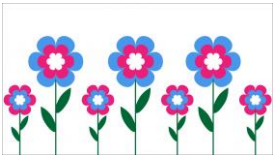


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Board of Elders News

Because He Lives I Can Face Tomorrow!

Hello dear congregation!

Your Board of Elders met on April 8th and attacked a long agenda. There was discussion about Holy Week and how our creative services were accepted. The reviews are in and overall we were 5 star rated. In order for this to happen it takes commitment from many and we thank all involved for their time, energy, ideas and willingness to try thinking out of the box.

As always there is discussion regarding what is needed in the next 4 weeks. That means assigning lay leaders, elder of the month and planning any special services. We remain grateful that our own Tammy Lathan has not only volunteered to preach 2-3 Sundays a month but also to be our worship leader on the Sundays that we You Tube Pastor Eric Kelly's sermon. By having her in this position it will give continuity to our service as we all get to know each other.

Marcy VanZandt is heading up Fire Side Chats and the month of April is covered. Don't forget we are always ready to sign you up for a chat!!!

We have received an invitation from the Living Hope Fellowship, our neighbors located next to the Castile Post Office concerning "Pray for the Nation". More on that in this newsletter.

Our next meeting is on May 6th.

Again, all our committee members are available to you for constructive criticism, positive ideas or just to bend an ear.

Loving in the Lord
Bonnie Miller

Due to Covid restrictions in the Castile Village Park, we will not be holding a Park Service until September.



Church Directory

Building Hours: 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM

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Bd. of Trustees Chair: Dennis Miller - 493-2743

Church Moderator: Charles Miller - 237-3958

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Director of Music: Barb Meyer - 322-7396

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



Wednesday Fireside Chats

Our Wednesday Fireside Chats are held at 6:00 PM every Wednesday on Castile UCC's Facebook Page. If you would be interested in doing one of these chats, please contact the church office.



Preaching Schedule

Sunday, May 2, 2021- Communion Sunday

Tammy Lathan

Sunday, May 9, 2021 – Mother's Day

Pastor Eric Kelly (Video)

Sunday, May 16, 2021- Remembrance Sunday

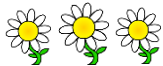
Tammy Lathan

Sunday, May 23, 2021 – Pentecost Sunday

Message by Tim McMullen

Sunday, May 30, 2021- Trinity Sunday

Tammy Lathan



Note from Tammy

During my Easter Sunday message, I mentioned a book that I had recently read and wanted to share it with you.

"365 Thank You's"

The Year a Simple Act of Daily Gratitude Changed My Life

By John Kralik

One recent December, at age 53, John Kralik found his life at a terrible, frightening low. All aspects of his life seemed to be failing: his relationships with his children and partner, his work, his health.

Then, hiking on New Year's Day, John was struck by the thought that his life might become at least tolerable if he could be grateful for what he had. Inspired by a beautiful, simple note he had received thanking him for a Christmas gift, John set himself the goal of writing 365 thank-you notes in the coming year.

One by one, day after day, he handwrote thank you's for gifts or kindnesses he'd received, large and small, from loved ones and coworkers, past business associates and current foes, school friends and doctors and handymen and neighbors, and anyone, really, who'd done him a good turn.

The results were surprising. Take time to read this inspirational book.

Child Care

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

When we are allowed to provide Child Care, it will be done on a month-to-month basis and it will be printed in the United Flyer newsletter.

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



Altar Flowers

May

2- Sandy Graham

9- Tracy Miller

16- Bonnie Miller

23- Debbie Beeman

30- Audrey Embling



Deaths

Louise Harmon (March 18, 2021)

Louise was 103!

Arthur Klein (March 26, 2021)

Donald Ackerman (April 14, 2021)

Salvatore "Sam" Zanghi (April 14, 2021)

"I Am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made..."

Psalm 139:14

Miriam Joy McMullen, daughter of Corky & Ryan McMullen, arrived at 8:56 PM on Wed., March 24, 2021. She weighed 5 pounds 7 oz. and was 17 inches long.

Miriam was the granddaughter of Tim & Marcia McMullen of Castile, NY & David & Margaret Realmuto of Midwest City, OK.

Surrounded by her family, Miriam Joy stayed with us for 2 1/2 hours before returning to heaven with Our Lord and Savior.



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.

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

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



Pastoral Search News

The Pastoral Search Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Diversity Survey. Our Profile has now been sent to potential Pastoral Candidates.

Committee Members are:

Tyler King: Chairperson
Tammy Lathan: Secretary
Marlene Loomis: Contact Person
Debbie Beeman Lynn McNamara
Barbara Meyer Cliff Scott

Christian Education News

Sunday School – 10:20 AM in the Green recreation area downstairs.

In an effort to reach out to our families, we will continue to feature “Faithful Families at Home” in our monthly newsletters.



