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2013

May

June

THE SHINING LIGHT

Mother's Day



June 19

Strawberry
Social

~ FREE ~



Father's Day

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A word from the PASTOR

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you...Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14:27).

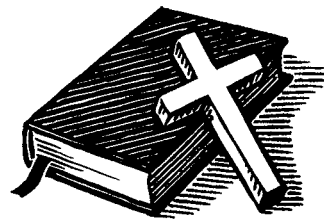
Even though it's been only 1 year since we joined together in a covenant of ministry, it's now time for us to say good-bye. Even though I will have a tear in my eye, there's also peace and joy in my heart because I know that God's going to continue to use me for God's Kingdom, just as God will continue to use each of you for God 's Kingdom! Although our journey together in the local church will be finished, I'm excited to see how God will continue to use you, individually and as a church, in the future.

As I leave you, I ask that you remember to love the people around you, and continue to strive for unity within the body. Likewise, stay close to God and be ever sensitive to the Holy Spirit. I ask that you continue to pray daily for each other, Bishop Mark Webb and the cabinet of the Upper New York Annual Conference, and for the individual that I know God's preparing right now to become your Pastor. Finally, remember dear church family that I love each of you in Christ, and even though my earthly address may change, I'll be sharing in the Lord's banquet table with you each and every time you come to the Lord's Table.

My continued prayer for each of us as Easter people, 21st century disciples of our Risen Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, is that we're each able to receive God's gift of peace in not only our own lives, yet that we're also able to share that same peace with all those we come in contact with.

Vaya con Dios (Go with God) my dear friends.
Blessings & Shalom (Peace),
Pastor Mary

SCRIPTURE READERS



May 5, 2013 [White] Pam Marsteiner
Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67 (UMH 791)
 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29

May 12, 2013 [White] Nancy Anderson
Seventh Sunday of Easter
(Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day)
 Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97 (UMH 816)
 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26

May 19, 2013 [Red] Marc Carrier
Pentecost
 Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)
 Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17 (25-27)

May 26, 2013 [White] Karen DeSanto
Trinity Sunday (First Sunday after Pentecost)
(Peace with Justice Sunday)
 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
 Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

June 2, 2013 [Green] Dawn Wood
Second Sunday after Pentecost
 I Kings 18:20-39, Psalm 96 (UMH 815)
 Galatians 1:1-12, Luke 7:1-10

June 9, 2013 [Green] Mary Adams
Third Sunday after Pentecost
 1 Kings 17:8-24, Psalm 146 (UMH 858)
 Galatians 1:11-24, Luke 7:11-17

June 16, 2013 [Green] Bonnie Wood
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
(Father's Day)
 1 Kings 21:1-21a, Psalm 5:1-8 (UMH 742)
 Galatians 2:15-21, Luke 7:36-8:3

June 23, 2013 [Green] Pam Marsteiner
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost]
 1 Kings 19:1-15a, Psalm 42 (UMH 777)
 Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

June 30, 2013 [Green] Nancy Anderson
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798)
 Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

Details for Summer Services have not be confirmed yet.

Scripture Readers

July 7	Marc Carrier
July 14	Karen DeSanto
July 21	Dawn Wood
July 28	Mary Adams
August 4	Bonnie Wood
August 11	Pam Marsteiner
August 18	Nancy Anderson
August 25	Marc Carrier

GREETERS

July— Nancy Anderson and Sandy Henline

August—Dave and Bev Dayton

September—Nancy Anderson and Sandy Henline

October— Dave and Bev Dayton

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

<u>May</u>	Pam Marsteiner
<u>June</u>	Nancy Anderson
<u>July</u>	Dawn Wood
<u>August</u>	Karen DeSanto

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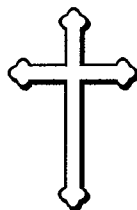
*If you are unable to greet,
 read or serve communion,
 please call Dawn 315-331-5621.*

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

Psalm 25:4 (NIV)

