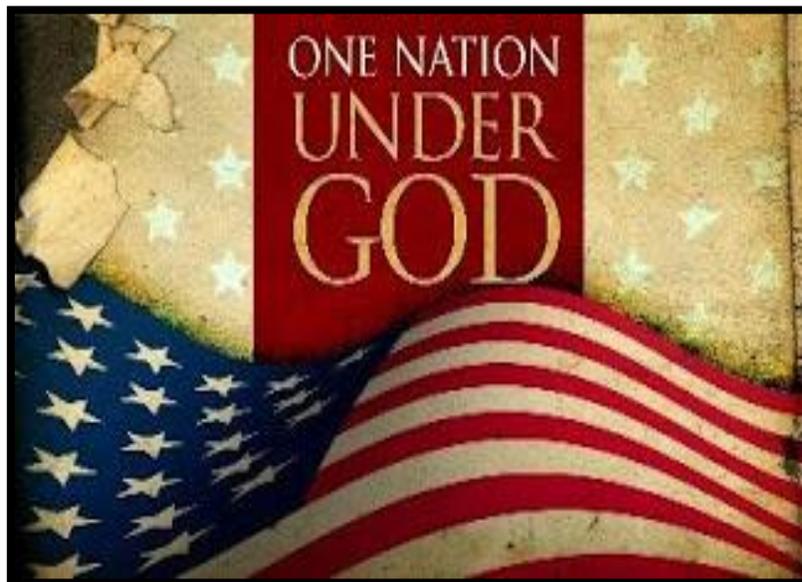


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Board of Elders News

Uncharted Waters

Hello again, from your Board of Elders,

Well, here I am again with the update from our June 3 meeting. Under old business we reviewed our Remembrance Sunday Service and were so pleased with the most positive and congratulatory remarks that we received by those attending. With the Covid 19 affecting so many of those attending, for some it was the first time since their loved ones' death that their name had been mentioned and a moment of peace, grace and respect offered. Especially mentioned was the tinkle of the high note bell and the thoughtful way the actual presenting of the candle lighting and pictures on the screen was handled. We were humbled by this response and pledge to do just as well next year.

There were several agenda items of business handled under new business. Beginning immediately, we will resume coffee and conversation after church. A Keurig coffee maker with coffee pods will be available for your use. This will be a self-serve and self-clean up plan. In other words, if you stay for coffee, clean up is your responsibility. Also, it was voted to continue serving communion as we have been. We will revisit these areas in September when we resume our monthly meetings. The meetings for July and August if needed, will be held by email. Your board members are still available to you for your concerns and comments and as always welcome them.

Our Spiritual Leader, Tammy Lathan asked if there were any concerns or suggestions regarding her position with us or about our worship service. The answer was a "Thank You" for leading us in such a positive and prayerful way. We so appreciate her and thank God for sharing her with us during this time.

The journey of our church continues with Christ at the helm and our congregation in the boat. While there will not always be clear sailing, sail we shall. Life jackets are available if needed.

While normally I would end here, after what happened this morning in church, it begs at a few comments. Today we quickly and with great concern decided to abruptly offer communion and then evacuate the church due to the detection of a severe natural gas odor coming from the kitchen. I am happy to say after being checked by the gas company we are clear to return to the sanctuary.

As I was scheduled to be Lay Leader today, I had prepared to read the scripture from John 1. It is fitting that here I share with you the verses from this chapter. This is when John the Baptist first publicly recognizes Jesus as the Messiah and King. John corrects the people who think that he, John, is the Messiah by saying get ready for the coming of the Lord. Alone these verses are exciting as Jesus is recognized as the Lamb of God. But add to this the story in Luke of Mary and Elizabeth and we have a best seller.

In the book of Luke, 1 36-44, it tells the story of Mary visiting Elizabeth. And this in my opinion is where it gets exciting. Bear with me while I try to connect the verses in Luke to the verses in John 1. So, who are the principles in the story of this visit? We know that Mary is about 3 months pregnant by divine conception. We know that Mary's barren older cousin Elizabeth, past the age of being able to conceive, is 6 months pregnant by divine conception. How excited the very young Mary must have been!!! Perhaps Elizabeth will be able to share with Mary what this is all about. And so, Mary arrives with haste to Elizabeth's house and calls out, "Elizabeth are you there?" And Elizabeth answers with "Mary, is that you, you are here?" And then Elizabeth says the most exciting thing. She says, "When I heard your voice as

