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The Pastor's Page

Congratulations! We have begun the first step toward the second milestone in the journey through transition by engaging the challenging work of "The Narrative Mission Study Process." You have completed the informal small group conversations both here at the church and on Zoom and the report of the small group gatherings has been sent out or will be sent out through the email blast, handed out in worship, and posted on the website.

The next leg of the journey is the One Day Retreat Saturday, February 12 from 9 am to 2 pm in the Christian Education Center's Fellowship Hall. This day long retreat is focused on congregational members answering the question, "Why do we exist?" using the congregation's story both historically and biblically to create an identity statement that will be appearing on the website, in the bulletin, mailings and in sermons as well as used as a tool for evaluating ministries-those current and new. This identity statement will also be on the congregation's Ministry Information Form (MIF) to tell candidates who you are as body of Christ here in Baldwinsville.

An interpretative history of the congregation and biblical narratives that speak to the congregation's life story has been sent out to all of you to read in preparation for the One Day Retreat. Included at the end of the document is the agenda for the One Day Retreat, so you will know what we will be doing together. Bagels, fruit and Danish as well as lunch will be served at the retreat. I look forward to seeing all of you at the retreat.

Once the retreat is complete, we will move quickly to the next steps which is assessing the needs of the community using observations made by members of the community and demographic analysis from MissionInsite. This will guide the conversations about planning for mission to the community, especially those ministries not able to be started or re-started because of the pandemic.

By March we will be completing the Pastoral Characteristics and Competency Questionnaire that will bring to fruition your vision for the new installed pastor and how this person will partner with the congregation to live into the congregation's new identity.

This will be followed by meeting with presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) through our liaison to receive permission to move toward completing the Ministry Information Form and electing a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Then, the search for the new installed pastor will begin.

So as we enjoy what we have accomplished and look toward to what is next, I think it is time as the old hymn reminds us to, "Come and celebrate the journey!"

Peace,
Pastor Carson

Church Office – Education Center 64 Oswego St.

*Interim Pastor-----Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser
Administrative Assistant-----Elizabeth Bayer
Clerk of Session-----Linda McMahon
Deacon Moderator----- Marty Pond
Director of Music & Choir-----Rheta Jenks
Organist -----Lee Johnston
Nursery School Director-----Jessica Newcomb*

A Faithful Response

New York State's Child Victims Act (2019) has brought to light several cases of sexual abuse of children within our Presbytery as well as our sister Presbyteries. We've managed the legal end of things by hiring representation, locating insurance policies, and producing the appropriate files. What else might we do? What is a just and faithful response?

The Presbytery is providing a series of opportunities to assist congregations, including those not directly impacted by claims, in providing a faithful response to the issue of sexual abuse. Although this initial focus is in response to the sexual abuse of children, we acknowledge that sexual violence impacts everyone. The church cannot remain silent and must take action to confront this evil.

Care and Support of Congregations – Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper

February 17, 2021 – 7 p.m. via Zoom

The intent of this gathering is to create a space and permission to explore and express the emotional implications of sexual misconduct on those who are in leadership, as well as to provide some practical tools for moving forward. Although this is a single event, there will be an opportunity for leaders to continue the conversation. Dee is a licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapist and PCUSA pastor and Executive Presbyter.

A Service of Lament

March 27th, 2021 – 7 p.m. via Zoom

The Presbytery is invited to join us at a service of lament as we respond to acts of sexual violence in our churches, communities, schools, and workplaces.

Policies of Protection

TBD – with Brian Gleason, GuideOne Insurance

When was the last time your leadership reviewed its Child Protection Policy? How best might you keep children safe? What policies do you have in place, and should they be refreshed in a time of TikTok and SnapChat?

These opportunities are open to all, including congregations not within Cayuga-Syracuse's bounds. Please use:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82280396408>,
passcode 145607

For more information, contact
kchamis@cayugasyracuse.org

2022 Session Elders

Tricia Adams	Jamie Gruppe	Linda McMahon*
Harry Boak	Victor Jenkins	Rush Pond
Andy Brussel	Jeanne Le Porte	Stephanie Stine

*Clerk



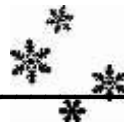
February Birthdays

04 – Sarah Dusse	15 – Lexi Jenkins
05 – Mimi Dundon	16 – Lee Johnston
06 – Joyce Ferranto	22 – Jeffrey Pond
10 – Olive Marlin	25 – Wendy Van Derveer
13 – Marion Roloff	26 – Alanna Adams
15 – Patricia Benedetti	26 – Ethel Frost

Happy Anniversary

Bob & Kelly Pelcher, February 5
Matt & Christine McGivney, February 18

Add your or a loved one's birthday or anniversary date to our list by contacting the church office.



What is on the Calendar?

