

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, April 20, 2023

TRANSITIONS

Bonnie and Andy Haaland are settling in at their new home. They moved on Tuesday. Their new address is:

3536 County Route 18
Canandaigua, New York 14424

We are grateful for Bonnie's work with the Trustees, the Endowment Committee and as our Financial Secretary. She intends to finish her commitment to the committees. We are glad to announce that Ron Musson has been trained and has taken on the role of Financial Secretary. Additionally, Bonnie trained Carrie Scheibner who will fill in for Ron whenever needed. Thanks, Bonnie, Ron and Carrie!

THIS SUNDAY

Beginning at 9:30 AM, we gather for Faith Formation. There are classes for all ages and we can't wait to see you. Our adults will be led by Carol Costell Corbin. Her *Starting Point* theme is Universal Basic Income and materials have been emailed.

At 10:30 we will worship on this 3rd Sunday of Easter focusing on the Emmaus journey described in Luke 24:13-35. Jack Carr, Joseph Ford, David Rutherford and Jim Ulrich will offer an arrangement of "For the Beauty of the Earth" barbershop quartet-style. Kathleen Dentes is our Deacon of the Day.

Following worship, stay for coffee hour hosted by Don & Jen Van Slyke. New Members Class will in in the Board Room at noon. The Bertram family will provide childcare.

GET ON THE MEAL TRAIN!

As you know, we have welcomed two newborns within our family of faith.

April 6 Indiana Elizabeth Thomsen joined her family Amanda, Kelly & Roosevelt.

April 11 Morgan Martin Dominic Menard-Sieffert joined AC, Claire & Theo.

When the babies were born, each family had a grandparent to help with the first weeks. Now the grandparents have returned home, and it's our turn to help. A MEAL TRAIN is a new way of providing meals for our dear ones. Alex Faulkenbury has set up the links that help you schedule the day you wish to provide for a family. You will see information about allergies and/or food preferences. When you click on the links, you will choose the day and then indicate your means of hospitality:

1. Deliver a meal of your own making. You can work with someone, too.
2. Provide the funds for a gift card to one of the family's favorite take out places. They do the work; you provide the financial means.
3. Sign up for the day and let the family know that if they make the order, you will pick it up, pay for it, and deliver it to their homes.

(Maybe you'll get to see the babies!) Here are the links:

Indiana's family (McCaslin/Thomsen household): <https://mealtrain.com/zoqvz6>

Morgan's family (Menard/Sieffert household): <https://mealtrain.com/wqo2g7>

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Monday Pastoral Relations Committee will meet at 5:30.
- Saturday Hey kids – come join us for some Mini Golf at Shipwreck!
Everyone in grades 4 – 12 is invited to gather at 2 PM.
Please let Alex Faulkenbury know that you are coming!

And coming up...

May 1 – June 4 Pastor Vicki will be on sabbatical.
We are so grateful for those who will offer coverage while she is away.

Worship Leaders:

May 7 & 14 Rev. Barb Wright & Lori Schmidt
May 21 Rev. Laurel Harte-Westover & Carrie Scheibner
May 28 Rev. Ryan Henderson & Lori Schmidt
June 4 Rev. Janice Michaels Marsi & Joanne Cincotta

Emergency Pastoral Care:

May 1 – 18 Rev. Barb Wright
May 19 – June 2 Rev. Dave Johnson

If you need pastoral care May 1 – June 2:

Mon. – Thurs. from 9 – noon you may contact the office at 607.749.2604
All other times, please call Lori Schmidt 607.745.5377

NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISM

Next Sunday, April 30, we will receive new members and we will baptize Reagan Anice McCall. If you wish to join the church, please be in touch with Pastor Vicki.

LAST SUNDAY WRAP-UP

Teams of children, youth and adults went outside to assist with lawn clean-up. It was a great day to work together outside and to put our faith into action.

The focus of worship was on Thomas, whose story is revealed in John 20:19-31. He is often known as “Doubting Thomas” but Pastor Vicki suggested that other adjectives could describe Thomas. A reading of John 11 might summarize that he is Courageous Thomas. His question, put to Jesus in John 14, makes him either “confused Thomas” or even “Thomas-the-literalist”. Pastor Vicki explored some other reasons that Thomas wasn’t in the room on that Easter Sunday evening. Joe Ford gave us another beautiful gift of music when he played Bach’s *Gigue* from the *Cello Suite No. 1*. He played it on his saxophone and it was glorious.

After worship, our Outreach Team hosted a Mission Lunch. We welcomed speakers from Catholic Charities, the Cortland Free Library, and the Salvation Army. As 41 people enjoyed an array of homemade soups, breads and desserts, we learned a great deal about the reality of homelessness in our region. Our speakers provided statistics, outlined current resources available to people who are unhoused and helped us consider ways that we could consider helping. Among those attending were people from Grace & Holy Spirit, United Presbyterian, Preble Congregational and Temple Brith Sholom.