



One voice

Newsletter of the United Church of Phelps

58 Main Street

Phelps, NY 14532

315-548-2772

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Transitional Pastor— Reverend Ellen Donnan

FROM THE TRANSITIONAL PASTOR:

This picture caught my attention: LET JESUS SET THE SAILS. Such a great saying for summertime. The sailboat reminds me of Seneca Lake during the warmer months and especially when Hobart is back in session and their sailing team is out practicing.

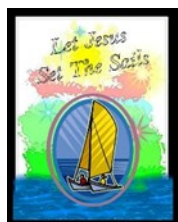
We can think of this saying in literal terms when we are out on the boat this summer. “Jesus, set our sails and take us wherever you want on this particular lake.” What fun to go out on the lake in a boat with no agenda, not going anywhere particular, with family and friends! A perfect summer day in my mind!

However, “Let Jesus set the sails” can also pertain to our lives. “Jesus, take me/us where you want us to go and do what you want us to do.” Giving Jesus your day each morning can be an adventure and you can end up in some pretty interesting places and circumstances! It means allowing Jesus to change your plans for the day and going where Jesus directs you, rather than where you meant to go. Ever intend to take a journey someplace and the phone rings? Or be delayed because the kids aren’t cooperating? Or see a neighbor outside and pause to say hi, making you later than you intended to be to do whatever it is you wanted to do?

Have you considered, at those times, that Jesus might be shifting the setting of the sail on the boat of your life for some reason?

- ♦ I am reminded of NY City on 9/11 and the number of people who had stories of being detained at home or on their way to work that day. Or the person who intended to travel the Thruway but was delayed and later learned there was a bad car accident right where they would have been had they left on time.
- ♦ What about the time you were running late and happened to be home when a neighbor needed help or the school called about your child or your elderly parents were able to connect with you?
- ♦ Or the plans were to take a trip to Darien Lake for the day and you were detained for some reason only to learn later that you were needed at home?
- ♦ Ever been going someplace and “happened” upon someone stuck on the side of the road and you were able to help change their tire?

There are any number of circumstances that happen because Jesus shifts the setting of the sail on the boat of your life. Don’t miss them! They are some of the most powerful examples of how God uses you every day that we can pay attention to!



So let Jesus set the sails on your life and be prepared for some awesome experiences that you might otherwise have missed! God bless! Ellen



Special Anniversary Wishes to.....

August 5th

Marcus & Cindy Driscoll

August 15th

Duane & Penny Albrecht

August 24th

Rick & Erica Motzer

August 31st

Dan & Karen Moracco

"Love is patient and is kind" 1Corinthians 13:4-8



**Guess who is having a
Birthday in August....**

August 2 – Ezekiel Motzer

August 11 – Linda DeWeaver

Richard Rockefeller

August 13 - Doug Wall

August 26 –Jane Gulvin

August 28 –Duane Albrecht

**If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up you
would like us all to celebrate, please mail to the
church or send to the church email:**

unitedchurch@ottcmail.com



Donations are still needed!!!!

**August 10th is the DEADLINE for bringing stuff in
for the "Whale of a Sale".**

**You can drop off Mon-Fri from
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Mark Your Calendars as THE DATE HAS BEEN SET!!!

August 27, 28 and 29.

Hours will be 8:00am –5:00 pm

ALL 3 days!

**If you have any questions on donations you may
contact Christina & Eddie Albrecht at
calbrecht831@yahoo.com**



**Food
Collection**

Clifton Springs United Methodist Church Food Pantry has reached out and offered to help with placing food in our Blessing Box. They have been blessed and would like to pass that on to us as well. The Blessing Box is there for anyone in need, no questions asked.

Clifton Springs United Methodist Food Pantry is open the third Thursday of the month and for emergencies. They are located on 1 E. Main Street in Clifton Springs and the phone number is 315-462-2274.

What a beautiful and kind gesture. We thank you Clifton Springs United Methodist Church Food Pantry. It is so nice to work in cooperation with you to help reach all that are in need.

God Bless!



**Next Worship in
Methodist Park is
August 2nd, 2020
With Communion
SAVE THE DATE!**

FYI:

If service is cancelled due to inclement weather, outdoor service will be held the following Sunday with that date's service bulletin.

For example:

If Sunday, August 2nd service is cancelled due to rain, we will hold service, outside at Methodist Park on the following Sunday August 9th with August 9th bulletin from your newsletter. August 2nd bulletin can be used for online service. **All NYS COVID-19 guidelines will be observed and followed as with last outdoor service.**

**Thank you for ALL your support!
YOU ALL ARE AMAZING!**

**The United Church of Phelps
Chicken & Pork BBQ
Saturday, August 22nd 12-2:00 p.m.
at Methodist Park
(next to Vienna Gardens)**

**\$11 Dinner includes:
Pork Steak or Chicken Half, Salt Potatoes, Cole-
slaw, Roll, Dessert**

Orders must be in by August 14th BY NOON

Email orders to: ucpchickenbbq@gmail.com

Please include: Name, order, phone #

A confirmation email will be sent with a pickup time.

