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From the Pastor

During the month of May, our readings for worship will continue with the book of Acts. The readings in Acts reveal the heart and diversity of the power of the Holy Spirit at work through and beyond the communities of disciples of Jesus.

They make clear just how broad, deep, and high God’s saving love reaches and seeks to reach through us, and so support the work of formation groups throughout these weeks to help persons, especially the newly baptized or confirmed, discern their spiritual gifts and identify directions for ministries they will begin pursuing after their commissioning into ministry in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit at this season’s culmination, Pentecost.

- May 6th Acts 10: 44-48 And in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join the outsiders.
- May 13th Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 And in the power of the Holy Spirit, leaders of the church are raised up.
- May 20th Acts 2: 1-21 And in the power of the Holy Spirit, **Pentecost** – proclaim the jubilee!

And, we will close out May, on May 27th, with a reading from John 3: 11-17. The message will be ‘Who are you? Find your identity in Christ.’

On April 23rd, 1968, two denominations – the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church merged at General Conference in Dallas, Texas and became known as the United Methodist Church. A new logo was adopted – the Cross and Flame: it relates The United Methodist church to God through Christ (cross) and the Holy Spirit (flame).

On April 23rd, 2018, the United Methodist Church celebrated 50 years of transforming the word. If you go to this web address: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/timeline-of-the-united-methodist-church>, you can learn about the highlights of the journey of the new denomination over these 50 years.



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.



Fred & Emily Dumas
Bill & Daryl Martin

Karen Eason
Marie Smith

Violet Whitman
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)

April 2018 Transitions

April 8th Baptism of **Charlotte Mae Stiles**, daughter of Michael & Hailey Stiles.

April 12th **Loretta Joyce Leister Basler**, 78, of Westminster, Maryland passed away on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Carroll Hospital Center.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her son and daughter in law, Robert D. Basler, Jr. and Carrienne Jean Maslako Basler of Waunakee, WI.; daughter and son in law, **Beth Anne Basler Busch and Matthew Samuel Busch of Oswego, NY;** grandchildren, Robert "David" Davidson Basler III, Grant Alexander Basler, **Ayla Grace Busch, and Nolan Samuel Busch;** sisters in law, Immogene Leister of Westminister, Doris Zepp and husband Milton of Westminister, Linda Holland and husband Kenneth of Pocomoke City, and Jane Lippy and husband Scott of Frederick; and many adoring nieces and nephews.



April 20th **Nancy T. Ravas**, 98. Born in the Town of Oswego, she was the daughter of the late Nelson and Belle (Worden)Thompson and was a graduate of the Oswego High School. She was employed with the Nestle Corporation for 27 years. Nancy was a member of the Oswego Town Historical Society, the Senior Citizens in Southwest Oswego, and the Minetto United Methodist Church for 54 years.

April 25th **June Hansen**, 78, of Oswego, died April 25, 2018. Widow of Mogens Hansen. Calling hours will be held 1-3 PM, with a service to follow, Saturday May 5th at the Nelson Funeral Home, 11 W. Albany St., in Oswego.

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Worship Schedule for May 2018



May 6th

6th Sunday of Easter/Communion

Pastoral Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98

Lay Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Greeter: Lynne Hawksby

Lay Reader: Cailynn Fellows

Counters: Debbie Daby & Mary Lou

May 13th

7th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Pastoral Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

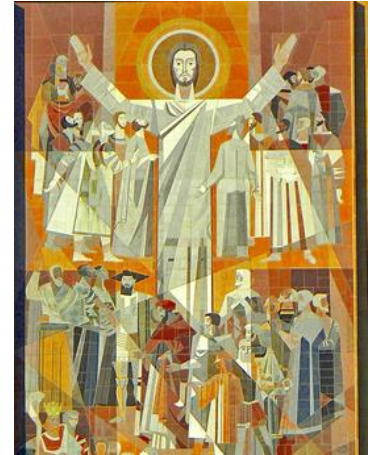
Responsive Reading: Psalm 1

Lay Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

Greeters: All the congregation

Lay Reader: Nancy Prarie

Counters: Mary Lou & Sean



May 20th

Pentecost Sunday/Baptism/Communion

Pastoral Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:24-34,35b

Lay Reading: Romans 8:22-27

Greeters: Dan & Cindy Mather

Lay Reader: Sean Simonson

Counters: Sue Comerford, Mary Lou & Sean

May 27th

Trinity Sunday/memorial Sunday/

Peace with Justice Sunday

Pastoral Reading: John 3:11-17

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

Lay Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Greeter: Ann Miller

Lay Reader: Diana Rockhill

Counters: Bruce Holman & Debbie Daby

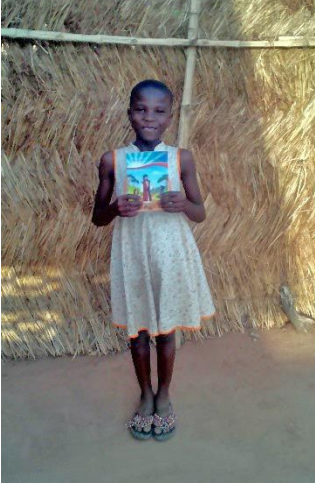


Altar Stewards: Jeff & Megan Rothrock

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Operation Christmas Child

We heard from one of our shoebox recipients
that went to Togo this year!



GREETINGS TO YOU, DEAR BELOVED WYNNETTE.

