

Whiteface Community

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Bonnie Rine celebrates her birthday August 11

Bobbie Southmayd celebrates here birthday August 12

Gail McGuire celebrates her birthday August 26

September 3 Pat Dubois celebrates his birthday.

September 5 Rachel Lally celebrates her birthday

September 7 Jean Snow celebrates her birthday.

Frank Signorelli celebrates his birthday August 3

Frank & Barbara Signorelli celebrate and anniversary August 5

Church Staff

Russ Mulvey – Choir/Bell
Choir Director

Eric Klotzko – Pianist

Jeremie/Ashley Fish –
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Don Morrison – Lay Leader

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A Note From the Pastor



“It is not the one who plants or the one who waters who is at the center of this process, but God, who makes all things grow.”
1 Corinthians 3:7 The Message

“Remember, a stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give.”
2 Corinthians 9:6 The Message

As I write this, I am in the midst of a summer sabbatical. This morning, I walked down to the river, watched and listened as a family of ducks floated and quacked happily in the gentle current. I waded in, the water warm from the recent string of very hot days. The beauty of this area never ceases to fill me! I walked back to my house and watered my garden. Tomato plants, basil, parsley and the famous bean plant, whose main stem broke while it sprouted in a baggy. To see it today, one would never know it suffered such an injury in its early development. I am hard-pressed to find where the break even was! They are all thriving, in large part thanks to a friend whose horse gladly obliged my request for fertilizer!

Growth is a miracle and a mystery, whether we are talking about a vegetable garden or the garden of our lives. We can do our best to create the right conditions, plant seeds, water, fertilize, speak kindly to (anyone else talk to their plants?) and pray over, but there is always something beyond our control. Our lives and our growth are as much a gift of God as it is the result of our dedication and hard work. It is a Divine Partnership.

It is also said we reap what we sow. In the natural world, when we sow zinnia seeds, we will grow zinnias! If we sow only a few seeds, we will get only a few plants. If we sow abundantly, we will have a garden-full! The same concept applies to the garden of our relationships. Our job is to plant seeds of goodness, then nurture, speak and act with compassion and prayer. If we are lavish in these tasks, if we plant and love abundantly, our crop (the fruit of our lives and our personal joy) will be lavish! What we plant will grow in abundance. Don't let anyone discourage your optimistic sowing of pure love and joy!

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I leave you with this writing that makes its way around every summer in one form or another:

Gardening God's Way

Plant three rows of squash:

Squash Gossip
Squash Criticism
Squash Indifference

Plant three rows of Peas:

Purity
Patience
Perseverance

Plant four rows of Lettuce:

Let us be Kind
Let us be Faithful
Let us be Obedient
Let us Love one another

No Garden is complete without Turnips:

Turn up for Meetings
Turn up for Service
Turn up to lend a helping Hand

We must have Thyme:

Thyme for God
Thyme for Study
Thyme for Prayer

Water freely with Patience and Cultivate with Love.

There is so much fruit in Your Garden.

Because you Reap what you sow.

The world is God's garden.

Be thankful and share with others!

(Various sources)

I have treasured seeing some of you here and there and I am looking forward to being back in church on September 8!

Blessings,
Pastor Chrys

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Upcoming Events

Our road cleanup warrior Dave Lally has set another date for road cleanup. We will meet Sunday, August 4 at noon in the church! Join us in our efforts to keep Wilmington in tip top shape!

Friday, August 9 at noon
UMW Birthday Luncheon.
Please see Mildred for the birthday list

Announcements

The Half-Ironman will take place Sunday morning, September 8, blocking some of the roads to church, so we will worship instead that evening at our Second Sunday Supper beginning at 5PM! I look forward to being back with you all!!

Sunday, September 14,
Trustees will meet at 2:15pm

The Adirondack Lay Servant Ministries Team has scheduled classes that will lead to Certified Lay Servant and Certified Lay Speaker, or classes that laity might be interested in with no certification. Please find the complete list of offerings in the Narthex

Sunday School Update

Sunday School will begin on September 8 this year. Jenn will be in touch with teachers soon. If you are interested in becoming a Sunday School teacher please see Jennifer Cantwell.

Kids Club

Kids Club begins again on September 16! We look forward to another fun-filled year building relationships with each other and with Jesus!

Registration forms are available in the sanctuary or you may contact the church office for more information.

