

The Word



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Ministers Musings



This is one of my favorite weeks of the year. Kids go back to school. Students and teachers may well have mixed feelings about this return to classrooms and being inside while the sun still shines warm, but for those of us who hang out on Facebook, only June graduations rival early September. All my friends post back-to-school pictures of their kids, and it makes me happy. So much hope, so many smiles, so much excitement for the newness of the day and of the year. I have friends online whom I've known since our babies were babies. Now even their youngest are cool juniors and seniors heading to high school. Some of the kids I've never met in person, but I'm fond of them even so. I suppose if I were up early enough to see the school bus go by, I could watch the new school year begin in real time, but I slept through that. So, I see it online, and my hope is renewed that time marches on and the kids are all right. They're loved, they're hopeful, they're on track, and they're beautiful.

Newness each day is at the heart of our faith. 'God is doing something new,' says Isaiah, 'do you perceive it?' (Isaiah 43:19) That is, the newness and hope is happening all the time; the challenge is to pay enough attention to see it. Parents of school kids know that they're pretty excellent. Early September reminds me that this world is full of good kids, families who love them, and teachers who share heart and soul, even if I don't see all that goodness every day. Paul says, 'if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.' (1 Corinthians 5:17) Let smiling kids and school busses remind you that hope is possible. God's grace brings new possibilities into our lives.

A new school year also means a new year of Kids' Club, which also makes me happy! If you know any kids in elementary school, encourage them to join us on Wednesday afternoons. We have a great time!

We'll celebrate kids in worship on Sunday, September 8th.

Grace and peace,

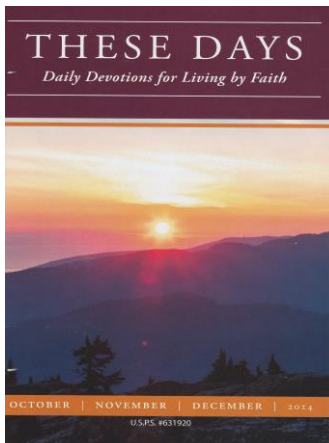
Pastor Cathy

Announcements

My mom, Constance Bradford Schuyler, died on Wednesday morning, August 28. She was 92, happily married for 70 years, beloved mom and Nana, and ready to go. We shared a holy week together – Dad, siblings, grandkids, other beloveds – looking at pictures, telling stories, playing games (Mom loved games), and finally sharing a funeral at her church of 65 years and a burial the next day. Thank you to so many of you who reached out with your love, and thank you for the time away to honor and remember her. I'm back in Delhi, recovering from a minor (I hope) bout of Covid, and looking forward to being back in worship soon.

Daily Devotional Available

Strengthen your faith with *These Days*! Each inspiring and uplifting issue of *These Days* features:



- Daily devotions
- Scripture suggestions
- Thought-provoking daily reflections written by clergy and lay leaders
- Inspiring prayers
- Poems, prayers and songs pertinent to the issue's theme
- Adult coloring pages
- Colorful artwork on the cover
- Information on the writers

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There are copies of *These Days* Daily devotional for the fall – October, November, December – on the small table outside the Pastor's Office. This devotional is published quarterly and offers a scripture, short reading, and a short prayer daily.

Highlights of August Parish Council

The August meeting of Parish Council opened with Pastor Cathy sharing a devotion inspired by gladiolas from Will Frisbee. She read from Isaiah 40, with the message that flowers in all their beauty come and go, but Gods word is forever.



For the Topic of the Month, Carol Greene reviewed the grant application for the O'Connor Foundation. The grant was worked on by Barb Jones, Carol, Deb Kearney and Fran Ackerly. The application is for \$75,000 total, with \$25,000 distributed each of the next three years to help support the expenses in keeping our building accessible and open to the many groups and organizations who use our facilities. Council approved the grant and it was submitted to the O'Connor Foundation.

Eloise Henault reported that Playschool had a very successful can/ bottle drive. They also enjoyed doing outreach at the Fair on the Square two different Fridays. Currently there are 6 students committed to attend in the fall with more possibilities.

