



## Message from Rev. Hale

*... for when we all do a little,  
it adds up to a lot! ...*

Ring a bell—those few words? Kari shared them most recently during the One Great Hour of Sharing *campaign*, and the offering *did add up to a lot*—it surpassed our goal! But far more than that achievement is that the overwhelming needs of people living in all parts of our world *continue to open our hearts to respond! Thanks be to God!*

The news in this newsletter again brings-to-mind that it *takes a village...it takes all of us gathered here to keep & care for all the life, The LIFE*, we’ve been gathered into the fellowship of this church to know by the Spirit— the Holy Spirit, who is alive in our hearts, to *grow and mature in and enjoy forever*; ever for the glory of God as we minister to the needs of others in Christ’s name.

Mother’s Day, Pentecost, Sunday School Open House and Recognition of Students and Teachers *and* the Pentecost Offering too! It’s almost Christmas and Easter packed together into May, with June faithfully following along with Father’s Day! The “cup of celebration” on Pentecost will literally “*runneth over*” this year, and if you have trouble identifying with that *cup of life* we enjoy with God “*runneth over*,” then try this: ***anticipate the joy*** of our Sunday School *children participating in worship* on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, and commemorating the end of another Sunday School Season with an open house and student and teacher recognition that same day, *and* having a party after worship—a birthday party complete with a “happy birthday” cake and treats as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and “birth” of the Church on a Pentecost day so very long ago!

There’s other news as well that affects our life here regarding the upkeep and maintenance of our church. We are replacing the lift to better serve our needs. We have engaged with a firm that will remove what we have and install a new one, and we’ll all be informed when we know the time frame for this project. The loose, heaving tile floors, upkeep of the eaves, and some furnace work have also been addressed, again with information to follow regarding completion.

*For when we all do a little, the Spirit does a lot* as the love of God is made manifest through our life gathered here to keep & care for & participate in all the life we relish and enjoy and freely give ourselves to as we answer Christ’s call. It is the gift of the Spirit abiding in each of our lives—the Holy Spirit— who is the “rushing-wind-fiery” passion that powers the vitality of this Body of Christ!

*Thanks be to God, dear friends,  
for the Spirit abiding within our life together, Marilyn*

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**Lectionary for May /June 2024**

**May 5**  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 10:44–48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1–6  
John 15:9–17

**May 12**  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
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Acts 1:1–11 Psalm 47 or  
Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15–23  
Luke 24:44–53

**May 19 - Day of Pentecost**  
Acts 2:1–21 or Ezekiel 37:1–14  
Psalm 104:24–34, 35b Romans 8:22–27 or Acts 2:1–21  
John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

**May 26 - Trinity Sunday**  
Isaiah 6:1–8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12–17  
John 3:1–17

**June 2**  
1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)  
Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 2  
Corinthians  
4:5–12 Mark 2:23–3:6

**June 9**  
1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15) 16–20 (11:14–15)  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1  
Mark 3:20–35

**June 16**  
1 Samuel 15:34–16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17  
Mark 4:26–34

**June 23**  
1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23) 32–49 Psalm 9:9–20 or 1  
Samuel 17:57–18:5, 10–16  
Psalm 133 2 Corinthians 6:1–13 Mark 4:35–41

**June 30**  
2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7–15  
Mark 5:21–43

**Worship News - Diana**

Pentecost Sunday is May 19<sup>th</sup>. During our Minutes for Pentecost on April 28th, Cso Woodworth shared that Pentecost is considered the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit came to the disciples to help them continue the mission that Jesus started while he was with them.

Wear Red  
May 19



We are asking everyone to wear red on Pentecost Sunday to symbolizes this special day. There will be refreshments after church in the dining room.

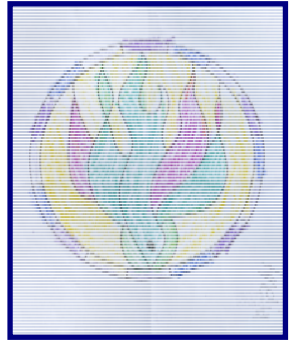
**Mission News - Cso**

Our thanks to Kari for coordinating our participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. Our goal for this offering was set at \$1000. Your generous giving bought the total collected to \$1517. One hundred percent of the monies collected went to PCUSA's three Mission programs – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve in-

## Mission News cont.

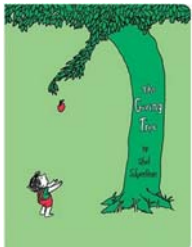
dividuals and communities worldwide that are in need.

Our Pentecost Offering kick-off campaign was held on April 28th. Our goal for this offering is \$1000. Once again the “**Coloring Sheet Challenge**” has been offered to the congregation to participate in. For each coloring sheet returned an additional \$5 donation will be made to our Pentecost Offering. (Two of our children, Amelia and Lily, each colored in a sheet during the service and gave them to me!) The recipient of our portion of the amount collected (40%) will be sent to Prospect Holiday Program at Prospect Elementary School in Salamanca, NY. With a poverty rate of 75% of it’s 388 students, the staff at Prospect Elementary created Prospect Holiday Program as a way to provide presents at Christmastime to their students in need.

