



WESTERN SPIRE

JUNE 2023

Hello again from the Property Team:

Your 2023 Property Team Members are Don Dantz, Gary LaBerge, Phil Opdycke, and James McFarlane

We are also grateful to many in the congregation who continue to be our eyes and ears and help us keep the church building and grounds in good working order.

Significant Activities and Notes

We are expecting the contractor to start the steeple painting shortly. Hopefully will be in progress by the time the Spire has been sent out to you.

Still moving forward with changing fluorescent bulbs to LED versions as needed throughout the church, starting in the lower hallway and as other fixtures fail. Expecting cost savings in both energy usage and maintenance costs as all 302 bulbs are converted.

We had some issues with the hot water heating system again this season. We have switched support companies since our past company no longer wanted to service our equipment. We are now using Emcor that installed our sanctuary furnaces. We have a lot of work to be done on the system and expect it to start within the month. Plans are: Open and reseal the leak in the boiler, clean the burners, clean/replace the pilot assembly, check coupling on pump motor, replace several failed zone valves, move one of the zone valves to correct location, replace several of the "breather" valves within the church, and replace the 7 thermostats that control the zones.

The big light that was hanging between the columns fell in the past months during one of the windstorms. We are looking into repair and reinstallation options.

Phil, Gary, and Mary Beth have been scraping, sealing, and painting the accessible portions of the sanctuary over the past several months.

A new computer for the church office has been purchased and is being prepared for installation.

We are still open to training people on how to run the AV system. We are not expecting others to learn all the bells and whistles of the system. Would like to have a couple more people that can turn the system on (1 switch), record a service (record button, stop button), and shut down the system (1 switch). With just a few more buttons, can even pick some pre-set camera views during the service. Hoping to have several people willing to learn enough to cover funerals or other special events when James and Phil are unable to attend. If you are interested, please contact James.

As more events are scheduled to use the facilities, the property team is trying to stay ahead of the needs by making sure equipment is functioning and areas are all cleaned. If it looks like we missed something, please let us know by using the notepad near the phone outside the kitchen or contact one of the property team members.

Respectfully submitted,

The Property Ministry Team

Many opportunities to "Go and do likewise."

The Good Neighbor Fund is always in need of funding. Any donation will be put to good use,

- Rent
- Heat
- Car repair



The Food Pantry is needing laundry soap, dish detergent, cleaning supplies.

There have been 20 families using the food pantry each week. That's a lot of needy families who can't use SNAP to buy these non-food items.

The Food Cupboard is being used frequently. Cereal is always taken quickly.

When you go shopping pick up an extra box of cereal or a jar of spaghetti sauce, or a loaf of bread and peanut butter and some jelly.

Plastic bottles are better than glass.



Healthy Niños Honduras Clean Filtered Water for only \$40 and it lasts for 60 yrs.

Write a check to WPC with Healthy Niños on memo line

If you'd like to help at the food pantry, let Ruth know. She has enough volunteers for WPC nights, but other churches need volunteers.

Opportunities with Meals on Wheels

If you'd like to deliver meals, let a mission team member know.

We are hoping to be able to share a route a few times a month.



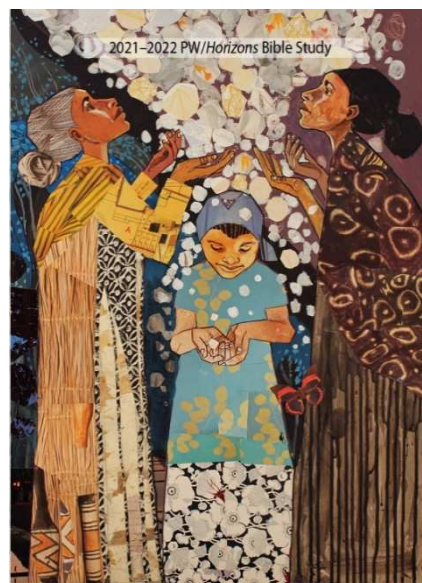
As you plant your garden, put in an extra plant to share with those who use the food pantry and food cupboard.

There are envelopes in the pews for your use to make a donation to mission Projects. Just check the envelope for Good Neighbor Fund, Family Promise, Food Pantry, or Deacon's Fund. You can also write in another mission on the blank line.

