

August/September 2018

# Whiteface Community

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Bonnie Rine celebrates her birthday August 11<sup>th</sup>

Bobbie Southmayd celebrates her birthday August 12<sup>th</sup>

Pat DuBois celebrates her birthday on September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jean Snow celebrates her birthday on September 7<sup>th</sup>

## Church Staff

Russ Mulvey - Choir/  
Bell Choir Director

Eric Klotzko - Pianist

Jeremie/Ashley Fish -  
Administrative Assistant

Don Morrison - Lay  
Leader

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946-7757**

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**Church Website:**

**[whitefaceumc.org](http://whitefaceumc.org)**

## A Note From the Pastor



Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 18:16-20

My husband and I have a garden behind our house. Even before moving here full-time, we have planted and harvested here. Of course, now it is much easier than it was before to keep up with the watering, weeding and harvesting! This year we even had some kale that survived the winter. And, surprise: a volunteer tomato plant that apparently sprouted from last year's crop! It is currently sporting a few green cherry tomatoes! The natural world gives us an apt analogy for discipleship. It begins with seeds that grow into plants. Plants seek sun and water and nutrients so that they can bear fruit. The fruit ripens and drops seeds that, in the next season, grow and produce more fruit. Note that the plant must be well-enough nourished and mature in order to drop healthy seeds for a new crop (ie, make new disciples).

Jesus spoke to the very first group of Christ-followers; you might think of them as the first church. He gave them this task: As you have made me a part of your life, devoting yourselves to learning from me and following my lead, now go and invite others to join you. "Go and make disciples..."

This is the work of the church: to make Jesus an integral part of our lives, devoting ourselves to learning from him, following his lead, and inviting others to join us in this process. What part of this excites you? What part beckons you to explore further and enter deeply? What part frightens you? What steps are you willing to take to deepen your own discipleship journey and to invite others onto a path of discipleship?

Happy planting, weeding and harvesting for the Kingdom of God!  
Blessings,  
Pastor Chrys

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### Regional Events

First United Methodist  
Saranac Lake- FREE  
Community Supper 5PM  
every Wednesday

Plattsburgh UMC- Rolling  
River Rampage Vacation  
Bible Camp- August 6<sup>th</sup>-  
9<sup>th</sup>  
5:15-7:30PM

### Upcoming Events

Join us here for Second  
Sunday Supper and invite  
a friend! August 12<sup>th</sup>

Knitting group will meet  
the third Sunday of the  
month following church

Back to school beach  
party  
August 17<sup>th</sup>

Church Council meets  
September 11<sup>th</sup>

Thrift store appreciation  
day September 15<sup>th</sup>

### Announcements

The Office is open every  
Tuesday 10-12 &  
Wednesday 9-11

### Kids Club

#### Diane Wainwright

It's hard to believe that our year-end program for Kids Club was on June 11. It seems like it was months ago!

Thank you to everyone who came to our closing program and dinner that day. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. While some of our activities for that program were planned, at least one was not. While we were in the church waiting for everyone to arrive, one of the boys came to sit next to me. He picked up a Bible from the pew and asked me what it really was. I explained it to him, and he opened to a random page and began reading (it was 1 Kings). I told him if he wanted to read something easier to turn to John 3:16 and showed him how to find it. He began to read it aloud, needing very little help. I watched him read it over and over again. I asked him if he'd like to read it in front of our guests, never expecting him to say yes because he can be shy in that regard, and he surprised me and agreed. It was a beautiful moment to see him standing in front of everyone reading this verse so unscripted.

And another wonderful moment on that day: After a few of the children told the crowd some things we did and learned during the year at Kids Club (another impromptu moment), one of the boys said to me, "We should have told them about Easter." Wow!!

We had a lot of sad faces when the kids were leaving with their families after dinner, with one boy practically in tears because we would not have Kids Club until the fall. In another moment of pure Holy Spirit inspiration, after polling some families during dinner, Chrys asked the staff if we'd like to have a Summer Kids Club on Sunday mornings during church, and the answer was a resounding "yes." This has been a tremendous success, with many of our Kids Club children now joining us on Sundays.

Praise God for moving in such powerful ways in our church! Please continue to pray for these children and those whom the Lord will bring us in the fall as we look forward to another exciting year. And please prayerfully consider joining us this fall. We'd love to have you, and you'll get back much more than you give!

### Church Growth

The Church Growth Team has been quite active planning and facilitating events and outreach missions to promote discipleship growth and to introduce new people to our church! We had a great turnout for the Hospice Grief Work seminar, and The Ironman Saturday worship service combined the Nazarene and Methodist congregations for a total of 60 people! Check out upcoming events and missions in the newsletter calendar. We invite

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you to embrace these events and missions and use them as a means to your own spiritual growth as well as opportunities to engage those who have not yet discovered the joy of knowing Christ and belonging to a church family. If you would like to become part of our Church Growth Team, please see Pastor Chrys.

### **Adirondack Community Action Program (ACAP) News**

On August 16, the Annual ACAP/Senior Picnic will be held at the Wilmington Beach beginning at 10AM (come when you can) with lunch served at Noon. Everyone of any age is welcome; lunch requires a reservation. Call Tiffany at 946-2922 any Tuesday or Thursday from 8am to 1pm.

### **Summer Lunch Program (LPES)**

Thank you to everyone who has donated resources and time to provide lunches to the children who attend Summer School Camp at LPES! People are quite happy to hear that we are running this program. In fact Jeremie recently was getting bread for the program at the Walmart in Potsdam, and while discussing the program in line at the register one of the other patrons decided to donate the bread Jeremie was getting that day for the program.

Elementary School Principal, Sonja Franklin, says the children are thrilled with the lunches. Our efforts ensure that these children, most of whom would receive a free or reduced lunch and weekend food backpack during the school year, also have a nutritious and healthy lunch during the summer. If you would like to help but have not had the chance to sign up for making sandwiches, you can just stop by the church any Tuesday or Thursday morning, 8-10am! We can always use an extra hand!

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