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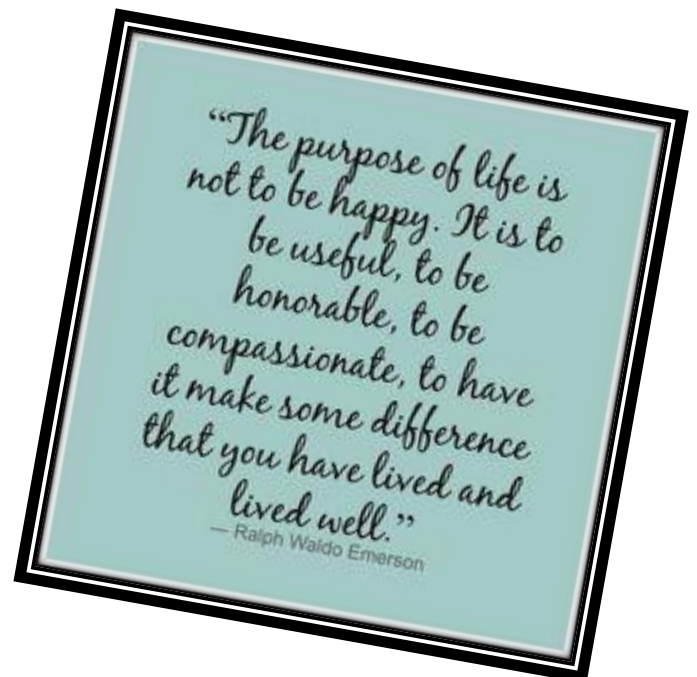


JUNE 2023

“United Flyer”

**The Castile United Church of Christ's
Pastoral Search Comm.
and the Board of Elders are pleased to
announce the hiring of
Tammy Lathan as our "Settled Pastor",
at a duly called Special Congregational
Meeting that was held on
Sun., May 14th, 2023.**

**Service of Installation date
TO BE ANNOUNCED.**



Talks With Pastor Tammy

INTRODUCING A FRIEND TO JESUS

By Paul David Tripp



When was the last time you introduced a friend to another friend? “Hey Charlie, this is my friend, Jim.” Then you briefly add where they work, what they do, or how you know them. Now imagine you have to introduce Jesus to someone. What would you say in a single summarizing sentence?

In the first chapter of his Gospel, John gives a fantastic five-word introduction: full of grace and truth. “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14).

Grace - What is grace? At its core, the nature of grace is a Christlike nature. Jesus, full of grace and truth, is the one we have been called to imitate in our relationships.

The combination of truth and grace is our hope in this life and the one to come. If the Messiah compromised his truth for grace, there would be no hope of satisfying God’s requirements.

If you speak truth in ways that are devoid of grace, you have, in fact, done violence to the “truth” that you think you are speaking. If you manage grace in a way that compromises truth, the “grace” you are offering is not really grace at all.

Truth and grace must never be pulled apart. If we claim to be Christlike, we cannot at the same time claim to be using “truth” as we shame, mock, dismiss, self-righteously judge, or disrespect others. If our way of speaking “truth” is characterized by vengeful responses, mocking reactions, character assassinations, disrespect, dismissal, cruelty, and toxicity, are we truly following the way of grace and truth?

As sinners, our intentions that started out as pure defenses of truth have the capacity to get bent and twisted by biased emotions and selfish agendas. Grace never ignores wrong; grace is never passive in the face of evil. But grace is also never unsympathetic; grace never treats issues as being more important than people.

The call to follow Jesus and be full of grace and truth in relationships requires transforming grace. It requires grace to invest the patience we need to fully understand your opponent. It takes grace to answer them with calm wisdom. It takes grace to respond lovingly to personal attacks. It takes grace to be humble and approachable. It takes grace to trust God to do what you are unable to accomplish in the life of another person.

If I am ever going to interact and react to others with grace, I need grace. I need the intervention of God’s grace to free me from the works of the flesh. And because of the life, death, and resurrection of the One full of grace and truth, this grace is ours for the taking!

This article has been edited. To read the full article, go to: Introducing A Friend To Jesus - Wednesday's Word Weekly Devotional - Paul Tripp.



TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

Beginning June 6th, while Administrative Coordinator, Marlene Loomis is out for medical leave, the church office will be OPEN on:

Tues. 8:00 AM– 2:00 PM
Wed. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM
(Other times by appointment.)



Church Directory

Pastor: Tammy Lathan

Pastor Tammy's Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursdays: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wednesdays – By Appointment

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Bd. of Trustees Chair: Scott Chamberlain -752-3454

Custodian: Brooke VanEpps - 689-7473

Director of Music: Barb Meyer - 322-7396

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

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.



Preaching Schedule

June 4- Trinity & Communion Sunday

11- Baptism of Jason VanEpps



18- Education & Father's Day Sunday

25- Castile Village Park Service



Altar Flowers

June 4- Debbie Beeman

(In memory of Glenda Beeman)

11- Suanne Redden

18- Tammy Lathan

25- Sally Bliss

(In memory of Georgiana VanArsdale)



Brunch

Sunday, June 25 – Castile Village Park Service

Please bring your own lawn chair!!

Brunch provided by the Board of Elders



Kindness...

**"It is not that kindness matters;
it is that without kindness,
nothing else matters."**

— Debasish Mridha

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**. Contact the church office to set up an appointment.



Board of Elders News

Hello Church Family!

Your BOE met on May 4th. On the agenda was the review of our Holy Week services. Overall, we had positive responses to each of the services. As always, tweaks can be made and were so noted.

Also mentioned were the new Easter decorations to the altar and Baker Memorial entrance. Jenifer Wallace and Tony Harper are welcome additions to the seasonal decorating team.

Our next special service is Remembrance Sunday on May 21st. That was reviewed and all necessary help is in place.

Please remember that the BOE is your platform for expressing yourself regarding the worship services. We welcome your comments and ideas. Our goal as a committee is to work with our Pastor, Tammy Lathan, to present a spiritually based, cohesive Sunday service that allows us to praise the Lord.

Blessings,
Bonnie Miller, Chairperson BOE

Welcome PASTOR Tammy Lathan

Castile United Church of Christ
Special Meeting on May 14, 2023

The meeting was opened by Moderator Dennis Miller at 11:05 AM with a prayer by Chair of the Elders, Bonnie Miller. There were 52 present. Notice having been given according to the Constitution and Bylaws, this special meeting was called to present a candidate for the position of the Settled Pastor of the Castile United Church of Christ.

The Chair of the Search committee, Tyler King, thanked all those who served over the last two years on this committee. Upon recommendation of the Search Committee, Tyler presented the candidate Tammy Lathan to be voted on as our Settled Pastor at this special church meeting. Only members of the church may vote and to be hired, the candidate must receive two-thirds of the voting membership present.

The vote was conducted by paper ballot. There were 47 voting members. The ballots all being cast, they were counted by the Church Moderator and Church Clerk. The Church Clerk announced the results. 46 – yes 1- no

The Church Moderator welcomed Pastor Tammy as she continues her life's journey as our worship leader, our partner in faith and missions, and our friend.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 11:32 AM.



Summertime Facebook Music

Please join us each Wednesday at 6:00 PM in July for our Summertime Facebook MUSIC Chats.

Each week will feature a different musical selection.



Christian Education News

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

June 4: "Creation: And It Was Very Good"

June 11: "Faith For the Journey"

June 18: "Isaac Is Born"

June 25: "God Cares for Ishmael"

Last Sunday for Sunday School – June 11



Education Sunday – June 18



Thank you's

To **Beverly Edwards** for returning \$12.85 in pop cans & water bottles. Remember... every can and bottle counts.

To **Suanne Redden & Christine Broughton** for helping out in our Food Pantry.



Board of Trustees News

Trustee's Items:

- Installation of the new blue plexi glass panels in the bell tower.
- New Fire Protection System
- Gravel spread on church parking lot.
- Cleaned eave troughs around church.

Installing the new blue panels



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 \$142.60.**



Church Rental Fees:

We would like to remind you that the Embling Dining Hall is available for rent. Remember we have air conditioning and free WI FI.

The fee is \$50.00 for members and \$100.00 for non-members.



