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For such a time as this

There is an ancient story in the scriptures, the story of Esther, who found herself in a position of knowing that someone planned a massacre of her people. She lives in the king's court. It is possible that she can inform the king of the plot, but the very process of doing so will be very dangerous for her.

Esther's uncle, Mordecai, rises to tell her, "Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all of the Jews. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

While others fasted and prayed, Esther summoned her courage, went to the king with the information, and her people were saved.

Today, those who have been chosen to serve in the nation's capitol need to summon their courage to act on the information that they have already been given about gun violence. They need to summon their courage to understand that if they do not act their children and grandchildren are also subject to being the victims of gun violence. They need to understand that the power they seem to enjoy is in no way equal to the life of another victim of gun violence.

Perhaps we have also been brought to where we are for such a time as this. Let us pray for those who have the power to make good decisions that they will have the courage to do so.

Let us also pray for those who have already been the victims of gun violence. For each person who has died there is a family and there are friends who mourn.

Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, when these things come to mind, silently voice a prayer for our elected leaders and the victims.

Pastor Louise

Church News & Events

Roster of Church Officers 2022 -2023

Board of Christian Education

2023 Jan Porter	2023 Melissa Jusaniec
2024 Vacant	2024 Mary Perkins
2025 Vacant	2025 Vacant

Diaconate

2023 Barb Willis	2023 Sharon Burdick
2024 M. McDonough	2024 Mary Ann Whittemore
2025 Regina Burke	2025 Mary Smith

Board of Elders

2023 Deb Stephens	2023 Larry Casey
2024 Lana Meissner	2024 Mary-Lou Cartledge
2025 John Buckwalter	2025 Heather Meacham

Fellowship Board

2023 Jan Casey	2023 Cindy Tucker
2024 Beth Slack	2024 Daisy Wu
2025 Lyle Slack	2025 Catherine Chambers

Board of Trustees

2023 Laurel Buckwalter	2023 Jerry Jusaniec
2024 David Porter	2024 Walter Schulze
2025 Anna McHale	2025 Jim Ninos

Church Council Chair 2023 John Buckwalter

Church Clerk 2023 Laurel Buckwalter

Financial Secretary 2023 Jan Porter

Treasurer 2023 Larry Casey

Auditor 2023 Lyle Slack

Mission of the Month Giving 2021 - 2022

From the Treasurer's Benevolence Report

ACC FFW	\$1,015
Alfred Area Food Pantry	\$445
Christmas Boxes	\$457.77
Comfort House	\$1,510
Equal Justice Initiative	\$360
Habitat for Humanity	\$860
Haiti Project-Christian Sojourners	\$100
Humanitarian Aid in China	\$50
Journey's End Refugee Assistance	\$800
One Great Hour—Ukraine Relief	\$1,370
Pastor's Fund	\$701.25
Wellsville Community Kitchen	\$610

TOTAL.....\$9,764.02

UUC Board Leadership

Elders Chair: Deb Stephens
Secretary: Rotates, Elder of the Month
Meets: 2d Wed of the month at 4:00pm

Trustees Chair: Laurel Buckwalter
Secretary: Dave Porter
Meets:

Diaconate Chair: Sharon Burdick
Secretary: Barb Willis
Meets: Last Sunday of the month

Christian Education Chair: Mary Perkins
Secretary: TBD
Meets: TBD

Fellowship Chair: Cindy Tucker
Secretary: TBD
Meets: TBD

Music Chair: Mary-Lou Cartledge
Secretary: TBD
Meets: TBD

Advisory Board Chair: John Buckwalter
Secretary: Rotates
Meets:



Church News & Events cont.



Mission of the Month

June

One Great Hour of Sharing -Ukraine

During the month of June we will continue to accept donations for Ukraine Relief through One Great Hour of Sharing. Make checks payable to UUC with OGHS in the memo line.



