

The Word

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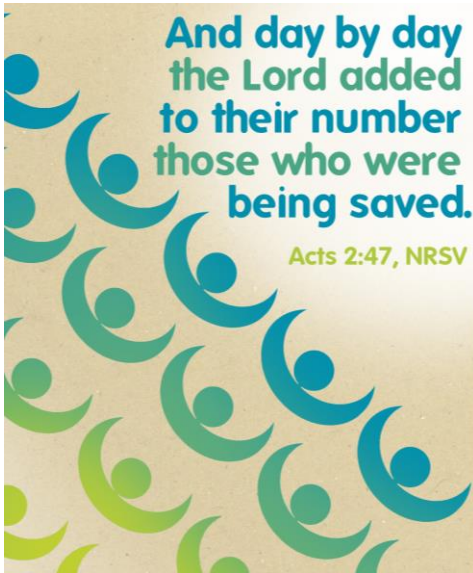
**HOLY
SPIRIT.**

ACTS 2:4
NRSV

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Ministers Musings



⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. *Acts 2:46-47*

The Surgeon General of the United States reported in *The New York Times* this week that at least half of American adults experience measurable loneliness at any given time. That's a lot of lonely people. Loneliness isn't just an unpleasant feeling; it affects our health. Lonely people are more prone to depression, as we might expect, but they are also at risk for higher levels of heart disease and dementia. God said of the first human being, it is not good for this one to be alone (Genesis 2:18). That turns out to be a basic truth. We are created to be with one another. This is not simply a plea to come to church, though that's always a great idea, and an excellent antidote to loneliness. It's a reminder that you are not made to be alone, that the faith community is just that, a community, a place for you to belong and to connect, and that time spent together – over coffee or even over Zoom – is healthy, holy, and a worthwhile way to spend some of your day. It's also a reminder that there are a lot of people a) who love you and would enjoy hearing from you and connecting with you when you feel lonely, and b) who are lonely and would be encouraged to receive a phone call or a card or even just a text to know you were thinking of them. Loneliness hurts, physically, mentally, and emotionally. Reach out, friends, to your friends and neighbors, to your nephews and second cousins. And do come to church. We love being with you.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy

The Bishop is Coming

You are invited to join Bishop Bickerton on a visit with the Catskill Hudson District of the United Methodists at Overlook UMC in Woodstock, on Monday evening, May 15, at 7 pm. There's no particular agenda, just an opportunity to hear what's happening in the conference and in the wider church, to meet other people from the churches in the area, and to say hello. Pastor Cathy will be attending the gathering, and is happy to share the ride. Give her a call if you'd like to join her.

Highlights of April Parish Council

The April meeting of Parish Council opened with prayer and a sharing time.

The Topic of the Month was Stewardship and Pastor Cathy introduced a book called "A Generous Life" that is a month long study of stewardship and has recommended that both council and finance committee read the book as we begin our increased focus on stewardship in our church and prepare for our meeting with Rose Niles. The date of July 8th was set for the workshop with Rose Niles from the Presbytery Covenant Funds.

Playschool reported that they had a successful bake sale and were preparing for their bottle drive on the 23rd of April. The banner announcing enrollment is across Main St and will up again in May. Currently they are expecting at least 10 for their fall enrollment. The board is considering adding Fridays for 4 year old and increasing tuition accordingly.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Fran Ackerly. Most of the figures are where they should be for being 25% through the year. Contributions are only at 17%. We discussed the line for pledged vs unpledged contributions. Also Finance Committee has been discussing if there is a better way to report to the congregation where their pledges stand each quarter. It was also decided to have someone count offerings with Edie so that other people are aware of how it's done.

Trustees have met twice since the last council meeting. On April 22nd we will be participating in the Delhi Community service day with a group of students from SUNY Delhi coming to help clean up the grounds at church and parsonage,

scrapping paint at the parsonage and doing some indoor projects if it rains. We may try to coordinate something with the same group to clean up our section of Route 10 before the end of the semester. A heat valve failed and led to a leak in the Play School ceiling but it was found and fixed quickly. The hot water booster for the kitchen and bathrooms upstairs was installed. Trustees are working with Jim DeWitt to get pricing for some other small jobs that need to be completed including the installation of handrails by the lecterns. Now that the building code enforcement has looked at the location of the proposed ramp the next step is to have plans/sketches drawn so we are able to get prices from contractors. Trustees need an additional trustee and the Nominations committee is working on this. Gideon continue to work on a few glitches in the sound system and will also be addressing the hearing aid devices that are no longer working.

