

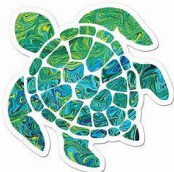
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A Simple Way to Strengthen Your Faith for The New Year

A new year, full of new possibilities. Maybe you want to lose weight, save money, or start an in-home business. You might want to run a 5k, go on a mission trip, or finish paying off a loan.

No matter what your ambitions are, you probably have a good idea of what you would like to accomplish this year. So, here's the question: Do any of your goals involve growing in your faith?

This does not mean that you have to read the entire Bible in a week or donate your entire paycheck to the next church campaign. But one of the things you can do, to grow in your faith, is simple: Practice gratitude. *{grat-i-tude: Noun - The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.}*

Being thankful strengthens your relationship with God. If you don't understand how, think about it like this. When you do something for a loved one and they express gratitude for your efforts, you feel pretty good, right? You feel loved, understood and appreciated.

God doesn't need our appreciation, but when we look at all He has done for us, how can we be anything but grateful? He not only created a beautiful, mysterious world for us to explore, but He also created us. And He gave us His one and only Son to die for us so we could spend eternity with Him.

Those are some pretty big things to be grateful for! But it's tough to grow in thankfulness unless you have a plan in place. Here are some ideas on how you can keep gratitude at the front of your mind.

◆ Invest in a journal and use it as a *Gratitude Log*. Make time each day to jot down a few things you're thankful for. You could do this on your phone, too, but a written journal, dedicated to tracking your blessings, makes the habit a bit more meaningful.

◆ If you're married, you could share a journal and take turns writing down the things you're grateful for as a couple. Or you could make it a habit to spend a few minutes at the end of each day sharing the things you're thankful for.

◆ Teach your children gratitude at an early age. Many kids learn well with visual aids, consider making a gratitude jar. It doesn't have to be fancy. Have everyone in the family write down one thing they're thankful for each day and drop it in the jar. You could use stickers for the little ones.

Whatever you do, find a way that will let you keep track of the things you're thankful for and make a point to look them over on a regular basis! Maybe you can read your gratitude log at the end of each month. Or you could come together as a family and spend some time reading over the blessings in the gratitude jar.

Making gratitude a habit will not only strengthen your relationship with the Lord, but it will also remind you just how blessed you are. Try it and see how wonderful the new year might be.

This article originally appeared on Stewardship.com

Prayer for the New Year:

"May we be sheltered by the wings of peace.
May we be kept in safety and in love.
May grace and compassion find their way
to every soul"

Hebrew Prayer for Safe Journey
submitted by Barb Meyer

Church Directory

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Custodian: Brooke VanEpps – 689-7473

Director of Music: Barb Meyer - 322-7396



Annual Church Meeting

Please note: All persons on Boards and Committees that are going off will remain in place until the Annual Church Meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2023.



Facebook Live

Most all of our worship services can be viewed on Castile UCC Facebook Live or you can view it anytime at your own leisure.



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. We welcome your submissions.



Altar Flowers

January, 2023

1- Advent Display

8- Marlene Loomis

15- Jen Griesbaum (In memory of Joan Varkoly)

22- Jody Skinner

29- Sheri Brandes (In memory of Irene W. Griggs)

Brunches

January, 2023

No Brunch in January



Kindness...

"You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Castile UCC Food Pantry

The Castile UCC Food Pantry is OPEN!

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

Thank you to Temporary Pastor, Tammy Lathan and Suanne Redden for helping out with the Food pantry while Sally Bliss was recovering from surgery.

Christian Education News

Our Sunday School lessons are based on the weekly Children's messages taken from Sermons4Kids.com.

NO Sunday School on
New Year's Day, January 1, 2023

Sermons4Kids Schedule:

January 8 - Seeking the Savior

January 15 - God's Eyewitnesses

January 22 - Fishing for People

January 29 - A Recipe for Happiness / Beatitudes

"The Animals Christmas" by Aileen Urquhart

Sarah the Spider – Naomi Bellamy

Angel – Maya Bellamy

Daniel the Donkey reader – Cooper King

Daniel the Donkey – AJ Swarhout

Obadiah the Ox reader – Sasha Bellamy

Obadiah the Ox puppet – Naomi Bellamy

Lilah the Lamb reader – Kennedy Gross

Lilah the Lamb puppet – Zac Swarhout

Khalid the Camel reader – Patrick Feroletto

Khalid the Camel puppet – Keaton King

Mary – Maddyn Miller

Joseph – Jacob Klein

Baby Jesus - Kaeya Miller

3 Wisemen – Quinn Bellamy, Mike Swarhout

& Isabella Miller

Shepherds – Patrick Feroletto, Kennedy Gross



Thank you to the Castile UCC Board of Christian Education for planning and directing today's Christmas Pageant.

