

The Word

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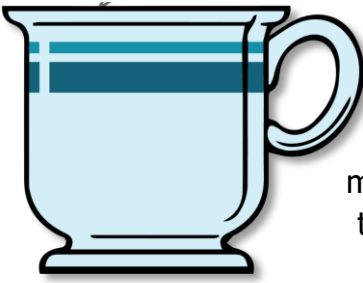
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[COLOSSIANS 3:12]

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Ministers Musings



I spend Wednesday mornings on the Courthouse Square, smack-dab in the middle of the Farmers' Market. Lots of people walk by, some take notice of my *Pastor with Coffee* sign and smile, some stop for a minute and say hello, a few sit down in the empty chair and talk for a while. I've prayed for grandkids, for upcoming medical appointments, and for individuals figuring out what comes next in life. I get updated on what's going on in town and often hear historical data on days gone by in Delhi. I'm always happy to talk theology, but it's not what most people want to talk about. Being on the Square is fun, and the welcome and respect I receive from people there reminds me that the presence of the church in general, and of United Ministry in particular, is appreciated in the community. I'm not there just because I like people, though I do like people; I'm there because I want the church to be known as a welcoming community, available to anyone and everyone. United Ministry will have a presence – a table with cookies and brochures and friendly faces to talk to – at Fair on the Square for two of the four Fridays in July. The men's breakfast gathers at the Diner on Wednesday mornings at 10. All of these are opportunities to let the world know that the people of God here at 1 Church St., Delhi, seek to be witnesses of Christ's love for the world. We have a great church – you know that at least as well as I know that. But there are lots of people who don't quite know what the church is all about – it's a cool place, sure. But is it weird? Scary? Boring? Too hard? We're not really any of those things, but the way people will know that is through you, through your loving, laughing, caring presence in the world. And they won't know that's Jesus in you if you're embarrassed to talk about it. You don't need to opine on the specifics of atonement or on eschatology. But a word or two about the peace or joy you felt in worship last Sunday, or an invitation to a friend to join you at the Outdoor service in August could be just what our next new member, whoever he or she is, needs to hear. Don't be shy. You are the witnesses who will make someone feel like this would be a good place to be part of.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy

Announcements

Camperships: Funds are available for kids, any kids, to attend church camps this summer. Talk to Pastor Cathy for more information.

Book Study will continue our discussion on *Surprised by Hope*, by N.T. Wright,, Thursdays, throughout the summer. Once we finish the book, there will be informal Bible study on Thursday mornings at 10:30. We'll look together at the lectionary texts for the coming Sunday. We'll start a new book together in September. You are always welcome!

Congratulation are in order! Congratulations to Meredith McCann, graduation from D.A.

Congratulations to Delaney McCann, Dairy Princess of Delaware County.

Lectors, who read scripture each week, are an important part of our worship. If you would like to be included on the list of those who read, please let Pastor Cathy know. Thanks.



Women's Open Circle picnic was postponed from the June heat wave to July. It will still probably be hot, but hopefully not quite as hot. So:

All women of the church are invited to a picnic lunch at the parsonage, 23 Prospect St., at noon on Thursday, July 18. Bring a salad or dessert to share. RSVP to Pastor Cathy. (If you were coming in June and can still come, your old RSVP tands. Otherwise, let Cathy know.)

Bakers & Others: The United Ministry will have a presence at Fair on the Square on July 5 and July 19.

If you can be at the UM table for an hour or two, please let Carol Greene or Pastor Cathy know.

We'd like to offer cookies to people who pass by. Let us know that you can bake a batch or two. Thanks.

Kids Club: There's a flier for Kids' Club in this newsletter, because we need your help finding kids to join us in the fall. Let your neighbors know, ask your grandkids and their friends to be with us on Wednesdays. We have a great time. Please help us expand the program. Thanks.

Highlights of June Parish Council

The June meeting of Parish Council opened with devotions by Stephanie Trass. She shared her memories from her early experiences at United Ministry and the influence her mother had on the importance of her family worshipping together. She feels United Ministry has truly become family.

During Topic of the Month Pastor Cathy and Evelyn Jacksto shared their highlights of the Annual Conference which included Pastor Cathy serving communion and both of them singing in the choir as well as many meaningful discussions.

Eloise Henault shared that Play School board has not had a meeting but there will be a bottle drive on June 22nd at Bagels and Cream from 9-1.

The Treasurers Report was presented by Laura Clark who indicated that income should be at 42% for this time of year and was only at 24% and expenses were at 37%. Overall we are doing okay at the moment.

