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Bounty of Thanks

We thank thee, Lord, for the glory of the late days and the excellent face of thy sun. We thank thee for good news received. We thank thee for the pleasures we have enjoyed and for those we have been able to confer.

And now, when the clouds gather and the rain impends over the forest and our house, permit us not to be cast down; let us not lose the savor of past mercies and past pleasures; but, like the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience.

—Robert Louis Stevenson



People

Remembering David DuBois

From The Wellsville Sun Online



David with his Zara

David A. DuBois, of Alfred, New York, passed away on September 27, 2023, of complications of acute promyelocytic leukemia. He was 67.

David was born in Alabama on December 8, 1955, to W. Earl DuBois, a minister, and Tommie Aman DuBois, a schoolteacher, and, except for a period in New Jersey (where his family was sent by the United Methodist Church for their protection after having been harassed due to his father's anti-segregationist views)—during which time David's father worked at the Interchurch Center in New York City—and a stint as a U.S. Senate page in Washington, D.C., David spent his entire childhood in south Alabama and northwest Florida, studying the violin with one of the area's best teachers and moving from small town to small town as his father moved from church to church at the direction of his denomination.

After graduating in 1978 from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama, David – in no particular order – dabbled in politics (returning to Washington as a Senate staffer and lobbyist and, in 1982,

managing the campaign of a Democratic candidate for Alabama governor who was crushed by George Wallace in the primary), worked in municipal finance, attended business school at Duke University, and eventually settled into a career in healthcare marketing based in Florida, North Carolina and New York City. And, while doing all that, he renovated three homes, mostly by himself, using skills he learned from his father.

After 20 years in Manhattan, David retired to Alfred in 2007, smitten with an online photo of what became his house on South Main Street but otherwise knowing little about the village or the surrounding area. Nonetheless, with his friendliness and natural, unforced charm, David quickly worked himself into the fabric and life of the community, and he grew to love dearly his adopted home town and his friends and neighbors there.

David's survivors include his close friends Alan Griffin, of Alfred and New York City, and Jennifer Mullins Garrett, of Montgomery, Alabama, as well as his beloved smooth fox terrier, Zara (who remains an Alfred resident, albeit in a new, loving home).

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Union University Church in Alfred.

Those wishing to remember David are asked to consider a memorial donation to the Hart Comfort House in Wellsville, New York, on whose board David served since its founding.



People

Remembering Don Cameron

From the Dagon Funeral Home online obituary

Donald W. “Don” Cameron – 89 – of Water Wells Road, Alfred Station, NY, died Wednesday afternoon (September 27, 2023) at Highland Hospital in Rochester, following a brief illness.

Born in Winchester, MA on March 18, 1934, he was the son of Arthur & Kathleen (Morse) Cameron. Don grew up in Winchester, MA where he graduated from high school (class of 1951). He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Massachusetts and his Master’s Degree from Alfred University.

He was a Veteran of the US Army and, following his honorable discharge, resided in Angelica, NY where he helped his father and his uncle Henry with the farm. Unfortunately Don became allergic to cows which turned his vocation to teaching. While in Angelica and later in Whitesville, he taught a variety of classes including Science, Math and Shop.

He was married on August 10, 1963 to the former Sandra “Sandy” Buchholz who survives. Don & Sandy moved to the Alfred / Alfred Station area in 1963, and were members there of both the Methodist and the Union University Church. They both had a deep love of the Alfred area and were very “community minded.” Don was a member of the Alfred Lions Club, the Alfred Housing Committee and the Alfred 21st Century Group of which he had been a past president.

For many years, Don served as Director of Admissions at Alfred State College (SUNY Alfred), retiring in 1990. Following his “retirement,” Don & Sandy purchased the Canacadea Country Store in Alfred Station and have operated the business since that time. They are genuinely grateful for the many friends that they have made while in business.

Surviving are Don’s wife, Sandy Cameron of Alfred Station; his sister, Marjorie (Ted) Crowell of Wellsville; 4 nieces, Pamela Crowell Ketchner, Jennifer Gonska, Heather Crowell Farr and Megan Crowell Shear, his great nephews Dalton and Brady



and his great niece Cameron. Don was dearly loved by Sandy’s “Buchholz” family which included Dick and Jo-Ann, Vaughn and Becky, Judy and Bob and Cheryl and Bob and their children.

