



JULY/AUGUST 2025

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JULY/AUGUST 2025 EVENTS

July 4

Office closed for holiday

July 13

VBS Kickoff, 6:30 pm

July 14-18

Vacation Bible School, 9:00 am

July 28

Kingdom Bound at Darien Lake

August 16

Adult and Youth Retreats at Onanda

August 17

Worship service at Onanda, 9:30 am

August 23

Framing Frenzy at Zion Church

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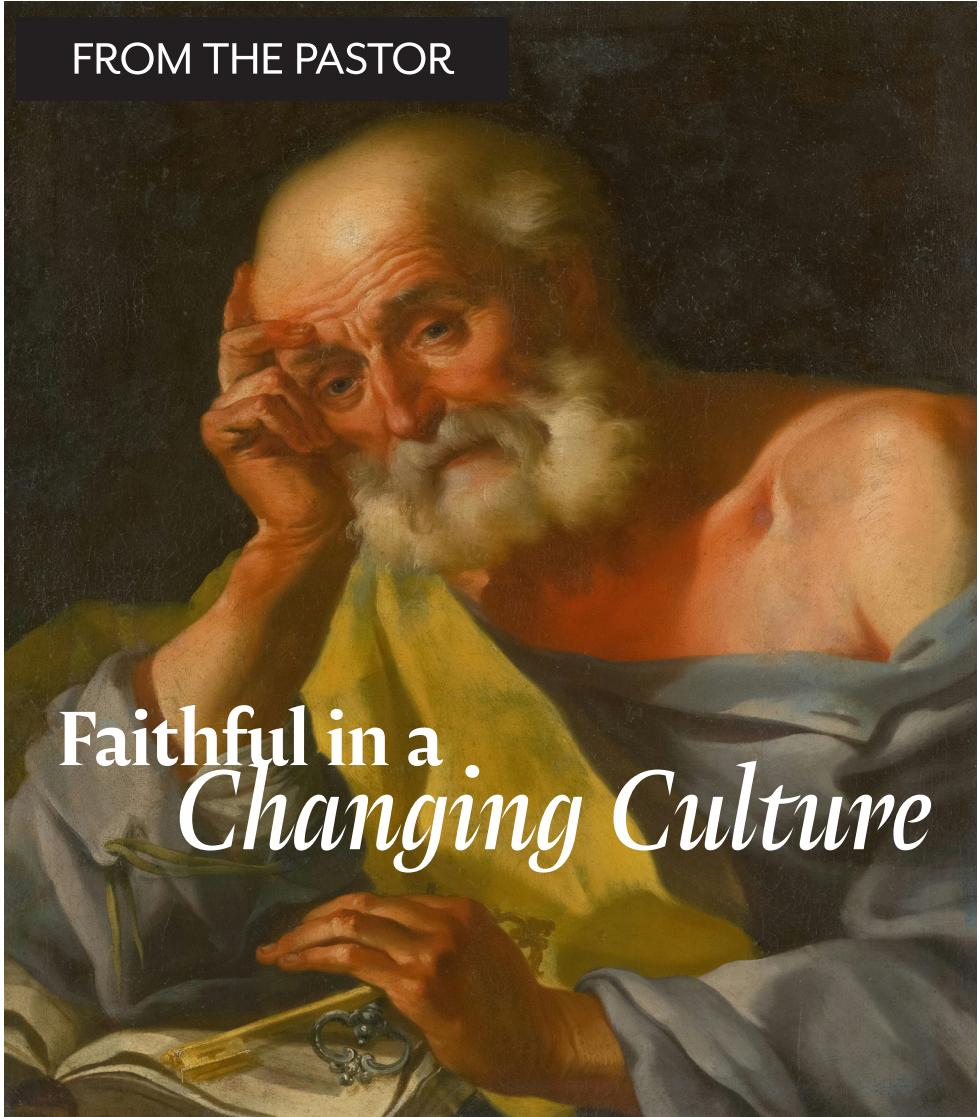
Red Wings Game

August 31

Mission Sunday



FROM THE PASTOR



Faithful in a *Changing Culture*

As we continue our journey through 1 Peter this summer, we encounter one of Scripture's most compelling paradoxes: we are simultaneously exiles and chosen children of God. This tension isn't something to resolve but rather to embrace as we learn what faithful Christian living looks like in an increasingly secular culture.

Peter understood this dynamic intimately. Writing to believers scattered across the Roman Empire, he addressed people who felt the weight of cultural displacement while holding fast to their identity as God's beloved children. His words speak directly to our contemporary experience as we navigate remaining faithful in a world that often seems indifferent to Christian values.

