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From the Pastor

Recipe for a Happy New Year. Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. Amen.

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	Marie Smith
Emily Dumas	Nancy Ravas	Betty Mangano
Violet Whitman	Bill & Daryl Martin	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)

MY GOD: Minetto Youth Group of Disciples

Meetings are scheduled after worship until 12 noon on the following Sundays: Jan 15 & 22 and Feb 12 & 19. 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.

Oswego City School District Voting

On Tuesday, January 10th, 2017, voting on two propositions for the Oswego City School District will take place at the Minetto UMC Fellowship Hall from noon – 7 PM (District 4). Groups utilizing the facility should make plans to meet in other rooms.

Oswego County New Horizons Chorus – meet in the Sanctuary (9-10:30 AM)
Osteo Exercise Group – meet in the Large Sunday School Room (10:30-Noon)
Cub Scouts – meet in the Large Sunday School Room (6 PM)

Administrative Council 2017 Meeting Dates

January 25th, April 26th, August 30th, and November 29th

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Transitions

Transitions is a reporting of events that happened to members of our congregation since the last newsletter was published.



Earl “Jerry” Bailey, 78, of Bundyville passed away Wednesday, November 30th, 2016, unexpectedly from a tragic accident. He proudly served as one of the original “Boys from Syracuse” in the Air Force National Guard. Jerry retired from Nestle, in Fulton, after 40 years. He was an active member of the Minetto United Methodist Church, as well as a life member of the Volney Fire Department, Fulton Moose Lodge #1280 and Fulton Elks Lodge #0830. He was predeceased by his parents, Earl C. and Virginia Loughrey- Bailey; his sister, Janet Bailey and his first wife, Genevieve “Jean” Lathrop-Bailey.

Jerry is survived by his brother, Larry; second wife, Donna Moody-Bailey; an aunt, Lorraine Trenga; children, Debbie (Andy) Denery and Connie (Doug) Wallace; grandchildren, Jermey (Maureen) Wallace, Lynne (Matt) Wallace-Watson and Jennifer (Mark) Sharkey; step-children, Kevin(Kelly) Moody and Diana (Michael) Hardesty; step-grandchildren, Alexa and Mikayla Hardesty and Janna and Konner Moody; great-grandchildren, Tyler and Taylor Wallace, Cole, Marley and Ella Sharkey, and his namesake, Bailey Wallace, as well as several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.



Marilyn J. Putnam, 90, of Minetto, died December 10, 2016 at the Oswego Hospital.

Born in Mansfield, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Pearl (Strom) Thompson. She was employed at Sealwright, Columbia Mills and retired from Alcan in 1986. Marilyn enjoyed painting and her dog Duchess. She was a member of the Wally Byam AirStream Club and the Minetto United Methodist Church. She was predeceased by her brothers, Willis, Robert, Richard, and Albert Thompson.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Thomas Putnam, whom she married on June 19, 1949 at the West Baptist Church; along with her daughters, Karen (John) Crisafulli, of Oswego; Susan (Kenneth) Patrick, of Fulton; Janet (Dennis) Dumas, of Fulton; Diane (Frank) Bartholomew, of North Carolina; her son, Thomas (Diane) Putnam, of Camillus; a twin-sister Carolyn Warner of Volney; nine grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Chad & Erin Platten sold their home in Minetto and have now moved to Weedsport, NY.

Marie Smith is now a resident of the Manor at Seneca Hill.

Mary Cipra continues rehab at the Manor at Seneca Hill.

Jim Tallman transferred his church membership to University UMC in Syracuse, NY.

Worship Schedule for January 2017

Jan 1st

Epiphany Sunday/ Communion
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12
Psalter: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, UMH #795
Lay Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12
Greeter: The Congregation
Acolyte: Matthew Barnhart
Lay Reader: Marilyn Stephens
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Deb Daby



Jan 8th

Baptism of the Lord
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17
Psalter: Psalm 29, UMH #761
Lay Reading: Acts 10:34-43
Greeter: Steve & Carla Salisbury
Acolyte: Jeremy Barnhart
Lay Reader: Jeff Rothrock
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Deb Daby



Jan 15th

2nd Sunday after Epiphany/Human Relations Day/Noisy Can
Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-42
Psalter: Psalm 40:1-11, UMH #774
Lay Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Greeter: Charles & Nancy Zawisza
Acolyte: Jeffrey Barnhart
Lay Reader: Nancy Prarie
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman, Sue Comerford, Nancy Prarie



Jan 22nd

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23
Psalter: Psalm 27:1, 4-9 UMH# 758
Lay Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Greeter: Karen Poole
Acolyte: Marc Barnhart
Lay Reader: Gloria Bickel
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman &



Jan 29th

4th Sunday after Epiphany
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12
Psalter: Psalm 15, UMH# 747
Lay Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Greeter: Glen Suckling
Acolyte: Cailynn Barnhart
Lay Reader: Frank Bickel
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman &



January Altar Steward: Wynnette Dohse

Advent Barn Service 2016

Big thankyou to a very successful Barn Service at the Greco Farm on Christmas Eve. Special thanks to the stage managers: Wynnette Dohse and Jeff Rothrock; the music leader: Mary Lou Bjorkman; the Emcees: Ayla Busch and Pastor Chuck; all the people who helped with the set up; and, all of the youth. And a special thanks to Mark & Kathleen Greco for their continued support of our nativity presentation, year-after-year at the farm.

