

# Church News

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## A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL...

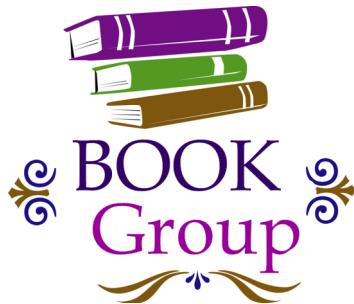
but only because of the efforts of many. When everyone arrived for the open house on Saturday afternoon, they would never have imagined the flurry of planning and activity that had preceded the open house at the Stone House. Included in the newsletter are some pictures of those who worked in the house and in the yard. The Fellowship Board oversaw recruiting and serving the delicious cookies and the drinks. Others, some of your names unknown to me, baked and baked and baked. We enjoyed all of it!

The attendance was good, including both Pastors from the Seventh Day Baptist Churches and some of their members. Others from the community came. Some of UUC's members who have not been able to physically attend services came, and it was a family gathering in many respects.

Thanks to each and every one who worked in any way to make the event possible, and to all who attended. A great time was had by all! *Blessings, Pastor Louise*



# Church News & Events



**Book Group will resume on  
Wednesday September 14, 2022 at 12  
Noon**

**The UUC Centennial Year will conclude  
with a dinner and  
an evening of entertainment  
on Saturday October 8  
and a Centennial Worship Service on  
Sunday October 9, 2022.**



*You are invited  
To  
The Annual UUC Prayer Brunch  
On  
July 31, 2022  
At 10:30 am  
In the Side Yard of the Church Center*

***Please Bring a Brunch Dish to Pass  
along with your own table service***

## **God Is at the Table**

*from The Newsletter Newsletter, used with permission*  
“The nonprofit World Central Kitchen provides fresh meals for communities in need following natural disasters or during humanitarian crises. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, WCK fed millions of people in the country and refugees at border crossings.

“When I feel discouraged by tragic news and ask where God is, I’m reminded that God shows up precisely in people such as the WCK teams. They are God’s hands serving healthy food to people fleeing home. They are God’s heart and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.

“Often in the Bible God shows up around meals: Sarah and Abraham host the Lord in the form of three visitors; God rains manna from heaven for the Israelites; an angel provides food for exhausted Elijah; Jesus eats with “tax collectors and sinners” and feeds crowds with a few loaves and fish. Supremely, Jesus gives to all the meal of Holy Communion, the bread and wine that are his very body and blood.

“In our broken world, God is among the rubble, among the helpers, among us.”

# Church News & Events, cont.



**September 11, 2022**

**Sunday School for Children and  
Youth resumes**

**September 18, 2022**

## **Sunday School Origins**

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“Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes’ work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

“Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

“Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church’s main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.”

## **UUC Sunday School Origins**

*From “History of the Union University Church 1922-1972”  
by Grace H. Nease*

“In November 1935, thirteen ladies met at the home of Mrs. McLeod (Alfred University Chaplain’s wife). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the organization of a ladies’ aid society...

“At the first regular meeting the name, ‘The women’s Guild,’ was chosen. Chaplain McLeod was present at the meeting and outlined some of the objectives he wished to see accomplished, among them the establishment of a Sunday School.

“A survey had been made some time before and it was felt that Sunday School would be welcome. In the fall of 1936 Mrs. Grace Nease started a class of younger children, sponsored by the Guild. There were three children present on the first Sunday; however the enrollment reached seventeen, divided into two classes, by the end of the year. As the children grew older, classes were added, and in the fall of 1939 six children went into the fourth grade at school and so became Juniors in Sunday School. Each of these children was presented with a bible at a church service early in October. This custom still survives.

“The Sunday School met in the Parish House of the Seventh Day Baptist church. The ladies of both churches worked together to decorate the classrooms, painting furniture, sewing draperies, and doing anything that needed to be done to make the rooms attractive.

“In 1937 the Guild voted to help Bethesda Hospital Auxiliary furnish an Alfred room at the hospital. With the help of the Guild, the Sunday School brought clothing and gifts at Christmas time and packed boxes which were sent to Tuskegee Institute...

(In 1950) “Mr. Paul Powers was introduced as the new Sunday School superintendent. Mrs. Nease had been in charge of the whole Sunday School since its inception, but owing to the increase in enrollment, she felt that a tighter organization with a superintendent was advisable. Sunday School time was changed to 9:45, meeting before instead of during the church hour as in the past.”

*To read more about the earliest days of UUC you can request a free copy of Grace Nease’s publication.*



Joe Dosch, Bill Sortore, John Buckwalter prep the front porch of the Church Center.



Gardeners Beth Slack, Laurel Buckwalter, Deb Stephens, and Lana Meissner weed and trim the grounds at Stone Cottage in preparation for the open house for Pastor Louise.

Larry & Jan Casey, Lyle Slack, Jan & Dave Porter, Heather & John Meacham, and John Buckwalter took care of window washing and interior "detailing."



Meanwhile a cadre of bakers, led by the Fellowship Board, were at home busily baking for the event.