Paying homage to the grandmothers from the Bible

Women's Circle concluded the Bible study focusing on the grandmothers from the Bible, Learning from the Women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus written by Merryl Blair. We have met monthly since September. This amazing gathering of the women of our church have gathered in pensive, insightful, and compassionate conversation. Conversation non-judgmental as we celebration in conversation our faith and our place in God's world. This series was relatable since we all have grandmothers and, in most circumstances, are grandmothers. We are hesitant to have the series end.

This last lesson was focused on paying homage to these grandmothers that we studied from the Bible.



God's light shines through these women as the story of God's people is told and as God honors their choices. Tamar's act is judged "right" by Judah; Rahab's whole family is saved; Ruth finds love and belonging, and Naomi reclaims, and is claimed by, her family; Bathsheba sees her son become King of Israel; and Mary is revered for all time.

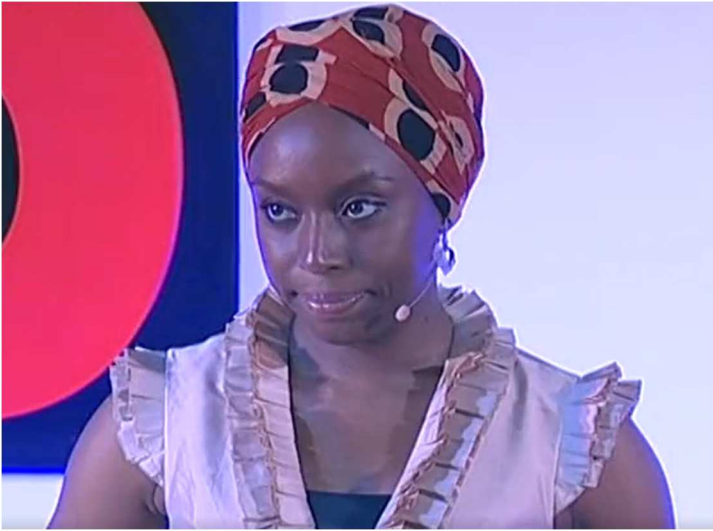
The ceremony was reverent and beautiful as all of our voices were heard in the honoring of each grandmother. In this space of peace and serenity, these foremothers in history are where we have come from. A candle was lit for each woman. Our words and thoughts about that woman were read with our heads bowed and then the candle for that woman was blown out.

Along with paying homage to the Biblical women, we spoke of those that affected our lives. Reasons why each was special were shared. Here are some of the reasons others were important to us.

Perhaps you too can touch others in these ways:

- They guided us in doing God's work.
- They taught us how to be aware of the emotions of others.
- They radiated love.
- They were a trusted confidant.
- They reflected Christian love and wisdom.
- They found their way even through their struggles to be a strong mentor.
- They taught the power of prayer.
- They taught that all tasks, even menial ones, are part of doing God's work.
- They were inclusive and welcoming.

These women were shaped in the Bible through the eyes of a single story. What more do they represent?



<https://www.ted.com/talks/>

[Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: The danger of a single story | TED Talk](https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda-ngozi-adichie-the-danger-of-a-single-story)

TED => Technology, Entertainment and Design

Culminating the circle meeting, we listened to a talk entitled “The danger of a single story” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

This wise Nigerian woman spoke of the danger of stereotyping others. She says that when we make assumptions from a single story, we rob those of their dignity. She says stories matter and they empower and humanize those that get to tell them. It is important to tell the stories we may forget, to ensure the legacies are in place. When we reject a single story, reject a stereotype, we regain a place in paradise.

This was an important way to segway from Biblical times to our current reality. We loved the way Chimamanda delivered this important message. She shaped the ideas into a context that was relatable. She shaped the problems in such a way that allowed us all to realize we have all been guilty of minimizing how we see others from a single story or a preconceived idea. This video really impressed upon us that we need to see and hear more to fully understand a story.

It really begs the question, how do we each want our stories to be told... How will our friends and family speak of us? How will our grandchildren and their grandchildren speak of us. Will they paint us as a single story or a full picture?

A Point to Ponder:

Wherever you go, ad whatever you do, whatever words you speak, season them with a dash of faith – because God loves the way you flavor his world ~ You are the salt of the earth.

Women's Circle June Picnic



Come join us in

Aqueduct Park on June 21st at noon.

Bring a dish to pass.