Don leaves his dear cats KC and Mouse and little dog, Winston. He loved all animals and birds.

At Don’s request there will be no calling hours. A Memorial Service will be held at the Union University Church of Alfred on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 1:00 PM with Bob Donius officiating.

Don’s family request that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions in his name be made to the SPCA of Allegany County, 1374 State Route 19, Wellsville, NY 14895 or to American Heart Association, PO Box 3049, Syracuse, NY 13220 or to the American Lung Association, 1595 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14620.

Church News & Events



Mission of the Month

November Mission of the Month: “Coats and More”

Our Mission of the Month for November is a coat drive for all good winter coats (even gently used), new gloves and hats, and winter boots if in good shape for both children and adults.

Warm blankets in good condition will also be accepted. We will have bins inside and outside the Church Center as well as a bin in Community Bank. Dave and Jan Porter will bring donations to Journey's End in late November or early December.

“Journey's End Refugee Services, Inc. is a Christian community-based organization with the mission of welcoming refugees without regard to ethnic origin or creed and to assist them to become healthy, independent, contributing members of the community.”

Youth Trust Walk

Submitted by Melissa Jusaniec



Kicking off our Sunday School year, our lesson, corresponding with the scripture at church that day, was about the disciple Thomas, aka, Doubting Thomas. While enjoying breakfast together, the youth listened to and discussed the lesson, completed activities related to Doubting Thomas, including a blindfolded trust walk. We wrapped up our time together with a discussion about the trust we have in Jesus, even though we have never actually seen him with our own eyes.



Youth who participated: Amber, Cuhlyn, Isabel, Jackson, Laura, Lillie, Noelle, and Sam.

Church News & Events

Christmas Holiday Luncheon

Submitted by Janice Porter

Save **Friday, December 8th** for our annual Holiday Luncheon. We will have homemade soups and pies for the community celebration this event has become. Again, this year we will also be selling chilled homemade soups in pints and quarts to take home and enjoy later. The event will run from **11 to 1**.



This year we are going to be selling plastic terra cotta colored plant saucers filled with anything you might enjoy creating or purchasing. These “**Santa’s Saucers**” will sell for \$10 to all our luncheon attendees. We have purchased many saucers for you to fill. You will need to buy these specifically sized saucers from **Jan**. One saucer will sell for \$2 or buy two saucers for \$3. **Regina Burke** and **Barb Willis** will be in charge of the Santa Saucers tables.

We will have a baked goods table and shelves filled with anything you enjoy baking: breads, cookies, candies, etc. - are welcome. **Anna McHale** will be in charge of baked goods.

Jan Porter will begin soliciting soups and pies in November and looking for the good helpers we have depended on for Thursday set up and sandwich making, Friday soup servers, Friday dining room help, and dining room and kitchen clean up.

If you have had a traditional role in this, our only UUC money raising event, Jan will be talking to you to see if you are willing to help this year.

Also, with **Gretchen, Joan** and **Walt Schulze’s** help, we will have **gift certificates** for the luncheon that you may buy for \$8.00 to give to a friend or a special guest. See **Joan** after church on a November Sunday, or let **Jan** know you need gift certificates.

The Sunday after Thanksgiving (the 26th), **Cindy Tucker** and her Fellowship Committee members, with “Hanging of the Greens” helpers, will decorate the King David Room. See fun details on page 6!



The Fellowship Committee will also decorate the luncheon tables. **Laurel Buckwalter** will cut and dish up pies. **Dave Porter** will handle beverages and other responsibilities. **Jan** will be at the church center by 8:00 AM on Friday to receive pies and soups.

Heads Up

Please Note! There will be a Holiday Farmer’s Market in the King David Room on **Sunday November 19** from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. Thus, Coffee Hour will take place in the Bergren Room.



Church News & Events

From the Search Committee



Dave Porter, Chairperson

It is with great excitement that the Search Committee is recommending Rev. Roberto Che Espinoza, PhD, to be presented as the next possible minister for UUC.

