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"United Flyer"

Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Coaches Corner

"The Battle to Remind"

"This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end." (Lamentations 3:21,22)

One of the great enemies of hope is forgetting God's promises. Reminding is a great ministry. Peter and Paul both said they wrote letters for this reason, (2 Peter 1:13) (Romans 15:15).

The main helper in reminding us what we need to know is the Holy Spirit, (John 14:26). But that doesn't mean we can be passive about it. YOU are responsible for your own ministry of reminding. And the first one in need of reminding by you, is YOU!

The mind has this great power: it can talk to itself by way of reminder. As the text says in Lamentations, "This I call to mind". Without reminding ourselves of the greatness and grace and power and wisdom of God we can sink into pessimism. Then messages like: "I can't", "she won't", "They never", "It has never worked" creep into our minds. And then our mind can find ways to make them true, even if they are false. So... we need to "call to mind", something greater.

A great turn from despair to hope is Psalm 77 comes these words: "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work and meditate on your mighty deeds." (Psalm 77:11-12)

This is the great battle of our lives. The battle to remind – ourselves, and then others.

Let it be so... Amen.

In Christ,

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Church Directory

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Supt. of Buildings & Grounds: Greg VanSlyke - 493-5874

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Facebook Live

Currently all of our Sunday Worship services are only on Facebook Live.



Pastor Tim's Last Sunday

None of us want to even contemplate this day, but we have to start preparing. One of those ways is our monthly Coaches Corner message... We are looking for people to submit a personal thought or inspiration you would like to share with the congregation. This can be a poem, song lyrics, essay about How you feel God's presence in your life.

Wednesday Fireside Chats

Our Wednesday Fireside Chats are held at 6:00 PM on Castile UCC's Facebook Page. If you would be interested in doing one of these chats, please contact Pastor Tim. He would be happy to show you.



Meditation for Lent

I Will Lean In
(a daily prayer to say during Lent)

I will lean in, retreat from the pressures I face, and move closer and deeper into your love.

I will breathe out, refrain from the distractions I seek, and become open and receiving of your grace.

I will linger, encircled by the depth of your care, and receive the endless nature of your mercy.

I will whisper, in the quiet of this sanctuary, and be honest and real in your presence.

I will listen, awaken all my senses to your voice, and become expectant and hopeful of your work in my life.

www.livingprayers.com



Memorial Easter Lilies

Deadline is April 3, 2021 Cost: \$9.00 each

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given By: _____

Check _____ Cash _____



Easter Sunday

"The Cradle and the Cross"

The Board of Elders have been working in conjunction with Guest Speaker, Tammy Lathan, who has offered to lead us in services on Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday. This year we will only be holding a 10:00 AM Easter Service. In Person and Facebook Live.



Special message: "The Cradle and the Cross".



Child Care

NO CHILD CARE will Be Provided Until Further Notice DUE TO COVID CONCERNS.

(The church Dining Room is available for you and your child, if needed.)



Altar Flowers

March

7- Sandy Graham

14- Michelle Chamberlain

(In memory of Floyd & Bea Chamberlain)

21- Marlene Loomis (In memory of John M. Kenyon)

28- Palm Sunday



***What would you do...
if you knew Christ was coming
TOMORROW?***



Clerks News:

Deaths: Douglas Scott – Feb. 1, 2021



Newsletter Deadlines

All newsletter articles for the “United Flyer” are due **by the 15th of each** month and are at the discretion of the church office.



5:55 PM - P.T.P.

Prayer may not be easy for you. I struggle with it too. But it’s the speaking part of your relationship with God. Think of Prayer as a conversation. You speak to God in Prayer, then you listen attentively as He speaks to you as you read your Bible.

You know we can all benefit from techniques, guidelines, or train of thought... so let me throw out something that helps me in my prayers – **P. T. P.**

Praise, Thanks, Petition.

- PRAISE GOD for who He is, and what He has done for us as Creator...
- THANK GOD for all His blessings He has afforded us in our lives, including the gift of His Son, Jesus...
- Then, PETITION GOD for what you need.

(Read John 15:7)

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

ALONG with your personal petitions should be prayers of intercessions... praying on behalf of others.

Prayer is not letting God do what you want... prayer is lining up your heart, will, and thoughts with what God wants. Prayer is lining up with God’s will.

And how do you know what HIS will is? By abiding in, and trusting, and obeying God’s word.

**So SET YOUR Phone Alarm for 5:55 everyday –
Take time to stop and PRAY P.T.P**



Christian Education News

The Castile UCC Board of Christian Education feels that in person Sunday School is inadvisable at this time.

