

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

### Strategic Planning

- Spectrum getting approval to attach to NYSEG pole

### Worship Committee has planned the following:

- July 15 – Combined service with Mitchellsville 10AM @ Avoca, Pot luck to follow
- August 19 – Combined service with Mitchellsville 10AM @ Mitchellsville, Pot luck to follow

### Safe Sanctuary

- Honeywell says it would be simple to be able to set off the fire alarm remotely in the case of an emergency
- Circulate form to people to sign up to be a “church roamer”
- Committee meeting needs to be scheduled

### Camperships

- We have one young person signed up to go to Camp Hickory Hill

### Concert scheduled for 2018 at AUMC

- August 25 – Stevens Family at 7PM

### Fundraiser's Update

- Merchant Cards – June order netted \$57.30
- Tops Cards – May order netted \$25.00
- Pizza Hut – February netted \$139.28, May netted \$110.57

Our sincere thanks to all who participate in our fundraising efforts.

## TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of May 2018 – Ron Salles

We received more in our General Fund than we spent during during May 2018. The Annual Barbeque proceeds bolstered the General Fund reserves to about a three week margin. We continue to receive more than we spend in our Mission Funds, but it is the time of year that we build up our Mission Funds for use in the Fall. We are close to our annual fund raising goals. Our monthly apportionments are current and all bills received to date have been paid.

Although Lenten giving and the Annual Barbeque fund raising has helped to build up our General Fund reserves, our general fund reserves are still quite small, so please consider this in your giving!

Please remember your United Methodist Church Membership Pledge, “To faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.”

If you have any questions please contact Ron Salles (ronald.salles@me.com).

## TRUSTEES

### May/June 2018 Meetings

Submitted by Bill Heard

### May 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on May 1, 2018 with eight members present including, Bill Snyder, Janet English, Don Loveland, Gary Weldy, Bev Belanger, Al Belanger, Pastor Barre, and the writer.

### Items completed:

- Church cleanup days inside and outside
- Shrub removed at the parsonage
- Purchased new canopy for the Chicken BBQ

### Additional items:

- Construction of the kitchen cupboards for the upgrade at the parsonage is under way.
- The Chicken BBQ costs will remain similar to last year, therefore the sale price will remain @ \$9.00/complete dinner/take outs only
- A request was approved to allow Stephanie Gardner to use the Narthex and kitchen on May 6, 2018 for a family gathering
- Additional items remain on the cleanup list posted on the bulletin board that need be completed. All help would be appreciated.
- Final quotes for the surfacing of the church parking lot have been requested.
- The John Deer lawn tractor has a bad motor and will not be repaired because the cost is prohibitive.

The next meeting will be September 4, 2018. June/July/August will not have a regular meeting scheduled.

## June 2018 (Trustees)

Although no regular Trustee meeting was scheduled two major items were addressed during June:

- The parsonage cupboard construction was completed and the cupboards, counter tops, and sink were installed the week of June 11, 2018. Thanks to all that participated.
- A special meeting was held to further discuss the Parking Lot surfacing. After discussions at this meeting and a follow up meeting with Quinn Asphalt Company it was decided to recommend to the Administrative Board to pave the front parking lot at an estimated cost of \$37,600. The Administrative Board subsequently approved moving forward but only after the full congregation gave final approval. Ballots were cast on June 10, 2018 by the congregation and approval was given to proceed by a vote of 41 yes to 6 no. Plans are currently underway with Quinn Asphalt Company.
- Donations toward the paving costs are being received and will offset the amount to be borrowed. Please mark you donation so that it is credited to the correct account.

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### **AUDIO VISUAL DEPARTMENT** **Ron Salles**

Please visit our webpage and find the links to our Facebook page and Youtube Channel.

We are recording the Sunday Service and publishing it on our Youtube Channel. Unfortunately anything that is copyrighted must be removed from the recording and things that are private (like prayer requests) are also removed. Our views are increasing, albeit by small numbers!

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### **THE RAMP MINISTRY** **Glenn Davis, Ramp Guys Coordinator**

Our Ramp Ministry was recently honored by the State Office of the Aging. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> several

of the Ramp Guys went to the State Capital in Albany with Members of the Steuben County Office of the Aging, including Director Patty Broody. She was presented with The Volunteer Innovative Award for Steuben County's coordinating support of The Ramp Guys program. Steuben County is the only county in New York State with a ramp program. We were treated to a great luncheon and a video of The Ramp Guys actually building a ramp. The video included an interview of myself and Patty explaining the program. All counties in New York State were there. After the luncheon and presentation we were given a grand tour of the Capital building. Many thanks to our local Office of the Aging for their support of our Ramp Ministry.

