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“Our Freedom in Christ”

Howard Thurman describes Jesus as one of the disinherited in his book Jesus and the Disinherited. Jesus is among the disinherited because he was a minority within the Greco-Roman world and lived at risk. He did not have the security of Roman citizenship and he did not belong to a group allied with the Roman governing classes. He was a person, as Thurman describes, living within a society where he had to find a way to survive. The way Jesus chose to survive was to say that fear, hypocrisy, and hatred need not have dominion over him. For Thurman, it was as if Jesus said, “I will choose to react in a unique way than all those people living in this land. I choose to live with the kingdom of God within me.”

This simple statement contains within it a radical freedom. A freedom so radical it defies the ability of others to dominate a person because it changes the way a person identifies themselves and changes the one who does the defining.

Pastor's Page

The same is true for this congregation. Your identity statement allows you to define who you are and what that means for you and how you will be “the loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education and mission to neighbors” in the daily living of this community of faith. Part of the legacy that is yours is following Christ by following his teachings which we have in scripture and how they reflect all God has been teaching, since the beginning of life. To understand this legacy leads to education because one needs to read and study scripture, both alone and in conversation with others. Another part of the legacy that is yours is being members of the reformed tradition that is defined by the Five Solas-Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone, Christ Alone, God’s Sovereignty Alone-as well as the confessions, catechisms, theological declarations written for the church in different times and places to speak about what it means to be a follower of Christ and how those same confessions, catechisms and theological declarations speak to you at this time and in this place.

Finally, your legacy has within it the tradition of seeking the well-being of the community within which you dwell because if the community has well-being, then the church will have well-being. How you address this in mission to your neighbors is yours to decide based upon being followers of Christ and members of the reformed tradition.

The same radical freedom Jesus had to define himself without regard to the way other people sought to define him is yours. This is especially important to ponder as you live into the future God intends for you and as the Pastor Nominating Committee seeks the candidate God is sending to be your installed pastor.

May your season of discernment start now in this season of resurrection.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Carson

Session Highlights

- A Craft Fair will be held on the church grounds on Sunday, May 15, to benefit PNS. There is enough space for possibly 20-28 vendors. The Craft Fair will run from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Ride-sharing is encouraged to assist with parking space.
- Pastor’s Report: Pastor Carson Mouser mentioned the progress of the Christian Education program. He suggested the “International” method which stresses a sense of family. This will be discussed more in-depth after Easter observance.
- Budget Report: Victor Jenkins reported on the status of incoming pledges. Expenses seem to be in line and quarterly statements are forthcoming.
- Fundraising & Stewardship: Victor Jenkins and Stephanie Stine will be meeting over the next couple of months to discuss strategies.
- Worship & Music: Communion shall continue to be served in prepackaged containers. This shall be reevaluated around July to see if it needs to be continued due to the pandemic.
- Special Gifts Committee: Victor Jenkins reminded everyone about the Baked Potato Luncheon on May 8. He mentioned that two-thirds of the special gifts given to our church are offered through wills which has greatly enhanced the church’s ability to assist and support programs in the community. Financial endowments via wills and legacies offer some financial security to the church to fulfill its mission to serve where possible.
- Nominating Committee: Andy Brussel requested that a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) be selected in preparation to move forward toward selecting a new pastor.
- Communications: Pastor Carson discussed a book entitled “Healthy Disclosure: Solving Communication Quandaries in Congregations”, by Karen A. McClintock. He recommends this book and is looking into getting copies for the church to have.

Congratulations!

Jenna Heery and her husband, Patrick, have adopted a baby girl, Josephine. She is about 2 and a half months old and doing well with her big brother, Emerson. Good wishes can be sent to The Heery Family at 162 N. Herman Street, Auburn, NY 13021.



