

## FROM THE PASTOR - "Hospitality"

*In early June, Donna Schaper wrote a daily devotional in the UCC "Still Speaking" series. She wrote about hospitality as a primary characteristic of the church.*

*The temptation for a church on the downhill side of the organizational life cycle is to turn inward, to hoard resources for a future they are afraid of. This blinds them to possibilities for renewal and makes them afraid to change. This attitude also can scare off new people because they feel the neediness of the church rather than its welcome.*

"How can we reach out to, welcome and serve new people? How can I adapt and change in order to include people who are not yet here?"

*Donna wrote about thinking of the life of the church as if an old friend or a new guest were coming to visit. "In preparation, you pick up and organize a bit. As you clean the bathroom, you realize that the towels are old, dingy, and have lost their softness. This won't do. New towels are purchased and now all is ready. It's a small gesture but one that is rooted in appreciation and love."*

*A question to keep in our minds constantly is "Where do we need fresh towels?" To that question I would add, "And who has the eyes to see where we need them?" Because the people who are used to the building, the décor, the habits do not see any of it with fresh eyes. They take it for granted. They don't see with the eyes of a guest. So you need to ask a friend who does not know the place to walk through your church with you and give you honest feedback. What looks old and worn? How would you spruce the place up? What would be more inviting?*

*We are renovating the chapel, making its use more flexible while keeping it as a chapel. I keep on prodding you to make the commitment to make the building more accessible.*

*The main question is always, "How can we reach out to, welcome and serve new people? How can I adapt and change in order to include people who are not yet here?" If your response to change is that you don't like it, don't feel alone. Few people like change. But don't ever let your own preferences and your own comfort and desire for security and safety keep you from putting the needs of others before your own. That was Paul's advice to the church at Philippi when he urged them to have the mind of Christ. "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."*

*The Church has always been about the practice of hospitality, not thinking of its own wishes and preferences but about what would accommodate and serve their neighbors. May we have that same mind in thinking about our ministries, our relations, and our building.*

*Faithfully, Pastor Sam*

## AROUND THE CONGREGATION

Birthdays	More Birthdays
Sharon St John..... 07/01	Wesley Tucker ..... 08/07
Matt Abreu ..... 07/01	Mary Pan ..... 08/08
Norine Sexton..... 07/01	Harry Carpenter..... 08/11
Dan Cucura ..... 07/03	Theresa Vetter ..... 08/12
Natalie Wrege ..... 07/03	Bill Herter..... 08/14
George Waters (97) ..... 07/04	Dylan Cook..... 08/14
Virginia Semp ..... 07/04	Jaime Needham Reed ..... 08/15
Deanna Cook ..... 07/04	Abbie Cianfrocco ..... 08/16
Gage Bates..... 07/05	Kari Ketchum ..... 08/16
Mark Hinman..... 07/08	Jay Fish..... 08/18
Esi Simons..... 07/09	Bobbie Foote ..... 08/19
Carli Ann Griffiths ..... 07/10	Bill Nee..... 08/21
Grady Engelbert ..... 07/11	Sue Storms..... 08/21
Jack Brownwell..... 07/12	Linnea Linderman ..... 08/22
Carol Lee..... 07/12	Sybil McDonough (95) ..... 08/24
Mike Redmond ..... 07/13	Irene Humez (98) ..... 08/24
Andrew Abreu ..... 07/14	Sally Hinman ..... 08/25
Jessie Thorpe (95)..... 07/14	Ethan Rushton ..... 08/25
Barbara Davidson ..... 07/14	Rich Linderman..... 08/26
Helen Adsit ..... 07/19	Howard Sears..... 08/27
Shirley Sutter (94)..... 07/20	Selma O'Meara ..... 08/27
Barbara Tracy ..... 07/20	Tom McGibbon ..... 08/29
Betty Warren ..... 07/20	James Mathy..... 08/30
Maddie Garcia ..... 07/21	Beverly Lim ..... 08/31
Laura Bochniak ..... 07/22	Nancy Beeman ..... 08/31
George Vickers ..... 07/22	
Peg Longnecker ..... 07/23	
Kathryn Jasiewicz ..... 07/23	Anniversaries
Donna Jones ..... 07/24	Jerry & Libby Gleasman ..... 07/05
Kevin Taylor ..... 07/25	Robin & Mark Barker ..... 07/10
Matthew Proper ..... 07/25	Bill & Jackie Nee ..... 07/17
Maureen Engelbert ..... 07/27	Paul & Helen Adsit ..... 07/28
Margaret Jevens ..... 07/27	Mike & Lynda Little..... 07/28
Steve Huntzinger ..... 07/31	John & Kim Nethaway ..... 07/29
Michael Scaccia ..... 07/29	Doug & Sue Davidson ..... 08/03
	Rob & Helen Tracy ..... 08/06
Ming-Jer Pan..... 08/01	Mark & Maureen Engelbert..... 08/17
Jenna Gillander ..... 08/01	Joe & Sandy Taylor ..... 08/19
Kim Nethaway ..... 08/02	Mary Lou & Mike Alguire..... 08/21
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Dave McMonagle ..... 08/05	Nikki & Steve Huntzinger ..... 08/28
Raymond Tucker..... 08/07	Ronald & Barbara Rhodes..... 08/29

