

The Messenger

First United Methodist Church of Mexico

June 2018

From the Pastor...

“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

– Galatians 5:22-23

Beloved,

Thank you.

Serving God in Mexico, NY with all of you has been an honor and a blessing. Right away you embraced my active, growing family and showed us all great hospitality and love. From the moment I started to get to know you I recognized the extraordinary potential in this faith community. I still see it today, three years later, and am eager to watch from afar as you continue to work at living into the plans God has for you.

Throughout the last several weeks we've been studying the Fruit of the Spirit during our Sunday services. My prayer is that you'll hear these as messages of assurance – I see all these qualities in you already – and as a commission of sorts, calling you to go forth and live more deeply in each of these ways.

Love, kindness, and generosity pour forth from you in the ways you treat one another and in the ways you serve the community. Continue to grow in peace, patience, and gentleness in all your interactions so that others may see your faithfulness. May self-control be a virtue you strive for in all areas of your life. And may the joy of Christ fill you, overflow from you, spill out upon every life you touch.

You have blessed us by the fruit you bear. Jacob will miss his time in the nursery, where he has received such tender, joyful care. Sarah has experienced first-hand that it takes a village to raise a child as she has benefited from the love and patience of this faith community. Dana has found love and encouragement as he has shared his gift of music with God and with you, and I have been blessed by the love, patience, and kindness that you have poured out day after day for the last three years.

Know that you are beloved children of God, borne to bear the Fruit of the Spirit so that others may come to faith in Christ. Live into that call daily. I love you deeply and am grateful for the love I know you'll share with Pastor Grace and her household.

Shalom,

Pastor Emily

IMPORTANT DATES...

June 4: Administrative Council Meeting, 6:30pm
June 6: Transition Meeting, 7pm
June 10: LECM Serving at Brown Memorial UMC
June 11: Church Growth Meeting, 6:30pm
June 16: Community Yard Sale
June 17: Happy Father's Day!
June 25: Trustees Meeting, 6:30pm

SAVE the DATE: Vacation Bible School:
July 23-27, 2018.

OUR CHURCH MISSION:

To make disciples for Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

Mattison Peet (HS)
Zachary Revette (HS)
Daniel Hall (CITI)
Rebecca Hall (College)
Eric Hulbert (College)

REMEMBERING & TEACHING GOD'S WORD...



“You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates...”

Deuteronomy 11:18-20a.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The Children's Sunday School Program will be held on June 3rd and we are planning a lovely program for the congregation. Children will need to come in at 8:45am on June 3rd for our final rehearsal before worship.

Hope Lenhart, Coordinator

Need to Contact our Church??

The phone is: 315-963-3066.

The email address is: funcmexico@gmail.com

PLEASE VISIT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE:

www.mexlume.com

Please Join Us For:

*Sunday School at: 8:45am. Worship at: 10am.
Children's Church at: 10am.*

Operation Christmas Child
Shoe Box Donations
for the month of June:

**Baseball Caps
and
Beach Balls.**

If you happen to notice these items on sale and would like to donate them, they will be appreciated. Thank you very much.

TAKE ME OUT to the BALL GAME...

Save the Date: Tuesday, July 17 @6:35pm
The CHIEFS play the DURHAM BULLS at:
NBT Bank Stadium, Syracuse
A Family Fun Night sponsored by:
Crossroads District United Methodist Men
Contact: Jeremy Spencer for tickets: 315-506-0543



BABY BOTTLES...

Thank you to all who are placing coins and/or bills into the baby bottles. The amount collected will be used for the following missions:

- 1: Blessings in a Backpack.
- 2: Dawn LaFlamm's Library in Ghana, Africa.
- 3: Vacation Bible School: July 23-27, 2018.

Please return the bottles by Father's Day and thank you to all who are able to donate.

ICE CREAM SUNDAES



The Outreach Committee will sell ice cream sundaes out in front of the church on Saturday, June 16, during the town-wide yard sales. Serving begins at 10am.

All proceeds go to MISSIONS. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

June 1- A: Steve & Annette Hulbert
June 2- David Martin
June 3- Olivia Linerode,
A: George & Mary Grants
June 9- Earl DeLong
June 11- Anna Mae Bateman, Susan Linerode
A: Hadwin & Marion Hinman
June 14- Bill VonZagorski, Sue Madge
June 16- A: Charles & Anna Mae Bateman
June 17- Gary Weber, Leona Coleman
June 18- A: Bill & Sally Herrington
June 19- Alexia Russell
June 23- Grant DeLong
June 24- James Watros.
A: Bill & Barb Lindovski
June 25- A: David & Susie Martin
June 26- A: Clinton and Patricia Smith
June 28- Andrew Munger, Alicia Weber

SERVING in JUNE

GREETERS

June 3: Sunday School Students
June 10: Nancy Murray
June 17: Bill & Judy Butman
June 24: Chuck & Dotty Parker

LITURGISTS

June 10: Hope Lenhart
June 17: RoseAnne Myers
June 24: Multiple

USHERS

Team #1: RoseAnne Myers, Mary Grants,
Jim Sokolowski, and Daniel Hall.
(Team #1 serves all month.)

AUDIO-VIDEO TEAM

Team #1: Marty Smith and Jeff DeLong
(Team #1 serves all month.)

COFFEE HOUR

Ongoing thanks to the team who continues to provide coffee hour week after week, and to all who happily bring in food donations to be served.

