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## From the Church Office: The History of Father's Day

The history of Mother's Day goes back to the 1860s, and Mother's Day was declared a national holiday in 1914. Then the celebration of moms paved the way for Father's Day. The history of Father's Day goes back to 1908, when a church in West Virginia held a sermon to honor 362 men who had been killed the previous year in a coal mining explosion. This was the country's first-ever event to strictly honor fathers, but it was just a one-and-done thing, at least in that community.

The following year, however, a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd started her quest to establish Father's Day as a national holiday. Dodd was one of six children raised by their single father, and she thought fathers should be honored in the same way as mothers.

After she had petitioned her local community and government for a year, Dodd's home state of Washington celebrated its first official Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Over the years, the celebration of Father's Day spread from state to state, and after a long fight, it was finally declared a national holiday in 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed it into law. Now, we celebrate with funny Father's Day quotes, dad quotes, father-son quotes and even stepdad quotes for the bonus dad in our lives.



It took more than 60 years from the birth of the idea to Father's Day being recognized as a federal holiday, and a lot happened to threaten the parent-celebrating holidays during that time. In the 1920s and 1930s, there was a national movement to get rid of both Mother's *and* Father's Day and replace them with one "Parent's Day." Beyond that, some men did not even want a Father's Day to begin with. They saw it as a "Hallmark holiday," invented for the sole purpose of a commercial gimmick, and as many fathers were the sole breadwinners at the time, they did not particularly want their hard-earned cash spent on flowers and chocolates.

The Great Depression and World War II, however, helped boost the idea of Father's Day. Struggling retailers pushed the gift-giving holiday during the Depression, and during the war, Father's Day became a way to honor the many fathers serving overseas. By the time President Nixon signed the proclamation making Father's Day a holiday, it was already a national institution.

### **Identity Statement**

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



## June Birthdays

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01 – Jamie Gruppe      | 19 – Marla Barton           |
| 03 – Peg Brussel       | 19 – Amy Miller             |
| 11 – Lee Calkins       | 21 – Hannah McGivney        |
| 14 – Tom Rogers        | 24 – Kelly Pelcher          |
| 18 – Douglas Crawford  | 25 – Harry Boak             |
| 18 – Josephine Pennock | 29 – Fred (Virginia) Miller |

## June Anniversaries

- 20 – Chuck & Edie Hunter  
 28 – Allen & Janice Jenner

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



## THANK YOU GARDENERS!

Our Church grounds are looking great thanks to a dedicated number of members who have adopted different gardens. If anyone is interested in gardening at Church, please let the Church office know or call Bea Boak (315.303.4833).

Thank you to all of our gardeners—you are greatly appreciated in caring for our Church grounds.

## 2023 Session Elders

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

*\*Clerk of Session*

## Highlights from Session

Thanks to everyone for a great turn out on May 6 for the Spring Clean Up!! The grounds look wonderful and such an improvement. We couldn’t have done it without you.

The proposal for a **Food Pantry for area Veterans** to now be housed at the First Presbyterian Church of Baldwinsville has been accepted. We are very excited about a new Mission for this church and are now making final plans with the Kyle Schneider Foundation.

Numerous procedures and job descriptions are being revised by the various committees as we look to strengthen our church foundation and function as efficiently as we can. It was announced that the PCUSA (Presbytery) has online training that is available for those interested covering many interesting topics.

**Intergenerational Ministry.** “It is a practice that dates back to the origins of Christianity. Until recently in church history, the generations worshipped together as an intergenerational faith community. First century churches were multigenerational entities, with children present for worship, healings, and prayer meetings.” H. Allen, C. Ross “Intergenerational Christian Formation.” We are reviewing the current status of our **Christian Education Program** and would love to hear from all of you. Do you have young children that need care during our Worship Services so that you are able to attend church? Do you have some young adults that might benefit from meeting monthly to discuss civic issues, instructions on faith, or just to gather for some activities or special picnics? Please contact the church and share your thoughts with us on how we can continue our program.

The Baked Potato Luncheon was a lot of fun and Andy Brussel shall be hosting a Father’s Day Luncheon sometime in June. I hope you will join us.

