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Newsletter – August, 2023

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Please keep in your thoughts and prayers: your friends and neighbors; those people who are suffering and those who are ill; those struggling with on-going health issues, especially:

Edie Eastman
Rehabilitation Care Center – 220 Tower Street ~
Waterville, NY 13480

Joan Benedict
Box 2 ~ Deansboro, NY 13328

Sally Harvey
99 Brookside Drive – Apt. 220 ~ Clinton, NY
13323

Allan and Mary Dickinson
2106 Bleecker Street – Apt. B-339 ~ Utica, NY
13501

Mark Taylor
7247 California Road ~ Deansboro, NY 13328

Dave Georgius
2791 Route 12B
Deansboro, NY 13328

Ron Steinmann
6650 West Hill Road ~ Deansboro, NY 13328

Carol McLaren
MVHS Center for Rehabilitation & Care ~
1650 Champlin Ave., Utica, NY 13502

Jim Turturro
2106 Bleecker Street – Apt. 344
Utica, NY 13501

Also, keep in prayer those impacted by gun violence; the displaced people of Ukraine, Syria, and other war-torn countries; our divided country, as we work together toward unity; those who are marginalized by society; those protesting injustice; the police officers who protect us; victims of natural as well as man-made disasters; families seeking asylum in our great country; service people at home and abroad; and our world leaders. Pray for those in need of comfort, tolerance, peace, justice and the basics for comfortable and safe living; and for those who long for hope, courage and guidance.

Always give thanks to God for the many blessings, gifts and joys in our lives!

START CLEARING OUT YOUR CLOSETS! The Women's Fellowship will hold a rummage sale in September. All interested women of the church are invited to meet on Sunday, August 20, after the service of worship, so details such as times, etc., can be ironed out, and also hopefully get a start on setting up the church house. As always, we ask that only gently used **winter** clothing (without stains, tears, or holes) be contributed. They are popular, as are household items in good condition.



Please leave any rummage you would like to donate on the stage in the church house **after August 20. Be sure that any electrical items are in good working order. Also please don't leave mattresses, computers or television sets - they don't sell.**

The sale will be on a donation basis - patrons pay whatever they think the items are worth

If you can make the meeting on August 20, that would be great; and if you can lend a hand with sorting the rummage, it would be much appreciated!

The Food Pantry in Waterville is accepting donations of food but especially non-food items, such as shampoo, soap, paper towels, band aids, and other things which are not covered by the SNAP program. They are also happy to accept fresh garden produce. We have noticed that donations have fallen off recently. Please, when shopping, remember those less fortunate.



Leave your donations at the church, and they will be taken to Waterville every Tuesday.

If you would rather send money, that is very helpful to the Food Pantry. Please mail your check to:

*Waterville Food Pantry
P.O. Box 22
Waterville, NY 13480*

Around the Church...

The Hamilton College incoming Freshmen will be using the church house for their base during their orientation. They will arrive Wednesday August 16 and will be gone by the church service at 9:00 on the 20th. It's good that the congregation is so welcoming. While we've had some issues with them in the past, they have been cautioned to be careful with the building, especially the lights, and they will take their garbage with them. Hamilton College will present a donation to the church, showing their gratitude.

At the last Church Council meeting, the budget was discussed, and we are holding our own. However, we are facing some major expenses, including the upcoming heating season. Also, we have to do something about the church roof, which is leaking around the steeple and getting worse. Please be faithful with your offerings to the church treasury.

Tom will be on vacation October 15. Roger Williams will lead the service of worship of that day. He will also be away November 12 and December 31.

Many thanks to Rick Lloyd, who faithfully mows the lawn and keep the outside of the church looking welcoming.

RAFFLE

TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH



Thanks to Sharon McMullen, this beautiful quilt will be raffled off this fall. Second prize is a gift certificate for dinner out at a local restaurant. Tickets can be purchased at any time; they are on the table in the prayer room, or you can ask any Council member. They are \$2.00 each or six for \$10.00. The drawing will be held in December at the annual Cookie and Craft Sale/Bazaar and, while you do need not be present to win, you will enjoy the cookie sale and bazaar.

