

# Minetto United Methodist Church



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## From the Pastor

### Naked Faith: Revealing Resurrection

“The disciples said, ‘When will you become revealed to us and when shall we see you?’ Jesus said, ‘When you become naked without being ashamed and take up your garments and place them under your feet like little children... then will you see the child of the living one, and you will not be afraid.’” *Gospel of Thomas Saying 37*

“A lot of people refuse to do things because they don’t want to go naked, don’t want to go without guarantee. But that’s what’s got to happen. You go naked until you die... Embrace the change, no matter what it is; once you do, you can learn about the new world you’re in and take advantage of it.” *Nikki Giovanni*

In the season of Lent, as we prepare ourselves for Easter, we push further into the mysteries of life and death and new life, and our faith requires more and more –more daring... more risk... more vulnerability... And, as we move past our fear to give more, we gain more, and death becomes life. It is a naked faith, experiencing God with all of who we are, that reveals resurrection to us. It is a process we intentionally practice in Lent of transforming death into new life.

During Lent, you will be given a rock during worship. We will ask you to write on the rock one word that reflects a fear, a concern, the first name of someone who needs prayer, etc. The rocks will be brought forward and a cairn will be built on the altar. Each week building up more-and-more. On Easter Sunday, these rocks will be transformed.

Lent begins March 1<sup>st</sup>. Come join us at 6:30 PM for the Ash Wednesday Service.



Shalom, Pastor Chuck (and Rohan)

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## 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	June Hansen	Marie Smith
Emily Dumas	Nancy Ravas	Betty Mangano
Violet Whitman	Bill & Daryl Martin	Joan Waterbury
Mary Cipra		

*“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)



### Lent 2017

The season of Lent will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> with an Ash Wednesday Communion service at 6:30 PM.  
The Holy Week schedule will be:

April 9 <sup>th</sup>	10 AM	Palm Sunday Service	
			Chancel Choir Cantata ‘No Stone Could Hold Him’
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	
	6:30 PM	Seder Dinner	
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	7 PM	Good Friday Service	
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	9 PM	– Midnight Easter Prayer Vigil	
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight – 7 AM	Easter Prayer Vigil	
	10 AM	Easter Communion Service	

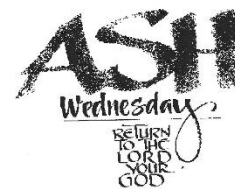
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## Worship Schedule for March 2017

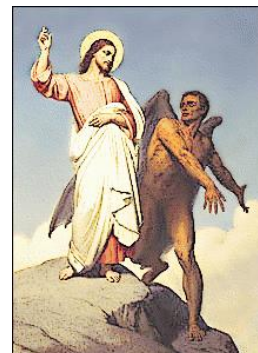
**March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**6:30 PM**

Ash Wednesday w/Communion  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21  
Responsive Reading: Ps. 51: 1-3,6-7, 9-13,15  
Lay Reading: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17a



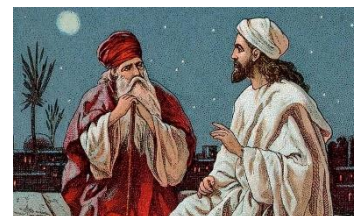
**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent / Communion  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 4: 1-11 Temptation of Christ  
Responsive Reading: Ps. 32  
Lay Reading: Romans 5: 12-19  
Greeter: Fred Dumas  
Lay Reader: Charles Zawisza  
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman and Deb Daby



**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent/Girl Scout Sunday  
Gospel Lesson: John 3: 1-17 Nicodemus  
Responsive Reading: Ps. 121  
Lay Reading: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17  
Greeter: Lynn Hawksby  
Lay Reader: Mary Lou Bjorkman  
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman and Sue Comerford



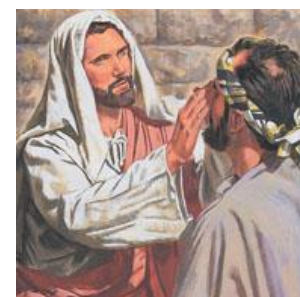
**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent /Noisy Can  
Gospel Lesson: John 44: 5-42  
The Woman at the Well  
Responsive Reading: Ps. 95  
Lay Reading: Romans 5: 1-11  
Greeter: TBA  
Lay Reader: Sean Simonson  
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman, Nancy Prarie,  
and Sue Comerford