This year the Avoca United Methodist Church took over the lead of the Ramp Ministry. Centenary United Methodist Church had been the lead since the beginning of The Ramp Guys some 20 years ago. A big THANK YOU goes out to Dan Reppert and Centenary for their many years of dedication to this Ministry. Thanks also to all the guys who have volunteered over the years and especially those who still are able and find it in their hearts to help their "Neighbors in Need".

Last year 40 ramps were built. Their value was almost \$29,000, but we used only \$12,500 worth of new materials. That is because we removed, updated and reinstalled 13 ramps which were no longer needed. Our volunteers logged 1800 hours. We have received several donations from grateful recipients and benefactors which are very much appreciated. Those donations will enable us to purchase materials for ramps that are not eligible for other funding sources.

So far this year we have constructed 8 ramps, removed 4 and still have about 40 on the list to do. We currently have only 11 active volunteers in the Ramp Guys. We have lost several volunteers due to job, age and health issues. We are desperately in need of some additional help to be able to support the ever increasing need for ramps. Please, if you or someone you know could spare a few hours each week to help us, we would be very grateful for your assistance. We typically work several mornings a week, Monday thru Friday. Being able to share God's love is so rewarding and ramp recipients are so appreciative.

**2018-2019 Upper New York Conference**

**Advance Specials**

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Annual Conference to approve ministries as Conference Advance Specials, which gives these ministries permission to request support from churches in the Conference,

Therefore, be it resolved that the following list of 2017-2018 Conference Advance Specials be approved:

	<b>Code #</b>
Anti-Poverty Initiative (University UMC : Syracuse)	904
Brown Memorial UMC: Syracuse	910
Buffalo/Niagara Network of Religious Communities	903
Campership Fund	912
Campus Church ConneXion Buffalo	914
Chautauqua County Rural Ministry, Inc.	916
The Children’s Center for the Common Good	972
Children’s Home	918
Faithful Citizen	970
Folts Center Inc.	928
Friends of Zimbabwe	930
Gary Bergh Scholarship (Task Force on Peace with Justice in Palestine and Israel)	932
Genesee Area Campus Ministries	937
Geneseo Wesley Foundation	939
Haiti Partnership	936
Lao United Methodist Church & Mission	944
Mission Central UNY HUB	951
Native American Outreach/Transportation Program	950
The Neighborhood Center, Inc.	980
New York State Council of Churches	952
Protestant Cooperative Ministry at Cornell	958
Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (RISSE)	423
Seneca Street UMC: Buffalo	964
Southern Sudan Health Projects	966

**Code #**

UMCOR Kits Shipment Dollars	974
United Methodist Homes’ Chaplaincy Program	976
Volunteers In Mission Scholarship Fund	988
Watertown Urban Mission	990

**STEVENS’ FAMILY CONCERT**

**Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 PM**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**July**

**August**

4 Tim Conklin	5 Cindy Gottschall
4 Phyllis Murphy	8 Candice Dockstader
5 Evan Collier	9 Janet English
9 Bill Snyder	10 Carl Dockstader
11 Alyssa Slayton	10 Mariel Perkins
13 Harold Mattoon	15 Henry Gottschall
14 Paula Bidlack	18 Terry Heinemann
14 Gabe Sawyer	18 Barb Nichols
20 Norma Cooper	18 Kelly Slayton
24 Adam Welch	19 Robin Scouten
24 Roxanne Yomen	22 Sherri Sawyer
26 Bill Hunt	
29 Fred Groner	

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**July**

**August**

None	9 Jack & Sharill Stewart
	12 Terry & Lori Burdin
	23 Don & Penny Sorge
	25 Howard & Sally Warner
	30 Forrest & Kelly Slayton

## **CLOSER WALK – Summer #115;**

**Pennsylvania Ave UMC, Pine City**

Men's Weekend: July 26-29

Women's Weekend: August 23-26

The Closer Walk weekend is a three-day experience filled with prayer, reflection, worship, learning, music, and laughter. During the weekend you will hear a series of talks by both laity and clergy. These talks will help you discover that grace is real in your own life, and how to use the tools of piety, study, and action to understand how that grace presents itself in our modern world. You will learn how to live a life of grace and how to share that grace with others. During the weekend you will participate in the celebration of Holy Communion. God's grace will be experienced through acts of service offered by the Closer Walk community. At the end of the three-day weekend you will leave knowing what Christian love is and you will be equipped to return to your church as a Christian leader.

Please see Bill Snyder or Cindy Gottschall for more information about this amazing experience.

### **FOUR GUYS From Rita Slayton**

Four guys were talking: Somebody, Anybody, Everybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done.

Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did. Somebody got angry about it because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

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Church is not a hotel for saints but a hospital for sinners.

### **A NICE CUP OF TEA**

One day my mother was out and my dad was in charge of me. I was maybe, 2 ½ years old. Someone had given me a little "tea set" as a gift and it was one of my favorite toys.

Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought him a little cup of "tea" which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my mom came home.

My mother made her way into the living room to watch me bring Daddy a cup of tea, because it was "just the cutest thing!" Mom waited, and sure enough, here I came down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy, and she watched him drink it. Then she said, (as only a mother would know), "Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is in the toilet?"

### **BLOOMIN' FLOWER QUIZ**

1. What kind of flowers are kissing flowers?
2. What flower is always sad?
3. What kind of flower is a vegetable?
4. What flower celebrates 25 years?
5. What kind of flowers are in a bad mood?
6. What kind of flower likes to keep quiet?
7. What kind of flower does an unmarried man wear?
8. What kind of flower is a famous comedian?
9. What flower never lies?
10. What flower always remembers?
11. What flower sympathizes over love?
12. What flower grows in a ravine?
13. What flower is very shy?
14. What flower is a sissy?
15. What flower is very proper?
16. What flower can't wait?
17. What flower is an seeing eye plant?
18. What kind of flower loves a hot day?
19. What kind of flower hangs out in an onion patch?
20. What kind of flower reminds you of a "jolly prospector"?
21. What kind of flower reminds you of a group of birds?
22. What flower imitates a "Jack in the Box"?
23. What flower reminds you of a frog?
24. What kind of flower goes to crazy parties?
25. What flower moved down to Texas?
26. What flower is a lizard with a musical beat?
27. What flower is helpful to garbage men?
28. What flower has recently been in a fight?
29. What flower is radioactive?
30. What kind of flower does Lassie like?

Find the answers printed in this newsletter.

## Roasted Veggie “Alfredo” Bake

Nonstick cooking spray  
2-3 zucchini, ends removed  
2 cups sliced red bell peppers  
2 large Portobello mushrooms, sliced into strips  
Kosher salt & pepper  
2 ½ cups roughly chopped cauliflower  
¼ cup fat-free milk  
1 tsp chopped garlic  
6 Tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese  
1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella  
2 Tablespoons chopped fresh basil

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Spray 2 baking sheets and an 8” square baking pan with nonstick spray.

Slice the zucchini in half widthwise. Slice each half lengthwise into ½” thick strips. Evenly lay the sliced zucchini, peppers and mushrooms on the baking sheets. Spray with nonstick cooking spray; sprinkle with ¼ tsp salt and 1/8 tsp pepper. Bake for 10 minutes. Flip and rearrange veggies and bake until softened, about 8 more minutes.

Meanwhile, place the cauliflower in a medium-large microwave-safe bowl and add 3 Tbsp water. Cover and microwave until soft, about 4 minutes. Drain excess fluid.

Make the sauce: In a blender or food processor, combine the cooked cauliflower, milk and garlic. Add 2 Tbsp Parmesan, 1/4 tsp salt and 1/8 tsp pepper. Add 1 ½ Tbsp warm water and blend on high until smooth and uniform.

Remove the sheets from the oven and reduce heat to 400 degrees. Thoroughly blot veggies dry. Evenly layer the ingredients in the prepared baking pan as follows: one quarter of sauce, half of the veggies; one quarter of sauce, ½ cup mozzarella, 2 Tbsp Parmesan; and one quarter of sauce. Finish with remaining veggies, sauce, ½ cup mozzarella, and 2 Tbsp Parmesan.

Cover the pan with foil and bake for 15 minutes, or until hot & bubbly. Uncover and bake until the cheese has lightly browned, about 5 more minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes, sprinkle with the basil, and slice.

Makes 4 servings,

## SCRIPTURE CAKE

Called a favorite New England recipe, this cake is based entirely on Biblical quotations. To make it, you mix a verse of 1 Kings with a phrase in Judges, a word in Jeremiah, a pinch of Leviticus, etc. It is contained in “The Biblical Cookbook” by Marian Maeve O’Brien.

The recipe is based on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. However, similar versions took their ingredients from the King James Version.

1 ½ cups of 1 King 4:22 (flour)  
1 cup of Judges 5:25, last clause (butter)  
2 cups of Jeremiah 6:20 (sugar)  
2 cups of Samuel 30:12 (raisins)  
2 cups of Nahum 3:12 (figs)  
2 teaspoonsful of Amos 4:5 (leavening-baking powder)  
2 cups Numbers 17:8 (almonds)  
2 tablespoons 1 Samuel 11:25 (honey)  
1 pinch of Leviticus 2:13 (salt)  
6 Jeremiah 17:11 (eggs)  
½ cup of Judges 4:19 (milk)  
Seasonings to taste – 2 Chronicles 9:9 (spices)

To mix, follow the directions of Solomon for bringing up a child in Proverbs 23:14 (“Beat him with a rod”)

Bake the cake in loaf pans at 325° for about 50 minutes. Turn on a rack to cool. Slice after a few hours.

