



## Message from Rev. Hale

Any who have had the good fortune (*my biased opinion*) to take a course in pottery are familiar with the term “slip.” Slip is clay and water mixed into a creamy consistency. One of its uses is as a glue, to bind two wet pieces of pottery together before they are fired.

So much for Pottery 101....but a necessary sidebar as I am holding July and August in mind in the life of the church. I see July and August as “slip” in our lives. It is the time that glues the rhythm of the life we share that perceptively slows by the end of June and then right on cue, picks up with a ticking-away-tempo in September that marches us intentionally....*on!*

There’s less going on in our church-life together this time of the year. On the liturgical calendar, this season spreads its weeks across what we call *Ordinary Time* (time without our special observances such as Advent and Lent and Christmas).

Ordinary Time gives us the opportunity to think about our daily walk with Christ as we listen to those Gospel texts describing Jesus’ calling and teaching his disciples—“us”—you know, Wanda and Mark and Sarah and Ray and *all the rest of us* who seek to follow Christ and look to God’s love and mercy as a guide for our lives.

Now with fewer demands upon us, we are given time to think and reflect upon our relationship with Christ. How is God’s love for us that has claimed our response in our desire to follow Christ, *connected* to the way we live our lives *day-by-day*?

July and August are here to offer up 62 days of “down time,” a slower paced time to *think* and *process* what the gospel texts stir through our lives of commitment to Christ—to this Body of Christ, as we gather in these lazy-hazy-days of summer. Food for thought along the way might be Walter Brueggemann’s *Gospel of Hope*.

I hope we all can find these weeks of Ordinary Time refreshing...*renewing!*

*“Slipping” along with you....Marilyn*

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## Lectionary for July / August

**July 1**

**13th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

2 Samuel 1:1, 7-27

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

**July 8**

**14th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalms 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

**July 15**

**15th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalms 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

**July 22**

**16th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalms 89:20-37

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34; 53-56

**July 29**

**17th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalms 14

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

**August 5**

**18th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

2 Samuel 11:26-12; 13a

Psalms 5:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

**August 12**

**19th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalms 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:3, 41-51

**August 19**

**20th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalms 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 5:51-58

**August 26**

**21st Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 8:22-20; 41-43

Psalms 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

## Mission Committee News Julie Pagett

The Pentecost Offering was dedicated on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We reached our goal of \$750! Forty percent of the funds received (our local portion) will be donated to Woody's Supper Club at Belfast Central School.

There's still time to sign up for **SUMMER CAMP**. The church has agreed to pay the full camp registration fee from the JSMMF for any child who wants to attend a Christian camp this summer. Scholarship applications can be found in the Quilt Room. Don't miss out on the opportunity to help your children connect with other children and nature this summer.

The Genesis House Annual Geranium Sale was a great success! Barb Fairbanks collected orders for 144 pots and 11 baskets of geraniums totaling \$1,043.

The Pfeiffer Nature Center Woods Walk was held on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 40 walkers hit the trails on the cool, sunny, and beautiful Saturday. Participants, including our own Mark Hendrix, Barb Fairbanks, Mary Ann Clark, and Dan and Vicki Schmidt, had the choice of walking two different routes of varying difficulty. A few, including Barb and Mary Ann, walked both! Our church sponsored the event on the \$250 Woodpecker level and raised an additional \$1,580 in pledges. Pfeiffer Nature Center cleared over \$5,000

with this fundraiser. Many thanks to all those who participated and/or supported this special event. Snacks and prizes were enjoyed by all at the end of the walk.

Donations will be made to the following organizations through the Jack Shepard Memorial Mission Fund to: Kevin Guest House of Buffalo for \$300, Wings Flights of Hope for \$750, Leek Hunting and Mountain Preserve for \$200, and the Miriam Center for Hope and Healing for \$500. In addition, \$200 will be donated to the Cornerstone Medical Loan Closet from the Hunger Fund.

### **Worship News** Anita Shuey

Summer is here and many are in the routine of what the season brings – gardens with weeds and wonders, vacations with new sights and sunburn and maybe even a snooze in a hammock. A Sabbath rest might be in order – a rest from the clutter, the culture and the chatter. At 10 O'clock on a Sunday morning, we gather as a church family. We take a deep breath and begin to clear our minds. We put down our "to-do list". Sabbath is about "being" with God, who doesn't need us to be scrubbed clean with all of our ducks in a row! (God takes care of the ducks too, so quit worrying!) Being at worship at this time is a Sabbath rest, a centering time or just a habit needed to start the new week. Whatever our intention, this worship time may bring a surprise or two sometimes an awakening, a new understanding, a wake-up call and an awareness of the community that surrounds us. If we risk being open, we may see, hear, speak, and act with Love. "Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit Divine!" What a concept! It's a lifelong journey... re-examining our lives and renewing our relationship with God. Each Sunday we are invited to worship as the Body of Christ. All are welcome! Communion will be served on July 1st and August 5th. Come share the bread and wine in remembrance of Jesus the Christ. *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."*

2 Corinthians 13:14

### **Christian Ed News** Connie King



After a long winter's nap, summer is upon us with warm days, gardens growing, flowers blooming, and quick rain showers. Bible Study on Wed. a.m. with Rev. Hale is taking a "summer break."