## MORE AROUND THE CONGREGATION

**Congratulations Megan Scaccia!!** Our church family congratulates Megan Scaccia on being awarded the 2018 Robert O'Meara Scholarship. The award presentation is during Worship at the 10am service. Megan is also our Layreader that day!!

**Card Party!!** Jack Brownell turns 86 on July 12!! 117 Eagle Ridge Rd, Brewer, ME, 04412 – Early Happy B-day Jack!

**Your Help Is Needed:** Please speak with Sam upon his return if you are able to lead the Chicken BBQ Committee this season. ALL help is welcome!

**Please continue** to ask for prayers for our dad....Gus St. John who is at Eastern Star for Rehab following his recent hospitalization. He continues to make strides and we hope to have him back home soon. Thank you – The Sexton Family

**Ginny's moving!!** Good luck and best wishes to Ginny Semp as she make the move to be near family! As of July 08, her new address will be Virginia Semp, <McGraw House Apt 404, 221 S. Geneva St, Ithaca NY 14850! Miss you already!

**Congrats to Bill Nee** winner of our Relay for Life Dr. Seuss Basket!! What a great gift to pass along to your new grandson!!

**Monthly Prayer Vigil For Peace** will be held on Tues, July 11 and Aug 8 at 5:30 in the library. All are welcome to join us as we pray together for peace in our world.

**Summer Worship:** The 8:30 Worship Service will take place on Sundays beginning July 09. Worship will be about a half-hour, with simple liturgy and prayers, scripture readings and a short sermon or meditation on the scripture readings. We will sing one or two simple songs. Your input is welcome if you have a prayer or a song you wish to share of have us use. This worship opportunity is in addition to our regular 10:00 worship.

**Pastor's Vacation:** Sam will be on vacation August 14 – 20 and August 28 – September 3. Michelle Dolan will preach and lead worship on August 20. Helen Tracy will preach and lead worship on September 3.

**Books Books Books:** We have several books left over from the rummage sale. They are on the tables in the downstairs dining hall. Please help yourselves to these free items

**Swazi Kitchen Jams** are delicious all natural sauces made from fruit, spices and sugar with no preservatives, additives, or artificial colors. Purchases fund youth programs in Swaziland for children orphaned by AIDS. Find these and many items in our Fair Trade Shop, Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton. Our hours are every Thursday from 10am to 6:30pm and second Saturdays from 10am to 4pm in the church, every Thursday from 10am to 4pm and third Thursdays from 10am to 6pm at the Farmer's Market on the village green in Clinton

## THEATERS OF ROME NY: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Thank you to Art and Kylie Pierce for the informative look at the history of theaters in Rome and Dave and Kathryn from the Fellowship Committee for the set up and cleanup of the event. If you have a continued interest in the Capitol Theatre and want to know more check the appropriate box and return to the Church Office.

