



# One Voice

Monthly Newsletter of the United Church of Phelps

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As I sit in the church office and look at the Rose of Sharon bush outside my window, I am reminded that things are changing. Fall is here. The temperatures are cooler. The leaves are changing. The cycle of seasons continues. The cycle of church seasons continues on as well. During this transitional season, things are changing and sometimes we don't understand why. Let me explain why the order of worship has been rearranged.

During the summer, many people came into my office to chat and share with me what they hoped might happen during this transitional season. I listened to each person carefully and made notes about hopes and dreams. Consistently, several topics about worship came up: the desire to do contemporary songs prior to worship beginning, announcements in the middle of the service was disruptive, and passing the peace in the middle of the service was also disruptive. I brought these issues to the Music and Worship Team. At their meeting in August, we worked on an order of worship that would address these concerns as well as think about what the order of worship says about our belief in God. The results:

- ◆ **CONTEMPORARY SONGS** – In addressing this issue, two things arose: the desire to have songs that people know from Christian radio stations and a contemporary worship service. To that end, contemporary songs will greet people as they enter the sanctuary and those who wish to sing along can. Plus a contemporary worship service with a different style of worship was established on Thursday evenings. Knowing that some people do not like the contemporary songs, the official worship service begins at 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Many churches place the announcements at the beginning of the worship service so the flow of worship is not interrupted by them. Yes, they are part of the service because everything we do at the United Church of Phelps reflects our worship and praise of God but they do not need to be in the middle of the service. Many have expressed appreciation for the change.
- ◆ **PASSING THE PEACE** – The Team decided that people tend to greet each other as they are leaving and that the appropriate place for passing the peace would be as people left the sanctuary to reenter the “world.”

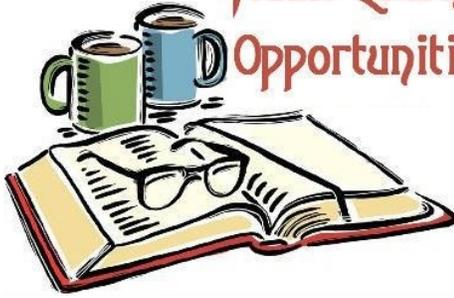
Why do we only have one passage of Scripture now? As an educator and as someone who keeps on top of societal issues, I know that biblical illiteracy is rampant now and when I preach, I cannot assume that people know the stories of the Bible. Therefore, I have chosen, after many years of wrestling with this issue, to focus on one Scripture passage in worship, preaching “deep” from that passage so that people leave worship able to think about what the passage says during the week. I also have transitioned from a lectionary preacher to preaching from either a topic or a book at a time for the same reason.

What does the current order of worship express about our belief in God? First we gather together to focus on God, calling ourselves to worship and confessing our sins. We need to remember that God is our audience, that we are worshiping God. That is what the beginning of worship intends to help us with. The Children's Chat, Scripture reading, and message are meant to be a time to go spiritually deep on a topic. The Breakout group as well as those of us in worship are all focused on the same Bible passage, working to understand what is said at our own ability. After we have heard the Word proclaimed, we need to respond to God. That happens through prayer and offering ourselves – time, talents, and tithes/offerings. The blessing and passing the peace to one another is a time to receive a good word from God and encouragement from one another as we prepare to reenter the “world.”

I hope this helps you understand why the order of worship has been rearranged. As always, if you have a concern, please come directly to me to chat about it. I will listen!!!!

May God bless all of you!

*Ellen*



## Adult Learning Opportunities

This year's adult education class on Sunday morning at 9:30 will consist of a number of short DVD classes, including:

***Draw the Circle* by Mark Batterson** is about prayer: how to pray so you see God moving in fresh ways; moving to new places in your walk with God; and being challenged to pray daily. (5 sessions) This is the current program on Sunday Morning at 9:30.

***Holy Roar* by Chris Tomlin and Darren Whitehead** is about worship. Darren shares insights on how to deepen your praise of God, while Chris shares how those insights take shape in his worship songs. (4 sessions)

### ***A Prayer for UCP:***

**G**od, we could never  
out give you, but we  
want to give like you  
— generously.

Thank you for all the good and perfect gifts you provide for us, and for the opportunities to advance the gospel.

We pray that our church would be generous with their time, finances, talents and abilities. We pray that we would be generous with kindness, patience, and encouragement.