At the Finance Committee meeting, the date was set for the stewardship workshop to be presented by Rose Niles. Also discussed was the desire to see if she would be able to come in the fall to talk with the congregation. The contract with Pastor Cathy to address the HAS payroll payback was signed and sent to Rev. Karen Monk.

SPR reviewed evaluation forms and policies for the church staff at their last meeting and are very close to finalizing it. Their goal is to have all evaluations completed by June.

Pastor Cathy reported attendance numbers averaged in the fifties in April. She will be away the weekend of April 22-23 and pulpit will be filled by a Presbyterian deacon from Walton. June 17th will be the memorial service for Joel Kazmerski and Leona Hunt's burial will be May 18th. The bishop will be coming to Woodstock on April 30th. Anyone who would like to join her to meet with him is welcome to come. The May council meeting needs to be changed to May 22nd. The NY Annual Conference is scheduled for June 9th-11th which Pastor Cathy will be attending. She also reported that she attended the NYS Council of Churches legislature day which was not well attended but a worthwhile thing to do. Kids Club is going well as is Bible study (they will be studying the Bible next). Pastor Cathy will be away the first week of July. As of May 1st, Cathy will be back on the Square during the Farmer's Market.

Edie reported that the Food Giveaway went well with help from SUNY Delhi students. Once again 73 boxes were distributed. Edie is looking for help on Wednesday mornings when her food deliveries arrive from Hamden.

Fred Onasch reported that he had mailed his postcards and had one positive return!

Currently there is a temporary spot open with Cathy Johnson not able to do Nurture right now.

A Building use request for the WIDE group to use tables and chairs on the square during Worldwide Family Festival on June 3rd was approved by council.

Our meeting was closed in prayer.

Any questions about anything that goes on at our council meetings please feel free to contact me at any time.

Carol Greene

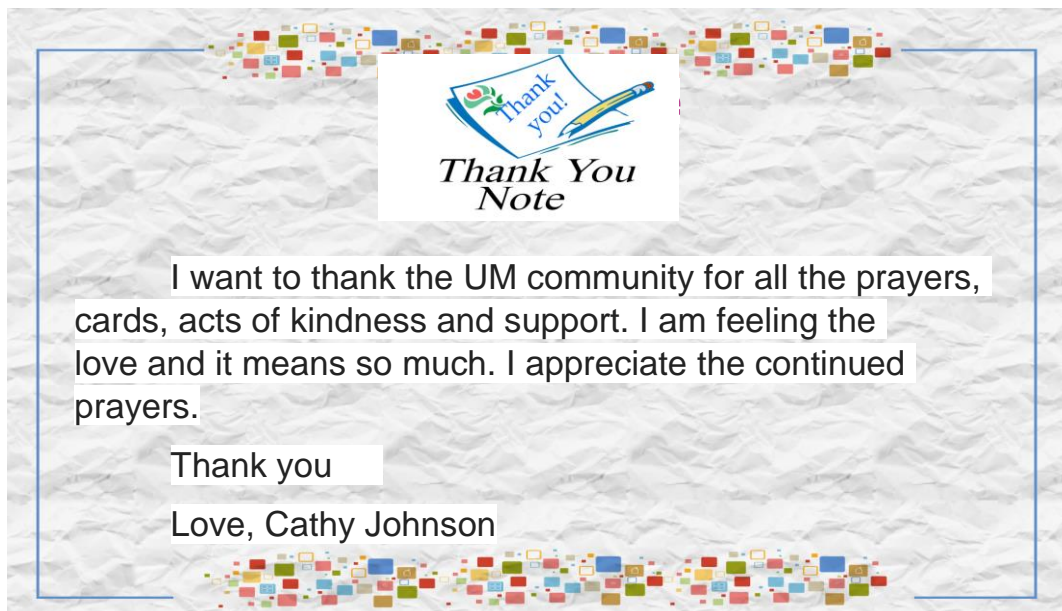
Food Pantry

On April 15th Carol Greene and her trusty crew delivered another 72 boxes of food to the senior center and some others. On Thursday students from Delhi College came down to help unload the grocery order from Aldi's and tape the bottoms of the boxes. John Gaffney opened the cases so everything was all set for Saturday and we didn't need to meet on Friday. As always everyone was excited to see what was in the boxes and very thankful to all of us.