you greeted me, the babe in my womb leapt for joy!!!” Oh, think about this, this is big, this is important. Elizabeth was carrying John the Baptist and that babe in her womb recognized who Mary was carrying. That Babe was leaping for joy over meeting the babe in Mary’s womb, Jesus. John is Jesus’s cousin. Perhaps as children they play together not understanding the relationship ahead of them. But when the time comes {John 1 29-42} John the Baptist knows exactly who Jesus is and what he, John is destined to do. Now that is exciting. That is worthy of reading a second and third time. After this event, Jesus will go on to minister, gather His disciples around Him and work miracles. Humbly I believe that this is the beginnings of a Man that will change all mankind and if so desired and accepted, will change you. That is why I was so happy to be Lay Leader on June 6th and share with you my own interpretation and research of these verses. BUT, we had to abruptly and safely cancel our service. After returning home, I could not cancel my thoughts. So, thank you for this opportunity to share with you.

As a BOE member we have the opportunity to serve as Lay Leader. It is such a privilege to do so and so it is also a moment of learning more about the Bible and its stories. What a book that Bible is. Look up these verses and think about them. What is your understanding of them? Have they affected your life? Want to learn more? All you have to do is open the Book!!

Blessings and Praise!

Bonnie Miller

Chairperson BOE



Church Directory

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Custodian: Melissa Dake - 493-3215

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.



Church Council Meeting

The next Church Council meeting scheduled for Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 11:00 AM.

Please have your reports ready to be copied by Thursday, July 15.

July Preaching Schedule

Sunday, July 4, 2021- Communion Sunday

Tammy Lathan

Sunday, July 11, 2021- Pastor Eric Kelly (Video)

Sunday, July 18, 2021- Church Council Sunday

Tammy Lathan

Sunday, July 25, 2021 - Pastor Eric Kelly (Video)



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



5:55 PM - P.T.P.

Prayer is 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.

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.



Brunches

No Brunch will be offered until September. Save the Date: Sun., Sept. 19 at 10:00 AM for Worship in Castile Village Park.



Child Care

Child Care will not be scheduled until September, 2021

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



Altar Flowers

July

4- Bonnie Miller

11- Sandy Sickles

18- Barbara Meyer

25- Cheryl Fagan (In memory of Barbara Fagan & Louella Howden)



Clerk's Records

Births:

Lydia Joycelyn Orr (May 21, 2021)

Parents: Zakk & Shelby Orr

Grandparents: Donnyle Washburn, Keith Washburn

Great Grandparents: David & Barbara Brown

Jack Michael Spencer (May 24, 2021)

Parents: Mike & Lena Spencer Sister: Anna Spencer

Grandparents: Don & Kathy Spencer

Deaths:

Raymond Cooley (May 26, 2021)

(Dale Cooley's brother)

Pete Gozelski (June 15, 2021)

(Johanna Goselski's father. Johanna works in the Village of Castile offices.)



Education Sunday is June 20

During this Worship Service we will be presenting a gift from the Castile UCC to the following 2021 High School Graduates:



Name: Richard (R. J.) Donlon-Bergeron

Parents: Kathy Donlon-Miller & Mark Miller and Scott Bergeron

Graduating from: Letchworth High School
R. J. is ranked 6th in his class. He participated in Big Buddy & National Honor Society.

Future Plans: He will attend Paul Smith College to study wildlife and fisheries science. R.J. was awarded the Paul Smith's Presidential Scholarship.

Name: Catherine Cooley

Parents: Christopher & Danielle Cooley

Graduating from: Perry High School

Future Plans: She will attend Cazenovia College for Psychology/Criminal Justice/ Homeland Security

Name: Allison Diver

Parents: Alan Diver and Donna Diver

Graduating from: Letchworth High School as valedictorian. She participated in National Honor Society and was Senior Class Treasurer.

Future Plans: She plans on attending Clarkson University to study Civil Engineering. Allison was awarded the NYS Academic Excellence Award.

Name: Erin Reiter

Parents: Marjorie McCallum and Keith Reiter

Graduating from: Letchworth High School ranking 8th in her class. She participated in Student Council & National Honor Society.

Future Plans: Attending Sinclair Community College to study Dental Hygiene

Fourth Grade Bibles:

Maya Bellamy (Maya is the daughter of Quinn & Barbara Bellamy)



Congratulations

To Brooke Strausbaugh on her graduation from Kent State with a degree in Poly Science & Marketing
Parents: Brian & Shawn Strausbaugh
Grandparents: Charles & Bonnie Miller

To Julia Cutler on her graduation from Syracuse University with a degree as a Museum Curator.
Parents: Guy & Yvonne Cutler
Grandparents: Larry & (Wendy) Rogers



Snackpak News

The books are closing on another successful year for the LCS 'Snackpak for Kids' program. A HUGE thank you to all who donated to the Snackpak program this year. We were able to help 10 families in the Letchworth Central School District with food for the weekend.

