

# Minetto United Methodist Church



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## From the Pastor

### **Very special news to share with you!**



Carrie Fellows announced on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, that the five Barnhart children will no longer be known as Barnhart's. The children petitioned the court to change their last name to Fellows and the court agreed. It may take some getting used to, but this is wonderful news for this family. What a show of love these children have given to their grandmother and their late-grandfather, Jeff.

## Attention All Graduates

June means graduations and the awarding of the Harold & Mildred Clark Memorial Scholarships.

Parents, if you have a child graduating from high school in June, he or she is eligible to apply for a Clark Scholarship. Please have your child write a letter to the church (addressed to me), including the following information:

- † What the church has meant to them and what influence it has had on their life
- † Achievements while in high school – academic, sports, extra curriculum, etc.
- † Plans following graduation

Letters must be received by May 21<sup>st</sup> for consideration.

In addition, anyone else who is graduating from college, trade school, community college – please share that with me and I will publish a full list of graduates on June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday the church will recognize graduates.

Shalom,  
Pasto Chuck (and Rohan)

## Our Shut-ins

Please lift 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 & Fred Dumas	Nancy Ravas	Betty Mangano
Violet Whitman	Bill & Daryl Martin	Joan Waterbury
Mary Cipra	June Baxter	

*“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)*

### The Shut-ins Prayer by Jimmy Martin & The Sunny Mountain Boys - 1960

Last night as the moon pulled anchor and sailed down the milky way  
It peeked through an old front window where a lonely shut-in lay.

The moon seemed to shine much brighter, each star seemed to nod it's head,  
The night seemed so strangely peaceful, when they heard what the shut-in said.

Dear God way up in heaven I earnestly pray to thee,  
And my prayer, oh Lord, was thou answered and lay a healing hand on me.

This vain world seems to forget me, Lord and I've been a shut-in so long,  
I'm needing thy love, dear Jesus and still in my heart a song.

Lord, I ask not for gold or silver and no diamonds to call my own,  
Just give me that touch of healing, I'm so weak and all alone.

I trust that I'm not asking too much of thy heavenly wealth,  
When humbly, dear Lord, I pray thee just give me back my health.

Then off to dreamland the shut-in drifted yes, God heard what the shut-in said,  
The night seemed so strangely peaceful, when they heard what the shut-in said.

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## Worship Schedule for May 2017

### May 7<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/ Communion

Gospel Lesson: John 10: 1-10 'A Shepherd to Follow'

Responsive Reading: The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

Lay Reading: Acts 2: 42-47, and  
1 Peter 2: 19-25

Lay Reader: Cailynn Fellows

Greeters: Steve & Carla Salisbury

Counters: Mary Lou and TBA



### May 14<sup>th</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Gospel Lesson: John 14: 1-14

'The Way, the Truth, and the Light'

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

Lay Reading: 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Lay Reader: Beth Busch

Greeter: Donna Reed

Counters: Mary Lou and Debbie Daby



### May 21<sup>st</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Heritage Sunday/Praise Music

Gospel Lesson: John 14: 15-21 'If you love Me'

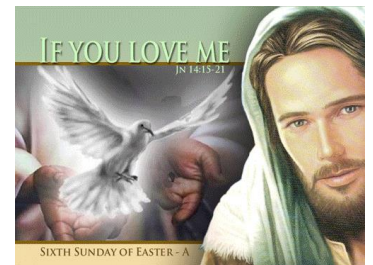
Responsive Reading: Psalm 66: 18-20

Lay Reading: Acts 17: 22-31

Lay Reader: Lynette DePoint

Greeter: The Congregation

Counters: Mary Lou, Sue Comerford, & Megan Rothrock



### May 28<sup>th</sup>

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Memorial Day Sunday

Gospel Lesson: John 17: 1-11 'Eternal life now'

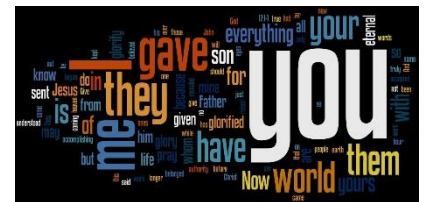
Responsive Reading: Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

Lay Reading: 1 Peter 4: 12-14, and  
1 Peter 5: 6-11

Lay Reader: Bruce Holman

Greeter: Vivian DeMent

Counters: Mary Lou and Debbie Daby



### Altar Stewards:

Jeff & Megan Rothrock

## May 2017 – Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Douglas Dodge  
2<sup>nd</sup> JoAnn Stoutenger  
Megan (Reidy) Norton  
4<sup>th</sup> Jessica Reidy  
5<sup>th</sup> Tom Machuga  
Grace Bruns  
6<sup>th</sup> Abigail Kinney  
Lynn Visconti  
8<sup>th</sup> Vern Harris  
Matthew Farden  
9<sup>th</sup> Fred Dumas  
Robert Samuel Pekarek

