

LISTEN to the ChurchMouse

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*For I have given you an example
That ye should do as I have done to you.*

“Intelligence is knowing the right answer.
Wisdom is knowing when to say it.”

John 13:15

...Tim Fargo

Pastor's Column

Dear Church Family,

During the month of September, we will celebrate the "Season of Creation!" This is a time for us to deepen our awareness of the gift of creation, and to praise and thank God for all that is. It began in 1989, when the Orthodox Church set aside September 1st as a day to remember how God created the world. The idea has spread throughout the world, and the Season now goes from September 1 to October 4, which is the Feast Day for St. Francis, the patron saint of ecology, in some traditions. In addition to creation texts worship, we have other ways to consider God's creation through the month.

We will resume our book study of "Eco-Reformation: Grace and Hope for a Planet in Peril." The Rev. Larry Deyss is leading our discussions on creation theology after coffee hour on September 9, 16, and 23.

On Sunday, September 30 we will hold a special worship service "Blessing of the Animals," at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to bring your pet, or to bring a photo if travel for your pet is not possible. We will meet outside behind the church for a short service of prayer and blessing, followed by a time of fellowship.

We have other ways to care for creation around the church. One thing we have done is switch to using compostable cups "thee friendliest cup on the planet" for communion. They are made in the USA of a polymer derived from corn and are 100% compostable and 100% bio-degradable. Even if thrown in the trash, these cups should break down in 6 to 24 months, as opposed to conventional polystyrene plastic that takes hundreds of years to degrade.

For other ideas, I spoke with a manager at County Waste & Recycling this summer. One thing I learned is that when we use paper cups and plates, we should rinse off, or wipe off, any food waste that is on them before putting them in the recycle bin. All paper products go to make recycled paper, so food waste contaminates that process. So now I just have to remember to wipe off my plate before I toss it – just like being back at camp! We always had to wipe off our plates when we were bringing them back to the kitchen!

I hope our focus on this Season of Creation will give each us the opportunity to really pay attention and enjoy the beauty of all that God has made, and to help us think of ways that we can honor what God has given us.

Faithfully,
+Holly

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Movie Event

A theater production, "Moses," was on stage in Branson and Lancaster, and has been filmed. The movie will be showing at Albany movie theaters (Colonie Center and Crossgates) on Thursday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 15, at 12:55 p.m. Unfortunately, these dates conflict with presbytery events, so the Rev. Holy Cameron cannot organize a group, but if others want to do that, please let her know and we'll be happy to help organize!

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"No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the best and safest treasure to acquire.

...L. Frank Baum

Fall Schedule

It's been a great summer, now our schedule gets busy again!

Tuesday, September 4, 7:00 p.m. — Choir rehearsal resumes

Wednesday, September 5, 11:00 a.m. — Adult Bible Study resumes

Thursday, September 6, 9:30 a.m. — Prayer Team resumes

Friday, September 7, 10:30a.m. Deacons meeting

Sunday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. — Sunday School for Kids resumes

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Veterans List

Veterans Day is on a Sunday this year, and we would like to honor our veterans. We have a list of information that was gathered many years ago, and we would like to update it. If you or someone in your family served, we would love to know their name, rank, branch of service, years served, and if they served overseas.

The information we have from past years is on display in the church lobby so you can check to see if we have your loved ones listed, and you can update any information needed. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 518-439-6454 or newscotlandpc@nycap.rr.com

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Looking Ahead

Saturday, October 20, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Annual Turkey Supper

Sunday, October 28, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday School

Our 2018-2019 Sunday School year begins Sunday, September 16th. This year we have four leaders who have agreed to share the teaching schedule: Cindy Brickman, Kevin Dwyer, Bonnie O'Shea, and Sara Aversa. They have designed a teaching schedule which will be included in the letter to parents inviting their children to participate in Sunday School this year. The letter will be mailed out to families on September 4th.

Bonnie O'Shea

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Offerings

On September 16th we will have a collection for The Theological Education Fund of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The fund is the best hope of ensuring the church of Christ is prepared to serve long into the future. The fund is housed at the Presbyterian Foundation and is the sole source of denomination-wide funding for seminaries from the PC (USA).

Gifts to this fund help ensure every church has a seminary-trained pastor.

Seminaries are good stewards of the funds we provide. Research shows that 91 percent of Presbyterian seminary graduates are employed in the fields they've been called to serve in within one year. Presbyterian seminary graduates also have less debt than their peers at other seminaries, giving them more flexibility to follow the call of God, no matter where it might lead.