2022 Session Elders

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

**Clerk*

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Interim Pastor-----Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser
 Clerk of Session-----Stephanie Stine
 Director of Music & Choirs-----Rheta Jenks
 Organist-----Lee Johnston
 Deacon Moderator-----Marty Pond
 Administrative Assistant-----Elizabeth Bayer
 Financial Secretary-----Andrea Ducharme
 Treasurer-----Diana Anastas
 Nursery School Director-----Jessica Newcomb

Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship,

What is on the Calendar?



Sundays 10 am

Worship in the sanctuary

Mondays 7 pm

6:30 p.m. – Bell practice in the Sanctuary
7 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 107 Fellowship Hall

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Mon. May 2 – 1 p.m.

Music & Worship – Media Center

Sun. May 8

Mother’s Day
Congregational Meeting following worship
Baked Potato Luncheon following meeting

Mon. May 9 – 5:45 p.m.

Girl Scout Troop #60735

Tues. May 10 – 7 p.m.

Session, Media Center

Wed. May 11

Girl Scout Troop 60867

Sun. May 15 – 9:30 – 1:30

Craft Fair hosted by PNS

Tues. May 17 – 7 p.m.

Deacons, Media Center

Mon. May 23

Girl Scout Troop #60735, 5:45 p.m.
Eagle Scout Ceremony, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Mon. May 30

Memorial Day – Office is closed

May Birthdays



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| 02 – James Brussel | 18 – Ron Stine |
| 03 – Maria Mrowka | 21 – Emily Smith |
| 03 – Kevin Todd | 22 – Vincent Keckison |
| 12 – Diana Anastas | 22 – Alyssa Jenkins |
| 13 – Frank Anastas | 26 – Vincent Benedetti |
| 13 – Marion Sleight | 27 – Bea Boak |
| 15 – Virginia Miller | 27 – Kelly Rogers |
| 16 – Jackie Smith | 30 – Sheila Rogers |

May Anniversaries

- 08 – Bob & Peg Brussel
09 – Andy & Lynn Brussel
28 – Pat & Carol Hovey
29 – Tom & Sheila Rogers

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



Nursery School News

It seems that spring has finally arrived and before we know it the school year is at a close. We still have lots of fun things ahead of us. We will have a police officer and firefighter visit our classes. Our year wraps up with class picnics at Lysander Park!!

We only have a few openings left for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year, so if you know of anyone with a 3, 4 or 5 year old child that is looking for a nursery school, please have them call 315-635-7391.

- Jessica Newcomb, Director, PNS

2022 Board of Deacons

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

May 1 – John 21:1-19
May 8 – John 10:22-30
May 15 – John 13:31-35
May 22 – John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
May 29 - John 17:20-26

**Remember in Your Prayers
& Correspondence,**

since our last newsletter

♡ GRIEVING

Andrea Ducharme and her family upon the loss of her mother, Sally Clark

♡ HEALTH CHALLENGES

Barry Bullis
Nancy Dobbins

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

From the Deacon's Desk

- Coffee hour started up again on Sunday, April 3rd. Everyone was happy to have the opportunity to visit, share fellowship and of course enjoy the coffee and goodies!
- Please continue to support our BeeFull project with food and money donations. Remember, if you don't want to go shopping and want to donate food, please contact Marty Pond at 315-440-0779 and she will go shopping for you.
- Deacons reach out to shut-ins and people we don't see in church on a regular basis. If you think of someone we might be leaving out, please contact any Deacon and we will add them to our list!



WELCOME!

**We Welcome Back
These Worship Leaders!**

May 22: Rev. Dr. Ginny Smith
May 29: Bill Porter

Come join us at 10 a.m. to say hello!



What's In Your Will?

Does your Will reflect your life? If the church has played an important role in our life, does that reflect in your Will?

Even better, do you have an IRA or Annuity that can be Beneficiariated to the church? Both the IRA or Annuity would require that Federal and State taxes be paid before the money goes to any heirs. Take note: if the church is the beneficiary, there are no taxes paid!