At the Annual Meeting in May we discussed whether or not to have the Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar in December after a two year COVID-related pause. No one has volunteered to take leadership of the two fundraising events. If anyone wishes to have either one of them happen and is willing to head them up, contact the church office. If no one does so by the end of June, the events will not be held, and members will be encouraged to make an extra gift at the end of the year to compensate.

The Church Hive

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Bees live in a cooperative way described as “eusociality,” or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church’s health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul’s words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts “but the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4).

According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect “living illustration of how to walk in unity.” He wrote, “Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we ‘may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ’” (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church “hive”?



Church News & Events cont.

STONE COTTAGE OPEN HOUSE AND RECEPTION

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE WELCOME

PASTOR LOUISE BARGER

TRANSITIONAL PASTOR AT THE UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Saturday, June 18, 2022

2:00 - 5:00 PM (come and go)

1627 Waterwells Road, Alfred Station

ALL ARE INVITED

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED





This year we honor **Raegan Ordway** and **Ella Napolitano**. Both young women are salutatorians at their respective schools.



Raegan will graduate from Andover Central School and attend Alfred University in the fall majoring in marketing. She is a member of the National Honor Society and S.A.D.D. She is grateful that UUC made sure every Sunday was fun and she was especially fond of mission trips and recreational events.

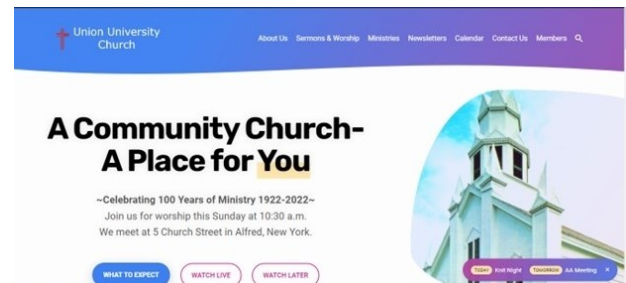


Ella will graduate from Alfred Almond Central School and will attend American University majoring in economics.

The following prayer was given by a senior girl at her graduation from a Washington, D.C. high school:

“Dear God, grant us one thing before we leave the sheltered reassurance of our childhood. Show us life. Not an empty shallow world of shallow people and shallow dreams, but real life ... For we have known the bliss of childhood as well as the passion of adolescence ... We want to make the world a better place, but we don’t know how. We want to throw our arms around our brothers and our sisters, but our hands cannot reach. We want to break the cycle of violence and the bonds of injustice in our society, but we’re not strong. Smile on us when we drink from the waters of truth. When we are old, reassure us that our struggle helped to make the world a kinder, gentler and more peaceful place. And please, God, don’t let us die without ever having lived.”

Coming Soon: New UUC Webpage



Larry Casey has been diligently working on a complete revision of the UUC website to update and refresh the look. It will be released within the next couple of weeks. As part of that process the Elders have approved a new “tag line” for the church that they believe more accurately describes our worship experience. Fewer and fewer people these days align themselves with a single denomination, rather, they look for a church that most closely reflects their beliefs—one in which they will feel at home. The Board unanimously agreed that The Union University Church—A Community Church—A Place for You conveys our inclusiveness and personal support for all people.

***Senior Recognition Sunday
Sunday, June 19, 2022***

June Board Members of the Month

Deacon.....Sharon Burdick (vernsharon@frontiernet.net; 607.769.8344)
 Elder.....Lana Meissner (arolana5@gmail.com; 607.661.5159)
 BOCE.....TBD
 Fellowship.....Daisy Wu (wuz@alfred.edu; 585.593.8879)
 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.



Are You Able?

Assistance Needed preparing for Pastor Louise's Open House:

On Monday & Tuesday mornings, June 13 & 14 we will be working at Pastor Louise's house doing gardening, window washing, and dusting. Come any time either day between 8am and 11am and work for as long as you are able. Bring your own "equipment."