The PRAYER List

- ◆ Sally Borland
- ◆ Bev Sherman
- ◆ Liz Combs
- ◆ Pam Marsteiner
- ◆ Esther Deys
- ◆ Henry Goellner
- ◆ Jean Hammond
- ◆ Tricia Bush
- ◆ Jessica (Bush) Thomas
- ◆ Graduates
- ◆ All shut-ins
- ◆ All homeless people
- ◆ All Service Men and Women serving our country home or abroad
- ◆ All those affected by the severe weather in our country
- ◆ The leaders of our country
- ◆ All world leaders



Our deepest sympathies to

The family of Paul Anderson

The family of Mabel Appleman

O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MAY

- 01 Howard Combs
Nancy Mitchell
- 03 John & Dawn Wood (A)
- 04 Sharon Bade
- 05 Sean Moynihan
- 06 Robert Yost Jr
- 07 Nancy Hill
- 08 Bev Dayton
Bill Schall
- 11 Dan Burgess
- 13 Brian Lannon
- 14 Jessica Bush Thomas
- 21 Elizabeth Combs
- 22 Deb VanDeMortel
- 23 Dawn Wood
Ashley DeCook
- 27 Kayla Rayno
Marilyn Schall



JUNE

- 04 Rachael Chrysler
- 07 Greg Chrysler
Deb & Mark VanDeMortel (A)
- 11 George Schwartz
- 12 Dale Hammond
- 14 Sadie Rothfuss
- 20 Rebecca Coast
- 22 John Wood, Sr.
- 27 Sierra Graham
- 28 Matthew Boechmann



(Please notify the Editor if a date is incorrect or we have overlooked your special day.)

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given unto you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Luke 11:9-10 (ESV)

Father, We're well aware of how much Your love and forgiveness have helped us. May we share that with others. *Amen.*

From *Simply Refreshing-A Life Worth Living*, by Ellen Banks Elwell

Administrative Council

March 2013

- Mary called the meeting to order and Paul lead us in prayer.
- The Secretary's report was read and accepted.
- Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report showed a couple of generous donations.

Trustees Report: the rent was received. Motion made and seconded to accept financial reports.

•There was a recommendation to pay on our Shared Ministries, considering our current finances. After discussion, it was decided to pay \$200 a month on our Shared Ministries. This is a little less than 1/2 of our billed amount.

- The treasurer requested a finance committee meeting.
- Hand2Plow: Nancy, Dawn and Mary are participating in the classes.
- Pastor's Report:

Pastor Mary thanked Nancy for completing the Statistical Report.

Annual Conference is May 30-June 1.

Pastor Mary thanked us for participating in Hand2Plow.

Pastor Mary advised that Macedon Center UMC is looking for "local missions" to work on this year, and wanted to know if we knew of anyone in the community who needed help. The labor is free, the materials would have to be purchased. Pastor Mary would need to know soon (beginning of April).

Joint SPPRC meeting called for 4/16 at 7:00 at Port.

Maundy Thursday Service at Port

Good Friday Service will be joint, Newark, Port, Palmyra and Manchester, at Palmyra UMC, 7:00.

Easter Service will be normal times, and Pastor Mary checked on flowers that were ordered. We did not order any plants that Pastor Mary was allergic to.

Last month, Newark Emmanuel discussed and wants to keep the 11:00 service time year around. Joint summer services were not discussed.

•Youth Group: still seeing new kids all the time. A Friday night service, including adults and kids, was suggested, as an alternative because the kids don't want to come on Sunday morning.

• Turkey & Biscuit Dinner: the gross income was \$478. Motion was made and passed to tithe \$50 to CareNet.

•Mary Adams will pick up the palms for Palm Sunday, and call in the flower order for Easter.

•Discussion on having a picnic again. It was decided to have a Strawberry Social on Wednesday, June 19 beginning at 6:30. Price— FREE.

• There is some difficulty with the website and Missy may change the host and program.

•Discussion on making a map with push pins and names to show where we all live.

•Easter Sunday Karen will become a member of Port Gibson UMC and we will reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant.

There will not be a meeting in April.