### EACH LIFE AFFECTS ANOTHER’S

We may not always realize that everything we do,  
Affects not only our lives, but touches others, too.  
For a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows someone  
you care,

Creates a ray of sunshine, for both of you to share.

Yes, every time you offer someone a helping hand,  
Every time you show a friend you care and  
understand,  
Every time you have a kind and gentle word to give;  
You help someone find beauty, in this precious life  
we live.

For happiness brings happiness, and loving ways  
bring love;  
And giving is the treasure, that contentment is made  
of.

## LIBRARY CORNER

If you are looking for some reading material, please check out the Library in the third Sunday school room. There are lots of books in there in bookcases on both sides of the room. The bookcases on the left side of the room are more religious and spiritual. The bookcase on the right side of the room is for fiction books. If anyone one like to do a review of **ANY** book in the Library to include in any future newsletters it would be greatly appreciated.

### **The Cat That God Sent (a novel) By Jim Kraus**

#### **Meet Petey, your not-so-average cat, on a mission from God.**

Disillusioned young Pastor Jake Wilkerson has just arrived at his new assignment to the small rural Church of the Open Door in Coudersport, Pennsylvania. Also, newly arrived is a cat hiding in the grass. The cat was watching and listening intently with an ear tilted toward the heavens.

*The cat is thinking that looks like the man I heard God talking about. I think that's what I heard. It is hard to identify people. Most of them smell the same. A lot of them look the same. This human looks like he needs company. People need company. He must be lonely.*

The cat followed Pastor Jake into the parsonage. The cat was limping, favoring his right front paw, and very thin like he had not eaten for a while. Jimbo, one of the elders came to welcome Pastor Jake and asked about the cat. Pastor Jake said he was there when he arrived and asked if there was a vet in town. Jimbo said Emma Grainger was a good one. Pastor Jake took the cat in to see Emma and to go to the store to get some food for him and the cat. Emma took a thorn out of his paw and bandaged it. She asked about his name and Pastor Jake said he did not know if he had one. Emma decided that "Petey" was a good name for him. Petey stayed close to Pastor Jake and went in his truck with him wherever he went.

The next day Tassy Lambert, a nineteen year old, arrived at the parsonage. She had run away from her home in Philadelphia with her boyfriend. She and the boyfriend had a disagreement and he put her out of the car with her backpack on a road five miles

from Coudersport. She had walked to the parsonage. She had very little money and did not know anyone and was looking for help. Shortly after that one of the church elders drove in with a big RV motorhome and said he was parking it behind the church. He and his wife said that Tassy could stay there until she found a job and a place to stay.

During the first service that Pastor Jake was preaching, following the second hymn, the door that led from the pastor's office to the platform slowly opened and Petey came in onto the platform. Petey looked around and jumped up on to the middle chair, sat down and looked at Pastor Jake. Petey sat and looked at the Pastor during the rest of the service. Pastor Jake was very surprised but he continued on and did his sermon and finished the service.

People in the community and other communities start coming to church because of Pastor Jake and Petey.

As Pastor Jake sets about doing the business of ministry, Petey's continued interference brings chaos to the community of curiously off and eccentric people – residents like the faith-avoiding veterinarian, Emma, and Tassy, a young runaway with a secret. An expert at hiding his fears, Pastor Jake wonders if all this – and the cat to boot – is more than he can handle. What is Petey's real "mission"? Perhaps something larger that Pastor Jake - or even Petey – can possibly know.

Well written, easy to read and with lessons to learn about faith.

### **Answers to Bloomin' Flower Quiz**

1. Tulips
2. Baby's Tears
3. Sweet Peas
4. Silver Dollar
5. Crab Apples
6. Mum
7. Bachelor's Button
8. Lily or Twinkle Toes
9. Honesty or lilac
10. Forget-me-not
11. Bleeding Heart
12. Lily of the Valley
13. Violet
14. Pansy
15. Primrose
16. Impatience
17. Iris
18. Sunflower
19. Petunia or Sweet William
20. Marigold
21. Phlox
22. Johnny-Jump-Up
23. Crocus
24. Wild Flower
25. Wandering Jew
26. Snap Dragon
27. Glad
28. Black-Eyed-Susan
29. Hibiscus
30. Dogwood