Reverend Roberto has numerous degrees with the most recent from The University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology. Since

this time, he has been doing public ministry throughout the country, preaching in a variety of churches who want to increase their visibility of social justice, and building community across the lines of differences. He is married to Erin Christian Law, who is presently teaching at Alfred University. Rev. Roberto has been invited to preach at UUC on Sunday, November 19th. After the service, a vote will be taken by members of UUC. If the vote is positive, (our By-Laws state a positive vote of three-fourths of the members of UUC, is required to call a minister), he would then be called as the next minister for UUC. Prior to the service on the 19th, there will be an opportunity to have “Conversation with Roberto” on Saturday, November 18th, from 1:00-3:00, at the Church Center. All are encouraged to meet Roberto and his wife Erin.

I want to thank the SC; Linell Soule, John Buckwalter, Anna McHale, Mary Perkins, Lily Perkins, Cindy Tucker, Jan Casey, Mary Beth McDonough, Samantha McCormick, Sharon Burdick, and Deb Stephens for time and energy they devoted to this most important task.

Hanging of the Greens

This year the Hanging of the Greens will take place on November 26 and all are invited to join in decorating the Church Center and Sanctuary following worship. This year the tree in the sanctuary will be decorated with white lights and red roses in commemoration of the legends about roses springing to life during the Christmas season. Most familiar is the German Advent hymn “Lo, how a rose e’re blooming,” first printed in 1599. Less familiar is the

17th century Advent hymn “Marie walks amid the thorn,” sometimes translated as “Mary walked through a wood of thorn.”

**Maria walks amid the thorn,
Kyrie eleison,
Maria walks amid the thorn,
Which seven years no leaf has born.
Jesus and Maria.
What ‘neath her heart doth Mary bear?
Kyrie eleison,
The little Child doth Mary bear,
Beneath her heart He nestles there.
Jesus and Maria.
Lo! roses on the thorns appear!
Kyrie eleison,
As the two are passing near,
Lo! roses on the thorns appear!
Jesus and Maria.**

During the week leading up to November 26, we are asking everyone willing to make crepe paper roses to contact Lana Meissner for instructions and materials. If enough people are interested, she can demonstrate how to make the flowers during a designated coffee hour or following a Nutrition Site luncheon. If you recall, the sanctuary tree is BIG and we will need LOTS of roses.

Lana can be reached via email or text: 607.661.5159 or arolana5@gmail.com or fmeissnerl@alfred.edu.





Mission of the Month

Journey's End Refugee Services

In November, the trees are standing all sticks and bones. Without their leaves, how lovely they are, spreading their arms like dancers. They know it is time to be still.

Cynthia Rylant, *In November*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 11:30 am Nutrition Site 1 pm UUC Office Open 6 pm: Knit Night	3 1 pm UUC Office Open 7 pm: AA	4
5 10:30 Worship All Saints Day	6 11:30 am Nutrition Site	7 11:30 am Nutrition Site 6 pm Boy Scouts	8	9 11:30 am Nutrition Site 1 pm UUC Office Open 6 pm: Knit Night	10 1 pm UUC Office Open 7 pm: AA	11 1 pm David DuBois Memorial Service & Reception
12 10:30 Worship Semi-Annual Meeting	13 11:30 am Nutrition Site	14 11:30 am Nutrition Site 6 pm Boy Scouts	15	16 11:30 am Nutrition Site 1 pm Advisory Comm. Mtg 1 pm UUC Office Open 6 pm: Knit Night	17 1 pm UUC Office Open 7 pm: AA	18 1–3 pm Conversation With Roberto, Church Center
19 9:30 Youth Breakfast Sunday/Bells 10:30 Worship	20 11:30 am Nutrition Site	21 11:30 am Nutrition Site 6 pm Boy Scouts	22	23 11:30 am Nutrition Site 1 pm UUC Office Open 6 pm: Knit Night	24 1 pm UUC Office Open 7 pm AA	25
26 10:30 Worship Hanging of the Greens	27 11:30 am Nutrition Site	28 11:30 am Nutrition Site 6 pm Boy Scouts	29	30 11:30 am Nutrition Site 1 pm UUC Office Open 6 pm: Knit Night		

November Board Members of the Month

DeaconMary Beth McDonough (marybethmcdonough1@gmail.com; (607) 661-2529)
 ElderHeather Meacham (meachajo@yahoo.com; (607) 587-8313)
 BOCE
 Fellowship
 Trustee..... Anna McHale (mchale@alfred.edu; (607) 725-0708)

Whom 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.

