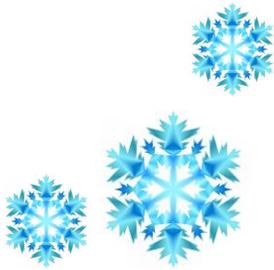


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January 2022

“United Flyer”

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,
Whether I leave behind
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

I pause to *give thanks*.
Thank you for being with me
every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things **new**
and for giving me the grace of
fresh starts

and *new beginnings*.
Remind me of your presence in the days to
come,
even when I feel pushed and rushed by
busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year.

Amen

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Talks With Tammy

WHAT NOW?



The presents are unwrapped. The Christmas decorations may still be up. If your Christmas was wonderful, you may be feeling a little letdown already. If it wasn't so great, you may be glad the holidays are nearly over. If you're feeling a little undone, here are a few suggestions for how to make the days after Christmas and the beginning of a New Year work in a positive way.

- **Express gratitude for what you received.** Children are well known for being disappointed if they didn't get a particular gift they were hoping for. Your Christmas may not have been what you hoped it would be, but that doesn't mean you didn't receive any wonderful gifts. If someone gave you anything – however small – Thank them again. If you learned something about yourself, about others, or about the true meaning of Christmas, express gratitude. If you recognized the Christ child in a special way this year, tell God "Thank You" again for sending Him.
- **Treasure any positive memories.** Christmas carolers that came to your door to sing you a Merry Christmas, the luck you had finding all the right gifts, the candlelight service at church, Christmas Morning or the kindness of a stranger helping you out. Choose to treasure the memories. Look for the good things that happened. Notice them. Make the choice to place it in your memory - it's worth it.
- **Pay it forward.** Some gifts are meant to be passed on. Sure, there are material things you may have received that are just for you. But the spirit of "paying it forward" is one of the best ways to respond to any gift – material, emotional, or spiritual. Think of someone who needs something you have, or someone that could use a phone call of support. There is always

someone who is more in need than you are. Whatever God has placed in your mind, act it on.

- **Keep on giving.** Ebenezer Scrooge learned to treasure the spirit of Christmas every day of the year. So should we. Large or small, the giving of gifts shouldn't only be for one day out of the year! Paul recalled the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) We are never more like God than when we are giving. If God asks you to give a gift, make generosity part of your regular spiritual walk with God.

The above article has been revised and shortened. The original can be found at Dr Carol Ministries



Final Fireside Chat

On December 29, 2021 we will conclude our Fireside Chats as we review and consider future chats.

We are asking for your comments as to whether you would like to see these mid-week chats continue in the future.

- Would you enjoy a once a month Fireside Chat
- Lenten Series of Fireside chats
- Continue weekly Fireside chats

Please email your feedback to the church office at castile_UCC@yahoo.com



January Preaching Schedule

- 2nd – 2nd Sunday after Christmas** (Tammy Lathan)
- 9th – The Baptism of Christ** (Tammy Lathan)
- 16th – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
Pastor Eric Kelly (T. Lathan on vacation)
- 23rd – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany** (Tammy Lathan)
Annual Meeting
- 30th – 4th Sunday after Epiphany** (Tammy Lathan)

Church Directory

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Tuesday - Friday

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Custodian: Melissa Dake - 493-3215

Director of Music: Barb Meyer - 322-7396

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Clerks Records

Births:

Jason Allen VanEpps – born November 12, 2021

Parents: Jeremy & Brooke (Tousey) VanEpps

Deaths:

Ron Bouchard (Nov. 24, 2021)

Randy Helmer (Nov. 29, 2021)

Dawn Conklin (Dec. 6, 2021)

Wayne "Buck" Patridge (Dec. 9, 2021)



Just a Prayer Concern Reminder:

In order to add someone to our Prayer Concern List, you must get the person's permission first.



Christian Education News

The Back Story to Ruthie

So often when we have an idea and go with it, there is a back story, and this is the story about the children's message over these Sunday's of Advent titled 'The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree'.