A "Birthday Party for Jesus" was held in the Embling Dining Hall following the service.

Pastoral Search News

The Pastoral Search Comm. is looking into different ways in which to advertise the Pastoral position available at our church. Thank you for your continued support.

Committee Members are:

Tyler King: Chair Marlene Loomis: Contact
Debbie Beeman Lynn McNamara
Barbara Meyer Cliff Scott



Board of Trustees News

Trustee's Items:

Downstairs men's room toilet repaired



Thank you's

Wyoming County Retired Teachers Association

for donating 100.00 for our Food Pantry.

Tompkins Trust for donating a \$500.00

"Banksgiving" donation.

Letchworth Central School Honor Society for their food drive to benefit local food pantries.

Castile's Wednesday Club & Gala Club for collecting more hats and scarves for our "Hats for the Homeless".

Rebecca Vasile for the Box of 100 coffee pods for the Kehrig coffee maker

Delaval for the donation of 6 turkeys for our Thanksgiving & Christmas Boxes (Jenifer Wallace and Tony Harper for delivering them)

Dennis & Dawn Miller for their donation of two lanterns in memory of Dawn's sister, Marcia (Mason) Horton.

RoseAnne Lindsey for making and donating two Christmas Wreaths for the Baker Entryway.

The Sanctuary Christmas Decorating Committee: Tom Reagan, Bonnie & Charlie Miller, Tony Harper & Jenifer Wallace, and Ron & Tammy Lathan

Tom Reagan for hanging the banners, wreaths and for installing our new JOY JOY JOY signs and Nativity Silhouette out front.

Beverly Edwards for returning another \$18.90 in Pop cans

Sandy Graham & Marlene Loomis for decorating the Baker Entryway. (A special thank you to **Pam Gebauer** for donating the white Nativity Scene.)

Jen Griesbaum for sending in the Daily Scriptures of Hope throughout the year.



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 was \$152.64.**



January Birthdays

- 2 - Jim Little
- 2 - Nathan Scott
- 6 - Kathleen Donlon Miller
- 8 - Abbey Scott
- 13 - Tyler King
- 15 - Mathew Weaver
- 17 - Elaine Keif
- 23 - Sally Bliss
- 24 - Zachary Dake
- 25 - Michael Spencer
- 26 - Cindy Feroletto
- 27 - Monroe Schumacher
- 28 - Elizabeth Miller
- 28 - Willow Reagan
- 29 - Kimberly Shappy



A Casual Walk Through Matthew's Gospel

By Rev. Dr. Clyde H. Embling

(Matthew 1:1-17) Matthew begins by using a genealogy. It is a bit boring to read unless one is truly into seeing the family tree of our Lord. Howbeit, Matthew is doing something very significant. He is putting Jesus within the whole story of salvation! By showing a positive link between "the Son of Abraham, the Son of David," Matthew is telling us right off the bat that JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL THE PROMISES GIVEN TO GOD'S PEOPLE.

As if he wants to make sure readers grasp the point, Matthew wraps up the genealogical tree by very interestingly stating: (Matthew 1:17) "So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations."

Truly, Matthew's effort is outstandingly beautiful. Yes, the reading can be tedious but in spite of that there is a very important message for us. In addition to whatever else this genealogy says, it should smack us with the realization that God had planned for Jesus' birth from the early days of history and as God planned it, so it is.

Another significant fact is the name MESSIAH. The Hebrew people choose names for their offspring by what the names meant in relationship to God. We might choose a name that might honor a loved one, we call it "named after a person" or perhaps in honor of someone who is deceased. In my case, I've been told that my first name "Clyde" was the name of my dad's best friend when dad was in Mechanics School in Detroit, Michigan; my middle name "Homer" was chosen to honor my parents' neighbor, in whose house I was born.

The name "Messiah" and the name "Jesus" means savior. It is very significant that Mary and Joseph did not by themselves choose our Lord's name. In verse 21 when speaking to Joseph an angel of the Lord said, "You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

The shortest pondering of the Gospel of Matthew should comfortably assure us that GOD is in control of the flow of life...whether life seems to be tough at the moment, or a rich blessing of joy. God is in control. Our goal should be to hang in there with God, be we thirsty or engulfed by flooding waters.