COUNTERS

Kathy Rose and Diane Tupper

MONDAY'S MEAL

June 4: RoseAnn and Wayne Myers
June 11: Nancy Eval & _____
June 18: Connie Day & _____
June 24: Jane Backus, Lori B., and Barb Lind.

TRASH DUTY

Andy Ross

RECIPE CORNER: With rhubarb in season, Nellie Robert's recipe on page 116 of our church cookbook, "Treasures from Heaven", is just right!

Rhubarb Peach Pie

2 cups peaches ¼ cup orange juice
2 cups rhubarb 2 Tablespoons butter
1 cup sugar 1 beaten egg
3 Tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
Granulated sugar

Combine peaches, rhubarb, 1 cup sugar, tapioca, orange juice, melted butter and let stand for 15 minutes. Pour into unbaked pie crust, cover with remaining crust. Brush beaten egg over crust and bake for 35 minutes at 375 degrees.



Our Pastoral Transition Continues

By: Chuck Parker Sr., Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Chairperson

On Wednesday, May 23, the first of two pre-transitional meetings was held at our church. The meeting was hosted by our Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC), and facilitated by Pastor Jack Keating, with Pastor Emily Huyge and Pastor Grace Warren also in attendance to offer guidance and information. The attendance of our church membership was strong, with a total of 40 people present at the meeting which lasted approximately an hour and a half.

The discussion of the meeting covered the process of change and compared it to a six-step dynamic change process chart. The reluctance of change was addressed, in that we are losing our present minister, Pastor Emily, who was well accepted and liked within our church. Also acknowledged was the anticipation of the arrival of our new minister, Pastor Grace Warren, who is well qualified and will offer sound pastoral leadership to our church.

Pastor Jack Keating best captured the theme of the meeting stating that, "Wednesday night was a very positive start to the transition time for 1st UMC! I believe we laid important groundwork that will allow us to complete our work together."

During the meeting Pastor Jack reviewed a good amount of the transitional process as outlined in the Pastoral Transitional Manual and, with his personal viewpoint, gave comfort and a positive outlook for what is going to be.

Pastor Emily's leadership skills and her natural positive attitude were apparent during the meeting in regard to this transitional process.

Pastor Grace was very well received by those in attendance and she offered us the reassurance of an optimistic future for our church. Pastor Grace offered the following for this article, "Thank you to everyone who came to the transition meeting on May 23. I was delighted to have the opportunity to meet so many people as we prepare to start our journey together with God. I look forward to getting to spend more time with you at our next transition meeting on June 6."

Through both hymn and discussion, Pastor Jack covered what may be considered the major theme of the meeting, 'We, the people, are the church.' The membership of our congregation, along with the leadership of our church, make up the church. As we transition to our new minister, it is the role of both the congregation and the minister to assume and assist where we can to see that our church continues to grow and be effective in our mission, "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

The next pre-transitional meeting is Wednesday June 6, at 7pm. It is open to all within our church. Per the manual outline there are 15 different items to be presented and discussed. Items include, but are not limited to: Pastor Emily sharing her vision of ministry; how the congregation may experience the change in leadership style; areas of possible challenge; Pastor Grace sharing her vision of ministry; questions and answers; sharing of prayer; and more.

The meeting on June 6, may be best captured by Pastor Jack Keating as he states, "The second gathering is based on acknowledging and understanding different leadership styles and talking about some principles of conflict resolution. We might also spend some time "dreaming" about the future of the ministry in Mexico, as well."

I hope all will consider attending the next meeting on June 6. Thank you.

New Opportunities to Serve...

New and/or refreshed opportunities to serve our Lord have arisen. A sign-up sheet for these opportunities was recently available and several members added their names to the lists. Any member that wishes to serve in these capacities, please see Mary Grants who serves as the Worship Committee Chairperson. The new and refreshed opportunities include:

USHERS: The role of the ushers, four in total, is to collect the offering during the weekly worship service. The ushers are divided into two teams for the next three months: June, July, and August:

JUNE: Team 1: RoseAnne Myers, Mary Grants, Jim Sokolowski, Daniel Hall

JULY: Team 2: Joan Rouse, Bill Butman, Lori Behling, Earl DeLong

AUGUST: Team 1: RoseAnne Myers, Mary Grants, Jim Sokolowski, Daniel Hall

LITURGIST: The role of the liturgist is to read a piece of scripture (selected by the pastor), from the second pulpit, during the worship service. Following are those serving as liturgists for the next three months: June, July, and August.

	7/1	Mary Grants	8/5	Bill Butman	
6/10	Hope Lenhart	7/8	Andy Ross	8/12	Lori Behling
6/17	RoseAnne Myers	7/22	Christy Hall	8/19	Sue Morton
6/24	Multiple	7/29	Rick Sherman	8/26	Hope Lenhart

AUDIO-VISUAL TEAM (A/V TEAM): The role of the audio-visual team is to ensure all audio and visual components of the worship service operate properly during the worship service. The teams for the months of June, July, and August are:

JUNE: Marty Smith and Jeff DeLong

JULY: Mary Grants and Chuck Parker

AUGUST: Marty Smith and Jeff DeLong



In addition:

TRASH DUTY: The trash is faithfully taken out each Monday evening by members of the United Methodist Men's Group. Thank you all!

JUNE: Andy Ross

JULY: Terry Grimshaw

AUGUST: Had Fravor

"Faithful servants never retire. You can retire from your career, but you will never retire from serving God." Rick Warren, Pastor and Author