In an effort to reach out to our families, we will be featuring a new article each month for families to use called Faithful Families at Home.



Faithful Families at Home

Creating Sacred Moments at Home

Adults often look at the life of a child and think, “Children don’t have a job, a marriage, or dependents to take care of. They have no responsibility. They play and have their needs met. Ah, the easy life. We are even quick to remind children, “Wait until you are in the real world, then you’ll know how hard it really is!” The truth is, though, children do live in the real world—their world. And a child is faced with any number of anxieties on a daily basis. This ceremony allows children to express their worries in the presence and safety of a caring adult and then have a moment to ceremonially “wash them away” and call on the Holy Spirit to carry them.

Designed for Ages 4+

Materials:

1. Chalk
2. Bucket with sponges, or a garden hose
3. Sidewalk or driveway (see variations for options for apartment/ condo dwellers)

Time Investment: 10–30 minutes

How To:

1. When your child or teen comes to you with concern or worries, ask if he or she would like to do an exercise with you in which you “wash your worries away together.” If the child says yes, grab your chalk and head outside!

2. Tell your child that you'll take some time to draw (or write) your worries out on the driveway together. It's important that the adult do this activity with the child so that the child doesn't feel singled out because of her worry. Tell your child that at the end you will have a Wash Away Worries Ceremony in which she will have the opportunity to explain her drawing or words, but that she doesn't have to if she doesn't want to.

3. At the end of the drawing time, ask your child to explain his drawing or worry if he would like. Model this by sharing some of your worries.

4. Together, fill a bucket with water and find sponges, or get out the garden hose.

5. Wash away your chalk drawings with the sponges or the garden hose. As you do, say, "Holy Spirit, we give you our worries and fears. Take them away."

6. Conclude with a hug and a prayer: "Holy Spirit, we have a lot of worry and anxiety. Help us to have peace and calm in our hearts. Amen."

Notes:

I advise adults to share some, but not all, of their concerns to model to children how to be both public and private in their sharing of concerns. There are times when we want to share our worries with others, and there are times when we'd rather keep them private. Modeling that God hears all of our anxieties, even the unspoken ones, is a great relief for children. • There is a strong temptation in this exercise for parents to either suggest solutions to these problems or to minimize the problems. Both of these instincts are born out of the desire to be genuinely helpful to the child. I encourage parents to resist the urge to do this.

Creating Sacred Moments at Home would like to present to your child at a different time. One way to approach this is to do the activity as written, then

later say, "You know, I was thinking about when we washed away our worries, and I had some ideas. Would you like to hear them?" If the child says yes, offer your suggestions gently. If she says no, respect her desire to work through the problem herself. Certainly, there are exceptions to this, worries in which parents must get involved for the safety and protection of their children. However, consider doing the follow up after the washing away ceremony to allow the activity to stand alone as an exercise in quiet meditation.

Don't be so quick to assume your teenager doesn't want to do an activity like this. During the teen years it is especially important to allow for symbolic drawings that might be worries "in code," and to not press your teen to divulge every detail to you. Follow up can happen in gentle ways as well: "I was wondering about that drawing from earlier. How's that all going?"



Pastoral Search News

The Pastoral Search Committee is pleased to announce, our church profile has been completed.

It was sent on to Rev. Ryan Henderson and Rev. Gary Ferner to be distributed through their database to potential candidates. distributed by the NY Conference.

Committee Members are:

Tyler King: Chairperson

Tammy Lathan: Secretary

Marlene Loomis: Contact Person

Debbie Beeman

Lynn McNamara

Barbara Meyer

Cliff Scott



Board of Trustees News

St. Pauly's Used Clothing Drop-off Box

What to Donate: Used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, linens, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.

What Not to Donate: Furniture, electronics, household items, books, toys, rags, pillows or fabric scraps. **Our latest check: \$87.74.**

Thank you's

To the **Family of Dean Stenshorn** for donating \$100.00 to the church Food Pantry in his memory.

The **United Way of Rochester** for donating \$500.00 to our church Food Pantry.

To **Women's Fellowship** for donating \$50.00 in memory of Mark McKeon, (Marcia McMullen's brother) to purchase a piece of music for our church choir.



Missions News

Scrap Metal Mission

• cast iron • copper • stainless steel • steel • brass
• aluminum • lawn mowers • electric motors • old machinery • power tools • hand tools • batteries

Please, NO: T.V.'s, computers, air conditioners, freezer, refrigerators (nothing with Freon in it.)

Contact Chuck Klein at 567-8204 for pick up.



