

Bristoletter

**Newsletter of the United Church of Bristol
A member congregation of the United Church of Christ
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**United Church of Bristol
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TO:

“God is still speaking”

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Liturgist, Greeters, & Fellowship Hour –June & July 2014

DATE	LITURGIST	GREET & FAREWELL	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Jun. 1	Pat Pestle	Cc Bodnar & Cathy Joseph	Jon & Emily Angell
Jun. 8	John Faulkner	Bob & Dianne Marcellus	Bob & Stephanie Drayn
Jun. 15	LaRue Fletcher	Paula Dorn & Helen Fox	J. Hall, J. Schrader, M.L. Parmelee **
Jun. 22	Bob Drayn	Faye Brocklebank & Mary Lynne Parmelee	John & Rena Faulkner
Jun.29	Cc Bodnar	Lance & Diane Bassage	Elaine Burd & Edie Thomas
Jul. 6	Bob Marcellus	John & Rena Faulkner	VanStralen Family
Jul. 13	MaryAnn Strasser	Bill & Joan Hall	Faye Brocklebank & MaryLynne Parmelee
Jul. 20	Ellie Babcock	Sheila Hudson& Ann Ward	**Lance & Diane Bassage**
Jul. 27	Sally Ess	Bob & Ginny Ford	Babcock Family
Aug. 3	Art Babcock	Sally Ess & Pat Pestle	Bill & Joan Hall

- **“Greeters”**: Please try to remember to have one or both of you be a “fareweller” at the end of the service by the door to wish those people well who may not be staying with us for the fellowship hour. Thank you for adding this new task and making everyone feel welcome all the time at UCB! Your other duties still are to be at the door by 9:20, remember to wear your name tag, have guests sign our guestbook, hand out the Sunday bulletins and any other hand-outs, count all the attendees and enter the total in the book, take up the collection when called by the Pastor. Headsets are on the table or in the drawer if needed by anyone.

-Those who are assigned to “fellowship hour”, you will need to provide juice for children and non-coffee drinkers. Pick up the cake, if it is ****cake Sunday****, Pat and Sally order it. >>These are “pot-luck Sundays”. A huge spread for “fellowship hour isn’t really necessary on these Sundays. Please, all are welcome to join in for a pot-luck luncheon after a light fellowship snack. ****These represent “birthday cake Sundays”**. If you should be on fellowship hour for this Sunday and are new to this, please see Pat or Sally.

+Please find your own substitute if you are unable to fulfill your appointed task. THANKS!

+If you would like to be added to this list, please let Pat or Sally know.

Those Whom We Hold in Prayer

Bubba, Christine, Pauline, Nate, Mrs. Scott, Marie, Cathy, Margaret, Roger, Kami, Pete, Ryan, Dennie, Barbara, Danny, Ashley, little Danny, Uncle Mike, Jim and Ashley, Rich. Prayers for the family of Norma Goodman, the Davis family, and the Harvey family. Prayers for: just peace in Israel, Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq, prudent use of our natural and energy resources, leadership free from greed and self-interest, companionship for those who are lonely, fearful or sad, recovery for those wrestling with addictions, and strength for the family of Christ to live with patience, courage, love and faith. Prayers for those traveling to France, and for the kidnapped girls in Nigeria. **Prayers of thanksgiving** for Al & Gloria Miles travel to VA recently to visit Tom, Colleen and their granddaughter Mackenzie as Al felt good enough to drive down after his operation in March.

Deacons Report

Deacons are finishing up the work on the inactive members list. Those listed will either be called or sent a card asking their wishes regarding membership. We have no known 80 and over birthdays for the month of May. If you are turning 80 in the coming months, please let a Deacon know. June honorees - watch for a visit! We are continuing our outreach by inviting people celebrating their birthdays each month to come for "birthday cake Sunday" services. Communion will be held on the 25th along with our Memorial Day service, and our yearly trek to the church in the valley will be June 8th. A possible summer speaker series is in the works, watch for further information.

Altar Flower Committee Report

CALLING ALL UCB GARDENERS!!

The Flower Comm. is inviting all gardeners to share their bounty during the months of June, July & August!! If your garden is having an especially good week and you would like to bring a bouquet/arrangement for the Altar or the Narthex on any Sunday please call Diane Bassage – 657-6609 – by the Friday morning before and we will be able to plan accordingly!!

Many thanks in advance, prayers for good weather that leads to great gardens!!

