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A rose can be quite eloquent
When standing all alone;
It needs no vast accompaniment,
No pompous royal throne,
For beauty is not always found
In suave sophistication,
But often stands just by itself
As simply God’s creation!

...For there is a time for every purpose and for every work.
Ecclesiastes 3:17b

...Peggy Ferrell
**Pastor’s Column**

May and June were busy with many wonderful activities, including the Mendelssohn Club Concert, a baptism, the Spring Supper, the Creation Care Group, Membership Anniversaries, the “Moving Forward Together” discussion, new directory photographs, a wedding, the Women’s Communion Breakfast, Children’s Day, and getting ready for our July bbq. It is so wonderful to be part of an active church family!

Weirdly, as soon as all these activities were completed, I ended up in the hospital with food poisoning! I cannot thank you all enough for reaching out to me while I was sick, with prayers, texts, e-mails, cards, and the wonderful prayer letter. Your love and support helped me to get through those difficult days. I am glad to be healthy again, and back from a little vacation. Now, I am looking forward to these “lazy, hazy days of summer!”

While our schedule has slowed down, we still have some fun things happening around the church. We have our summer bbq fundraiser coming up on Thursday, July 18. And we have joint services with our Methodist friends July 21 – August 11. The times for both of these events are different from previous years, so please be sure to note the details that are in this newsletter.

Even though things are slowing down for this season, I hope to see you around the church – stop in any time just to say hi! I thank you, again, for your generosity and love, and I wish you all a Happy and Relaxing Summer!

Faithfully,

+Holly

**Church BBQ**

We are hosting a Chicken & Ribs BBQ, prepared by Barbecue Delights Catering, on Thursday, July 18, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., take-out only.

Tickets for chicken dinner are $11 pre-sale and $12 at-the-door. Tickets for rib dinner are $12 pre-sale and $13 at-the-door. Dinners include homemade coleslaw, baked potato, dinner roll & butter. “More cluck for your buck!!”

Tickets are available now! We hope everyone who can, will take at least ten tickets to sell.

On the day of the bbq, we need volunteers to set up, take tickets, help in the parking lot, and be in the meal tent. Sign-up sheet is on the church bulletin board. See John Griffin for more information.

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**Parking Lot Fundraising**

We are fundraising for repaving and improving the church parking lot starting with the most critical areas first. Think you can help us make the parking lot better for years to come? Please leave a donation in the ‘special projects envelope’ (found in the church narthex) or talk to John Griffin. Any and all help is appreciated!

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Jesus is a friend
who walks in when
the world has walked out.
(Unofficial) Session Notes

The Session met on Wednesday, June 12. Discussed were:

- The Clerk reported on the baptism of Cody Roberts on May 12, and the marriage of Cassandra Pease and Christopher Kirk on June 8.

- Our 2018 Session minutes have not yet had their annual review from presbytery.

- Eileen Tambasco’s family donated a picture of the Last Supper; the Session gratefully accepted this gift and will look for a good place to hang it at church.

- Joint summer worship dates were approved for July 21 & 28, and August 4 & 11

- Buildings & Grounds reported that a gravestone near the church has fallen over, also the west side of the cemetery is becoming overgrown; Dan Coons has offered to contact the Boy Scout leader to see if this is a project they would do. John reported on quotes for repairs in the parking lot; Session approved the project and will let the congregation know how to donate. Diane Bode’s firm is moving and they have office furniture that can be taken – mostly desks and credenzas; if anyone is interested they can contact Diane. They also have a loveseat and chairs in their reception area; Diane will send photos to see if these might be used at church

- Mission Committee reported we collected $434 for the Pentecost Offering; the Spring Clothing Drive will end June 13.

- Finance Committee welcomed Sarita Winchell as a new member on the committee.

- Financial Statements were reviewed. We have taken $5,000 out of the endowment so far this year to meet expenses.

- Christine Cameron was our delegate to the June 1 meeting of Albany Presbytery. Among the business was: a candidate was approved for ordination to serve the Korean Presbyterian Church; Staffing Task Force recommended restructuring the staff positions for presbytery and this was approved; the Welsh Church in Poultney is in financial trouble and a committee will be appointed to meet with their Session; the Bay Road Church has asked to leave the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a committee will be appointed to work with their Session.

- Holly reported that the Rensselaerville Church has decided not to continue in looking to share an intern; she will talk with the Delmar Church to see about next steps. She coordinated the Healthy Boundary Training for Clergy on June 6, and will help when it is offered again October 5. She visited the New Worshiping Community of Underwood Park CrossFit Gym, run by the Rev. Michael Plank in Ft. Edward. She got extra hymnals that were being given away by the West Hebron Church; these will be in classrooms and some in the sanctuary. We completed the third conversation of the “Moving Forward Together” process in June; the Rev. David Bennett will be in touch about a concluding meeting.

- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, at 3:00 p.m.
Joint Services with Voorheesville

We are so pleased to once again share worship with our neighbors and friends this summer. I think this is our 41st year of worshipping together! This year will be a little different because the Methodist Church has two services on Sunday morning.

So, please note the time change—for the weeks we are in Voorheesville, we will be worshipping at an earlier time: **9:00 a.m.**. The weeks we are at New Scotland, the Methodist Coordinator for Spiritual Formation, Pastor Noel John, will be leading worship. The Rev. Gary Kubitz will be leading the 11:00 a.m. service at the Methodist Church all of the weeks we have joint services. Here is the schedule week-by-week:

On Sunday, July 21 at 9:00 a.m., we will worship at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville with the Rev. Holly Cameron presiding.

On Sunday, July 28 at 9:00 a.m., we will worship at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville with the Rev. Holly Cameron presiding.

On Sunday, August 4 at 10:00 a.m., we will worship at New Scotland Presbyterian with Pastor Noel John presiding.

On Sunday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m., we will worship at New Scotland Presbyterian with Pastor Noel John presiding.

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“**You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things.***

...Mother Teresa

THANK YOU!

I would like to express my thanks to all my church family for so many blessings, but especially for the lovely expressions of love at our recent celebration of Children’s Day (and Father’s Day). I enjoyed the sharing of ALL God’s children of all ages, and I will be reminded of the special event as I sip coffee from my lovely mug with the scripture verses on it.

THANK YOU!

Cindy Brickman

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The Master’s Works

As a skilled inventor, John Muir was a prized factory employer in Indianapolis. If not for an industrial accident in his 20s, he may have spent his life making things indoors. But after recovering from being temporarily blinded, Muir headed on a 1,000 mile walk to consider the lilies.” He then began doing that literally, as a botanist.

To his resume, the 19th-century Renaissance man added naturalist, glaciologist, conservationist, founder of the Sierra Club, and Father of National Parks. Yet when Muir was asked what he did, he replied simply, “I study the inventions of God.”

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“**Try not to become a [person] of success, but rather try to become a [person] of value.***”

...Albert Einstein
**July Birthdays**

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

4\textsuperscript{th}…Kelsey Kaye Roberts  
6\textsuperscript{th}…Bruce Miller  
7\textsuperscript{th}…Jack Scaccia  
8\textsuperscript{th}…Samuel Youmans  
9\textsuperscript{th}…Jennifer Parker  
16\textsuperscript{th}…Edward Wiest  
20\textsuperscript{th}…Lynn Kohler  
  Janet Willey  
24\textsuperscript{th}…Teagan Grace Riedy  
25\textsuperscript{th}…Rebecca Crawford  
26\textsuperscript{th}…Debbie Fuglein  
  James Nicholson Jr.  
29\textsuperscript{th}…Grovene Phelps  
30\textsuperscript{th}…Debra Craft  
31\textsuperscript{st}…Kristin Gordon  

**July Anniversaries**

We wish a very Happy Anniversary to these couples celebrating in the month of **July**:

**July 7, 2012**  
Kristen & Albert III Miller  

**July 9, 1995**  
Jennifer & William Crawford  

**July 23, 1977**  
Brenda & Kevin Dwyer  

**July 23, 2011**  
Brianne & Garett Roberts  

**July 26, 1998**  
Barbara & Joseph Huth  

**August Birthdays**

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

2\textsuperscript{nd}…Laine Albert Miller  
3\textsuperscript{rd}…Christopher Francis  
  Isaac Francis  
4\textsuperscript{th}…Carole Elmendorf  
6\textsuperscript{th}…Patricia Joyce  
9\textsuperscript{th}…Ted Whitbeck  
  Cameron Miller  
21\textsuperscript{st}…Anna Norris  
22\textsuperscript{nd}…Joyce Schork  
  Aileen Lukomski  
23\textsuperscript{rd}…Corey Hildebrandt  
  Gwen Libbey  
  Karen Thornton  
24\textsuperscript{th}…Arlene Herzog  
  Brenda Dwyer  
25\textsuperscript{th}…James Nicholson Sr.  
28\textsuperscript{th}…Emery Lemieux  
29\textsuperscript{th}…Hunter Smith  
  Christine Cameron  

**August Anniversaries**

We wish a very Happy anniversary to these couples celebrating in the month of **August**:

**August 11, 1972**  
Carolyn & Richard Wickham  

**August 18, 2007**  
Catherine & Jason Russell  

**August 26, 1973**  
Dorothy & Michael Matthews  

...John Bunham  

Christians are like the several flowers in a garden, which, being shaken with the wind, they let fall at each other’s roots, whereby they are jointly nourished, and become nourishers of each other.