One Great Hour of Sharing – March 14, 2021

Water is life. Water is love. Let Love Flow.

Access to clean fresh water is vital for all humanity, but for women in particular, water access means the difference between life and death for them and their families. When you give to OGHS, you invest in the hopeful future of women and girls around the world and serve as co-workers with God to build a just world for all.

Thank you in advance for your donations. You can also give online at ucc.org/oghs



SERRV History

SERRV is a Mission's project which began in Castile in the early 1970's. The SERRV organization has been helping displaced refugees trade their handcrafts since helping European Refugees in 1949. The SERRV organization is now active in 24 countries and helps over 8,000 artisans and farmers each year.

We at the Castile UCC are happy to do our part, and offer SERRV items for sale to help refugees, and give them hope.



March Birthdays

- 7 - Kristi Weaver
- 8 - Cheryl Fagan
- 10 - Alexander McLaughlin
- 11 - Deloris Lunn
- 10 - Jeffery Mattingly
- 20 - R.J. Donlon-Bergeron
- 24 - Connie VanSlyke
- 27 - Allison Diver
- 27 - Naomi Bellamy
- 27 - Ken Hance
- 31 - Alan Kemp

March Anniversaries

- 22 - Dale & Katie Cooley
- 26 - Colleen & Randy Clark



Biblical Trivia

1. How many books are in the New Testament?
2. In the Gospel according to John, which of the apostles doubts Jesus's resurrection until he sees Jesus with his own eyes?
3. According to the Gospel of Matthew, where does Jesus's first public sermon take place?
4. According to the Gospels, what is the literary genre Jesus employs to preach his message?
5. Which Gospel is most concerned with the mystery and identity of the person of Jesus?
6. Which Gospel was written by a doctor?
7. What is the common name given to the first four books of the New Testament?
8. Who wrote most of the books in the New Testament?
9. Who wrote the book of Acts?
10. What does the word *Gospel* mean?



The Cross on the Wall

A Cross on the wall is not a sign of your Christianity, it is a reminder that Christ should be the center of our lives.

Whose house has this Cross??

1. Marcia McMullen
2. Chyra Bowles
3. Jenifer Bannister



Women's Fellowship

Our Mission Statement:

"Through the belief in our Living God, our mission is to reach out and support families and individuals in need, by sharing ideas and creativity, using our time and talents to strengthen ties in the community."

2021 Chairperson: Marcy VanZandt

Vice - Chair: Bonnie Miller

Secretary: Mary Reagan

Correspondence: Carol Becker

Treasurer: Cindy Feroletto

"Meals & Missions" Luncheons are on hold until further notice.

NO SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Fall Rummage Sale:

Thur., Oct. 14 Fri., Oct.15 Sat., Oct. 16

We will begin collecting Rummage Sale items on June 1, 2021.

Cross on the Wall Answer – No. 3

Trivia Answers:

1. 27
2. Thomas
3. Galilee
4. Parables
5. John
6. Luke
7. Gospel
8. Paul
9. Luke
10. Good Story

Military Personal Addresses

Joshua Chicelli (No address at this time)

Rich Reed (No address at this time)

Tyler Smith (No address at this time)

Garrison Villeneuve (No address at this time)

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EMERGENCY

Bible Numbers

- Upset?John 14
- Weak? Psalm 18:1-9
- Lonely? Psalm 23
- Sinned? Psalm 51
- Worried? Matthew 8:19-31
- Anxious? Philippians 4:4-9
- Unhappy? Colossians 3:12-17
- In Danger? Psalm 91
- Depressed? Psalm 27
- Lack of Faith?Exodus 14
- Others Unkind? John 15
- Need Courage?Joshua 1
- Need Direction? Psalm 73:21-26
- Seeking Peace?Matthew 11:25-30
- Leaving on a Trip? Psalm 121
- Struggling with Loss?Luke 15
- Struggling Financially? Psalm 37
- Discouraged with Work?Psalm 126



News from GVA

“Bless, O God, the unanswerable, the hypothetical, the possible. Bless the silence, the shrug, the hard to say, the “who knows?”, the “have to wait and see”.