Faithful Families at Home

The Butterfly Hug

The butterfly hug is a calming technique created by therapist Luciana Artigas after Hurricane Pauline struck Mexico in 1997. It’s a simple technique that can help children (and adults) relax and find peace. I learned about it when I was struggling to manage my own anxiety and panic attacks and have found it to be a useful tool for my children to find focus and rest. In researching this technique, I learned that Ms. Artigas developed this technique after one of the young children she was counseling asked, “Who will embrace me after you are gone?” Determined to come up with a way for children to feel accompanied in their trauma, Ms. Artigas and her husband developed the butterfly hug. The butterfly hug is a great reminder to children that there is nowhere we can go God is not with us. With practice, children can learn to practice the butterfly hug without the aid of a parent or guide.

Designed for Ages 5+

Materials: None

Time Investment: Varies

How To: 1. Say, “The psalmist says this about God, ‘Suppose I had wings like the dawning day and flew across the ocean. Even then God’s powerful arm would guide and protect me. Or suppose I said, “I’ll hide in the dark until night comes to cover me over.” But you see in the dark because daylight and dark are all the same to you.’ [Psalm 139:9–12 CEV] This passage reminds us that God is always with us, in darkness and in light. Let’s ask God to be near to us and to help us find calm and focus.” Guide your children through steps 2–8. A
2. Sit or lie in a relaxed position.
3. Take a couple of deep breaths to begin to calm down and relax.

4. Cross your arms across your chest so that your fingertips rest just under your collar bone. Fingers should point more toward the top of the head, rather than the side of the body. Thumbs can interlock, or not, depending on what is most comfortable.
5. Gently close eyes, or softly focus ahead.
6. Alternate tapping fingers, left and right, at whatever speed feels most comfortable.
7. Continue to breathe deeply while tapping, left and right. Keep tapping for at least three minutes.
8. Either end the butterfly hug naturally (when the children feel calm and ready) or by saying "Thank you, God, for peace. Help us to feel peace whenever we feel worried or unsafe."

Notes • Though this practice is listed as a ceremony for after a natural disaster, it can also be used as a spiritual practice for children who struggle with rest and worry. Remember that it takes patience and practice.



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: \$111.97.**



Spring Has Sprung

With the arrival of Spring, many projects that had been on hold are underway. Our church Steeple has been reroofed, a new drainage ditch has been dug and filled with rock to allow drainage in our parking lot. We have filled in some of the potholes and laid some stone in front of the St. Pauly Clothing Shed to eliminate mud as people drop off items.

Our steeple is finished!



Castile United Church of Christ's Chicken BBQ Sat., June 5, 2021

**TAKE OUT ONLY – DRIVE THRU
beginning at 11:30 AM**

Price: \$12.00

**Dinner includes: ½ BBQ Chicken,
Salt potatoes, Baked Beans,
Coleslaw, Roll & Cookie**



Church Rental Fees:

As Covid restrictions are changing, we would like to remind you that the Embling Dining Hall is available for rent. The fee is \$50.00 for members and \$100.00 for non-members.

Wedding fees (for the building use only):

\$100.00 for members \$350.00 for non-members
(A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due at time of initial reservation.)

Remembrance Sunday

*"I can do all things through Christ,
who strengthens me."*

~ Philippians 4:13

On **Sunday, May 16**, during our 10:00 AM Worship Service, we will be remembering those loved ones who have died since October 2020.

During this service we will ring a chime and light a candle as the person's name is read, and we will show a photo on the video screen.

If you would like to add a loved one's name, please contact the church office at 493-2840. This service will also be on Facebook Live.

Following the Worship Service, you are invited to take a Remembrance Candle and a packet of Daisy seeds with you. The following is the list we have to date:

Donald Ackerman	Jim Pappert
Janice Anderson	Wayne Purdy
Dorothy Copella	Susan Roberts
Louise Harmon	Lincoln Michael Scott
John Hauslauer	Douglas Scott
Arthur Klein	Debra Shisler
Robert Knipe	Dean Stenshorn
Jean Lamoreaux	Sharon Straw
Nancy Brown Larson	Norma Sullivan
Paul Mahony	Merle Thomas
Miriam Joy McMullen	Mary Kate Whiteford
Geraldine Merrill	Heather Yates
Judy Meyers	Salvatore "Sam" Zanghi



The Empty Chair

Living by Faith Not by Sight

Mandy asked her pastor, to come and pray with her father Bob. When the minister arrived, he found Bob lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. And there was an empty chair sitting beside his bed. The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. "I guess you were expecting me Bob," he said.

"No. I was not expecting you," said Bob. "Who are you?"

"I'm the new minister at your church," he replied. "When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up."

"Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man.

"Would you mind closing the door?"

Puzzled, Pastor James shut the door.

"I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head. I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day about four years ago my best friend said to me, 'Bob, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus.' 'Here is what I suggest. Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because he promised, 'I'll be with you always.' Then just speak to him and listen in the same way you're doing with me right now.'"



