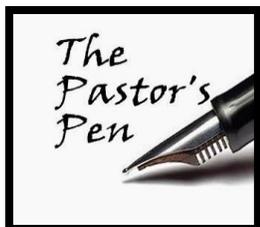


FRONTSTREETER: MAY 2021

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Here's exciting news. Jim Peck is on his way to completion of his Master of Divinity degree, which will qualify him for ordination as a minister of Word and Sacrament. As part of his training he will spend some time at the church in a formal ministry position. This summer he will be serving an internship here, performing all normal pastoral duties. He will preach and plan worship. He will do some visiting, and will lead consistory meetings, which is what everyone wants to do. During this time he needs to have a team that oversees and supports his time as intern. The consistory will be looking for folks to help. Please be open to the opportunity to participate. Also, he will need the support of the congregation in prayer and attendance. It is always better to preach in front of a larger crowd, because it gives you energy and enthusiasm. And by the way, it helps me too. If you have been hanging back from in person worship and maybe getting really cozy with Facebook worship, I invite you to get out to worship with us in person, especially if you are fully vaccinated. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul reminds us to not neglect the gathering together in worship. Everyone is very welcome to participate when they feel comfortable with the health climate in the area. We hope to see you soon. Welcome Jim!



Berean Bean News

Join us on Tuesday May 4th from 8:30 AM - 12 Noon at the Bean when we welcome Northern Rivers Family Services. Representatives from Northern Rivers will be here to answer questions and provide information about foster care and also how to become a foster parent. Come find out what it's all about. Hope to see you Tuesday!

Other News

Tree Removal: Due to the winter winds and subsequent spring rainfall the pine tree behind the church house was severally damaged. With approval from Consistory a local company "Unique Tree Service" was contacted and on Friday April 23rd the pine tree was then removed, bushes and shrubs in that area were also trimmed and the yard cleaned up. We are fortunate that neither the church nor the church house sustained any damages. Thank you to all who helped with the clean up!

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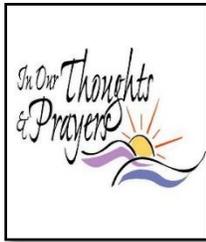


May Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 7 Jozalynn Lanier
14 Erika Groux
16 David Perozzi
Cuyle & Heather Rockwell (1981)
17 Kelly Dingman (Church St. Day Hab)
18 Brian Chlopecki
Mekhi Lanier
21 Bruce Smith
29 *Ron & Amy Dievendorf (1971)*



Let's Pray



Prayers for those in need of Comfort and Healing: Ruby Tufts – hospitalized; Barbara Bowden – health concerns; Clara & Bob Mount – health concerns; Charles & Nancy Jones – health concerns; John & Janet Rocas - health concerns; Emory Luck – painful ribs; Jane Hawkins – health concerns; Karen Konik (KK) – health issues; Jessica Eiss – health issues; Pat Sowizdral – upcoming foot surgery; Cathy Smith – health concerns; Cynthia Clements – health concerns; Melvin Smith – health issues.

Prayers for those Homebound or in Healthcare Facilities: Grace Fenno – Palatine Nursing Home; 154 Lafayette St., Palatine Bridge, NY 13428; Paul Flint – St. Johnsville Nursing Home, 7 Timmerman Ave., St. Johnsville, NY 13452; Barbara Draffen (*Pastor's Mom*) Glendale Home, 59 Hetcheltown Rd., Schenectady, NY 12302; Alice McEwan (*Carol Cechnicki's Mother*) – St. Johnsville Nursing Home, 7 Timmerman Ave., St. Johnsville, NY 13452.

Prayers for our Missionaries: Felipe & Janelle Silva – serving in Romania; Mark, & Deb Wilson – serving in Cambodia.

Prayers for those who are incarcerated: Scott Cole – DIN# 15B2351, Great Meadow Correctional Facility Box 51, Comstock, NY 12821

Prayers for: Dan Cauwenberghs – (*Bobbi Cauwenberghs son*) working in Kosovo.

PASTURE

by Andrew King

There is a place we can find, a good place
like quiet meadows where flowers spread,
like green grasses by gentle streams;
a place where the heart feels nourished,
where the mind is hopeful, unhurried,
where the spirit is glad and at peace.
We'll name this place fulfillment,
we'll name it healing and thankfulness,
we'll name this good place pasture
for there we seek to feed.

And there is a voice we can hear that calls us,
a gentle voice, melodious,
a voice like songbirds and laughter,
like a mother comforting her children,
like a shepherd calling his sheep.
We'll name this voice acceptance,
we'll name it mercy and forgiveness,
we'll name it the voice of God's love,
inviting us gently to feed.

It invites us to enter pasture
when we think we're too hurting to listen,
too angry or grieving or fearful
to hear the voice that calls us to peace.

It invites us to enter pasture
when we're sure we're too busy to listen,
too burdened or worried or pressured
to hear the voice that calls us to peace.

It says: Come in and go out and find pasture.
It says: We are safe with the shepherd of all sheep.
It says: Meadows await us, in this moment.
It says: Rest in love. Where you are. Joyfully feed.