



Message from Rev. Hale

“The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid ... and a little child shall lead them.” [Isaiah 11:6...]

There’s a letter of “thanks” giving posted on the bulletin board to your left as you come into church at the back door. It’s from Mia Bennett, one of our Sunday School children in our elementary class. Here’s what Mia wrote to us, back in July.

Dear church family,
I hope you are having a good summer! Thank you for everything, I can’t wait to come back! I miss you so much plus I am pretty sure that I am coming back! Yay! I can’t wait.

Love, Mia B

Can’t you just *hear* her enthusiasm in what she wrote? Take a moment and stop and read her letter the next time you come in the church and you will *see her enthusiasm* expressed in the hot pink and purple writing and beautiful flower and happy face!

And here we are, with plans all set to welcome Mia and all our children back to Sunday School, this beautiful “bevy” of kindergarten/pre-school and elementary students gathered into two classes with Bizzy and Amy stepping up to teach them, and Stephanie Hill leading another beautiful “bevy” with a class for adults. We’re following the same mask-required protocol of our schools, as we seek to keep these young children in our care safe, when we begin Sunday School on September 12.

And here we are, celebrating the baptism of Riley Burlingame, sister of Amelia and daughter of Katie and Matthew, on September 19. We will have another celebration that day during worship as well, recognizing the gift of children we have in our midst, another *beautiful “bevy”* of newborns and pre-schoolers on through the children in the elementary class who will gather in Sunday School this Fall term. We will share in an “abundance” that day!

Thank you, Mia, for bringing us *pure joy and thanksgiving* with your letter filled with enthusiasm! Thank you God, for reminding us our hearts are where our treasure is....and we so treasure our children, these little ones in our midst who “lead us” on in the mission You set before us.

See you in September.... *Yay! I can’t wait!*

Thanking God for the life we share together, Marilyn

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Lectionary for July/August

September 5 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10; 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 12 - 16th Sun- day after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 19 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 53
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 26 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

October 3 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1-1, 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 10 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 17 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 24 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

October 31 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth: 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

Mission Committee News Cso

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: It's hard to believe that a year has come and gone since we participated in the Peace and Global Witness Offering, and you, with your generous hearts, helped our church exceed our goal of \$750, giving a total of \$970! So it will come as no surprise that our church will again be participating in the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Your gifts to the Peace and Global Witness Offering will be divided as follows: 25% will be sent to mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions; 50% will be sent to Presbyterian Mission Agency, and 25% will be kept by this church to support a local organization. The Mission Committee has set our goal at \$800. Our portion of the amount, 25%, will again be sent to the African American Center for Cultural Development. The mission of this organization is "*To value, promote and integrate the rich and diverse history and culture of the Southern Tier Region of New York State through the celebration of the talents, lives, and history of the African Americans in the region.*" This offering will run from September 12th through October 3rd (World Communion Sunday) concluding with the collection of (y)our gifts which can be placed in the special offering envelopes. These will be made available to you. **When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.** (P.S. you will be hearing this phrase throughout this offering.)

HANDS ON MISSION PROJECTS: Have you noticed the baskets and recycling containers as you walk through the Narthex on your way to the Sanctuary? Just to refresh everyone. . .

We are still collecting **Personal Care products** for students at Portville Central School. Items we are collecting include shampoos (for females and males), hair conditioners, deodorants (for both sexes), toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotions, combs and hair brushes. (I found that one of the best places to purchase these items is the Dollar Tree in the Tops Plaza in Olean.)

We are still collecting items for the **Baby Layette Basket**. These items, (sleepers, blankets, bibs, socks, hats, etc.) are packaged up and donated to the Olean General Hospital to be given to those new mothers/parents that are in need.

There is also a container for **empty printer cartridges**. These are collected periodically and turned in at Staples. The church receives a credit on their Staples account for toner and ink cartridges that we turn in at Staples.

And finally there's the **Medicine Bottle collection** receptacle, hanging outside the back entry. So convenient to access as you enter the church or just want to drive by to drop them off. Please remember to remove your labels and clean the bottle. These are eventually sent to Matthew 25 and are redistributed to developing nations.

DONATIONS: The following donations will be made (pending Session approval) from **the Jack Shepherd Mission Fund** (pending Session approval): **Miriam Center for Hope and Healing** – \$500; **Camp Duffield** – \$1000; **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – Haiti Earthquake Response– OG1000–Haiti** – \$750; from the **Hunger Fund** these donation will be made: **Pfeiffer Nature Center Woods Walk Support** - \$450 (should the event be held this year.); **Portville for Youth** - \$200; from the **Rummage Sale Mission Fund** – the entry fee for members of our congregation that wish to participate in the Woods Walk should the event be held; and lastly from the **Mission Trip Fund** – to BonaResponds – \$2000 to assist with costs incurred by the local community in connection with hosting Remote Area Medical.

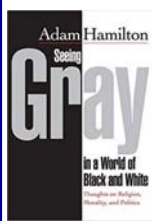
Did you know? There are 5 members of our congregation who hold various offices on the district and state levels in the Order of the Eastern Star. Cyndy xxxxxxxx–District Deputy Grand Matron; Steve xxxxxxxx – District Grand Lecturer; Mike xxxxxxxx – Grand Patron of New York State; Jean xxxxxxxx – Grand Chaplain of New York State; and Mary xxxxxxxx – Grand Adah of New York State.