Castile United Church of Christ's

Annual Chicken BBQ

Sat., June 3, 2022

11:30 AM-

Take Out Only

PRE-SALE TICKETS Available from Bd. of Trustee members or call the church office at 585-493-2840.

Price: \$15.00

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



June Birthdays

- 1 - Katie Cooley
- 3 - Hannah Lindsay
- 3 - Maddyn Miller
- 10 - Jeff Huntz
- 10 - Jayce Soble
- 11 - Tammy Lathan
- 12 - Tim Miller
- 15 - Whitney Sardina
- 18 - Joyce Hance
- 18 - Linda Little
- 22 - Tracy Miller
- 22 - Barbara Bellamy
- 23 - Reagan Bannister
- 23 - Stacey Unterborn
- 25 - Ian McNamara
- 29 - Donna Sears
- 29 - Melynda King
- 29 - Jackson Sardina

June Anniversaries

- 5 - Steven & Kristi Weaver
- 6 - Steven & Tracy Miller
- 7 - Dennis & Dawn Miller
- 10 - Charles & Bonnie Miller
- 14 - William & Melissa Dake
- 14 - Jeff & Cheryl Fagan
- 16 - Ron & Tammy Lathan
- 17 - Jeff & Darla Huntz
- 18 - Cliff & Carol Scott
- 18 - Greg & Connie VanSlyke
- 30 - Edward & Marcy VanZandt



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.

SERRV:

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SERRV believes in creating employment, paying fair wages, encouraging sustainable practices, supporting community development, and preserving traditional crafting techniques.



Casual Walk Through Matthew's Gospel

This month looks at Matthew 2:13-15

Joseph had yet another dream. The angel directed him to take Mary, the newborn child and flee to Egypt. The angel did not just say "go" to Egypt but to "flee." And furthermore, when you get there, stay put until I tell you.

That must have been a real zinger for Joseph. Normal reaction might very well have been different from what Joseph did. We are more apt to ponder and say, "Hey wait a minute. Not long ago you asked me to accept a child that wasn't mine and now you ask me to save the child by taking off on a minute's notice, in the middle of the night! And to go, of all places, to Egypt."

Joseph had a strong faith and a real connection with God which enabled him to take this new directing dream seriously and positively. Let's consider for a moment what it must have been like for him. Remember, Egypt was the place where his ancestors were so badly mistreated. That is the place where they were forced to do hard labor by the pharaoh. It was there, where God had sent Moses to deliver Joseph's family to the Promised Land.

Being asked to go quickly back into that historic nightmare was sure to bring back a lot of pent-up emotions, and fears! Joseph had no family in Egypt to visit. He had, in fact, no job there to help

him care for his family and no sure place to find residence. With thoughts like this presumably flashing through his mind, he was told to just GO! Immediately he left. Not even waiting for the sun to rise. Thankfully, he listened to what God's messenger said to him and Herod's attempt to destroy Jesus was of no avail.

Thinking about all of this sparked in me the words of Jesus to his disciples. "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE." The original disciples took those words very seriously. Following the Lord's directive proved to grow the number of Jesus' followers (THE CHURCH) in great numbers.

It does not take a Philadelphia Lawyer to assure us that the numbers of followers in primary denominations are not growing as was once the case. WHY? I suspect that it has a lot to do with following JESUS' DIRECTIVE "To go into all the world." In our churches, we have all sorts of programs...and they are good; we have a variety of efforts to involve people...and they are good, BUT, we do not go to our neighbors, our friends, or in many cases, even to our families to share with them the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In many cases we do not even invite others to worship and serve with us. Compared to the first disciples, we are not very enthusiastic about our faith. And it shows. Joseph heard the voice of God in his dream, telling him "to flee to Egypt and he went! In like fashion, Jesus told his disciples "to Go" because He knew that was the way they should travel.

Yes, today we are called to do the same. When we read or hear the words of Jesus "to go" we seem very often to say "NO," or "maybe tomorrow." So many times, we hesitate to do what we know God would have us do. Consider THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. Why did God give us those commandments? Because God knew if we followed the ten commandments, we would be

much happier people. However, they are so much like a medical doctor's prescription, if one does not take the prescribed medicine, they will have no helpful effect. The Ten Commandments are often treated like a prescription that is not filled. In like fashion, if the Commandments are dormant for an individual, they have little effect on one's thoughts and actions.