Gideon reported that at their last meeting the Trustees accepted, with regrets the resignation of Ed Chytalo effective 6/1/24. He will no longer be mowing lawn so trustees are pursuing someone to take care of the lawn. A \$25,000 withdrawal from investments was initiated. The bid for garden clean-up for \$1200 was approved. They are getting a bid from Webster for the sealing of the parking lot and repainting of lines. Mac Hall kitchen faucet was repaired by Jeff Ackerly. Several odd jobs continue to need to be completed at parsonage. Money market paperwork is being worked on by Gideon. He has signed and returned paperwork for us to receive the bequest from Ann Smith.

The Finance Committee met and discussed the Financial Secretary position and responsibilities it would include. Stephanie Trass will be trained by Laura to do this job. Information about the status of the applications for grants was presented and an update on the work of the task force was given. Their energy is focused on completing the O'Connor Foundation Grant since it is due in September. Information for this grant can then be used when applying for the Helfgott-Renfroe Foundation and Sacred Sites grants.

Delhi Community Fund has awarded the Food Pantry a \$2000 grant which will be distributed in October.

Laura Clark agreed to get the financial giving statements ready for the congregation by July 1st.

Staff Parish Relations met and reviewed the annual evaluation process. Self evaluation forms will be distributed, completed and meetings scheduled with the Pastor, staff person and liaison. Cathy's evaluation will be completed in conjunction with the Annual Report at the end of the year.

The Committee wants to evaluate the change to a shorter work week with the church secretary and all impacted. Discussion was held about Fran being out for most of June and some of July and the need for others to pitch in to keep the church clean.

Also discussed was some feedback about the length of worship service. It was agreed that the sermon length was not the issue and discussed possible suggestions for shortening service to stay closer to an hour.

Pastor Cathy continues to make pastoral visits (on her bike) and meeting and visiting with people during her time on the square on Wednesdays.

She asked the council to approve the acceptance of Katie Palm as a member of United Ministry on July 7th by reaffirmation. The motion was approved!

Baccalaureate Sunday will be June 23rd at Abundant Life Church and Pastor Cathy will be preaching. We will also have the Gathering of Presbyterians on June 29th at First Pres. She will also be preaching then as well.

Pastor Cathy reported she will be away on vacation August 5th through the 15th.

NOW reports included: Fred Onasch (Witness) reported that Men's group continues to meet at the Diner on Wednesdays.

United Ministry will have a presence on the square on the first Friday of Fair on the Square. Cookies are needed to be handed out to visitors. Anyone willing to bake should have cookies to church on the 5th. Barb Jones will provide her corn hole game and candy for the children. Fliers are being developed to had out with

information about Kids Club while on the square. We will also have a spot on the Square on the 19th.

Evelyn (Worship) stated that June 16th will be Music Sunday and June 23rd will be Volunteer Sunday. She reported that she continues to provide decorations that coincide with the theme for that Sunday.

Coffee hour has been happening almost every Sunday and is enjoyed by all. The Food Pantry is receiving bags of food from a recent food drive being held at Price Chopper. In addition produce has been picked up in Oneonta from the Regional Food Bank. Twice during the last month Joe & Cheryl Greenfield, Carol Greene and Edie Campbell have made the trip to Oneonta and brought home a generous supply of produce to be shared with others.

Council approved the building use application from the Community Band for use of the church during the Friday nights of Fair on the Square to store instruments and for rehearsal.

Our meeting was closed in prayer.

Any questions about anything that goes on at our council meetings? Please feel free to contact me or any member of council.

Carol Greene



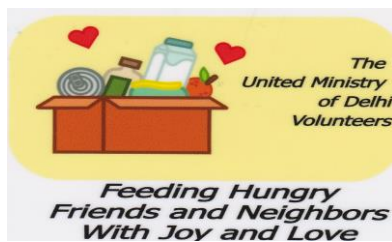
Women's Open Circle

The Women's Annual Picnic that normally takes place in June was postponed because of extreme heat. The new date is Thursday, July 18th, 12 noon at the parsonage. All women of UMD are invited, even if you've never been to a WOC meeting. Join us for fellowship and food; we always have a lot of fun!

Watch for monthly meetings to begin again in the fall and join us!

Food Mission

June was rather a hectic month. The numbers at the pantry were down which may have been due to the heat wave but we had a lot going on.



