



THE MESSENGER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

A faint glow of a light shown through the darkness in the distance. Hikers on a trail tried to follow their compass heading on the map they were carrying, but a slight drift from their course caused them to miss the evening checkpoint. The overcast night made the trail in the woods very dark; this allowed only a few yards of visibility at a time. Surrounded by the sounds of nocturnal creatures made the situation seem more frightening. Oddly a sense of excitement mixed with fear wandered through the forest, as the hikers knew not of how long they had been off their path. At some point, the hikers realized as long as they were not traveling in circles they would emerge at some sign of human life. The beam of light that reflected life in the moment of darkness was an exciting turn of events to witness. After making their way to a small cabin, they knocked on the door and were given directions to get back on track. The hostess offered them a place to stay until the darkness turned to daylight since it would be easier to discover where they were and what direction they should take in the morning light. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12 NIV) Jesus is the light that illuminates the darkness and opens our eyes to the world about us. With Jesus, we can see where we have been and where we are heading since Jesus is our compass of life. The hikers discovered when you take your eyes off the compass, it will only take a slight deviation

to pull you off course, causing the darkness to conjure big emotions as our minds sense a threat at even the slightest sound. A good wilderness survivalist will keep constant attention to their direction and make adjustments to the course so they do not miss their objective. When Jesus said he is the light of the world it was so we would not be lost and drift off course of discipleship. Anyone lost in the darkness can walk towards the light where they will discover the ultimate hostess, Jesus Christ standing at the door. There Jesus will welcome them in and show the way in the light of day- even during the darkest of times. New life comes from the light of Jesus Christ.

~ Pastor Jeff



United
Women
in Faith

~ Nancy Schwab

At our September evening meeting we discussed changing the time of our regular monthly meetings due to the problem of driving at night that so many of us seem to be dealing with. So, our October meeting will be held on **Monday, October 10th from 10:00 a.m. to noon**. We will have a speaker, our business meeting, followed by lunch (please bring your own) and dessert supplied by women of the church. Please come and join us. At this time, our speaker may be someone from the Providence Farm Collective in Orchard Park. Otherwise, Ona Hamann will share a Women of Faith program from her collection.

Even though it's early, please put these dates on your calendars:
Monday, November 14th -- Christmas Cookie baking and decorating from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 19th -- Christmas Cookie baking and decorating from 9:00 a.m.-- noon.

Saturday, December 3rd -- Our 8th Annual Christmas Cookie Bake Sale will be held. More information will be in the November Messenger.

Pies will be made on Saturday, October 1st. This year we will be preparing the apples the day before, on Friday, September 30th. Much help is needed to core, peel, slice and bag 2 bushels of apples. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and hopefully be done by 11:00 a.m. If you can come and help with this "job", it will be much appreciated. Then we will be ready to make pies the next day. We will make some apple, blueberry, strawberry rhubarb and blackberry pies that morning. If you'd like to be sure to get the kind of pie you want, please preorder by contacting Nancy (716-941-3645). Thanks for your continued support.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES



Condolences to Carol Clulow as her husband Kent Clulow went to be with his heavenly father on September 10, 2022.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN



Thanks for all of the pennies in September!



THANK YOU

The church received thank you notes from Bread of Life Outreach Center and UMCOR for our donations in 2022.

COLLEGE AGE MINISTRY 2022-2023

~ Gail Proctor

We are starting another school year. Last year we had 13 in the college age group. We have 2 new graduates to add to our list: Derek Moelbert and Drew Cassidy.

The first mailing will be for Halloween. Please notify the church office if there is a change of address from last year.

Also, please notify the church office of any college aged person that may be missing from our mailing list. Thank you.

MESSENGER ARTICLES

~ Sandy Wittmeyer

Articles are due by **October 20** to churchillmessenger@gmail.com for the November Messenger.

You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior,

the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,

who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,

who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening

fades, you call forth songs of joy.

~ Psalm 65: 5-8

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

~ Rick Roehner

2022 INCOME AND EXPENSE

For the first eight-months of 2022, revenue was \$106,077 and expense was \$118,086 for a shortfall of \$12,009. The offering was down \$10,527 from last year while expense was higher. Utilities cost increased from \$7,071 in 2021 to \$10,834 in 2022 a \$3,763 or a 53% increase, a very significant change.

The offering was \$4,756 for August; this was the lowest monthly offering in the last three years. The August monthly offering should be around fifty percent higher. It is going to be very hard to recover from this twelve thousand dollar shortfall, especially with the utilities continuing to increase and the coming colder months.

It is very important to continue your offering as we head into the end of the year. Thank you to everyone who has maintained their offering during this period. We are blessed to have such a giving congregation.

2022 OFFERING STATEMENT

Offering Statements for September 2022 will be available at church in the narthex by mid-October for some members or sent out at the end of October for the other members.

REMINDER

If you are sending something to church, please use the following address:

P.O. 155
Boston, New York 14025

“Give, and it will be given to you”



OCTOBER 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					September 30 - 9 am Apple preparation	1 9 am Pie making
2 10:45 Service <i>World Wide Communion</i>	3	4 9:30 am Spiritual Class	5 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Choir	6 1 pm Bible Study	7	8
9 10:45 Service	10 10 am - noon United Women in Faith 7 pm Boy Scout Committee	11 9:30 am Spiritual Class	12 7 pm Choir	13 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Trustees	14	15 SILVER BAND CONCERT
16 10:45 Service	17	18 9:30 am Spiritual Class	19 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Choir	20 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Ad Board <i>MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE</i>	21	22
23 10:45 Service	24	25 9:30 am Spiritual Class	26 7 pm Choir	27 1 pm Bible Study	28	29
30 10:45 Service	31					

A Prayer for World Communion Sunday:

Today, God, we confess fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with enough space for us all! Amen. (from www.umcdiscipleship.org)