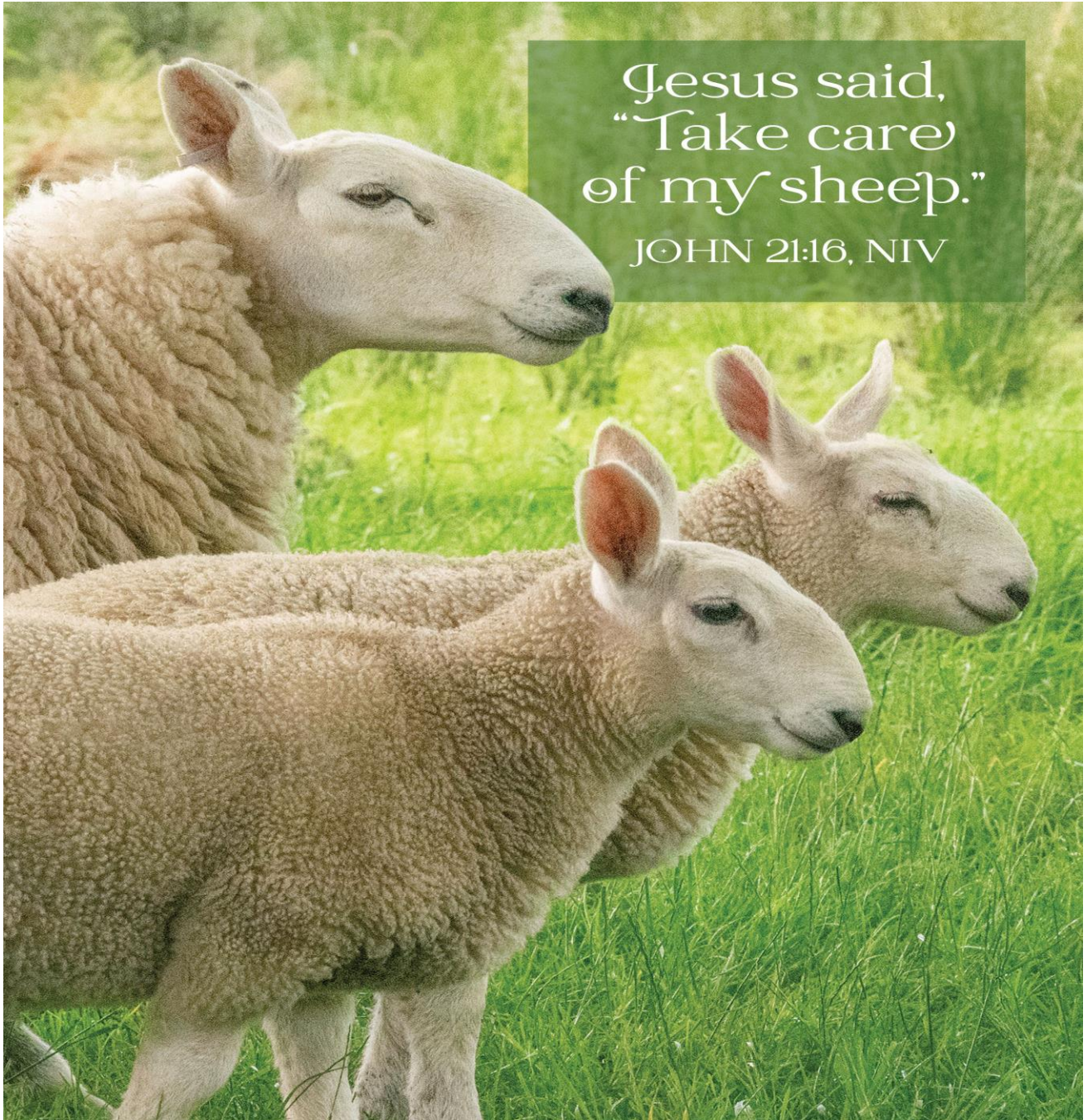


# The Word

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# Minister's Musings

The back deck of the parsonage was power-washed last week, and it looks and feels so much better than it did. We had lunch on the deck on Friday in the sunshine and it was wonderful. But a cleaned-up deck isn't a new deck. It's not perfect; there are rough places on the rails and a stubborn stain on the edge, neither of which is a problem. The deck still works; it's a pleasant place to put a table and chairs and soak up sunshine, which is precisely what I need it to be. I mention this not to complain at all; things need not be perfect to work well. Most things we have are tools we use to accomplish stuff – to host parties or build relationships, to improve the world and welcome God's kingdom. A mentor of mine spoke of the specifics of our faith as tools with which we build and maintain our relationship with God. The explanations and metaphors we use to talk about God aren't perfect. We use them to seek to grasp the mystery that is God. Most of the time they work pretty well; sometimes they get chipped or dull in the process of discussion and living life. Sometimes they even get worn out or broken. That's OK. They aren't perfect; they're tools. What we're trying to accomplish – knowing God, living life with meaning, perfecting our love – are good things that are worth striving for. The tools we use, like the deck we eat lunch on, aren't perfect, but they're beautiful and useful and they help us live life well. Which is to say, I'm not convinced we have all the answers that allow us to understand all of the mystery that is God. We work with the tools of words and stories and conversation and prayer to search, to delve deep, and to live.