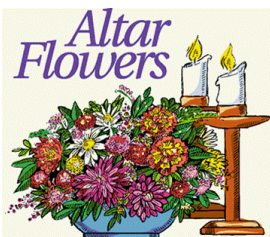
**Mar 26<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Gospel Lesson: John 9: 5-41 Healing the Blind Man  
Responsive Reading: Ps. 23  
Lay Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14  
Greeter: Busch family  
Lay Reader: Karen Poole  
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman and Sue Comerford



Altar Steward: Carla Salisbury

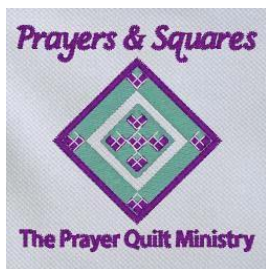
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Dates are available in March for memorial altar flowers to be displayed. If you wish to honor/remember someone with altar flowers, please contact the office and let the staff know the date and who the memorial is for.

## Nurture, Care & Health

We had an outstanding response of dishes for Al Heath's funeral luncheon that was coordinated with the Scriba Fire Department. Jeanette and her family wish to thank everyone for the wonderful response of food, love, and caring. The Firemen were extremely pleased with the number of dishes and the support. It is such a wonderful ministry to provide comfort to people at a time of sadness and grief.



The Prayers and Squares group met the morning of February 3rd. Animal beds were made from left over scraps of material and quilts were pinned and labeled. Everyone enjoyed the work and fellowship. The next meeting will be March 21 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Newcomers are always welcome!

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be an Easter Friendship Brunch right after church. Bring a dish to pass, your place setting, and a pleasant memory of your Easter celebrations past. Hope to see everyone there!



The next Nurture, Care & Health meeting will be August 15, 6:30 in the Mowry Lounge. We would love to see some new faces and everyone is welcome! Happy Spring and Blessings!

*Co-Chairs Karen Poole & Nancy Prarie*

## St. Pauly Textile



In 2016, roughly 17,426 garments of clothing were donated to our shed. This was enough to clothe an estimated 2,113 people. This clothing is being used right now by people in one or more of 44 different countries to which our clothing is likely to have been distributed this past year.

Our congregation and the community raised \$ 800 in 2016 through hosting this shed.  
Well done, Minetto UMC.

## Finance & Stewardship Committee Report for the March 2017 Newsletter

We should be grateful for all the ministries that were accomplished in the month of January 2017, including:

- † The pastor is leading monthly ecumenical services at Springside
- † The Noisy Can Offering yielded \$150.82.
- † Our free dinners in January yielded \$416.00.
- † St. Pauly receipts for the month were \$100.54.

The following are financial highlights for the month of January 2017:

- † Contributions from those that pledge and those that contribute regularly but do not pledge amounted to \$14,581.56 and was over the budget amount by \$4,413.31. Income from all sources was more than budgeted by \$3,855.95.
- † Total current expense expenditures, at \$9,769.54, were \$2,589.21 less than expected. Most areas spent less than projected.
- † In summary, our year-to-date income is ahead of projections by \$3,855.95 and our expenditures have been about \$2,589.21 less than expected.
- † Over \$612 was contributed to our Capital Campaign Fund in January and is \$220.00 less than budgeted.

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.

*As you can see, our current income is more than our expenses, for which we are very grateful. But less than 15 percent of our congregation has returned their pledge cards, this makes it difficult to realistically plan on how much income we can count on to meet future expenditures of the church. If you did not receive a pledge card or forgot to return the card, please speak to Bruce Holman or Marilyn Stevens and we will be pleased to provide one.*

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, March 22nd. 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

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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](mailto:Vernon@Tryon.US)); **Rick VanPatten**, chairman, Trustees; and **Carla Salisbury**, at-large member. Our Stewardship Study Committee, chaired by **Bruce Holman**, includes **Karen Poole**, and **Charlie Zawisza**.