****If you do not have email you may call the church at
315-548-2772 and leave a message with ALL info
needed, but please ONLY if you do not have an email.***

Thank you for understanding.

****Social Distancing and protective measures will
be used.***



Who Am I?

For fun and also a way to get to know those of us in the congregation, we have put together this "Who am I" guessing game. Here is how it works: A series of simple questions will be asked and a brief write up will appear in the newsletter and you try to figure out who it is. The answer AND the next "Who am I", will appear in the following newsletter. Let's see how clever you are....

WHO AM I?

I was a blue-eyed farm girl who went to college and met her husband. Got him and my Bachelor's & Master's Degrees in Elementary Education. We had 2 children. I spent 20 years in the same "type" of job. I've collected, and may still do, cookbooks, toothpick holders and t-shirts. My favorites include church activities, ice cream, watching T.V, crossword puzzles, entering contests and social time with friends. Who am I?

Answer and photo will appear in next newsletter with our next "Who am I"

MaryAnn Gier has graciously offered to do the interviewing and write ups for this. If you cannot wait till the next newsletter and want to take a guess, you can contact her at 315-548-7020 and see if you guessed correctly! If you would also like to help and feel the calling to support the newsletter, you can give a donation BUT it is NOT necessary to participate or play. (A donation of \$40 would support the newsletter mailing for 1 month and paper.) Let's see who the smarty-pants are and who can stump us with their "Who am I" information.



Below is a summary of our financial report through June 30, 2020. We have spent \$13,745 more than we have received in for the year. We did receive the \$9,129 PPP Loan/Grant through SBA. If we use this money to pay payroll and utilities over the next 8 weeks then the loan is “forgiven” and we don’t have to pay it back. We shouldn’t have any problem doing that but we will be monitoring this and will apply for forgiveness of the loan at the end of the 8 weeks. We also received a \$200 gift from Presbytery, a \$1,000 grant from Presbytery and we have received notice that we won’t have to pay the Pastor’s pension for 3 months (the monthly amount is \$1,546 and this should start with the month of July).

Any questions please contact Stewardship and Finance Chairperson Betsy Bourne – betsybourne@hotmail.com

THE UNITED CHURCH OF PHELPS TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT					
June 2020					
Beg Balance @ May 31, 2020	\$ (10,547)	(this means we have spent more than we have received in for this year)			
	YEAR TO DATE	2020 Budget	remaining to be collected	% of budget remaining	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
Envelopes - Pledged Giving	\$ 34,818	\$ 68,000	\$ 33,181	49%	
Unpledged Giving	\$ 6,599	\$ 21,000	\$ 14,401	69%	
Loose & Other	\$ 937	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,836	67%	
Grants & Gifts	\$ 10,329	0	0		
All other	\$ 13,826	\$ 50,746	\$ 26,619	52%	
Total Receipts through 06/30/20	\$ 66,509	\$ 142,546	\$ 76,037	53%	we should be at 50%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH 06/30/20	\$ 80,254	\$ 142,546.28	\$ 88,613.19	54%	we should be at 50%
ENDING BALANCE @ 06/30/20	\$ (13,745)	(this means we have spent more than we have received in for this year)			

Don't Forget!

Although we are not having Sunday worship and not all of you attend Thursday worship, *please* still send in your tithes/donations. You can do so by mail, 58 Main Street Phelps, NY 14532 or drop it by in the mail box. The church still needs to function and we depend upon your support to do so. We GREATLY appreciate any and all support. We want to give a HUGE THANK YOU to all who have been giving.



UNITED CHURCH OF PHELPS
Contemporary Worship

The United Church of Phelps

58 Main Street

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Thursday July 30th & August 6th at 7:00 p.m

All COVID-19 policies and procedures will

Be followed as with the last service.

Masks are required.

FYI: Date to be determined:

It looks like we will possibly have our yearly scrap metal drive in August-September, but details will be given in the next newsletter, in two weeks. If information becomes available before then, that info will be posted on the church website, Facebook page and the next newsletter.



FREE: Air conditioner FREE for the taking if you pick up. Marsha Gibbs has graciously donated one to go to someone who could use some relief from the summer heat. Contact the church office if you are interested: 315-548-2772. Thank you Marsha!!!

This will be a first come, first served

Email: prayerlistucp@gmail.com

By Phone:

Church office: 315-548-2772 **Please leave a message if not during office hours. Missy will make sure it is forwarded on for you.

Nan Clark: 315-406-5526

Mail: The United Church of Phelps

Attn: Prayer chain

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JOYS/CONCERNS/ANSWERED PRAYERS

Address to send cards: _____

Requested by: _____