Such is the start of a poem as prayer by Mary Luti from the UCC Still speaking Writers’ Group. It seems we’ve had more than our share of shrugging since March 2020; the muscles that lift our shoulders in shrug have gotten quite a workout! When will we get back to church? Shrug. When will we get our vaccination? Shrug. When will life return to normal? Shrug. It seems the shrug is humanity’s universal symbol for “I don’t know.” Prior to the onset of a global pandemic most of us went about our lives as scheduled – kids to school, workers to offices, Sunday church at 11 a.m. For nearly a year our

schedules, our lives, our sense of control has been upended. With the loss of control some cry out, “Where is God?” To this question we don’t lift our shoulders in shrug, but open our hands and extend our arms saying, “God is here.” God is here in the chaos. God is here in the fear. God is here in the tears. God is here in the relief. God is here in the recovery, and God is here in the unexpected joy. God bless our shrug and our “I don’t know,” but God, we know you are here.

Peace, Steven Price, GVA Moderator

Submitted by Barb Meyer, GVA Representative



Annual Church Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Charles Miller at 9:00 AM.

There was an opening prayer by Pastor Tim McMullen. There were 27 present. The minutes of the October 25, 2020 Church Council meeting were read. Motion was made by Marlene Loomis and seconded by Charles Klein to approve the October 25, 2020 minutes as written. Motion was carried.

The following reports were given:

- Pastor’s Report: Tim McMullen
- Clerk’s Report: Marlene Loomis
- Church Treasurer: Beth Pond
- Financial Secretary: Cindy Feroletto
- Board of Elders: Debbie Beeman
- Board of Trustees: Dennis Miller
- Supt. of Buildings and Grounds: Greg VanSlyke
- Music Committee: Cindy Feroletto
- Missions Treasurer: Mary Reagan
- SERRV Treasurer: Mary Reagan
- Food Pantry: Marlene Loomis
- Women's Fellowship: Judy Goodenow

Women's Fellowship Treasurer: Cindy Feroletto
Snackpaks: Marcy VanZandt
Memorial Fund Treasurer: Marlene Loomis
Stewardship Committee: Marlene Loomis
NY Conference Delegate: Mary Reagan
GVA Delegate: Barb Meyer
Auditors Reports:
Linda Little, Judy Goodenow, Sally Bliss
Historians Report: Jacob Klein

Motion was made by Beth Pond, seconded by Sally Bliss to accept all reports as given. Motion was carried.

**Old Business:
None**

New Business:

Reopening of In-person Services: Debbie Beeman, chair of the Elders, presented the recommendation by the Board of Elders that we return to in-person services on February 14, 2021 following all CDC guidelines including masks, social distancing, and hand sanitizing.

Baptisms and Communion: Debbie Beeman, chair of the Elders, presented the recommendation that the Castile UCC empower Tammy Lathan to conduct Baptisms and Communion. Motion was made by Barb Meyer, seconded by Bonnie Miller that upon recommendation of the Board of Elders, Tammy Lathan be empowered to conduct Baptisms and Communion. Motion was carried.

Proposed Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws: Moderator Charles Miller presented the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws. Motion was made by Larry Rogers, seconded by Steve Meyer to adopt the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws as have been presented to the church in writing and read to the congregation on 3 consecutive Sundays preceding said vote. Motion was carried.

2021 Slate of Officers: Moderator Charles Miller presented the 2021 Slate of Officers. Hearing no further nominations, motion was made by Larry Rogers, seconded by Jacob Klein to close the nominations and have the clerk cast one ballot for

the presented 2021 Slate of officers. Motion was carried.

The next church council meeting will be on April 25, 2021 immediately following the church service. Motion was made by Bonnie Miller, seconded by Marlene Loomis to adjourn. Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Feroletto – Church Clerk



2021 SLATE of OFFICERS

MODERATOR: (2 yr. term) Charles Miller (1 yr. left)
VICE-MODERATOR: (2 yr. term) Ed VanZandt (1 yr. left)
CHURCH CLERK: Cindy Feroletto
SUPT. of BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Greg VanSlyke
Asst. Supt. of Buildings & Grounds: James Loomis
CHURCH TREASURER: Beth Pond
Asst. Treasurer: Mark Barber
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Cindy Feroletto
Asst. Financial Secretary: Nancy Gebauer
BD. OF ELDERS: 1. Tammy Lathan 2. Charles Klein
BD. OF TRUSTEES: 1. Ed VanZandt 2. Quinn Bellamy
CHRISTIAN MISSION COMM.: 1. Debbie Beeman
MISSIONS FINANCIAL SEC.: Mary Reagan
MUSIC COMMITTEE: 1. Linda Little
BOARD of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:
1. Barbara Bellamy 2. MeLynda King
PASTORAL RELATIONS COMM.: 1. Scott Chamberlain
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: 1. Tracy Miller
HISTORIAN: Jacob Klein
NY CONFERENCE DELEGATE: Mary Reagan
GVA DELEGATE: Barbara Meyer