Christian Education News Stephanie

**Opening Day for the 2021-22 Sunday School year will be
Sunday, September 12, at 9 a.m.**

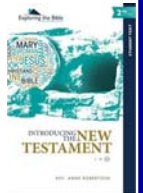
**We are ready and eager to welcome our students back!
And during worship, we will commission our Sunday School teachers
and present Bibles to Mia Bennett and Lucy Spehar.**

Bizzy is returning as our preschool teacher and she is anxious to see how much her little ones have grown! Amy is our new elementary teacher and she is looking forward to meeting her students. In addition to September 12, classes will also meet on September 19, October 17 and 24, and November 14 and 21.



An adult class, facilitated by Stephanie, will meet in the dining room at 9 a.m. on September 12 and 19, October 17 and 24, and November 14 and 21. We will be reading Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White by Rev. Adam Hamilton. Books will be provided for each participant. If you haven't already signed up for the class, please contact the church office.

Rev. Marilyn Hale will lead a Bible Study using Rev. Anne Robertson's book, Introducing the New Testament. We will meet on Wednesdays at 10 am beginning on September 22.



The goal of the Christian Education Committee is to offer opportunities for members of all ages to learn about God and grow in our understanding and knowledge of the Reformed faith. Please join us!

Newsletter? Joys and Concerns? Or Both?

During our months of virtual services, Julie came up with the idea of the Joys and Concerns publication as a way to keep us all connected. And as you know, once in-person services resumed this publication stopped. Having heard through the proverbial "grapevine" that some were missing this connection to their church family. Therefore, if the way be clear, Julie has agreed to taking up the tasks of creating it again (Yea!!). However, Joys and Concerns will be published on the months opposite the newsletter. This way you will be receiving the that desired connection and what our church and committees have been up to. Julie will send out reminders of when pictures and your news will be due.

If you do not want to continue receiving the newsletter, drop Cso an email and ask to be removed from that email list. Some goes for Joys and Concerns, please let Julie know, using the church email, to remove you from her list.

September / October Birthdates to Remember

September

Sept 4 Eliana
 Sept 7 Sars
 Sept 11 Bob
 Sept 11 Chris
 Sept 12 Jesse
 Sept 22 Wyatt
 Sept 23 Sean
 Sept 24 Lindsay
 Sept 24 Kathy Kern
 Sept 26 Randy
 Sept 26 Drake
 Sept 27 Carly
 Sept 27 Eric
 Sept 28 Jacquie



October

Oct 2 Kristin
 Oct 3 Charles
 Oct 6 Cindy
 Oct 7 Kelsea
 Oct 10 Ron
 Oct 10 Avery
 Oct 12 Carol
 Oct 14 Dave
 Oct 15 Connie
 Oct 21 Brodie
 Oct 30 Shirley

happy birthday!



DATES TO REMEMBER



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09/05 Worship Service/Communion, 10:00 a.m.
 September/October newsletter distributed
 Judy – Elder for the Month

09/06 Labor Day, Church Office Closed

09/12 Opening Day of Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
 Commissioning of SS Teachers
 Bible Presentation (Lucy Spehar/Mia Bennett)

09/15 Lakewood Meeting (MKH), 11:30 a.m.
 Session, 4:00 p.m.

09/19 Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
 Riley Burlingame Baptism
 Celebrating our Newborns

09/20 Food Pantry Prep

09/21 Food Pantry Prep

09/22 Food Pantry open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

09/26 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

09/28 Lectionary (MKH), 10:00 a.m.

10/03 Worship Service/Communion, 10:00 a.m.
 Peace and Global Witness Offering
 Stephanie – Elder for the Month
 Pfeiffer Gathering after worship

10/10 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

10/11 Columbus Day, Church Office Closed

10/12 Pfeiffer Meeting, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

10/13 Mission Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

10/17 Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

10/20 Session, 4:00 p.m.

10/24 Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

10/25 Food Pantry Prep

10/26 Food Pantry Prep

10/27 Food Pantry open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

10/31 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
 Harvest Sunday Display – Tags Available
 November/December newsletter info due

Remote Area Medical (RAM)

Free Medical Clinic

Location:

JCC - Olean Campus

Dates / Start times

September 11- 6 am

September 12- 6 am

Free medical service sponsored by : RAM and BonaResponds.

- ♦ **Dental:** cleaning, fillings, and extractions
- ♦ **Vision:** eye exams with glasses made on site, testing for glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy
- ♦ **Medical:** General medicine. (i.e. Prevention: Breasts exams, diabetes screening, physicals, women’s health, and more.)

Masks are REQUIRED!



All patients will have the option of receiving **DENTAL**

and **MEDICAL** OR **Vision and MEDICAL** care on the same day.

Time will not permit receiving **DENTAL** and **VISION** on the same day.

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NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED * * *

- ♦ Services are offered on a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE** basis.
- ♦ **No Proof of Residency or Income required!**
- ♦ **BRING** all medications with you and **TAKE** all medications as you normally do.

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