Christian Education

We had a very successful Palm Sunday as the story of Easter was shared with the children. We made resurrection rolls – the marshmallow body of Christ dipped in melted butter anointing oil and cinnamon sugar spices then wrapped in a crescent roll tomb. When they were baked the marshmallow melted and Christ was risen. An Easter Egg Hunt was also enjoyed and the children helped prepare palms for service. **Sunday, June 15** we will wrap up the year with an ice cream social. Ice cream sundaes will be served during Fellowship!

Spring Garden Tour and Gully Walk

Burning Springs Farm - 4348 Case Road

Approximately 5 miles north of the Bristol Ski Center - your GPS will want you to enter: 4348 Case Road, Canandaigua, New York 14424)

Sunday June 1, 2014 - 12:30pm - 5:30 pm

Refreshments: Simple sandwiches, water, tea, coffee, cookies. You can bring snacks, dessert or just yourself.

We have a big garage with lots of tables and chairs.

Bring: Boots to walk up the gully, light the natural gas on fire, and see the waterfall at the end.

Or just wander through the garden.

Former Congregational Church 200th

Anniversary

The 200th Anniversary of the former Congregational Church committee is Don DeSmith, Beverly Beckley, James Reed, LaRue Fletcher, Margaret Hayward and Helen Fox. Anyone who would be interested in helping can call 585-229-5420 for more information. The former Congregational Church building was completed in 1812, but not dedicated until 1814 because of the War of 1812. At that time Rev Joseph Grover was the minister of the church. The society was established late 1700's with Rev Zaddock Hunn being the minister with others assisting. Rev Hunn died in 1801 and is buried in the Woolhouse Cemetery in Canandaigua, NY. Originally the services were held in a log building on what is now Route 64

at Route 21. Early Bristol Town Meetings were also held at both the log building and the new building. At that time South Bristol was part of the Town of Bristol, but in 1838 South Bristol was established as a separate Town. The building is now owned by Dr. Stephen Evangelisti; who will let us have a gathering there sometime in September. The book 'America Preserved' printed by the Library of Congress lists the Building as HABS NY – 235, HABS NY – 35-BRISC.1-3ph.

Outreach/Missions

Our church continues to support many outreach efforts. On June 29th, Graduation and Gilbert Scholarship Award Sunday, our church will receive the Strengthen the Church offering. This special collection supports new church starts and church revitalization within the UCC. Recent Joy Jar collections have assisted a family displaced by fire.

The Hands of Hope Kitchen continues its weekly free lunches at the East Bloomfield Fire Hall every Wednesday at noon. Donations from the Joy Jar have helped to support this effort. To donate or volunteer, go to handsofhopekitchen.org or call coordinator Rich Krapf at 749-2694.

The Outreach/Missions committee wishes to thank everyone for supporting these many expressions of God's love!

Notes from Genesee Valley Association

Attendees in the recent Spring Assembly, hosted at Durand United Church of Christ, participated in an "Expect a Miracle" workshop led by members of the Committee on Congregational Life. Long-range planning and goal setting were the foci, and several task groups will be at work over the summer. The Program and Mission Support Committee invites applications for 2015 funding, with a deadline of July 1 for new projects.

A task group is at work to support Salem UCC, the only urban congregation within GVA, as it begins to envision its future and how best to continue its mission of representing "Christ in the City." With the impending retirement of Marcie Gass, our Wellspring Resource Center, which is a treasure trove of religious education materials currently housed at Henrietta UCC,

will be undergoing a transition phase of retooling for the age of on-line resources. Faced with dwindling per capita donations as some of the larger GVA congregations scrub their rolls, the Executive Committee will be considering how best to continue providing resources and outreach with a smaller budget at the same time that congregations are encouraged to participate in the "Covenant Share" goal of a \$10 per member contribution to the ministry of our New York Conference, UCC. Lyle Jenks, Bristol rep to GVA

Hands of Hope Kitchen Donation Wish List **Food Items**

Basic spices, including salt/pepper/granulated garlic
Beans–Kidney/Black/Baked
Beef or Chicken broth
Brownie Mix/Cake Mix/Cookie Mix
Canned fruit
Diced or crushed canned tomatoes
Eggs
Egg noodles/Pasta
Flour
Fresh/Frozen Vegetables
Ground coffee-regular and decaffeinated
Gift cards (for meat purchases)
Gravy
Iced tea/lemonade mixes/juices
Icing
Milk (call to make delivery arrangements)
Non-stick cooking spray
Powdered coffee creamer
Salad dressings
Soups (Chicken Noodle, Minestrone, Tomato, etc.)
Spaghetti sauce
Sugar/Sugar substitute packets

Supplies

Liquid dishwashing soap (Joy, Dawn, etc.)
Paper towels/Paper napkins
Paper or foam dessert plates (6" diameter)

In the interest of making your donations most useful, please note:

- Single serve products are not practical; we cook in large quantities.
- We only serve lunch–breakfast items are not used.
- We serve a prepared meal—we do not give guests food to take home.

