



### Eastertide

Eastertide is the church season that occurs after Lent. It begins on Easter Day. For the next seven weeks, we celebrate the Sundays of Easter. Not the Sundays after Easter, but the Sundays of Easter.

Eastertide is often overlooked in the church calendar. Because we humans tend to have a one and done attitude. We've been there. We've done that. We want to move on to the next big, exciting thing. So, we celebrate Easter- and move on in anticipation of Pentecost.

However, those who planned the church calendar realized that after forty days of giving up things- or taking on extra disciplines- we need to rejoice. We need to celebrate. After forty solemn days, we need fifty days of resurrection joy.

During Eastertide, we enjoy Jesus' continuing ministry to us. He appeared to many people during this time. He shared with them the Good News that he'd been resurrected. Death could not keep him down. Violence would not define his life. Sin wouldn't have the last word.

Instead, new life in the Eternal Christ is to be the norm. Jesus helps people celebrate this new life for forty days. Then, on Ascension Day, he ascends back into heaven to prepare for the Holy Spirit coming into our lives.

Jesus does not leave us orphaned for long. We have an interlude of only ten days and then its Pentecost. God's Holy Spirit mightily arrives! It sweeps through all of the people. Jesus' disciples speak in tongues so that everyone listening can understand what's happening. Jesus passes on his earthly ministry to the newly birthed church!

But in the meantime, Eastertide is all about continuing the resurrection celebration. We're not to 'return to normal' too soon. We're to realize what we missed during the restrictive Lenten season. We're to remember it so that we appreciate our newfound blessings. We're to act in new ways because of what we learned during that time. We're to advance on our spiritual journeys with increased faith, hope, and love.

The first half of the church year is a very busy time. We begin with four weeks Advent and move on to Christmas. On the eighth day, Jesus is circumcised- and before we know it, he's being baptized as an adult. He starts his earthly ministry- and sooner or later, depending on the year, Jesus begins to head towards Jerusalem. We enter the forty days of Lent. Lent ends with Holy Week. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and spend the next fifty days celebrating during the season of Eastertide.

Eastertide ends with the church celebrating its birth on Pentecost Sunday. We Christians enter our longest season, the Sundays after Pentecost, where we act as the Body of Christ in the world today. We apply what we learned during the first half of the year and continue our mission and ministry in Jesus' name. Godspeed!

### Annual Meeting of the New York Conference- June 10-12, 2022

Gather at the Silver Bay Retreat Center on Lake George for "Family Reunion: Release, Rest, Rejoice!"

Scripture Theme: "For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." -Isaiah 55:12

St. Paul's UCC may send two delegates. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Laurie. (Pastor won't be attending this year due to a scheduled wedding.)

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?



Remember



May 8th

Thank you from Sister's in Faith  
For everyone that traced their hands.

Watch for something to come in the future.



### Attica Food Link Distribution:



Attica Presbyterian Church  
May 4  
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. (This is subject to change if COVID cases increase.) Your Church Council is working to provide as safe as possible worship. Be here by 9:50am to hear lots of great music played by one of our organists. To connect virtually, the direct link to our YouTube Channel is:

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

We plan to be live on YouTube and Facebook around 10am on Sundays. You'll also 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

Mondays @7pm in the lounge

Wednesdays @ 10am in the multi-purpose room.

Prepare your Spirit by spending an hour studying the "Message" Reading for Sunday. There is no better way to be ready for Worship than to study The Word of God!