*-Stephanie Stine, Clerk of Session*

*Church Office – Education Center 64 Oswego St.*

*Pastor-----Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret  
 Administrative Assistant-----Elizabeth Bayer  
 Clerk of Session-----Stephanie Stine  
 Deacon Moderator-----Marty Pond  
 Director of Music & Choir-----Rheta Jenks  
 Organist -----Lee Johnston  
 Nursery School Director-----Jessica Newcomb*

**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	
	<i>*Moderator</i>	<i>**Co-Moderator</i>



**From the Deacon’s Desk**

• We have extended our collection time to June 11 for the **Volunteer Center of Baldwinsville**. We are collecting shampoo and conditioner, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. There will be boxes for your donations in the sanctuary and church office. If we collect 500 items of personal care items and/or laundry products there will be a special surprise at coffee hour on June 11th!! Think we can reach our goal of 500 items???? The Deacons think we will get there!!!!!!!!!!

- Bee-Full donations- we will continue to collect food & Aldi gift cards during the summer months. They will be delivered to the school staff organizer.
- We have a handful of church members who can not make it to Church on Sundays for various reasons. How about sending a card or note to any of the following church members to let them know even though they are not in church we still think about them and care about them? Please see the following list of members:

Peggy Suddaby  
 7430 Buckley Rd, Room 110  
 North Syracuse, NY 13212

Lynn Pohl  
 The Hearth at Greenpoint  
 150 Old Liverpool Rod, Apt. 138  
 Liverpool, NY 13088

Marion Roloff  
 111 Niblick Circle  
 Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Pat Dickman  
 25 Fisherman’s Creek  
 Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Ethel Frost  
 7864 Dewitt Drive  
 Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Chuck & Edie Hunter  
 8232 Eden Lane  
 Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Pat Johnson  
 Syracuse Home  
 7740 Meigs Road  
 Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Mimi Dundon  
 Syracuse Home  
 7740 Meigs Road  
 Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Ralph Cowdery  
 Syracuse Home  
 7740 Meigs Road  
 Baldwinsville, NY 13027



## The June Calendar

### Sundays 10 am

Worship in the sanctuary

### Mondays

6:30 - Bell practice in the Sanctuary

7:00 - Scouts in the Fellowship Hall

### Thurs., June 1

4-5:15 - Community Dinner

### Sat., June 3

10:00 - Revolve Dance Studio Recital

### Sun., June 4

10:00 - Worship & Communion

2:00 - Worship & Communion at Buckley Landing

### Mon., June 5

10:00 - Worship & Music in the Media Center

### Tues., June 6

10:30 - Book Club in the Fireside Room

### Weds., June 7

11:00 - Bible Study, The Book of Job

### Fri., June 9

12:00 - Rummage Sale Committee in the Media Center with lunch

### Tues., June 13

7:00 - Session, Media Center

### Weds., June 14

11:00 - Bible Study, The Book of Job

### Sun., June 18

Father's Day

### Tues., June 20

7:00 - Deacons, Media Center

### Wed., June 21

11:00 - Bible Study, The Book of Job

1 p.m. - Female Charitable Society Annual Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### **Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence,**

#### ♡ HEALTH CHALLENGES

Kris Denton

Nancy Dobbins

Anne Gruppe, Jamie's Mother

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

**June 4 - Matthew 28:16-20**  
**June 11 - Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**  
**June 18 - Matthew 9:35-10:8**  
**June 25 - Matthew 10:24-39**

### **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



Thank you to the Clean-up Crew that helped get our grounds in shape for the summer season. Work has started on our Garden of Eat'n and the grounds look great!

## Thoughts from our Music Coordinator

My first thought is how thankful I am for you--our church family. I appreciate your understanding and support for our musical gifts to glorify Jesus. It is a blessing to sing with the Liverpool Presbyterian choir and make recordings to share during worship. Our handbell ringers are also a joy to be with to praise God. I could not have these thoughts without adding that new members are always welcome.

**Number two**---Have you ever wondered why we light the candles at the beginning of worship and then carry out a flame at the end of the service???? This is done to remind us that Christ is the light of the world (John 8:12). He taught us to spread His light into the world (Matt 5:16) just as we are to spread His word to others (Matt 28:18).

**Number three**---Why wear name tags? Pastor Kirsty is learning lots of names, but could learn more if we wore our tags. It's also a good way for us to know each other better.