We desire to be a church who serves others well. We desire to serve because it's a privilege to be part of your Kingdom work and because we care about others. We pray that a spirit of generosity would prevail both inside the church, and outside into the community Amen



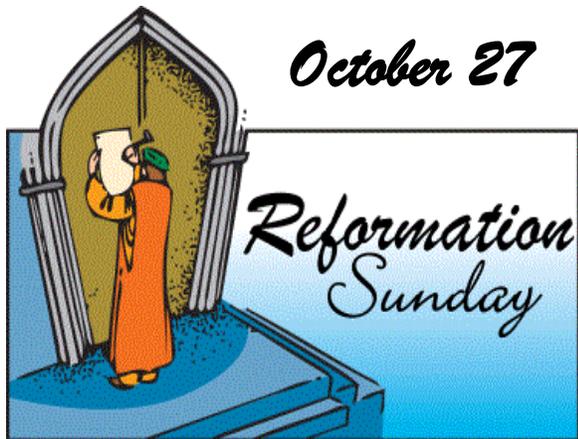
### ***MEET AND GREET***

You are invited to attend a Meet and Greet time this fall. Over a beverage and light refreshments, you will be able to chat with Ellen, getting to know her better, and share your thoughts and concerns about the church. There will be a limit of 8 people per event, so sign up quickly by calling the church office or signing up on the sheet that will be sent through the congregation on Rally Day. The events are scheduled for the following times and dates (more can be planned if we need to):

<b>October 7, Monday</b>	<b>10-11 a.m</b>
<b>October 8, Tuesday</b>	<b>1-2 pm</b>
<b>October 22, Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30-7:30 pm</b>
<b>October 23, Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30-7:30 pm</b>
<b>October 31, Thursday</b>	<b>1-2 pm</b>

Some people say, "Give till it hurts." But God recommends that we give until it feels good. God loves a cheerful giver!

***Brian Kluth, pastor, generosity speaker and author***



Reformation Sunday in the United States is celebrated as a day to honor the root beliefs of Protestant Christianity: that faith in Christ is all that's needed for salvation, and the Bible, not any human leader, is the true authority in matters of faith. As Luther said when questioned about his views, "Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason -- I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other -- my conscience is captive to the word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen."

### ***Worship Hours:***

#### **SUNDAYS:**

***Praise Music at 10:50 AM***

***Worship begins at 11:00 AM***

#### **THURSDAYS:**

***Coffee 6:45***

***Contemporary Worship 7:00***

### ***BOOK CLUBS BEGIN...***

# **BOOK CLUB**

Ellen is offering two book clubs, at different times and different books, this year.

For those who are able to meet in the **daytime,**

a group will meet on Tuesday, 1:00-2:30 pm, starting October 1 to discuss the book *Sensible Shoes* by Sharon Garlough Brown. This book is about four different women who meet at a spiritual formation journey at a retreat center. Each deals with different issues and each has a different experience with God.

An **evening book club** will meet in the evenings throughout the year to discuss an older book, but a popular book, *The Shack* by William Paul Young. This group will meet the first and third Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, starting October 1. Prior to the first meeting, please write down what you believe about God: Father, Son, and Spirit.

**SEE YOU OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you.**

# Gospel



Sermon  
Series  
Schedule:

**PRESSURE POINTS: The Book of James**  
October 6      *Retaliation or Rescue?, James 5*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**October 13** "Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name"

**October 20** "Thy Kingdom come"

**October 27** "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

**November 3** "Give us this day our daily bread"

**November 10** "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us"

**November 17** "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

**November 24** "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."



**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a planned Fire Drill during the Christian Education Hour.

**EVERYONE** in the building must evacuate! We encourage parents to take note of the weather that morning and dress their child appropriately.

The Phelps Fire Department will conduct the drill.



# Y

*OUTH GROUP for grades 6-12 will meet on October 13 5:30-7:00 pm, at United Church of Phelps to play NAME 5 games and Assemble kits and on October 27 at Junius 5:30-7pm. Plan to have fun!!!! Invite friends!*

*Youth group will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, alternating meeting location between Phelps and Junius. NEEDED: Volunteers to prepare a very light meal for the youth. For more information, please contact Ellen.*

**"The proof that you are a Christian is that you can see Christ everywhere else."**

*~The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr*



Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 3pm-7pm  
 Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-2pm

**The Annual Holiday Bazaar:** *The United Church of Phelps Annual Holiday Bazaar dates are changing!! This fun-packed event is now scheduled for the 3<sup>d</sup> weekend of November. The new days and times are November 15<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 7, and Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 2. We have many events planned, but most of all, we hope for this to be an opportunity for fun and fellowship. It's a great way to begin to feel the awesome power of the birth of Jesus, and a time to take a moment to join together in community to share and care. Not sure what to do, please see Jane Pedersen, Kathe Latch, and Linda Kataskas and we would welcome any of your talents and time that you can offer.*