Mary will call the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

OUR DAILY BREAD

The Port Gibson Church gets a few copies of Our Daily Bread- a daily devotional for personal and family use. This is free of charge from RBC Ministries. You can pick up a copy at the church or we would be glad to bring one to you.

Please contact Dawn 331-5621.

We cannot hide from God no matter how we try; For he knows all we think or do—
We can't escape his eyes.

—Hess
(from *Our Daily Bread*, June 1, Wednesday)



6:15 am Easter Sunday. It was still dark as we gathered together to celebrate the news of an empty tomb so many years ago. The morning was crisp and beautiful, but warmer than the last few. Another new day—a gift from God. Along with a reminder of another gift—the gift of our risen Savior, all for our benefit. Thank you, Marc, for the inspiring message. Back at the church, breakfast was excellent—thanks to the cooks, John, Jeremy and Andrew, with assistance from Brittney. This year, 40 people enjoyed Sunrise Service and breakfast at Port Gibson UMC. Maybe we will see you next year?



Thank you to everyone who purchased plants or made a donation in honor of, or in memory of a loved one.

June - July - August
 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings 6³⁰ pm
 Non-traditional Service

 ★
 ★ **Youth Group** ★
 ★ **Praise & Worship** ★
 ★ **Service** ★
 ★
 ★ **Fridays** ★
 ★ **6-8:00 pm** ★
 ★
 ★ **All Youth are Welcome!!** ★
 ★ **Adults too!!** ★
 ★

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

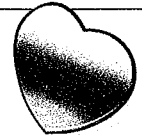
For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

--Author Unknown



THANKS DAD

It's Your Fault



It's your fault, dad, for the way I'm living
I'm serving the Lord, my life to Him I'm giving

You taught me to put the Lord first in all I do
Any problems I may have, He'll see me through

You taught me, by your life, to let the Lord be my guide
In any problem, or stormy weather, He's there, right by
my side

I've found that living for the Lord is an everyday thing
Daily praying, believing, and singing praises to the King

So, dad, for the way I turned out, the spotlight's on you
And, I hope my children can say that about their dad, too

By Jack Sluder

Father God, Thank you for mothers and fathers
who love us and teach us about you. Amen.



HAND2PLOW

"Hand to Plow is not a program of the Annual Conference, it is a process being employed by the Annual Conference to come alongside local congregations to help them make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." (from UNY Conference web site)

It is a three year process, a commitment of laity and the pastor, to help renew our existing congregation, by learning how we worship, what we expect from worship and how to make worship more meaningful. It also involves asking questions— sometimes difficult questions about how what we do will fulfill our missions of making disciples of Jesus Christ. The laity have 4 books to read, one before each of the four all-day classes. Pastors have nine books and nine classes. (Two books down, and two more to go for laity.) The first book, Recreating the Church, by Richard Hamm, is a history lesson of our churches and worship services. It explains changes (adaptive and technical), differences, challenges and reasons we should bother to change. It is eye-opening to see where we went wrong and what we can do to correct things. "We" means all denominational churches, not just Port Gibson. The second book for the laity is Experiential Worship, by Bob Rognlien, and, in my opinion, provided more interesting reading. There are many ideas in this book, even for small churches like Port. We are excited to share with you some ideas that we could possibly add to our worship experience, and still maintain our balance of a traditional/contemporary blended service. So why participate in this 3 year process? I believe that if we keep doing the same thing, we will keep getting the same results. It's time to try something different. Mary, Nancy and I have made the commitment learn what we need to do and share it with you. These books are available for you to read, too. Just ask. We will share them with you.

Dawn

Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people?
Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 pm: Choir	2	3 6:00 – 8:00 pm Youth Group	4
5 9:30 am: Worship	6 7:00 pm: Fireman's Meeting	7	8	9	10 6:00 – 8:00 pm Youth Group	11
12 Mother's Day 9:30 am: Worship	13 7:00 pm: Fireman's Meeting	14	15	16	17 6:00 – 8:00 pm Youth Group	18
19 9:30 am: Worship	20 7:00 pm: Fireman's Meeting	21	22	23	24 6:00 – 8:00 pm Youth Group	25
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