

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

# Twins Talk

May 2024

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## Pastor's Corner

**April Showers Bring May Flowers!** I hope the May flowers are as abundant and long lasting as the April showers! And have you noticed that lots of May flowers are making their appearance in April. Many of the tulips on our yard have blossomed beautifully and faded already!

Our unusually warm winter has been followed by a wet and warmer Spring: signs of change in our environment, signs we are impacting the earth with our activity!! Recently the Dept. of Agriculture changed NNY's growing zone from a 5 to a 4B - a more temperate rating like mid-Atlantic states to our south.

We are warming! Our earth, our home is telling us we need to care for her more consistently, more often, and more thoroughly in everything we do. We are capable and able to help by recycling everything we can, by moderating our use of utilities, by not using pesticides. The list is endless. Recycle something today!

Mother Earth needs all of us!

Speaking of care, I have noticed lately a steadily increasing need for care for the community, for the family that is the Twin Churches. We have a wonderful Prayers and Concerns time during our services, and it is followed on Monday by an email review of all the concerns (and joys) lifted up. During the week there are further prayer requests sent to all of us. We know who need's us!

Our prayers are important! And so is recognizing that we hold the key to answering some of those prayers - with calls, with emails, with visits! Our connecting with the members of our family in need is "of God."

It isn't always easy and some of you may be saying "that isn't me, I am not comfy calling or visiting people I only know from church, I am better at prayer."

Today I invite you to take a step, be brave, and turn prayer into action. What's wonderful is that you don't need an invitation or permission, just a little love and time! I promise this action will make you smile!!

Yes, we are all busy, sometimes too busy; yet we gather on Sundays to be reminded we are all God's children, all of God, and if we love one another God lives in us! Love someone soon by sharing the beautiful person you are.

Have a blessed time. Have a caring time. Use God's time to care for one another!

Steve

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

- Session accepted 4 people for church membership.
- Pastor Steve Vance participated in the baptism of Ember Rose Ruszkowski at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Utica on April 14. Session approved having a celebration for Ember Rose in our church on Mothers' Day, May 12.
- Property Committee has received two proposals to repair the front steps. They will also look into adding a ramp.
- Parking – remind everyone **DO NOT PARK** on the sidewalk, which forces people to walk in the street. An announcement will be published in the *Twins Talk*.
- The next meeting will be June 2 following worship.





You are cordially invited to the  
*2nd Annual*  
**Spring Tea Party**

Friday, May 10  
 11:00 am  
 Church Fellowship Hall  
 Food - Friends - Games - and more!!  
 --- Bring a friend ---

If you would like to help with the Tea Party, please contact Artie ASAP. Below is a list of items that could use extra hands.

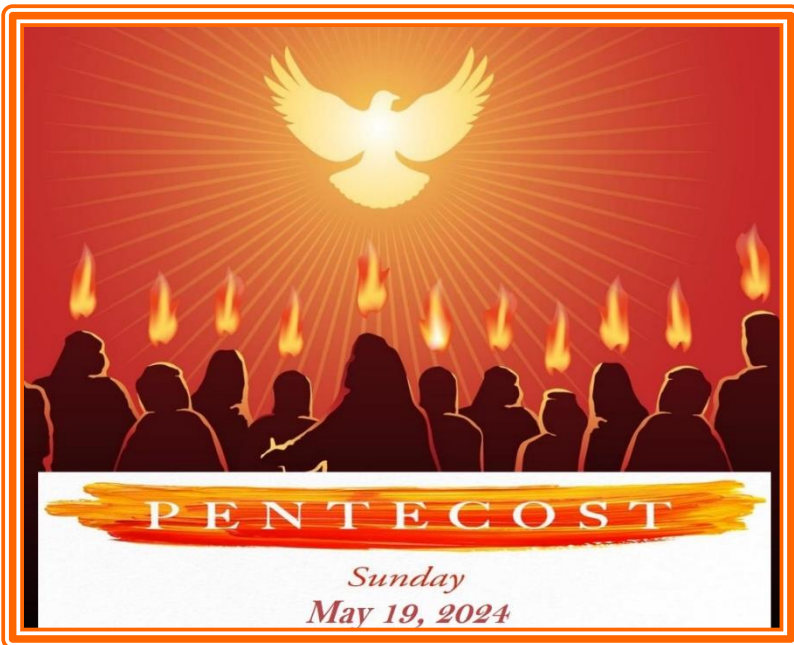
- Little Cookies - need 2 dozen of 3 different kinds
- Little Sandwiches - need 2 dozen (such as cucumber, egg salad, tuna, meat, etc .)
- Plan a mixer game
- Plan a group game
- Serve drinks (2 people)
- Make small flower centerpieces
- People willing to pick up someone if they need a ride
- Set up and Clean up

Please sign up if you can attend so that we know how many to plan for. If you forget to make a reservation, join us anyway - we can always make room for more.



May we all extend our caring and welcoming personalities to our parking skills by keeping the sidewalk open so that no one has to walk in the street to attend worship or any other activity at the church.

**Thank You, Everyone!**







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**love**  
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Our church has been actively participating in Church World Services' (CWS) Blankets and Tools Sunday since 1979. 45 YEARS!!!!

All around the world, CWS responds to disasters with warm blankets, clean-up kits, and safe drinking water.