\* **There will be Homemade Soups/Chili to go along with a Pumpkin or Corn Muffin Friday evening, and Soup/Chili and Sandwich offered Saturday 11:30-1.**

\* **We welcome your seasonal non-perishable donations for the Bazaar. This is a shout out to those with talents and gifts to create items for sale, we appreciate receiving those generous gifts.**

\* **We will be baking cookies at the church, so if you'd like to help, see Kathe, Jane or Linda. If you wish to donate your home baked items, including cookies, we would love it, just tell us what those items are, and we are hoping they will be the same as past years as our baked good are sold quickly. Your overwhelming generosity and talents are appreciated.**

*Any questions or to make plans, please see  
 Kathe Latch, Jane Pedersen, or Linda Kataskas.*



### A Little Piece of Your History

We have a number of wooden replicas of both the United Church (formerly the Presbyterian Church building) and the Methodist Church complete with the written history of the building. If you would like to have this keepsake, please visit the table in Social Hall and make a donation if possible. Thank you, and enjoy!!



If you would like to share your musical talent with us? The Worship Choir leads the praise & worship songs, offers special music and provides the communion anthems.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday at 7pm

You can see Kay in church, e-mail her at [kayoisk@hotmail.com](mailto:kayoisk@hotmail.com) or call her at 585.303.3116

We'd love to have you join us!!

*United Church of Phelps  
58 Main Street invites you to*



**Sunday, October 20 2pm**

*Come hear and enjoy organ, piano, organ and piano duet, original composition for acoustic and bass guitars, vocalists, clarinet, bagpipes, choir, tone chimes and more...*

**Tickets \$10 to support church missions  
Refreshments following in Social Hall**



It's that time of year! Our church will again participate in

## Operation Christmas Child!

**Boxes will be available on October 13. Please return by Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to be dedicated and then sent into the world!**

A small shoebox can teach a child about the love of God, lead him or her to faith in Christ, inspire pastors, and plant new churches.

What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out is eternal.

See Dawn Norton with any questions.



## Family Promise Day of Giving

October 25<sup>th</sup> is a Family Promise National Day of Giving. The goal is to raise \$25,000 online in one day. A special DONATE button will be added to our webpage that day.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity



**Normal Church Office Hours:** Mon. 9-2, Tues. & Thurs. 9-4.



**Newsletter Articles  
For November due  
October 17<sup>th</sup>. Send articles to  
ucnewsletter@gmail.com**

If you have an announcement that you would like to have scrolling on the screen in church before worship on Sunday, please contact Christina or Hope Albrecht. This will be our new way to let us all know about upcoming events. Thank you



**WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world.

When we partake of Holy Communion on this day, we do so mindful of our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

In Observance and Celebration of Worldwide Communion we are going to have a Bread Sale. We welcome all different types of homemade breads, biscuits, muffins etc.

These home baked goods will be our bread sale after church.

**We need to hear from you:**



*If you are ill or hospitalized, or need a visit, or just a card, please let the church office know, or contact Rev. Ellen Donnan. We would then know where you are and that you are in need.*



*If anyone needs any help with yardwork, some work around the house and such, or a ride to church or doctors appointments and other services along these lines, please contact the office and we will do our best to find someone available to help them out.*

**Call 315.548.2772**

**“Earth’s crammed with heaven,  
And every common bush afire with God;  
But only he who sees takes off his shoes....” Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Aurora Leigh**

**Pray that school fulfills its purpose - giving your child an education.**



*God, There is a reason You tell us to have faith like that of a child. They are bursting with curiosity and full of love. Protect their innocence and preserve the spark in their eyes from the darkness of the world. Let them be little lights to their parents and teachers. Allow them to grow and have a fair opportunity to learn. Amen.*



UNITED CHURCH OF PHELPS  
Contemporary Worship

Join us every Thursday Night  
7:00-7:45.

Refreshment and snack will be  
provided

This series is on  
**God's agents of change**

315-548-2772

Find us on Facebook  
All are welcome!!



## Food Collection

**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY IS THE  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH!**

The Phelps Community Food Cupboard depends on our generous donations. This is a mission that everyone can participate in.

Bring your non-perishable items to the altar or LOVE-OFFERING BOXES sit on the front pews and you can make a monetary donation during communion.

Also – the PENNIES FROM HEAVEN boxes are at the front door and office door.