Bring a birthday bag for the food pantry.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL



"Raise a Glass"
Fundraiser

FOR FAMILY PROMISE
OF WAYNE COUNTY

JUNE 10, 2023
JD WINE CELLARS
1342 EDDY ROAD
MACEDON, NY
RSVP (315) 879-1227

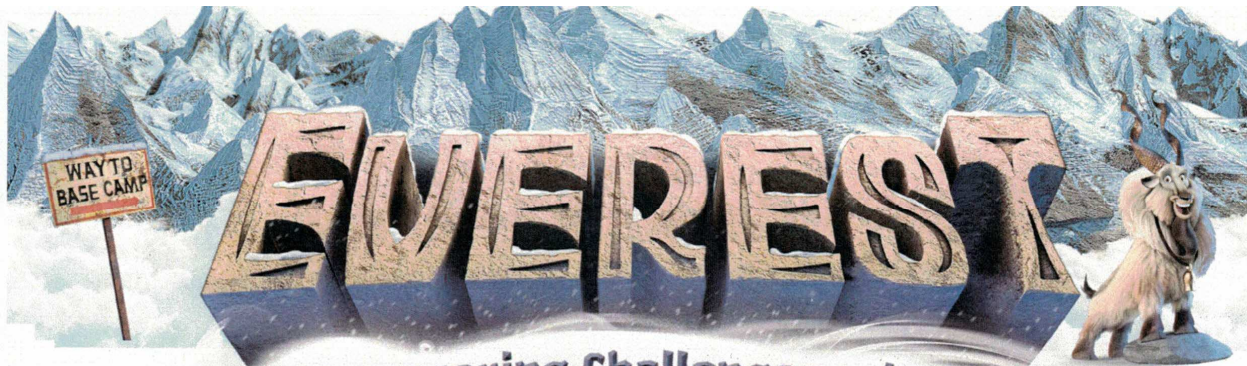
\$50 PER PERSON
6 PM TO 10 PM
FOOD, DRINKS,
AUCTION &
ENTERTAINMENT



Thank you so much for the cards and gifts for Administrative Assistant's Day.

I am very blessed to be part of such a kind and caring congregation!

Kathy Barr



EVEREST

Conquering Challenges with
God's Mighty Power

Join Us 9-11:30am
July 31st-August 4th
for a **FREE** Vacation Bible School Event
Ages: 3 years old -6th grade
FREE LUNCH SERVED AT 11:30AM EVERY DAY



Kids embark on an 'icy' mountain adventure inside the church!

At Everest VBS, you'll explore one of the most majestic, beautiful (and sometimes dangerous!) places on earth. Kids will join Climbing Crews to 'trek' through each day's activities, discovering God's power & promises along the way.

Kids learn to overcome obstacles- with God's awesome power.

Everest VBS brings kids together- kids who are happy, hurting, curious, doubtful, wonderful, wounded, and weak. In 5 days of mountain adventure, they'll discover God's mighty power displayed in the gospel. By God's grace, kids will leave as more confident, faith-filled people ready to pursue a life-long friendship with Jesus.

Kids will become anchored in rock-solid Bible truths, ready to face life challenges

When you make it to the top of Everest, you're at the highest point on earth. But Jesus is higher still! He promises to provide, to comfort, to love us forever and more. At Everest, Kids will learn that His awesome power is enough to overcome any obstacle in their lives.

Located at:

Western Presbyterian Church
101 East Main Street, Palmyra

**Sponsored by Western Presbyterian Church
and Palmyra Reformed Church**

For more info, call WPC at 597-9171 or PRC at 597-4341



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 7	Linda Pulcini
June 7	David Squier
June 7	Ray Marr
June 11	Daniel Budziszewski
June 13	Linda Wunder
June 21	Bill Hassler
June 26	Evan Mitchell
June 28	Chris Mitchell
June 29	Nancy Talma

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 12	Eric & Edie Chapman
June 20	Paul & Patricia Dlugosh
June 21	Lloyd & Joan Durfey
June 22	Frank & Beverly Koeberle
June 22	Paul & Janet Manktelow
June 27	Dave & Jan Taylor

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!

The team minutes received for May include:

WPC Christian Education Team

Minutes May 2, 2023

Building Faith, Family, and Fellowship. WPC nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community, and global involvement: worshiping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Present: Jody Pruitt, Emily Hunt, Cim McFarlane, Ellen Avery

In Spirit:

Upcoming Events:

May 7, May 21- Adult Sunday School Class

May 21 - Pentecost Youth Service

May 21 Last Day of Sunday School

July 23-26 Watson Conference

July 31-August 4- 2023 VBS

September 24- First Day of Sunday School- Back to School Breakfast

Continuing and New Business

Camp Whitman Board Update- Cim gave a report on the CW board- Camp Whitman put in a new pump house. They are still looking for two counselors. Only one of the camp weeks (Sing week) is short on campers. Cim is very excited about Tony, the new assistant director. June 5 is the next CW Board meeting. May 13 is Spring Volunteer Day 9:30-3:30.