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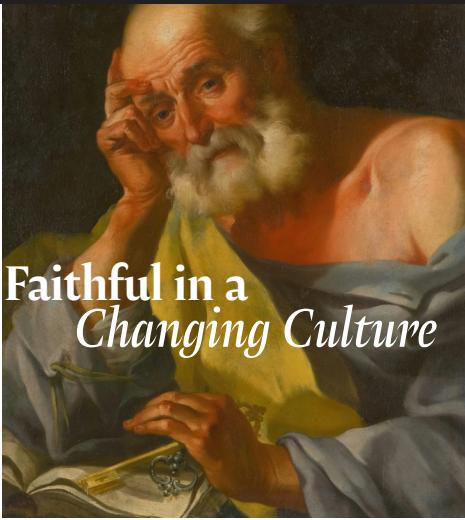
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FROM THE PASTOR



Faithful in a Changing Culture

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Rather than retreating in fear or anxiety, Peter calls us to a different way forward. He reminds us that throughout history, the church has often flourished not in spite of challenging circumstances, but precisely because of them. When the world's systems seem uncertain, God's people have the

opportunity to demonstrate the stability and hope found only in Christ.

Our summer series will explore how this plays out practically. We'll discover how to embrace God's call to holy living while engaging thoughtfully with our surrounding culture. Peter shows us that this isn't about being combative or withdrawn, but about embodying a humble respect that can transform relationships and communities.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July

July 06 - Different by Design, Faithful in Practice (1 Peter 2:11-25)

Additional Readings: Daniel 1:8-17, Psalm 119:33-40

July 13 - The Revolutionary Power of Humble Respect (1 Peter 3:1-7)

Additional Readings: Proverbs 15:1-4, Matthew 5:5-9

July 20 - Standing Out in a Changing Culture (1 Peter 3:8-17)

Additional Readings: Psalm 133, Philippians 2:1-11

July 27 - Beyond What We Can See (1 Peter 3:18-22)

Additional Readings: Psalm 93, Matthew 28:16-20

August

August 03 - Living Against the Grain (1 Peter 4:1-11)

Additional Readings: Psalm 1:1-6, Daniel 1:8-16

August 10 - When Faith Costs Something (1 Peter 4:12-19)

Additional Readings: Psalm 66:8-12, Matthew 5:10-12

August 17 - Cast Your Cares (1 Peter 5:1-11)

Additional Readings: Psalm 23, Matthew 11:28-30

August 24 - Finding Peace as Exiles (1 Peter 5:12-14)

Additional Readings: Psalm 27:1-6, Daniel 3:16-18

August 31 - Missions Sunday

As we examine Peter's teaching on remaining faithful in a changing culture, we'll learn that our distinctiveness as Christians isn't meant to isolate us but to position us as salt and light. When we live in ways that are not in line with cultural norms, we are bearing witness to a different way of life, one that proclaims God's Kingdom.

The latter part of our series will address the reality that faith sometimes costs something. Peter doesn't sugarcoat this truth, but he also doesn't leave us to face these challenges alone. Instead, he points us toward the profound peace that comes from casting our cares on the One who cares for us, finding our identity not in cultural acceptance but in God's unchanging love.

We'll conclude by exploring what it means to find peace as exiles. This sort of peace is not an escape from the world around us, but rather a deep resting in God. This peace becomes the foundation for our mission in the world, which we'll celebrate on our final Sunday in August.

As we gather each week at our combined 9:30 AM service, I encourage you to see these summer months as an opportunity to grow deeper in our understanding of what it means to be God's chosen people, equipped and empowered to live faithfully wherever He has placed us.

Wade



“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.

- 1 Peter 4:10

Please join us for a very special Sunday worship service at Onanda Park!

Back by popular demand: On Sunday, August 17th at 9:30 am, the Sunday service will take place in Gorham Lodge at Onanda Park



instead of in our sanctuary! It was so refreshing and inspiring last summer to come together to worship and sing praises amongst the beauty of Creation, that we're planning it again! You may also witness one or two baptisms in Canandaigua Lake. We encourage carpooling and will have shuttle service from the upper parking lot (free) to the lakeside. Dress for the weather and stay to enjoy the park after church if you like. Watch upcoming bulletins for more details.

Summer and the Church Library

Summer is here, and while that means barbeques, swimming and vacations, it also means no Sunday School! However, that doesn't mean that you need to pause on biblical reading or a book on spiritual growth. Our church library has a wonderful selection of items to keep you going including the Bible helps, commentaries, devotionals, books on prayer and Christian growth, DVDs, Bible studies, and topics on family life, grief, and more! Take a few minutes to browse the library and find a new read for the summer. You might be interested in:

Dallas Willard's beloved classic '**Hearing God**'. It is designed to help you deepen your relationship with God by understanding how to communicate with Him. If you've ever found it challenging to discern whether God is speaking to you, this book will help you learn how to hear him as part of a deep and personal relationship with him.