It was last summer and I was having a sleepless night when an idea came to me. I was up at my computer passing time and I started searching for a children's Christmas story that would be appropriate to use for the Children's Message during Advent. Through good old Amazon.com, I reviewed several stories and ordered 3 of them. Two days later they arrived (how do they do that?) and I quickly chose one.

I then called Marlene and told her about my idea and with usual Marlene fashion, she was enthused and excited. "So which one did you choose?" "Well, I chose one about a family during World War 1. They live in Appalachia and the story centers around the child named Ruthie" I excitedly replied.

Her answer was dead silence. I gave it a moment and when there was no response I said, "we don't have to do this, it was just an idea and of course we can use another story. Marlene, are

Altar Flowers

January, 2022

2nd - Advent Decorations

9th - Marlene Loomis

16th - Jen Griesbaum (In memory of Joan Varkoly)

23th - Jody Skinner

30th - Sheri Brandes (In memory of Irene Griggs)



Newsletter Deadline

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

you there?" The voice that responded was emotionally quiet and obviously close to tears. "It is a good idea, but you don't know do you? We already have that book in my family. My girls have grown up having it read to them every Christmas Eve since our youngest daughter, Sheri, brought it home in kindergarten. We know Ruthie very well."

From there, Christian Ed. became involved, Charlie got the pictures for the big screen on Sunday's, and we all have become acquainted with Ruthie and her family and her church. Now you know the rest of the story.

~ Bonnie Miller



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.

You know we can all benefit from techniques, guidelines, or train of thought... **Try using 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.



Church Rental Fees:

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.

Board of Trustees News

Trustee's Items:

- 2 new wireless microphone systems
- Juice Goose power outlet shelf
- New posts installed to support front sign
- Jeff Marcy Electric installed new electrical wiring & outlets for church sign
- New Sump Pump was installed in Boiler Room



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: \$152.64.**



Smile... Our Clothing Shed is now monitored by a Camera System.



New Church Sign Update:

All American Sign Company has received our deposit for the new sign. The new sign has been shipped and the two new posts have been installed.



Thank You's

To **DeLaval & Jenifer Wallace** for donating 10 turkeys for the Food Pantry.

To **Letchworth Central School's National Honor Society** for their recent Food Drive to benefit local food pantries.

To **Carol Becker** for donating 18 packs of pocket tissues for the pews.

To **Larry Rogers** for asking **Luczak's Tree Farm** in Silver Springs to donate our sanctuary Christmas Tree.

To the **Cordelia Greene Library in Castile** for donating \$200.00 to the Castile UCC Sign.

To **Tom Reagan** for hanging up all the wreaths around the church, inside and out.

To **Ray & Barb Fisher** for their donation to our new Church Sign.

To **Kathy Kohler** for her donation to our new church sign.

To **Sheri Brandes** who made and donated the queen size quilt and two matching pillowcases to benefit the new church sign.



Castile UCC Food Pantry

The Castile UCC Food Pantry is open.

This Emergency Food Pantry is open to residence in the Town of Castile and can be visited monthly.

Please continue to call the church office at 585-494-2840 to make an appointment.



Theresa Wood, Letchworth School National Honor Society Coordinator delivering food.

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.



January Birthdays

2 - Jim Little

2 - Nathan Scott

6 - Kathleen Donlon Miller

8 - Abbey Scott

13 - Tyler King

15 - Mathew Weaver

17 - Elaine Keif

19 - Theodore Cooley

19 - Benjamin Cooley

23 - Sally Bliss

24 - Zachary Dake

25 - Michael Spencer

26 - Cindy Feroletto

27 - Monroe Scarlet Schumacher

28 - Elizabeth Miller

28 - Willow Reagan

29 - Kimberly Shappy



Pastoral Search News

At this time, there are no new updates. Thank you to our congregation for your continued support.

Committee Members are:

Tyler King: Chair

Marlene Loomis: Contact Person

Debbie Beeman

Lynn McNamara

Barbara Meyer

Cliff Scott

NY Project Hope: Coping with COVID-19

NY Project Hope is an emotional support helpline that provides crisis counseling to help New Yorkers cope during the COVID-19 pandemic. Talking to crisis counselors can help you understand your feelings and learn how to manage your stress. This service is free, confidential and anonymous. Services are available for all ages.