\_\_\_ I am interested in learning more about the Capitol Theatre's plans for restoration, renovation and expansion and would like to talk with a Board Member.

\_\_\_ I would like to arrange for a tour of the existing facility, to better familiarize myself with some of the projects which have already been completed and better visualize what is planned for the future.

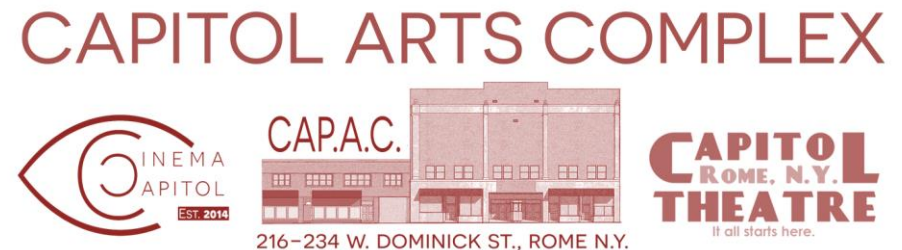
\_\_\_ I think I have some good ideas which might help to raise funding for future projects.

\_\_\_ I would like to make a donation towards this project.

\_\_\_ I would be interested in volunteering or learning about becoming a Board Member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_



## JOY NEWS

Five teenagers will participate in Utica Presbytery's Delaware Work Camp this year. Tyriana Jones, Maegan Fish, Ryan Fish, Jon Denton and Maryrose Scaccia will leave on Sunday, July 9 and return on Saturday, July 15. Riley and Reid Lawton will travel from their home in North Bay, Ontario, to take part in the work camp as well.

JOY will serve lunch at Loaves and Fishes on Sunday, July 23 and August 27. Please Cynthia know if you are able to join us to serve. We'll have lunch together before walking over.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & MISSION VOLUNTEERS

**Communion Setup July:** Carrie Scaccia/Harold Barry

**Communion Servers July:** Sarah Briggs, Skip Briggs, Jim Griffith, Tom McGibbon, Dave Nolan, Rob Tracy

**Communion Setup Aug:** Sue Hollenbeck

**Communion Servers Aug:** Kevin Taylor, Candy Warner, Harold Barry, Brian Burke, Vi Head, Don Hanson

### **Usher / Acolyte / Greeters**

July 02 – Scaccia	July 23 – Taylor	Aug 13 – Longley
July 09 – Longley	July 30 – Hanson	Aug 20 – Vickers
July 16 – Vickers	Aug 06 – Scaccia	Aug 27 - Taylor

### **Worship Recorders**

July 02 – Katrina Schell  
 July 09 – Sue Davidson  
 July 16 – Shari Fish  
 July 23 – Tom McGibbon  
 July 30 – Sue Davidson  
 Aug 06 – Jay Fish  
 Aug 13 – Valerie Wood  
 Aug 20 – Katrina Schell  
 Aug 27 – John Nethaway

### **Layreaders**

July 02 – Gail Tucker  
 July 09 – Megan Scaccia  
 July 16 – Ray Tucker  
 July 23 – Helen Adsit  
 July 30 – Keith Butters  
 Aug 06 – Jack Grow  
 Aug 13 – Harold Barry  
 Aug 20 – Gail Tucker  
 Aug 27 – Liz Clough

### **Deacons at the Ramp:**

July 02 – Helen Adsit  
 July 09 – Clay Mowry  
 July 16 – Mary Davis  
 July 23 – Sue Storms  
 July 30 – Sue Davidson  
 Aug 06 – Bonnie Herter  
 Aug 13 – Nancy Morgan  
 Aug 20 – Sue Davidson  
 Aug 27 – Clay Mowry

### **Children's Talk**

July 09 – Pastor Sam  
 July 23 – Carrie Scaccia  
 Aug 06 – Mary Grow  
 Aug 20 – Julie Denton