The Treasurers Report as of February 29, 2024 was reviewed and discussed. Laura indicated that income and expenses should be at 58% for this time of year. Income is at 43% and expenses at 51%

At the last Finance Committee meeting we discussed the money market account that is being set up and about finally getting the online New Covenant accounts accessibility fixed. Recent fraudulent activity on the debit card (which was caught by the bank) brought about discussion. The bank suggested a credit card would be more secure. A motion was made and carried to shut down the debit card and open a credit card account with 3 cards for the food pantry account, to be used by Carol Greene, Laura Clark and Edie Campbell.

Gideon reported that the clean up and mulching of the front gardens has been completed. Trustees have solicited quotes for fuel oil for the upcoming winter and we will be using Kiff. The parking lot has been sealed and new lines were painted back on. After many phone calls Gideon was able to get the sign-in and password straighten out and Peg Baldwin (Treasurer of Trustees) is now able to get the monthly balances on the New Covenant account.

Barb Jones submitted her SPR report via email indicating that they had not made progress on staff evaluations due to summer vacations but have a goal of doing so by September. Pastor Cathy will be off on 11/10 and 11/17. Next meeting is scheduled for September 24th.

Pastor Cathy reported that Chelsea Frisbee Johnson preached on 8/11 and it was great! An unfortunate problem with the laptop prevented it from being live streamed and recorded (problem has been fixed) Pastor Cathy visited with Bob Peet many times before he passed away. She did the memorial service for Carolyn Ferguson. Katie Palm joined the church on July 7th. Outdoor worship service on August 4th was moved inside due to weather, and a potluck dinner followed the service. Cathy is seeking feedback about about the outdoor worship idea. Women's Open Circle picnic was held at the parsonage with 15 attending. We were on the Fair two Friday nights in July and had good outreach with cookies and a game for kids. Kid's Club flyers were handed out. Cathy encourages us to spread the word about Kid's Club. The June 23rd Volunteer Recognition Sunday was great. 113 Price Chopper Food donation bags were recently sorted by Pastor Cathy and the Frisbee and Mills families. She reported that Rick is working with the acolytes and has developed a schedule.

NOW reports included:

Fred Onasch (Witness) reported that Coffee with Pastor and Men's breakfast are going well.

Evelyn (Nurture/Worship) shared her worship folder showcase for the past several weeks.

Outreach/Witness reported that the next giveaway will be September 14th.

In other business council approved building use requests for: Helios Care Tree of Lights Ceremony, Girls Scouts Service Unit #350, Community Dish to Pass (Use of building in case of rain and use of tables on the Square)

The 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

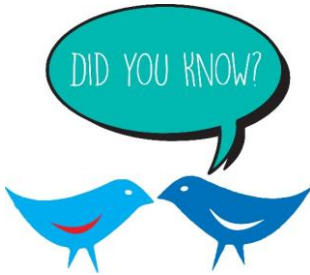
Faith Giving



Are you saving your loose change? Sunday, September 29th will be our 3rd Faith Giving of this year.

Envelopes will be available on the table at the front of the sanctuary and on the table outside the offices. They will also be distributed on Sunday, September 29th for your convenience.

Did you know . . .



. . . that an important mission for The United Ministry of Delhi is making our building available for use by people and groups that serve our community?

One of the groups that uses our facilities annually is Helios Care (Formerly Catskill Area Hospice & Palliative Care).

Tree of Lights ceremonies offer members of the communities served a way to honor the lives of their friends and loved ones. The Tree of Lights raises funds that directly support end-of-life patient care. This year, the Tree of Lights service and reception will be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, November 24th, with a reception in the Harder Room. The Tree of Lights is put up in the Gazebo on the Square and stays lit through the holiday season.



Helios Care has also hosted volunteer and staff support and recognition events using our facilities, as well as grief support groups in the past.

The stated mission of Helios Care is *Making life easier for patients and families facing serious illness or end of life by providing choices, dignity and compassionate care.*

Learn more about Helios Care at helioscare.org.



