



## GOOD NEWS AMBASSADOR

**October 2019**

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**A**round the turn of the 20th century a Catholic Priest, Father Edward Howard Brown, became the resident priest in Juneau, in what was at that time the Territory of Alaska. I first learned about Father Brown when I hiked to a cross that bears his name, Father Brown's Cross. About 2,000 feet above Juneau there is a simple wooden cross overlooking the city. In the early years of the 1900s, Father Brown was not only ministering to the people of Juneau, he was also busily engaged in forging a trail up the nearby Mt. Roberts so that the people of the city would have access to some of the marvelous beauty that surrounded them. When he finished the trail he built a cross that would overlook the city. The cross has been rebuilt many times in the intervening years and now serves as a popular destination for those exploring Mt. Roberts.

I share this story for two reasons. First, when I laid eyes on the cross I was struck at the dedication to ministry that Father Brown must have had. After toiling under the building of this mountain trail he took the time to place a cross as a reminder that making the beauty of the natural world accessible to all was a part of his calling and a part of his ministry. While many of his parishioners worked day in and day out mining for gold or fishing on the rough waters, Father Brown spent much of his time exploring the simple beauty of God's creation.

The second reason I share this story is to invite each one of us to consider where we are going to raise a cross for all to see. Roman crucifixions were public spectacles, a way of showing everyone what would happen to those who defied the will of the empire. In faith we have taken that terrible cross and transformed it so that everyone who looks upon it may know the grace that led the Lord Jesus Christ to bear the burdens of our sins. So where are you going to raise the cross of Jesus Christ? Or maybe a better question; where are you going to show the grace and love of Jesus Christ to others in the everyday walk of your life?

In Christ,  
Pastor Casey



### **SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES**

OCTOBER 6 COFFEE: Priscilla Edick

READER: Ross Jones

USHER: Geri Erwin, Priscilla Edick,  
Linda Ehlers & Kate Huxtable

GREETER: Maxine Armstrong

OCTOBER 13 COFFEE: Fred & Carla Eckler

READER: Alexis Fahey

USHER: Barb Sluyter & JoAnn Mead  
GREETER: Priscilla Edick

OCTOBER 20 COFFEE: Diane Butts

READER: FaithAnn Young

USHER: Priscilla Edick & Donna Jones  
GREETER: Linda Ehlers

OCTOBER 27 COFFEE: Rowena Robertson

READER: Brian Howser

USHER: Larry Belcher and Bill Mahardy  
GREETER: Kate Huxtable.

### **CHANCEL CHOIR: Alice Mahardy, Director**

Melissa Belcher, Carrie Gardner,  
Dave Llewellyn, Marion Pitcher, Mark Reardon,  
Michelle Schmitt, Sue Sheldon,  
Carol Simpson, Gene Simpson, Linda Watkins



### **GARDEN COMMITTEE FORMING – New!**

We would like to form a Garden Committee to help with planting and maintaining the Church shrubs and flowers. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall.  
Ross and Pastor Casey

### **2nd MILE GIVING OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Rescue Mission of Utica - Contact is Geri Erwin.

### **FOOD BANK**

Particular need is for: Canned goods of any kind, especially canned meat, fruits, and vegetables, spaghetti sauce, soup, cold cereal, and peanut butter. We are thankful for any and all donations to the Food Bank.

### **Sunday School Classes**

Children go to class after a special message from Pastor Casey. Bring your children, grandchildren, even your neighbor children! All children preschool - grade 6 are welcome.  
See you in Church, Mrs. Boss, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Worobey & Mrs. Stevens.

### **PRAYER CHAINS**

"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."  
— Hebrews 13:16

When you receive a message, please call the next person. If you get an answering machine, please leave a message.



#### **PRAYER CHAIN 1:**

Linda Ehlers	858-1833
Sue Sheldon	858-2681
Carrie Gardner	858-0694
Geri Erwin	858-2103
Rowena Robertson	858-0652
Carol Simpson	868-0319

#### **PRAYER CHAIN 2:**

Patti Lou Leopold	858-2706
Shirley Dreis	858-0667
Maureen Kennedy	858-1631
Kate Huxtable	858-1566
Donna Jones	858-2357
Nancy Stronggreen	858-9483

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

10/1 John Russell Bloomfield  
10/3 Gabrielle Higgins  
10/3 Donna Senko  
10/5 Don Bruce  
10/7 Rowena Robertson  
10/8 Stephen Michael Sheldon  
10/12 Chelsea Johnson  
10/13 Debbie Bennett  
10/13 Debra DeCastafaro  
10/14 Carol Ainsley  
10/15 Kenneth Roger Vaughn  
10/15 Lindsay Michelle Domion  
10/15 Brittany Oakes  
10/15 Janet Hinckley  
10/16 Kala Sheldon  
10/18 George Butts  
10/19 Erin Kathleen King  
10/23 Rev. Mark Ioset  
10/23 Mary Ann Snyder  
10/24 Sherry Ann Hovick  
10/24 Kenneth Dreis  
10/24 Kayla Hall  
10/25 Marion Pitcher  
10/26 Donald Sheldon  
10/26 Shawn Hext  
10/27 Ronald Barnes  
10/28 Sally Klem  
10/28 Shelly Dyn

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

A special Thank You to the kind people who gave flowers for the summer months: The Dreis family, Sally & Tom Crohan, Donna Jones, Cindy Klemm, Carrie Gardner, Marion Pitcher and Lani King.  
--- Rowena

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

10/5 Steven & Sally Klem  
10/9 David & Rosalie Wadsworth  
10/10 John & Sara Valenta  
10/14 Michael & Susan Cristman  
10/25 Priscilla & David Edick  
10/28 Roger & Diane Vaughn  
10/29 Joseph & FaithAnn Young



## CRAFT FAIR 2019

Once again we had a very busy day on June 8 with everyone working together at the Craft Fair. After all bills were paid our total profit was \$4,359.06. \$4,000 of this will be transferred to the general fund of the church to be used for current expenses. Thank you to all who worked to make the day a success.

## GUILD REQUESTS GREETING CARDS

The Guild's Sunshine Committee is in need of greeting cards of any kind. If you have some that are stock piling tucked away in a drawer somewhere in your house, please take them to church and give them to Janet Bobnick, Sunshine Chairperson or Carol Simpson, Guild President.

Guild Meeting is Oct. 17 at 6:30 pm featuring Thank Offering & Elections

## FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, November 1  
9 AM - 6:30 PM (bag sale 4-6:30 PM)  
Items can be dropped off at the church beginning Monday, October 28. None accepted after Thursday Noon, October 31



The church is also regularly used for Girl Scouts, for Exercise Class, for Weight Watchers, and for certain events, like weddings.



## OCTOBER 6, 2019

**AURORA-JAYNE Z HOMER** will be baptised here at church. Her parents are Ara Margaret Homer and Benjamin Zak Homer.

Acts 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

## OCT 8 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

6:30 PM here at the Church.



## NOVEMBER 3, 2019

**SANDRA SOROKA** will speak to the Congregation about the Neighborhood Center in Utica. This will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Giving for November. They have [www.neighborhoodctr.org](http://www.neighborhoodctr.org) – Margaret Goodrich

## GOVERNING BOARD POSITIONS

Chair -- Ross Jones  
Christian Education – Michelle Schmitt  
Church Growth – Jo-Ann Mead  
Communications – Faith Young  
Fellowship – Rowena Robertson  
Missions – John Morris  
Property – Ray Smith  
Stewardship – Bob Fahey  
Worship – Kate Huxtable