



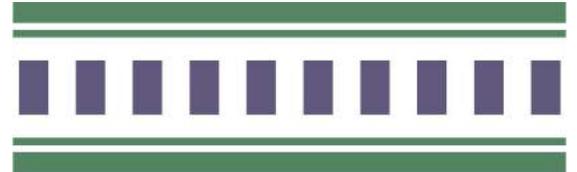
The Herald



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We call Christ “the Solid Rock,” remembering his parable about the wise and foolish builders (see Matthew 7:24, NIV). Jesus changed his disciple Simon’s name to Peter, meaning rock, saying he’d build his church “on this rock.” Although some Christians understand Peter to be the rock-foundation of Christ’s church, others interpret the foundation as faith in Christ, which, Jesus said, was revealed to Peter by God.



LET THE WORDS OF
MY MOUTH

—AND THE—

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MY HEART

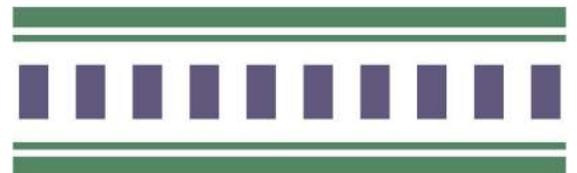
BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU,

**O LORD,
MY ROCK**

—AND—

MY REDEEMER.

PSALM 19:14, NRSV





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“People whose lives are based on selfishness think about selfish things, but people whose lives are based on the Spirit think about things that are related to the Spirit. The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace” (Romans 8:5-6, Common English Bible).

Let us go for more Spirit! Go Holy Spirit! Yeah! (Avoid selfishness.)
Hello congregation, other friends, and seekers of God’s truth,

May God bless you today. I encourage all of us to deepen our relationship with the Triune God: Father God, Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. To base our lives upon “things that are related to the Spirit,” as the Apostle Paul writes.

I feel the following are some of the ways and opportunities offered by our church to do so in the days and weeks ahead:

- * Tuesday morning 9:30-11 Bible study: sing, pray, study and discuss Scripture
- * Sunday morning Bible study resumes September 10 from 8:30-9:15 am.
- * United Methodist Women meet next on September 11 at 7 pm, and the area’s UMW Day is here at our church on Saturday, October 21 (Don’t miss it!)
- * New prayer group forming first and third Tuesdays from 6 to 6:45 pm starting October 3 (ask for book, “Partners in Prayer,” by John Maxwell)
- * New United Methodist Men small group forming: second Saturdays from 10-11:15 am starts Oct.14 (ask for book, “The Class Meeting,” by Kevin Watson)
- * New initiative with students from Roberts Wesleyan begins Sept. 1
- * District Superintendent Rev. Vonda Fossitt is here Nov. 15 from 7-9 pm for one in her series of “Prayer and Witness” events. (Come one, come all!)

Our God is full of wonderful surprises! “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7)!

Good bye for now, Pastor Dan

**** Worship Service ****

Starting **September 10th** we will return to our regular Worship time at 10:00 a.m.

Greeters and Ushers should arrive by 9:30-9:40 a.m.

Sunday meetings will start at approximately 11:30 a.m.

**Serving in
Worship
September**

**Thank You for
Serving
this Month!**



Greeters

9/03 Dee Colwell
9/10 Ellen Farnham
9/17 Gail Powell
9/24 Doris Frediani

Ushers

9/03 Sonya P, MaryLou B
9/10 Randy & Carol Bloechl
9/17 Roger D., Susann M
9/24 Jim & Martha Kline

Worship Leaders

9/03 Peg Wittman
9/10 Sue Josephson
9/17 Lyle Tague
9/24 Randy Bloechl

Communion Servers:

9/03 Roger D, Bea T, Gayel T.

Acolytes

9/03 Don Allis
9/10 Rachael Guarino
9/17 Bob Kuder
9/24 Rachael Guarino

***Liturgy is
the Work of
the People
for the Glory
of God***

Altar

9/03 Randi Wachter
9/10 June H, Margo H.
9/17 Dee Colwell
9/24 Ruth Mori

Media Booth

9/03
9/10
9/17
9/24

Media Presentation

9/03
9/10
9/17
9/24

Coffee Hour:

Altar Committee & Cuddle
Quilters



To the Seniors Group who provided refreshments for the month of August!



September 3 13th Sunday after Pentecost: Matthew 16:21-28; Psalm 105;
Communion

September 10 14th Sunday after Pentecost: Matthew 18:15-20; Psalm 149

September 17 15th Sunday after Pentecost: Matthew 18:21-35;

September 24 16th Sunday after Pentecost: Matthew 20:1-16; Psalm 105

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH CHILI

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September 2nd, 2017 8:00AM to 10:00AM

From the Men's Breakfast Group

Featuring Barry's Magic Griddle!

Pancakes Eggs Sausage Juice Coffee or Tea

Donations: Adults \$5 ages 5-10 — \$3

Come for Breakfast, Stay for Fellowship!



New Opportunities

Advent Committee:

This new volunteer opportunity might be for you! An Advent coordinator and committee is needed to plan for Christmas. This will include choosing a theme to carry through celebrations and events in December. Working with the Worship Ministry and CARE, organizing decorations for the church, and coordinating the Hanging of the Greens on Dec. 2nd. Two people can work together to lead this committee (if that is more comfortable) and will meet in late September or early October. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for the Advent Committee. Talk with Pastor Dan if you have questions or are interested in making Advent a meaningful time in our church.