# People



## Praying for...

Ding Jaxi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Wes Bentz, 4 yr. old Lowin, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Tiersa Watson's mother, Angie Ninos, David Dubois, Ray Chambers, friend of Leah Crosby: Mugoux Varra (brain cancer), Bev Potter, our condolences to Sally Hopkins on the death of her friend Carla Butler, our prayers continue for her friend Penny Whitford, Chuck Shultz (in rehab—see address below), prayers for the entire Amanda & Nelson Snyder family on the tragic death of Joseph Torkaman.

**Chuck Shultz** would appreciate cards and calls. He is at Highland Rehabilitation & Nursing Home for rehab.

Highland Nursing Home  
160 Seneca St.  
Wellsville NY. 14895  
Phone: 585.596.0490

### From Michele Hluchy:

I wanted to say thanks to the many of you who sent cards or message of condolence to us after my dad died. He always enjoyed his time visiting Alfred and attending services at UUC. I feel that the members of UUC have been on this journey together with me the past several years as his health declined and, before that, when my mom's health deteriorated as well. It seems as though they almost had permanent positions on the UUC prayer list! I know that both of them felt at home attending UUC when they visited and they were especially happy that I had found a church family here in Alfred. I also want to thank the folks who sent them cards and letters over the years. They always felt special being remembered by UUC. As my sisters and I have been cleaning out his place, we found some of these notes and cards that they saved.

Just a note: my first sentence says dad “died”, not “passed away.” Whenever my dad heard someone use that term, he would tell the story of a seminary professor he once had who apparently often corrected people who said “passed away.” Why? According the professor: “People die. People don't pass AWAY, people pass GAS.”

I will miss dad's sense of humor.

Michele Hluchy

### From Cathy Rees:

I was asked to send an update on Lowin, who remains on our prayer list. This is from her Facebook page (Love for Lowin), so I would suggest she still really needs our prayers. Thank you, Cathy Rees

“ I haven't posted much since our trip to Philly. I have just been processing a lot of the information. We talked with our neuro team and we are going to move forward with phase 1 and phase 2 of epilepsy surgery. This means Lowin will have a week long eeg amongst other tests to try to pinpoint the seizures exact origin and then have internal eeg wires placed in her brain for an even more precise location and from there hopefully they will be able to determine if she is a surgical candidate or if we will have to continue to explore other options. The seizures are causing her a lot of difficulties with her working memory and communication. As well as motor and coordination issues. We are still trying an alternative medicine. But will go forward with phase 1&2.

One of my favorite prayers that I lean into and remember:

Lord, I know your timing is perfect. This doesn't feel good to me right now, but I trust that you are. Please give me comfort and patience, and help me to trust your deliverance.

Lord, I know you are in control, you have all the power and you see the big picture. Please help me to rest in your arms and trust your ways.

Forgive me for investing in unknowns rather than your certain strength. I am so grateful to lean into your promises and receive the miracle of your great peace. I let go of my plan B and wait for You here.”



**Church Office Closed**  
**August 1–5**

## **July**

**July 3:** Communion, Theme: “The peace of Christ is not the same as the absence of war.”

**July 10:** Theme: “Religious rituals are not a substitute for personal righteousness”

**July 17:** Theme: “God’s purpose is accomplished when we follow God’s plan.”

**July 24:** Pastor Louise on vacation—  
Larry Casey will fill the pulpit

**July 31:** Pastor Louise on vacation  
Prayer Brunch

## **August**

**August 7:** Communion, Theme: “When one walks through the desert, one needs a shepherd who knows how to get to the other side.”

**August 14:** Theme: “Only the spirit of God gives spiritual life. Followers of Jesus are called to be more than ‘cultural’ Christians.”

**August 21:** - Theme: “Faith requires action to be authentic.”

**August 28:** Theme: “When we place our lives in the hands of the Master, we can do more than we ever imagined.”

## **When the Pastor is Away ...**

While Pastor Louise is away this summer, if you have concerns about worship-related or spiritual matters please contact Deb Stephens, chair of the Board of Elders (617.304.9332). If there are concerns or needs relating to members of the congregation, please contact Diaconate chair, Sharon Burdick. (607.769.8344).



## July Board Members of the Month

Deacon.....Mary Smith (msmith648@msn.com; 607.382.8825)  
 Elder.....Deb Stephens (farmingrl27@yahoo.com; 617.304.9332)  
 BOCE.....TBD  
 Fellowship.....TBD  
 Trustee.....Dave Porter (porterkd1@hotmail.com; 716.498.0005)

## August Board Members of the Month

Deacon.....Mary Smith (msmith648@msn.com; 607.382.8825)  
 Elder.....Larry Casey (lcasey1834@gmail.com; 607.382.2772)  
 BOCE.....TBD  
 Fellowship.....TBD  
 Trustee.....Laurel Buckwalter (laurelbuckwalter@gmail.com; 607.968.0669)

Who do you call? Flowers or lay leading—call an Elder; greeting or coffee hour—call a Deacon; Sunday school—call BOCE; building issues—call a Trustee.

## **Upcoming Sunday Leaders**

If you are not able to serve as scheduled, please switch with someone listed on the charts below and notify the Church Office. If you are unable to find someone to switch with you, please contact either the Elder of the Month or the Deacon of the Month.

