

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

Twins Talk

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Pastor's Corner

I hope you enjoyed the summer?? Seems it called out for this week! In the 40's last evening! But oh so beautiful in the countryside and yards that surround us - such good gifts! Hmm, reminds me of a song.

The Twin Churches were well represented at a Zoom presentation offered by The Presbytery featuring naturalist and theologian Dr. Randy Woodley last week. Dr. Woodley presented a poignant explanation of the damage we have done and continue to do to our home, the Earth. I touched on this topic in the last edition and want to echo those thoughts again this week. Simply put there is no issue that deserves our energy and action more than Global Warming. We can argue there are so many other issues we might decide are more urgent, but they pale in the face of our deteriorating environment. We are leaving our children a legacy they may not be able to reverse.

In church last Sunday we considered the Trinity as presented to us in The Gospel of John. Early Church Fathers, after three centuries of discernment, created an early metaphor to capture some sense of John's multifaceted God. They said "God is a circle Dance." One of the earliest ways of speaking about and understanding the Trinity was the word *perichoresis*, meaning, "the divine dance" (from the Latin roots *peri* meaning "around" and *choreo* where we get the word choreography).

The Divine Dance, this flow of love created by the Trinity, calls us to express our lives with action. Our participation in the "divine dance" enables us to be generous, serve others, and experience connection, harmony, and love.

Let's Dance - for ourselves, for our children, for all God's children, and for our planet. Pick a dance, learn the steps, and take action. Every step, no matter how small, enhances God's choreography.

Steve

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us!" 1 John 4:12



Dear friends,

On **Wednesday, June 5th** you are warmly invited to join me (your friendly pastor, Steve) in a conversational meeting at 11 AM in the meeting room at church!

It will be the first meeting of a series throughout the summer in which we will discuss and study topics of interest chosen by the attendees.

First Topic: "Dance Steps" to enhance ourselves and the Twin Churches.

Please join me! No reservations needed!

Steve



Life & Hope – Eben Ezer School Educating Children in Milot, Haiti



Life and Hope, a 501-C3 nonprofit organization registered in New York State, runs the Eben Ezer School in the rural town of Milot in northern Haiti. More than 500 children in Milot are able to attend school because of Life and Hope's work. The school was founded in 2003 by Lucia Anglade, a Haitian-American woman who wanted to give something back to her country. She began the school on the land that held her childhood home.

For \$220 a year you can sponsor a child. This money pays for uniforms, books, teachers, electricity and all other operating costs to educate the children in Milot.

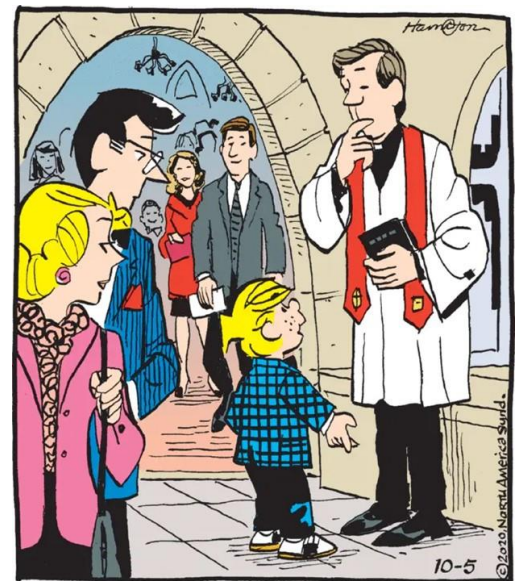
You can learn more about the school and the sponsoring organization by visiting the website:

<https://lifeandhopehaiti.org/>



Young entrepreneurs, Mallory and Liam Fitzgerald, made the most of their school fund raising assignment. Their Krispy Kreme booth, made by Liam and decorated by Mallory, was a huge success at Coffee Hour.

Congratulations and never lose your imagination!



"I LIKED THAT PART ABOUT THE FATHER AND HIS SON'S HOLY GOATS."