Zondervan's '**History of Christianity**'. Christianity began with a handful of disciples following an itinerant preacher as he proclaimed the kingdom of God throughout the region of Palestine. Today, Christianity is the world's predominant faith a faith that has swept continents, crossed oceans, transformed cultures, and shaped the course of world events. What is the history of Christianity? How did it spread from its grassroots beginnings to become a worldwide faith? Who are its luminaries its leaders, theologians, thinkers, preachers, artists, and influencers from its inception to today? What forms and expressions has it taken through the centuries? How has it influenced and been influenced by different times and cultures? There are just a few of the questions addressed.

A photograph of a woman with long brown hair tied back, wearing a blue and white striped shirt. She is sitting on a beach, facing away from the camera, with her hands clasped over an open book (likely a Bible) resting on her lap. The background shows a sandy beach and some greenery.

Thank You

The family of **David Sanford** would like to thank our church family for all the prayers, cards, and support that were a great comfort during his long illness and since his passing.

Happy Birthday Helen S.!

Our dear friend, Helen, will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on July 16th. She has many fond memories of growing up on a farm in Daleville, Indiana. Helen and her sister drove the tractor to help her father with the crops, helped her mother sell the eggs their hens produced, and joyfully rode a makeshift swing down from the haymow. She met her husband Don when she was in the 7th grade and, by the time she was a senior in high school, Helen wore an engagement ring on her finger.

During the Korean War, she and Don moved with the Navy from Charleston to Norfolk to Puerto Rico and back to Indiana -- welcoming 3 babies along the way. They were married 54 years. Helen loves to sew and create custom articles such as costumes for Sunday School performances. In fact, she created *Joseph's Coat of Many Colors*, which has been used several times over the years by the children in our church. Helen finds joy in thanking God for every "little" thing that happens in her life; saying, "We are never alone. Good things that happen to us are not luck -- it's all God!" Happy birthday, Helen!

Written by her Steward, Gail B.

Happy Birthday Jim P.!

Jim is a long-time United Church member and watches every Sunday, enjoying waving back when the congregation waves. Jim grew up on a family farm and became a consultant for animal and soil nutrition, a role that took him to many interesting places. He now lives in Ewing Care due to physical issues but keeps in frequent contact with his wife, Anne, and their four sons. Jim has a quick mind and loves discussing current issues. He is grateful for his wonderful church friends.

Written by his Steward, Bill F.

**Happy Birthday Larry H.!**

Senior Companion Larry is having a birthday this summer on July 31. Larry moved to Clark Meadows this year and has adjusted well to his new home. Larry likes to share stories about his family which brings him joy, and his rich service with the U. S. Marine Corps. Some highlights of his service include serving during the Korean War, service in the Presidential Guard in Washington for Harry Truman, and he even played saxophone with a Marine Corps band!

You may still see him out and about in the community, particularly at Charlie's Restaurant in Canandaigua which is his favorite!

Written by Stewards, Dan F. with input from Phil K.

Happy Birthday Sandy C.!

Sandy is celebrating a birthday in August . Sandy spends much of her time reading her devotionals and studying her Bible.

She has wonderful memories of spending summers on her Uncle's farm on Lake Ontario with her brothers, picking cherries, and enjoying the chickens, dairy cows, pigs and playing in the barns. Years later, she and her husband would take their family to the farm for camping and outdoor fun. Sandy developed a love for antiques from her Mom and Grandma. Later she and her husband would run an antique business and refinish furniture. Her favorite wood is tiger maple.

Happy Birthday Sandy!

Written by her Steward, Sharyn C.

Share a Note, Share God's Love: Send a Card to a Senior Companion This Summer

This summer, we're inviting you to join a simple act of care that can have a big impact: **sending a card to one of our Senior Companions**, beloved members of our church who are age 90+ or living with ongoing health concerns.

A few thoughtful words can bring light and encouragement to someone's day. Whether it's a favorite Scripture, a prayer, or just a note to say "you're in my thoughts," your card will be a reminder that they are seen, loved, and not forgotten.

Stop by the Outreach Room (Mark's old office) to pick up cards and addresses.



CARE MINISTRY



Ice Cream Social: A Chance for ALL Helping Hands Care Ministry Teams to Fellowship with One Another

Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30-8:00 p.m.

We're bringing all the Helping Hands Teams together and hope you can join us! All members of the Transportation Team, Hospitality Team, Meal Train Team, Support Team, and our Care Ministers, are invited to a summer **Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m.**

This will be a fun and relaxed time to get to know others who are stepping into these new ministries, meet your team coordinators, and connect across teams. It's a wonderful way to see how each part of the Helping Hands Ministry fits together to serve our church family with care and compassion.

More details to come... but for now, save the date and get ready to enjoy some ice cream and good company!