For those of us who have not experienced a natural disaster, or poverty so extreme there is no

source of heat, or warm covering to protect us from the risk of freezing colds taking lives, it is hard to imagine how it affects those involved. When our home furnace spent 12 hours malfunctioning leaving us in the freezing cold, we were blessed to have piles of warm blankets to keep us safe and warm. I think most of us have plenty of blankets to keep warm. The very thought of having an injured loved one on a cold night with no shelter or warm blanket is more than I can bear to consider.

*"Imagine the possibilities of your compassion when you give generously to your CWS Blanket Sunday Offering."*



 <p><b>FLEECE BLANKET</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• water-repellant</li> <li>• durable</li> <li>• warm</li> <li>• soft</li> <li>• doesn't add bulk</li> <li>• for warmer climates</li> </ul>	 <p><b>WOOL BLANKET</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• water-resistant</li> <li>• flame-retardant</li> <li>• durable</li> <li>• warm</li> <li>• for frigid temps and extreme weather</li> </ul>
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Your offering will be received during worship on **Mother's Day, May 12, 2024**. Envelopes will be available in the weekly bulletin and in the pews.

Thank you for considering a donation to CWS Blankets and Tools.

Peggy Curtacci  
On Behalf of the Mission Committee



**Talking Books and Library Accessibility For Those with Low Vision**

Our own Shawn Lemieux gave an inspiring talk during Coffee Hour on April 7 about the amazing services provided to the blind and visually impaired residents of New York State, including:

- **Audio and Braille Books and Magazines:** Their book collection is similar to that found in a large public library. It consists of popular fiction and nonfiction, as well as general informational and recreational materials for all ages and tastes. Books are available to search using our online catalog.
- **Digital Books and Players:** TBBL loans digital talking books and digital talking book players for use with its recorded books.
- **Reader Advisory Services:** Get help choosing books, locating and obtaining books through interlibrary loan, reference services, technical support for downloading books, and more!

All services are free to qualified people and are delivered through the USPS. For more information, contact Shawn at the **Talking Book and Braille Library** – 518-474-7345.



**DAR**  
Daughters of the American Revolution



Our own **Vicky Allen** will be one of the six honorees at the 2024 DAR Community Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 2 at Harts Hill Inn.

Vicky will receive the Community Service Award. What a great honor and very well deserved.

**Congratulations, Vicky!**

**May 2024**

- May 5 - Peg Curtacci & Heidi Taubert
- May 12 - Artie Finn (*Mothers' Day*)
- May 19 - Janet Lanning (*Pentecost*)
- May 26 - Deb Rowlands

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### May

- 1 Jason Niedzielski
- 3 Stuart Gates  
Cash Jensen  
Reese Finn  
Madden Meade  
Laurie & Joe LeBuis (A)
- 4 Susan Solomon
- 6 Dick Gates
- 7 Matt Curtacci
- 11 Josh Dittl
- 12 Shawn DePalma
- 13 Heidi Carnright  
April Bliss  
Andrea & Jeff Larry (A)
- 14 Carol Moseman
- 15 Elle Beasley-Pease
- 16 Elizabeth & Anne Condrey-Pitlyk (A)
- 18 Pam & Todd Finn (A)  
Ava Larry
- 19 Vicky Gauci Allen  
Michelle Brown
- 20 Rich & Patty Aubry (A)
- 25 Mallory Fitzgerald  
Sheila & Brett Saunders (A)  
Chris Aiken  
Heidi & Ryan Carnright (A)
- 26 Allison Bliss
- 27 Gail Putnam
- 28 Tyler Jones  
Alexandra Wynne

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Worship Schedule

- May 5** Steve Vance - *Communion*
- May 12** Steve Vance - *Mothers' Day, Celebrate Ember Rose*
- May 19** Bonnie Tryon - *Pentecost*
- May 26** Steve Vance

### Events

- Choir Practice** - Every Thursday at 5:30 - everyone welcome
- May 1** Stone Soup Distribution - Help Needed - See Betsy Allen
- May 4** Park Coffee House - 7:30 - *Jamcrackers*
- May 5** Mission Committee meeting - following worship
- May 10** Spring Tea - see announcement above
- May 11** Celebration of Life for Phyllis Dziura - 12 pm



What a Joyful Noise  
to have a full choir loft!



## bits & pieces

### Prayers are asked for:

- Catharine Westlake who is in hospice at Stamford Hospital in CT, where she has been living near her children since 2021. Catharine celebrated her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday in April.
- Bob Griffith who is home and adjusting to life with oxygen and the loss of his friend/partner, Phyllis Dziura. Bob's phone # is 315-865-8392.
- Janet Broadbent continues to be confined to home since she is unable to drive. She has had help setting up a biking exercise program and has received some talking books from the NYS program (thank you Shawn Lemieux). Her phone # is 315-316-7017.
- Nancy Baum who continues to have issues following a fall.
- Sue Simpson who is now out of rehab and living wither her daughter at 1 Pleasant St, Whitesboro, NY 13492.
- Pat Bliss who was discharged and then readmitted with complications of blood clots. His prognosis is good and he hopes to be home soon.
- Jerry Litz as he continues to struggle to adjust to life alone and enjoys visits.
- Barb Fields who is now in the nursing home facility at Sitrin and spends much of her time in bed. Her phone # is 315-765-6320 and address is 2050 Tilden Ave, New Hartford, NY 13413.

### Joys shared for:

- Kathy Harvey and her husband, Gary, who will be traveling to Ohio to celebrate the birthdays of the twin grandchildren.

**Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci**

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