

News From Minetto Church!!!

Nurture, Care & Health

June 2020

Dear Friends and Family,

Peace and the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only hope for this dying world.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on our world and our society. Though confinement has been challenging for almost everybody, it has forced us to live a reality that we have been saying for centuries: "The church is not the building but the people". This challenging time has pushed us to think outside the box to come up with a new way to gather together for worship. To that effect we started first with a simple meditation, then added a little bit of singing, and added several other elements to make our worship experience meaningful and worthy to our God. Following the advice of the Apostle Paul to the Colossians where he says, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col. 3; 17 NRSV). On July 5th we will have our first virtual Thanksgiving and Communion service. Rev. Linda Harris will consecrate the elements. They will be handed out in drive-thru style on **July 2 in the morning from 10:00 – 11:00 and in the afternoon 4:00 – 5:00**. You will hold on to it until the service on Sunday.

My special thank you to the leaders of our congregation. During this perilous time you have stepped up to the plate and work together as a church. The building is not the church, we are the church. When Christ comes for his church, we will leave the building and join with Christ for eternity to continue to be the church, "The bride of Christ."

Remain tough, healthy, and blessed in the Lord.

Rev. Guerschom Saint Ange

Communion Details

Communion service on Zoom and over the phone on July 5th, 10:00. We will be following the communion service from the red hymnal. You can pick up the elements by drive-thru at the church on July 2nd, 10:00-11:00 and 4:00-5:00. **If you can't pick up the elements and wish to participate in this service we will deliver the elements to you.** Contact Karen Poole 315-343-0826, Nancy Prarie 315-342-3915, Wynnette Dohse 315-343-6097. Please leave a message if there is no answer!

Announcements

The Salvation Army has been serving meals and doing food and milk giveaways in Fulton and Oswego. Captain Heather Odom and Lieutenant Alberta Rakestraw have been preparing the meals as a takeout since the building is closed. In March, April and May they served 2,442 meals from the kitchen in Oswego and 1,804 in Fulton. From the food pantry in three months 801 households were served totally 18,486 meals in Oswego and 381 households in Fulton totaling 7,310 meals. Bread distributions for those 3 months in Oswego were 3,161 items and 241 in Fulton. These numbers are amazing and show the need in Oswego and Fulton. They are in desperate need of **canned vegetables, pasta, macaroni and cheese, instant mashed potatoes and tuna. But any non-perishable items would be used and appreciated.** We usually do a collection on Communion Sundays and Vern gets the items to the Salvation Army. **It would be a good time to collect items for the Salvation Army**

when you come to the church to pick up your elements. There will be someone in the church parking lot to take your items to be given to the Salvation Army. As you can see from the numbers above there is a GREAT need.

From Gloria and Frank Bickel: A notice to all Osteo members, RSVP stated we will not meet until further notice. We will keep everyone informed when we receive notice that we can meet again. Prayers & Squares workshops will not meet in June or July. Contact Gloria if you would like to sew a Prayers & Squares quilt and she will give you a quilt top kit.

The fall ecumenical dinner and the rummage sale have both been cancelled along with coffee hours and free will dinners .

From the Trustees

A big shout out to Nancy Prarie for keeping the front of the church weeded, mulched, and looking spectacular. It is such a blessing for people going by to see God's house well maintained and cared for even during this pandemic. Also, as always, thank you Bob Bruns for keeping the grass mowed at the parsonage and church. It sends out a positive message to the community even though our doors are closed.

What's Happening??

We have not been able to be together for some time, so Nurture, Care & Health members have been calling congregants to see how everyone is coping. We thought it would help us stay connected if we shared what some are doing until we can get together and share in person.

Jeanette Heath...working herself to the bones gardening, trying to grow grass where tree stumps used to be, enjoying the grandchildren as she helps her son and daughter-in-law

Daryl and Bill Martin... Asking for prayers for Bill's health, prayers for house issues, Daryl is incredibly happy to have a haircut appointment

Jeff Martin... good change in his job duties as he is working with high school students in an educational role

Marilyn and Duane Stephens...celebrating 65th wedding anniversary on July 9th, staying home has been good for both of their health issues, grateful to Cheryl and Jennifer for being so generous and making it possible for them to stay home

Gloria and Frank Bickel... working hard in the yard and garden, still sewing prayer quilts, enjoying family zoom meetings and drive by birthdays

