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From the Pastor

Evangelism is the business of the angels. The word "angel" really means messenger. Angels are not fluttering, white-winged beings. An angel is one who speaks for God -- one who shares discovered joy. Someone pointed out to me that the word "angel" appears in the middle of the word "evANGELism." Evangelism simply means being God's messenger by sharing the good news of God's love in Christ with others.

The primary motive for evangelism is to bring others to acknowledge of God's love in Jesus Christ. However, an equally important motive relates to the life of the church. Unless evangelism stands at the center of a congregation's ministry, that congregation will begin to wither on the vine. Much has been said in our times about the decline of mainline denominations and the growth of fundamentalist denominations. In almost every case, the reason for the growth of any church can be traced to an enthusiastic witnessing to the gospel.

Some denominations aren't as comfortable with the "are you saved" approach to evangelism as others. But that's not the only way to witness to one's faith. We don't have to be judgmental or pious to be enthusiastic about our faith. I can point to any number of people in congregations who are there because they were personally invited by another member. That's evangelism. That's enthusiastic witnessing. That is sharing our faith. And that is vital to the continued health and growth of the church's ministry.

The need for evangelism is greater now than ever before in our history. As long-time members retire to other communities, it is important that new people take their place. But these new families need to be invited! That is a task which belongs to every member of every congregation throughout the world. We can advertise about our congregation until the cows come home. But in the final analysis, it is through the personal witness of individual Christians that the church of Jesus Christ grows and fulfills its mission. It will take your active witness to make it happen.

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.



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| June Baxter | Fred & Emily Dumas | Karen Eason |
| June Hansen | Bill & Daryl Martin | Nancy Ravas |
| Marie Smith | Joan Waterbury | Violet Whitman |
| Norma Pooler | | |

“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)

Farewell Note from Rick Sivers

I want to take a few lines of the newsletter to let everyone know how grateful I am to have been a part of this church, for the ten years I served as pastor (1997-2007) and for the last three and a half years in retirement. Now it is time for me to move on to a new experience. As soon after Jan. 10 as weather permits, I will be moving to Philadelphia, PA; first to live with Jennifer and Michael and then into a more permanent home. I need to be somewhere that I can be anonymous and not entangled by affiliations with organizations and responsibilities that take me away from my writing. I will maintain my apartment here for several more months, until the weather clears and it’s easier to make the move. My email address will remain the same, but my phone will be through my cell phone only. Once settled, I’ll forward the information along to the church office. Thank you again for your kindness and grace during this time together and I wish you all the best.

Rick Sivers



Women of the Bible

Rev. Linda Harris is willing to lead a Bible Study called Women of the Bible. It is a set program with a book. You could just come and not get a book at all, come the first time and see if you want your own book or email or call Wynnette Dohse, wkdoehse@gmail.com (315-343-6097) and let her know to reserve a book for you. Cost will be \$7.00

for your book. You can pay her when she gives you the book. The sooner you let her know the sooner you will get the book. The Bible Study will start, **Monday, January 22nd at 9:00 AM** in the Mowry Lounge. All are welcome.

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Worship Schedule for January 2018

Jan 7th
(white)

Epiphany Sunday/ Baptism of the Lord/ Communion
Pastoral Reading: Mark 1:4-11
Responsive reading: Psalm 29, UMH #761
Lay Reading – Acts 19:1-7
Greeter: Steve & Carla Salisbury
Lay Reader: Nancy Prarie
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Sean Simonson



Jan 14th
(green)

2nd Sunday after Epiphany/Human Relations Day
Pastoral Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20
Responsive reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, UMH #854
Lay Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Greeter: Charlie & Nancy Zawisza
Lay Reader: Jill Brunns
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Sean Simonson



Jan 21st
(green)

3rd Sunday after Epiphany/ Noisy Can/Ecumenical Sunday
Pastoral Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Responsive reading: Psalm 62:5-12, UMH #787
Lay Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Greeter: TBA
Lay Reader: Diana Rockhill
Counters: Susan Comerford, Nancy Prarie, Mary Lou Bjorkman



Jan 28th
(green)

4th Sunday after Epiphany
Pastoral Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Responsive reading: Psalm 111 UMH# 832
Lay Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Greeter: TBA
Lay Reader: Jeremy Fellows
Counters: Mary Lou Bjorkman & Sean Simonson



Altar Steward: Wynnette Dohse

Christianity & Islam Study

This study, led by Pastor Chuck, will resume on Sunday, January 21st, following worship. A recap of the study to date will be presented. Soup and sandwiches will be provided. See Pastor Chuck for details.

