

{ Rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer. }

Romans 12:12

Moving Forward

A Fourth of July Reunion has been a standard in my family since before I was born. Over the years, we weathered storms, mourned loved ones (one actually died at the reunion), celebrated weddings, and welcomed new family members. Yes, we've changed the place we gather and we've moved it to the first Saturday in July. But we've never missed it. Those who could gather- showed up. Everyone else heard stories about it.

That won't happen this year, because of the pandemic. Now, I expected that it would be cancelled because of the age of many of my relatives. Also, several travel long distances, even from other states. And we're huggers. But, I'm still sad that I won't get to see everyone. I'm grieved that we won't be making new memories to share in years to come. Time lost can't be recovered. I just hope that we'll be together next July.

As I write this, most Western Association churches aren't gathering either. Most aren't going to re-open until possibly sometime in mid-to-late July. I know of only one United Church of Christ congregation who wants to re-open their sanctuary in June to in-person worship. That congregation is currently without a settled pastor. Another congregation has voted to stay closed even though their pastor wants to open.

Such disagreements are going to occur, no matter what decision is made. Some will wonder why we're stalling. Others will criticize any move toward re-opening. One thing we have in common is that we're all dealing with a wide range of emotions, including stress and grief.

We aren't the same people we were just three short months ago. This pandemic has changed us all. It has made some stronger. It has weakened others. But this should never become a 'survival of the fittest' scenario. Decisions should be made based on the health and safety of everyone involved.

As we go forward, a lot of things won't be the same for a while- even during Sanctuary worship. We'll be wearing masks. We'll be practicing Social Distancing. We'll be singing in our minds rather than with our mouths. Why? Research has shown that even responsive reading increases the number of respiratory droplets in the air- and the distance they travel. Research has shown that after one hour indoors, we're all breathing the same air.

As you can see, your Church Council needs your prayers as they work through these safety concerns. They'll be removing all Bibles, hymnals, and writing utensils from the pews. (You can bring your own from home, use it during worship, and then take it back home with you.) They'll be disinfecting the church building. They'll be following new policies.

On-line worship will continue- since we were heading in that direction anyway. Once you receive the new policies, carefully ready through them. Prayerfully consider your options. Make informed decisions about your health and that of your loved ones. Stay well.

Pray for our Shut-ins



Carol Shreder
Bev West
Bubs Searle

Larry & Marie Taylor
Hans & Rose Marie Moeller

...and others who are physically unable to join us.
Why not call or visit, to let them know they are missed?

Offering

Weekly amount needed to meet expenses: \$2404

Offering for Sun. 5/24 & 5/31: \$4410

Offering for Sun. 6/7—6/21: \$7715

Suggestions for continuing to give:

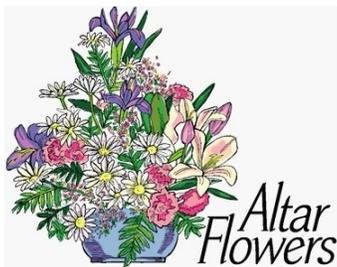
- 1-mail your offering
- 2-drop your offering in the mail slot to the left of the front door at church
- 3--have your bank set up an automatic payment to the church (they will cut a check & mail it to the church-this is a free service)



Attica Food Link Distribution:

Thurs. July 23rd
Thurs. August 27th
10am-12pm
St. Vincent's School Aud.

***Due to the continuing health crisis there will be no building access for these pickups. Items will be loaded directly into your vehicle.**



Thank you to those who have donated flowers from their gardens. If you have flowers and would like to have them put on the altar in honor of someone or in memory, let me know.

Laurie Bellucci, Flower lady
585-313-3837



*****PLEASE fill this out & return it to the church!**
Of the 61 local households that receive the newsletter, only 23 have returned their information. The church council wants to connect with you in the best way possible & without your preferred information, we can't do that.

There are occasions when Sunday Worship service may be cancelled. Please mark what method of contact will be the **best** way to reach you.

Name _____

- o Phone Call, # _____
- o Text, # _____
- o Email _____
- o Facebook (make sure you 'like' St Paul's United Church of Christ)
- o I'll look for it on one of the local networks (WIVB, WGRZ, WKBW)

Chris Kipfer will be compiling all of the responses.

Please clip it, fill it out & send it or drop it off with your offering.