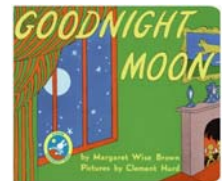
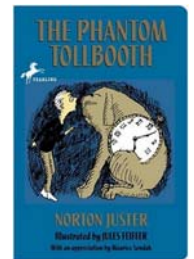


The following donations were made: from the **Jack Shepherd Memorial Mission Fund**: \$500 to Camp Duffield; \$500 to Royal Family Kids Camp; and \$500 to Camp Penuel; from **Hunger Fund**: \$300 to Music in the Park, and \$300 to Portville for Youth from **Rummage Sale Mission Fund**.

## Childrens Book Collection – Judy



“THANK YOU!” to everyone who has donated children’s books to benefit the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center. There were 42 books delivered to the Center recently. The books were for a wide range of ages and many interests. The employees at the Center said the children enjoy picking out their own book. The collection of books continues—some are already on the bookshelf in the back hallway. Thank you!







## Personal Care Item Collection – Judy

There is still time for you to contribute to the on-going personal care item mission project that benefits the students and families in need of the Portville Central School district. There are quite a variety of personal care items on the shelves in the Quilt Room that have been donated already. “Thank you!” In a few weeks these will be delivered to the school in time to be distributed as needed before summer vacation.

## Mission News - Duffield Camp and Retreat Center Camperships

Duffield Camp and Retreat Center has openings for their summer camps. Please consider sending your children and grandchildren and let your friends know about Camp Duffield.

The Mission Committee has campership funds allocated in our budget to assist families with sending their children to Duffield. Please contact Cso for information.

<p><b>First Timers Science Camp</b> (1st -2nd grade) July 14 - 17</p> <p><b>First Timers Music Camp</b> (1st -2nd grade) July 21 - 24</p>	 <p><b>Chipmunks</b> Grades 1st-2nd First Timers</p> <p>JULY 9TH-12TH SCIENCE JULY 16TH-19TH MUSIC</p> <p>Get camp info your summer</p>	<p><b>Night Owls</b> (8th-12th grade) July 28 - August 3</p>	 <p><b>Night Owls</b> Grades 8th-12th</p> <p>JULY 23RD - 29TH</p> <p>Teenager's dream schedule</p>
<p><b>Science Camp</b> (3rd-8th grade) July 14 - 20</p>	 <p><b>Science</b> Grades 3rd-8th</p> <p>JULY 9TH - 15TH</p> <p>Explore, discover &amp; experiment</p>	<p><b>Impact 716 Camp</b> (1st-8th grade) July 28 - August 3</p>	 <p><b>Impact 716</b></p> <p>JULY 30 - AUG 5TH</p> <p>Get away from the norm! Swim, explore nature, make crafts, build friendships &amp; play lots of games at overnight camp. Our mission is for youth to be impacted by Jesus &amp; to impact the world for Jesus. Separate tracks for elementary kids &amp; teens, with overlap for meals &amp; camp-wide activities, let campers be near each other yet have their own unique experience!</p>
<p><b>Music Camp</b> (3rd-8th grade) July 21 - 27</p>	 <p><b>Music</b> Grades 3rd-8th</p> <p>JULY 16TH - 22ND</p> <p>Explore camp &amp; make new friends</p>	<p><b>Challenge Camp</b> for adults (over 18) with developmental disabilities July 7 - 13</p>	 <p><b>Challenge</b> Age 18 and Older</p> <p>JULY 2ND - 8TH</p> <p>Old and new friends alike</p> <p>Adults With Developmental Disabilities</p>

Duffield Camp and Retreat Center is located on 137 acres of forested land in Delevan, NY, just over the border between Erie County and Cattaraugus County, about 50 minutes from Portville. It has 7 groomed trails, 6 cabins sleeping 12 each, a pond for swimming, fishing or canoeing, and many traditional camp activities. There is a recreation area including a Gaga pit (ask your kids), a Nine Square in the Air ball game, climbing wall, playground, frisbee golf, horseshoes, sand volleyball area, tether ball, and basketball hoop. The camp is ready and waiting for you. Just go to our website, [www.campduffield.net](http://www.campduffield.net) for more information and to register for your choice of camps.

### **Christian Education News - Judy**

The Spring Session of Sunday School classes were April 14 and 21 and will conclude May 12 and 19. The Sunday School Open House will be May 19 for the congregation to tour the classrooms and talk with the students. Teacher Appreciation and Student Recognition will also be May 19 during worship. The Sunday School students will participate in the Pentecost Sunday worship May 19 which will be coordinated by the Worship Committee. There will be refreshments after worship that day. Graduate recognition will be June 23 during worship.