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Bible Study

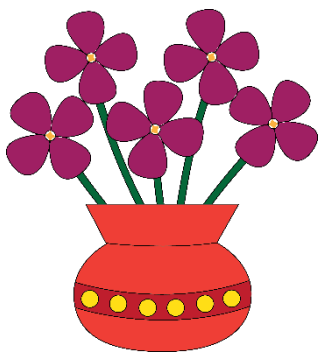
“The Walk” is the basis for Bible Study which will be held in September. The exact date is yet to be determined; however it would begin at 6:00. Tom chose this in part because there is an edition of “The Walk” intended for young people. Hopefully a lot will join in what is sure to be an interesting discussion.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Christmas will be here before we know it, if the speed with which summer went by is anything to go by. Tom has suggested a “Blue Christmas” on December 17. Not everyone is happy and excited by all the bustle and activity that Christmas brings. For some it is a time of sorrow, and time is needed for those to reflect and find peace.

Tom is also planning a Bible Study for Advent, similar to the one last year. Details needs to worked out for that.

And Christmas Eve will begin at 5:00 on the 24th, and there will be a service in the morning as usual.



It is such a pleasure to see flowers on the altar on Sundays. Many pick them from their gardens for us to enjoy. Thanks are owed to Lawrence, and Linda, and Gen, who have provided flowers in the past, but wouldn't it be great to see them every week, not just at Christmas and Easter?

If you have flowers in your garden, or would like to provide them, please call Linda Camp at 315-520-4135.

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HARVEST DINNER

The Council discussed the possibility of resuming the turkey supper so enjoyed by so many, or possibly changing the menu to something a little less volunteer-intensive. Dave Lloyd is willing to work on it, but he needs to know the feeling of those who have worked before. Are there enough helping hands to make this a success? Any ideas for an alternative dinner? The money coming in isn't as much an issue as the fellowship, and we have missed that. Please speak with a Council member so they can make the decision on how to proceed.

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion	4 Labor Day	5	6 Read a Book Day	7	8	9
Recognition 50-year members Council Mtg.	11 Patriot's Day	12	13	14	15 Rosh Hashanah begins	16
17 Citizenship Day	18 AIDS Awareness Day	19	20	21 Int'l Day of Peace	22 Native American Day	23 Autumnal Equinox
24 Yom Kippur	25 Nat'l Daughter Day	26	27	28	29 Sukkot	30

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October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 World Communion Sunday	2 Int'l Day of Non Violence	3	4	5 World Teacher's Day	6	Nat'l Forgiveness & Happiness Day
8 Pastor Appreciation Day Council	9 Indigenous People Day	10	11 World Inclusion Day	12	Navy Birthday	14
Roger Williams Leads Service	Sunday School Teacher Appreciation	17	18	19 National Prayer Day	20	21
22	23 National Mother in Law Day	24	25	26 National First Responders Day	27	28
29 World Stroke Day	30	31 Halloween	AIDS Awareness Month * Church Library Month * Emotional Wellness Month * Nat'l. Book Month * Nat'l. Church Safety & Security Month *			

Answers to June's Quiz

1. Who watched as Moses floated in the basket down the Nile?
The Pharaoh's Daughter
2. Who would have nothing to do with the author of 3 John?
Diotrephes did not acknowledge the Church's authority.
3. In the book of Philemon, who is Paul's fellow prisoner?
Aristarchus
4. James used the example of which Old Testament figure to demonstrate how the prayers of a righteous man can have powerful results?
Elijah
5. How does the author of 1 John often refer to his readers?
Children
6. What does Solomon say about sin?
There is not a righteous man who...never sins
7. Who pretended to be insane to avoid capture and death at the hands of an enemy?
David
8. Who was the priest of Bethel during the time of Amos?
Amaziah
9. Who was the grandson of Samuel? (1 Chronicles 6:33)
Heman the Musician
10. Who was the high priest during the time of Zechariah?
Joshua, son of Jozadak