You can get connected to brief counseling over the phone by calling the NY Project Hope Emotional Support Helpline at 844-863-9314. Counselors are available from 8 AM to 10 PM seven days a week.

Find out more about NY Project Hope and how to cope during COVID-19. For 24 hour support, you can call, text or chat with NYC Well.



New Feature for 2022 - Castile UCC Trivia

We have had such positive feedback about the article regarding the Sanctuary Cross, we have decided to expand on this.

Each month we will include 10 trivia questions about articles that have appeared in past United Flyer Newsletters.

1. What year did our church newsletter, the "United Flyer", begin publication?
A. 1958 B. 1960 C. 1966
2. What year did the Castile UCC begin a Migrant Day Care Center in the Church?
A. 1970 B. 1972 C. 1973
3. What year was the Baker Memorial Entry Way built?
A. 2002 B. 2003 C. 2007
(Did you know J. D. Andrews was the Construction Company that built it?)
4. In what year was the original weathervane that was put on the church bell tower in 1893 replaced with a cross?

- A. 1998 B. 2000 C. 2003
(Did you know that the original weathervane is now placed at the front of the sanctuary roof?)

5. What year did our former church Secretary/Administrative Coordinator, Evelyn Page begin working at Castile UCC?
A. 1963 B. 1969 C. 1971
(Did you know Evelyn retired in 1999, serving almost 30 years?)
6. What year was our handicap accessible ramp on the Washington Street completed?
A. 1984 B. 1986 C. 1988
(Did you know this ramp was designed by David "Butch" Baker, son of Dr. Stanley Baker, who was an architect in Springfield, Mass.?)
7. What year did the church purchase the Richard Schroeder Property (where our current parking lot is now located)?
A. 1992 B. 1994 C. 1996
(Did you know that this was originally known as The Sayer House as it was a Stage Coach Stable and Hotel?)
8. What year was the First May Breakfast held by the Castile UCC?
A. 1890 B. 1894 C. 1902
(Did you know the cost for the 1st May Breakfast was only \$.15 and they made \$25.00?)
9. Who donated the Speaker System when the new Sanctuary was built in 1963?
A. Hatfield's B. Ferris T.V. & Appliance C. Sears
(Did you know this system lasted 26 years! It didn't need replacing until 1988.)
10. What year did our church celebrate the first Maundy Thursday Celebration?
A. 1970 B. 1974 C. 1978
(Did you know this was instituted by Rev. Clyde Embling. We thank you for this ongoing tradition over 50 years later!)



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 **Sec.:** Mary Reagan

Correspondence: Carol Becker

Treasurer: Cindy Feroletto

Next Women's Fellowship Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2022 at 11:00 AM

ALL Women are INVITED!!

WE WILL BE ELECTING OFFICERS FOR 2022!!!

"Hats for the Homeless"

Again, this year Women's Fellowship collected "Hats for the Homeless".



We collected 79 scarves, 207 hats, 46 pairs of mittens, 40 pair of socks, 2 pair of slippers, 1 pair of earmuffs, 17 tubes of toothpaste, asst. lip gloss, mouth wash, and travel size shampoos!!!

Thank you to Jim Loomis for counting and bagging all of them and to Bonnie & Charlie Miller for delivering them to Open Door Mission.

We also provided a hat and scarf for each of our 15 children we sponsored from Angel Action and sent a 13 gal. bag full of hats and scarves for Community Action in Perry, NY to distribute.

Home Touch Newsletter

This is a monthly newsletter full of articles, puzzles, games, scripture, helpful hints, etc.

If you, or a loved one would like to be added to our monthly mailing list, PLEASE contact the church office. This is a wonderful way for those feeling "shut-in" with the recent upsurge of Covid, to feel a little less trapped. We all love getting mail!!!



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Answers to Castile UCC Trivia

1. 1966

2. 1970

3. 2003

4. 1998

5. 1971

6. 1986

7. 1992

8. 1894

9. Ferris TV & Appliance

10. 1970