So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

James was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old guy to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with Bob, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church.

Two nights later the daughter called to tell the pastor that her daddy had died that afternoon.

"Did he die in peace?" he asked.

"Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?" Pastor James wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we all could go like that." We live by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Thank you's

To **Beverly Edwards** for returning another \$9.15 in pop cand and water bottles.

To **Tom Reagan** for hanging the drapes on our crosses for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

To **Dennis Miller** for digging the drainage ditch at the front of the church parking lot.

To **Greg & Connie VanSlyke and Quinn Bellamy** for donating a load of stone for the drainage ditch and a load of stone for the potholes in our parking lot.

To **JD Andrews** for donating the use of his dump truck and fuel to haul the stone.



Food Pantry

The Castile UCC Food Pantry can be accessed by Town of Castile residents on a monthly basis. Please contact the church office at 493-2480 to make an appointment.



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.



Strengthen the Church Offering

Sunday, May 23, 2021

As Spring awakens us to new life with the emergence of budding flowers and new blooms, we are reminded that life begins long before evidence of such newness is visible. Just beneath the surface seeds are sprouting roots making ready for what shall soon appear.

In many ways, your generosity to Strengthen the Church offering does just that. Your generosity seeds the work and witness of new ministries.

May Birthdays

6 - Logan Diver
8 - Lindsay Buckel
9 - Janet Smith
9 - Jacqueline Gelser
10 - Amie Feroletto
11 - Clyde Embling
11 - Melissa Beardsley
12 - Donald Spencer
13 - Chyra Bowles
13 - Bonnie Scott
14 - Joyce Everingham
15 - Tammy Andrews
16 - Cindy Barber
16 - Ayden Miller
20 - Angela Griswold
21 - Riley Mucher
25 - Mary Reagan
25 - Clair Beeman
26 - Meghan Soto
26 - Matthew Spencer
26 - Greg VanSlyke
28 - Dominik McLaughlin
28 - Quinn Bannister
29 - Marlene Loomis
30 - Aiden Salzler



May Anniversaries

29 - Rev. Dr. Clyde & Audrey Embling



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. Marlene Loomis
2. Sheri Brandes
3. Jenifer Bannister



Biblical Trivia – Mother's in the Bible

1. Which mom puts her baby in a basket to save him?
2. Which mom prayed for a baby while she visited a temple?
3. What mom saw her son die on a cross?
4. Name the mom of John the Baptist?
5. Who was the first mother on earth?
6. Who was Joseph's mother?
7. Which evil mother taught her daughter to dance seductively and ask for John the Baptist's head for a prize?
8. Who called herself, "The Mother of Israel?"
9. Whose mother brought him a new coat each year?
10. What does the law say you should do when you find a bird on its nest?



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.

Blanket donations: 9 to Lighthouse Station in Warsaw, 10 to Eastside Nursing Home, 15 to Batavia VA, and also to Suzanne's Comfort Care Home.

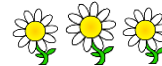
More yarn would be appreciated by Meals & Memories knitters.

Memorial Day Parade in Castile

Monday, May 31 at 9:00 AM

This year at the Castile Memorial Day Celebration the American Legion, in celebration of the 150th anniversary will be giving away cupcakes. Please stop at the Table in the Castile UCC Front lawn and pick up a cupcake, Coffee, Hot Cocoa or Water, **free of charge.**

Thank you to the Castile UCC Women's Fellowship for providing the coffee, cocoa, juice boxes and water.



Cross on the Wall Answer – No. 3

Trivia Answers:

1. Yocheved
2. Hannah
3. Mary,
4. Elizabeth
5. Eve
6. Rachel
7. Herodias
8. Deborah
9. Hannah
10. Let the mother go free



Happy Mother's Day

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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Castile Library



This year, due to Covid, the Library is unable to host their American Girl Doll Tea Party at the Castile UCC ...

BUT, They have decided to continue the event in a different way.

From May 1 thru May 30 you can stop in the Library and purchase a Raffle Ticket for \$12.00.

When you receive your ticket you will also receive a little bag of treats. This ticket entitles you a chance to win one of the prizes which include:

- 2021 American Girl Doll - Kira
- An American Girl Doll Bathtub,
- Salon Chair
- Balance Beam
- A Tea set

Drawing will be held on Mon., May 31.

The 2021 Girl of the Year, Kira Bailey, is a green-eyed, blonde-haired, “nurturing and inquisitive” 10-year-old from Michigan who visits her great-aunts at their wildlife sanctuary and vet clinic in Queensland, Australia. Kira spends her time caring for orphaned koala joeys, learning about climate change and helping as the sanctuary is threatened by bushfire.

Castile Library’s Hours:

Sunday: Closed

Mon. & Wed.: 2:00 - 7:00 PM

Tues. & Thurs.: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