*Have a concern about something happening in the life of the congregation? Please feel free to talk directly with Ellen. She knows this transitional period will be uncomfortable for some and exciting for others. If you are uncomfortable, concerned, confused, or upset about something or have new ideas and excitement about something, Ellen wants to know. Stop by the office; email her; text her; or call her - but the important thing is to immediately contact her!*

~ ~ Christian Education News ~ ~



*The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) works in more than 190 countries and territories to save and improve children’s lives, providing health care and immunizations, clean water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more.*

*We’re working toward the day when ZERO children die from preventable causes and every child has a safe and healthy childhood.*

**\*\* Bring some loose change  
Sunday, October 27**

*... our children will be ready to accept your donations when you get to church!*

Rally Day — Loads of Fun!!



**Volunteers NEEDED for the following:**

***Nursery***

***Breakout***

***Jr./Sr. High CE class teacher***

***CE teacher subs***

**Please see Hope Albrecht or Rita Caraballo to sign up.**

**Reminder:  
Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

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**The Phelps Fire Department will conduct the drill.**



A reminder that **Work Week** is October 7 through the 12th. A light lunch will be served on the 12th a noon. If you would like a job to do, or have an offer to help, or questions, please contact a Trustee.

The Trustees Team: Dan Moracco,  
Jed Brandow, Amy Brandow, Bryant Lead, Doug Latch,  
Marcus Driscoll, Nan Clark.

## A Sincere Thank You—A Difference IS Made!!

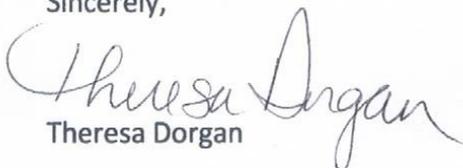
Dear Parishoners:

On behalf of the Clifton Springs Rotary Club I want to thank you for your contribution to our annual school supply project for those students in need in the Phelps-Clifton Springs school district. We supplied 192 students with their school supply list requested by their teachers, backpacks, new socks and underwear, and dental supplies. Over \$4,000 was spent to assist this project and your donation made a huge impact.

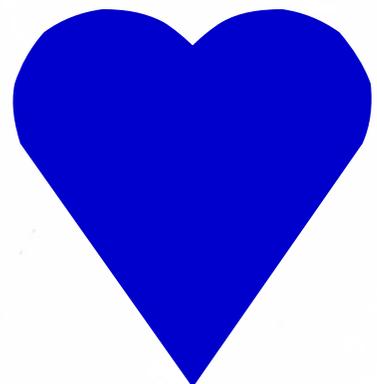
We could not do this without your assistance and appreciate your partnership. I know the children and parents thank you too. Don't forget your contribution is also tax deductible.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

  
Theresa Dorgan

Secretary and Chair of School supply project of Clifton Springs Rotary Club



## Living Under God's Blessing: 2019 Blessing-Stewardship Campaign



*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23*

This year, the Stewardship and Finance Team are

focusing on blessings, which include time, talents, and financial resources. Watch for letters in your mailbox explaining this campaign, followed by a Blessing Card where you will be asked to share your blessings in a variety of ways. Please prayerfully consider the many blessings provided to you by God!



Instead of teaching us how to do more (time management),

the Bible calls each of us to do less, and consequently, to receive peace and rest with God (time stewardship). Reversing time-warped living is about restoring our relationship with the Time Giver.... By doing less, we can have more of God.

*Steve Ganger in Time Warped – First Century Time Stewardship for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Living*

If you could describe the Gospel in one sentence for a millennial, what would you say?

*-Josh Chen, a Cru staff member in Portland Oregon: "Jesus Christ came, lived and died to free you up to be who you're created to be and to restore the world to goodness."*



## FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Where: **United Church of Phelps 58 Main St., Phelps**

When: **Friday October 11, 2019 6:30 pm**

What: **Family Friendly Movie "IRON WILL"**

**American adventure movie starring Mackenzie Astin**

How: **Everyone welcome**

**Concessions available to purchase,**

**All children must be accompanied by an adult!**



October is **Clergy Appreciation Month**, a time to honor and say thank you to the men and women who do more than any other to inspire us to grow in our relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

The author of Hebrews encourages us to recognize the ongoing sacrifice of Christian pastors, teachers, and mentors in our lives saying, "Appreciate your pastoral leaders who gave you the Word of God. Take a good look at the way they live, and let their faithfulness instruct you, as well as their truthfulness."