Sunday School Report- Last Sunday, the new upstairs projector and screen were used to Zoom Jacob for rehearsal for children playing musical instruments for the 5/21 service. It went very well.

Pentecost Service- 5/21- theme will be *Glow*- The Children have been writing prayers and a litany. Children are asked to wear yellow for the service. Cim found a book that fits our theme- *This Little Light of Mine*. Emily M will be reading the book during the service. The team agreed to purchase copies of the book for SS families and a few copies for the WPC library. Cim will order the books. Emily M is also working hard as the director, adjusting the script so David, Nella, and Avery can all have parts. Thomas P will be the AV Apprentice, College kids will be returning (so exciting), Durfey girls will be ushers, Rory H, Avery H, Logan B, Erika M all have reading parts, Nella M, David P and Jacob M will be playing their instruments, music arranged by Jacob M.

Second Grade Bibles- Rory and Thomas are second graders this year. Bibles are in and ready to present on 5/21.

Senior Gifts- Emily M. and Erika are our seniors. The gifts have arrived and are ready to present on 5/21. Kelly will present Emily M's gift, Cim will present Erika's gift, Jody will present the special blanket. Jody will put together an additional gift of a WPC mug with some treats (we discussed making these for all recent graduates).

Adult Class- May 7, May 21, and possibly into June. The class is going well, participants are enjoying the continuation.

'23 VBS- Everest- Session approved serving lunch and sanctuary use. Cim will be adding a Selfie Spot this year. Cim is in negotiations with Kona ice to get them set up for a VBS treat. We discussed two possible options for the Bible Story Leader- Jody will talk with them. Jody would like to return to leading a preschool group this summer. Cim mentioned the possibility of ordering shirts for volunteers. We discussed ideas on how to give boundaries for preschool friends during worship- this will need to be revisited.

Watson- Cim reported that there have been no meetings since March. The next meeting will be May 8. Registration is open and through Google Forms. Nella is the only WPC youth attending this year. The cost is \$350- we will look into fundraising.

CTNS Task Force- Lisa P and Cim meet this coming Thursday to plan, contact the team members, and put together an agenda. We are very excited about the community involvement in the task force.

Gunkler Fund- We discussed the Gunkler Fund. Cim shared that she is meeting with her siblings to discuss the funds and set a purpose. We were wondering if the Jr. High Fellowship funds roll into the Gunkler fund. Emily will reach out to Alicia to see if this is possible. We are also planning on having the future Easter Bunny Breakfast money raised go to the Gunkler Fund. The Gunkler Fund will be working with the Women's Association to help with camp scholarships this year.

VBS Materials Share- Cim shared that she has been talking with Leesa Israel from the Macedon Center United Methodist church about getting their VBS up and running again. The team voted yes to share an old VBS kit with Leesa (possible Crocodile Dock or Lava Lava Island). We will promote each other's VBS.

Back to Sunday School Breakfast- we voted to have the breakfast resume for the fall of 2023. We discussed possibly serving pancakes depending on how much is left from VBS. More discussion is needed later.

Next meeting: June 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Hunt

Deacons Team Meeting Minutes

May 2nd, 2023

Present: Sandy McMenamain, Randy Kennard, Nancy Talma, Sylvia Lyon & Patti Dlugosh

In Support: Linda Pulcini, Sara Bush

Meeting opening with lighting of the Christ Candle

- 1.
2. **Approval of last month's minutes** *Motion: Sandy M. Second: Nancy T.*
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance – Sandy M.
 - a. Balances

	Deacons Checking Account	WPC Budget Line item
Initial balance	\$901.94	\$600.00
Additions	\$50 + \$35.35	
Deductions		
Ending balance	\$987.29	\$600

4. Sharing Correspondence: letter/cards – received from F. K. with gift of \$ in memory to Ellie Giles
5. Volunteers to handle Communion on **5/14/2023** –
 - a. Acquire elements Juice ~ Sandy to bring Bread~ in freezer
 - b. Prep & clean-up time – Sunday morning...at 9 am - prepare ~50
6. **Update of Prayer Concerns:** Adds, Removals and Status
7. **Group Prayer – Lord, hear our prayers.**
8. **Visit/Calls/Card Counts** - circulate sheet