Remembrance

Our prayers and sympathy are with the **Callard family**, as Jamie's grandmother, **Cathy DeMallie**, passed away on May 14th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Karen Sanford**, whose husband, **David Sanford**, passed away on May 29th following a long illness. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Wendy Bacon** for the loss of her mother, **Mary Zimmerman**, on June 4th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Tane Robinson, age 47, passed peacefully at home surrounded by family on June 2nd. Please keep his wife, Kristin, son, Mitchell (16), daughter, Hannah (13) and other loved ones in your prayers during this difficult time.



Julie Z.:

“I love serving within our church family, and I thank God that He has given me the willingness and desire to do so. So I guess the super short answer to ‘Why do I serve?’ is, because He’s given me the ability and heart to do it. Beautifully, in the process of responding to His gift, there are even more blessings! Relationship building, camaraderie, laughter, good conversation, purpose, and joy, to name just a few.”

“I’ve heard it said that a great way to feel better when you’re feeling down is to do something for someone else. It takes our eyes off our own troubles, builds our self-esteem, and brings a sense of purpose. We live in a broken world, and it’s common to feel too overwhelmed to think about serving someone else. And while it’s true that sometimes we do need to step back from commitments, I can’t think of a single time I wasn’t blessed by stepping out and serving.”

“There are so many ways to serve in our church, some require a larger time commitment, and some are smaller. The Meal Train, Support Team, and Transportation Teams all require just a small commitment. These teams are designed to be large so that members can help only when they’re able, and the needs are still met. I feel like this structure allows the Holy Spirit to direct our steps, making the right people available at the right time. The commitment is small, but the impact is big. These teams do more than deliver a meal, move a piece of furniture, or drive someone to an appointment--they provide hope and love to a church member right when they need it most.”

“I’d like to thank all our church staff for the effort they put into organizing our many service opportunities.”

(Julie serves within the Care Ministry on the Helping Hands Teams: Transportation, Meal Train, and Support Team, as well as other ministries throughout our church.)

Thank you, Julie, for allowing God to work through you as you serve others with compassion and joy!

Robin P.:

What drew you to serving on the Care Team?

I have always enjoyed helping others and was looking for a new way to serve the church. This church has always been there for me, and I wanted to give back.

What’s something meaningful you have experienced while serving?

I experience the joy of bringing love to others, both God’s love and mine, and I love learning about others’ journeys with God.

How has this role impacted your faith or connection to our church family?

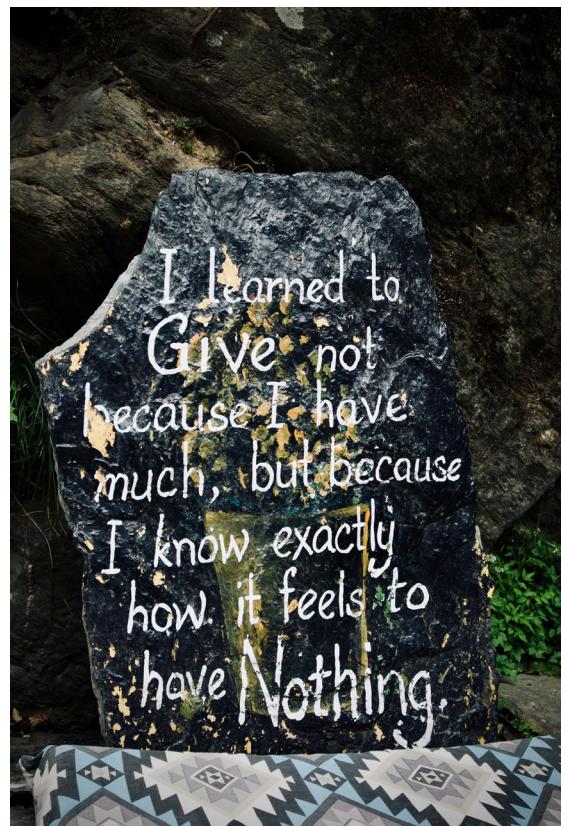
By learning about others’ faith journeys, I’ve grown in my own. It has helped me feel more connected to our church family.

Why would you encourage someone else to serve on a Care Team?

I would encourage someone to join our team because helping your church family strengthens your relationship with God.

(Robin serves others as a Care Minister. She also volunteers on the Helping Hands Support Team.)

Thank you, Robin, for the heart and care you bring to our ministry!



Honor for our organist, David Kraft

The Diapson is an international journal devoted to the organ, harpsichord, carillon and church music and has been in circulation for more than 100 years. Each year they select “20 Under 30” which recognizes young people whose career accomplishments place them at the forefront of the organ, church music, harpsichord, carillon and organ building fields, before their 30th birthday. Candidates are evaluated based on how they demonstrate such traits and accomplishments as leadership skills, creativity and innovation, career advancement, technical skills, and community outreach. Also considered are awards and competition prizes, publications and compositions, offices held and significant positions.