## May 2022 Announcements



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays for Peace

All the churches in town will gather for a short prayer and song for peace each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday on the Square. 2 pm. No agenda except peace. Anyone is welcome.



The Delhi Clergy Association invites churches to share a **Monthly Prayer Focus**. This year's prayers will be focused on the Beatitudes from the fifth chapter of Matthew. May's prayer focus comes from Matthew 5:3, *blessed are the poor in spirit*. We'll include prayers for the poor in worship each week.

## Highlights of April Parish Council

The April Meeting opened with devotions and a check-up on how everyone was doing since we last were together. The topic of the month was Covid and how we would move forward since our outbreak in April. It was agreed that we would wear masks during worship, including the choir and avoid coffee hours until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Eloise reported that the Playschool board was meeting this week and that they are planning a bake sale on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes from the March meeting of Council were reviewed and accepted without correction.

Laura Clark presented the finance report as of March 31<sup>st</sup> and stated we should be at 25% for expenses and income. We currently are at 24% for income and 28% for income. Laura requested another draw from investments by the Trustees.

Stephanie McCann stated that Finance Committee would be meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> and will review the budget and bookkeeper/treasurer duties. Carol Greene suggested we continue to pursue a meeting with the investment company.

Gideon Frisbee reported for SPR that they met on April 6<sup>th</sup> and will meet again on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The committee is working on planning out their year better, including evaluations for staff.

Pastor Cathy reported that numbers were good during March with attendance highest on the 27<sup>th</sup>, when the Kids Club sang with many families staying for the pot luck luncheon. Council approved (via email on March 27<sup>th</sup>) to accept John Gaffney into membership by affirmation of faith. She reported that she had spent a lot of time prepping for 3 services during Holy Week, which had to be canceled. While she realizes she makes pastoral connections right in church building she feels that doesn't negate the need to get out into community/visit people in homes. She is making plans for a memorial service for Dottie Cook in July. Will be contacting the family and is asking for local connections who can help her during the planning stage. Cathy has been working with the Delhi Clergy Association for future activities. The Abundant Life Church will host a baccalaureate service for June 12<sup>th</sup>. The signs for the entrances to the villages will be installed this spring. It has been suggested to do a "Come Back to Church" Sunday on September 18<sup>th</sup> for all community churches, including hanging a banner across Main St.

Cathy asked if we want to participate in Fair on the Square at all in July? Further discussion and planning will be needed.

Pastor Cathy and the sub group met about technology in worship. Discussion included details about maintaining the screens for those in worship, plus the livestreaming for people at home. Both are valuable and need to continue. Chelsea and Marcus reviewed the sound system and will be making recommendations soon.

Kids Club is going well and the kids are having fun. They sing on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Cathy is working on making confirmation happen. She has suggested we consider having a free library in front of church. A box that would be a simple container where people could take and leave books.

Pastor Cathy is still hoping to go to Colorado for the Homiletics (the practice of preaching) conference the 16th-20th of May. No pulpit supply will be needed.

Cathy Johnson (Nurture) no report

Eloise Henault (Outreach) Playschool was reported earlier in meeting. Pastor Cathy offered that she had spoken with Edie about Food Pantry and they aren't getting some of their usual food from Delaware Opportunities. She suggested that maybe we could put the word out for specific items we needed. Laura and Gary offered to do a shopping at Aldis.

Carol Greene reported that we gave away 70 boxes at the April give-away. Many people participated including over a dozen college students from Delhi Tech.

Fred Onasch (Witness) no report

Building Use Form was approved to allow Delaware Opportunities to use the Harder room on April 27<sup>th</sup> 9-12 for a Team Meeting.

Carol received an email from the Presbytery about church camp scholarships and will pass it along to interested parents. Discussion was held about camp scholarships and suggestion was made to put together a flyer to be put out to Kids Club etc.