~ Hebrews 13:7, MSG



**Phelps Community Center  
Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - 1-3pm**

**UCP is hosting a table to welcome the community to become involved in our various missions and ministries.**

**Stop by the table to say hello and for a chance to win some prizes too!**

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

**Special 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary wishes to  
Peg and Carl Carlson  
on October 9  
&  
Special Anniversary wishes to  
Dawn and Paul Norton on  
October 14.**



**October Birthdays:**

- 2 - Paul Norton
- 4 - Betty Green
- 5 - Jane Pedersen
- 6 - Tom Oosterling
- 10 - Penny Albrecht
- 16 - Cheria Caraballo
- 17 - "Grandma" Pat Halstead
- 26 - Dave Smolinski
- 26 - BJ Hicks

If you would like to have a listing in Birthdays and Anniversaries, please enter your information on Desk Calendar in back of Sanctuary, or call the office: 315-548-2772.

## How Can We Help You?

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<b>Council Chair: Pat Hemminger</b> 315.548.3546	<b>Member at Large: Betsy Bourne</b> 315-945-2307	<b>Presbytery Elder: Mary Ann Gier</b> 315.548..7020
<b>Custodian: Frank VanNostrand</b> 585.354.4126	<b>Memorial Fund: Cathy Scott</b> 548.9448	<b>Sec'y to Council: Linda Kataskas</b> 315.462.6255
<b>Endowment: Frank VanNostrand</b> 585.354.4126	<b>Missions/Outreach: Peg Carlson</b> 315.789.4713 & <b>Brian Hemminger</b> 315.521.0812	<b>Stewardship/Finance: Dave Wilson:</b> 315.548.8823
<b>Financial Sect'y: Hope Albrecht</b> 315.946.9729	<b>Music/Worship: Hope and Penny Albrecht</b> 315.946.9729	<b>Trustees: Dan Moracco</b> 315.548.4548
<b>Health/Service: Sharon Peets:</b> 315.573.6849	<b>Nominating: Jane Pedersen</b> 315.548.9397	<i>"God is Good – All the Time!"</i> <i>"All the Time – God is Good!"</i>



["Gifts of the Heart Health Kits"](#)

*The Mission Team continues to need your help in supplying the needs for the health kits! These kits make a big difference to people in need. See Peg Carlson or Brian Hemminger team for more information.*

*[{Band-aids, hand towels and toothpaste ARE NEEDED to complete kits!!}](#)*

**Kit Items:**

One hand towel, one washcloth, one comb, one metal nail file/nail clipper, one bar of soap (bath size), one toothbrush, one tube of toothpaste (4-7 ounces), six band-aids

\*\* Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and bring them to the church office. \*\*

### On-Going Mission Projects Everyone Can Support:

- \* [1st Sunday of each month:](#) Food Pantry Sunday. Donations should be placed on the altar
- \* [Pop Top Tabs:](#) Save those tabs! If your place of work has a vending machine set out a container for people to put the min. Let's help out the Ronald McDonald House!
- \* [NYC Sock Mission:](#) Please keep the socks, mittens and winter hats coming! This is a great mission we do and it's on-going. When we have enough we ship them out!
- \* [Red Bird Mission:](#) Please keep box tops coming in! We are amazed at how much good they really do.
- \* [Medicine Bottle Collection:](#) Save up a group of your containers, peel the label off and wash them in warm soapy water. If label is stubborn, soak them in Oxi-clean detergent and hot water until you are able to easily remove the labels, and the glue. Then bring them into church and put them in the [container](#) [Matthew 25 Ministries](#).



## Volunteers for October 2019

### Ushers and Greeters

#### Front Entrance

Oct 6 Glen & Ann Webster  
(Communion)  
Oct 13 Karen Moracco & Rose Copper-Brown  
Oct 20 Carol Wickum & Hope Albrecht  
Oct 27 Gib & Cathy Scott

#### Ramp Entrance

Jed & Amy Brandow  
Carol Adams & Penny Albrecht  
Marge Norsen & Jane Pedersen  
Eric & Shelly Bengtson

#### Break-Out

Oct 6 Rita Caraballo  
(Communion)  
Oct 13 Barb Mater  
Oct 20 Dawn Norton  
Oct 27 Brian Hemminger

#### Media & Technology

Christina Albrecht  
Kelly Bree  
Eddie Albrecht  
Doug Latch

#### Acolytes

Cheria Caraballo  
Payton Reed  
Earl Motzer  
Alé Caraballo

#### Nursery

Oct 6 Rose Copper-Brown & Payton Reed  
(Communion)  
Oct 13 Amy Brandow & Cheria Caraballo  
Oct 20 Erica Motzer & Payton Reed  
Oct 27 Samantha Minns & Cheria Caraballo

#### Lay Readers

BJ Hicks  
Nan Clark  
Frank Van Norstrand  
Dan Moracco

*Would you like to volunteer for any of the above opportunities? Nursery, Lay Reader, Usher/Greeter? Please see Hope or Penny Albrecht, Music and Worship Chairs to get signed up!*