If you would like to be part of the KC Team, see Pastor Chrys.

Missions

UMCOR Disaster Relief Hygiene Kits due Sunday, August 11
Providing basic necessities to people in need.

Hygiene Kit Value: \$12.00 per kit
Hygiene Kit Materials: One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches) No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels *One washcloth no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels *One comb must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth no pocket combs or picks, rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth* One toenail or fingernail clipper no emery boards or metal nail files Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger) no Ivory or Jergen's soap * Do not remove from packaging One adult toothbrush * Do not remove from packaging personal advertising not acceptable 10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches) *Common household bandages acceptable One one-gallon size re-sealable bag. Assembly Instructions 1. Lay hand towel flat on a table. 2. Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel. 3. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag). 4. Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items. 5. Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel. 6. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal. Last updated October 2018 Important Notes All items must be new. Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new. Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols. Packing Instructions: Complete two packing lists, one for the box and one for your

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records. Place the shipping label/packing list on the outside of the package. Please send a check to Sager Brown for the total amount of hygiene kits times \$2 per kit for the cost of toothpaste and shipping. One check.

Annual Car Wash

We were blessed with a beautiful day and great team for this years car wash! Thank you to all who donated their time. This years car wash proceeds were donated to the Peru Church for the Jamaican Mission in memory of Skip Ward. We raised \$100!!!

L.P.E.S Lunch Program: By Ashley Fish

This year we are providing 131 lunches per week. The number of lunches we are providing has grown from last year. When the Principal gave me the numbers I grew anxious, I was wondering how would we be able to make and deliver that many lunches? When I began talking to the other churches about helping one of the Pastors said "Sorry we are not able to help. I trust that God will make your church a blessing to those kiddos." That Pastor was right, we are a tremendous blessing to those kids. The Summer school kids often don't come from the best circumstances and food is a real issue for a lot of them. We can take comfort in knowing that we are providing nourishment that many would not otherwise have. The principal is thankful for our efforts and the kids really enjoy their lunches. To help with the cost of this years lunches we will have a special collection on Sunday, August 11.

Community Events and Forums

The Community Forums arose out of the Church Growth Team's work as a way to offer something relevant to our congregation and those in our wider community, and as an opportunity for current church members to introduce new friends into our midst. These events are a perfect opportunity to build relationships and grow in all kinds of ways! How can you help? Attend and offer the gift of hospitality. Bring a friend. Share in every way you can to whomever you can what is coming up so people know. The more we share, the more lives we will touch.

Friday, August 23 from 1-3pm

Ice Cream Social at the Wilmington Beach. Join us for back to school crafts and make your own sundaes! This was very successful last year and we hope for a repeat performance.

Saturday, September 21 at 10am

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Family Forever! This will be a presentation about their support services for adoptive families, and parents/grandparents who have guardianship or custody of children. Childcare will be provided

Thursday, September 26 at 6pm

Shine On! is an organization of SUNY Plattsburgh women dedicated to raising resilient, confident girls by teaching media literacy, communication skills and character strengths. These tools will better equip them with the coping skills necessary to resist societal pressures they will face throughout life. Please join us for this powerful presentation!

Church Conference: By Pastor Chrys

Church Conference is on October 1 at 6-7 PM

Church Conference is our annual congregational meeting. The entire congregation is included. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Debbie Earthrowl will preside. Church members will vote to approve the 2020 Slate of Officers, the 2020 Pastoral Compensation, and affirm our Lay Speaker. We will also share with Debbie what our church has been doing and our vision and plan for the coming year. She will share with us important news from the District and Conference Offices.

As the Lay Leadership/Nominations Team begins its work to propose the 2020 Slate of Officers, we encourage you to think about where you would like to serve in the coming year. Are you happy doing what you have been? Is God calling you to serve in a different way or an additional way?

The 2019 Slate of Officers is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room. If you would like more information about any of these teams or committees, speak to the committee/team chairperson or to Pastor Chrys.

We are in need of a new Church Financial Secretary. If you are interested, speak to Connie Morrison. In a nutshell, this job entails counting, recording, and depositing church income, including the Sunday offering and any other income. It requires bringing a report to the Church Council meeting (which meets every other month.) It requires attention to detail, regular church attendance and the responsibility of delegating a qualified substitute when you are away. Sufficient training and ongoing support will be provided.

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