2023 As of April, Counts taken from remaining elements during serving					
Month	Visits	Phone Calls	Cards sent and Email outreach	Communion Served	Communion Date
January	16	27	63	38	1/15/2023
February	7	19	68	42	19-Feb-23
March	6	20	64	39	12-Mar-23
April	6	11	56	57	9-Apr-23
May	7	14	63	40	15-May-23
Year to Date	42	91	314	216	

S.S. created cards
deliver 21 lilies / S.S. created cards

* commuions are now served with passing out the elements in a cup of juice and another for bread

9. **Special Care mailings:** CE cards targeted to be all sent Easter week following meeting
Current Roster: special care – confidential listing

Monthly Notes: Bible verse: Romans 12:12 "Rejoice, be patient in affliction, persevere in prayer."

Old Business:

1. Reports of Prayer List contacts
2. Session updates

New Business:

Meeting **closed with prayer.**

Next meeting Tuesday 6/6/2023 @ 10am -- first Tuesday – see you then.

Respectfully - Randy Kennard, Chairperson

Minutes from Fellowship Meeting

5/7/23 during coffee hour

Present: Terry and Val Gendron, Sue Pringle, Roxanne Dobson, Ray Marr, Norm Underwood

Recap of last "5th Sunday" potluck: A good turnout. Lots of variety of dishes. Will need to purchase more paper plates for next time. Will be skipping July 30th because of summer vacations.

Other activities: Ray will check schedule for possible Pilots baseball outing in Newark. Ray can let everyone know schedule by email. Did not have a big turnout last year, will see if any interest.

Next activity will be September 24th. Our annual "welcome back to church" picnic which will be held in Fellowship Hall. We will have the usual picnic items: hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.

Western Horizons Sunday, when we honor our 50+ year members, will be Oct. 29th. There will be a potluck after the service.

We did not discuss but wonder if there is interest in doing "Bible Trivia" with Christian Ed. again.

Next meeting will be 8/27, Sunday after worship.

Mission and Social Concerns Ministry Team Minutes

May 17, 2023

Present: _P_ Cassie Hughes _P_ Edie Chapman _P_ Irene Fadden _P_ Jan Taylor
____ Johnnie Fontaine _ex_ Rena Haigh _P_ Ruth Dantz _P_ Sally Chase

Great Worship Service on May 7th! Thank you to all who participated.

Meeting opened with lighting of the candle, scripture, and prayer – Feeding the 5,000

Food Pantry update – next meeting July 11th

Participating Churches - WPC, Reformed, Zion, St. Anne's, and Cross Creek

Have had 13-20 families each Monday and Wednesday. Many of patrons are single adults who have lost job or can't work and senior citizens.

Food Link is not getting as much food donated as in the past (from businesses and grocery stores), so limited amounts are being ordered. Fortunately, LDS - \$30,000 grant which can be renewed when first is completed.

Birthday bags are always needed and appreciated.

Ruth will let Catholic Church know that there are a couple willing to fill in when needed.

Weekend Wellness discussion – Edie will contact Dave Nagel to set up a weekend wellness meeting to discuss how Weekend Wellness can be done in the fall. – Payment from Weekend Wellness Account.

Weekend Wellness needs a family survey to find preferences, use, need, transportation etc. – Kim is out with surgery and rehab. Edie will see if a survey can be written and sent out, so it is received back in June. We would like to have for planning.

Food Cupboard "Take what you need, Give what you can."

Squirrels continue to get into the cupboard. Locking features do not seem to stay aligned and/or used by users. Edie's son will be asked to look at it and see if he has an idea of how to solve the problem.

Families are using the cupboard.

Good Neighbor Fund Update

Beginning Balance – \$1830.14 deposits - \$500 checks written - \$1,498.78

people served – 3 rents – 5 adults, 5

Ending Balance – \$831.36 children

Concert by Pastor Val Fowler to benefit Good Neighbor Fund is not yet planned as his wife is not well.

Weekend Wellness funding –

Beginning Balance - \$8,879.32 deposits \$0 checks written for \$924.00

Ending Balance - \$7,955.32 delivered in April – 184 bags, school year – 1,496 bags

Meals on Wheels –

No one signed up so any wanting to participate will get training in Newark. Irene will call the director to set up an appointment.