• Home-prepared foods cannot be served per NYS Dept. of Health regulations.

Thank you in advance for supporting this important mission in our community.

Poetry Corner
Little Friends

Pretty red-wing blackbird,
Picking at the seeds.
Other little birds,
Getting what they need.
There are golden finches,
Tiny sparrows, too.
Cardinals are waiting,
Bright red colors true.
Robins grace the lawn,
Working for their food.
Pick and pull until
They get a worm (so good).
We feed birds in the winter,
So the food will keep them warm.
And again they come in summer,
God kept them safe from harm.
Norma J. Lyons, June 2013

Pastor's Letter

I've sat in a lot of meetings lately. Some of these meetings are actually called "meetings." Others are known by other names: "conferences", "assemblies", "retreats" and occasionally..."lunches"! But you can't fool me: they're all meetings. "A meeting by any other name is still a meeting."
Meetings are occasions when people...uh...meet. Most meetings I attend don't involve lots of people – maybe a dozen folks...often less. But even gatherings that are small in number can feel very...full. And I think that's because we folks bring much more than just our bodies and perhaps a coat and a set of keys to any meeting. We bring a host of other things too: our opinions, our experience, our tastes, our hurts, our hopes, and our beliefs – among others.
Preparing lunch in the East Bloomfield Fire Hall has reminded me of both the challenge and the miracle of meeting- meeting for a common goal. Even a task as simple as washing dishes can generate a host of "visions" as to how to **DO** it.

And the challenge is how to settle on one method. Honoring the democratic spirit, there is a need for respectful listening and open sharing. It is true that dictatorships are vastly more efficient...but they don't make for a lot of "buy-in" and even LESS good will. So...we need to talk things out. I'm happy to report that whether the issue has been dish-washing or serving food or cleaning up, a consensus has generally emerged.

God can be sneaky in teaching us to grow! For example, I think God invented hunger in order to train us! When it comes down to it, we're not so different from laboratory rats, who will go to great lengths to hit the little metal bar in order to receive their food pellet. We will work very hard to feed ourselves...and others. And we think the "outcome" - the meal - is the most important thing. But in fact, the process...the experience of working together and growing together as we blend our gifts and accept our limits...is the REAL pay-off.

A case in point: I've washed dishes for years...almost daily! And my method seems to work very well for me. (If it didn't, I'd change it.) But you...have a different system – one that has worked for YOU. Therein lies the rub...or the scrub. As we work together – on the dishes, on a playground, on a mission project, in a discussion group – I am continually invited to see the imprint of Christ in YOUR vision, your method...and vice versa. And all are enriched. "Meetings" is such a commonplace word that it may have lost its deeper meaning. To truly meet - encountering one another in all of our wonderful, vexing uniqueness - requires utmost respect, courage, and faith - faith in the God who is forever present "wherever 2 or 3 are gathered." May we all be blessed in our meetings!

In gratitude – Tim

**United Church of Bristol Slate of
Officers/Committee Appointments for 2014
as of Quarterly Meeting 4/27/14**

Names of new/reappointed nominees are underlined. Term continues until annual meeting following year listed.

Moderator: Catherine Joseph (2014)

Clerk: Patricia Pestle (2014)

Treasurer: LaRue Fletcher (2014)

Financial Secretary: Jan Schrader (2014)

Auditor: _____

Deacons: Deb Footer (2014), Diane Bassage (2015), Bob Marcellus (2016), Faye Brocklebank (2016), Catherine Joseph (2014), Karla Babcock (2016), Junior Deacon: Shaina Babcock (2014)

Trustees: John Faulkner (2015); Art Babcock, John Babcock, Bob Drayn, Jim Dunne, Lance Bassage (all 2016)

Bristoletter: Therese Van Stralen (2015), Jan Schrader (2016), Effie Rogers (2014), Catherine Joseph, ex-officio