~Thank you, The Church Council



Parish Nurse Summer Notes

This is a trying time for all of us. We are in the midst of pandemic like most of us have never seen. We are not used to having these restrictions and limitations in our daily lives. Our medical experts are doing the best they can with the information they have available. Medicine is an art not a science and our leaders are working hard to find the safest way to travel through this period. It is very difficult for all of us. I beg of you as a medical person, to listen to the experts and follow guidelines they have suggested. We are fortunate in this area to not have the problems our brothers and sisters in larger areas have encountered. The virus does not understand or acknowledge county boundaries and will go wherever it can to continue to infect and sicken our people. Please be patient and diligent, this too shall pass and we will soon be able to return to enjoying less restrictions.

The July and August healthy suggestions are in building resilience and kindness by example. Some people bounce back from life's challenges more easily than others. But all of us can strengthen the mental muscle called resiliency. This is a set of skills to help us cope and recover when something bad happens. This is a personal journey, but there are common skills we all have, including accepting change, being optimistic, taking steps towards goals, having self-compassion and forgiveness and practicing mindfulness. Commit to working on one mental skill to help you build resiliency.

Creating more kindness in the world starts with each one of us. Consider how you could show more kindness to coworkers, family and neighbors. Be sure your family, especially the younger generation, can observe you doing this kindness. This will become a ripple effect, as kindness inspires kindness. Pay it forward and you will see the benefits.

Keep safe this summer, and remember safety issues when celebrating and vacationing. Monitor your environment and be aware of situations. Be careful around pools, ponds and other bodies of water. Stay hydrated, eat regularly and exercise daily. Remember to wash your hands and get regular sleep. Keep your mind and spirit healthy along with your body. Enjoy the summer!

St. Paul's Historians are still looking for people to interview. This is what they would like to know:

- ⇒ When did you become part of the St. Paul's family;
- ⇒ What does St. Paul's means to you;
- ⇒ What activities/ committees have you been part of/ served on;
- ⇒ What worship experience(s) do you look forward to;
- ⇒ ...and there are others...

Give us a call (591-1202) and we will talk about this over the phone—we wait for YOUR call!

Your Church Historians,
Floss & Charles

From your Council President:

The council has proposed a reopening plan for live services with guidance from CDC, DOH and UCC. This is an initial plan and may be subject to change pending new information from UCC.

Council members will be contacting you to inform you of the plan and discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Once we have an accurate number of participants, we will begin to reopen the church for services. Please understand this may still take a few weeks as there is a lot of preparation that must be done prior to reopening. The number of participants allowed will increase as per guidelines from the UCC and CDC over the next couple of months, as long as safety is maintained. Please contact any council member for any questions. Thank you for your patience during this trying time. Stay safe.

Marie Lowe, Council President

St. Paul's UCC Attica New York Reopening Plan**Prior to reopening for live services the following will be done:**

- ▶ Council will contact members to inform them of the plan/policy and obtain a list of people interested in attending. Please stress need to wear masks at all times. Forward list to Marie to arrange for social distancing seating. If more than allowed number of attendees, will entertain 2 services with sanitization between services
- ▶ All hymnals, Bibles and papers will be removed from pews

Day of Service

- ◆ Church will be sanitized prior to opening- including door handles, railings, and pews
- ◆ Pews will be roped off and numbers will be on pews for designated seating
- ◆ Windows will be open, no ceiling fans, no air conditioning to be used
- ◆ Attendance list will be kept
- ◆ Persons entering church must have mask unless under age of 2. Forehead temperature scan will be done by masked, gloved usher. You will be asked questions- do you have a fever, cough, headache, feel unwell or been in contact with any known Covid case- if temperature above 100°F and positive answer to any question, you will not be allowed to enter building
- ◆ Hand sanitizer will be sprayed on your hands
- ◆ You will be given an assigned seat number- will be determined prior to services when list of attendees are obtained. Will have to leave mask on at all times and maintain 6' distance.
- ◆ Offering may be placed in plate at back of sanctuary
- ◆ Communion kits will be handed out at end of service
- ◆ All responses and prayers will be on screens- there will be no bulletins
- ◆ Children must remain with parents- no Sunday school programs at this time will be available

Service Participants

- † minister, lay leader and organist will be up front in choir area
- † minister and lay leader will wear face shield
- † Microphones will be sanitized after each use
- † Balcony will have 1 person to run slides and 1 person to film for online service

Post Service

- ◇ pews, cushions, railings and door handles will be sanitized
- ◇ Signs posted stating sanitizing is completed- no one is allowed in sanctuary after service

Additional Items

- Policy will be posted in building
- Policy will be readdressed and updated pending CDC/DOH/NYS guidelines
- If any parishioner tests positive for Covid 19, they must report to Public Health department and contact Marie Lowe @ 585-368-8811. Church will be closed for 14 days if positive case found of any church attendee

