

WESTERN SPIRE

AUGUST 2019

“The more I called them, the more they went away from me... Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms... I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was like those who lift infants to their cheeks.” ~Hosea 11:1-4

Children of God,

Life is strange when you have a three-year-old running around the house. There is something wonderful and odd about the way this little one runs around, figuring out his world, piecing together understanding.

One of the things I have noticed lately is how much he is asserting his independence. People always talk about the “terrible twos,” but I think it would be better to prepare parents for the “threenager” stage instead! This little man wants to be in control of *everything!*

So, it should not surprise me that, the other day, when I told him to come over to me because I wanted to give him a hug, he said, “no!” and ran to the other side of the room. I admit, it stung a little. My sweet little boy did not want to hug me.

When I stopped to think about this, I thought of this passage from the prophet Hosea (the full text is chapter 11, verses 1 through 11 and I encourage you to read it!). In this part of the book, God is reflecting on the people of Israel rebelling against God’s love. God says in verse 2: “The more I called them, the more they went away from me.” In fact, we find in this passage some of the most maternal language in the whole of scripture: of God lifting an infant to God’s cheek; of holding the people in God’s arms; teaching them to walk; healing them.

Yet, as much as the people have displeased God, no matter how far they have strayed, God loves God’s people. Just as I love Atticus no less for refusing my hug (and I want to respect his bodily autonomy!), God’s love for humanity never fails (though I suspect that God, like any parent, sometimes rolls God’s eyes at us!).

As we enter the dog-days of summer it can be easy to focus on ourselves and our families and all of the things we have going on. This isn’t bad by any means (summer days are meant to be fun!). However, it is important, even in the midst of this, to remember God’s love for us; to remember God as the parent who tends to us and cares for us. So, stay tuned to the moving of the Spirit, because God may be reaching out loving arms to wrap you in a warm, tender hug.

Grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle

Preaching and Worship

August 2019

August 4, 2019

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Laurie Tiberi preaching**

**Reader: Sharon Marr
Toddler Room: Jody Pruitt**

Ushers: Gary & Mary Beth LaBerge

August 11, 2019

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Vacation Bible School Recap.
Birthday Celebration**

**Reader: Irene Fadden
Toddler Room: Sue Leonard**

Ushers: Gary & Mary Beth LaBerge

August 18, 2019

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday**

**Reader: Bill Bush
Toddler Room: Rena Haigh
Communion Elders: Bill & Elaine Hassler and Mary Beth LaBerge**

Ushers: Gary & Mary Beth LaBerge

August 25, 2019

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Reader: John Cook
Toddler Room: Maxine & Kelly Babcock**

Ushers: Gary & Mary Beth LaBerge



**The deadline for the next SPIRE is Tuesday, August 20th, 2019.
Thank you!**

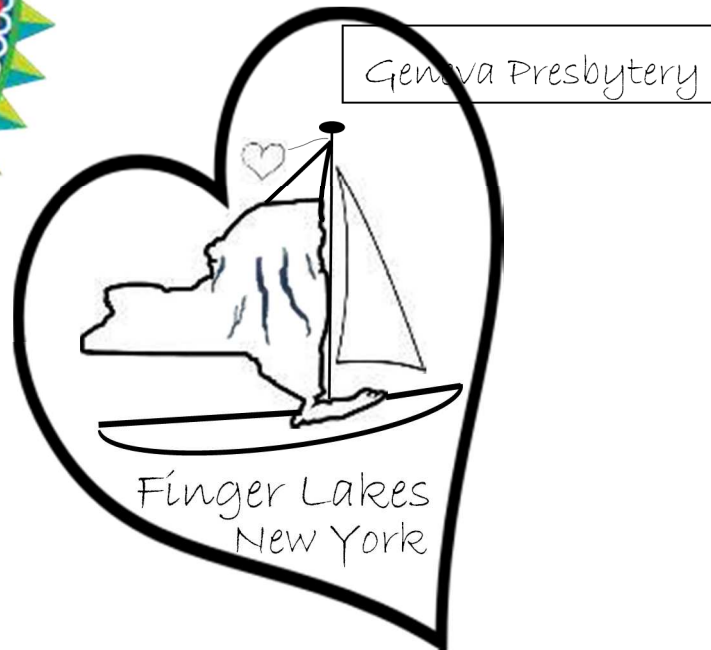
CELEBRATE!