Christian Ed: Mary Lynne Parmelee, Joan Hall, Cecilie Bodnar, Jan Schrader

Community Cupboard: Pat Pestle, Sally Ess, Margaret Hayward, Bob Marcellus, John Faulkner

Constitution and By-Laws: Helen Fox, Sally Ess, Bob Marcellus

Flowers: Diane Bassage, Gloria Miles, Art Cratsley, Fran Staub

Fund Raising/Outreach: Patricia Pestle, Sally Ess, and one member of each standing committee

Genesee Valley Association Delegate: Lyle Jenks

Gilbert Scholarship Fund: Dianne Marcellus, Patricia Pestle, Lynn Damaske

Historian: Helen Fox

Memorial Gifts: Margaret Hayward, Gloria Miles, Julie Searles

Missions: Mary Ann Strasser, Gloria Miles, Neale VanStralen, Nick Van Stralen, Stephanie Drayn

Music: Rena Van Scott Faulkner, Mary Dunne, Jim Hendee, Ellie Babcock

Newton Trust Liaison Committee: Art Babcock (trustee), Lance Bassage, LaRue Fletcher

Nominating Committee: Shelia M. Hudson (2014), William Wheeler (2015), Cecilie Bodnar (2016)

Pastor-Parish Relations: Bob Drayn, Helen Fox, Margaret Hayward, Bill Wheeler, John Faulkner

Social Activities: Pat Pestle (2016), Sally Ess (2016), Dianne Marcellus (2015), Edith Thomas (2015), Patricia Sanford (2014), Don Sanford (2014), Faye Brocklebank (2015)

Stewardship and Finance: Lance Bassage, Patricia Sanford, Lynn Damaske; LaRue Fletcher and Jan Schrader, ex-officio

United Church of Bristol Calendar for June and July 2014

- May 31** Spring Dinner – pulled pork and all the trimmings - 4:30pm-7pm
June 1 Garden Party @ Burning Springs Farm – see Spring Garden Tour and Gully Walk
June 4 Ontario County Genealogy Society picnic @ Levi Corser Park - 6:30pm followed by a genealogy talk @ Town Hall Historians Library [bring table service, beverage & dish to pass]
- June 8** Pentecost Sunday, Worship in the Valley, and Bristol Fun Days
June 9 Cabinet Meeting - 6:30pm
June 11 Bristolite Luncheon
June 15 Communion, Father's Day, Birthday Cake Sunday, Ice Cream Sundaes for last day of Sunday School, Deacons Meeting
June 21 "Mississippi Freedom Summer Remembered" - Howard Kirschbaum recounts his involvement in this important civil rights campaign - 2pm – 187 Co. Rd. 8 Farmington
June 16 – 22 Pastor Tim on vacation
June 22 Guest speaker – Denny DeLeo, member of Gideon Society; during worship service
June 29 Honoring our Graduates, Awarding of Gilbert Scholarship, Strengthen the Church Offering
July 20 Sunday Worship at Levi Corser Park – 10:30am
Thursdays, July 17, 24 (and a third date to-be-determined)
Summer Speaker Series 7-8 p.m. at the United Church of Bristol. Dessert, drinks, and presentations on the theme of: "Air, Land and Water: A Historical Look at Transportation in Ontario County and the Finger Lakes" featuring presenters Ray Henry and Dr. Bob Ward.

Happy Birthday in June to:

Rylan Angell – 6/2
Amanda Angell – 6/5
Susan Damaske May – 6/5
Reagan Fletcher – 6/5
Autumn Kunes – 6/5
Nick VanStralen – 6/7
Nikolle VanStralen – 6/7
Andy Fagan – 6/8
Dave Parsons – 6/10
Gladys Cooper – 6/11
Linda Ensmann – 6/12
Bill Stanley – 6/15
Ana Stanley – 6/19
Bob Ford – 6/19
Kyle T. DiBiase – 6/21
Joan Hall – 6/26
Dorothy Erb – 6/29

Happy Birthday in July to:

Brett Fletcher – 7/6
Lucille McKee – 7/8
Sean Fagan – 7/11
Richard Lyons – 7/12
Ginny Ford – 7/13
Emily Angell – 7/16
Jordyn T. DiBiase – 7/18
Ray Boda – 7/24
Sam Chappell – 7/25
Kali Schrader – 7/27
Emily Fletcher – 7/30
Shaina Babcock – 7/31