As we begin our casual walk through the Gospel of Matthew, we are reminded that history did not happen in a vacuum. God has been and is involved in all history—your history and my history. For sure, God is with us in the rising of the sun and its setting and every minute in between.

We will do well remembering the significance of the name given our Lord. Savior. STOP AND THINK ABOUT THAT A MINUTE. WHY? Because it should help us to keep ourselves closer to Jesus, our eternal LORD. This is one of the best ways to be cognizant that we are NEVER alone.

Our daughter, Cynthia E. Hadley, MD once said it this way: "To be like Jesus, take time to be with Jesus." Yes, to be in-tune with Jesus, walk with him in prayer, in your pondering of life, in reading God's Holy Word and in your action's day by day.

In the same way Matthew is reminding us that "If we seek we will find." And the seeking will grant us the experience of a strengthened relationship with God and the resulting peace and joy it affords all who seek.

Peace, Joy & Love,
Clyde & Audrey

Missions News

SERRV has partnered with artisans in South Vietnam since 1999. Your purchase provides training, employment, and support to marginalized artisans in southern Vietnam, and promotes hope and independence. Through sales of their products, handcrafters receive vocational craft training, marketing skills, and equipment, as well as the ability to work from their homes or in small workshops instead of seeking work in factories. Handcrafters also receive social and health care insurance, and may apply for scholarship funds.



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.



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."

2022 Co-Chairs: Marcy VanZandt & Dawn Miller

Co-Sec.: Mary Reagan & Marlene Loomis

Correspondence: Carol Becker

Treasurer: Cindy Feroletto

Next Women's Fellowship Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2023 – 11:00 AM

ALL Women are INVITED!!

'Meals & Missions'



Next meeting:

**Thur., January 19
at 12:00 PM**

Hats for the Homeless

Hats for the Homeless Collection:



132 pairs of socks

116 hats, 64 scarves, 26 T-shirts, and

29 pairs of mittens



Single Mom's "Breaking Bread" Club

Are you a single mom? Join us for free dinners & fun programs for Moms & Kids

This is a new club for Single Mom's raising their children.

The group meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month 5:30 – 7:30 PM at

Breezeway Barn
141 North Center Street
Perry, NY

For more information: Please contact Jen Hall at jenhall@hiridge.com



"There is no way to be a perfect mother, but a million ways to be a good one." – Jill Churchill

Military Personal Addresses

No address at this time, *but please keep them in your prayers.*

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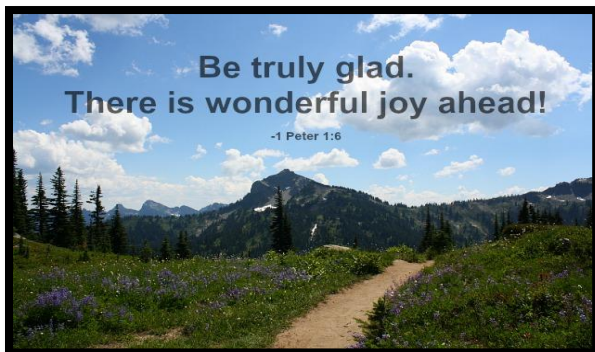
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988 – Behavioral Health Crisis Hotline

988 is the new three-digit number that connects callers with behavioral health crisis counselors. Those who dial 988 will be connected to National Suicide Prevention Lifeline call centers.



Telehealth – Wyo. Co. Community Action

There is an exciting new program we have to offer here at Wyoming County Community Action.

Living in a remote area, we understand that not everyone has access to reliable internet access or the technology needed to support telehealth appointments. Telehealth has quickly become a sign of the times and for some providers, the preferred method of communication. We have added a telehealth room to our agency where a client can come in and access their remote appointments in a quiet and private environment. They will also have the option for one of our Care Coordinators to sit in on the appointment and be an advocate or an extra set of ears for the information discussed.

We are currently in partnership with Spectrum Health but have the ability to provide this service for any appointments the client may have. In extreme or emergency cases, we do have the capability to take this service on the road and meet up with the client at their home or say their local library. The safety of our staff is important to us. With that being said, we may travel in pairs or choose to decline a home telehealth appointment based on safety.

*We are working on adding a site in Arcade for the folks that live off that way. It should be up and running within a few weeks.

For more information contact: Community Action at 786-237-2600.