

It's About Grace- Period!

Philip Yancey's book *What's So Amazing About Grace?*, has a lot to say about God's grace. Charis, the Greek root of the word grace, is actually a verb. It means 'I rejoice, I am glad!'

In music, grace notes add flourish to the melody. We pray grace to remind ourselves that our daily bread is a gift from God. Credit card and mortgage companies offer customers a grace period.

But with God, it's not about a grace period. It's about grace- period! Each week, we gather in worship. We remember God's faithfulness. We believe the good news that Jesus conquered both sin and death for us.

However, we're an anxious people. We want to control our own lives and rely on our own wisdom. We self-righteously judge ourselves according to certain laws. "I don't take God's name in vain. I try not to covet. I remember the Sabbath Day. I haven't killed anyone. I haven't committed adultery or stolen anything. I try not to lie. God should be happy with me."

Romans 4:13-16 reminds us that God's covenant didn't come through the law. Paul insists that "if it is the adherents of the law who are to be heirs, then faith is null and God's promise is void." God's people are to have faith in God. We're to follow Jesus's example. We're to practice grace.

Jesus was a refuge to sinners when he lived here on earth. But today, those who once flocked to Jesus, no longer feel welcome among his followers. Far too often, we fail to receive and pass on God's grace. We fail to embody God's unconditional love and forgiveness.

Instead, we imagine divine grace to be limited and even scarce. We dilute God's grace. Yancey states that while we ignore most moral prohibitions from the First Covenant, each church fashions its own pecking order. In his childhood church, the vices to be avoided were smoking, drinking, movies (even the Sound of Music), rock music, wearing makeup or jewelry, playing or watching sports on Sunday, girls' skirt length, boys' hair length, and mixed swimming. He got the strong impression that a person became more spiritual by heeding these rules.

Graceless religion says we must follow the letter of the law. Failure to do so will bring eternal rejection. This type of legalism continues to show its face through moral superiority and negating those we label as opponents in our latest cultural war. And so, people come to church seeking God but encounter shame. They seek Jesus but hear of punishment and judgment. They seek grace but find the morals police.

Our Second Covenant tells us that grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. As Christians, we live under Christ in the age of grace. We're to live grace filled lives. We're to share God's grace with everyone. So, this summer as you vacation or travel, show grace. Rejoice! Be glad! Spread God's grace wherever you go!

On-Line Donations

Do you pay your bills on-line?

Consider adding your monthly church donation to that list.

Donations to the church can be set up as recurring transactions.

Checks are mailed from the bank to the church and clearly indicate the donor.

We want to continue to keep our congregation healthy. If you have been exposed to a suspected or confirmed case of Covid, please stay home and worship with St Paul's virtually for 2 weeks. If you are having any cold/flu symptoms please stay home. We want to have the option to stay mask-free as long as possible. As always our policies may change as local and state guidances change.

Pray for our Shut-ins



Carol Shreder

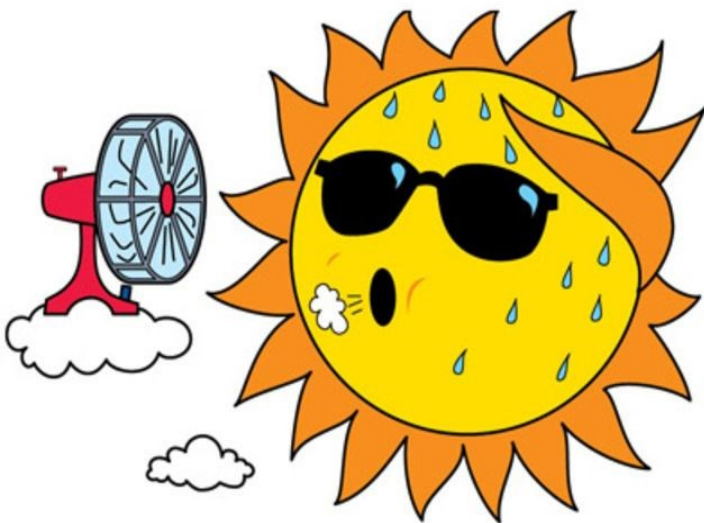
Larry Taylor

Bev West

Chuck Kellogg

...and others who are physically unable to join us.