11<sup>th</sup> Victoria Stoutenger  
14<sup>th</sup> Arlene Dodge  
Lawrence Dodge  
Jason Taylor  
15<sup>th</sup> June Baxter  
Lori Kingsley  
16<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Kean  
Jeanette Heath  
20<sup>th</sup> Shari Gibson  
Peggy Arter  
21<sup>st</sup> Maryn Margrey  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sophia Aguanno

25<sup>th</sup> Jeffrey Fellows  
28<sup>th</sup> Betty Patrick  
29<sup>th</sup> Allison Rolander  
30<sup>th</sup> Jake Gardner  
31<sup>st</sup> Donna Reed



Don & Rhoda Gifford May 15<sup>th</sup> **One Year**

## MyGod: Minetto Youth Group of Disciples

Meetings are scheduled after worship until 12 noon on the following Sundays: May 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Any youth in 5th grade and higher is welcome to join in for some fun and a chance to spend time with other youth.



*Becoming Our Lord's Disciples*

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.



## Prayers & Squares

Next workshop will be Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We will be sorting fabric, pressing, sewing and pinning prayer quilts. Bring a craft or quilt you are currently working on for show and tell. Everyone is welcome!

*May your sorrows be patched and your joys quilted.*

Any questions please contact Gloria Bickel at [fgbickel36@aol.com](mailto:fgbickel36@aol.com) or call 315-343-5791.

# Council on Ministries Report

*By June Tryon, Chair*

**Education:** Attendance in Sunday School was discussed again at our most recent meeting: not only are we lacking children but there have not been any infants in attendance.



The adult study on Christianity & Islam is continuing through May and June.



**Missions:** Projects and activities continue and are up to date. Pastor Chuck showed us pens that have been purchased for our visitor packets. Noisy Can offerings have been going well. Remaining Noisy Can offerings will include: May: Brown Memorial, June: Children's Dyslexia Center of CNY, July: Back to School for Minetto Elementary, August: Operation Christmas Child, September: Helping Hand Cupboard in Fulton, October: Angel Tree, November: Veteran's Administration, and December: The Salvation Army.

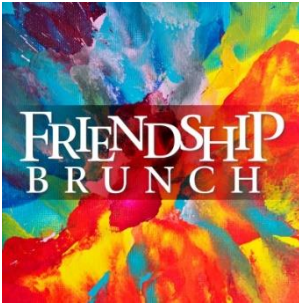
**Nurture Care and Health:** Coffee Hour slots still need to be filled. The Prayers and Squares ministry has now made and given out 204 prayer quilts. There was a funeral meal provided for Patrick Boyzuck, son of Peggy Arter and grandson of Jean Kingsley. The Friendship Lunch with an Easter Theme on April 2nd was very successful. Many people attending shared good memories of Easter past. Easter love gifts were delivered to our shut-ins.



**Evangelism:** There is some interest in revisiting a Care Team Ministry which would take communion to shut ins. Pastor Chuck will take some initiative in putting a team or two together. The Ecumenical dinner and Bunko night was held on April 30.

**Music and Worship:** Holy Week plans included a Palm Sunday service with a Cantata titled No Stone Could Hold Him, Holy Thursday worship with foot washing and a Seder dinner, a Good Friday service, and Easter worship including the living cross and the transformed rocks which were given out at communion. Mary Lou reported on other upcoming events which will include Music Heritage Sunday on June 18 where all groups who practice in our facility will be invited to participate. She acknowledged a special thanks to Rick Van Patten and others who provided additional lighting for the choir.





The next Friendship Brunch will be July 16 and the theme is summer/patriotic.  
We hope everyone join in.

The Minetto UMC UMM Men's group will meet at 8:30 AM on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for breakfast, devotion, and project(s) planning/updates. All men, young and old, are welcome to attend.



## Minetto UMC Board of Trustees

*By Bob Bruns*

### Potential Projects for 2017 (in order of current priority)

- † Garage roof replacement
- † Garage exterior painting - volunteers or draftees
- † Spread crushed asphalt on unpaved portion of parking lot (approx. 20 cubic yds.)
- † Remote temperature and water leak monitoring for church (free for 3 years)
- † Replacement of circulating water pump for hot water heating system
- † Education wing exterior painting - volunteers or draftees
- † Seal parking lot and repaint lines
- † Education wing roof replacement

### Other proposed expenditures

Tables and chairs for fellowship hall

### May Free Meal Date Change

## **DATE CHANGE**

Please be aware that our Free Meal which usually falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, has been moved to Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> due to the Memorial Day Holiday, May 28-29. Please share this with your friends and neighbors.