UUC Youth Breakfast Sundays

Our kids have been meeting once a month this fall for breakfast, interactive lessons, and group activities. This month they will meet on the 19th and will also **provide bell music** for that day's services. December's Youth Breakfast Sunday date is the 17th.



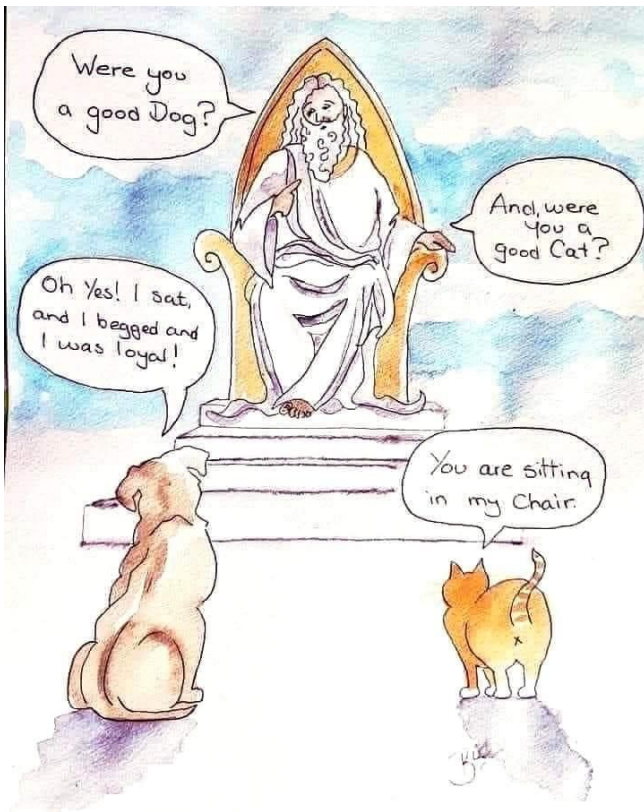
Upcoming Sunday Leaders

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(s)	Lay Leader	Flowers	Coffee	Usher
November 5	Cindy Tucker	Heather Meacham	Communion	Sharon Burdick	
November 12	Deb Stephens	M-L Cartledge	Cindy Tucker	C. Chambers	
November 19	Mary Perkins	Lana Meissner	Lana Meissner	Buckwalter/ Hluchy	
November 26	Reginio	Dave Porter	Advent 1	Regina Burke	
December 3	Soule/Sortore	Sharon Smith	Advent 2	Soule/Sortore	J. Porter
December 10	Amie Acton	Larry Casey	Advent 3	Buckwalter/ Hluchy	J. Porter
December 17	M.McDonough	Lana Meissner	Advent 4	Sharon Smith	J. Porter
December 24	L. Meissner	J. Buckwalter	L. Meissner		J. Porter
December 31	Cartledges		Christmas		J. Porter

Just for Fun

Pets in Heaven...



Jokes Only a Mother Could Love

Why is a computer so smart?

It listens to its motherboard.

Why did you chop the joke book in half?

Mom said to cut the comedy.

Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?

Because their kids have to play inside!

What did the mother rope say to her child?

"Don't be knotty."

Do Your Homework!

A minister wound up the services one morning by saying, "next Sunday I am going to preach on the subject of liars. And in this connection, as a preparation for my discourse, I would like you all to read the seventeenth chapter of Mark." On the following Sunday, the preacher rose to begin, and

said, "Now, then, all of you who have done as I requested and read the seventeenth chapter of Mark, please raise your hands." Nearly every hand in the congregation went up. Then said the preacher, "You are the people I want to talk to. There is no seventeenth chapter of Mark."

Heavenly Humor

Biblical lessons from kids: The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines. Jesus was born because Mary had immaculate contraption. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. The epistles were the wives of the apostles. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage. A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony.





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