You may have seen the Bomba ads on TV where they advertise that for every pair of socks sold they give away a pair. When I heard that I was skeptical - OK, maybe they do and that is good but maybe they don't and it is just a marketing ploy. I now know they do. Here at our food pantry we have received 2 large boxes of socks in 3 different sizes. I imagine they sent them to the regional food bank who then sent them to Hamden and they delivered them to us. Having socks and warm feet helps to keep your whole body warmer.

Women's Open Circle

Women's Open Circle will meet on Thursday, May 11th at noon in the Harder Room. Bring your own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. We will take the Birthday Offering at that time.



Did You Know About the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee?

This longstanding church committee is charged with connecting the pastor, staff, congregation, and United Methodist District Superintendent. In addition to the primary focus of building strong relationships and promoting communication between the staff and the congregation, the Committee is also responsible for a number of administrative matters including reviewing job descriptions, pastoral and staff evaluations, personnel policies and consulting on matters of staff salaries and support. This committee meets monthly and welcomes congregational input. Current committee members include: Barbara Jones, Chairperson, and Tom Briggs, Ron Frisbee, Lois Haight, Beth Hildreth, Glenn Reynolds, and Pastor Cathy Schuyler.



Catskill Hudson United Women in Faith



Spring Day Apart

“Putting Our Gifts of Faith into Action”

Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:00 am- 1:00 pm

Memorial United Methodist Church

7358 State Route 28, Shandaken, NY 12480

- Please come for coffee and tea at 9:00 am, hosted by Memorial Shandaken United Women in Faith
- Our program will center around the Samaritan woman and Jesus, and will include fellowship, a skit, crafts, prayer, a video, discussion, songs and an Agape Feast.
- Please bring a bag lunch, lemonade to be provided.

Registration \$15, checks to “CHD United Methodist Women” may be sent to our registrar, Joan Robinson, PO Box 652, Glasco, NY 12432

Questions? Linda Primiano, lindaprimiano4@gmail.com or call (845)417-4389

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SUNY Delhi Community Service Day

Saturday April 4/22 was the SUNY Delhi Community Service Day, which presents an opportunity for college faculty, staff and student volunteers to join area residents and non-profit organizations to work on projects throughout the community. Twelve sisters of the Kappa Omega Ipsilon (KOI) sorority helped out the church in completing many tasks throughout the morning. At the Church, tables and windows were washed, and a truckload of leaves and debris was removed from the front garden areas. We then moved to the parsonage property for the remainder of the morning. More leaves were removed from the gardens there, as well as firewood stacked, the porch railing was scraped to prepare for new paint, and a dead tree and branches were trimmed in the back yard. A huge thank you to the sisters of KOI for their help in accomplishing so much!



Play School Update - May 2023

Pre-registration for the 2023-24 school year is now available, please contact Pam Savage at playschool.umod@gmail.com for more information. Student registration for the 2023-24 school year is growing and the banner has been hung over Main Street for the past week. 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



The Bottle and Can Drive Fundraiser Event was Sunday April 23rd from 1-4 pm and we had a great turnout. We had a number of cans and bottles collected through the afternoon. Please know that if you missed the event or have additional bottles or cans, Play School has an open standing account with Dutch Redemption that you can drop off or you can leave them at Play School and we can take them back for you. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped out and donated!! Your support is appreciated!!!

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 a Norway Spruce tree and a Bur Oak tree for the children!! They are super excited and can't wait to get them planted!! We also have had community members come in and do an Easter egg hunt for the children and storytime. 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.

Miss Tasha will do her Mother's day unit at the beginning of May and Father's Day at the end of May. Miss Joanna and Miss Marne will also come in for stories and a fun project. Chief Mills to do a Summer Safety Unit, and Mrs. K. to make her homemade ice cream. Mrs. Henault for a special story time. 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 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 special BBQ put on by one of the families.

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



Now Enrolling for Fall 2023!



The Play School has been a mission of the United Ministry for 50 years, serving the needs of young children and families in our community. It currently has one combined class of 3 and 4 year-olds meeting on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 8:30 am until 11:30 am.