Kids' Club

at

United Ministry of Delhi

Beginning September 11th

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.

United Ministry of Delhi
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Rev. Catherine Schuyler, pastor





AMAZING ILLUMINATION

God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH IS LIGHT WORD
 YOUR A FEET
 MY FOR LAMP A ON MY

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks _____, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5, NIV

Answer: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path; wisdom

a Brainy breakfast

Add a smart start to your school day with

superfoods

that promote a healthy body and mind.



What you need:

- Large bowl
- 1 medium avocado
- 3 hard-boiled eggs
- Salt
- Whole wheat toast
- Pumpkin seeds, chopped
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Mash the avocado in the bowl.
2. Chop the eggs into cubes and add to the bowl.
3. Add salt to taste. Mix well.
4. Spread over two pieces of toast. Top with chopped pumpkin seeds.
5. Adjust this recipe with your favorite flavors. Add herbs, "everything bagel" seasoning or hot sauce.
6. Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.

Puzzle!

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

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WORD LIST

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F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	T	H	I	R	S	T	Y	O	P	Q

"I _____

 _____,

 _____"

-John 6:35, NIV

Play School News - September 2024

What a busy summer we have had! Play School started our summer with a bottle/can drive at Bagels and Cream on June 22nd. We raised \$270.00 that day to be used towards the Play School Program! Thank you to all who donated! Play School was promoted at the Fair on the Square with two different events in July. The first event was the Scholastic Book Giveaway with an obstacle course for the kids and then for the second event we hosted our sensory sand and dinosaur table. There were several kids enjoying both events. At the Book Giveaway event there were 115 books given away and \$80 donated towards new books. Thank you to everyone that helped out at these events! We appreciate you all!!

Play School is proud to announce that we are open for our 56th school year!! Currently we have 7 students registered for the new school year. On Friday, September 6th we will have Play School Orientation and on Monday, September 9th is the First Day of School. Again this year we will collect donations of school supplies for this year's class. If anyone would like to donate some supplies, there is a School Supply list located on the bulletin board and a box outside Pastor Cathy's office by the church mailboxes.

This year we plan to work on the alphabet/ letters of the week, numbers and counting, colors, shapes, the calendar, weather, seasons, holidays, social interaction, gross and fine motor skills, projects, painting, stories, songs and music, to name a few. We will reach out to the community and families and bring them into the classroom to share their knowledge and talents with the children. Celebrate holidays and include special events. We will also do a few field trips. So many fun things are planned to make this year special for the kids and their families! If anyone in the congregation would like to share something with the class, please let me know at playschool.umod@gmail.com and we can set up a date and time.

If you know of someone interested in the Play School Program for their child or a friend, Please pass along my contact information. Pam Savage (607)746-6869 (home), find us on Facebook at Play School of Delhi, email us at playschool.umod@gmail.com or contact through our webpage at <http://playschoolumod.wixsite.com/home> ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!!

Looking forward to a great year and growing strong together!!

Wishing you all the best,

Pamela Savage, Play School Director

Music Notes



Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, September 4th, 7:30 pm in the Music Room

We would love to welcome new members. There are definite perks in being a choir member: a "family" to be part of, a deeper understanding of many of the scriptures we hear and lessons given on Sunday, a spiritual break in the middle of the week and a true sense of enhancing the worship in a very special way. If you have some conflicts it is not a huge problem to miss a Sunday, we all have a life and I don't want you to feel restricted by choir. Please come and try it out. It is a special time to get away from the outside forces that are around us, renew our spirit and make music. Play School News - September 2024

Casual Café

Casual Cafe continued to meet over the summer. We meet in the Harder Room for lunch from about 11:30 - 1:30 - come join us as your time allows during that time. Beverage and dessert is provided - just bring your lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship with others! We visit, laugh and enjoy a time together. Plan to join us as your schedule allows - there is always room at the table.

Women's Open Circle

The Open Circle is the organized women's group in our church. There is no membership roll, and all United Ministry women are encouraged to participate in the fellowship, programs, and outreach projects. Our stated purpose is to contribute to the life of the church. We take part in and support the programs and missions of the Methodist Catskill-Hudson District and the Women in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PWP).

