

The Bell Ringer

of the
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CHICKEN BARBECUE

Our annual Hall of Fame Brooks Chicken Barbecue is scheduled for Saturday, July 29th, 3 – 7 p.m. Winnie Denny-Smith is chair of this major church fundraiser and needs much help for the event to be a success. Please sign up to make pies, donate food and money, food preparation, serving and clean-up.

The sign up sheet will be in the Fellowship Room, or call Winnie (607) 435-6193.



PARKING FUNDRAISER

Baseball fans take advantage of our convenient parking behind the church for the Hall of Fame Induction Day on July 30th – you can too! Parking will start at 10 AM.



SUMMER WORSHIP

Morning worship services will be held at 9:30 a.m. There are no Christian Education classes.



SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM

The Trustees have received estimates for upgrading the sound system from Boynton PPO Audio, original installers of the equipment. First priority is the purchase of a new wireless system (lapel mic) -- cost \$456. Second priority is a zone processor and volume control system (big gray box on the wall in the choir room) -- cost \$787. A good sound system will be appreciated by all of us. We invite your contributions to be able to complete both phases of the project. Checks may be made payable to Cooperstown United Methodist Church; please designate Sound System in the memo line. For more details, contact trustee Mike Otis, cell [\(607\) 435-0633](tel:6074350633).



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 6th,
after Worship
On the Lawn
Under the Tent
Potluck Picnic

Please bring a dish to pass
Dessert, Beverage and
Table Service Provided
VOLUNTEERS are needed to set
up tables and chairs at 7:30 AM
Chair: Mary Beekman 547-1162



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JULY

Amanda Gelatt	01 st
Rudy Callejas	02 nd
Keely Sawyer	02 nd
Matthew Phillips	03 rd
Alan Dutton	05 th
Doris Hill	10 th
Janet Hayford	10 th
Robbin Sawyer	10 th
Ariel Powers	11 th
Shirley Banner	12 th
Jordyn Scott	13 th
Ray Hillhouse, Sr.	15 th
Thomas Gus, Sr.	16 th
Michael Otis	17 th
Susan Malota	17 th
Benjamin Otis	18 th
Cal Larsen	18 th
Bernice Key	20 th
Scott Evans	23 rd
Emily Bliss	26 th
Carrie (Key) Offen	28 th
Amanda Green	30 th
Jessica Otis	31 st
Donald Clark	31 st

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Fred & Geri Wyckoff	07 th
Alan & Sharon Dutton	15 th
Clark & Sue Clapper	15 th
Dick & Jane Hanson	22 nd
Don & Robbin Sawyer	23 rd
Bill & Laurie Glockler	27 th
Rudy & Erica Callejas	28 th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST

Aaron Gill	04 th
Susan Gelatt	05 th
Ryan Davine	05 th
Merrilyn O'Connell	08 th
Pamela (Gus) Macias	09 th
Neil Dutton	10 th
Elizabeth Dunn	12 th
Bobie Graham	17 th
Ron Jennings	18 th
Jackie Folts	27 th
Sandy Chase	27 th
Judy Green	28 th
Eulene Smith	30 th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joe & Mary Powers	03 rd
Dan & Kate Evans	13 th
John & Brenda Alton	15 th
John & Tara Santello	28 th
John & Kristen Collier	15 th

OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: Alisa Davine (Cooperstown), Ushuaia Diaz (Schenevus), Robert W. Graham IV (Oneonta) Correction: Maguire Benton graduated from Cooperstown in 2016 and will be a sophomore at Cazenovia College.

OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES: Kathryn Evans (Union College), Janelle Harter (Ithaca College)



After church on Sunday, May 21 there was a meeting in the Fellowship Room to evaluate the 2016-17 Sunday School Program. Everyone at the meeting agreed that the teaching monthly schedule worked well so this monthly schedule will continue for 2017-18.

There were two slight changes: (1) Some members said they wanted to help but were not comfortable being a "teacher." The decision was made to have a "teacher" who would be responsible for the Sunday School lesson and the other church volunteer would be the "helper." (2) Going by the CCS calendar it would be the decision of the "teacher" and "helper" to have a class or not to have a class on the last Sunday of a school vacation.

The 2017-18 Sunday School schedule will be available for signing up sometime in August when the CCS calendar becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact Rena Lull at rlull@stny.rr.com or 607-547-5149.



DEVOTIONAL READING

"Upper Room" (also large print copies), "Alive Now," "devozine" (for teens by teens) and "Our Daily Bread", are in the literature racks in the church entrance. Please help yourself to this devotional reading -- take a copy to a homebound church member.



USHERS AND GREETERS

Joan Ackerman is our coordinator of greeters and ushers. If you would like to volunteer for either/both, please call her at 965-8778. If no one has signed up on a Sunday and you are in church and could fill in, it would be much appreciated.

