

LISTEN to the ChurchMouse

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“The resurrection ... was only the beginning of a great, grand and vast outreach that has never ended and will not end until our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again.”

...A.W. Tozer

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Raise Your Voice

With happy voices ringing,
thy children, Lord, appear,
their joyous praises bringing
in anthems sweet and clear.
For skies of golden splendor,
for azure rolling sea,
for blossoms sweet and tender,
O Lord, we worship Thee.

...William Tarrant

Pastor's Column

Happy Easter! What a joy it is to celebrate again the original Christian holiday! The Resurrection is the event that changed the beliefs of Jesus' first followers. They had read that God would send a Messiah, and the Resurrection made them believe Jesus was that Messiah. The Resurrection was proof that God's love is more powerful than anything we know in this world. God's love is so powerful, it can create new life where the entire government has snuffed life out of existence. The idea that Jesus was taken off the cross and buried in a tomb, but didn't stay buried, was unprecedented. Who can blame his disciples for their confusion when they heard and saw that the tomb was empty on that first Easter day?

In Mark's gospel, we read that the women came to the tomb, found a young man who told them Jesus was raised and they should go tell the disciples. Instead, the women fled from the tomb and said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid!

Sometimes, we are like that with our faith. We think faith is something we should keep to ourselves – something private, something not to be discussed in polite company.

But, faith is not something we should suppress. Our faith should not be invisible to the world. Faith is supposed to be irrepressible!

Can you imagine if you lost your most beloved relationship, and then it was found? You could not contain your joy, and would tell everyone! We love

stories about cats that disappeared for weeks, but somehow made it back home; or dogs that walk across the country to be reunited with their families who moved away. In October there was a story about a family forced to flee their home when the neighborhood was set ablaze by the California wildfires. No one could find the family dog, and they had to leave her behind. A day-and-a-half later, people were allowed to go back to the neighborhood, which was completely destroyed. The family expected to find the worse and were ecstatic when their beloved dog came trotting toward them from behind some bushes. That video went viral, and was covered by every news outlet.

Our faith is supposed to be like that – something that fills us with wonder and joy, that we cannot possibly keep to ourselves. Faith should awaken something in us that cannot be silenced: a hunger for morality, a passion to help others, a desire to see others become the people they were created to be.

Too many people think that faith is about putting up walls and suppressing passion. But, as one of my colleagues says, faith is really about unleashing passion about things that really matter: love, compassion, justice – and doing it in a way that compels others to join in!

So, get in touch with the things inside you that faith is calling you to shout out loud. There are 50 days in the Easter season. What message does God want you to share?

I hope to see you in this special season!

Blessings,
+Holly

1938

I became a full, legal member of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hayward joined on the same day. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. A.C. Youmans, my grandfather, and supply minister.

I chaffered him to church in Dad's Ford Woody. A.C., as he was known had retired from his Albany pastorate and had moved to the family farm on Youmans' Road.

Rev. Newell Stuart had left in early 1937 after 8 years and being owed \$800.

The church then consisted of only the sanctuary and basement. No running water, restrooms, telephone or office.

In 1940 the men dug a ditch to the water main at the state road to connect the church. Until then, for suppers, water was lugged in 40 gallon milk cans.

At that time, only men served as officers: Elders, Trustees and Deacons.

Jane Blessing was the treasurer for 47 years. The Ladies Aid Society was very active in church and missionaries.

The Sunday School functioned with its own officers: superintendent, treasurer and teachers. There were 50 children Nickels and dimes were collected to cover expenses.

Church members numbered 126.

The parsonage at 1972 New Scotland Road was rented out for this period. It is now the "Corner Gateway."

The 150th anniversary was celebrated at the home of Arthur Pound on Bullock Road on September 11, 1937 with music and a picnic. In the evening there was an organ recital with hymns and solos. One solo was sung by Lois Wands. Dr. Alexander C.T. Flick, state historian, spoke about the history of the county and community.

To raise money for this event the ladies had food sales of baked goods and home-made clam chowder. Coffee and teas and cookies were served in the dining room to end the celebration.

The celebration was covered by the Altamont Enterprise.

Sam

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We will have the honor of celebrating Sam Youmans' 80th anniversary as a member of our church on April 8.

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- *Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as strength.*

...St. Francis de Sale

Annual Spring Supper

Saturday, May 5, is the Annual Spring Supper, an event to raise funds for the church and to feed our friends in the community. Of course, we need everyone in the church to help make the dinner a success! There are many jobs to do, including: make the green bean salad, peel potatoes and carrots, set up the dining room, prepare baked goods to bring in, waitress, kitchen workers, parking lot attendants, clean-up. As you can see, your time and talents are needed to make our dinner a success! Over the next few weeks, sign-up sheets will be in the church lobby. Please volunteer to help!