Our organist, **David Kraft**, has been honored in the 2025 Class of “20 under 30.” David is pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance at Eastman School of Music. He began studying the organ at 13 and has served at several Rochester area churches. David won first prize in the 2021 Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition and was a finalist in the Lynwood Farnam Competition, performing in Montreal. David was featured on *Pipedreams Live!* In 2024 and will perform in the 2025 Piccolo Spoleto L’Organo series in Charleston, South Carolina. An organ technician with Parsons Pipe Organ Builders, David maintains instruments at Eastman and across Western New York.

Please offer your congratulations to David for this recognition. We are certainly blessed by his talents every week as we praise the Lord through his music.



Update from former organist, Kateri Andress!

I have officially finished with my organ scholar year at St. George’s Episcopal Church, and have accepted a Director of Music position at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Indianapolis. I plan to stay here for a few years and accumulate some good experience, and so far I like it very much. Know you are all very much missed and in my thoughts and prayers!

Best, **Kateri**

FAMILY MINISTRY



Nursery

Our **nursery** is **open** during **summer worship services**. Please consider **volunteering in the nursery**, as this gives parents of the youngest in our church family time to truly **connect with God**. You can sign up in the Services app or by letting Louise Van Iseghem or Deb Marshall know you are interested. We need 2 nursery volunteers every Sunday through August 31. We need even more volunteers once we return to two services on September 7, so if summer is too busy, please consider volunteering in the fall. If you have questions about serving in the nursery, please contact Louise Van Iseghem.

Communicants Class

This past late winter/early spring, 6 youth (Adele, Elise, Jackson, Leah, Lily, and Mason) went through Communicants class with Pastor Wade. On May 18, this important faith milestone was celebrated. Some kids chose to be baptized for the first time, some reaffirmed their infant baptism, some joined the church, and some decided to wait until later to be baptized or join the church. No matter what decision each student made, one thing was clear - they grew in their faith and knowledge of God and we pray that their experience will draw them ever closer to their Savior, Jesus Christ.



True North VBS

Attention VBS volunteers: crew leaders, crew helpers, station leaders, station helpers, and nursery care. Please mark your calendar for our **True North VBS training**. Choose **one** of the following **mandatory** trainings to attend:

- July 3 at 7pm
- July 7 at 1pm
- July 9 at 10am



Bundle Up Hope!

As part of **True North VBS**, our church will participate in **Operation Kid-to-Kid**. This **missions project** gives kids the chance to bring hope and warmth to kids in North America. World Vision estimates about one of every six kids in the United States lives in poverty. These kids may have inadequate clothing as temperatures drop in the fall and winter.

We can change that! We'll join hundreds of thousands of children in partnership with World Vision, raising money to provide brand new warm clothes and blankets for kids in North America. During True North VBS, **kids and adults**

will have the opportunity to **donate** to Operation Kid-to-Kid. A **\$5 donation** can provide up to **\$70** worth of brand new warm clothes and blankets for a child in North America!

Summer Camp

Please keep our **campers** in prayer as they head to Christian camp this summer. We **pray their hearts will be open** to all God has for them while they are at camp. Keep the list below somewhere handy so that you can **pray for our campers all summer long!**

LeTourneau campers...

Jesse Cheney: Lego Masters Camp (June 23-27), Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1), Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Sam Quimby: Galactic Adventure Camp (June 23-27)

David Quimby: Galactic Adventure Camp (June 23-27)

Carter Slomski: Lego Masters Camp (June 23-27), Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Wyatt Posson: Creative Arts Camp (June 30-July 3), Mad Science Camp (July 7-11), Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)

Adele Marshall: Creative Arts Camp (June 30-July 3)

Rowan Buono: Wilderness Survivors Camp (July 7-11)

Joy Cheney: Mad Science Camp (July 7-11), Wild, Wild West Camp (overnight, July 21-25)

Olivia Gruschow: Top Chef Camp (July 14-18)

Wes Gruschow: Battlezone Camp (July 14-18)

Dorothy Thorman: Wild, Wild West Camp (July 21-25)

Violet Thorman: Wild, Wild West Camp (July 21-25)

Jed Callard: Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)

Jules Callard: Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)

Jackson Callard: Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)

Billy Clark: Kingdom Conquest (July 28-Aug 1), Frontier Fun Camp (Aug 4-8), Gaming Legends (Aug 11-15)

Eva Clark: Frontier Fun Camp (Aug 4-8), Gaming Legends (Aug 11-15)

Sydney Cloutier: Wave Riders Camp (Aug 4-8)

Aria Hildebrant: Wave Riders Camp (Aug 4-8)

Kailynn Stewart: Wave Riders Camp (overnight, Aug 4-8)

Asher Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Elizabeth Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Levi Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Graham Beyrle: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Miracle Mountain Ranch campers....