2nd Annual Spring Tea Party



"High Tea" was held on Friday, May 10 and enjoyed by almost 30 festive attendees. After a mixer game of "What's my name and how can you remember me", everyone enjoyed delicious courses of scones, sandwiches, and cookies.

Thank you to Artie Finn for hosting this wonderful event, and to all her church mice who helped make it happen!



Ember Rose Ruskowski with her parents Susan Schneider and Nicholas Ruskowski, were welcomed into the church family on Mothers' Day with a celebration of Ember's Baptism. Pastor Steve Vance participated in Ember's Baptism at Our Lady of Lourdes church in April.

Thanks to the "Common Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Baptism" signed in January 2013, the leaders of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Reformed Church in America, Roman Catholic Church and United Church of Christ all agreed to recognize each other's sacraments of baptism.

On Mothers' Day, we held a celebration at Twin Churches of Ember's Baptism and welcomed her and her family.

Ember Rose and her family have become the new residents of John and Sally Preston's home on Miller Road in Holland Patent. We are so happy to have them join us and look forward to watching Ember Rose grow.

CHILDREN DAY



Sunday, June 9

Adventures on



Come learn where our Sunday School classes went this year and celebrate the journey with them!



Followed by our annual
Make Your Own Sundaes!!



***** REMINDER *****

Picnic with The Unitarians
Sunday, June 23

1:00 pm

Trenton Town Park
Upper Pavilion (covered)
Fish Hatchery Road

Bring a dish to pass
and your table service
Coffee & Water will be provided

DO NOT STAY AWAY
because of a dish to pass.
There will be plenty of food.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June

- 1 Brenda Castle
- 4 Janet Lanning
- 5 Matthew Harter
Imagin Aiken
- 9 Kameron Lanahan
- 10 Peggy Curtacci
- 16 Wesley Moseman
Rachel Bruder
- 17 Lois Caldwell
Gail Brett
- 19 Janet & Harley Lanning (A)
- 20 Shane Fox
- 21 Carolyn (Niedzielski) Kline
Dwight Putnam
Pam Finn
Jim & Vicky Allen (A)
- 23 Elise Gates
- 24 Harry & Artis Finn (A)
- 25 Betsy Allen
- 26 Hilary Kraft
Nina Lemieux
- 27 Alexis Saunders

Worship Schedule

- Jun 2 Steve Vance - *Communion*
- Jun 9 Bonnie Tryon - *Children's Day*
- Jun 16 Steve Vance - *Fathers' Day*
- Jun 23 Steve Vance
- Jun 30 Bonnie Tryon

Events

- Choir Practice** - Every Thursday at 5:30 - everyone welcome
- Jun 1 Park Coffee House - *Local Favorites at 7 pm*
- Jun 2 Mission Committee meeting - following worship
- Jun 5 Stone Soup Distribution - Help Needed - See Betsy Allen
(No soup distribution in July/August - will resume in Sept.)
- Jun 23 Picnic with the Unitarians at 1 PM in Trenton Town Park

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2024



- Jun 2 – Bonnie Churcher
- Jun 9 – Children's Day (Christian Ed)
- Jun 16 – Artie Finn (*Fathers' Day*)
- Jun 23 – Cindy Rye
- Jun 30 – Gail Brett

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bits & pieces

Prayers are asked for:

- The family and friends of Sue Simpson who passed away on May 18. A memorial service will be held on June 1 at Dimpleby Funeral Home on June 1 at 4:00 PM.
- Jerry Litz and family as they say good-bye to wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Pam, at a private family service on June 7.

Joys are shared for:

- Trent and Jalayna Fox who were confirmed at the Maynard Methodist Church on May 19. Congratulations! We are so happy that they (and their parents, Kym and Shane) continue to be a part of our family.
- Kathy and Gary Harvey who will be traveling to Nashville to celebrate their son, Daryll's, graduation from Law School.
- Susan and Allen Solomon who welcomed their 2nd grandchild, Thomas Fern Condrey, born May 29, 2024 to Kalie Dunn and Lawson Condrey.

Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci

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