

Pres Clippings

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Last night, I had one of those driveway moments – you know, a time when you’ve been listening to the radio in your car, you reach your destination and turn off the car, but keep listening to what’s on the radio because it’s captured your attention.

I was listening to Maureen Corrigan review a book. She dropped a little proverb in her review: “A patient woman can roast an ox with a lantern.”

“Wow,” I thought, and I stopped listening and pondered the proverb.

Jesus said, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” (Matthew 17:20)

David slew Goliath with five smooth stones (I Samuel 17:40); that’s it.

A lad had five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus used those seven items to feed five thousand people. (John 6:9)

The point is that small things done or used in faith can and do make a big difference. Small things done or used in faith can lead to big changes too. Perhaps you have a problem that seems as big as an ox. Patience combined with the tools and gifts that God has given you and then used in love and faith are often all that’s needed to lead to something surprisingly big and positive.

Love and peace, Betsey

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



We will switch to our summer schedule for worship, on **SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH** in the sanctuary of the church, which means that Sunday morning worship will be held at **9:30 a.m.** and will continue for the months of July and August. On Sunday, July 1st worship will be in the air-conditioned Hoffman Great Room. On Sunday,

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Please Remember!

“FEED MY SHEEP”

June 17th:

CANNED MEATS
(ham, chicken, tuna, etc.)

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PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

September 9th we return to the 10:30 a.m. hour for worship. For the Sundays in July and August, worship will take place in the air-conditioned Hoffman Great Room. See you there!

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE

June 17, 2018 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Two Cents A Meal Sunday

Father's Day

The Rev. David Ashby will lead us in worship and preach. The **Chancel Choir** will sing. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Charlene McCarthy, Warren McGee, and Carole Wereski**. The Lay Reader will be **Rehana Stanley**. The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Paul Kingsbury**. Childcare is available. All are welcome to attend!

NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE

June 24, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will lead us in worship and preach in the sanctuary. The **Chancel Choir** will sing. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Barb Cacciotti, Harry Fitzsimmons, Linda Proper, and Chuck Stewart**. The Lay Reader will be **Greg Lamb**. The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Beth Bennett**. Childcare is available. All are welcome to attend!

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Sunday morning worship service on June 10...the **Chancel Choir** for singing...**Mike Crimmins, Marcia Metcalfe, Nan Peterson, and Carole Wereski** for Greeting and Ushering...**Kay Stewart** for Lay Reading...**Isabella Stanley** for playing a piano solo...**Mike and Betsey Crimmins** for hosting the Fellowship Hour.

TWO CENTS A MEAL SUNDAY

Sunday, June 17th

How much does a meal cost? It depends upon the meal: breakfast, lunch or dinner. Sometimes we eat simply; sometimes we splurge and eat extravagantly. But whatever we do, imagine if each of us gives 2 cents for that meal, setting aside those two pennies to help someone else eat a meal. That's what the Two Cents a Meal program is. We invite you to bring those pennies to worship on the third Sunday of the month. The next collection during worship will be **June 17th**. Those pennies are then sent to the Presbytery of Geneva. From there they are distributed in the form of grants to various food pantries and feeding programs in the communities of the churches of the Presbytery. As you can see, all those pennies add up to make a significant contribution, effecting people locally and regionally.

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will be out of the office from June 13—18, 2018. If you have any pastoral needs during this time, you may contact The Rev. David Ashby (607-227-5216) or The Rev. Jeff Ugoretz (607-937-5419) or any one of the Deacons.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Adult Sunday School class invites you to join them at **9:30 a.m.** in the parlor area. For **Sunday, June 17** we will be discussing: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 and Psalm 20; Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34. Please bring your Bible and join us!

The **CIRCLE OF WOMEN** will meet on **Monday, June 18th**, at **10 a.m.** in the



CHURCH FAMILY



Our prayers for healing and comfort extend to God on behalf of **Bob Bell** who is currently a patient at Sloan Kettering Hospital.

Our prayers for healing and comfort extend to God on behalf of **Priscilla Bush** who is a patient at the Chemung County Nursing Rehab Facility.