Date	Greeter	Lay Leader	Flowers	Coffee	Usher
Jul 3	Burdick	D. Stephens	Communion	Burdick	Burke
Jul 10	Meissner	Meissner	Meissner	Porter	Burke
Jul 17	Stephens	R. Stephens	D. Stephens	Burke	Burke
Jul 24	Mary Smith	Buckwalter	Sharon Smith	Buckwalter	Burke
Jul 31	None	Prayer Brunch	Elders	McHale	Burke
Aug 7	Cartledge	Casey	Communion	Mindy Smith	Heineman
Aug 14	Casey	Luo	Casey	Tucker	Heineman
Aug 21	McDonough	Slack	Slack	Stephens	Heineman
Aug 28	Burdick	Amie Acton	Amie Acton	Faraji	Heineman

# Just for Fun



Thanks to Jerry Marbo (See Genesis 6-8)  
HEY NOAH ... HAVE YOU SEEN THE  
MOSQUITOS?

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When Outreach magazine asked pastors for their most embarrassing mistakes during wedding ceremonies, the responses took the cake. Hundreds of clergy 'fessed up about dropping rings, using the wrong names and even driving to the wrong venue. Have a laugh at these "I do" don'ts!

- I asked the groom if he promised to leave his wife and cleave to all others. Before I could correct it, he said, "I do."
- Due to a bulletin typo, the Bible reading from 1 John was listed as John 4:16-19. In those verses, Jesus tells the woman at the well, "...for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband."
- I accidentally read, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and money and be united to his wife."
- While praying, I meant to say, "Lord, please bless this marriage." The word *message* started to come out instead, and I tried to stop it. Unfortunately, the result was "Lord, please bless this mess."
- I asked the groom, "Do you take this wedded woman to be your wife?"

## The Perfect Pastor ...

The Perfect Pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. She condemns sin roundly, but never hurts anyone's feelings. She works from 8 a.m. until midnight, and is also the church janitor. ....The Perfect Pastor makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes, drives a good car, buys good books, and donates \$30 a week to the church. She is 29 years old and has 40 years' worth of experience. Above all, she is good looking. ....The Perfect Pastor has a burning desire to work with teen-agers, and she spends most of her time with the senior citizens. She smiles all the

time with a straight face because she has a sense of humor that keeps her seriously dedicated to her congregation. She makes 15 home visits a day and is always in her office to be handy when needed. ....The Perfect Pastor always has time for church council and all of its committees. She never misses the meeting of any church organization, and is always busy evangelizing the unchurched. ....The Perfect Pastor is always in the next church over! If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this notice to six other churches that are tired of their pastor too. Then bundle up your pastor and send her to the church at the top of your list. If everyone cooperates, in one week you will receive 1,643 pastors. One of them should be perfect. Have faith in this letter. One church broke the chain and got its old pastor back in less than three months

## "Hymn" Sing

Before taking the offering the pastor announced that the church had several unexpected expenses in the last month. She encouraged everyone to make a significant offering that morning, and as extra incentive she said that whoever gave the most that day would get to pick three hymns. When the ushers brought the offering forward there was a thousand dollar bill on the top of the plate. The pastor asked the donor to please come forward. After a brief pause an older woman came forward absolutely beaming. The pastor thanked her profusely and then reminded her that she was entitled to pick three hymns. Without hesitation she pointed at three handsome young men and said, "I pick him, and him, and him ."



Updated calendars are available on the UUC website

# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					1 7pm AA	2
3 10:30 Worship, Communion	4	5	6 1pm— 4pm Office open	7 1pm— 4pm Office open	8 7pm AA	9
10 10:30 Worship	11 12pm BOCE	12	13 1pm— 4pm Office open	14 1pm— 4pm Office open	15 7pm AA	16
17 10:30 Worship	18	19	20 1pm— 4pm Office open	21 1pm— 4pm Office open	22 7pm AA	23
24 10:30 Worship Pulpit: Larry Casey	25	26	27 1pm— 4pm Office open	28 1pm— 4pm Office open	29 7pm AA	30 Buckwalter Reunion
31 10:30 Prayer Brunch Diaconate						

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# August 2022

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	1	2	3 1pm <i>Music Comm 1-4 Office Closed</i>	4 <i>1-4 Office Closed</i>	5 7pm AA	6
7 10:30 <i>Worship, Communion</i>	8 7pm <i>Centennial Comm</i>	9	10 <i>1-4 Office Open 4pm Elders</i>	11 <i>1-4 Office Open 1pm Advisory Bd.</i>	12 7pm AA	13
14 10:30 <i>Worship</i>	15	16	17 <i>1-4 Office Open</i>	18 <i>1-4 Office Open</i>	19 7pm AA	20
21 10:30 <i>Worship 11:30 Fellowship Bd.</i>	22	23	24 <i>1-4 Office Open</i>	25 <i>1-4 Office Open</i>	26 7pm AA	27
28 10:30 <i>Worship Diaconate</i>	29	30	31 <i>1-4 Office Open</i>			



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