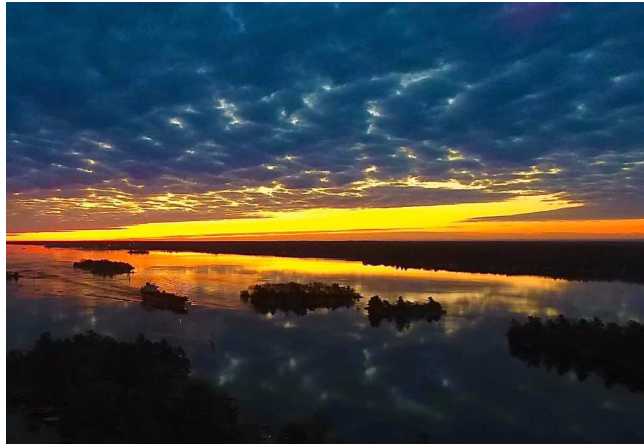


June Newsletter 2021

Greeting Lake and River Parish!



I would like to welcome back all the summer people and the new folks coming to our church. The church has re-started the coffee hour after the service and for the people who are vaccinated you may attend without your mask. Social distancing is still required. We are having Sunday school for the children, and they are loving it.

Sharon Connell Celebration of life will be held June 5, at the United Church. Calling hour with the family will be 11:00 AM and the service is at 12 Noon. A gathering of friends and family will be at Cathleen Snyder's house after with a dish to pass to be bought if you attend.



Our Sister in Christ, Sharon was an example of what a true Christian should be. She gave to the church and her church family in so many ways. She was choir director for years; she was on worship committee. She was always baking things for coffee hour. Over the years she served at the Cape's French festival, potluck suppers and chicken BBQ, ham dinners at the church, Volunteer for VBS, and on many committees for the church. In church when you heard her sing it was like you were hearing an angel sing.

She helped church members behind the scenes. When I had cancer, she bought food every week along with other items she knew I needed. She listened to your problems and gave good sound advice, and she made every newcomer feel welcome when they arrived at our church door. She is going to be missed so much. Shalom, my beloved.

I would like to congratulate all our 2021 graduates, especially Alex and Zalena Davis, and Sarah Lockwood.

The ships have been busily going up and down the river for us ship watchers. Village and town wide garage sale will be June 12. There is going to be a French Festival with limitations.

Looking forward to seeing you all in church.
Lee Page, Outreach Committee.

For Parish Posting in UCCV, TMB, POINT PENINSULA
June 2021

Parish-wide Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee members continue to emphasize the Biblical guidelines for healthy conflict resolution on an on-going basis. We are doing this by posting it in the churches, as well as verbally encouraging anyone with anything they feel is a conflict to first go to the person you have the conflict with for healthy resolution; second, ask a lay leader, associate lay leader or PPRC representative to go with you to the person for healthy resolutions; third, bring it to the full PPRC attention for healthy resolution. The fourth step is to take it to the congregation. The fifth step is to begin again with a fresh process to bring about healthy conflict resolution. (reference: Matthew Chapter 18)

Parish-wide Lay Member to Annual Conference who represents all three churches in this parish, Patricia Regan, is asking for input from any congregant who has something they want brought up in this annual conference in Liverpool June 17-19. It is a meeting of representatives from every church, large and small in the Upper New York Conference. Your voice counts. Your opinion counts. Pat needs your input to represent you accurately. Her email is pnutreg@gmail.com. Her phone is 315-955-2616.

An advertisement for part-time administrative assistant position for the parish office has been posted. Please refer any interested parties you may know to a PPRC committee member so that we can get them the information they need. Letters of interest and resumes may be

sent to lakeandriverumc@gmail.com or mailed to the parish office at UCCV, P. O. Box 593, Cape Vincent, NY 13618.

Is this helpful to you?

Annual Local Church Charge Conference-usually between October and December, it is scheduled by the D.S. to certify the business of our parish, annually meeting together to vote by individual church.

Annual Charge Conference-usually in June. It is held in Liverpool. Representatives from each church or parish in the Upper New York Conference meet to certify its shared corporate (as in Body of Christ) business.

General Conference-usually every four years. It has been postponed twice due to CoVid restrictions. It is scheduled for Minneapolis Minnesota in November 2022. Representatives from around the nation and the world meet together to certify their shared corporate business.

Linda Rowe

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Twelfth Session of Upper New York Annual Conference will take place remotely, 17-19 June. Please pray for Bishop Mark J. Webb and all the Officers, Clergy and Laity who will participate.