Please plan to join us as we celebrate birthdays for July and August on August 11th during coffee hour.

Beverages and cupcakes will be served by the Fellowship Team.

Coffee & Contemplation will be taking a summer break! For the months of July and August, we will not be meeting. We will start up again Monday, September 9 at 9 am at Yellow Mills! All are welcome for this time of conversation, fellowship, and most importantly, coffee!

**MORNINGS
ARE FOR COFFEE
AND
CONTEMPLATION**



Thank You so much for your generosity.
Your monetary gift and support have helped us
gain the funds needed to attend the event,
Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

This is an extraordinary experience we are
impatiently awaiting!

Emily
Jacob

Thanks again



Jody



We are ready to **ROCK** at Vacation Bible School 2019.

Please join us for an **EPIC ADVENTURE** where God's victorious power **ISN'T** a fairy tale!

August 5th – 9th, 2019

9-11:30 am *Free lunch*

Donation List

Bubbles ☺	Corn Starch	Bandanas
Petroleum jelly	Paper Plates	Large Beach Balls
Small Paper Cups	Hula Hoops & Jump Ropes	Masking Tape & Duct Tape
Extension cords	Large Car Wash Sponges	Washable Markers
Dot Stickers	Marshmallows	Vine Wreath
Tissues	Cotton Swabs	Red Solo Cups
Paper grocery bags	Plastic Swords	Cotton balls
Flashlights ☺	Glue Sticks	Sandpaper
Large, sturdy plastic bins	Foam Tiera & Crowns	Rubber Bands
Plastic wading pool	Newspapers	Floral Potpourri

Donations can be placed in the VBS box outside the kitchen

Thank You!!

The prayer concerns listed are current as of 07/28/19. Please remember that all prayer requests are automatically removed from the list after one month unless the giver specifically requests continuation.



Our Prayer Concerns

Grieving

Family & Friends of Margaret (Peg) Eskild (requested by the Deacons)
 Family & Friends of Pic Schade (requested by the Deacons)

Serving in Armed Forces: *(Please contact church office if no longer serving)*

Jeffrey Bavis, AJ Bliss, Kyle Chapman, Tim Henderson, Jake Hewitt, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbecks, Patrick Magno, D.J. Phee-Henderson, Dylan Smith, Adam Stephens, Adam VanNatta, Logan Warner, Shod Williams

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Brooks Ballard, Gene Bassage, Jane Becker, John Berges, Mary Blake, the Brown Family, Carol Burns, John Cook, Keith & Dawn Counterline, the Delhagen Family, Evelyn Elsenheimer, Yvonne Ferraro, Ed Forman, Emily Fowler, the Jorgensen Family, Jerry Kelly, Rosie Kessler, Dick Kirchhoff, Jack Kilty, Kriss Larsen, Frank Lawrence, Marta Lydia & Pastor Ricardo, Mason, Sandy McMenamin, Marilyn Pitts, Wilma Redman, Tim & Sally Schultz, Christine Stachecki, Oscar Stevens, Becky Strause, Bob & Rose Ann Wagner, Doug Whitney

Please pray for those who wish to remain anonymous as they, too, need our prayers.

Others for whom we continue to pray:

Rick Aiken, Tracy D'Arduini, Harry DeCook, Harold M. Delhagen, Harold W. Delhagen, Art Duel, Ed Elsenheimer, Mary Kay Jones, Jack Lamphier, Laura Loomis, Nick Loomis, Ashley Maragas, Cim McFarlane, Wesley Pruitt, Christie Romano, Joyce Rauhe, Melissa Taylor

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Doris Coffman, Jamie Hemmings, Beverly Koeberle, Bev Mouton, Patricia Nash, Ginny Palmer, Grace Williams

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In the event of an emergency for which prayer is requested, please call **Deacon Sandy McMenamin @ Home 315-597-6181 smcmenamin@rochester.rr.com**

You may also call the **church office 597-9171** to communicate your request through the Deacons Emergency Prayer Chain.