### **Property News - Norm**

The Property Committee met on April 15 and had several items to discuss. The plan is to replace the Lift with a new lift as parts are no longer available for it. The new Lift will have features on it that the current one does not. The old Lift will be replaced in the near future. After Anderson-Shortell inspected our two small boilers, it was determined that having the two boilers work together, simultaneously, would be more efficient. Steve Langworthy contacted Anderson-Shortell to get this project on their schedule and have the work completed on the boilers soon. Another task that the Property Committee discussed was the gutters. The gutters around the church will be cleaned, and Leafguard gutter guards will be installed. This will alleviate the annual task of cleaning out the gutters. New window blinds were also installed in the office. And Members of the property committee met with Ray's Carpet-ette and a representative of the tile manufacturer to discuss the problems with the tile flooring. At the present time we are waiting for a response from them as to how the issue will be resolved.

### **Food Pantry News - Randy**

Think about this . . . Physical Health Matters: Food insecurity goes beyond hunger pangs. For children, it means malnutrition, stunted growth, and weakened immune systems. This impacts their overall well-being and contributes to long-term health challenges.

Nutrition & Learning: Nutrition is vital for cognitive development. Chronic hunger impairs cognitive function, affecting concentration, academic performance, and even the ability to engage in extracurricular activities.

The Portville Community Food Pantry has 24 children ranging in age from 4-18 as part of its client list. Our food pantry makes a difference in the lives of these children!

AND-the food pany distributed the equivalent of 2,538 meals January through March so far this year with 9 months to go!

## Session Highlights - Judy

### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- \* AndersonShortell, Inc. of Olean, NY will modify the two small boilers to operate together (\$1,700 from Building Improvement and Preservation Fund)
- \* Kolt Access and Lift of Williamsville, NY will update the lift. (\$21,500 from Building Improvement and Preservation Fund)
- \* Liberty Seamless Gutters, LLC of Andover, NY will clean all the gutters and install Leafguard gutter guards (\$2,000 from Building Improvement and Preservation Fund)
- \* Mother's Day commemoration on May 12<sup>th</sup> and coffee hour after worship
- \* Father's Day commemoration on June 16<sup>th</sup> and coffee hour after worship
- \* Pentecost Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> collaborated by the Worship Committee and Christian Education Committee followed by a coffee hour after worship.
- \* Faith on the Fifth Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>– guest speaker Della Moore, founder and director of the African American Center for Cultural Development, for worship. A coffee hour will follow worship.
- \* Faith on the Fifth Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>–guest speaker Nick Burt, director of Pfeiffer Nature Center for worship. There will be a trip to Pfeiffer Nature Center after worship.
- \* JSMMF donations as follows: \$500 to Camp Duffield, \$500 to Royal Family Kids Camp and \$500 to Camp Penuel.
- \* Hunger Fund donation as follows: \$300 to Music in the Park
- \* Rummage Sale Mission Fund donation as follows: \$300 to Portville for Youth
- \* Sunday School Open House, Teacher Appreciation, Student Recognition May 19.

*Thank you all...for a very happy birthday celebration! The party, all your cards & good wishes & our children's creative artwork on their cards are filed under "keep/cherished"! The most beautiful cake was hard to cut, but I'm glad I have the picture—you know my love of Nature and that cake expressed it so well! We all made a priceless memory together, one of a love of the life we share together in the name of Christ, one of the love we have for one another, and this "another" is forever grateful for every one of YOU.....Marilyn*



### May / June Birthdates to Remember

May 1 Judy  
 May 7 Brad  
 May 8 Carol  
 May 16 Heidi  
 May 18 Mike  
 May 20 Oliver  
 May 23 Bizzy  
 May 30 Brooke  
 May 31 Coni



Jun 10 R.J.  
 Jun 12 Tim  
 Jun 13 Joan  
 Jun 20 Cheryl  
 Jun 20 Steve  
 Jun 26 Al  
 Jun 29 Zackary



Good Friday & Easter





**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 05/01 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
Jimersontown Pres. Mtg. (MKH),  
12:00 p.m.
- 05/05 Worship Service & Communion,  
10:00 a.m.  
Diana – Elder for the Month  
May/June newsletter distributed
- 05/07 PWNV COM (MKH), 9:00 a.m.
- 05/08 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
Mission Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 05/08 Clergy Retreat (MKH) through Fri, May 10<sup>th</sup>
- 05/12 Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
*Mother's Day*
- 05/15 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
Session Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 05/19 Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
Open House visitation beginning at 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
*Pentecost Sunday*  
SS Teacher/Student Recognition  
Fellowship following worship
- 05/20 Food Pantry Prep
- 05/21 Food Pantry Prep
- 05/22 Food Pantry open 9:00 – noon
- 05/26 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Pentecost Offering Dedication
- 05/27 Memorial Day, Church Office Closed
- 05/29 Lectionary in Dunkirk (MKH), 10:00 a.m.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 06/02 Worship Service and Communion,  
10:00 a.m.  
Steve – Elder for the Month
- 06/04 PWNV COM (MKH), 9:00 a.m.
- 06/05 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
- 06/09 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 06/12 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
Mission Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 06/16 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
*Father's Day*
- 06/19 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
Session, 4:30 p.m.
- 06/23 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 06/24 Food Pantry Prep
- 06/25 Food Pantry Prep
- 06/26 Food Pantry open 9:00 a.m. – noon
- 06/30 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Info to Cso for July/August newsletter

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -  
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