

TIDINGS

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Entering the Mission Field



Since I began this journey with you as your minister in January, I have felt called to talk and preach about mission. There are already several mission projects that FPC Baldwinsville is engaged in: We help local high-school students with our Bee-Full pantry donations; we volunteer at the Samaritan Center in Syracuse; we provide meals for the community with our community dinners; and we are starting up a new mission food pantry in collaboration with the Scouts and Kyle R. Schneider Foundation, just to name a few.



In going through some binders I came across recently, I found the Vision Statement for this church, which was written by a Mission Committee in 2018 which reads as follows: "We commit to be a church that fosters spiritual growth and biblical knowledge to fulfill God's calling to be disciples of Christ." Then it states in no uncertain terms:

"We will transform into a mission focused congregation."

The Mission Statement that the committee formed states in part, "This congregation is willing to seek new ideas & education to move into being a more mission-based church. We are open to God's calling and inspiration."

Hallelujah, friends in Christ! – what an exciting commitment to mission this church has made!

The Gospel of Jesus Christ also states in no uncertain terms that mission goes hand in hand with being a disciple of Jesus. There is no shortage of statements regarding the importance of mission given to us in the Word of God. It is not just a matter of helping with physical needs in the community, but also spiritual needs. Not just helping those who hunger (Luke 6:21) but those who hunger for righteousness (Matthew 5:6). As Christ said to his disciples in Matthew 9 (37-38), "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Transforming into a mission focused congregation is an ongoing commitment that his church has made. As Presbyterians, we love to have committees, though it appears that there is no longer an active mission committee. Although the Deacons are our faithful "laborers" of mission now, they have other duties as well. Transforming into a mission focused congregation will really require having a dedicated group of disciples who are energized about the idea of following Jesus as a mission committee – those who will take to heart the signs that can be found in many churches these days, which are placed either above the door as they leave the building or at the exit as they leave the parking lot. "You are now entering the mission field."

The first step to mission is prayer. Please pray about whether you are feeling even a small tug in the direction of fulfilling this church's Vision Statement about transforming into a mission focused congregation. People can initially express interest without obligation; put their toes in the water, so to speak. We can have a brainstorming session about the potential of a mission committee – just to see what ideas are out there. Mission committees work best when people come with joy in their heart,

wanting to serve the Lord. Take this to the Lord in prayer. Let the church office know if you would like to be part of a brainstorming event. More to come!

Blessings,
Pastor Kirsty

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?' And I said: 'Here am I. Send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

CONGRATULATIONS GRAD!



Kelly Rogers
graduated from C.W. Baker High School with honors this year.

She will be attending Ithaca College to pursue a degree in Sound Recording Technology. She hopes to use this Bachelor of Music to eventually work in either the live or recording music industry. She would like to thank everyone who has helped her in growing to where she is now and looks forward to all the new experiences life will bring.

She is the recipient of the Arlene & Elizabeth Walter Memorial Scholarship. Kelly is the daughter of Tom and Shelia Rogers and granddaughter of Marilyn Jenkins. Her brother, Kyle, is a past recipient and is attending RIT.

Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.



July Birthdays

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| 01 – Cathy Dickson | 11 – Edie Hunter |
| 02 – Kyle Pelcher | 16 – Barry Bullis |
| 03 – Sean Durkin | 24 – Nancy Runyans |
| 07 – James Pelcher | 29 – Lynette Durkin |
| | 31 – Jeanne Le Porte |

July Anniversaries

- 05 – Kevin & Anthonia Todd
- 08 – Sean & Lynette Durkin
- 21 – Brian & Cathy Dickson
- 25 – Barry & Alyce Bullis (53rd!)

August Birthdays

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| 02 – Lindsey Demer | 16 – Bob Lasher |
| 02 – Joanne Rodriguez | 17 – Robert Smith |
| 03 – Luke McCoy | 22 – Peggy Suddaby |
| 06 – Casey Bayer | 29 – Ralph Loomis |
| 09 – Heidi Henderson | 30 – Beth Calnon |
| 11 – Carolyn Brussel | 30 – Pat Dickman |
| 16 – Jack Alt | 31 – Jo Ann Adsit |
| | 31 – Kathy Bowen |

August Anniversaries

- 07 – Vincent & Pam Keckison
- 11 – Jack & Marla Barton
- 14 – Bryan & Elizabeth Bayer
- 26 – Bill & Wanda Wachob

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

2023 Session Elders

Tricia Adams	Kathy Bowen	Andy Brussel
Mark Chamberlin	Jamie Gruppe	Victor Jenkins
Doug Russell	Stephanie Stine*	

*Clerk of Session

Highlights from Session

A baseball game outing has been planned for mid-August and was announced recently during worship. A congregational picnic is also in the works for some time in September. We hope you will come out to make new friends or certainly rekindle old ones in fellowship. It will be a great kick-off to fall activities.

Bible Study shall continue and focus on the Book of John. Exact meeting dates and times shall be announced soon.