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
June 5	Burdick	Meissner	Communion		Meacham
June 12	Burke	Casey	Casey	Mindy Smith	Porter
June 19	Burdick	Burdick	Tucker	Daisy Wu	Porter
June 26	Burdick	Slack	Buckwalter	Burke	Porter
July 3	Burdick	D. Stephens	Pew Communion	Burdick	Burke
July 10	Meissner	Meissner	Meissner	Porter	Burke
July 17		R. Stephens	D. Stephens		Burke
July 24		Buckwalter	Buckwalter		Burke



Mission of the Month

One Great Hour of Sharing

*May this June be the month of new hope
for you!*

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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5 10:30 Worship, pew communion	6	7	8 7pm Elders meet	9	10	11
12 10:30 Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18 2-5pm Open House for Pastor Louise
19 10:30 Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 Worship, Di- aconate meets	27	28	29	30		

Just for Fun

Abraham.com

And, lo, it came to pass that the trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she had been called Amazon Dot Com. And she said unto Abraham, her husband, 'Why doth thou travel far from town to town with thy goods, when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent?'

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bagsshort of a camel load, but simply said, 'How, dear?' And Dot replied, 'I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS).'

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And Dot said, 'There will be a lot of banging in the land.'

And Abraham replied, 'It is my most fervent wish that this be so.' And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had, at the top price, without ever moving from his tent.

But his success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secret himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading.

And the young did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short.

And, lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums, that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land. And indeed did insist on making drums that would only work if you bought Brother William's drumsticks.

And Dot did say, 'Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others.' And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it

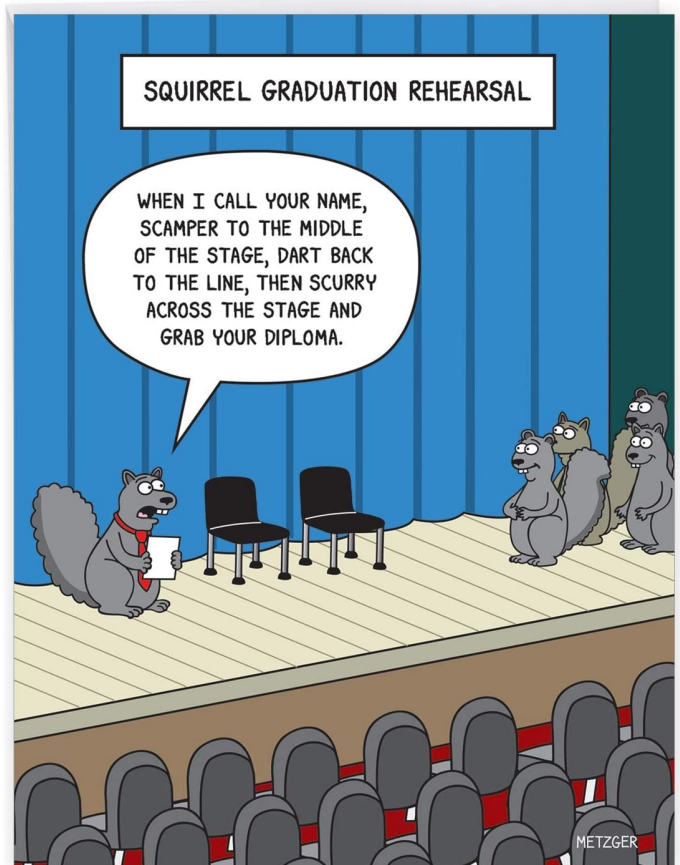
came to be known, 'eBay,' he said, 'We need a name of a service that reflects what we are.' And Dot replied, 'Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators.'

'Whoopee!' said Abraham.

'No, YAHOO!' said Dot Com.

Grin N "Bear" It

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd (alternating between bride's side and groom's side). While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. The little boy, however, was getting more and more distressed from all the laughing, and was also near tears by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, 'I was being the Ring Bear.'





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