Thanks to Joann Hughes, our school liaison at LCS who was our "bright spot" at school and kept track of permission slips and backpacks throughout the school year! See you next year...and keep us on your shopping list!!

Thanks again for your support of this program!!

Marcy VanZandt
Snackpak Coordinator



Faithful Families at Home

The Labyrinth

Labyrinths are maze-like structures. Christians have used them for centuries as a way to center themselves, look inward, and meditate. In English we often use the words "labyrinth" and "maze" interchangeably. The significant difference between a maze and labyrinth, however, is that a maze has multiple and confusing routes with many dead ends, whereas a labyrinth has only one path to follow the whole way through.

Part of the experience of walking a labyrinth is trusting in this truth. Though the traveler can't see the end, he has to trust that he won't get lost. In this version of the spiritual practice, family members make their own finger labyrinths on paper plates and use them for meditation and reflection.

Designed for Ages 6+

Materials: 1. Paper plates with a flat surface area and raised edge
2. Pencils 3. Puffy paint 4. Labyrinth template



Time Investment to make the labyrinth: 10 minutes plus drying time; to do the labyrinth practice itself: 1 to 10+ minutes, depending on the child's age and attention span.

How To: Each person makes a Labyrinth In pencil, draw the outline of the labyrinth on the paper plate.

1. Trace over the pencil outline with puffy paint, using either a continuous long line or dots. Be sure to use a fairly thick layer of paint so there will be a raised edge.

2. Allow the paint to dry overnight or longer.

Practice the Labyrinth: 1. Explain that the idea of the labyrinth is to journey to the center and then out again as slowly and meditatively as possible. There is nothing specific to think about. Try to be open to the experience.

2. Demonstrate how to use your finger to move along the raised path. The labyrinth journey can be taken with eyes open, or eyes closed.

3. Set apart some time for each person to take a journey to the center of the labyrinth and back out again. Remember to emphasize that the journey is to be taken slowly. Challenge children to move their fingers as slowly as they can without stopping.

4. After the experience, come back together and talk for a brief time about the experience.

Ask: • Was it hard or easy to go slowly? • What did you think about the experience? • Would you like to do it again sometime?

Music News!

A fortissimo (huge & loud) thank you to the Choir this past year! With guidance from the CDC, NY Conference, Practical Church Resources online webinars and our Board of Elders, we were able to navigate the COVID -19 restrictions and safety guidelines. Using plexi-glass shields on our new music stands, face masks and social distancing, the choir members stepped up to bring live musical offerings to the worshipping congregation on Facebook Live and then in person.

This was a real challenge, as several members were not comfortable with being in the church building due to underlying conditions. It was hard to catch one's breath while singing with masks. Many Sundays, instead of the 12 former members of the choir, we made music with only 4-5 people performing - scary! Once everyone was vaccinated, we were able to move toward unrestricted singing – thank God! We would like to have more people to sing with us – hint, hint!

During the summer months of July and August, the Music Committee welcomes individuals or groups wishing to provide special music or interpretive dance during worship. The committee members are: Cindy Feroletto, Kathy Spencer & Roxanne Backer. In addition, the church office or Barb Meyer may be contacted.

Once again, thank you to the Trustees for allowing Sally Bliss, Lisa Gunn & Barb Meyer to job-share the responsibilities of "organist" each month. It works very well for us and allows you, the congregation, to experience different styles of service music, including preludes and postludes (music before and after the actual service). Thank you to Tom Reagan for learning how to play the "Gloria Patri" on the big pipe organ!



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.



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.



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: \$159.04.**



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.)



Thank You's

To all who helped with our **Chicken BBQ**. We made **\$1,916.42** on the BBQ, but we couldn't have done it without so much support from our members and friends.

To **Beverly Edwards** for turning in another \$21.65 worth of pop cans and water bottles. Every bottle counts!

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.



A Cry for Help

In 1999, our church supported Ellen LaCroix and I as through Elderhostel



International, we traveled to India for 1 month to do volunteer work. We were under the umbrella of an organization called Cross Cultural Solutions that was headed up by Mano Singh. Both Ellen and I returned home after a month with a plethora of experiences and memories.

After GBO was founded in 2002, Mano traveled to the USA and one evening in our church spoke to GBO and the community about diversity, acceptance and equality. {Something that would be relevant even today}

Very recently Ellen and I received an email from Mano, who is in India, asking for a monetary donation to be used to help with the ravages of Covid. After doing "a due diligence" check to be sure this site was a safe one, and it is, I presented this request to the Missions Committee. They graciously agreed to send \$200.00 to this fund for India.