### Sunday Bible readings:

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

May 1

**John 12:1-8**

*Philippians 3.4b-16*

May 29

**John 17.20-26**

*Revelation 22.12-13,16-17,21*

May 8

**Luke 19:28-42**

*Psalms 118.1,22-29*

May 15

**Luke 24:1-11**

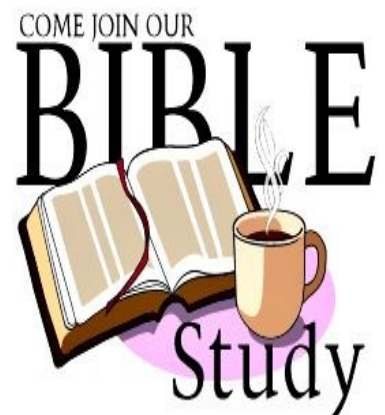
*1 Corinthians 15:20-26*

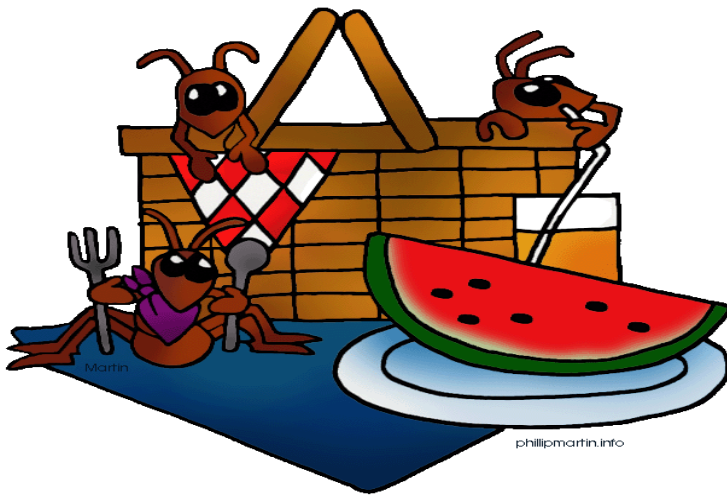
May 22

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67

John 5:1-9 or John 14:23-29

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5





SAVE THE DATE  
June 5th

St. Paul's Church Picnic

Following Worship

Hotdogs, Hamburgs, rolls  
will be supplied

Bring a dish to share

Do you feel called to serve as a

## Lay Leader, Greeter or Usher?

Please sign up on the bulletin board  
outside the sanctuary.



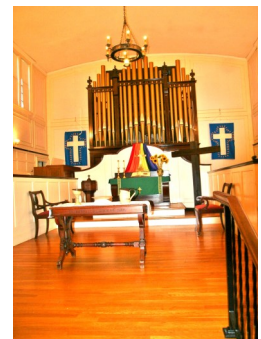
## Youth Mission Trip- Boston

Save the dates July 11-17!

We leave early Monday morning and return on Sunday evening  
after worshipping with the church at which we've been staying.

Youth from 8 Western NY UCC churches should be attending!

Please use the email from Pastor Laurie to register and get her your deposit.



## Blanket Sunday- May 8



In 2021, CWS distributed 127,082 CWS Blankets and Kits in the United States. Additionally, 64,100 Blankets and Kits were dispersed throughout the world to families impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and other crises including homelessness and poverty. Look for your donation envelope in this newsletter. Bring it with you to church on Mother's Day.





## May Notes

May- springtime and new growth after long winter. Also a month dealing with some health topics

Arthritis Awareness- arthritis is a disease that affects more than 50 million Americans, making it the #1 cause of disability in this country. 1/3 of working age people with arthritis have limitations with ability to work, type of work able to do or hours able to work. Arthritis costs \$156 billion dollars annually in lost wages and medical expenses. Contact your health care provider if you have joint pain or stiffness and/ or decreased mobility. Resources are available to help.

Asthma Awareness is also in May. Asthma is a respiratory disease that usually presents with difficulty breathing and wheezing. Allergens many times with trigger symptoms. Approximately 25 million Americans have asthma, which is a chronic disease. There are many treatments available- it is extremely important to be checked for asthma and continue treatment as ordered.

Skin cancer is very common and can be easily treated. Wear sunscreen when outside, wears hat to protect your eyes and face. If you notice skin changes, please see a dermatologist for evaluation.

Physical fitness month in May- start slowly to increase activity. Any activity is beneficial to overall health- check with your medical provider before you start any exercise program.

May 6-12- Nurses week- take some time this week to thank the medical people who care for us, especially over the past 2 years which have been very trying for everyone

Stay healthy and safe. You are an important part of St. Paul's and the greater community



SAVE THE DATE:  
Back by Popular Demand

Sauerkraut Supper  
November 8, 2022



Have you taken a look at "Kate" outside on the front Lawn?

She has buds and will be blooming this Spring.

Something to be Happy about...

Christian Education Committee  
Meeting Minutes, April 10, 2022

Spotlight on our Youth



Susan called the meeting to order. All members were present.

We filled Easter eggs for the egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Older teens will supervise. We will meet on Saturday morning to hide the eggs in the classrooms and nursery.