*-Special Gifts Committee
 Andy Brussel; Lynette Durkin, Treas.; Tom Rogers;
 Victor Jenkins; Doris Hildebrandt, Sec.;
 Barb Winegard, Treas.*



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help prepare, serve and clean up lunch at the Samaritan Center on Saturday, April 23. If you missed the opportunity to help, you will have another opportunity to pitch in on Saturday, November 4. It's a rewarding experience!

The Scouting Page

This winter has been a long one and Troop 107 are prepared to spring into spring! Everyone has been excited to do more outdoor things, so much so that we even had an outdoor campout at the Elbridge Rod & Gun club. The scouts set up tents and a fire on Friday the 18th. The next day was filled with many games and activities including shooting arrows from bows! With the help of Mr. Kline, everyone got the hang of it really quickly. Those who participated aimed to pop a balloon on a target, even engaging in some competition to see who could hit the target the most. Some scouts even worked on some requirements to rank up to the next level in scouts, showing real leadership and initiative.

Most Scouts want to advance to the Eagle scout rank one day, but for some, that day is closer than others. This March, Jayden Miranda officially received his Eagle scout rank during his Eagle scout ceremony. Everyone was in attendance to see him receive this honorable and impressive award for all his hard work and dedication.



Earlier in the month the scouts finished up their First Aid merit badge, an Eagle Scout requirement. In order to achieve the rank of Eagle scout, 13 required merit badges must be earned along with an additional 8 merit badges of the scouts choosing. Many of the tasks to become an Eagle scout are meant to challenge the scout, so they are by no means easy, but the merit badges can often be the most time-consuming duty. To assist our scouts in reaching said rank, we start



the merit badges with them. Dr. Padalino was the First Aid merit badge counselor that assisted the scouts on this task, providing a doctor's perspective on first aid and making the content entertaining to learn. To end the month, Kevin Callahan started to lead the Eagle rank required Communication merit badge. This will be continued into April where we will surely enjoy more time outside!

-Cam Padalino, Troop 107 Scribe

SAVE THE DATE



Join us for our
**3rd Annual Parkinson's
Open House**

Empower Parkinson, Inc., a Parkinson's Wellness Center, offers education, support, exercise and socialization to persons with Parkinson's disease, their care partners, families, friends and professionals in CNY.

Visit us on Facebook or call (315) 729-7178 for more information

Sunday, May 15th
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
604 Old Liverpool Rd
Liverpool, NY





A Mother's Dictionary

Dumbwaiter: One who asks if the kids would care to order dessert.

Family Planning: The art of spacing your children the proper distance apart to keep you on the edge of financial disaster.

Feedback: The inevitable result when your baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

Full Name: What you call your child when you're mad at him.

Grandparents: The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

Hearsay: What toddlers do when anyone mutters a bad word.

Independent: How we want our children to be as long as they do everything we say.

Ow: The first word spoken by children with older siblings.

Puddle: a small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

Show Off: a child who is more talented than yours.

Sterilize: what you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it.

Top Bunk: where you should never put a child wearing Superman pajamas.

Verbal: able to whine in words

Whodunit: none of the kids that live in your house.

Weekend: when Dad gets to play golf while Mom catches up on the laundry, cleans the house, runs errands, etc.

Take Mom Out to Lunch!

Treat your mother to a special lunch on her special day! On Mother's Day, the Special Gifts Committee will present the Baked Potato Bar, an annual tradition (pre-Covid). We'll have baked potatoes with your choice of a dozen different toppings and brownie hot fudge sundaes for dessert. We hope to see you, your mom and your family on Sunday, May 8 following worship.



Hungers for Hope
Presents
Spring Craft Vendor Event
To Benefit PNS
May 15th 9:30am - 1:30pm
Come Enjoy Shopping with over 40 top notch Vendors,
Cluck n Seafood n Burger Food Truck will be here!

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