Information has been released about the Harvest Festival in the fall and we will need to decide if we want to have a presence there. Discussion then circled back to Fair on the Square. Both Carol and Cathy mentioned wanting to have a presence in the community. Handing out cookies at the Harvest Festival last year went well and it was suggested that we consider something like that instead of a fundraiser at the Fair. It was suggested perhaps Fred and witness could lead this up.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Greene



## **Women's Open Circle**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 12 at noon in the Harder Room. Bring your own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

## Food Pantry

Business seems to be picking up the last 2 months and I understand the extra SNAP payments will be coming to an end.

The food bank in Hamden has not been able to get crackers, canned peaches, canned pears, and canned mandarin oranges. Of course, they are not allowed to purchase jelly for us.

I will continue to purchase milk, cheese, and bread. We do have some farmers who have been providing us with eggs. Laura and Gary Clark have agreed to do a major food shopping at Aldi's when needed.

Thank you to everyone who has been contributing food items and donating money.



### May Food Drive



Help stock the Food Pantry at  
United Ministry of Delhi

***Crackers***  
***Canned peaches***  
***Canned pears***  
***Canned mandarins***  
***Canned chunk chicken***  
***Corned beef hash***  
***Cooking oil and butter***  
***Chicken noodle soup***  
***Coffee***  
***Jelly***  
are in particularly short supply.

*Thanks.*

## Play School Update - May 2022

**Pre-registration for the 2022-23 school year is now available**, please contact Pam Savage at [playschool.umod@gmail.com](mailto:playschool.umod@gmail.com) for more information. Student registration for the 2022-23 school year is open with hope to get the student registrations needed by the July deadline. Families that we currently have on the Play School list will be notified and registration forms will be sent. If you know of anyone interested in preschool, please share our information with them. We would love to continue to offer this wonderful program for many more years to come!! Call 746-2191 ext. 206 or email us at [playschool.umod@gmail.com](mailto:playschool.umod@gmail.com)

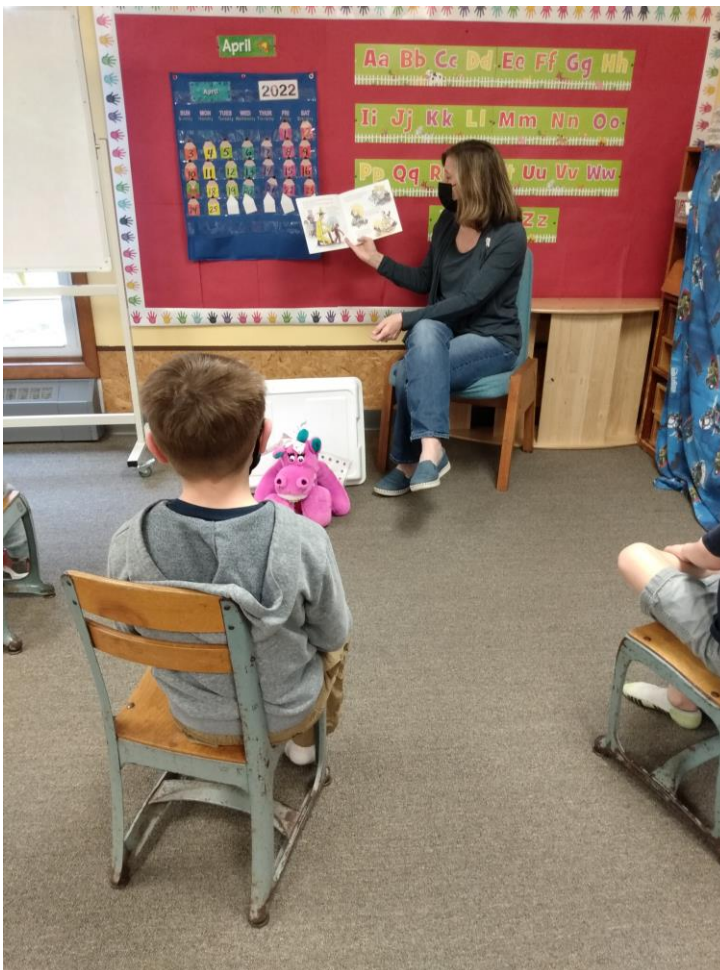
**Bake Sale:** Play School is planning to host a bake sale on Saturday, April 30th between 10-2pm, during the Village All Day Clean-up. We hope to see you there!! Baked Goods are Welcome!! Thank You!!

**During April:** We continued our letters of the week, Spring, numbers, stories and writing our names. We have received a donation of trees/shrubs for the children for our Earth Day Unit from the Delaware County Soil and Water District. Thank you so much for the donation of an Austrian Pine tree and blueberry bushes for the children!! They are super excited and can't wait to pick their own blueberries!! We also have had community members come in and do a dental unit, and Easter egg hunt for the children. What excitement each day brings to the children at Play School! So much fun!!