ARC Home –

No one came to 5th Sunday Potluck. Don't know if it is lack of staff, transportation, or something else.

Healthy Ninos in Honduras

\$40 Checks encouraged for providing clean water for Honduran families.

Collaboration meeting with Reformed, Canal Town, Zion, Cross Creek, WPC

A meeting will be set up for June. Opportunities for sharing activities to benefit area like for Seniors.

Good Neighbor Fund Concert is on hold.

Family Promise – Jody signed up to bring meal every other month to fill in the calendar. Dates that are open for Monday Meals are: June 26, July 10, July 31, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18, and Dec. 25. If anyone wants to sign up, contact Irene and she'll get it put on the Family Promise calendar.

The next time WPC is hosting is June 19th. Edie will bring the meal and many of the team are willing to help. WPC is also hosting the week of Nov. 20th.

Raise the Glass Fundraiser – June 10th – has been well received in the past and team members encouraged others to attend this event.

QMC – Ruth will call to find out if someone will come to talk about this Mountain Project in Lesotho. In the past QMC has come Sunday morning to share this ministry. With the AV available in sanctuary, if there are slides to show, it can be put up on the big screen.

Mission Team Worship – The Team thinks it is important to provide worship at least once a year to let everyone know what we are doing.

“And what does God require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.” -Micah 6:8

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Fadden

Our Prayer Concerns (updated May 17, 2023)

Grieving:

Family & Friends of Stuart Smith (requested by Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell)

Family & Friends of Fran Welch (requested by Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell)

Serving in the Armed Forces:

AJ Bliss, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbeks, Josh Polle

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All those affected by natural disasters, All those who have been affected by the Coronavirus, All those who have no one to pray for them, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Ellen Avery, Jane Becker, Ed Cole, John Cook, Janet Hassler Costa, Gary Culver, Tracy D'Arduini & Linda Pulcini, Jim DePoint, Ron Desassure, Kathleen Dougherty, Heather Durfey, Jesse Elsenheimer, Gail Green, Marge Harloff, Russell Harris, Joshua Hunt, Dave Jankowski, Linda Johnston & Pam, Mary Kay Jones, Frank Lawrence, Will Loan, Angelo Mascioli, Deb Merla, Mary Greenlaw-Meyer, Beverly Mikolon, Patrick Miller, Karley Mott, Tracy Murphy, Dawn VerStraete Nieskes, Pastor Nominating Committee, Kurt Prister, Roger & Charlotte Ridley, Courtney Sears, Doug Sloan, Peggy Teitsworth, Ann Fadden Tuck, Connie West, Lisa Whitehead, Marie Winker

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

Others for whom we continue to pray:

Joan Durfey, Ann Guest, Ian Guest, Janet Haigh, Bobby Haurand, Paula Hemmings, Christine Stachecki Johanessen, Cim McFarlane, Jessica Locey Otto, Wesley Pruitt, Wilma Redman, Kathy Rynders, David Squier, Marguerite Vizzini

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Beverly Koeberle, Rochelle Morse, Bev Mouton, Dorothy Schlee

Prayers of Intercession are offered each day by our Deacons.

To request prayer for yourself or another, please contact Randy Kennard, chair of Deacons, Sandy McMenamin, or Kathy in the Church office. Please remember that all prayer requests are automatically removed from the list after one month unless the giver specifically requests continuation.



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4 Trinity Sunday 9 am FH Adult Bible Study Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell preaching	5	6 10 am Deacons 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	7 Weekend Wellness Delivery 10 am Mission/Social Concerns	8	9	10
11 Communion & Cereal Sunday Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell preaching	12	13 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	14 Weekend Wellness Delivery 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	15	16	17
18 Father's Day 9 am FH Adult Bible Study Sister Barbara Moore preaching	19	20 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	21 Noon Circle Picnic Aqueduct Park	22	23	24
25 4 th Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Gail Conners preaching	26	27 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Session	28	29	30	



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9 6 th Sunday after Pentecost Communion & Cereal Sunday Rev. Robin Lostetter preaching	10	11 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	12 7 pm Boy Scouts FH	13	14	15
16 7 th Sunday after Pentecost Carleen Frost preaching	17	18 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	19 6:30 pm Property	20	21	22
23 8 th Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Gail Connors preaching	24	25 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Session	26	27	28	29
30 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	31 9-11:30 am VBS					