The Christian Education Committee has been meeting to discuss offering **childcare services** during worship so couples could attend. Childcare services would take place in the Nursery located on the second floor of the church. This is the first step in moving towards the further development of a Christian Education Program for both adults and children. As a church, we feel there is a need for a program but are wondering if it is the best timing for a focus on our younger members. Do we really have enough interested younger members to participate? We certainly will continue developing our program for adults but is there a need and desire from the congregation to move towards a youth program at this time?

We would love to hear your thoughts and comments. Please contact the church office and/or send an email with your suggestions. It would be greatly appreciated. As chair of the Christian Education Committee, I am often found at Coffee Hour enjoying some great coffee and a few treats. Stephanie Stine/Chair-Members: Mark Chamberlin, Heidi Henderson, Trish Adams, and Pastor Kirsty.

-Stephanie Stine, Clerk of Session

From the Deacon's Desk



- We are still collecting brown bags for Baldwinsville Meals on wheels- please bring your bags to the church office or to church on Sunday morning.
- During the summer months when school is not in session, the BeeFull Food Pantry would appreciate Aldi gift cards that can be sent to students and their families who could use them.
- We collected over 590 cleaning & personal care items for the Volunteer Center. Many, many thanks to everyone who donated items...

"Dear Marty and the Presbyterian Church Members-

On behalf of the Baldwinsville Volunteer Center, thank you for hosting a drive for the Household Essentials for Living Pantry Project (HELP)! All the items will make a positive difference in our Baldwinsville community. Thank you for your commitment to our amazing town. It is because of churches like yours that we have helped those who are in need of basic living items."

Many Thanks,
Carrie Saylor, Coordinator
HELP Project

2023 Board of Deacons

Shane Adams**	Bea Boak	Peg Brussel
Marge Calkins	Andrea Ducharme	Tom Eckrote
Heidi Henderson	Marty Pond*	Nancy Runyans
Martha Stevens	Barb Winegard	
	*Moderator	**Co-Moderator

The July & August Calendar



Sundays 10 am

Worship in the sanctuary

Mondays

6:30 - Bell practice in the Sanctuary

Mon., July 24

Rummage Sale Donations are now being accepted

Fri., Aug. 4

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Rummage Sale

Sat., Aug. 5

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Rummage Sale

Mon., Aug. 7

10:30 - Worship & Music in the Media Center

Tues., Aug. 8

10:00 - Book Club in the Media Center

Tues., Aug. 15

7:00 - Deacons in the Media Center

Weds., Aug. 16

7:00 - Baldwinsville Community Band will perform in the Fellowship Hall

Fri., Aug. 18

Faith and Family Night - Syracuse Mets Game

Weds., Aug. 30

Driveway/Parking Lot will be sealed—No parking available.

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence,

♡ HEALTH CHALLENGES

Lynda Barry
Nancy Dobbins

♡ GRIEVING

- Bob Frost and his family upon the loss of his mother, Ethel Frost
- Jamie Gruppe and his family upon the loss of his mother, Anne Gruppe

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

July 23 - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 30 - Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
August 6 - Matthew 14:13-21
August 13 - Matthew 14:22-33
August 20 - Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28
August 27 - Matthew 16:13-20

From the Mailbox



Hello First Presbyterian Church-

Thank you so much for your generosity towards BeeFull Food Pantry. We continue to help students at Baker High School for have food insecurity and your kindness helps a great deal. We could not do it without your support.

Bee Full Food Pantry
Baker High School

The Congregational Life Committee is putting together a group event for the Syracuse Mets game on Friday, August 18 as part of Faith and Family Night. Cost is \$12.00 per person (a \$4.00 discount of an individual priced ticket). This does not include parking (\$7.00/car). Carpooling is encouraged. If you are interested in attending, please contact Andy Brussel (email - arb@twcny.rr.com or call/text 315-491-8126) by July 30. Payment to Andy by cash or check by August 6.



It's that time again! Our annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for August 4 & 5. As you are spring cleaning, think about contributing your items to the sale. Clean donations, in useable condition, will be accepted beginning Monday, July 24. We are unable to store them before that time.

We are sure to have another large, successful sale with the opportunity for community members to purchase quality items at a low cost. This is a popular event, so don't just donate, come to shop!

As usual, we do NOT accept TV's, computers and most other electronics.

Church Pews for Sale!

The Buildings & Grounds Committee is offering old church pews to church members interested in buying them. There are 2 pews in the choir room if you would like to look at them. They all are open-ended on either the right or left side. There are different sizes available: 74 inches long, 96 inches, and 131 inches.

If you are interested please see or contact Bea Boak (315-427-3465) or Marty Pond (315-440-0779).



The Buildings & Grounds crew helped to install a new lock box for any pledges that come in during the week. If you stop by to drop off your pledge please put it in our new mailbox so that it is stored safely until we count the money at the end of the week! It is located in the CE Hallway next to the cupboard full of mail baskets.



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 Organist -----Lee Johnston
 Nursery School Director-----Jessica Newcomb*