**During May:** Bassett Nurse Amy will be in for a germ/hand washing unit, and Easter Egg Hunt. Miss Tasha will do her Mother's day unit at the beginning of May and Father's Day at the end of May. Chief Mills to do a Summer Safety Unit, and Mrs. K. to make homemade ice cream. We are also looking for any other community members to share their special gifts and talents with the children in the classroom. If you would like to share something with our class, please contact Pam Savage at [playschool.umod@gmail.com](mailto:playschool.umod@gmail.com) and we can plan a date. We will have our End of the Year Celebration in the middle of May and end things with a field trip to Pizza Hut, where the kids can make their own pizzas!! YUM!!

Continued Thanks to everyone who has donated to Play School and has shared their time and support! This has truly been a blessing for the children's learning, growth



and development!! They are so curious to see what we are going to learn about next! It's amazing to see the changes in the children from the beginning of the year to now!!

Wishing you all continued health and happiness!

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Savage

Play School Director



*Thank you to everyone that donated and/or bought goodies at the Bake Sale on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*\$650 was raised to support Play School!*



## UNITED MINISTRY HISTORY

### Activities and Participants

#### *Introductory Comments*

*Following Bob Peet's tenure in the care of the U.M. steeple clock, Scott Oles and Floyd Vogt took a turn at care of the clock. In a discussion with Scott we agreed it might be an interesting read if he endeavored to describe how the clock worked. He followed through with this month's article.*

*I thought it would also be of interest to accompany the article with pictures of the inner workings of the clock and chimes. This was not a job for my aging legs so I turned to Gideon Frisbee for his help. I have been told "If you want something done – ask a busy person to do it." Gideon agreed to do this for us. In doing so, he got to listen to the bell ring real close. If you ask him, I am sure he will share his experience with you.*

*My thanks to Scott and Gideon for providing this month's history article*

*Don Haight*

### Clock

When Bob Peet made the decision to stop being responsible for the church clock, I decided to take on that challenge. The year that took place escapes me.




I was given a short training. It was quite a job getting up in the bell tower to begin with. You had to go up in the balcony, climb a set of stairs and unlock a trap door. That area was just below the bell area. A short set of stairs brought you to the bell area.

A ladder then put you into the weights area Bob said that he was a part of this change from manually hanging the weights to wind up the clock and chime mechanism to electricity.

It was three set of weights with "tabs" to contact switches to raise the weights to wind up the clock and the two sets of chimers as the clock operated the weights would slowly lower down until the "tab" contacted the lower switch and the weights were moved back up. Funny thing that the "tabs" were constructed of folded copper or a wood shingle