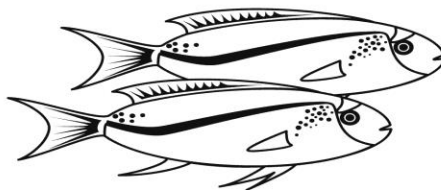
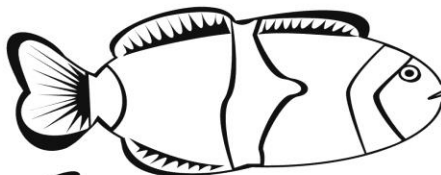
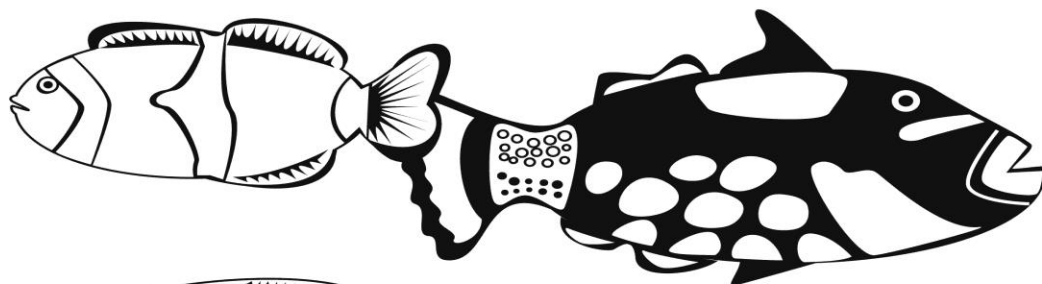
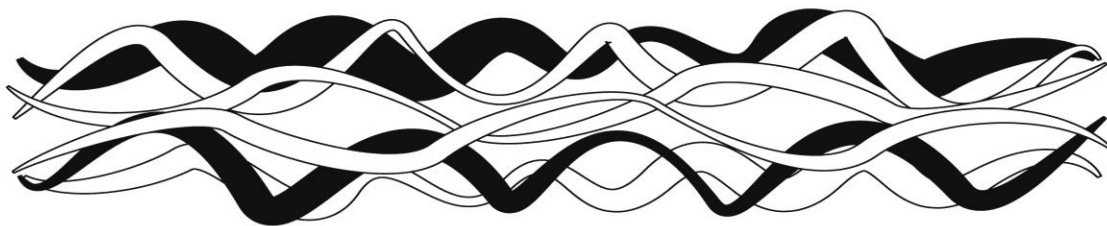
Play School meets from September through May and keeps with the local school calendar for holidays. When Delaware Academy is closed for snow or other emergencies, Play School is also closed.

Contact Pam Savage, Director, at 607-746-2191 X206 or email playschool.umod@gmail.com for enrollment information.

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Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

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| 1. HEAV | 6. OGETHE |
| 2. ABLE | 7. ES |
| 3. AY OF PENTECOS | 8. ONGUE |
| 4. ONGUE | 9. A |
| 5. PIRI | 10. IND |



“When the _____³ came, they were all _____⁶ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____¹⁰ came from _____¹ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____⁹ what seemed to be _____⁴ of fire that separated and came to _____⁷ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____⁵ and began to speak in other _____⁸ as the Spirit _____² them.”

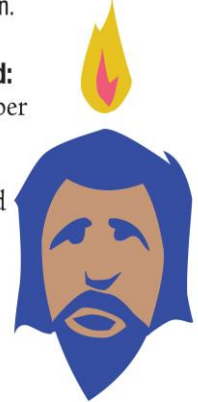
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Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind



MAY
BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Vredenburg	5/2	Chip Colson	5/17
Kierstin Griswold	5/2	Patrick Sturdevant	5/17
Marilyn Huneke	5/4	Carolyn Ferguson	5/18
Eric Whittaker	5/4	Pam Savage	5/18
Lois Haight	5/6	Nathan Gielskie	5/19
Virginia Mills	5/6	Bob Henault	5/21
Barbara Davidson	5/7	Gary Clark	5/24
Fred Huneke	5/7	Jenn Kazmierski	5/28
Duane Sturdevant	5/15	Shawn Ackerly	5/28
Ann Smith	5/17		

Coffee Hour Hosts & Flowers for the Sanctuary



Have you signed up to host Coffee Hour yet? Coffee, tea, lemonade, and paper goods are supplied. Cookies are optional. Sign up on the sheet on the Bulletin Board or call the church office to pick your date.

Coffee Hour

- May 7 Barb Jones
- May 14 _____
- May 21 _____
- May 28 _____

Would you like to commemorate a loved one or special event in your life? Garden and wild flowers are always welcome! If you are uncomfortable creating the arrangement, call the office and we can make the arrangement for you.



Flowers

- May 7 _____
- May 14 _____
- May 21 _____
- May 28 Pentecost (Geraniums)

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office.

Word and Worship

May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764)

1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20 (UMH 790)

1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 21

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792)

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

May 28

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35 (UMH 827)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

Lectors

May

⁷ Edie Campbell

¹⁴ Liz Frisbee

²¹ John Gaffney

²⁸ Evelyn Jacksto

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