The Women's Open Circle will meet **Thursday, September 12th** in the Harder Room at noon. Bring your own lunch, beverage and dessert will be provided.

Food Mission

No matter the time of the year or the season we continue to be busy. At least once a week I am in Price Chopper buying perishables and shopping the sales. I also shop the dollar store for items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap and dish detergent as they seem to have the best prices. My sister Pattie has been helping me and we are always giving thanks for the elevator!

Regional has a new program called Shop the Lot where on select days pantries can go and pick up produce for their pantry. Carol went the first time, then Joe, Cheryl and I went and Pattie and I went to the 3rd one which did not have much and what they had was at the end of its shelf life. We did manage to get some corn and some salad and will check out the 2 in September.

Once a month we will continue delivering boxes to the Buena Vista. We are planning on the 3rd Thursday as long as that works for Deb and is not a holiday. Carol is busy planning her first giveaway (after the summer break) of senior community boxes. The plan is for kid's club to unpack and arrange 75 of the Price Chopper bags on the 11th, the 13th we will meet to tape the boxes and do any additional set up. On the 14th we will pack and deliver the boxes.

Price Chopper will be selling bags of select food items for 3 weeks in September. They have agreed to only put together a few bags as samples and donate the rest in cases which is much easier for us as well as them.

Kelly, from Hamden has told me she does not expect them to be able to provide boxes for Thanksgiving again this year. We will provide boxes for those who sign up as we have in the past. Joe will talk to the college about providing us with turkeys at a reduced price,

Anyone looking to donate specific items we can always use jelly, coffee, ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, crackers, canned fruit, canned meat products and spaghetti sauce.

I hope everyone had a good summer and I thank you all for your support of our missions.

Edie

Justice in Mission & Ministry Webinar

Our Susquehanna Valley Presbytery's Justice in Mission & Ministry is promoting this webinar.



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Confronting White
Christian Nationalism

Thursday, September 19
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (EDT)
Virtual Webinar | Registration Required

What does a Christianity look like that is not deeply tied to racial injustice and White Christian nationalism, forces captured in the images of the January 6, 2021 insurrection? With a national election just around the corner, how might Christians live into a richer narrative that underscores the nonviolent legacy of Jesus?

[Join us](#) for an intimate, online conversation with three renowned thought leaders on the current state of Christianity in the US. Our guests [Gary Dorrien](#), [Obery Hendricks](#), and [Grace Ji-Sun Kim](#) are internationally known for their insights on the Christian faith and the role that it can play for those committed to democracy, peace, and social justice. (Follow the links or see below for additional information about our guest panelists.) The *Christian Century's* editor/publisher [Peter W. Marty](#) will serve as moderator. <https://www.christiancentury.org/faithanddemocracy>

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

Sept 1 _____
Sept 8 _____
Sept 15 _____
Sept 22 _____
Sept 29 _____

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

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

Sept 1 _____
Sept 8 _____
Sept 15 _____
Sept 22 _____
Sept 29 _____



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Cash	9/5
Michele Trelease	9/7
Lisa Tessier	9/25
Ruth Kazmierski	9/28
Lisa Heckman	9/29

Word and Worship

Sunday, September 1

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 72;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8 14-15, 21-23

Sunday, September 8

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Acolyte Recognition
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 124;
James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

Sunday, September 15

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19;
James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, September 22

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1;
James 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, September 29

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Baptism of Rosella Frisbee
Faith Giving
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10:9:20-22; Psalm 124
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Lectors

Sept 1 *Ruth Kazmierski.*
Sept 8 *Fred Onasch*
Sept 15 *Ann Peet*
Sept 22 *Evelyn Jacksto*
Sept 29 *Rev. Rick Edwards*



Acolyte Schedule



Sept 1 *Virginia Mills*
Sept 8 *Wyatt Frisbee*
Sept 15 *Madison Vredenburg*
Sept 22 *Virginia Mills*
Sept 29 *Wyatt Frisbee*

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