

The Word



God,
thank you that
by your power,
small things like seeds —
and faith —
**CAN GROW BIG
AND STRONG.**
Nurture my growth
in you always.
Amen.

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Ministers Musings



O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee, UMH 175, vv. 2-3
Bernaud of Clairvaux, 12th century

I was riding my bike along the back river road recently, and was yet again in awe at the beauty that surrounds us here in Delhi. I stopped to take a picture, but it just can't capture the entirety of the glory of our mountains in late summer or early fall. When I try to explain to friends the excellence of my surroundings every day, I just can't find the words. All I can say is, 'Come visit. You won't really get it until you experience it.'

Bernard of Clairvaux said the same thing about hanging out with Jesus – you can't grasp its wonderfulness until you claim it, until you experience it. The joy and peace we find as followers of Jesus Christ is at the heart of the good news we

have to share. The excellence of spending each day offering love and care to the world while resting in that same love in God’s hands is really good. And it’s not always easy to put into words. We try. We tell stories and we sing hymns; we offer our presence and our witness, and communication happens. And that’s good. But we also sometimes have to encourage others to come and visit, to try it out for themselves in order to really know how good it is to be part of the Jesus project in the world.

Offer Jesus to the world. Invite neighbors to church. Let friends see Jesus’ love made real in you. Let your grandkids see you speak out for justice and compassion for those in need. Let the reality of God’s love in the world be seen and experienced through you. And enjoy the beauty of autumn in Delhi. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Cathy

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 3 is All Saints Sunday, when we remember all those who have died in the past year. Use the form below, or simply send a note or an email to the church office, to list friends, family or heroes whom you would like to include on our All Saints list. Please include the date of death, if known.

All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024

Name

Date of death

Funeral Preferences Form

A funeral is important mostly for the living, those who mourn the death of the one whom we remember. But we want a funeral to be personal, to reflect the faith and the life of our loved one. This form is intended for you, who will die some day, to inform those who will plan your service, what you might like included. It isn't a requirement to have this form on file at church, but it would be helpful if you'd like to share it. Please return it to the church office. We'll hold onto it until it's needed.



Heavenly Father,

In this season of change, we are comforted
and guided by Your unchanging love and care.
Lead us through these shifting days,
filling our hearts with peace
and our minds with Your wisdom.
Help us to trust in Your eternal constancy
as we navigate the beautiful
yet fleeting seasons of this life.

In Your loving name, we pray,

Amen.

My Funeral Preferences

Name _____

Family members to contact:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Name	phone number	email address	relation

_____	_____	_____	_____
Name	phone number	email address	relation

Funeral home _____

Hymns to include in the service _____

Scriptures to include in the service _____

Music or choir requests _____

Other things of importance we should know

Date form was completed _____

Highlights of the September Parish Council Meeting

The September meeting of the Parish Council began with devotions led by Fren Onasch. He shared that with the beautiful day we just had it reminded him of the verse in Psalm 118, "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

During the topic of the month Barb Jones and Carol Greene talked about their meeting with the SUNY Delhi architectural program director, Max Dehne. The intent was to see if the designing work for the front steps could be done by students in this program since we will need sketches and specifics to present for the Sacred Sites Grant. Jeff Ackerly attended this meeting, as a trustee that was willing to work on this project. After discussion with Max, Jeff suggested he go back to Trustees to discuss how to move forward as he feels the work may not be as involved as suspected.

Eloise Henault reported that Play School has begun and there are currently 7 children attending. There will be a board meeting by the end of the month.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed online, prior to the meeting. Laura indicated that income should be at 67% for this time of year. Income is currently at 53% and expenses were at 59%. After looking over the report it was approved by the council.

The Finance Committee reported after further discussions with DNB, it was decided not to pursue the cancelling of debit cards and applying for credit cards for the food bank as intended from the August Parish Council Meeting. Council voted that the debit cards will now have a restriction from use at ATMs and will only be used for store purchases.

Carol has mostly been the one doing the weekly counting and the intention is to train additional counters so a rotating schedule can be put into place. Stephanie will be trained as Financial Secretary.

Finance committee decided that the amount in Playschool scholarship (Memorial from Dottie Cook) is \$4655. Finance committee will meet on October 8th.

Gideon has reported that the Money Market account has been opened with \$500 and trustees will transfer the remaining amount into the account. Parking lot

has been sealed and lines painted. The trustees decided to subscribe to a service plan with Kiff for the parsonage which includes 24 hr. emergency service and an annual inspection and service. They don't offer a plan for a system the size of the church building, so they will service at time and materials on that system. Trustees have a railing or handle at the front of the sanctuary on their list of things to complete.

Barb Jones reported that SPR did not meet in August but was planning on meeting on September 24th.

Pastor Cathy thanked all for the support when she was out with the death of her mother, and then during her illness. We will not be doing the 5th Sunday with the Presbyterians because we will be baptizing Rosella Frisbee on that day. She is looking for feedback about continuing this practice since many members of our congregation do not attend when it is held at other churches. She reported she will host the Presbyterian clergy group for lunch this week.

Cathy is working on becoming a United Methodist. She has been invited to teach a lay class on the sacraments in October, or maybe in the spring. Kids Club has begun and on September 22 Bibles will be given to the 2nd graders and honor acolytes. Blessing of the animals will be on Sunday, October 6th. Council approved the motion to baptize Rosella Grace Frisbee on September 29th.

The only NOW report was that there was a Food Giveaway on September 14th with 70 boxes of food distributed.