Why not call or visit, to let them know they are missed?



SAVE THE DATE:
Back by Popular Demand

Sauerkraut Supper
November 8, 2022



Attica Food Link Distribution:



Attica Presbyterian Church
July 6 & August 3
10am-12pm

Inside—1st come 1st served , Bring your own bags
This will be for the
next six month period.
Sponsored by Attica Food Pantry

We are currently worshipping in-house at St. Paul's UCC. Your Church Council is working to provide as safe as possible worship. To connect virtually, the direct link to our YouTube Channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi2hK62nkmeNAMJwMpchvJw>

You'll be able to watch the recorded videos at a later time on YouTube and Facebook.

Bible Studies

Dig Deeper with Friends



Bible Study groups will meet in our respective areas - unless we can't maintain safe social distancing. Masks optional if fully vaccinated. If you have additional questions or concerns, contact the Convener: Lisa Knerr- Mon. evening, Charles- Wed. morning

Bible Studies are on hiatus
for the summer.

We will convene again on
September 6th

Sunday Bible readings:

The first reading is *italicized*; the message text is **bold**.

July 3

2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30 or
Isaiah 66:10-14, Psalm 66:1-9,
Luke 10 Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16

July 10

Luke 10:25-37 *Colossians 1:3-10*

July 17

Amos 8:4-12, Psalm 52 or
Genesis 18:1-10a, Psalm 15
Luke 10:38-42, Colossians 1:15-28

July 24

Colossians 2:6-15, 20-23
Luke 11:1-4, 9-10

July 31

Luke 12:13-21
Colossians 3:1-4, 12, 14

August 7

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 or Genesis 15:1-6, Psalm 33:12-22, Luke 12:32-40, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

August 14

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 or Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82 Luke 12:49-56, Hebrews 11:29-12:2

August 21

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6 or Isaiah 58:9b-14, Psalm 103:1-8, Luke 13:10-17, Hebrews 12:18-29

August 28

Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 81:10-16 or Sirach 10:12-18, Psalm 112, Luke 14:1, 7-14, Hebrews 13:1-6, 15-16

Confirmation Class

St. Paul's will start a new Confirmation Class this Fall.
Anyone in 7th Grade or older is welcome to join.
Confirmation is an opportunity to learn more about our Christian faith.
Please contact Pastor Laurie (591-2705) if you wish to be in this class.



Christian Education Committee Meeting - June 12, 2022

Susan opened the meeting and led us in prayer.

Pre School - Nikki Fraterrigo resigned and we hired Cheryl Schlau. Linda Witkop will be a new aide for the class. Cheryl will have 16 four year olds, Kerri has 20 three year olds. Discussed salaries and gave an increase. We will not have a director, which saves money. The teachers will take over some of the duties as well as the Committee. The carpets were cleaned in both rooms.

Dunkirk Camp - There are 6 campers. Council approved money for camp scholarships.

Sunday School - Jen will make a summer teaching schedule. We will have 1 class. Watch for a fall teaching sign up in August. There will be a Confirmation Class starting in September with 2 students.

Heifer Project - We have \$505. We will make a decision with the children and use it in September.

Next meeting is August 14th

We adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hopfinger



Pastoral Relations Meeting

5/15/2022

The Pastoral Relations committee met Sunday, May 15, 2022 following church services.

Present: Tracy O'Neill, Bev Myers, Patricia Baker, Marie Lowe, Council President, and Pastor Laurie Heidenreich.

The meeting was opened with prayer from Pastor Heidenreich.

Pastor Heidenreich provided information regarding her vacation and that appropriate coverage has been found utilizing available resources. Discussion is ongoing regarding Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services as Christmas Day occurs on a Sunday this year.

The committee then closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 28, 2022 following services.

Church members and guests are welcome to reach out to any Pastoral Relations Committee member with any concerns.



July and August Notes

Summer- a time for outside activities, parties, swimming, hiking and bonfires to name a few. Keep your summer safe; remember to stay hydrated, wear sunscreen and be aware of swimming areas.