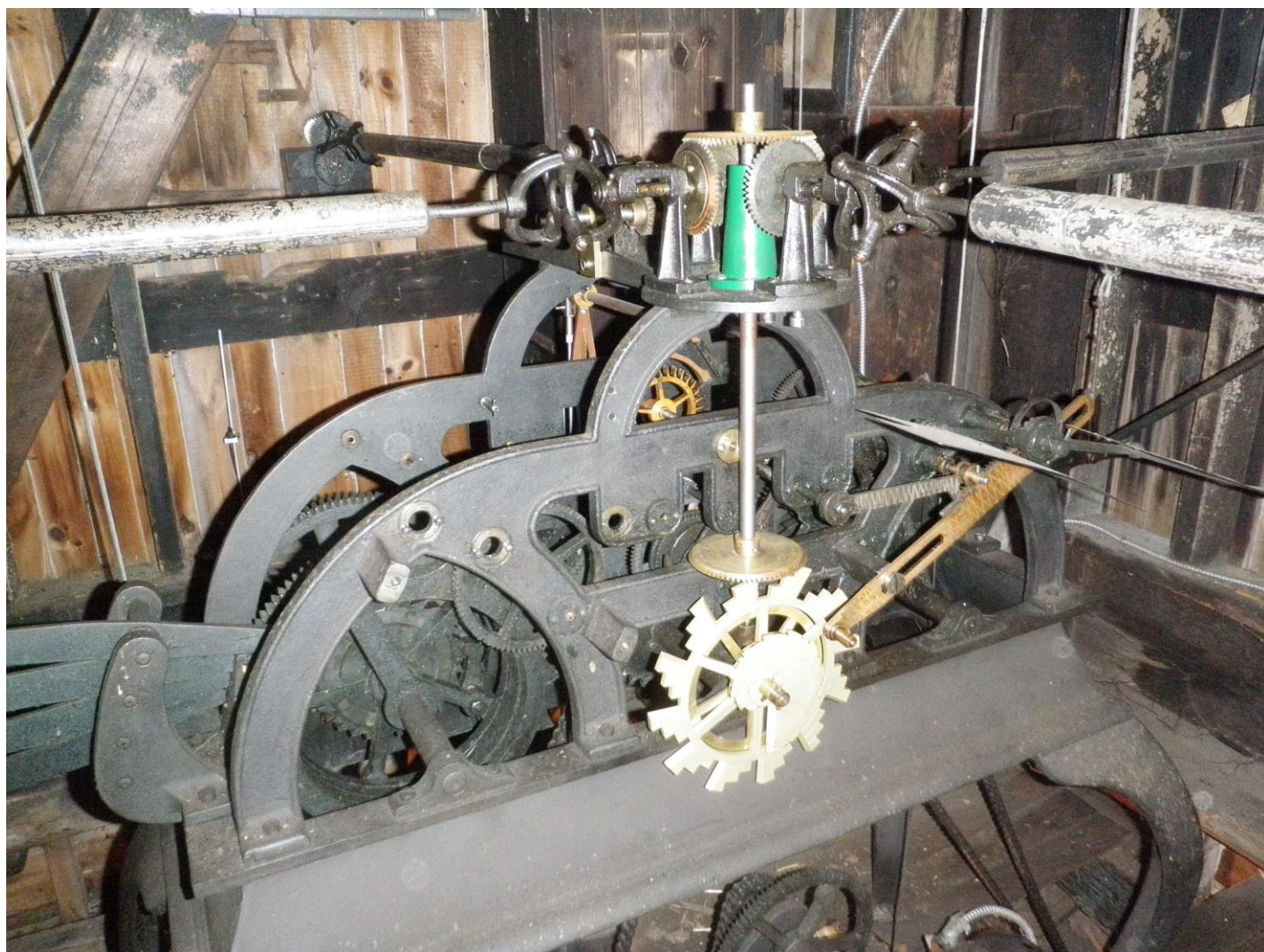
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<b>Mother's Day 8</b> <b>10:30am Worship</b>	9 8:30am Play School 12:00pm Board of Elections – HR 1:00pm Food Pantry 2:00pm Alzheimer's Sup Grp - HR	10 8:30am Play School 9:00am OT - Mindy 11:30am Casual Café – HR  <b>6:30pm Trustees - HR</b>	11 8:30am Play School 10:00am Pastor With Coffee 3:00pm Kid's Club  7:30pm Chancel Choir
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Thu	Fri	Sat	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Calendar</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The United Ministry of Delhi</b> 1 Church Street Delhi NY 13753</p> <p><b>Pastor:</b> The Rev. Catherine E. Schuyler <a href="mailto:pastor@umdelhi.org">pastor@umdelhi.org</a></p> <p>Ph.: 607-746-2191 X 202 Cell: 218-349-0869</p> <p><b>Office Hours:</b> Mon – Thurs 8:45am – 3:30pm Sundays 9:00am – 12:00pm</p> <p>Access online giving:                        Or  <a href="http://Tinyurl.com/umdgving">Tinyurl.com/umdgving</a> </p>
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and slipped between the weights at the appropriate level to contact the switches.