Our prayers of joy and congratulations extend to God on behalf of the six third graders, **Hamza Ayub, Daniel Cummings, Tyler Johnson, Emma Mickley, Jacob Panyla-Mucci,** and **Isabella Stanley**, who received their Bibles on Sunday, June 10, 2018.

Our prayers of joy and congratulations extend to God on behalf of **Taylor Kennison** who was presented with a Bible on Sunday, June 10, 2018, as a graduating High School Senior. Taylor will graduate from Elmira High School and will attend Corning Community College in the fall of 2018. Proud parents are Larry and Nancy Kennison.

Our prayers of joy and congratulations extend to God on behalf of **Aimee Arikian** and **John Sitzer** on the birth of their son, Henry Avak Sitzer born on May 20, 2018. Proud grandparents are Judy and John Arikian.

Our prayers of joy and congratulations extend to God on behalf of **Monica** (Kruckow) and **Carl Jarrett** on the birth of their baby daughter, Savannah Nicole Jarrett born on May 27, 2018 at 6 lbs. 5.6 oz. The proud aunt is Stacia Kruckow, and the proud grandparents are Sue and Jim Kruckow.

Our prayers of joy and congratulations extend to God on behalf of **Jenny Malcovitch** and **Michael Kuzniewicz** who were married on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Copain Wines in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, CA. Proud parents are Les and Cynthia Malcovitch.

A note of Thanks from **Michelle Giacchino** and **family**, "Thank you to everyone for all your hard work in making my father's (Ron Rehner) memorial celebration such a wonderful and beautiful event. Thanks to the congregation for all your love, prayers and support. Our many thanks."

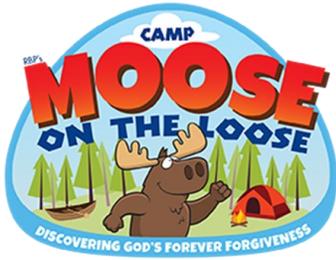
Hoffman Great Room. All women are invited.

FLOWER CHART

The Chancel Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the kitchen. The next available upcoming dates are and **July 1, 8 & 15**. Bouquets for the chancel are \$40 each. Unless otherwise indicated by the donor, the flowers then are separated into bouquets after worship. The bouquets are then delivered to those who are sick or homebound, by the Deacons.

GRIEFSHARE SUMMER SUNDAY GROUP June 24th — September 2nd

GriefShare group will meet **Sundays** starting on **June 24th** from **11a.m. -12:30 p.m.** in the parlor after the 9:30 a.m. worship. There will be time for coffee and fellowship before we start. Each week the GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief. Then, we will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that



VBS CAMP! ~ JUNE 25—29, 2018
Monday—Friday 8:45 a.m.—Noon
REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Camp “Moose on the Loose!”

Discovering God’s Forever Forgiveness

Please register now for children ages: 4 years through rising 3rd graders in the fall. The cost is \$25 per child, which includes a daily snack, t-shirt and backpack. Registration forms are available at the church office (734-1614). A celebration luncheon ceremony for the entire family will be on Friday, June 29th at 12 noon. Please register now!

We are in need of 2- large jars of Sun Butter. There is a sign-up sheet in the Missionary Lobby. Donations can be put in the labeled VBS box in the kitchen. Thank you.

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week’s video seminar and what is going on in our lives. If you have a busy summer planned and cannot be here for all Sundays, each session is stand alone. You can join when you are available. There is also a workbook available (\$15 donation) to use during the week for further personal study of the grieving process. If you would like further information, please call the church office or speak to one of the facilitators: Rich Buchheimer, Patricia Kapusta and Barb Squires. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone. Please join us.

HELP US DE-CLUTTER!

Please place five cent returnable bottles in the recycling shed at the corner of the parking lot. There is no longer a place for them in the kitchen.

The Deacons thank you for returning flower vases. That’s very helpful. However, flower vases are no longer stored in the kitchen. They are stored on shelves in the Great Room storage area. If you can’t find the shelves, please ask Jim Stewart or any one of the Deacons.

The area by the little red book shelf in

Missionary Lobby is not a toy drop off point. If you have toys to donate, please wait for the Rummage Sale and donate them then.