July is Fireworks Safety month-enjoy the fun fireworks. If you use them at home, be aware of the dangers. Never shoot off near a house or structure, do not use drugs or alcohol while setting off fireworks, don't hold lighted objects, recommend protective eyewear, and never use indoors.

UV Safety month- ultraviolet light can lead to skin cancer and eye damage if overexposed. Some safety tips- use sunscreen- recommended SPF 15 or higher, apply frequently, avoid indoor tanning. Wear a wide- brimmed hat. Wear wraparound sunglasses that block rays. Wear protective clothing . Avoid the most intense sun time from 10am- 4 pm if you are sensitive or fair skinned.

Sunburn can be very painful and dangerous. Stay hydrated, use cool compresses to the area, use aloe containing moisturizer, and Benadryl if itching is severe.

August is Childrens Eye Health month-schedule annual checkup for your children. 1 of 20 children age 3-5 has vision problems that if untreated can lead to permanent vision loss. 80% of preschool kids do not get screening. Be aware of these signs of possible vision problems- squinting to see tv, frequently rubbing eyes when concentrating, holding book close to eyes or sitting close to tv, closing one eye when reading or watching tv, light sensitivity or wandering eyes. 80% of what children learn in school is taught visually. Make sure your children get routine yearly eye exams.

Immunization month- be aware of needed immunizations and get them scheduled to have children and yourself protected from multiple diseases.

Enjoy the beautiful weather! Stay hydrated, stay safe. You are important to all!

Family & Faith Night with the Batavia Muckdogs

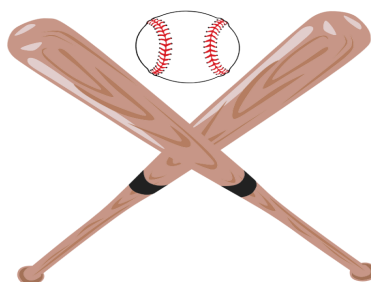
July 8th 7:05 pm.

Tickets—\$6.00

Pay church secretary—Cash or Check made out to St. Paul's

Reservations Deadline:

June 30th by 11 am



CHURCH COUNCIL

May 15, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President, Marie Lowe.

Present: Marie Lowe, Pastor Laurie, Marilyn Wilson, Deb Best, Laurie Bellucci, Lorraine Wolf, Lisa Neary, David Williman, Chris Kipfer, Chris Eddy, Tom Baker, Jeff Peters, Mary West
Motion to accept the agenda was made by Jeff Peters, seconded by Deb Best, passed.

Motion to accept the April, 2022 minutes was made by Jeff Peters, seconded by Deb Best, passed.

Reports:

Deacons – It was decided to dispose of the remaining prepackaged elements and return to our traditional elements for communion.

Gifts were purchased for graduate Sunday. Marie will order cake. 50 year members were discussed. We have a 75 member too.

Trustees – Thank you to everyone who helped this weekend. Carpets are scheduled to be cleaned on Tuesday, June 7th. Hardings will replace the carpet on the front stoop. Bids will be gotten for the parking lot and we may need a gutter down the side of the building.

Treasurer's report – was reviewed.

Christian Ed – Although the committee has not met since the last council meeting, there is an update. A letter of resignation was received from the Preschool Director. She will finish out the school year. They have someone who may be interested. They will be considering a two-year contract to ensure continuity and commitment. Christian Ed's next meeting is June 12th. Council asked if Christian Ed could come up with some entertainment for the children for the summer picnic on June 5.

Pastor's Report – Five youth will be going on the mission trip. This is a good amount coming from one church. Pastor Laurie will be taking vacation from noon on Wednesday, May 18th to noon on Wednesday, May 25th. She will still do bible study on the 18th. Deborah Helser approached our church, she is interested in doing a Pampered Chef fundraiser for the LaVarnway family and was hoping St. Paul's would be interested in sponsoring it. A non-profit organization is required to be involved in order for Pampered Chef to approve the donation. A motion was made by Laurie Bellucci, seconded by David Williman, that we sponsor an online Pampered Chef fundraiser for the LaVarnway family, passed. Motion to accept all reports was made by Jeff Peters, seconded by David Williman, passed.

Business:

Media Ministry – Danny Neary has met with Eric Lovell and he will do the screens for the two Sundays Eric will be away, but just the screens. Council asked if Danny would be interested in recording the service and uploading it onto the internet after. Lisa Neary will ask Danny.