Approximately 200 people attended the service.



Nurture, Care & Health



Welcome to a New Year! With this new year come some changes to the Nurture, Care & Health team. Gloria Bickel is stepping down as Chair of this mission after many dedicated years of service. We thank her for her unwavering support in this area. Gloria will continue to head the Prayers and Squares Ministry which brings comfort to many. Karen Poole and Nancy Prarie will be Co-Chairs of Nurture, Care & Health. Any questions can be directed to either of them. New members are always welcome!

Coffee Hour: We are trying something new this year. We are looking for 22 people who would be willing to commit to hosting 2 coffee hours during the year. We only need to put out a dessert, fruit, or veggies. The drinks, coffee, and paper supplies will be provided by Nurture and Care. Coffee hour is a wonderful, relaxing time to connect with our church family. We have several people who have signed up but would always welcome more. If you would like to participate in this contact Karen or Nancy.

There will be no coffee hour on January 1st. Our first get together will be a **Friendship Brunch** on January 8th. The theme is Winter Warmth. Please bring your place setting and a dish to pass. Beverages will be supplied by Nurture, Care & Health.

Funeral Luncheon: Thank you to all who donated food and helped in any way for Marilyn Putman's funeral luncheon. This is a comforting way for our church family to show support of families at a sad time.

The Prayers and Squares Ministry Workshop: We will not have a Quilting/ Craft Workshop in January. Our next workshop will be on Friday, February 3rd, 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please note: this will be the first time to meet in the morning. Look for further information coming out about workshops. It is a wonderful time to gather for fun and fellowship.

Thank you to everyone who took a Christmas shut-in bag and brought a little sunshine to our church friends who can't attend church.

May 2017 be a blessed year for everyone and thank you for your continued support of this ministry.
Submitted by, Karen Poole and Nancy Prarie

January 2017 Birthdays

Jan. 2nd Kay Shaver
Jan. 4th Joe Hawksby
Jan. 6th Lucille Becksted
Jan. 6th Lynn Hawksby
Jan. 6th Bill Martin
Jan. 8th Grace Raes
Jan. 16th Glen Dumas
Jan. 17th Beth Busch

Jan. 18th Joan Waterbury
Jan. 19th Robert Whitman
Jan. 20th Garrett Dunsmoor
Jan. 21st Austin Lipphardt
Jan. 21st William Gibson
Jan. 21st Christ Whitman
Jan. 22nd Fred Adams
Jan. 23rd Jill Bruns

January 2017 Anniversary

Shawn & Sylvia Allen 40 Years
on Jan. 29th

Finance & Stewardship Committee Report for the December 2016 Newsletter

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

- † The pastor is leading monthly ecumenical services at Springside
- † 67 pounds of food from our collection were given to The Salvation Army pantry.
- † The Noisy Can Offering yielded \$161.62 for the benefit of the Minetto Elementary School.
- † Our free dinner in November yielded \$128.00 and _____ were served.
- † St. Pauly receipts for the month were \$114.25.

The following are financial highlights for the month of **November 2016**:

- † Contributions from those that pledge and those that contribute regularly but do not pledge amounted to over \$6,500 and was under the budget amount by \$1,500. Income from all sources was lower than budgeted by \$2,762.
- † Total current expense expenditures, at \$8,136.27, were \$4,366.41 less than expected. Most areas spent less than projected.
- † **In summary, our year-to-date income is ahead of projections by nearly \$11,000 and our expenditures have been about \$31,000 less than expected.**
- † Over \$686.00 was contributed to our Capital Campaign Fund in November and the year-to-date total is \$8,547.00.

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 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, January 18th, 2017. 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, to receive credit for possible tax benefit.

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

JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Epiphany Sunday Worship & Communion	2	3 TSched	4 WSched	5 ThSched	6 Epiphany of the Lord	7
8 Baptism of the Lord Sunday Worship	9 Worship & Music 6:30 PM	10 Oswego City School Elections Noon – 7 PM	11 WSched	12 ThSched	13	14
15 Worship MyGod Human Relations Day	16 Martin Luther King Day Office Closed	17 TSched	18 WSched	19 ThSched	20	21 Springside Ecumenical Service 3 PM
22 Worship MyGod 4:30 PM Free Dinner	23	24 TSched	25 WSched Admin Council 7 PM	26 ThSched	27	28 District Training Day @Cicero UMC
29 Worship	30	31 TSched				