In other business the council approved the request for membership transfer of Ed Chytalo from The United Ministry to the First Presbyterian Church of Delhi.

Carol reported that she has been having discussions with the AED company that currently charges us \$305 a year. Basically Deb reports to them each month and goes over the supplies needed/used. According to them we are not in compliance because we do not have a member trained in CPR. Gideon is going to talk with a colleague at work who helped place them in his office and report back to council.

The Council approved a building request from AA (a new men's group) to use the church on Sundays from 5:30-7:30. Council approved a request for use of the

building by Delta Kappa Gamma for the use of Mac Hall on November 13 from 4:45pm to 7:30 pm.

Our meeting was closed with 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

Blessing of the Animals



Dogs, cats, gerbils, fish, parrots, and/or horses – outsiders may refer to them as our pets, but we know they are family, loved and cherished as gifts of God to us for companionship and joy. Bring your favorite animals to the Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday afternoon, October 6, at 1:00 pm. We'll gather on the Square for

the service unless the weather is miserable, in which case we'll move to McIntosh Hall. Refreshments for humans and animals will follow the service. Do come.

Women's Open Circle

The Women's Open Circle will meet **Thursday, October 10th** in the Harder Room at noon. Bring your own lunch, beverage and dessert will be provided.

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 United Methodist Catskill-Hudson District and the Women in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PWP).

Join us!

Play School News - October 2024

Play School is off to a great start!! Kids are meshing together well!!

We have a busy October planned for the kids. Mrs. K will be in to make homemade apple sauce. Fire trucks will be down for the kids to learn all about Fire Safety. Field trips planned to Delhi Pizza Co. and Cannon Free Library. Police Chief Mills will be over for our Halloween Safety Unit. Followed by our class Halloween

party, trick or treating around the church, parade around the square. We have letters of the week, projects, holiday projects, stories and songs planned. We welcomed Daffodil Daycare over for a play day, songs and games. We also have some other activities planned throughout October together.

Please, if you would like to donate craft supplies, books, toys, snacks, Clorox wipes, paper or puzzles it would be greatly appreciated!!



Thank you so much and Happy Fall!!

Take care,

Pamela Savage

Play School Director



Kids' Club

The Kids' Club began the year by sorting food for the boxes to be distributed to the Senior Community on the 14th. They met to kick off the new school year on Wednesday, September 11 after school. We were happy to welcome some new faces to the group!



Kids' Club meets every Wednesday after school, following the DA calendar. All children in grades K – 5 are welcome! Join us for Bible Stories, crafts, snacks, music and more!



Worship in September

Book Presentation

On Sunday, September 22 a book of Bible stories was presented to two of your young people: Porter Frisbee and Cameron Mills. *The Peace Table* is a family storybook of Bible stories and illustrations that makes God's presence and peace real to children of all ages.



Acolytes

Also on September 22nd, three of our young people, Wyatt Frisbee, Madison Vredenburg and Virginia Mills, committed themselves to serve as Acolytes for our worship services. Wyatt was not able to be present, but Rev. Rick Edwards acknowledged them and presented them with



booklets

explaining the role of Acolyte in the worship service.



The word acolyte is derived from the Greek word akolouthos, meaning companion, attendant, or helper, who waits continually upon another: a follower. The Acolyte ministry has its roots in the Old Testament of the Holy Bible, where the prophet Samuel is seen assisting Eli, the Levite priest, and Elisha is seen assisting Elijah the Prophet.

Since ancient times, light and fire have reminded people that God is here with us. The Acolyte brings in the light to the candles on the worship table, and then at the end of the service takes the light again with the candlelighter before extinguishing the candles and then walks out with the lighted candlelighter to remind the people that when we go out into the world

God will be there with us.

Thank you to Wyatt, Madison, and Virginia for committing to this service for us, the church family!

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.

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.



Coffee Hour

Oct 6 _____
 Oct 13 _____
 Oct 20 _____
 Oct 27 _____

Flowers

Oct 6 _____
 Oct 13 _____
 Oct 20 _____
 Oct 27 _____

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



Will Frisbee	10/2	Tristan McCann	10/19
Maggie Reinmann	10/4	Cameron Mills	10/19
Marcie Hamilton	10/5	Carol Greene	10/22
Cheryl Greenfield	10/10	Charlotte Vetter	10/23
Autumn Unger	10/12	Peg Baldwin	10/25
John Bramley	10/13	Eloise Henault	10/29
Donna Briggs	10/14	Marisa Miller	10/30
Kathy Whittaker	10/15	Bryan Hillis	10/30
Porter Frisbee	10/18		

Word and Worship

Sunday, October 6
World Communion Sunday
20th after Pentecost
Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 13
21st after Pentecost
Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 20
22nd after Pentecost
Job 38:1-7, 34-41;
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 27
Reformation Sunday
23rd after Pentecost
Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

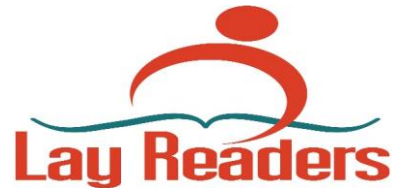
Lectors

Oct 6 *Liz Frisbee*

Oct 13 *Ruth Kazmierski*

Oct 20 *Gideon Frisbee*

Oct 27 *Edie Campbell.*



Acolytes

October 6 *Virginia Mills*

October 13 *Madison Vredenburgh*

October 20 *Wyatt Frisbee*

October 27 *Virginia Mills*



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