Ukraine Relief – There is a link on the church's website to contribute.

Sauerkraut Committee – (David, Jeff, Tom, Laurie, Mary, Marilyn and Lisa) The book is here and David talked to Sharon. The first step will be trying to determine a count so that we can figure out prices on food and then determine what to charge. Chicken BBQ prices are going up to \$15.

Church picnic – the sign up board is at the door going into the Narthex. Hot dogs, burgers, rolls and drinks will be provided by Council. Christian Ed has been asked to provide entertainment for the children. If we are doing this outside, the trustees will need to set up tables. We will ask attendees to bring their own chairs and table service.

June 5th Service – We will have a regular service but in place of

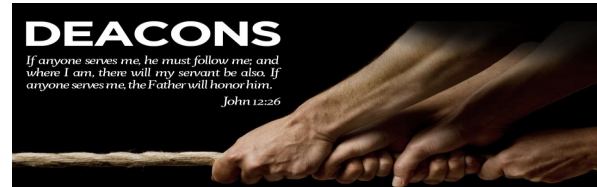
the sermon, Marie will give a status update of the church. We can continue to record this part of the service as long as there is no voting. Marie will also bring up the medical and evacuation plans. Next meeting is to be determined. Our normally scheduled Sunday meeting is Father's day. We discussed changing the meetings back to Tuesday evenings. It was decided that Marie will accept suggested dates for the next meeting and we will do it via zoom. David Williman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Baker, passed.

Pastor Laurie led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Neary

Council Secretary



May 15, 2022

Members Present: Laurie Bellucci, Marilyn Wilson, Lisa Neary, Mary West and Lorraine Wolf.

Absent: Marie Lowe and Pastor Laurie

Meeting called to order at 10:44 a.m.

Marilyn Wilson led us in prayer.

Agenda reviewed, motion made to accept by Lorraine Wolf, seconded by Lisa Neary. Motion carried.

April minutes reviewed, motion made to accept by Marilyn Wilson and seconded by Lisa Neary. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Key chains purchased for graduates and will be paid for out of special events.

Laurie has been showing acolytes how to light and put out candles.

NEW BUSINESS

Lay readers, ushers and greeters reviewed. Lorraine Wolf responsible for June.

Communion: Motion made by Lisa Neary to dispose of prepackaged elements except for wafers. Wafers will be used by Pastor Laurie for communion for shut ins. Motion seconded by Mary West. Motion carried.

Membership for 50 years mentioned and will be on Agenda for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. with Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Wolf, Deacon's Secretary

Congratulations!



Elizabeth Peters

Graduating the top ten of her class from Attica High School with an Advanced Honors Regents Degree. She will be attending St. John Fisher College in the fall. She has been accepted into their Honors Program and also as an Early Assurance student (meaning she's guaranteed a spot) in the Wegmans School of Pharmacy starting in her junior year. She plans to study BioChemistry and Pharmacy.

Livy received the following Scholarships/Awards:

ACS Employee Scholarship, Ann Tretter '46 & Norm Kieffer Award, Francis Kehl/Folsom Trailblazers Memorial Award, Attica Lyons Club Scholarship, George C. Wilson Award, Future Scientist STEM Award and the John West Scholarship

Madison Eddy is graduating from Attica High and the Boces Culinary program.

She is headed to Monroe Community College in the fall to major in History and English- she would love to become a museum curator one day

Madison has received the Culinary Arts Club Award and the John West Scholarship





Dylan Kipfer
GCC/ Applied Associates in Science:
Business & Commerce on May 21, 2022
Internship in the fall, place TBD



Kathleen Marie Nolan
Graduated from Genesee Community
College on May 21, 2022, earning an
Associate in Science degree in Human
Services. She was also awarded the
Dean's Honors for earning a cumula
tive GPA between 3.50 and 3.75.



Daniel Patrick Howard Neary graduated
on June 18, 2022 from Bryant and Strat-
ton College, South Towns Campus, with
an Associates Degree in Networking
Technology.
He is currently working as a Computer
Support Specialist at TransAmerican
Customs and Logistics in West Seneca.