Hannah Aldrich (July 6-11)

Paige Munson (July 6-11)

Sophie Munson (July 6-11)

Beaver Camp campers...

Adele Marshall (July 6-11)

Eva Clark (July 20-25)

Elise Cunningham (July 20-25)

Lily Munson (July 20-25)

Liam Hildebrant (Aug 3-8)

Mason Hildebrant (Aug 3-8)

Paige Munson (Aug 3-8)

Sophie Munson (Aug 3-8)

Amelia Cunningham (Aug 10-15)

Izzi Sheppard (Aug 10-15)

Anna Zajac (Aug 10-15)

FAMILY MINISTRY



YOUTH



Summer Special Events

We are excited for these summer activities! Youth (and their friends) are invited. If you are able to assist at all during these events, please let us know. These events also need registration so that we can plan accordingly.

Kingdom Bound

Kristy Aldrich and Ray McMillen are coordinating a group trip on **Monday, July 28**. This is a youth focused event, but young adults and adults are invited to attend, too. This is a fun day full of theme-park rides and impactful evening devotions/worship.

Youth Retreat

We are planning a full day (9am-9pm) retreat at Onanda Park on **Saturday, August 16**. Students and their friends are invited to join us for our summer youth retreat! Enjoy food, fellowship, games, devotions, and more! Devotional theme is TBD in July. **Please come prepared for the variety of activities and environments we plan to enjoy!**



Summer Mission Experiences

For a second year, we are attempting to provide meaningful, relational, and local mission experiences for our youth (and supporting adults). This will take place the week after the retreats, August 18-22. Exact details are TBD in June and July, but it can be expected that there will be:

- › Relationship building with Senior Companions
- › Service work in partnership with a local charity.
- › Donation collections/distributions
- › Fun day (Seabreeze)
- › We are also considering how to support the “Framing Frenzy” on August 23.

Check the church calendar online for upcoming youth events!

Fall Program

When we return in the Fall, we are planning a Bible-centric teaching approach, where our students will be actively engaged in the Scriptures during the discussions. Our goal is to increase familiarity with the Bible, and practice sound exegetical skills. Our students will be using journaling Bibles during the year, which we hope will foster meaningful engagement with the biblical text.

Young Adult Special Events

With the summer here, we will be planning various outings for our young adults. Depending on everyone's availability, we are exploring options for a day out on a boat, ice cream outings, and more. Can you assist, or have ideas? Let us know!



Adult Retreat

We are planning a shorter retreat (9:30a-11:30a) for our adults (18 and over), also at Onanda Park (also on **August 16**). Based on feedback, we are creating a shorter event (with the option of lunch and hang-out time early afternoon), in an air-conditioned lodge, and focused on the Sabbath. Due to budget cuts, I am presenting this year's retreat content. Bring your own Bible, pen/journal, and anything you need while at a park. **Please register online for this event; space in the air-conditioned lodge is limited.**

Fall Program Year



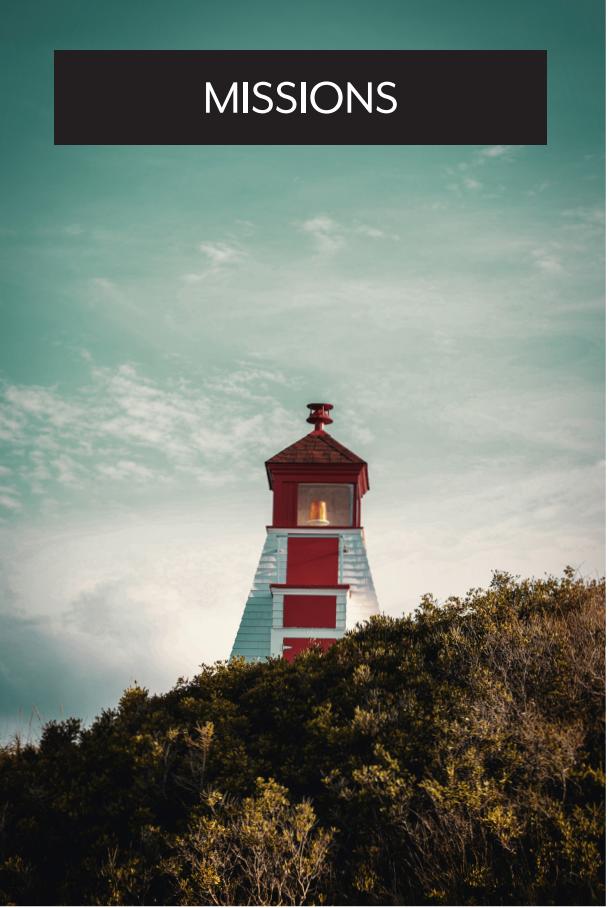
- **Small Group Bible Study Initiative** - To start off the program year in September, we will conduct an estimated 6-week adult and young adult **small group Bible studies**, with large group kick-offs and wrap-ups. We believe this is an important step in our adult/young adult ministries, in response to the need for **open** small groups, as well as a response for the desire for Bible study. The exact details of this initiative will be shared closer to the Fall, but you can expect a variety of "small group types", including a choir group (that ends earlier), a parenting group (that starts later/has increased social time at the front of the class), a young adult small group, and general small groups (all welcomed).
- **Class Sunday School Classes** - After the small group initiative, you can expect familiar offerings, including the **parenting coffee hour**, and a classic **bible study/faith discussion**. A new offering will also include a "**dig deeper**" **Bible Study small group**, led by Pastor Mark. More details to come in the Fall.