We need these graduates – and need more to see a clear path to seminary. Out of the

current clergy serving in Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) congregations, 85 percent will likely retire in the next decade. The next generation of seminarians is energized, enthusiastic, enthusiastic and ready to serve, and it is our vision to use the Theological Education Fund to buoy their service to the church.

Mardell Steinkamp

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BIRTHDAYS

We wish a very happy birthday to these people celebrating in the month of September:

- 8th...Jaclyn Kohler
- 10th..Evelyn Fuglein
- 15th..Shari Edwards
- 16th..Christine Gordon
- 17th..Frank Bode
- 18th..Shirley Wright
Van Kohler
- 19th..Dawn Scaccia
Angeli Francis
- 20th..Bea Kenney
- 22nd..Laurel Beavers
Donna Wittig
- 24th..Edward Lukomski
- 27th..McKinley Riedy
- 28th..William Morrison

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"The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the most of everything."

...Unknown

ANNIVERSARIES

We wish a very happy anniversary to these couples celebrating in the month of September:

September 4, 1993
Shari & William Edwards

September 10, 2011
Rebecca & Randy Miller

September 11, 2011
Patricia & Daniel Joyce

September 13, 1986
Wendy & Ed Wiest

September 14, 1968
Lois & Bob Ambuhl

September 18
Judee & Albert (Jr.) Miller

September 19, 1965
Martha & Richard Oden

September 20, 1997
Christine & Tim Gordon

And congratulations to Tamara Caruso and Stephen Shaw, married September 2, 2018!

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The secret of contentment
Is the realization that life
Is a gift, not a right.

But godliness with contentment is great gain.

*For we brought nothing into this world,
And it is certain we can carry nothing out.*

I Timothy 6:6,7

Job Opening

Vicki Morrell resigned as our Church Administrative Assistant on August 30, to pursue her growing dog-walking business and spend more time with her family. We wish her well in her endeavors!

We are now looking for a new Church Administrative Assistant. Excellent organizational, administrative, and communication skills are required, in addition to knowledge of Microsoft Word, Publisher, and Excel; Facebook; and website maintenance. The position is for 12-15 hours per week. If you know someone who would love to come work with us, please see any member of the Personnel Committee: Dan Coons, Pat Ilnicki, Kevin Dwyer, Margaret Ewart, Mary Ewart, or the Rev. Holly Cameron.

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(Unofficial) Session Notes

The Session met on Thursday, August 30. Discussed were:

- Approved Saturday, October 20 for Annual Turkey Supper. Suggest letting area churches know to avoid having many dinners on the same day.
- Buildings & Grounds had a deputy come and assess our building and are waiting for a report from him. Also, we have offered to host "Active Shooter Training" as a community event, which is taught by Albany Sheriff's Department; we are waiting to hear about possible dates.
- Set Saturday, October 13 for Church Clean-Up Day.
- New light fixture in the parking lot is up and running, a replacement speaker for the carillon has been

ordered. These projects are being paid from Building Fund donations designated for that purpose.

- Congregational Life Committee noted many events coming up this fall, which are listed throughout this newsletter.
- Mission Committee thanks everyone for the response to the summer backpack program for Voorheesville Elementary School. Theological Education Offering is September 16.
- Personnel Committee will be meeting next week to begin looking for a new Church Administrative Assistant (more about this is elsewhere in this newsletter).
- Financial statements were reviewed. We have not taken any more money out of the endowment fund since last meeting; a total of \$10,000 has been taken out so far this year to cover expenses.
- There was conversation about the possibility of having another bbq fundraiser.
- Kiwanis will not be meeting monthly at our church; their plan is to meet here only for district meetings this year.
- Session meets again on Tuesday, September 11, with guests, including the Rev. David Bennett, Resource Presbyterian for Northern New York Presbytery.

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Falling down doesn't
make you a failure, but
staying down does.

*For a man falleth seven, and riseth up
again
Proverbs 24:16a*

FROM FRANK

On his 80th Anniversary as a member of our church

As we get older, "we look back in time". In the Fair with our 4H exhibitions.

In the late 1930's I mowed lawns for pocket money. Today, there are laws against paying teenagers to help you with simple tasks around your property. When World War II started I worked after school at Duffy Mott in Voorheesville. An advertising salesman stopped at school looking for someone to deliver 100 circulars in Voorheesville for \$1.00. That was easier than mowing lawns.

1930's summer meant swimming in the Vly Creek below the D&H trestle during July and August. Every year we went to the Altamont

In the fall of the early 1940's, I picked up \$.50 TO \$1.00 helping truck drivers unload apples at Duffy Mott. I made enough to buy a bicycle. In 1943 I went into the Army.