Sundays 10 am

Worship in the sanctuary

Mondays 7 pm

Boy Scout Troop 107
Fellowship Hall

Fridays 10:00 am

Bible Study in Media Center
(temporarily postponed)
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Sun. Feb. 6 – 10 am

Communion

Mon. Feb. 7

1 pm - Music & Worship

Tues, Feb. 8

7 pm - Session

Wed. Feb. 9

6-8 pm Girl Scout Troop 60867

Sat. Feb. 12

9 am – 2 pm One Day Congregation Retreat

Tues. Feb. 15

7 pm - Deacons

2022 Board of Deacons

Peg Brussel	Pam Keckison	Peggy Suddaby
Marge Calkins	Matt McGivney	Martha Stevens
Mark Chamberlin	Marty Pond*	Barb Winegard
Heidi Henderson	Joanne Rodriguez	

Moderator

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence,

since our last newsletter

♡ GRIEVING

Scott & Debbie Furlong, upon the loss of her mother, Betty Milstead
Bob Lasher, upon the loss of his wife, Nancy Doug Russell, upon the loss of his brother, Jimmy
Joyce Stanton, upon the loss of her loved one, Marlene Iak

♡ HEALTH CHALLENGES

Barry Bullis
Nancy Dobbins

♡ SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Ethan Derr (Marines), Connor Murphy (Navy)

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Generally, names remain on the prayer list for one month. Please let the church office know if you wish otherwise.

Congratulations!

Harry & Bea Boak are celebrating a new granddaughter, born on January 17. Their son and daughter in law welcomed Abigail Elisabeth Boak, 6 lbs 11 oz.



February 6 – Luke 5:1-11
February 13 – Luke 6:17-26
February 20 – Luke 6:27-38
February 27 – Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church offer the whole Church a way to embody Matthew 25 through the Spirit-inspired stories and gifts which place us in partnership with those who have least. Through gifts to the Special Offerings, we support ministries of compassion, justice, hunger, Christian formation, education, peacemaking and global witness.

Offering Seasons in 2022

One Great Hour of Sharing

March 2 – April 17
Hunger – Disaster – Development

Pentecost

April 18 – June 5
Children at Risk – Youth – Young Adults

Peace & Global Witness

September 4 – October 2
Peacemaking & Reconciliation

Christmas Joy

November 27 – December 18
Church Leaders – Past, Present and Future

"From the Deacons Desk"



- The Deacons continue to support the BeeFull food pantry at Baker High school & thank our congregation for its great support.
 - We give our blue "Welcome Bags" to all visitors to our church.
 - Our "Deacons Caring list" is our way of keeping in touch with members who have health issues-if you know of anyone who should be added to our list, please contact Marty Pond.
 - Deacons Heidi Henderson & Peggy Suddaby send cards & make phone calls to members who are celebrating special days and/or experiencing illness or death in their family.

In the mail



Thank you for everything that you did for Jeanine; she was blessed to have you as friends and co-workers. Thank you for sharing the letter that she wrote (when she left the congregation), you were right, it was very special to know her feelings and thoughts and what was in her heart. We miss her every day. Thank you again. It was a pleasure to get to know you.

God Bless You,
The Havens: Jim, Marian & Jack

Meet Our New Member!

Doug Russell joined our church on Sunday, January 16. Doug was born and raised in Syracuse, NY.

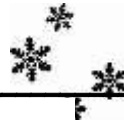
He graduated from Onondaga Community College and then Syracuse University with a Police Science degree. Upon graduation, Doug worked for the Onondaga County Sheriff Department.

Years later, Doug returned to college attending American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Then he worked for the Principal Financial Group before retirement.

Doug's hobbies and interests include fishing, reading, mission work and being a member of the Lion's Club of Syracuse Host. Also, Doug likes to drive fast in his 2 sports cars- 2009 Dodge Challenger SRT and a 2016 Dodge Charger Hellcat, or his 2021 Ram Hellcat truck.

Doug is engaged to Johana and they are getting married in our church on February 23rd, 2022.

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Doug and welcome him to our church!



Scout's Corner

Recently, Boy Scout Troop 107 has celebrated many things. In late December, we held a holiday party not only to have a Christmas get together, but to say thank you and farewell to former scoutmaster Mike Hulchanski. As you may know, he is moving on to pursue a role on the Van Buren Town Board, and it is a bittersweet moment for many.



In addition, the troop helped out at the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW) breakfast that is held every third Sunday of the month as per usual. Now, Troop 107 is looking forward to a new year with a new scoutmaster and new opportunities!



-Cam Padalino, Troop 107 Scribe

Psalms for All Seasons Bible Study

The psalms are our first hymns. Congregations chanted the psalms or sung the psalms in the plain song musical style at the beginning of the Reformation because they represented the ancient traditions of the early church and the psalms taught lessons of how to live our faith in all the seasons of our life.

Join me as we explore all the seasons of the psalms Monday mornings at 10 am in the Media Center or Wednesday evenings at 7 pm via Zoom during the month of February beginning Wednesday, Feb.2 at 7 pm using the Zoom link Elizabeth will sending out in an email blast. The Monday and Wednesday classes will be the same, so you can join either class.

During our Bible study of the psalms, we will be focusing on the lessons of the psalms that move us from the faithful orientation to life to the times when our lives are broken by loss and we become disoriented and unmoored from the way life is supposed to work until the psalms lead us to the re-orientation of our lives aware that God transforms all situations of loss into new life.

I look forward to exploring all the season of the psalms with you.



Nursery School Registration!

PNS is excited to be registering students for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. We offer classes for 3, 4 and 5 year old children. Our program provides the foundation for children to successfully transition to Kindergarten. More information can be found on our website PNSBville.org or by calling the school at 315-635-7391.

-Jessica Newcomb, Director, PNS