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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

The August summer wind howled outside as a late afternoon thunderstorm approached; rumbles of thunder are heard in the distance. We rushed to secure the items out in the yard and on the deck before the storm is upon us. We had been given warning of the severe weather coming which was caused by the daytime heat. The air was humid and hot, my skin sticky and hot, and I hope the rain will have some cooling effect. How much rain will fall upon the dried, parched ground? Will the rain soak into the ground and water the grass and gardens which are now thirsty? The rain water might run off the dried land and not penetrate the soil since it is hard and dry. The stream might overflow the banks. What type of problems can arise from a passing downpour? The storm could last less than an hour, but in that time the destruction left behind could last for years. Some people who live downstream from Arcade people panic when the creek swells beyond the normal high flow of water. Jesus said to his panicked disciples while they were in a storm, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” The reality of life is that we will face several storms throughout our lives. We are always going to be subject to natural effects such as floods, tornados, and wildfires, and then there is also human action or neglect. We might be struck by sickness and disease, hunger and thirst, or homelessness. Sometimes it depends on the geographical location, age, and type of storm that is going to strike. We will all spend time in the boat with the disciples with the waves battering the side, rain coming down, and darkness. Jesus as he spoke to the disciples in those few words “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” which means he is telling us to prepare. Do you have a plan to evacuate your home in the event of a wildfire? Do you have a supply of drinking water and food if the power was to go out for days? What would you gather as the flood water approaches your doorstep? What if ailments and illness kept you in bed or made you immobile? Have you prepared to weather the storm? What if Jesus came at



night to call you home? This past year many people who are unchurched have faced this fear and have not listened to the warnings. I have met with families who have not been told Jesus is going to make a place for you, and then come back to take you to be where he is. When people prepare for a storm, they prepared only halfway and left Christ behind? The bible said, “Those who believe”. All that Christ asked in our faith is to believe. Remember in the bag we pack for the storm, put in and check off the list “Believe in Jesus Christ our Savior”. Pass these words along.

Pastor Jeff

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- *Colossians 3:15-17*



United Methodist Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive Fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Below is a summary of the fall meetings we are planning to have. Please put the dates on your calendar and join us.

September 13th -- "Welcome Back" to our meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. Ona Hamann will share one of her wonderful "Women of Faith" programs with us. There will be time for fellowship and refreshments. We hope you will join us as it's been so long since we've been able to meet.

October 11th -- We will learn about this year's World Thank Offering and donate to this worthy program.

November -- Two dates will be selected to make and decorate Christmas cookies for our annual sale. More information will be in upcoming newsletters.

December 4th -- Our 7th Annual Christmas Cookie Bake Sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. until sold out. Much help will be needed to make this a successful fund-raiser.

December 13th -- UMW Christmas party.

We received a thank you note from The United Methodist House at Chautauqua. On July 13th, nine women drove there and brought 20 dozen cookies and punch ingredients for visitors. Everyone had a great time that day, listening to a speaker during lunch, walking around the institute grounds and meeting people as they stopped by the Methodist House that afternoon.

Dear Nancy,

Thank you and the ladies of Churchill Memorial for providing such a yummy "tea." It was fun to meet all of you. Be assured that the cookies have been enjoyed each morning with coffee by porch visitors!

Blessings,
Karen Douds

<p style="text-align: center;">Do you have news for the October Messenger?</p> <p>Please submit all news to churchillmessenger@gmail.com by the 3rd Thursday of the month (September 16th). Thank you!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IN SYMPATHY</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>SYMPATHY is extended to Dominic Mariotti and Ellen Beckwith with the August 3, 2021 death of Dominic's sister Mary Jean Sees.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BEST WISHES</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Congratulations to GERHARDT HOFFMANN and EMILEE PUCCIO who were married at Churchill on Saturday August 14, 2021.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A FRIENDLY NOTE</p> <p>A note was received from Mahlin & Jackie Cummins. They are at the lake for the summer and will be spending a few days at their condo in West Palm. They send their wishes to everyone at Churchill.</p>

<p>CONGRATULATIONS!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Congratulations to PEYTON SCHWAB on receiving the Maurice G. Bley Drama Award and the Town of Boston Club Scholarship awards.</p> <p>Churchill extends their congratulations to all our 2021 graduates! Best wishes to all of them with their future plans.</p>
<p style="color: purple;">The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.</p> <p style="color: purple;"><i>Numbers 6:24-26</i></p>



FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

2021 OFFERING STATEMENTS

Offering Statements for the first six months of 2021 were run at the beginning of July 2021. Some statements were available in the narthex in July 2021. The rest of the statements were mailed out.

2021 INCOME AND EXPENSE

For the first six months of 2021, our income has been keeping up with the expense. Please keep your offerings current for the balance of the year so that we can keep up with our expenses. Thanks to everyone who has kept up their offerings especially during the summer. We are blessed to have such a giving congregation.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

Individuals 70 ½ and older, may be eligible for a QCD. This special tax break allows the donor to take from their IRA for charitable purposes and avoid income tax on the distribution. See your financial planner or income tax preparer to see if this applies to you.

WORSHIP TEAM NEWS

The Worship Team met this summer and planned to have 3 outside summer services. The July date was unfortunately rained out, but the August 8th service was held out back and went well. We are hoping to have the last outdoor service on **Sunday, September 5th**. Please come and join us. Chairs will be available for your use, you can bring your own, or you can sit in your car and listen from there.

Welcome Back Sunday will be celebrated on September 12th. Pastor Snyder will be on vacation from 9/11-9/20, so Pastor Laun will lead the services on 9/12 and 9/19. There will be a Fellowship Hour after church on the 12th, with several changes made for serving the cookies, coffee, punch, etc., according to UNYC guidelines in place at that time. We hope that many of our church members that haven't been attending due to



covid concerns will again join us. Most of the restrictions put in place last year have been removed and hopefully will not be changed this fall.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES



Churchill Memorial extends its heartfelt condolences to the following families:

Ann R. Kimball of Tonawanda, entered into rest on July 27, 2021. Beloved wife of Duane T. Kimball; devoted mother of Mark O. (Janet) Kimball, Lisa A. (Mark) Ellsworth and Joy E. Saxe (Greg Saxe); cherished grandmother of Madison, Lily and Cameron Saxe and Autumn Ellsworth; dear sister of Ralph Zimmer and the late Calvin Zimmer. A Memorial Service to be held at a later date.

Wendy Elizabeth Wershoven-Halliman, aged 55, passed away on August 2, 2021 in Daytona Beach, Florida. Wendy was born on January 26, 1966 in Syracuse, NY to Norene Stocum-Barlow, then adopted in Buffalo, NY and raised by Karl and Marilyn Wershoven. She married Daniel Halliman in September 1985 and had daughters Liana and Kristina. She and Dan spent the remainder of their lives together, with Dan preceding her in death only 4 days before.

Brian M. Fluker, age 48 of Boston, NY, passed away on August 18, 2021. Son of Judith and the late Ronald Fluker. Brother of Debra Hunt, David (Maria), and the late Richard Fluker. Brian was retired from the United States Navy, having served his country for 20 years. He enjoyed buying cars, modifying them, and racing them. He was a huge Mustang fan and loved spending time outdoors.