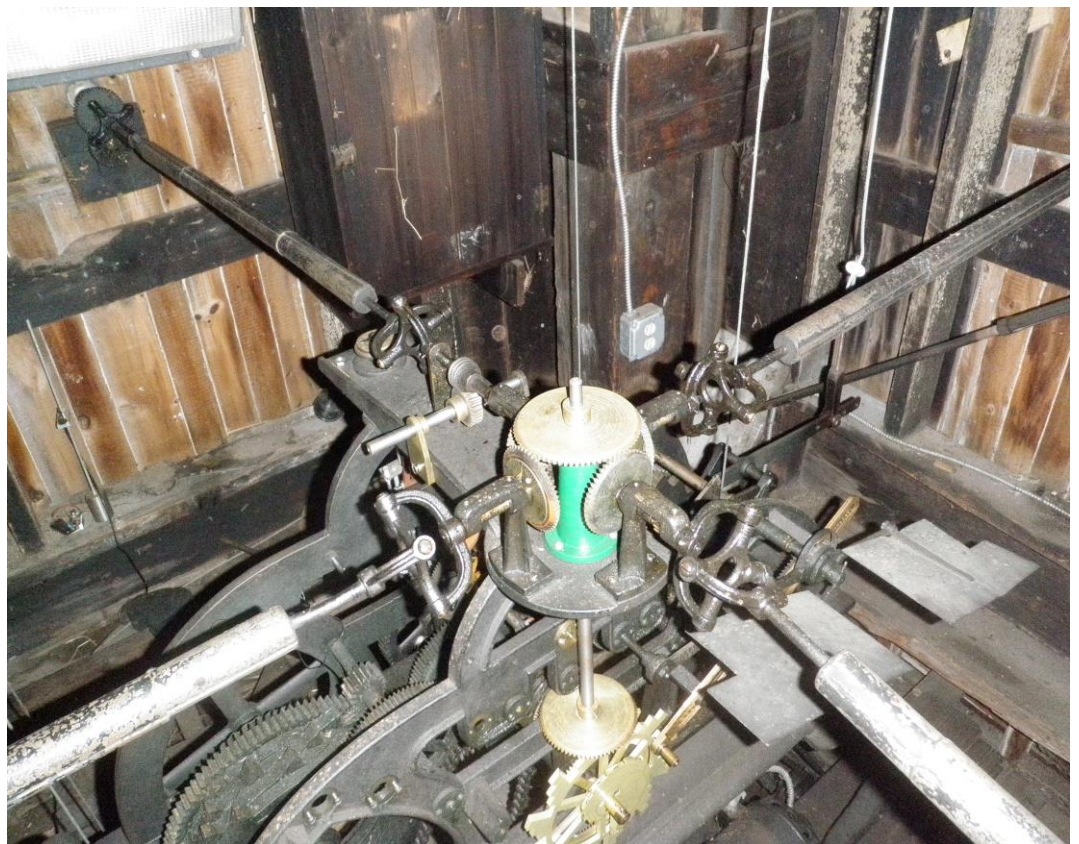
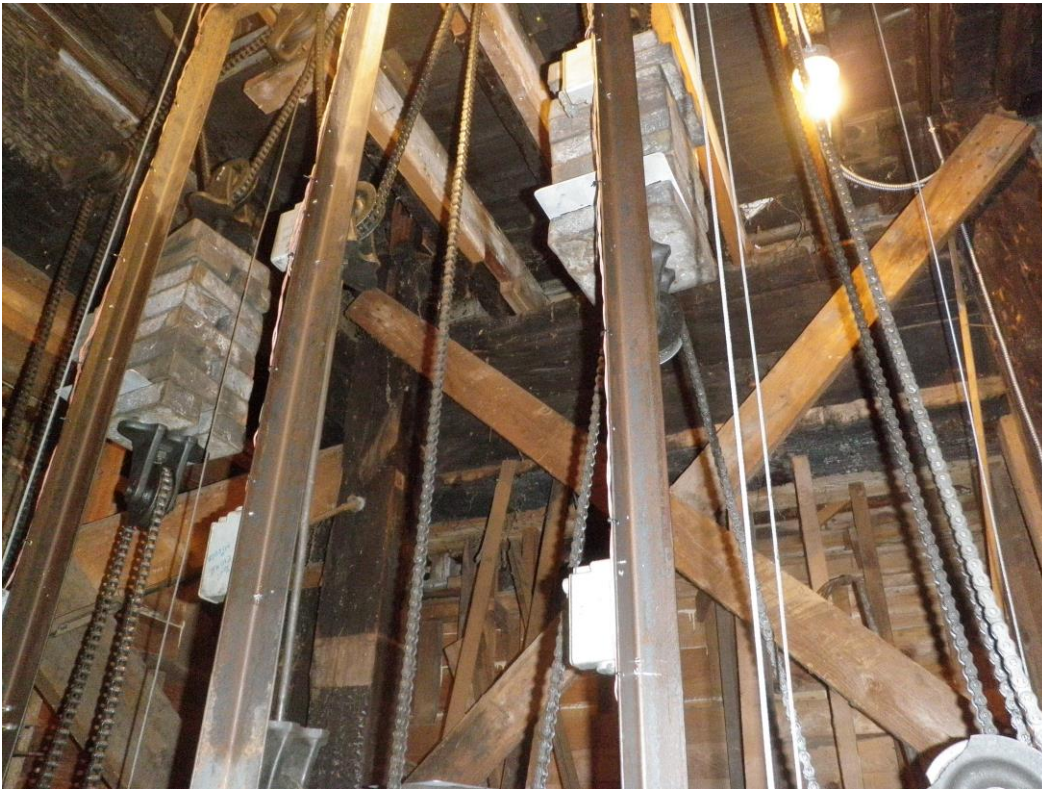
You next climbed another ladder to the "clock room". If I recall this clock mechanism was up in the clock tower around 1918. The clock did survive a fire at a later date. It is all open so that you can see everything move and do its thing . . . it's amazing to watch.