### March 2017 Birthdays

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nancy Zawisza	6 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Stephens	7 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Dumas
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Mitchelson	7 <sup>th</sup>	Gloria Stone	8 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Kinney
10 <sup>th</sup>	Debra Farden	10 <sup>th</sup>	Diana Rockhill	10 <sup>th</sup>	Rebecca Luebke
12 <sup>th</sup>	Allyson & Lucas Bruns	14 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Miller	15 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Dumas
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Tallman	17 <sup>th</sup>	Tegan Margrey	19 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Boyea
19 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Rosché	19 <sup>th</sup>	Betsy Sweeting	25 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Dumas
25 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremy Fadden	26 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Bradt	26 <sup>th</sup>	Bailey DePoint
26 <sup>th</sup>	Samantha Gardner				

### MyGod: Minetto Youth Group of Disciples

Meetings are scheduled after worship until 12 noon on the following Sundays:

Mar 12 & 26 and

Apr 9, 23 & 30.



*Becoming Our Lord's Disciples*

Additionally, we have an afternoon of fun planned for Sun, March 19, 1:30 – 6 PM.

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.

## Transitions



### Mogens Hansen

(July 6, 1926 - January 25, 2017)

Mogens Hansen, age 90, passed peacefully in his home on January 25, 2017. He was born on July 6, 1926 in Odense, Denmark to Agnete Gedrun Hansen and Oluf Richard Hansen.

Mogens is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, June Hansen of Oswego, NY (member of the Minetto UMC congregation); daughter Lis Jenkinson of South Carolina; son Jens Hansen of Florida; son Ole Hansen of Tennessee; daughter Karen (Rod) Brown of South Carolina; stepdaughter Susan (Renee) Jennings of Oswego, NY; stepdaughter Debra (Paul) Heagerty of Oswego, NY; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.



### R. Alan Heath

(November 29, 1948 - January 28, 2017)

R. Alan Heath, 68, passed away January 28th at Oswego Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. Born on November 28, 1948 in Utica, Al was the only son of Grace (Moffett) Heath originally from Woodbridge, NJ and L. Robert Heath originally from German Flats, Herkimer, NY. In 1966, Al graduated from West Genesee High School, Camillus, NY and completed his BS in Education/Industrial Arts at SUNY Oswego in 1970.

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, Jeanette Christel (Berry) Heath; his sons, A. Erik (Mindy) of Oswego, NY; Stephen (Pamela) of Salina, NY; and Todd (Rachel) of El Paso, TX; and four grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren.



On February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Crossroads District Committee on Ordained Ministry (dCOM) conducted the annual interview for Pastor Chuck. The purpose of the interview is to assess the progress the pastor is making toward the completion of his Course of Study and celebrate the ministries of the Minetto UMC.

The dCOM re-affirmed Pastor Chuck's appointment to the Minetto UMC for 2017 and will recommend to Bishop Webb the renewal of Pastor Chuck's local pastor license at Annual Conference in June.

Church Calendar Abbreviations

TSched 9:00 AM New Horizons Chorus  
 10:30 AM Osteo Exercise  
 4:00 PM Sounds of Brass  
 6:00 PM Cub Scouts  
 6:30 PM Concinnity

WSched 9:00 AM New Horizons Band  
 6:00 PM Girl Scouts

ThSched 10:00 AM Osteo Exercise  
 6:00 PM Girl Scouts  
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal



**March 2017**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 PEO 9:30am WSched <b>6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service</b>	2 ThSched	3 World Day of Prayer	4
5 <b>10 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Communion</b>  Bible Study	6	7 TSched	8 WSched	9 ThSched	10	11
12 UMM Men's Breakfast 8:30am <b>10 AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 11AM MyGod	13	14 TSched	15 WSched  Finance 7pm	16 ThSched	17 	18 Springside Ecumenical Service 3pm
19 <b>10 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Noisy Can MyGod 'Funday' 1:30pm	20	21 TSched	22 WSched	23 ThSched	24 <b>PC at Course of Study Buffalo</b>	25 <b>PC at Course of Study Buffalo</b>
26 <b>10 AM 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 11am MyGod 4:30 PM Free Dinner	27	28 TSched	29 WSched	30 ThSched	31	