June and Vern Tryon...health for both is good, got to see 1st great grand girl born in December, Vern busy with Salvation Army and Church treasurer duties, enjoying chats outside on lawn chairs with neighbor Tom Putman

Sue Comerford...walking the dog, doing yard work, having house improvements done, flute hasn't been out of the case since March, misses playing and singing, she has gained the Covid-10 pounds because the ice cream

and chips taste great, watching the Mormon Tabernacle service on Sundays, experimenting with cooking, can now do chicken breasts and small potatoes in the microwave

Donna Reed...doing fine for being in old age, some back issues that will need therapy, enjoying babysitting, has been sewing lots and lots of masks

Tom Putman...says he is doing nothing, keeping quiet and maintaining distance, but enjoying chats outside with his neighbors, feeling great for being a young folk

Kay Shaver...nervous about the virus, staying in, there are employees at Springside that do the shopping and keep needs met, appreciates the free time to catch up on the little things like sorting pictures, likes to eat in her apartment but is tired of eating off of cardboard

Jason Grant...Patty and Jason are both working from home, home schooling was difficult but has gotten easier as the school provides more material on line, keeping in contact with the Scouts through calls, care packages and drive by birthdays, everything is still moving forward but slower pace, Jason can't wait to get back to church

Judy Bradt...doing fine, her toe is still connected to her foot, surgery has been postponed, still working on the Christmas tissue boxes for shut-ins and tearing her hair out trying to get the corners to come together, visiting people in her building, going out for fresh air, enjoying the company of her grandchildren

Marcia Stang...doing fine, is walking around the Springside parking lots, enjoying the fresh air and the wonderful view she has from her apartment, appreciates her daughter and son-in law's support, doing some reading, misses the activities and eating dinner with other residents, says, "This too shall pass..When?"

Karen Krause...very thankful for all the prayers, credits the quick recovery from knee replacement to those prayers, catching up on outside work that wasn't done last year when she fractured her pelvis, had her hair done and feels like a new woman

Joan Waterbury...doing well, staying sheltered and thanking God for many blessings, reading lots, loves pictures from Florida of Grandson who is 1-1/2 years old, likes to hear what is going on at the church, plans on supporting the shoebox ministry

Vivian DeMent...missing getting together for Bible Study, anxious to return to church, still volunteering for Victory at the Pontiac Hotel by making brownies and cookies, if you would like to help with dessert or food give her a call 315-343-2902, they need blankets too, enjoyed a visit from son and family

Betsy Sweeting...has been in Minetto for last 4 months, her daughter is taking her half way to meet Ed's daughter June 20th to travel on to Ed's residence in Wading River, NY, Ed will do lots of yard projects there, Betsy's yard looks great, celebrated daughter's birthday on deck by social distancing, grandson Chad still has wedding plans set for October 11th, other grandchild's wedding in Ireland cancelled, loves Pastor Saint Ange's messages every Sunday

Linda McFall...continues to deal with some medical issues but is doing well, enjoys golfing and is working on some personal items for our girls aged 10-14 shoeboxes

Cindy and Dan Mather...doing ok, work has been extremely challenging during this virus with lots of extra work and responsibilities for both of them, Cindy has done lots of shopping and delivering of meals for family and friends that might need help, makes her feel useful, missing the family, Cindy's mother lives 4 hours away and the girls 4 and 6 hours away, finally had a reunion with many tears of joy, Dan's father is local so they have been able to see him and his wife, very appreciative of the worship team at Minetto for all the work that is being done

Congratulations Graduates!

Jeremy Fellows, Matthew Fellows

Alexis Lighthall (Granddaughter to Lynn and Garry Visconti)

We wish you all a happy and successful future!

Birthday Celebrations!

July

3 Debbie Familo
4 Tim Page
8 Bill Rockhill
14 Tyler Dohse
15 Sylvia Allen
16 Noah Cordone
19 Doug Buske
19 Jason Grant
19 Alex Stoutenger
19 Laura Kinney
23 Charles Zawisza
28 Gloria Bickel
31 Abby Toland

August

2 Nolan Busch
4 Claire St. Ange
9 Ashley Kuczawa
9 Donna Bailey
14 Jane Richards
17 Matt Busch
18 Scott Dohse
20 Kathy Duschen
29 Deb Daby
29 Joey Toland

Wishing everyone God's blessing, good health, and a summer full of sunshine and joy!

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