The Attica High School Senior girls with the Sectional Block after winning the Class B2 sectional title for the second year in a row

Celebrating Our Youth



Josh Kipfer from Breakfast of Champions on 6/11. Josh had to be on merit or honor roll the first 3 quarters to be recognized.



Congratulations Lauren
On your "A Walk in the Woods"
Exhibition at the Wyoming County
Arts Council.



Sawyer West receiving his Discovery Degree and Greenhand Degree. He also received his FFA jacket.



Have you gotten rid of your landline phone? If so St. Paul's needs your cell phone or new telephone number. If the need arises and we have to get in contact with you we have no way of knowing your current number. Please email the church at stpaulunited@verizon.net.

We also need any new addresses and or emails here at the church. You can also email the church and let us know your new address. This is how we keep our membership lists up to date. We thank you in advance for helping us with this.

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**FREE FOOD GIVEAWAY AND FREE BBQ!
PLUS CONVERSATIONS WITH
UCC GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT
REV. DR. JOHN DORHAUER**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- TRANSPORT FOOD AND SUPPLIES
- SET UP/CLEAN UP
- COOK & SERVE
- HAND OUT FOOD
- COLLECT FOOD AT YOUR CHURCH

**SIGN UP ONLINE: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3NT78LS](https://bit.ly/3NT78LS)
(OR SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP)**



FREE FOOD GIVEAWAY AND BBQ:

DATE: JULY 1
TIME: 3PM
LOCATION: GRACE UCC,
875 E. DELAVAN AVE. BUFFALO

**CONVERSATION WITH
REV. DR. JOHN DORHAUER**

JOIN REV. DORHAUER FOR
BRUNCH AND CONVERSATION!

DATE: JULY 1
TIME: 11AM
LOCATION: KENILWORTH UCC
45 DALTON DR. TONAWANDA

**REGISTER ONLINE:
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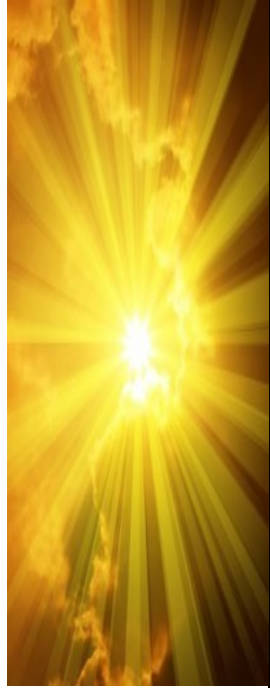




JULY 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Joanne Ripstein
3 Worship with Communion 10 am	4 Joe & Elaine Amedick	5	6 Food Link 10- 12pm Presbyterian Church	7 Chuck & Dorothy Kellogg	8	9
10 Worship 10 am	11 Eddie Almeter Youth Mission Trip	12	13 Dave McPherson	14 Chuck Kellogg	15	16
17 Worship 10 am Tom Baker	18 Meredith Walsh	19 Connor Storch	20 Lynn Berry	21	22	23
24 Worship 10 am	25	26	27 Bill Colvenbach	28 David Williman	29 Daniel Neary	30
31 Worship 10 am Sawyer West						



AUGUST 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Ben Kipfer	3 Food Link 10-12pm Presbyterian Church	4	5 Christine Prusak	6
7 Worship with Communion 10 am Nicole Breedlove	8	9 Lucas Breedlove	10 Jean Wirth Josey Paganello	11 Diane Carter	12	13
14 Worship 10 am Phyllis Merle Ryan Bolton Eleanor Eddy	15 Martha & Arlon Mengs	16	17	18	19	20 John & Arlene Brandon
21 Worship 10 am Newsletter Dead-line Jimmy Neary	22	23 Elaine Amedick	24 John Brandon Kathleen Nolan	25	26	27
28 Worship 10 am Pastoral Relations Meeting Russ & Delores Wackenheim	29	30	31 Ed & Sharon Bey			

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



July/August 2022

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

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 Lauran Heidenreich

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

Website: atticaucc.org

September Newsletter Deadline
August 21st

**Please make sure all newsletter
submissions are in by this date.** In the pink folder
on the office window or e-mailed to:
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