Finally, we are not collecting rummage at this time. Please save your rummage at home until you receive word that we are accepting rummage for the Rummage Sale. Thank you.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, June 28, 2018

1 - 6 p.m. ~ Hoffman Great Room

When was the last time you thought about donating blood? A momentary inconvenience can save a life! There is a great need for blood in our area. Walk-ins are welcome at any time. You may schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RedCross or by visiting www.redcrossblood.org

SUMMER 2018 HABITAT TRIP!

AUGUST 8—11, 2018

The Mission Committee is sponsoring another summer Habitat for Humanity trip to Paterson NJ! Dates are August 8-11th. We will join two other local churches and

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT JUNE 10, 2018

Members of the Nominating Committee: Greg Lamb, Chair, Mike Stanley, Betsey Crimmins, Kay Stewart, Dottie Tholfsen, Jane Ivanick, Nancy Cooper, and Barb Cacciotti (Deacon Rep).

ELDERS: Class of 2019: Mike Kapusta, Patricia Kapusta, Desire Rogers, John Stanley, Joanne Tunison. Cynthia Malcovitch has agreed to serve in the one year slot (normally a youth Elder as we have no candidates for this slot from the youth ranks).

Class of 2020: Pat Holmstrom, Mark Ivanick, Mike Mitchell, Mike Stanley, and Rehana Stanley.

Class of 2021: Rich Buchheimer, Marcia Metcalfe, Alida Schamel, and Chuck Stewart. Still open: one slot for a 3 year term.

DEACONS: Class of 2019: Barb Fitzsimmons, Liz Holloway, Lynn Hornbuckle, and Marcia Turner has agreed to serve a vacant seat for a one year term. Judy Gooding has agreed to serve a one year slot (normally a youth Deacon as we have no candidates for this slot from the youth ranks).

Class of 2020: Terry Horton, Nan Peterson, Linda Proper, and Carole Wereski.

Class of 2021: Barb Cacciotti, Mike Crimmins, Jane Ivanick, and Dottie Tholfsen.

5 AT LARGE MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Nancy Cooper, Sue Kruckow, Norm Schamel, Kay Stewart, and Ron Tunison.

the Paterson Habitat team to continue to work in the fourth ward building hope and homes in a difficult neighborhood. The trip is open to anyone 16 years or older. If you are interested in the trip please contact Barb or Harry Fitzsimmons at 562-8095 or stop us before or after church. We can also be reached at b2fitz@yahoo.com. No specialized skills are needed! "Everyone deserves a decent place to live."

The next **FIRST PRES WORKS/MISSION** meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 19th** at **6:15 p.m.** Hope to see you there.

KNITTING4PEACE

The K4P Pod meets every **Tuesday** from **3 – 4:30 p.m.** in the Genesis room. Please come and join us to knit and/or crochet. Right now we are in need of Peace Pal dolls, mittens and baby blankets (at least 24" length

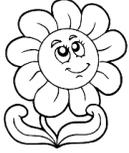
& width). We have the yarn, needles, and patterns. All we need is you! Every stitch is a prayer for peace.

METAL RECYCLING

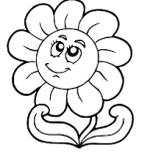
Please note: we cannot take electronics such as TV's and computers. Also, we cannot take refrigerators, dehumidifiers, and air-conditioners. If you have dropped off any of those items, please take them back. Thank you.

SHEEP CART FOOD DONATIONS

We appreciate all the non-perishable food donations to the food pantry that is given to the North Presbyterian Church. Please check the **USE BY & SELL BY DATES** when donating food items. The food pantry cannot take any expired food. The food cart is located in the missionary lobby. Thank you for your donations.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...



*“The meaning of life is to find your gift.
The purpose of life is to give it away.*

~ Pablo Picasso

The Rev. Dr. Betsey R. Crimmins, Pastor

Felix Perez, Outreach & Service Specialist

Barbara Squires, Clerk of Session

Gary Tucker, Organist

Melissa Moore, Director of Music

Scott Kelley, Instrumental Director

James Stewart, Sr., Church Sexton

Kelly Stewart, Church Secretary

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