BUT, no work on Sunday. That was the day you went to church and visited relatives. When I came home in 1946 fro World War II, I married Arlene and started college at Siena. I worked weekends at Albany Casting as a weekend night watchman, laid waterline up North Main Street and did orchard work in the fall. I also painted houses and worked in the woods which meant working seven days a week and I had to fit in church activities with the teenage church members.

In 1950 I started my career with the NYS Tax Dept. and I had Sundays off for church. I worked at church suppers, and was record keeper for the church addition. I was also a Trustee for the church.

The foregoing is only a partial "look back." It doesn't cover 40 plus years in the State Tax and Sales Tax which is a story all by itself.

Make NO mistake, I am concerned about keeping our church doors open for the younger generation to have a place where they can bring their families to practice "faith, hope, and charity" to their nation, friends and neighbors.

GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Francis Person
July, 2018

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GRACE BRANDOW'S MEMORIES
Of the Church

On Sunday, July 15, 2018, we celebrated Grace Brandow's 75th anniversary as a member of New Scotland Presbyterian Church! Grace could not join us for the worship service, so the Rev. Holly Cameron spoke with her the day before and asked her about her memories of the church. This is what Holly shared during worship, based on her notes from their conversation.

Grace said,

I mostly remember the people: the Widmanns and how my dad and Mr. Widmann would come down early on Sunday mornings to stoke the furnace so the church would be warm by worship time.

I remember how hard the ladies worked in the kitchen.

I remember the Church Suppers – they were chicken suppers then, and I remember the delicious chicken that Emma Brownell made. There was no indoor plumbing then, and water had to be gotten from the pump and hauled in.

I remember Sunday School and singing in the choir.

I remember being friends with Joe Gage’s sister, Peggy, and how Joe was “like a brother.”

Mostly I remember how all the families worked together, and everyone worked hard together.

“It’s an honor to have you celebrate my 75th anniversary!”

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We are indeed blessed to have Grace as a member.

LITANY FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Season of Creation “Planet Earth Sunday” – Sept. 2

Genesis 1:1-25; Psalm 33:1-9

Romans 1:18-23; John 1:1-14

Season of Creation “Humanity Sunday” – Sept. 9

Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8

Philippians 2:1-8; Mark 10:41-45

Season of Creation “Sky Sunday” – Sept. 16

Jeremiah 4:23-28; Psalm 19:1-6

Philippians 2:14-18; Mark 15:33-39

Season of Creation “Mountain Sunday” – Sept. 23

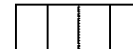
Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 48:1-11

Romans 8:28-39; Mark 16:14-15

19th Sunday after Pentecost – September 30

Esther 7:1-6, 9—10; 9:20-22; Ps. 124

James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50



September 21

Global Week of Action

against Gun Violence

begins

International Day of Peace

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20th Sunday after Pentecost – October 7

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Ps. 26

Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-15; Mark 10:2-16

Miracles happen!

Create this colorful reminder of God's wondrous works.

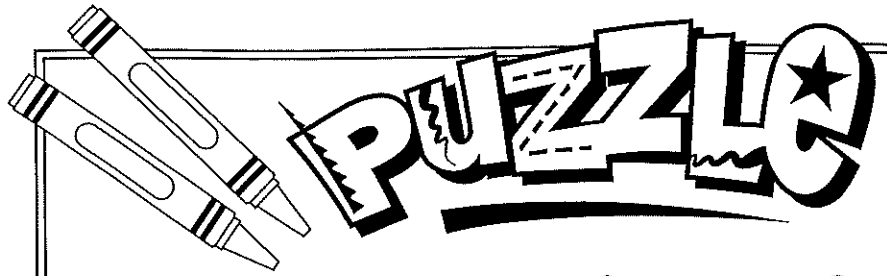


What you need:

- white cardstock
- white wax crayon
- paintbrush
- water
- watercolor paints

What you do:











1. Across the paper horizontally, write with the white crayon "Miracles happen!" (or a Bible verse such as Job 5:9; Psalm 77:14; Jeremiah 32:27; or Matthew 19:26).
2. Wet the paintbrush and paint over the words with different colors.
3. Let dry and then hang up.



IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.

	blind	hear	
	leprosy	walk	
	lame	raised	
	deaf	sight	
	dead	cleansed	

The _____ receive _____, the _____, those
 who have _____ are _____, the _____
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MATTHEW 11:5, NIV