## Pastor's Report

### Continuing Education/Candidacy Process:

- † Attending seminary course in Buffalo on the weekend May 5-6
- † Will be enrolling in Bible II: The Torah for Oct. 13-14 and Nov. 17-18; and, Bible III: The Gospels for Aug. 11-12 and Sept. 15-16.

### Programs/Projects in progress:

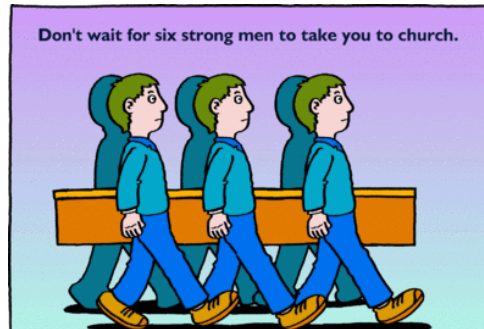
- † Adult Bible Study of Christianity and Islam in progress.
- † Have been asked to conduct a worship service, once a month, at the Manor. No firm plans yet.
- † Am in talks with the Minetto Fire Dept. as to my involvement as a 'lay chaplin.'

### Serving the Community

- † Salvation Army Advisory Board
- † Conducting the Ecumenical Communion Service at Springside the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

### Congregational/Membership Changes

- † Weddings: 3 bookings so far: two for 2017 and one for 2018
- † Baptisms: adult and child baptism being planned
- † Deaths/Funerals 2017
  - 01.25.2017 Mogens Hansen (not a member, husband of June Hansen)
  - 01.28.2017 Alan Heath
  - 04.01.2017 Patrick Boyzuck (Mother, Peggy Arter, member of congregation)



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

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

- † The pastor is leading monthly ecumenical services at Springside
- † The Noisy Can Offering yielded \$167.62 benefiting Human Concerns
- † Our free dinners in January yielded \$293.00 in donations

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

- † Contributions from those that pledge and those that contribute but do not pledge amounted to \$9,599.00 and was under budget by \$569.25. Income from all sources was \$1,672.67 less than the amount budgeted for.
- † Total current expense expenditures however, at \$438.30, were \$1,398.38 less than expected
- † Minetto UMC has received sufficient funds during the month and all bills have been paid.
- † \$224.04 was contributed to our Capital Campaign Fund in March 2017.

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:

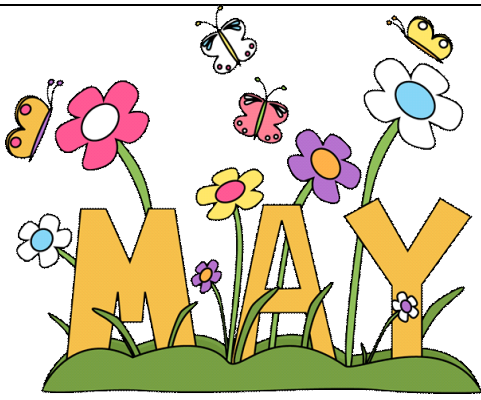
- † Depositing your unwanted used clothing in the collection shed behind the church.
- † Purchasing our commemorative Christmas ornaments and telling your friends and neighbors with a connection to our church or Minetto about them. Speak to Marilyn Stephens or Vernon Tryon to make purchases.
- † Using 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. As we stated last month, 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 are pleased to announce that the sanctuary sound system which was recently repaired in working extremely well. We now have a total of ten listening devices on hand for those that require them to better hear the services at Minetto UMC.

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, May 17, 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, in order to receive credit for possible tax benefit.





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

**May 2017**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 TSched	3 WSched	4 ThSched	5 <b>Rummage &amp; Bake Sale 9-4 Luncheon 10-1</b>	6 <b>Bag Day! Rummage &amp; Bake Sale 9-1</b>
						PC in Buffalo
7 UM Men's Breakfast 8:30am 10 AM Worship with Communion 11AM MyGod	8 7 PM SP/PRC	9 TSched	10 WSched	11 ThSched	12	13
14 10 AM Worship (no Coffee Hour) Mother's Day	15	16 TSched	17 WSched Finance 7 PM	18 ThSched 11 AM Jerry Bailey Burial Service	19	20 Ecumenical Service @Springside 3pm
21 Noisy Can 10 AM Worship 11AM MyGod 4:30 PM Free Dinner	22	23 TSched	24 WSched	25 ThSched	26 Pekarek Wedding Rehearsal (offsite)	27 Pekarek Wedding (offsite)
28 10 AM Worship	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 TSched	1 WSched	2 ThSched	3	4

Secretary's Office Hours Monday-Friday 1:30-4:30 PM  
 Pastor's Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30  
 Evening Appointments available upon request