On Monday I presented this same request to the Women's Fellowship and they generously voted to match what the Missions Committee has offered.

If anyone in our congregation wishes to join in on this donation you can do so by either writing a check to me or giving cash.

These monies will be given to the website, {also checked for authenticity}. Here is an opportunity to globally be involved in helping the people of another nation as they attempt to better the way in which they fight Covid.

Thanks to you all,
Bonnie Miller



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??

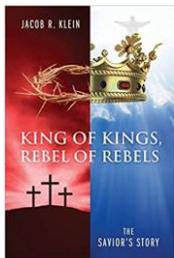
1. Jen Kenyon
2. Barb Meyer
3. Cheryl Fagan



'King of Kings, Rebel of Rebels:

The Saviors Story'

New Book written by Jacob Klein



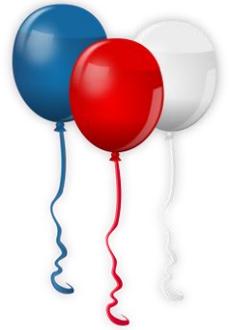
Jacob's newest book, King of Kings, Rebel of Rebels, is available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or outskirtspress.com/kingofkings

If you're a Christian, you know that Jesus took the sin of all mankind upon Himself, to offer redemption and everlasting life to those who believe in Him. But did you know that in His own time, the Jews expected the Messiah to be a military leader who would liberate them from Rome?

Jacob will be hosting a BOOK SIGNING on Sun., July 25 after our Worship Service in the Dining Hall.

July Birthdays

- 1 - Christopher Meyer
- 1 - Delaney Beardsley
- 2 - Joan Maddison
- 5 - Colleen Bean
- 6 - Sasha Bellamy
- 7 - Pamela Patridge
- 7 - Gregory Holbrook
- 8 - Jeff Fagan
- 8 - Cooper King
- 9 - Eden Totline
- 9 - Quinn Bellamy
- 11 - Gavin Chamberlain
- 11 - Claudia Coakley
- 15 - Colin Reagan
- 18 - Dale Cooley
- 18 - Scott Chamberlain
- 18 - Joyce Rugg
- 19 - Joshua Andrews
- 20 - Larry Rogers
- 20 - Mallory Rawleigh - 1st Birthday
- 23 - Paul Scott
- 23 - Tom Reagan
- 23 - Madison Weaver
- 27 - Marcy VanZandt
- 27 - Adam Klein
- 31 - Joseph Connolly
- 31 - Shauna Close



July Anniversaries

- 1 - Tom & Mary Reagan
- 2 - Cindy & Angelo Feroletto
- 8 - Jen & Chris Griesbaum
- 9 - Duane & Beth Pond
- 14 - Tim & Marcia McMullen
- 16 - Jeff & Linda Ferris
- 18 - Mark & Cindy Barber
- 19 - James & Marlene Loomis
- 22 - Joe & Roxanna Backer
- 22 - Daniel & Michaela Cooley



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.



Biblical True or False

- 1. True or False:** David wrote the entire book of Psalms.
- 2. True or False:** John the Baptist wore clothes made of goat hair.
- 3. True or False:** At first, Jesus' family tried to stop his ministry and said he was crazy.
- 4. True or False:** Jesus said his true family was anyone who obeys God.
- 5. True or False:** While on Earth, Jesus had the power to raise dead people back to life.
- 6. True or False:** When Jesus went to the Temple, he always used his inside voice.
- 7. True or False:** Peter was rescued from prison by an angel.
- 8. True or False:** The opposite of the Fruit of the Spirit are called "the works of the flesh."
- 9. True or False:** God sent an earthquake to rescue Paul and Silas from prison in Philippi.
- 10. True or False:** The more words we say makes our prayers better.

Military Personal Addresses

Joshua Chicelli (No address at this time)

Tristen Lindsay (No address at this time)

Rich Reed (No address at this time)

Nathan Scott (No address at this time)

Tyler Smith (No address at this time)

Sara Torres (No address at this time)

Garrison Villeneuve (No address at this time)

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Cross on the Wall Answer – No. 2

Trivia Answers:

1. False: The Psalms are a collection by many writers, but David contributed the most.
2. False. It was camel hair.
3. True.
4. True
5. True
6. False. Jesus yelled at money changers to drive them out.
7. True
8. True
9. True. They didn't escape but stayed in jail to share the good news!
10. False