Regional had a trial program where they would deliver cases of produce to the parking lot in Oneonta. This was available for pantries to pick up and wasn't open to the public. Carol went the first time and returned with cases of salad kits and yogurt. Joe, Cheryl and I went the 2nd time and brought back sweet potatoes, onions, broccoli and brussels sprouts. Carol was also there that day and picked up cases for distribution at the senior housing community.

Shopping at Price Chopper I discovered that once again they were selling bags of food to be donated to us. They had just started and were going to do it for 3 weeks. The first week we picked up 5-6 grocery carts of bags. I realized my storeroom wasn't going to hold 3 weeks of donations at that rate. Carol and I put our heads together and decided we would start to put bags in room 5-6 and when she has another senior box distribution at the end of the summer she would use the bags. Pastor Cathy is on stand-by to get some kids together to unpack and sort bags when we need them.

We also had 2 large donations of outdated bakery bread. Some of that along with peanut butter from the Price Chopper bags and other donated items went to the 16 people being housed at the Buena Vista. Fred keeps us supplied with boxes for them and Deb takes care of the deliveries every month.

On Sunday the 23rd we had a volunteer recognition day. Volunteers were called forward to receive a certificate of appreciation, a tote bag and sticker followed by a special coffee hour. It was amazing to see how many people are involved in making our food missions possible and that didn't include those who make donations of food and/or money.

I pray everyone has a safe and fun summer.

Edie

Summer 2024 Play School News

Play School is still accepting registration for the 2024-25 School Year. Please check out our flyer and contact Pam Savage for any additional information.

Play School had a bottle drive on Saturday June 22nd. Dutch Redemption brought over a trailer for us to fill. We are still waiting on final tallies from Dutch Redemption. If you missed it, please know that we have a standing account with Dutch Redemption and you can drop off anytime, just say that your cans/bottles are a donation for Play School. You can also notify Pam Savage or Laura Mills and we can make arrangements to get them.

Play School will be at the Fair on the Square on July 5 & 19. Please stop by and say hello. Our first one will be one of the kids' favorites with the obstacle course and Scholastic book giveaway!!!

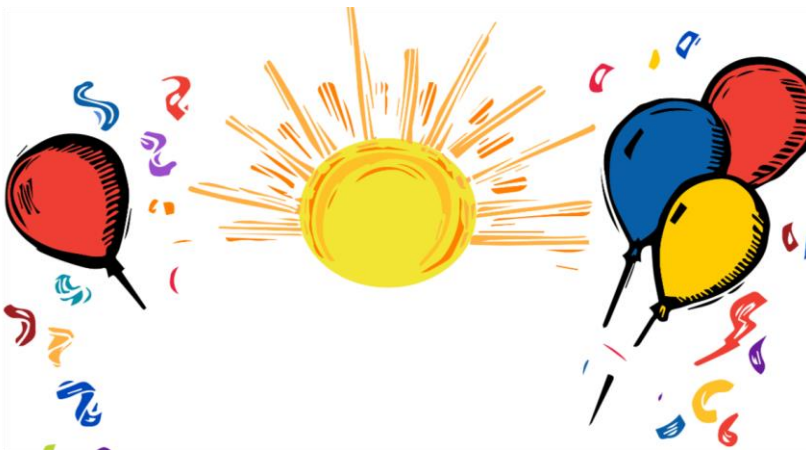
Congratulations Class of 2024!! We are so proud of you and our many Play School Graduates!! Best of luck in your future endeavors!!

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Savage

Play School Director



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Volunteer Recognition

Sunday, June 23rd during worship we recognized the many, many people involved in the Bill Cash Memorial Food Pantry at UMD and in the distribution of food boxes to seniors and those experiencing housing insecurity in our community. It takes a lot of work by many individuals to pull it all off! Some are our church members, some are members of other Delhi churches or members of other organizations committed to the Food Pantry, some are simply members of the community that care about their neighbors. We are able to reach so many in our community and hopefully make their lives just a little easier only because of the commitment of these people!