Any concerns or questions please contact Marie Lowe, Lisa Neary or David Williman

July

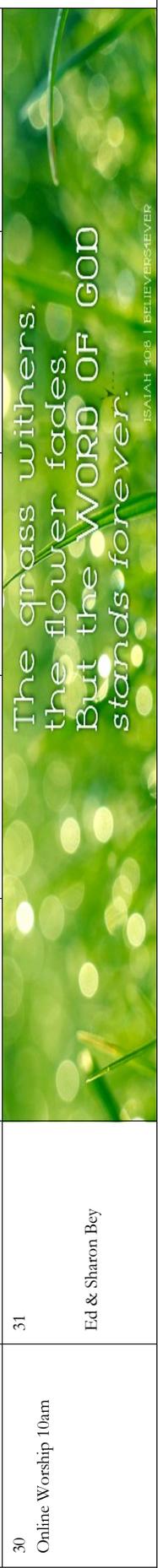
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Corinthians 3:17</p>						
5 Online Worship & Communion 10am	6	7 Chuck & Dorothy Kellogg	8	9 Joanne Ripstein	10	11
12 Online Worship 10am Gina Myers	13 Lynn Berry	14 Chuck Kellogg	15	16	17	18 Meredith Walsh
19 Online Worship 10am Connor Storch	20 Lynn Berry	21	22	23 Food Link 10am-12noon Howard Barracough	24	25
26 Online Worship 10am	27 Bill Colvenbach	28 David Williman Hans & Rose Marie Moeller	29 Dan Neary	30	31 Sawyer West	



August

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2 Online Worship & Communion 10am Bill Gerhardt Ben Kipfer Howard & Diane	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Online Worship 10am Lucas Breedlove	10 Jean Wirth	11 Diane Carter	12	13	14 Phyllis Merle Ryan Bolton Eleanor Eddy	15 Martha & Arlon Mengs
16 Online Worship 10am	17	18	19	20 John & Arlene Brandon	21 James Neary Charles Simonsen	22
23 Online Worship 10am September Newsletter deadline Elaine Amedick	24 John Brandon Kathleen Nolan	25	26	27 Food Link 10am-12noon	28 Russ & Delores Wackenheim	29
30 Online Worship 10am	31 Ed & Sharon Bey					





NO ONE GOES HUNGRY

If you need additional assistance, or assistance before the distribution call the Wyoming County Response Line: 585-786-8911.

Upcoming drive through food distributions will be as follows, 10am—12noon:

The Cornerstone Building, 204 N Main ST, Perry: 7/2, 8/6

Valley Chapel, 3415 State Route 19S, Warsaw: 7/16, 8/20

Attica Food Pantry, Walnut ST, Attica: 7/23, 8/27

United Methodist Church, 212 E Main ST, Arcade: 7/9, 8/13

Dairy, produce and other perishables will be offered until food is gone. Each family will get **three boxes** of prepacked groceries, with the same items & the same amount.

Everyone must practice social distancing by remaining in their vehicles. Staff will register guests and load food items in cars on site.

-NO early arrivals.

-Please follow signs and/ or staff directions as you pull into the parking lots.

-Write you zip code and ages of all household members on a piece of paper to be displayed in the window. Please keep windows rolled up.

-Food will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. We cannot guarantee enough food for all attending.

For more information call the Wyoming County Response Line @ 585-786-8911.

****If you are unable to get yourself to the food distribution, please contact St. Paul's in advance @ 585-591-2705 and we will try to make arrangements to pick up food for you.**

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
11 Washington Street
Attica, NY 14011



Sp The Spirit
of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Village of Attica

July/Aug.
2020

St. Paul's UCC, 11 Washington Street

Just around the corner, first block down from Main Street.

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Sunday School for children K-7th Grade - Nursery always open!

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at St. Paul's."

Reverend Luran Heidenreich

Call the church at (585-591-2705), stpaulunited@verizon.net or pastorucc@verizon.net

Website: atticaucc.org

July Calendar Items:

- 5 Communion
- 23 Food Link 10am-12noon*

August Calendar Items:

- 2 Communion
- 23 Newsletter Deadline
- 27 Food Link 10am-12noon*

September Newsletter Deadline
Aug. 23rd

Please make sure all newsletter
submissions are in by this date. In the
green folder on the office window or e-mailed
to: stpaulunited@verizon.net

*See inside back cover for more details.