

Worship - Sunday 10 AM
Sunday School - during worship
(Sep-Jun)

Twins Talk

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Pastor's Corner

Happy Summer!!! I hope you are happy and in love!

I was at church yesterday with three of you working on schedules, sound and set up: a fun time for sure with wonderful spirits. During our varied conversation one of my companions excitedly said: "Hey, I read this yesterday: 'Hope is not a feeling, it is a discipline' Isn't that so great?" Isn't it indeed!! So great I decided yesterday to center this newsletter around hope in some fashion.

So, I pondered the rest of the day and during some of those awake moments in the night about how to unwrap hope as discipline. We have talked about Love and Compassion as actions, so hope should be much like those emotions - better for us and our community in practice rather than just a feeling.

And then, upon waking, I turned to this morning's Center for Action and Contemplation's daily meditation which was about... you guessed it - HOPE.

Life is so fun sometimes!

Hope Makes Room for Love was penned by Retired Episcopal bishop and Choctaw citizen, Steven Charleston, who draws on his Native American experience to navigate collective crisis.

He writes to us: "We inhabit a period in history that seems to be filled with conflict. The world has become an uncertain place, a dark place, where we cannot see what may happen next. All we know, based on our recent experience, is that things could—and probably will—get worse.... "

He describes how for millennia his ancestors followed a spiritual path that was respectful of the earth, inclusive of all humanity, and visionary in its transformative power. He tells us of how his people's faith was sorely tried yet continues to this day despite every hardship and persecution they have been forced to endure.

He concludes with these thoughts: "Hope makes room for love in the world. We can all share it, we can all believe in it, even if we are radically different in every other way...We can hope together—therefore, hope liberates us. It frees us from our fear of the other. It opens our eyes to see love all around us. When we decide to embrace hope—we release a flow of energy that cannot be overcome. Hope is a light that darkness can never contain."

Couldn't have been said any better, so I hope you will join us just the way you are soon and often so we can practice the discipline of hope!

Steve



Session Scene

- Session voted to allow Baptism for those outside the active church family, provided that after meeting with the Pastor, he/she believes that the parent/guardian has a firm understanding of the sacrament that is Baptism.
- Session voted to allow only active church family to borrow chairs and tables.
- Session decided to return to staggered 3-year terms for elders, starting in January 2024.
- An updated Wedding Policy has been approved and will be posted on the website soon. A Draft Funeral Policy has been drafted and is under review.



Sunday, July 23
starting at 12 noon

Finn's Camp on Kayuta Lake
4044 Kayuta Terrace, Remsen

Sloppy Joes - Hot Dogs - Lemonade
will be provided

Bring a dish to pass:
appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert
and your lawn chair
(BYOB if you want something else to drink)

For more information call:
Artie Finn - 315-292-4356
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Spring Tea Party



Nearly 30 people from our church and our community enjoyed a wonderful Spring Tea hosted by Artie Finn and Betsy Allen on May 31st. Following the rules and decor of a proper afternoon tea, attendees were served 3 courses - finger sandwiches, scones, and small desserts - a delicious menu. An ice-breaker game was enjoyed that got each person to learn something about everyone else in the room - great fun. And thanks to Vicky for the challenge of "Name That Tune". What a memorable day of fellowship with old and new friends. Maybe it should be a new annual tradition!

Lawn Social

July 11, 2023 5:00 pm

Held By
Stittville United Methodist Church
@
The Stittville Firemen's Ball Field
Mill St & Route 365

performing at 6:30pm
Floyd Community Band

With Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
Salads
&
Featuring Strawberry
Shortcake



Can you spot the differences?

- The Dove of Peace has been added to the rainbow. **Thank you, Cindy Rye!!**
- New flowers have been planted for a new year. **Thank you, Carol Beasley!!**
- A bird feeder, handmade in the shape of a church, has been installed. **Thank you, Janet Broadbent for your craftsmanship and Cindy Rye for installation!!**

Children's Day - The Good Shepherd

It may have been a small group, but our Sunday School kids are a HUGE joy for our church. They all participated in the service by leading the call to worship, reading scripture, taking collection and taking over for the choir with two sheep/shepherd themed anthems (which they did with great gusto).



The Children's Message was presented by Carol Beasley with her sidekick, Lambert, comparing us to sheep with Jesus as our shepherd. She did such a great job that she kept everyone's attention - even the "big" kids.

The message was followed by a rousing game of 23rd Psalm Bingo.



The children then sang "He's the Good Shepherd, and He Knows My Name". There were sections in this song where the microphone was passed to each child to sing their own name. We quickly learned we have a great deal of singing talent in this group! Afterward the children passed out

sheep to everyone in attendance to write their name on. These sheep will be placed in the hallway shown following their shepherd, so be sure to check it out.

The church would like to thank our dedicated Sunday School teaching team of Susan Baum, Carol Beasley, Carol Heburn, and Kym Johnson-Fox. Thank you, Vicky, for the



always perfect music and ability to get kids to sing. Thank you, Larry Beasley, for filling all the blank spaces in the service.

Next year we will bring back our pre-school class for 4-5 year olds and have a wonderful chance for you to spend time with these amazing children. Please let us know if you would like to help out with our Sunday School Program.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July

- 1 Jennifer Dorsino
- 4 Anna Beasley
- 5 Cale Hoffman
Jill Wynne
Dale & Marcia Jones (A)
- 9 Mike Haley
Cindy Rye & Bob Murphy (A)
Troy & Stephanie Finn (A)
- 10 David & Tanya Erway (A)
- 11 Seth Kraft
- 14 Mara Erway
Katie Lynne Wall
Muriel Werbovetz
- 15 Tina Dziekan
- 17 Jim & Bethany Marconi (A)
- 19 Julia Ferris
Janet Broadbent
- 18 Carol & Tom Heburn (A)
- 20 Anna Niedzielski
- 21 Troy Finn
- 23 Sven Smith
Mary Vannicola
- 24 Kym & Shane Fox (A)
- 27 Casimir Niedzielski
Trudy (Finn) Dunlap
- 30 Gary & Kathy Harvey (A)
Dustin Dorsino

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check website "twinchurches.org" for a complete calendar of events.

Worship Schedule

- Jul 2** Steve Vance - Communion
- Jul 9** Steve Vance
- Jul 16** Janet Stengel
- Jul 23** Steve Vance
- Jul 30** Bonnie Tryon

Events

- Jul 11** – Stittville Methodist Church - Lawn Social 5-8 pm
- Jul 12** – Concert on the Green – Pete Reuben Quartet 6-8 pm
- Jul 19** – Concert on the Green – ZZ and Matt Beadle 6-8 pm
- Jul 23** – Church Picnic at Finn's Camp - Noon till ?



Prayers are asked for:

- Jeff Larry as he heals from a very scary farm equipment accident.
- Carol Beasley's sister, Teri who had a sudden medical emergency. They are very thankful for the care of the doctor who had saved Sarah 25 years ago and now saved her aunt.
- Carol Beasley's mom who is 99 years old is now staying with them. Prayers that she settles into her new home comfortably.
- Janet Broadbent who had surgery and is recovering at home.
- Jeff Dittl and his family after the death of his brother, Craig. There will be a Celebration of Life on July 22 at 1 pm at Roberts Post American Legion.

Joys shared for:

- Trent Fox (12 years old) who was very excited to pass his boating test with a high score.

Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci - phone: 315-867-7898 or email: pcurtacci.1947@gmail.com

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