Check the church calendar online for upcoming events!



MISSIONS

Let the light of Christ shine through you in service to others...



Foodlink's "Pop-Up Food Pantry" invites you to join with other community volunteers on July 28th at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn, 5440 Route 5&20 from 9:00am till around 11:00am. Volunteers will prep food items and load them into cars as clients drive through the barn. There's great camaraderie and appreciation as we serve food insecure families in their time of need. Please wear closed toed shoes-no sandals or flip flops.

First Fridays at Cameron! We've restored our support for Cameron Community Ministries in Rochester through volunteering once a month to help prep and serve lunch to local guests coming in for a free meal. It will be wonderful to have a committed group of six so that each month three of them will volunteer from 11:30am-1:30pm. Please let Mary Lou Havens know of your interest. The next "First Friday" will be August 1st.

A Habitat for Humanity "Framing Frenzy" is coming to Canandaigua on Saturday, August 23rd in the Zion Fellowship parking lot! The United Church and Zion Fellowship are coordinating with Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity for this one day community event. 75 volunteers will be needed to hammer and nail the walls for one new home as well as 10 volunteers to do other on-site tasks like registrations, etc. Don't miss out on this worthy initiative bringing our community together to offer hope to one family through home ownership. Speak

with Ken Allen or Linda Werts to register yourself, your family and your friends. Participants must be at least 16 years of age.

Mission Trips Near and Far are already in the works for 2026!

A Mexico Mission Trip, including some time spent renewing relationships with brothers and sisters of faith at Iglesia Emmanuel in Bacalar, is being planned for February. Speak with Linda Werts or Ray McMillen to learn more.

Dates are already set...March 28th-April 1st...for a **Return to North Carolina Trip** working again with Valley Hope Foundation to bring disaster relief to the area. Speak with Sonya Brooks to learn more.

Back to School Angel Tree

For 3 Sundays **beginning August 3**, school supply tags will be hanging on trees (not Christmas trees!) in our Welcome Center across from the coffee station. We invite you to please **choose a tag and return the items with the tag attached to church by Sunday, August 24**. Supplies are needed by this date to give us time to sort and get to the families before Labor Day. Last year we were able to help 8 students in our community with this boost. **Thanks in advance for your generosity!** Questions? See Cathy Bush. If your children need school supply assistance, please contact Deb or Cathy.



