere thanks to every one of our church and community for the many hours of work done at home and at church, the contribution of pies and the roasting of turkeys, the financial contributions, the loaning of equipment, and the purchase of dinners. It is the willingness of our people to go above and beyond what was asked that enables us to conduct this project. We are grateful to everyone that participated in any way.

It is appropriate to note the exceptional contribution made this year by Don Gifford. When Carla Salisbury suffered a back injury that kept her away from the dinner, Don stepped forward to take her place as well as his own. He was in the kitchen Wednesday through Saturday cooking squash, carving turkeys, making all the gravy and doing many other tasks besides making pies and roasting a turkey at home. Tell Don “Thanks” when you see him.

We will have a meeting to evaluate this year’s dinner after church on Sunday, November 6, in the large classroom. If you have suggestions or concerns but cannot attend the meeting, give them to any member of the leadership team named below.

This year’s numbers (with last year’s in parentheses) were:

- † The dining room served 150 dinners (193)
- † Carry-out customers bought 211 dinners (204)
- † Drive-thru customers in 141 vehicles (160) bought 362 dinners (401)

- † The dining room served 21% of this year’s dinners, carry-outs 29%, and drive-thru 50%.
- † Our expenses were \$3,892.46. We had gifts in kind and cash of \$847.66, not including the value of donated pies. Our sales amounted to \$6,938. Our profit on each dinner this year was \$5.38.

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 16 years since 2000, we have served 12,693 dinners for a total profit of \$76,825, averaging \$4,802 per year. The average profit per meal over that period has been \$6.05.

Leadership for the project this year was 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.

Church Calendar Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

Tuesday Schedule 9:00 AM New Horizons Chorus
 (TSched) 10:30 AM Osteo Exercise
 4:00 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) 6 PM Daisy Girl Scouts
 6:30 PM Choir Practice



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 TSched	2 WSched	3 ThSched	4	5
6 All Saints Sunday Communion Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8 TSched Election Day	9 WSched	10 ThSched	11 Veterans' Day	12
13 8:30 AM UMM Breakfast 10 AM Worship 11 AM MyGod	14 Council on Ministries 6:30PM	15 TSched	16 WSched 7 PM Finance	17 ThSched	18	19 3 PM Springside Communion Service
20 Christ the King Communion Service 11 AM MyGod	21	22 TSched	23 WSched 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service	24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 9:30 AM Decorating the church for Advent
27 Hanging of the Greens Service 1st Sunday of Advent Free Meal	28	29 TSched	30 WSched 7 PM Admin Council			