FROM PASTOR CHRIS

Dear Friends,

Summer is upon us. I welcome heartily all our people who have returned to our Lake and River Parish churches and communities. We missed you and now look forward to an enjoyable Summer together.

It is so gorgeous out. Some of us like bird watching, nature walks, to take out the old fishing pole, or get out the boat, and go fishing. It's relaxing and fun for many and there are lots more to do in our Lake and River Parish. The majority of the people Jesus called to be his followers were fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. Of course, they weren't just fishing for fun, they fished for a living. Jesus called them to leave their nets and follow Him. He said that this would mean a different kind of fishing, fishing for people. How do you fish for people? When it comes to catching people for the Kingdom of God, I believe that we are the bait, Jesus is the hook, and God is just waiting to reel them in. People are starving for genuine love, and people who live authentic caring lives. Show them, tell them, invite them to know the Jesus you love. There are many people in search for the meaning of life. Why are we here and where are we going?

We have an opportunity to bring the hope of Jesus to people without hope. Visitation, cards, telephone calls, emails, Facebook, other social media, give us opportunities to fish for

people God loves. On our Lake and River Parish website our recorded sermons can be heard and watched being delivered. Please do not hesitate to share thoughts about this or anything that relates to our churches. I believe Jesus is calling us to fish for people and bring them with us to a relationship of hope and love with God. Let's sing a life song of summer fishing for people this June.

I invite you to use these days filled with light and increasing warmth to practice the Presence of God. Each day we have the opportunity to be aware of the Divine in our midst, right in the path of our everyday lives. In the everyday moments, God reaches out to us. In the books we read, the walks we take, the sunsets we watch, our encounters with one another, the music we listen to, God speaks to us. Creation is sending us the message: "You are loved, and the world needs your love."

May we care for one another, and our planet. May we learn more about what really matters and reflect that learning in the way we live our lives and interact with others. And may we find strength and hope in the presence of the Holy all around us. Enjoy the Summer respectfully, wisely, and safely!

Grace and Peace,

Blessings to each of you!

Pastor Chris

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Birthdays

**Happy Birthday, Lori-Ann O'Brien! May God bless you always!
And to all celebrating a birthday in June, wishing you all many
happy returns!**

Wedding Anniversaries last month

**Congratulations to Tom & Linda Rowe who celebrated 32 years
of marriage and continued blessings.**

**Congratulations to John & Sharon Krueger who celebrated 54
years of marriage and continued blessings.**

**Congratulations to all celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in
June! May you continue to enjoy the many blessings God
pours on you.**

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday Prayer Group 6:00 AM--Free Call 1-425-436-6304. Use access code 639723#**
- **TMB Old-fashioned donut sale...sign-up in the Sessions room. \$5.00/half-dozen. Delivery by Father's Day, June 20th**
- **A Memorial Service for the life of our beloved Sharon Connell, at the UCCV Church on Saturday, June 5 at Noon, calling hour at 11:00 am**

- **Sunday, June 6 at 3:00 pm--Outdoor fun fellowship with Pastor Chris at the Parsonage, 176 Esselstyne Street! Children, parents, and Children's Ministry participants are invited and welcome. Kindly confirm your attendance with Pastor Chris.**
- **Membership Orientation for those who desire to join our Church on Thursday, June 10 at 5:00 pm in the UCCV's Fellowship Hall.**
- **Liturgists, readers, acolytes, ushers and greeters, all who are involved in worship are invited to a training in the UCCV's Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 20 at 4:00 pm for one hour.**
- **Saturday, July 3, 9 AM Church Mouse Sale at Point Peninsula. Volunteers are welcome. This year new handmade specialty items are available. Contact Nancy McDonald for more information or to donate items for sale; 801-710-0526**

A Prayer for Fathers' Day

Lord, please bless our fathers, these men who mean so much to us, who are greatly responsible for who we are and who we are becoming. Bless them for having the courage to do what's necessary to keep us out of trouble, for making us do the right thing, for helping us build our character, even when it makes us angry; and bless them for pushing us to do our best, even when they just want to love us.

Bless our fathers for being our protectors, for leading us through stormy times to safety, for making us believe that everything will be all right and for making it so. Bless our fathers for quietly making a living to provide for those they love most, for giving us food, clothing, shelter and the other material things that really matter, for unselfishly investing time and money in us that they could have spent on themselves.

Bless our fathers, Lord, for saving some energy for fun, for leading us on adventures to explore the outer reaches of ourselves, for making us laugh, for being our playmates and our friends. Bless them for being our secure foundation, our rock, for holding on tight to us ... until it's time to let us go. Lord, bless these men we look up to, our role models, our heroes, our fathers. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(by Missionary Society of St. Columban)