



GOOD NEWS AMBASSADOR

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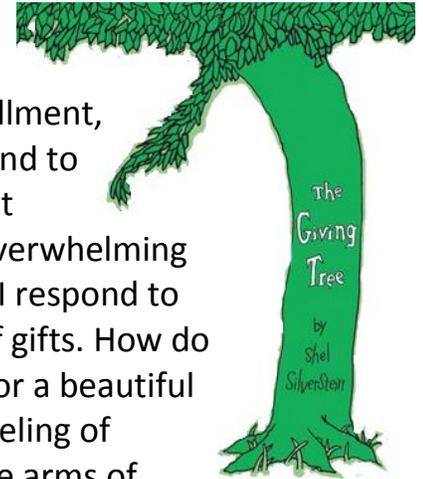
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Growing up I remember having Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree* as a literary staple. Of course, there were other books that my parents would read to me, and as I grew older there were other books that I gravitated towards, but the giving tree has stuck with me longer than the rest. A simple story of a boy (and later a man) who goes to a certain apple tree and receives everything he needs. As a child he receives enjoyment, as he grows older he sells the apples to make money, takes the branches to build a home, and uses the trunk to make a boat. Coming back to the tree as an older man he finds just a stump left, the tree has given everything else. Silverstein portrays the tree as sad that she cannot give anything more until the man reveals that all he wants now is a place to rest, which he does against the stump of the tree.

I always felt for the tree who gave everything until it seemed as if there was nothing left to give. Yet the tree is portrayed as happy to give, even at the end when all it has left to give is a place of rest. When I consider all that God has given me; a loving family, a

beautiful world to play in, a life of fulfillment, the bounty of the land to flourish and sustain, it seems somewhat overwhelming to think about how I respond to God's outpouring of gifts. How do you say thank you for a beautiful sunset, or for the feeling of comfort found in the arms of someone you trust? What words would be enough? What gesture would be sufficient?



I have discovered that God loves to give. In what is one of the best-known lines of scripture we learn that God *gave* his son Jesus to the world as a gift, so that all who believed in him would have eternal life (John 3:16). As members of a faith community, as beloved children of God, as human beings on this earth, we are offered a gift beyond price. How we respond to that gift makes a world of difference. Throughout the year the church offers us many opportunities to respond to this gift of God's love. As we approach a day dedicated to giving thanks, I would invite everyone to consider how we thankfully respond to the gift of God's love which we receive without cost.

In Christ,
Pastor Casey



CHANCEL CHOIR: Alice Mahardy, Director
Melissa Belcher, Carrie Gardner,
Dave Llewellyn, Marion Pitcher, Mark Reardon,
Michelle Fritts, Sue Sheldon,
Carol Simpson, Gene Simpson, Linda Watkins



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES

NOV 3 COFFEE: Priscilla Edick
READER: Ross Jones
USHER: JoAnn Mead & Priscilla Edick
Linda Ehlers & Kate Huxtable
GREETER: Maxine Armstrong.

NOV 10 COFFEE: Sheryl & John Morris
READER: FaithAnn Young
USHER: Geri Erwin & Donna Jones
GREETER: Priscilla Edick

NOV 17 COFFEE Kate Huxtable &
Carrie Gardner
READER: Brian Howser
USHER: Fred & Carla Eckler

GREETER: Linda Ehlers
NOV 24 COFFEE: Carol Simpson
READER: Geri Erwin
USHER: Larry Belcher & Bill Mahardy
GREETER: Kate Huxtable

Bible 101 is a rich opportunity to connect with scripture. Dedicate 1 hour each month to exploring the Bible. From creation to redemption and all the stories of faith in-between, we will come together to discover what the Bible is all about. If you've never gotten into Bible study before, or if you just want a refresher on what this book is all about, come out to Bible 101 every 1st Tuesday at 6:30pm. If you can't make it on Tuesdays please speak with Pastor Casey on how you can follow along from home.

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! Children preschool - grade 6 are welcome.

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 Strongreen 858-9483

*** OPEN HOUSE ***

to honor and welcome

Pastor Casey and Heather

Bradley 4 – 6 pm

Friday Nov 8th

Appetizers 4 pm

**Buffet dinner
served at 5 pm**



NOVEMBER 3, 2019

SANDRA SOROKA will speak to the Congregation about the Neighborhood Center in Utica. This will be our 2nd Mile Giving for November. They have www.neighborhoodctr.org
– Margaret Goodrich

2nd MILE GIVING OUTREACH MINISTRY

Neighborhood Center in Utica, NY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 11/2 Barbara Barnes
- 11/3 Luke Worobey
- 11/3 Tom Crohan
- 11/4 Fay LaFrance
- 11/5 Maxine Armstrong
- 11/6 Michael Gardner
- 11/10 Sally Crohan
- 11/10 Donna Jones
- 11/10 Dan Hoogheem
- 11/11 Deanna Harkins
- 11/12 Ross Jones
- 11/18 John Dale Goodrich
- 11/18 Mackenzie Gardner
- 11/19 Cheri Pomeroy
- 11/23 Alicia Pomeroy
- 11/29 Pearl Pickens
- 11/29 Myrna Santos
- 11/29 Sara Valenta
- 12/5 Heather Snyder
- 12/5 Christopher Michael Calkins
- 12/6 Mary Stanfield
- 12/7 Dale Ann Barra

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 11/4 George & Diane Butts

NOV 12 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

2ND Tuesdays 6:30 PM here at the Church.

NOV 26 – Bereavement

**Bake Sale/Luncheon &
Crafts**

SATURDAY, 11/16/19, 9am-2pm (Lunch served 11-1pm)

CALLING ALL BAKERS.....

The Christian Friendship and Service Guild (CFSG) is sponsoring, and asking for help.

On Saturday, 11/16/19, we will be hosting:

- **Bake Sale – Too many items to list!**
- **Luncheon: Choice of soup, sandwich, chips, dessert, and beverage**
- **Craft Corner – Local Crafters will have a variety of merchandise available for your shopping pleasure.**

We truly are blessed to have such wonderful bakers in our church, and we can't thank you enough for all the baked goods you already provided. If you're willing, however, to bake some of your delicious treats again, we ask that you have them to the church by 9am, Saturday, 11/16/19. the day of the event.

Fall is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends. We hope you'll spend part of your day with us!

The Women's Guild thanks you and looks forward to seeing you at:

**The Church of Christ Uniting
22 Church St Richfield Springs NY 13439**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Carol Simpson at (315)868-0319.

Visit our website:

www.rschurchofchristuniting.com, and [Like us on Facebook](#).

May God bless you, and give you joy during the Harvest, and upcoming Holiday Season!

**Carol Simpson
Women's Guild President**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Please consider sharing flowers for the sanctuary. Sign-up is on the Fellowship room table. Rowena Robertson 315-858-0652.

NOV 28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**What were the Pilgrims thanking God for?
And how does it still apply?**