**Please Help with Coffee Break Hosting! Thanks in Advance!**

### **Rescue Mission Cook/Serve**

July 18/19 & July 25/26 / Aug 22/23 & Aug 29/30  
Please Volunteer - Signup Sheets in CE Hallway

## MUSIC NOTES

Our Choirs are on summer hiatus until September. Please enjoy our Special music provided by guest soloists and small ensembles

**CONCERT!** The 40-voice Oneida Chorale Tour Ensemble will present a free tour kick-off concert in our church sanctuary on Sunday, July 16 at 7 PM. The program will include selections from this year's Chorale season, as well as other OACC favorites. This summer's concert tour (July 18 – 29) includes performances in Austria, Germany and Switzerland. We would love to see many of you on July 16th...we need to practice in front of an audience before heading to Europe!

## CHRISTIAN ED YOUTH SUMMER NEWS!!

**EXCITING NEWS:** Vacation Bible School will be held Aug. 21 – 25 at First Methodist Church, 6 – 8:30 PM. There will be four nights of program, and the fifth night will be a cookout and celebration. The theme this year is "Jesus: Light of the World". This program is for children of preschool age to 6th grade. Please spread the word to friends, grandchildren and neighbors. The committee is hoping for a great community outreach so we can share the fun and learning with lots of children! Adults and teens who may be interested in helping in the areas of recreation, crafts and lessons should contact Kim Nethaway (725-8096 or knethaway@twcny.rr.com) or Pastor Sam. We are looking forward to embarking on this adventure with our friends at First Methodist.

**THANK YOU** to all of our awesome Christian Ed leaders, who have completed another wonderful year of teaching, learning and fellowship at First Pres. Our church is very fortunate to have so many talented and devoted teachers and facilitators who nurture the spiritual journey of both our children and adults. Thank you to all!

## FINANCIAL NEWS FROM SUSAN HATZINGER

fpcfinancial@gmail.com	Year-to-Date			2017 Budget
	May Actual	Actual	Budget	
<b>Operating Budget:</b>				
Receipts	16,849.01	128,130.68	138,434.68	333,478.68
Expenditures	(19,775.99)	(125,230.06)	(136,162.15)	(333,478.68)
<b>Net Amount</b>	<b>(2,926.98)</b>	<b>2,900.62</b>	<b>2,272.53</b>	
Transfer to Founders		(25,000.00)		
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(2,926.98)</b>	<b>(22,099.38)</b>		
<b>May Collections:</b>				
Capital Improvement Fund: 358.20			Once Great Hour of Sharing: 27.11	
Pentecost: 5.00				
Memorials: Joan Hinman, Bette Engelmann & Honor of Sandy Taylor				

**NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC AUG 05 – SAVE THE DATE**

## SERENITY CIRCLE MESSAGE & NEWS

Dear Friends,

To close out our year of soul nurturing, the members of Serenity Circle enjoyed an evening of food, fun and fellowship at the Oak and Ivy. Throughout the evening we discussed several meaningful experiences and conversations from the past few months, as well as several topics and authors we would like to study next year. As I sat listening to folks share their insights and suggestions, I was heartened to notice the central theme of joy and compassion.

During those times when life is the most challenging, there is still so much to be grateful for, so much to celebrate! The healing power of fellowship can lift us up in ways that only God can orchestrate. I have always believed that God is revealed in our relationships, through the people that appear in our lives (even the people that challenge us, hurt us, and test our patience). It is our responsibility as Christians to be of service to one another, our community and our planet. You are a vital part of the healing process. You have the ability to bring light and love to every person, every situation.

Do you know someone who needs support and encouragement? How does God guide you to be of service? In what ways can you be a source of light – for your family, friends, or community? What are some things you can do today to lift someone up?

I hope your summer is filled with love, compassion and joy!