Thank you to Jack Pagett, Zack Kloss, and Megan Pagett for their classroom Open House tour that was enjoyed by all in attendance. On May 20 these three young people were confirmed. They are recognized for all they do in our church, and we are very proud of them. Congratulations to Jack, Zack, and Megan.

On May 20, we paid tribute to all seven of the this year's Sunday School teach-

ers. Thank you to the Christian Ed. Committee, parents, and others for all your help and suggestions. We are hoping to continue these classes in the fall, so watch for announcements in the bulletin. Thank you to Rev. Hale and these teachers for their participation and willingness to be a part of Christian Education in our church.

Congratulations to McKenzie Gardner, our 2018 Portville Central School graduate. We wish her all the good luck in the future with all life's adventures.

Thank you to all those involved or who helped in any way. Enjoy the summer, and see you in the fall!

Dates to Remember July 2018		Dates to Remember August 2018	
07/01	Worship Service and Communion, 10:00 a.m. July/August newsletter distributed	08/05	Worship Service and Communion, 10:00 a.m.
07/03	PWNY COM, 9:30 a.m. (M. Hale)	08/07	PWNY COM, 9:30 a.m. (M. Hale)
07/04	<i>Independence Day!</i> <i>Offices closed)</i>	08/11	Property Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
07/08	Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.	08/12	Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
07/14	Property Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m.	08/15	USDA foods delivered to PCFP (J. Hellwig) Session, 6:00 p.m.
07/15	Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.	08/19	Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
07/18	USDA foods delivered to PCFP (Hellwig) Session, 6:00 p.m.	08/21	Pick-up Produce (Hills)
07/22	Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.	08/22	Food Pantry open 10-noon and 5-6:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
07/24	Pick-up Produce (Hills)	08/26	Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. September/October newsletter info due
07/25	Food Pantry open 10-noon and 5-6:30 p.m.		
07/29	Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.		



## Celebrating the Installation of Our Elders

### Class of 2021 on July 8, 2018.



Diana Dunbar, Judy McClain, and Cso Woodworth

## Birthdates to Remember

### July Birthdays

7/1 Troy Spehar  
 7/2 Evelyn Painter  
 7/2 Sue Putt  
 7/5 Julie Pagett  
 7/5 Anita Shuey  
 7/7 Ainslie Gardner  
 7/7 Cyndy Kennedy  
 7/11 Kathleen Hendrix  
 7/14 Vicki Schmidt  
 7/16 Eva Travis  
 7/23 Karl Shuey  
 7/28 Ronda Pollock  
 7/30 Sandy O'Brien



### August Birthdays

8/2 Sharon Hill-McLarney  
 8/5 Abby Hendrix  
 8/17 Ed Hellwig  
 8/18 Addison Gardner  
 8/24 Joe Hill  
 8/25 Mallorie Roberta Talbot



Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers for God's comfort and peace  
 for Al Scott on the loss of his wife, Shirley Scott.  
 February 28, 1939 - May 29, 2018



Our deepest sympathy and prayers for God's comfort and peace  
 for Cyndy Kennedy on the loss of her husband, Pat Kennedy  
 January 16, 1935 - June 22, 2018



### THE FOOD PANTRY . . . *from your grocery cart to our shelves!* by Stephanie Hill



Did you know it takes at least 50 pounds of spaghetti each month to meet the needs of the families we serve in the Portville community? So, for the months of July and August, we will be collecting spaghetti. Our hope is that by collecting only spaghetti for the nine Sundays in July and August that we can build a stockpile for the coming months.

Thank you for supporting this mission project that serves approximately 50 families each month. Together we are making a difference!

## Volunteers for July/August 2018

	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
<b>Greeters and Ush-</b>	Eva Travis	Buffy Pratt	Cso Woodworth	Buffy Pratt	Mary Ann Clarke
<b>Liturgist</b>	Buffy Pratt	Ronda Pollock	Stephanie Hill	Vicki Schmidt	Kathy Hendrix
<b>Acolyte</b>	Communion	Jack Pagett	Christine Pagett	Hannah Kloss	Megan Pagett
<b>Music Tech</b>	Vicki Schmidt	Judy McClain	Joe Hill	Kari Kloss	

**Elder of the Month: Judy McClain**

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Troy/Amy Spehar	Cso Woodworth	Buffy Pratt	Mary Ann Clark
<b>Liturgist</b>	Buffy Pratt	Stephanie Hill	Christine Pagett	Kathy Hendrix
<b>Acolyte</b>	Communion	Zack Kloss	Jack Pagett	Christine Pagett
<b>Music Tech</b>	Vicki Schmidt	Joe Hill		

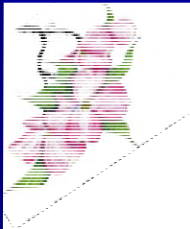
**Elder of the Month: Kathy Hendrix**

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