MY NAME IS CHARITY. I AM 9 YEARS OLD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT. I AM ALSO GLAD TO LEARN BIBLE STORIES ABOUT MY LORD AND SAVIOR JÉSUS-CHRIST IN THE BOOKLET.

MY DAD HELPED ME TO WRITTE BACK TO YOU. MY DAD AND MAMA ARE MISSIONARIES PREACHING GOSPEL AMONG THE UNREACHED TRIBES IN TOGO NORTH. OUR TOWN IS CALLED MANGO. OUR COUNTRY IS TOGO (WEST AFRICA).

MY SENIOR SISTER IS DORCAS AND MY JUNIOR BROTHER IS DAVID. THEY ARE HAPPY FOR THE GIFTS I HAVE SHARED WITH THEM. I AM IN FORM FIVE, DORCAS IS IN JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, FORM 2 AND DAVID IN PRIMARY FORM 3. WE ALL ATTEND FRENCH SCHOOL.



PLEASE I WILL LIKE YOU TO READ THIS SCRIPTURE FROM BIBLE:
Proverbs 11:25

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. (NIV).

11:25 I HAVE SENT SOME PICTURES TO YOU. REMAINED BLESSED IN JESUS NAME.
Charity BAGAH-K.

May 2017 – Birthdays

1 st Douglas Dodge	11 th Victoria Stoutenger	25 th Jeffrey Fellows, Jr.
2 nd JoAnn Stoutenger Megan (Reidy) Norton	14 th Arlene Dodge Lawrence Dodge	28 th Betty Patrick
4 th Jessica Reidy	Jason Taylor	29 th Allison Rolander
5 th Tom Machuga Grace Bruns	15 th June Baxter Lori Kingsley	30 th Jake Gardner
6 th Abigail Kinney Lynn Visconti	16 th Bonnie Kean Jeanette Heath	31 st Donna Reed
8 th Vern Harris Matthew Farden	20 th Shari Gibson Peggy Arter	
9 th Fred Dumas Robert Samuel Pekarek	21 st Maryn Margrey	
	23 rd Sophia Aguanno	



Don & Rhoda Gifford May 15th 2 Years

MyGod: Minetto Youth Group of Disciples

Meetings are scheduled after worship until 12 noon on the following Sundays: May 13 & 20 and June 3. 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.



Becoming Our Lord's Disciples

Nurture, Care & Health

Unfortunately, the April friendship brunch was not well attended in part due to the unpredictable weather. It was also suggested that having the brunch on the same weekend as the rummage sale was difficult. We will be careful with the scheduling so that doesn't happen again. Our next friendship brunch is July 15th. Mark your calendars and let's have some delicious food with wonderful fellowship!

We are always looking for more people to sign up for coffee hour. The sign-up sheet is always at the end of the serving table during coffee hours.

The next Prayers & Squares meeting will be May 18th, 10:00-12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome and you don't need to know how to sew! Prayer quilt requests should be directed to Gloria Bickel at fgbickel36@aol.com Anyone can request a prayer quilt. You do not need to be a church participant to request a quilt for someone. This is a very meaningful ministry and it has been well appreciated by many recipients.

Finance & Stewardship Committee Report for May 2018 Newsletter

We should be grateful for all the ministries that were accomplished in the month of March 2018, including:

- † Our pastor continues with his courses of study, travelling to Buffalo periodically as well as leading monthly ecumenical services at Springside.
- † The Noisy Can Offering yielded \$93.57 for the Summer Campership.

The following are financial highlights for the month of March 2018:

- † Contributions from those that pledge and those that contribute but do not pledge amounted to \$8,248.00 and was budgeted by \$1,961.00. Income from all sources was \$2,747.00 less than the amount budgeted for.
- † Total current expense expenditures for the month, however, were \$1,678.27 less than expected.
- † Minetto UMC has received sufficient funds during the month and all bills have been paid.
- † \$229.76 was contributed to our Capital Campaign Fund in March 2018, however the total year-to-date is \$1,604.71 under the budgeted amount.
- † The year-to-date revenue is \$5,668.25 less than expected, however, the expenses to date have been \$6,805.47 less than expected, therefore, enabling Minetto UMC to continue meeting its current obligations.

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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.

Minetto UMC is exploring several options that will allow members to use a regular bank withdrawal or credit card charge to make their pledges/offerings – stay tuned for more information.

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 every other month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Copies of our reports, minutes, or the budget will be provided upon request to Bruce Holman.

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 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Nancy Ravas burial Service 11:45 AM	3 National Day of Prayer	4	5 Closer Walk Reunion 8am-4:30pm June Hansen Funeral Service 3 PM
6 10 AM Communion Worship	7 Women of the Bible 9am	8 TSched	9 WSched	10 ThSched Ascension of the Lord	11	12 P.E.O. 10am
13 10 AM Worship 11AM MyGod Mother's Day	14 Women of the Bible 9am	15 TSched	16 WSched	17 ThSched PC at dCOM Interview	18	19 Springside Ecumenical Service 3pm
20  Pentecost 10 AM Worship 11AM MyGod 4:00 PM Free Meal	21 Women of the Bible 9am	22 TSched	23 WSched	24 ThSched	25	26
27 Trinity Sunday 10 AM Worship	28 Office closed 	29	30	31 PC at Annual Conference At Onondaga Community College		

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

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