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Finance Information

As of March 22:
Income to date\$29,938.36
Expenses to date\$29,897.36
Net Income\$41.00

Endowment Fund withdrawals so far this year (to meet expenses): \$5,000

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Creation Book Study

Sunday, April 22, after coffee hour, the Rev. Larry Deyss will lead the first in a series of discussions on the book "Eco-Reformation: Grace and Hope for a Planet in Peril," which is a series of essays on creation theology. What is our relationship to God and our relationship to everything God created? What does it mean for us to follow God's command for us to care for God's creation? Books are available for

purchase; we have one copy on-hand for \$20. If you are interested, please see Larry, or the Rev. Cameron.

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Celebration!

We are excited to celebrate four generations of the Youmans family in church on Sunday, April 8. During worship we will celebrate Sam Youmans' 80-year anniversary of becoming a member of the church. We will also celebrate the baptism of Sam's great-granddaughter, Charlotte Kathryn Youmans, daughter of Greg and Lisa, and granddaughter of David and Sharon. If you would like to contribute a food item for coffee hour that day, please see Bonnie O'Shea.

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Our All-in-All

*What the hand is to the fute,
What the breath is to the flute,
What is fragrance to the smell?
What spring is to the well,
What the flower is to the bee,
That is Jesus Christ to me.*

*What's the mother to the child?
What's the guide in pathless wild?
What is oil to troubled wave?
What is ransom to the slave?
What is water to the sea?
That is Jesus Christ to me.*

...C.H. Spurgeon.

Litany for the Lord's Day

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter –April 1

Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 25:6-9
Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11 or
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
Easter Evening: Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 114
1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

2nd Sunday of Easter – April 8

Acts 4:32-35; Ps. 133; John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter – April 15

Acts 3:12-19; Ps. 4; John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

4th Sunday of Easter – April 22

Acts 4:5-12; Ps. 23; John 3:16-24
Luke 10:11-18

5th Sunday of Easter – April 29

Acts 8:36-40; Ps. 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

6th Sunday of Easter – May 6

Acts 10:44-48; Ps. 98
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
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Sunday School Teachers

We are currently looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School next year. We are hoping people might take a month or alternate weeks, and share the responsibilities. Please contact Cindy Brickman or Bonnie O'Shea

--- Bonnie ---

May Birthdays

We wish a very Happy Birthday to these people celebrating in the month of *May*:

- 8th...Gregory Griffin
- 13th..Jane Norris
Manny Wiest
- 25th..Bonnie O'Shea
- 27th..Randall Craft
Lori Oden Benedict
- 28th..Margaret Throop
- 30th..Jasmine Wiest
- 31st..Barbara Van Zetten

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May Anniversaries

We wish a very Happy Anniversary to these couples celebrating in the month of *May*.

May 6, 1978

Bonnie & John Griffin

May 8, 2004

Lori & Timothy Benedict

May 26, 1984

Jane & John Norris

May 29, 1960

Shirley & Leland Wright

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- "Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile."

...Franklin P. Jones

From our archives....

Budget for Coming Year (1928 – 29)

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Subscriptions..... \$500.00.....	Coal..... \$100.00
Suppers..... 300.00.....	Lights..... 30.00
Offerings..... 100.00.....	Insurance..... 50.00
Interest..... 200.00.....	Janitor..... 120.00
Contributions for	Minister..... 720.00
Church Property.....250.00	Repairs..... 50.00
	Miscellaneous.. 50.00
Total <u>\$1350.00</u>	Total <u>\$3200.00</u>

Officer's Meeting
Board of Trustees

Meeting of the officers of the church was held at Irving Brandow's on Monday night Sept. 19, 1938.

Roofing Committee Mr. Ackerman and Mr. Furbeck reported the roof on the back of church was being fixed at approximate cost of \$30.00.

Motion made and carried to sell some of the benches of the church for \$1.00 each to members of the church, \$1.50 for non-members. The church to reserve at least 6 benches.

William Wands and John Blessing named a committee to have the toilets repaired.

After a discussion on the buying of building lot from Miss Pier, a motion by Mr. Wands was made that the Boards of the church report to the congregation that they approve the buying of the lot at \$500 or less. Motion carried.

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The motion was made by Mr. Furbeck and seconded by Mr. Brandow that the church pay five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to Alida May Pier and Peter Applebee for the lot next to the New Scotland Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Irving Brandow, Chairman
Allen R. Hurst
Bernard R. Furbeck
Edward Carhart Jr.
John R. Blessing
Jane MacLaughlin