LITURGISTS

Judy Green is our coordinator of liturgists. Youth and adults are invited to serve during worship. Please call her at 293-7527



SATURDAY'S BREAD

Thank you, Dawne Dietz, Sue Gelatt, Sue Otis, Winnie Denny-Smith, and Ken Steigelman for Volunteering on June 24th. Our final date for 2017 Saturday's Bread is October 28th. Please put the date on your calendar and let Rena Lull (547-5149) know if you can help.



UMW NEWS

NO JULY MEETING

AUGUST 14TH, UMW Meeting at Jackie's Restaurant.

BAKELESS PIE SALE--In lieu of the usual sidewalk bazaar pie sale, we ask your support in this endeavor by making a voluntary contribution equal to the cost of one or two pies. Money from this event is used for helping women & children, supplying reception food for funerals, giving Bibles to our graduates, keeping our secretary supplied with materials, heritage book, computer & copier, and all other materials to continue our mission projects. You may mail your contribution to Sandy Chase, 331 Beaver Meadow Road, Cooperstown, New York 13326 anytime before August 29th. If you contribute by

check make it payable to "United Methodist Women" and mark "BAKELESS PIE SALE".



FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry continues its appeal to keep the shelves stocked and meet a growing need for food. Here is a list of items we are most in need of: *bread and baked goods*-must be store bought or bakery bought (we can't give away homemade), *toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, diapers* (sizes 4, 5, 6), *baby wipes, feminine products, fresh produce, fresh eggs, can goods, dry goods.*

We can always use plastic grocery bags (if you have time, please double bag them so they are ready to use for Food Pantry clients). Cash and checks are always welcome (no credit cards). We at the Cooperstown Food Pantry thank everyone who donates goods, funds, and their time. Checks may be made payable to Cooperstown Food Pantry and mailed to 25 Church Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326. There is always a collection box in the back of the UMCC sanctuary -- please double bag. To volunteer, call Ellen St. John at 547-9653.



2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 29th Hall Of Fame Induction Weekend, Church Chicken Bar-B-Que, Chairperson: Winnie Denny- Smith

July 30th Hall Of Fame Induction Day, Church Parking, Chairpersons: Rena Lull and Dawne Dietz

July 30th Early Church—an email will be sent closer to the 30th to let you know what time (before 9:30 AM)

Sept./Oct. Rummage Sale
November 11, 2017 Harvest Dinner
December 2, 2017 UMW Christmas Tea

Pastor's Page

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I get all “patriotic” around the 4th of July. I love to hear John Phillip Sousa’s rousing “Stars and Stripes Forever,” a classic work that became our national march in 1987. I love parades and fireworks and National Public Radio’s annual recitation of the Declaration of Independence each July 4th morning. With true dramatic flair, it is energetically recited in segments by several on-air personalities. At its conclusion, I especially get a kick out of an NPR host wryly saying, “On this date in 1776, King George III of England wrote in his diary that ‘nothing of significance happened today.’” What an understatement that was! I know that I am blessed beyond measure, beyond any way I can possibly express, to be a citizen of the United States of America! It is for this reason that I volunteer as a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. Being a CAP chaplain is one way I try to say “Thank you” for the privilege of being an American. I say “Thank you” to all those who did and do serve in our nation’s military. I say “Thank you” to those who serve our nation internationally through diplomatic services and the Peace Corps. I say “Thank you,” to those who protect us as first responders, police, fire and emergency services. From my perspective, those who do so “put your money where your mouth is.” You have shown your love for this land through the commitment of your years of service. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I also thank you, Cooperstown UMC, for your patience and understanding in allowing me to serve in the Civil Air Patrol, an activity that sometimes demands my pastoral attention.

As another Fourth of July is upon us, I also want to observe that there are many who love our land through peaceful civil protest, and peaceful critique of our society’s laws and policies. They are patriots too, for they love our land too much to let it not living up to the vision of a nation “conceived in liberty and dedicate to the proposition that all men are created equal,” as Mr. Lincoln said. Many face scorn and sometimes violence due to their protests, like M.L. King, Jr.—and violence is never a suitable answer for a civil society. In the exquisite words of our Declaration of Independence we read how our founders anguished over the possibility of using force, lamented that there was no other option, yet continued to plead for a more civil path. They knew that violence begets violence. So, since we Christians are called upon to be good citizens, and since we affirm that each individual reflects the image of God, let us this July 4th renew our patriotic promise to hear one another with the respect due a fellow child of God. Let us disagree respectfully, cherishing the fellow patriot in front of us who may see things very differently, but who cares enough to speak their mind respectfully. Above all, let us be thankful for this wonderful land! Happy July Fourth and Happy Summer! -Pastor Tom