**Number four**---If you attend worship at home on YouTube you can access the Sunday order of worship before the service at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBy7tnxX963budG6uoW0anw>. Contact the Church Office if you would like this link emailed to you. If you would like to borrow a hymnal, let me know and I will get one to you. (Call me at 315-635-3291 or email [bvillercj@gmail.com](mailto:bvillercj@gmail.com)).

**Number five**---Did you know that you can see and hear the service other than on Sunday? If you missed part of the sermon or want to hear scripture or music again just sign in YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBy7tnxX963budG6uoW0anw>

**Number six**---Pastor Kirsty leads worship and communion each month at Buckley Landing. Peggy Suddaby is a resident there and would welcome church members to come and meet her friends. You might even consider assisting with the service.

**Number seven**---Finally, a great big thanks to all who have served as liturgists and those who will help lead worship in the future. God bless our church and may you have a song in your hearts.

-Rheta Jenks, Music Coordinator

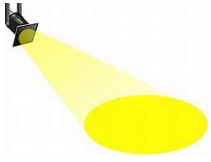


It's that time again! Our annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for August 4 & 5. As you are spring cleaning, think about contributing your items to the sale. Clean donations, in useable condition, will be accepted beginning Monday, July 24. We are unable to store them before that time.

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.





## New Member Spotlight!

### **Meet Tom Eckrote:**

I was born in Philadelphia, PA and grew up in the city and its suburbs. My younger sister (she is a subscriber and faithful viewer of the worship livestream) and I were raised in the Presbyterian church. Both our parents were Sunday School teachers. I graduated from Penn State (I saw Dave Bing and Jim Boeheim play basketball) with a degree in Science - majoring in Chemistry and Biochemistry. After college I worked for Publicker Industries, a chemical manufacturer and alcoholic beverage distiller in the Philadelphia area. I worked in both divisions primarily as a supervisor in plant operations. During my 11 years there I studied chemical engineering at Drexel University at night, completing a 4-year program of engineering classes in 2 years.

My life in CNY began in 1979 when I was recruited to work for Miller Brewing at their Fulton brewery where I worked as a brewing supervisor until they closed the plant 1994. For several years during the 80's I was a member of this church. When the brewery closed, I was transferred to their brewery in Fort Worth Texas where I worked for 9 years as a work group/shift manager (more work, more hours, more responsibility with little more pay, authority or respect). In Texas We joined a United Methodist church and while there I was called to lead an adult Sunday School class and later extended length (9 mo.) bible studies. I took early retirement after my mother passed away and we moved back to CNY to be closer to family and my father, joining Christ Community UMC. Shortly after returning here, we divorced and I stayed at that church where I led a few more of the Disciple bible studies. I had an opportunity to go on a mission trip to Zimbabwe with members from several other local Methodist churches. Among other things it helped me to appreciate luxuries like electricity, potable water, paved roads and coffee; and that a life of crushing poverty does not need to be an obstacle to Christian faith. I met my 2nd wife indirectly as a result of this trip.

I started working part-time at Wegmans on route 31. I thought I would work there for a few years but they kept putting me on the next week's schedule so I had to keep working. Now after almost 16 years I will take another early retirement and will finish there in July. As covid restrictions were easing, a sudden and painful divorce prompted me to find a new church and I decided to return to my Presbyterian roots. I was welcomed warmly as soon as I entered the Sanctuary the first Sunday and after three or four weeks, I felt welcomed, accepted, included, at home, and part of something special. I knew then that this would be my church home and family. Last fall I was asked to join the board of Deacons. At first I declined feeling that it would be way out of my comfort zone. A few people who I greatly respect urged me to reconsider and so I thought God was calling me to leave my comfort zone - similar to my experience in Texas with Sunday school/Bible study. I said yes and now here I am!



## Opportunity!

A member of our church for over 27 years, Joanne Rodriguez works as a realtor at Coldwell Banker Prime Properties.



Over the years, Joanne has been doing business with many in our congregation. She's a very appreciative person and has devised a way to fulfill her interest in giving back to this church. Since May of 2008, Joanne has donated to the church 10% of her income from any real estate sale or listing (1) directly involving or (2) as a result of a referral from a member of our congregation. In addition, as a source of this donation, you have the opportunity to decide where within the church budget the donation will be allocated.

If you or someone you know is interested in real estate, contact Joanne at 315-430-7789. Let her know that the recommendation to call her office came from the Presbyterian Church.

We thank Joanne for her continuing generosity.