*p.s. I would like to thank you all for your beautiful cards, kind prayers, loving and supportive words and hugs at this difficult time. The encouragement of my church family has bolstered my strength and given me such comfort and the courage to grieve and heal. With all of my heart I thank you.*

**Please join us for a Healing Service Tuesday Aug 29th at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Serenity Summer Event – Date and details to follow: check your inbox!**

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Even though the Rome Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team is not meeting over the summer, plans are being made for the Fall Country Fair on October 21st. Crafty Ladies will be making Hymnbook angels and other items for their booth. Please think how you can contribute to the booths, such as Antiques, Nature Nook, Pantry Shelf, Candy and Snacks, luncheon, and Clever Creations, as well as Rummage. This is the big fundraiser for PW's Mission pledge. There is a need for homemade canned items as well as specialty crafts. When everyone contributes, the results are amazing. There will be quilt tickets available before fall comes. And please share any ideas you have about what would sell. Thank you.

## PW NEWS Continued...

On August 9th the Utica PW Coordinating Team will meet at Mary Grow's to plan the 2017-2018 program year as well as finalizing plans for the PW Retreat at Vanderkamp September 13-14th.

There will be a Northeast Synod PW Gathering at the Albany Desmond in August. Ladies from the Utica Presbytery will be attending.

The next Rome PW Coordinating Team Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 11th at eleven in the Parlor. Please mark your calendars.

## MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Fair Trade Coffee Sales:** Communion Sundays in July & August

**Food Pantry Collection** on the 3rd Sunday of each month: July – Loaves & Fishes; August – In Mission of the Christ Child. Canned and boxed goods & plastic dinnerware, diapers (especially size 4/5), garbage bags (33 gal heavy), napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, aluminum foil, etc

**Rescue Mission Cook and Serve:** If you haven't served dinner on Wednesdays at the Mission, why don't you try it this summer? Mission Volunteers are there to help so you're never on your own! Make some new friends at 413 E Dominick St. Signup Sheet in CE Hallway! Volunteer to cook if you can't serve!

**Emmaus House:** Toiletry Items Needed: deodorants, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrush holders, body powder & lotion, hair picks, brushes & combs, nail clippers, hand towels and washcloths. If you don't have personal time to shop, please consider handing Sarah Briggs a couple of dollar bills. She'll gladly do the shopping! Emmaus House, 1215 Kemble Street in Utica, represents hope for battered women and children by providing temporary housing and care

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5**

**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC**

Come Have Lunch & Talk about the Neighborhood with the residents who live in our surrounding blocks! We'll supply the burgers, dogs, buns, condiments, and ask people from the congregation to contribute baked beans and potato salad. rain or shine – 11:30 to 1pm. This will be an opportunity to get to know better the people who

live in the church neighborhood and to learn from them about their concerns for the neighborhood, what would improve it for the people who live there, and how the church can get involved.

Watch for additional details!





### MARK THESE SPECIAL SUMMER DATES!

Sun ..... Jul 02... 10:00 am ..... Guest: Rev Judy Westerhoff (Communion)  
11:00am..... Coffee Break / Fair Trade Sales

Mon .... Jul 03 & Tues Jul 04..... Closed for the Holiday

Sun ..... Jul 09... 08:30am..... Worship & 10am Worship (followed by Coffee Break)

Tue ..... Jul 11... 10:00 am..... Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies  
05:30 pm..... Vigil for Peace

Sun ..... Jul 16... 08:30 am..... Worship & 10am Worship (followed by Coffee Break)  
Food Pantry Collection for Loaves & Fishes

Tue ..... Jul 18... 10:00 am..... Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies  
Rescue Mission Cook

Wed .... Jul 20... 04:20 pm..... Rescue Mission Serve (413 E Dominick St)

Sun ..... Jul 23..... 08:30 am..... Worship & 10am Worship (followed by Coffee Break)  
JOY serves at Loaves & Fishes

Tue ..... Jul 25..... 10:00 am..... Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies  
Rescue Mission Cook

Wed .... Jul 26..... 04:20 pm ..... Rescue Mission Serve

Sun ..... Jul 30... 08:30am..... Worship & 10am Worship (followed by Coffee Break)

Tue ..... Aug 01.... 10:00 am..... Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies

Thur .... Aug 03.... 6:00 pm ..... CE Committee meets

Sat ..... Aug 05.... 11:30a..... Neighborhood Picnic

Sun ..... Aug 06 ... 08:30 am..... Worship & 10am Worship (followed by Coffee Break)

Tue ..... Aug 08.... 10:00 am..... Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies  
05:30 pm ..... Vigil for Peace

Wed .... Aug 09.... ..... PW Coordinating Team at Mary Grow's

Sun ..... Aug 13 ... 08:30 am..... Worship & 10am Worship (followed by Coffee Break)

Tue ..... Aug 15.... 10:00 am..... Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies

Sun ..... Aug 20 ... 10:00 am..... Worship (followed by Coffee Break)  
Guest: Michelle Dolan  
Food Pantry Collection for Mission of the Christ Child

Mon .... Aug 21.... 6:00 pm ..... VBS Begins at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist

Tues .... Aug 22.... 10:00 am..... Prayer Shawl/Crafty Ladies  
TBA Rescue Mission Cook

Wed .... Aug 23.... 04:20pm ..... Rescue Mission Serve

Sun ..... Aug 27 ... 08:30 am..... Worship & 10am Worship (followed by Coffee Break)  
JOY serves at Loaves & Fishes

Tues .... Aug 29.... 10:00 am..... Prayer Shawl/Crafty Ladies  
TBA Rescue Mission Cook  
7:00 pm Healing Service in Sanctuary

Wed .... Aug 30.... 9:30 am..... ABC Chem-Dry Carpet Cleaning  
04:20pm ..... Rescue Mission Serve

### OTHER NOTABLE DATES

- Oneida Chorale rehearses Sat 10-2p on July 01, 08 & 15; 7-9p on Mon Jul 03 & 10
- Worship at the Terrace: July 09, 16, 25 & 30 – Thank you Sam & Deacons

### RUMMAGE SALE THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped on the Rummage Sale!! It couldn't happen without the hard work of many! So far we have taken in close to \$2000 with more anticipated!

Leftovers: Winter items saved for October sale; clothes to Clothes Closet at 1st Baptist Church; some toys to Nursery School; various items to Loaves & Fishes; maternity clothes and children's clothes to Care-Net; and approximately 6 boxes of items to the Salvation Army. Remaining books, cds & dvds are in our downstairs dining hall. Please help yourself and spread the word!! Any of these that are still around in August will be taken to Jervis Library and we can use your help with that if you have time!!

Thanks again everyone – the list below is in no particular order. If you see that someone is missing, please contact Kari by Monday before the Copperspire is printed!!! You are all the best & much appreciated! Liz

Sarah Briggs, Joanie Lewis, Muffy Engelbert, Sue Hollenbeck, Carol Berger, Mary Lou Talley, Shari Hartwell, June Sperlik, Bruce Warcup, Paul Barry, Sue Hanson, Keith Butters, Kim Oliver, Chris Hayden, Bev Johnson, Jessie Clough, Gail Fletcher, Selma O'Meara, Mary Stedman, Mary Grow, Theresa Vetter, Jackie Nee, Bill Nee, Candy Warner, Taro Shimomura, Diane Burns

**Comedy 4a Cause**  
**Thurs, July 13 at Gone Coastal**  
5345 Lee Center-Taberg Road · Lee Center

Mike Filicci      Cocktails at 5pm      Brendan McCurk  
Dinner at 6pm  
Show at 7pm

**Get Ready for a Hungry & Hilarious Evening**  
**Featuring Awesome Local Comedians**

Kevin Caraher      Certland Cless      Phil Canorelli

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Proceeds Benefit Pathways Oneida & Samaritan Counseling Center of the Mohawk Valley Mental Health Awareness!!

**\$35 Tickets Include Show, Chicken Riggie Buffet, All the Fixin's, 1<sup>st</sup> Drink!**  
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Tickets at Gone Coastal Restaurant, Pathways Wellness Center and online through Eventbrite & at **GONE COASTAL**

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