Today, I sat at a picnic table about a stones throw from a public telephone. I did not notice the man using the phone until I heard him speaking loudly and very crudely into the phone. His words were in total opposition to the Ten Commandments. God's name was being used in vain like you'd never believe. The Commandments tell us not to tell untruths, yet I know some people who lie so frequently that if they told me it was raining outside, I would have to check for myself before I would believe them.

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." Worshiping God is vital to being a real part of our Lord's Family. Yet for so many, one might think the Ten Commandments were never written.

Joseph listened to the angel, and he responded as He believed God would have him respond. As we endeavor to be followers of the one Joseph took to Egypt, it behooves us to stop and think of His earthly father. Like Joseph, the more closely we keep focused on the Almighty, the more easily it will be to know the voice and respond as we believe God would want us. As we try to respond favorably to God's Will for us, we will grow in faith and in the assurance that God's way is the only way. Joseph obviously knew that. His actions demonstrated it.

How do our actions compare? By walking faithfully with Jesus, by responding favorably to His Will, we not only gain faith and ease of response like Joseph had, but we acquire a relationship with GOD that will assure us that GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE US ALONE.

What a great truth; Jesus is with us always in this world no matter what "Egypt's" we may be called to flee too, or to go from. Joseph knew it was safe to flee because he knew God would always be traveling with them. As we get closer to Jesus, we will have faith to "Go into all the world sharing the good news of God's love." Let us enthusiastically share as our Lord has called us to go, knowing no matter where we travel, God will never let us travel alone.

God loves you, and so do I,
Clyde



In Celebration OF 90 YEARS!!!!



Dear Church Family,

You continue to be an amazing group of dear people to me and Audrey. The beautiful blanket you gave me on my 90th birthday is so deeply appreciated that I cannot find words to express my feelings. SO, I CAN JUST SAY "THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH."

Only God knows the depth of the appreciation and love we have for all of you.

"Rev"

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."

2023 Co-Chairs: Dawn Miller & Judy Goodneow

Co-Sec.: Mary Reagan & Marlene Loomis

Correspondence: Carol Becker

Treasurer: Cindy Feroletto

Next Women's Fellowship Meeting

Monday, June 12, 2023 – 11:00 AM

ALL Women are INVITED!!

Recent Donations:

\$500.00 to Light House Station

5 College Student "Final Exam" Care packages

May Breakfast Update:

We served @104 people and made \$1,339.00!

Thank you to ALL who helped make this SUCH A WONDERFUL Community Outreach.



Castile's Memorial Day Service

Mon., May 29 at 9:00 AM

Castile UCC Women's Fellowship will be hosting a "Snack Bar". All items will be \$1.00.

'Meals & Missions'



Next meeting:

**TUESDAY, June 20
at 12:00 PM**

June Modern Parable:

"Chocolate Chip Cookies"



Single Mom's "Breaking Bread" Club
SUMMER HOURS

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

Sunday, June 9 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Sunday, July 11 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Sunday, August 27 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Breezeway Barn
141 North Center Street in Perry, NY
contact Jen Hall at jenhall@hiridge@gmail.com



Military Personal Addresses

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

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Office of the Aging News

New Senior Congregate Meal Site

Breezeway Brunch Bunch at Breezeway Barn,
151 North Center Street in Perry, NY
Every Thursday from 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM
(Lunch at 11:30 AM)
Call 786-8833 by 10:30 AM on Wednesdays to
reserve your spot today!

Medicare 101

Wyoming County Office of the Aging offers a
class at 5:00 PM on July 11 and Sept. 12.
All Medicare eligible individuals welcome to
attend. For more information and to reserve a set
call (585) 786-8833.

Need Help paying for Medicare

Wyoming County Office of the Aging will be
having Enrollment Days on June 8, October 12 and
December 14.

Contact Office of the Aging at 585-786-8833 or
800-836-0067. They have new income limits:
\$2280 for individuals and \$3,007 for a couple.

Appointments are required.