January 2018 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 2018 Anniversary

Shawn & Sylvia Allen 41 Years
on Jan. 29th

MyGod: Minetto Youth Group of Disciples



Becoming Our Lord's Disciples

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

January 14 & 21
February 4 & 11

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 (315-343-8301 / ddaby@twcny.rr.com) or Randy Dohse (315-343-6097) with questions or activity ideas.

Finance & Stewardship Committee Report for January 2018 Newsletter

November 2017 income from all sources was **\$-2,900** below expectations and year-to-date was **\$-11,800** below. Expenditures in all areas were about \$2,500 below projections and year-t-date was \$25,600 less than expected; meaning our year-to-date income exceeded our expenditures by \$13,800.

It was decided to schedule Finance Committee meetings in 2018 on alternate months rather than monthly. Therefore, our dates will be:

- † February 21
- † April 18
- † June 20
- † August 15
- † October 17
- † December 19

We are awaiting more information about boiler repair or replacement; and, solar panel options and potential. New chairs for the choir loft are expected in a few weeks.

We decided to take a ¼ page ad in the Pall-Times Oswego County Bride magazine for 2018 that will entitle us to a weekly listing in the Bridal Directory in the newspaper. We think we might attract some weddings to our church leading to positive financial outcomes and possibly even some new parishioners.

December 2017 Transitions

Committee Leadership Changes for 2018

- † Council on Ministries Chair June Tryon asked to be replaced. Steve Tryon will assume this leadership role effective January 1st.
- † Debby (Rockhill) Daby has resigned from the Staff-Pastor/Parish Relations where she chaired the committee. The committee will meet in January 2018 to choose a new chair.
- † The Board of Trustees will meet January 14th to elect their 2018 slate of officers.
- † We currently have vacancies for the chairs of the Finance Committee and Christian Education. We should have an update for you in a few weeks.

Our deepest thanks for those who served on a committee or chaired a committee in 2017. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.



Frederick John Willis, age 87, went home to the Lord on December 18, 2017, after a short illness. Fred was a brother-in-law of Duane (Marilyn) Stephens. Fred grew up in Wellsville, NY and was a graduate of Wellsville Central School. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and graduated from Alfred State. He worked as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Rochester and for Tektronix and Digital Equipment Corporation.

A memorial service was held at the Minetto UMC on December 22nd, 2017.



Charles L. Milks, 72, of Oswego, died June 13, 2017 at Seneca Hill Manor, Volney. Charlie was the cousin of Judith (John) Queale-Dunsmoor. He grew up on his family farm in Kinsman, Ohio. He worked for Pat Joyce Restaurant in Cleveland, Ohio. He enjoyed spending time with his family and riding his bike. He was fun loving and had a great sense of humor.

A memorial service was held at the Minetto UMC on December 29th, 2017.

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
 6 PM Girl Scouts
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal



JANUARY 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 1  | 2 Office reopens | 3 | 4 ThSched | 5 | 6 |
| 7 10 AM Worship with Communion Grant Baptism Friendship Brunch | 8 | 9 TSched | 10 WSched | 11 ThSched | 12 PC at COS Buffalo | 13 PC at COS Buffalo |
| 14 8:30 AM UMM 10 AM Worship Human Relations Offering 11 AM MyGod 11 AM Trustees | 15  | 16 TSched | 17 WSched | 18 ThSched | 19 | 20 Springside Service 3pm |
| 21 10 AM Worship Noisy Can Offering 11 AM MyGod | 22 Worship & Music 6:30pm | 23 TSched | 24 WSched | 25 ThSched | 26 | 27 |
| 28 10 AM Worship 4:30 PM Free Dinner | 29 | 30 TSched | 31 WSched Admin Council 7pm | ThSched | | |