Kids' Club

***United Ministry of Delhi
Fall 2024***

Wednesday afternoons, 3-4:30 pm

**Games, Bible stories, Crafts,
Music, Snacks
Much fun!**

*Kids' Club is for any and all kids,
K-5th grades.*

*The school bus drops DA students
at the church and the fun begins.
Call Pastor Cathy with questions.*

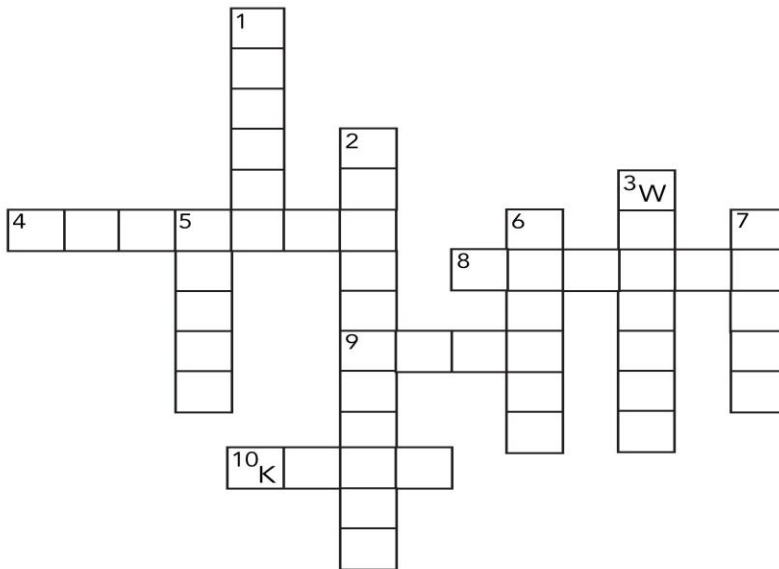
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THE WONDER OF STARS

The heavens display evidence of God's great power.
 What else does the Bible say about the sky?

Directions: Use the clues and Bible references (all NIV) to complete the crossword.



DOWN

1. The sun, moon and stars do this to God. (Psalm 148:3)
2. God made these as numerous as the stars. (Genesis 26:4)
3. Don't do this to the stars and sky. (Deuteronomy 4:19)
5. What do the heavens declare? (Psalm 19:1)
6. The moon and the stars do this at night. (Psalm 136:9)
7. When we're pure, we do this like the stars. (Philippians 2:15)

ACROSS

4. The heavens are the work of these. (Psalm 8:3)
8. On what day did God create the stars? (Genesis 1:14-19)
9. God calls each star by this. (Isaiah 40:26)
10. A star announced the arrival of him. (Matthew 2:2)

Answers: DOWN: 1. praise, 2. descendants, 3. worship, 5. glory, 6. govern, 7. shine, ACROSS: 4. fingers, 8. fourth, 9. name, 10. king



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| Meredith McCann | 7/1 | Kurt Apthorpe | 7/19 |
| Martha Fisher | 7/3 | Barb Sturdevant | 7/22 |
| Sarah Ackerly | 7/5 | Dan Teitelbaum | 7/23 |
| Cathy Johnson | 7/6 | Rowan Walsh | 7/25 |
| Amber Gardner | 7/6 | Diane Oles | 7/27 |
| Catie Gardner | 7/8 | Chelsea Frisbee Johnson | 7/27 |
| Don Trelease | 7/9 | Barb Jones | 7/28 |
| Margaret Small | 7/11 | John Haight | 7/30 |
| Lane Ackerly | 7/12 | Darlene Dutko | 7/31 |
| Anna Tessier | 7/15 | | |



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| Kiera Moyse | 8/6 | Chris Hillis | 8/20 |
| Christina Gardner | 8/13 | Ann Peet | 8/27 |
| Dru Chatterton | 8/16 | Edie Campbell | 8/27 |
| Stephanie McCann | 8/17 | Ed Nichols | 8/28 |
| Jim Jacksto | 8/19 | | |

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

July 7 _____

Aug 4 OUTDOOR WORSHIP

July 14 _____

Aug 11 _____

July 21 _____

Aug 18 _____

July 28 _____

Aug 25 _____

Flowers



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

July 7 IMO Edith McLean Low

Aug 4 _____

July 14 IMO Jonathan

Aug 11 _____

July 21 _____

Aug 18 _____

July 28 _____

Aug 25 _____

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



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This Summer**

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Word and Worship

July

Sunday, July 7

7th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 21

9th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 14

8th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 28

10th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

August

August 4

11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 18

13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 11

12th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 25

14th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Outdoor service, August 4, with a pot-luck lunch to follow. Please bring your own chair.

We'll Sing your Favorites Sunday worship during July and August will begin with a hymn sing, featuring your favorite hymns, chosen by you. Hope to see you there.

Lectors

July

7 Carol Greene

14 Rick Edwards

21 Ruth Kazmierski

28 Evelyn Jacksto

(August list is still being worked on)

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