It really is three mechanisms. On the right side was the chimer, middle was the clock, and the left was the quarter hour chimer. The speed of the clock was an adjustable pendulum which was only about three feet long. The hourly and quarter hour chime operated with large, pegged wheels sandwiched together for the arms to pull cables for the strikers to hit the tubes down below. Making sure the chimes started on the right note proved to be the greatest challenge. It was not easy to "back" up either chimer systems.

Changing the clock from day light savings and back was always interesting. "Falling" back in the Fall was easiest. You just went up and stopped the clock by stopping the pendulum and went back up to start it up at the appropriate time. In the spring you had to manually allow the clock to move through each quarter hour and hourly chime for eleven hours and stop it at the near exact time. This process took about 10 minutes. Must have sounded funny to anyone that listened to the

clock. I found it amazing as to how many villagers really do listen to the clock. If you were off with the time or chime, there was always someone that would make you aware of it.



**It's NOT Too Early To Think About Summer Camp!**



## **Presbytery Camperships**

for all school-age children and youth (K–12th grade),  
also for young adult campers with special needs

Camperships are available for Christian camp programs of any length up to one week.  
Programs may be overnight/residential programs, day camps, or virtual programs.

Camperships are **NOT** a financial aid program. They are an incentive, provided to **ALL** families (*regardless of family income*) involved in churches in the presbytery, to support and enhance kids' Christian faith journeys.

**Level 1: Presbyterian (PCUSA) camps**

3/4 of cost of program (up to \$500 maximum)

**Level 2: Churches Uniting in Christ** (*includes United Methodist*),  
**American Baptist, or Reformed Church of America camps**

2/3 of cost of program (up to \$375 maximum)

**Level 3: All other Christian camps** (*camps are evaluated on a case-by-case basis*)

1/2 of cost of program (up to \$250 maximum)

Apply between April 1 and July 31, 2022

For information and applications, visit [www.susvalpresby.org](http://www.susvalpresby.org)  
and go to **Mission > Christian Nurture** then click on Camperships

**Questions?** [camperships@susvalpresby.org](mailto:camperships@susvalpresby.org) or 607-269-7659

Let's work together to encourage our children and youth  
to grow in God's love!



## **Summer Camp List**

### **Level 1: Presbyterian [PC(USA)] Camps**

*Campership equal to the lesser of three-fourths the cost of a one-week camp or \$500.*

*Any PC(USA) camp is eligible. These are some of the PC(USA) camps in close proximity to our presbytery.*

#### **Camp Hebron**

[www.camphebron.org](http://www.camphebron.org) | 717.896.3441  
957 Camp Hebron Road, Halifax, PA 17032

#### **Holmes Camp & Retreat Center**

[www.holmescamp.org](http://www.holmescamp.org) | 845.878.6383  
60 Denton Lake Road, Holmes, NY 12531-9824

#### **Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center**

[www.campjburg.org](http://www.campjburg.org) | 908.852.2349  
822 Route 519, Johnsonburg, NJ 0782

#### **Camp Lackawanna**

[www.camlackawanna.org](http://www.camlackawanna.org) | 215.896.0080  
1219 Vosburg Road, Tunkhannock, PA 18657

#### **Camp Whitman**

[www.campwhitman.org](http://www.campwhitman.org) | 315.536.7753  
150 Whitman Road, Penn Yan, NY 14527

### **Level 2: Churches Uniting in Christ, American Baptist Church, and Reformed Church of America Camps**

*Campership equal to the lesser of two-thirds the cost of a one-week camp or \$375.*

*Any camp affiliated with the American Baptist Church, the Reformed Church of America, or any of the Churches Uniting in Christ [African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal, Episcopal, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, International Council of Community Churches (USA), Moravian Church, United Church of Christ, or United Methodist] is eligible. These are some of the ABC, RCA, and UMC camps within or in close proximity to our presbytery.*

#### **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH —**

##### **UPPER NEW YORK CAMP & RETREAT MINISTRIES**

##### **Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center**

[www.aldersgateny.org](http://www.aldersgateny.org) | 315.348.8833  
7955 Brantingham Road, Greig, NY 13345

##### **Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center**

[www.casowasco.org](http://www.casowasco.org) | 315.364.8756  
158 Casowasco Drive, Moravia, NY 13118

##### **Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center**

[www.skylakecenter.org](http://www.skylakecenter.org) | 607.467.2750  
501 William Law Road, Windsor, NY 13865