Your Property Team would like to remind you that we have a monthly point person on call. If you spot an urgent issue that needs attending, please contact the person listed below.

Month	Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
August	Phil Opdycke	585-385-6189	585-259-6932	popdycke@rochester.rr.com

Thank you! We appreciate all the members of our congregation being eyes and ears for our facility.

Toddler August-September Schedule



Below is the schedule for staffing of the Toddler Room during the 10:00 AM Sunday morning service. Thank you in advance for your extremely important mission of providing infant and toddler care. Please arrive about 10-15 minutes early. If you find you are not available on your assigned date, please find a replacement. Many, Many, thanks!

The Nursery is room # 5 – South Side located on the 2nd floor. Snack will be on the counter and a vacuum will be in the closet next to the Green Room. Age appropriate toys will be available as well as a changing table. Thank You for your help. ☺

08/04/19	Jody Pruitt	315-331-3211
08/11/19	Sue Leonard	585-734-4027
08/18/19	Rena Haigh	315-597-5971
08/25/19	Maxine & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
09/01/19	Sue Pringle	315-597-9533
09/08/19	Jan Taylor	315-597-4293
09/15/19	Irene Fadden	585-802-7594



Summer

Has Arrived

If you find you are unable to help on your assigned day, **please** find a replacement and let Jody or Kathy know.

Thanks



*If anyone or anyone you know may be interested in joining the team in providing infant and toddler care during the 10:00 am service please contact **Jody Pruitt**, we would love to have you! Also, if you are no longer able to help please let Jody know as well.

Thanks ~ the CE Team

Jody Pruitt 315-331-3211

jody.pruitt@gmail.com





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 2	Virginia Palmer
August 2	Dona Kadlecik
August 3	Betsy Goodwin
August 4	Samantha Teeter
August 6	Bev. Mouton
August 7	Janet Barager
August 10	Kyle Delhagen
August 21	John Kadlecik
August 21	Anita Adams
August 21	Sharon Marr
August 23	Zachary Leiter
August 23	Rena Haigh
August 23	Beverly Koeberle
August 25	Patti Squier
August 31	Patricia Nash
August 31	Jerry Kelly

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 1	Morris & Tricia Owen
August 2	Cory & Heather Trapiss
August 4	Michael & Jan Semans
August 21	Scott & Megan Melville
August 26	Raymond & Sharon Marr
August 28	William & Sara Bush
August 31	Michael & Elisabeth Pinkney

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time!



AUGUST 2019

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
				1	2	3
4 Rev. Laurie Tiberi preaching	5 9-11:30 am Vacation Bible School 7 pm Fellowship	6 9-11:30 am Vacation Bible School 2 pm Deacons	7 9-11:30 am Vacation Bible School 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns 6-8 pm Women of Faith Picnic LDS Pavilion	8 9-11:30 am Vacation Bible School	9 9-11:30 am Vacation Bible School	10
11 Vacation Bible School Recap. Birthday Celebration	12 4:30 pm CTNS Board	13 7 pm Worship	14 7 pm Scouts Muscle Room	15	16	17
18 Communion Sunday	19 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm	20 SPIRE DEADLINE Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm	21 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm 6:30 pm Property	22 Office Closed	23	24
25	26	27 7 pm Session	28	29	30	31



SEPTEMBER 2019

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 2 pm Deacons	4 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns 7 pm Christian Ed.	5 6-7 pm CTNS Open House FH	6	7
8 Communion Sunday	9 9 am Coffee & Contemplation Yellow Mills 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	10 6-9 pm King's Daughters FH & Kit. 7 pm Worship	11 7 pm Scouts Muscle Room	12 7 pm Choir	13 Canal Town Days	14 Canal Town Days
15 Canal Town Days Hymn Sing	16 9 am Coffee & Contemplation Yellow Mills	17 SPIRE DEADLINE	18 6:30 pm Property	19 7 pm Choir	20	21
22 Welcome Back Breakfast & Teacher Commissioning	23 9 am Coffee & Contemplation Yellow Mills	24 7 pm Session	25	26 7 pm Choir	27	28
29 Western Horizons Sunday Potluck 1-3 pm FH Confirmation Class	30 9 am Coffee & Contemplation Yellow Mills					