Dunkirk – we set up a fundraiser. Treat bags are in the Narthex. If you would like to make a donation, take a bag and place your donation envelope in the offering plate. Discussed having a Bowl-a-thon as a future fundraiser. Campers are getting registered. See Tom Baker if you have any questions.

Pre School – committee unanimously agreed to have an afternoon class with a teacher's aide for next school year, pending enough enrollment to support. At this time, there are 31 children registered for the three and four year old classes. As a reminder, all personnel and salary questions need to go before this committee.

Next meeting is set for June 12<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss summer Sunday School. All are welcome to teach!

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hopfinger

Anna Hopfinger –Attica Sophomore

1<sup>st</sup> time GR All-Star

Her season highlight included winning the GR Cheerleading Championships for a fifth straight time and also placing in the top three at sectionals. Career highlights include making the GR All-Stars as a Sophomore after being on varsity since 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



GRADUATES

Graduation Sunday is June 26th.

If you have someone in your family graduating from high school or college please email the following information (along with a picture if possible) no later than June 19th.

The information will be in the July/August newsletter.

Name of graduate:

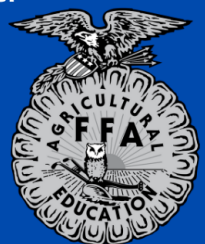
School attended/degree received:

Honors/Awards/Scholarships received:

Name of college they will be attending  
And major/future plans:



Congratulations to students Sawyer West and Parker McGarvey on winning FFA jackets from the NYS FFA! Both students had to submit applications and give short speeches explaining what the FFA jacket means to them. They will receive their jackets at the State Convention in May.





## *EASTER FLOWERS*

### ***In Honor of:***

Pastor Laurie  
Family  
Ken & Natalie Eddy  
Lena, Emma & Anna Hopfinger  
Florence Williman, Jen Eddy & Marie Lowe  
St. Paul's church congregation  
Norma Gerhardt, Grandchildren, children  
Dad (Larry Taylor) & Mom (Bev West)  
Family

### ***From:***

Laurie Bellucci  
Edward & Sharon Bey  
Jen & Chris Eddy  
Ruth Hopfinger  
Marie Lowe  
Lisa Neary  
Paul & Tracy O'Neil  
Mike & Mary West  
Marilyn Wilson

### ***In Memory of:***

Kathy Koers  
Kathy Koers  
Mom & Dad, Grandma Youngs, Aunt Dawn  
Mr. & Mrs. Baetzold, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bey  
Wm. Gerhardt, John & Peg O'Neil  
Marie Taylor, Mom (Dorcas Taylor)  
Marie Taylor, John West  
Family  
Family members

### ***From:***


Mom & Dad  
Gary & Karen Beideck  
Laurie Bellucci  
Edward & Sharon Bey  
Paul & Tracy O'Neil  
Larry Taylor  
Mike & Mary Taylor  
Marilyn Wilson  
Lorraine Wolf

Flowers also given to enhance sanctuary:  
The Bakers  
Dave & Jude Williman



# MAY 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Bible Study 10 am Communion & Coffee Hour 1pm WNYACIC	2 Bible Study 7pm	3 Waylon Paganello	4 Bible Study 10 am Food Link 10-12pm Lani Brandon	5 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15pm Bev Myers	6	7
8 Bible Study 10 am Happy Mother's Day 	9 Bible Study 7pm	10 Finley Paganello	11 Bible Study 10 am	12 Sisters In Faith 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15pm Patricia & Tom Baker	13	14
15 Bible Study 10 am Deacon/Trustee 11 am	16 Bible Study 7pm	17	18 Bible Study 10 am	19 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15pm	20	21
22 Bible Study 10 am Newsletter Deadline Floss & Charles	23 Bible Study 7pm Charlotte Perry	24 Flo & Pat Nolan	25 Bible Study 10 am Becki Peters	26 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15pm Chris & Justin Kipfer	27	28
29	30 Bible Study 7pm	31				

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



May 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

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Website: [atticaucc.org](http://atticaucc.org)

**June Newsletter Deadline**  
**May 22nd**

**Please make sure all newsletter submissions are in by this date.** In the pink folder on the office window or e-mailed to:  
**[stpaulunited@verizon.net](mailto:stpaulunited@verizon.net)**