#### **REFORMED CHURCH OF AMERICA**

##### **Fowler Camp & Retreat Center**

[www.campfowler.org](http://www.campfowler.org) | 518.631.6789  
152 Pelcher Road, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108

#### **AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

##### **Pathfinder Lodge**

[www.vpccministries.org](http://www.vpccministries.org) | 607.547.2300  
1041 County Route 31, Cooperstown, NY 13326

##### **Camp Vick**

[www.vpccministries.org](http://www.vpccministries.org) | 716.492.4494  
11165 Sandbank Road, Freedom, NY 14065

### **Level 3: All Other Christian Camps** (evaluated for eligibility on a case-by-case basis)

*Campership equal to the lesser of one-half the cost of a one-week camp or \$250.*

Please visit the websites of each camp to find details about programs and program dates. Registration is also available online. Paper registration sheets are available in the church office, and we are available during normal office hours to assist you with filling out the form online. Ask Pastor Cathy about additional financial assistance for camp attendance from The United Ministry.

## Trustees Work Day

We had a very successful Work Day on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The weather was perfect and we were joined by a hardy group from SUNY-Delhi as part of the Community Clean-up Day. Gideon Frisbee used Jeff Ackerly's outdoor griddle to cook breakfast sandwiches for students, members that came to work, and anyone else that happened to stop by to say 'hello'!

Varied and miscellaneous tasks were tackled, including a large bit of work in the church memorial garden.









## Our Changing Family

**New Member:** On April 3<sup>rd</sup> we welcome John Gaffney through as a member of The United Ministry. John quickly became involved in life at UMD even before asking to join the church, willing to give of his time and talents in nurturing the church and its missions and ministries. Welcome, John!

**New Address:** We have an updated mailing address for Charlotte Vetter:

Charlotte Vetter  
 c/o Melinda Core  
 504 SW City View St.  
 Apt. B  
 Pullman, WA 99163



Kierstin Griswold	5/02	Fred Huneke	5/07	Nathan Gielskie	5/19
Ruth Vredenburgh	5/02	Duane Sturdevant	5/15	Bob Henault	5/21
Marilyn Huneke	5/04	Chip Colson	5/17	Gary Clark	5/24
Eric Whittaker	5/04	Ann Smith	5/17	Shawn Ackerly	5/28
Lois Haight	5/06	Ryan Sturdevant	5/17	Jenn Kazmierski	5/28
Virginia Mills	5/06	Carolyn Ferguson	5/18		
Barbara Davidson	5/07	Pam Savage	5/18		

### Lay Readers - May

- 1 Gideon Frisbee
- 7 Rev Rick Edwards
- 15 Ann Peet
- 22 Carol Greene
- 29 Cathy Johnson

**Coffee Hours & Flowers:** Hosts are needed for Coffee Hours after worship and plenty of open dates are available for flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. See the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at the main entrance to the building.

# Word and Worship

## May 2022

### **Sunday, May 1**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

### **Sunday, May 8**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Good Shepherd Sunday*

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

### **Sunday, May 15**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

### **Sunday, May 22**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16: 9-15; Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14: 23-29

### **Sunday, May 29**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Guest Preacher: Dr. Dorothee Benz

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97

Revelation 21:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John  
17:20-26

## **Introducing: Our Guest Preacher - May29<sup>th</sup>**

**Dorothee Benz** is a writer, organizer, and strategist who has spent decades on the frontlines of social justice struggles in the United States.

Benz was the founding chair of Methodists in New Directions, where she nurtured a group of dozens, then hundreds, and eventually thousands of United Methodists in their determination to overcome the church's codified discrimination against LGBTQ+ people. She was the primary architect of what became the movement's dominant strategy of ecclesial disobedience, combining prophetic vision and organizing skills to bring the strategies of non-violent resistance into the UMC. Benz served as a delegate to the UMC's General Conference in 2016 and 2019. She left the church in 2019.

Professionally, Benz brought deep strategic and leadership expertise to senior positions at the [Center for Constitutional Rights](#) and [Lambda Legal](#) after decades of work in the labor movement. She has been an independent writer and communications consultant since 2020.

Recognition of her work includes dozens of labor journalism awards, multiple awards for website redesigns she led, and the Gwen and C. Dale White Award from the New York Methodist Federation for Social Action for her leadership of MIND. Benz is an effective and sought-after speaker, preacher, teacher, and facilitator; and has published dozens of articles and blogs in popular and scholarly outlets.

She holds a PhD in political science from the City University of New York, and BA in history and literature from Harvard University. Her scholarly expertise is in social movements.

In her spare time, Benz climbs mountains and builds sandcastles. Follow her on Twitter [@DrBenz3](#)