May Finances

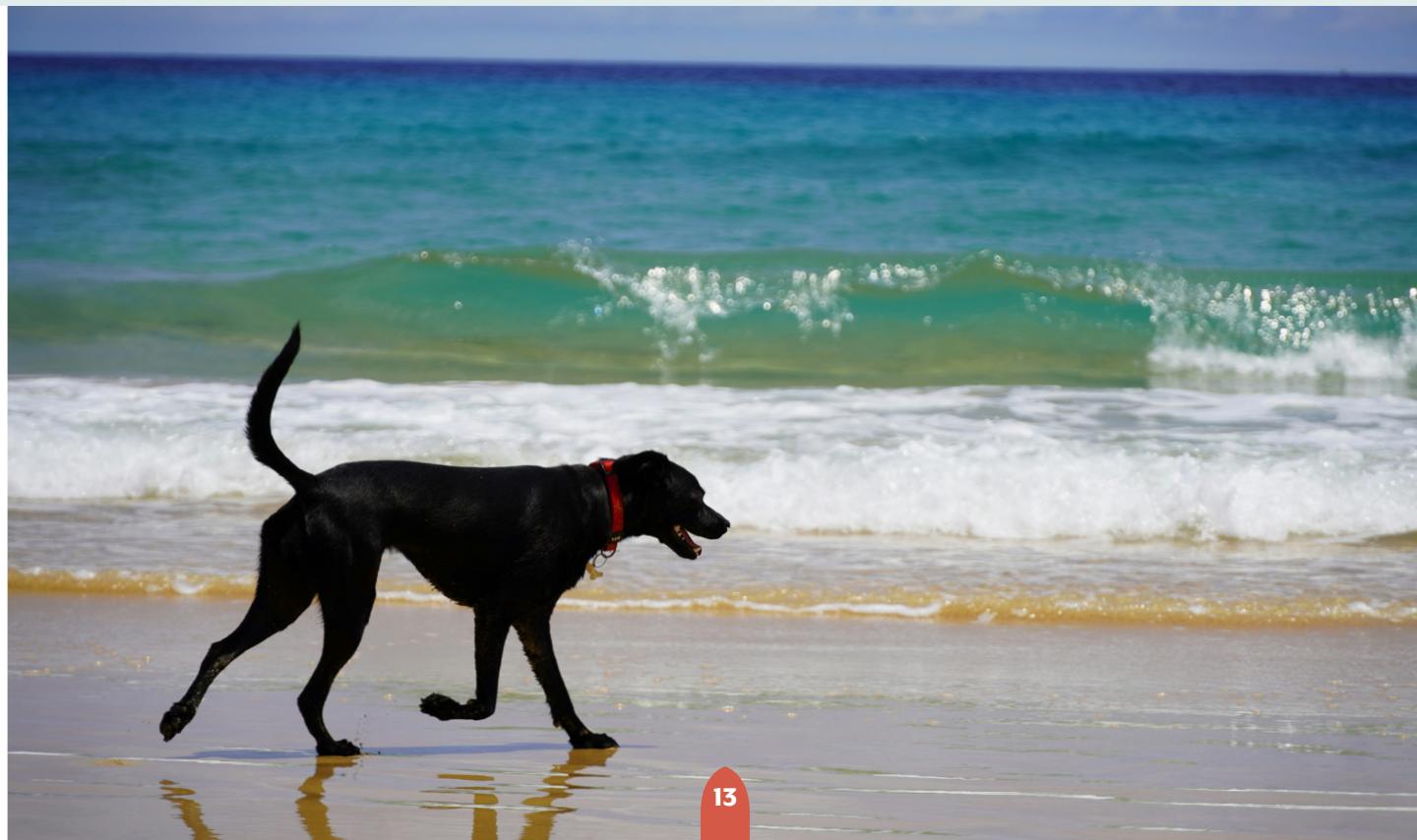
As of the end of May, we are showing \$52.62 in net income. This is \$4,159.48 more than was budgeted for January-May. Expenses for January-May are \$12,721.02 under budget. Donations are \$2,708.58 ahead of budget.

During May, \$6,806.96 of the Boyce Fund for Building and Infrastructure was used for the main floor renovations.



Mission Treasurer Needed

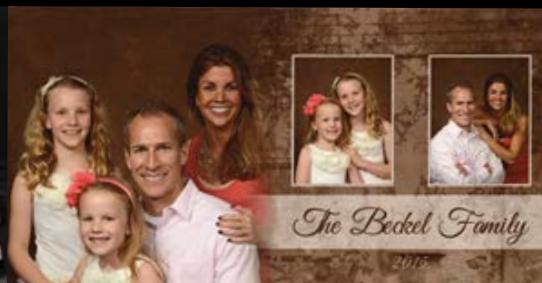
Do you like numbers? Have you wanted to help the church's missions but weren't sure of a good fit for you? Our long-term treasurer, Regie Allen, will be retiring from this role at the end of the year. The position involves maintaining the Missions bank account, disbursing checks on a monthly basis to the groups we support as well as campership checks, maintaining Excel spreadsheets for the various sub-accounts that Missions uses, reports for the Annual report, and attendance at the monthly Missions meeting. Regie will train the new person so only basic banking and excel skills are necessary. Please contact Sonya Brooks (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com) if you have any questions and/or are interested.



Photography dates are September 11, 12, 13th!

If you need help with signing up or transportation getting to your time slot, let the office know.

Dear Church *family*, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Online Scheduling Available now!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **ny133** the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. **In-person sign ups at church start July 20th!**

FELLOWSHIP

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

The United Church Youth Choir will be performing the National Anthem at the **Red Wings Baseball Game** on **Saturday, August 23**. Game time is 6:45 pm, but be sure to arrive early to hear the choir sing.

Tickets cost \$11, and can be purchased on Planning Center from **July 14 - August 3** (scan the code below), or in the Fellowship Room on July 20, July 27, or August 3 following Sunday worship. Please contact Mary Beth Fortunato for more information or assistance purchasing tickets: mbweber@hotmail.com or 585-451-1758.



Stampin' Up

July 19 from 1-3 pm

August 23 from 9:30 - noon

Come join us to create some cards. No experience is needed. Cost is \$20 for 4 cards and envelopes. Please bring a tape runner or glue. I will have everything else needed. Please let me know if you are coming by the Monday prior.

Email Nancy Burt-Preece: nancyburtpreece@gmail.com



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