Partners in Prayer Group will begin in October. This group will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month from 6 to 6:45 p.m. here at Church. They will be using the book "Partners in Prayer". Talk with Pastor Dan if you would like to join in prayer for the well-being of our Pastor, Church, and community.

United Methodist Men small group will be forming soon. This group will meet second Saturdays each month from 10-11:15 am. Starts Oct.14 (ask for book, "The Class Meeting," by Kevin Watson).

Seniors Group and the Food Pantry

The Seniors Group was created in Jan. 2015 with the mission of *servicing and supporting Christian Ministries inside and outside our church family*. A major goal was revising the Food Cupboard church mission, already in place.

Our church had been contributing to the Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf annually for more than a dozen years. This service is supported by many other groups.

It was decided that the Food Pantry at Grace Church of the Nazarene, on Rt. 259, might be a better fit for us. It is a long-time member of *Foodlink* and holds a community-wide distribution of items and perishables the last Wed. of every month, from 5-7 pm. We are all invited to go! That is when we can see *Foodlink* Mobile Pantry in action! The regular recipients also get to pick up groceries on Wednesdays the rest of the month but they must satisfy income eligibility requirements.

Grace Church Food Pantry gets their donations using partners & individual donations. One example of a partner is Panera Bread and our Church is another.

Our new system of donating started in May 2015. Items are collected throughout the month on the Pantry shelves and is delivered to Grace Church on the 3rd Sunday of each month, using your labor to load a Seniors Group volunteer's car. You've sustained a more active donation schedule these past 2 ¼ years and we thank you for it. Your monthly donations have increased our giving enormously! Our quantity further increased since March, 2016 by 2 women from Olean, each named Linda, who have been sending \$50/month to supplement our giving. These Christian women mentored Dan in the mid-90's by turning him onto the Bible, and they heard from *the man upstairs* that they should assist Pastor Dan in this specific church mission. Gail Powell is our volunteer shopper extraordinaire each month, as well as a driver. For over a year now we have concentrated on giving by donating personal care items. These are not covered by SNAP benefits (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and many of the recipients of food pantries use these benefits to get through the month.

Today *Feeding America* is a nationwide network of 200 food banks. In 1979 it began as a national clearinghouse for food donations to relieve hunger in America; you knew it as *Second Harvest*. WONDERFUL NAME! - this is the modern version of gleaning, which means to collect leftovers from farmers' fields (see Deuteronomy 24 and Leviticus 23).

Rochester *Foodlink* is a regional food hub of *Feeding America*; it serves 10 counties by redistributing 19 million pounds of food annually to a network of 500 programs. It began in 1978 through the efforts of Tom Ferraro, an employee of a human service agency, as he looked to advertise the needs of the growing number of emergency food pantries in the area. Tom made a plea on a local news show and the next day he was contacted by a Thomas's English Muffin warehouse manager. Partnering with Wegmans the next year, Tom created the Genesee Valley Regional Food Clearinghouse, which by 1991 was renamed *Foodlink*. Meanwhile, Tom went on to help organize our national gleaning effort, which became known as *Feeding America*; he died 2 years ago. In 2012, *Foodlink* moved to 1999 Mt Read Blvd and just 2 months ago, they opened the newly built \$5 million Community Kitchen there.

So this is the route the bottle of shampoo takes when you bring it to our movable shelves. From here it gets selected by local people in need of basic necessities at Grace Church of the Nazarene Food Pantry; its selection is accompanied by other goods on the shelves just like in a grocery store setting, with other donations from *Foodlink* or local business partners who also have donated their excess. You can provide additional gleanings (aka personal care goods) as the admission fee for *If Music Be the Food.com*, by attending the *Foodlink's* classical music concert on Sunday, Oct 22, @ St Paul's Episcopal Church, 25 Westminster Rd., at 7:30 pm., entirely played, staffed, promoted by volunteers. We hope to see you there! Eileen & Dan



September Birthdays

9/1 Mike Carr	9/2 Dianne Arazy
9/7 Irene Kochersberger	9/9 Richard Hulme
9/11 Rachael Guarino	9/14 Walter Palmer
9/17 Gayel Todd	9/29 Morgan McCoy
9/30 Nancy Nichols	

Prayer Concerns for September

Prayers for: Carol M., Rick & Kitty, Sean, Rita, Bonnie, Tony, Judy's friend Sharon, Lou B., Amy's friend Ann, Pat G., Bobbi, Rob & Natalia.

Please keep these families who have lost loved ones in your thoughts: Dorothy C family, Molly's family.



Dolores Calvin, Gary & Marcia Caswell, John DeBack, Phyllis Gordon, Irene Kochersberger, Helen Ottley, Mildred Tower, Barbara Ward, Lyla Weinreber.



To everyone who sent cards and well wishes for my 90th Birthday and for coming to celebrate with me. What a wonderful day! Margot Hughes



Choir will be back on September 17th. They will begin practice on Tuesday Sept. 5 at 7pm. Chime Choir will also resume in Sept.

If you are interested in joining either of these groups please talk to Gretchen.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Donations are needed such as Dry Goods, Toiletries, Paper towels, Soap & Dish soap. Our delivery day is Sunday September 17 this month. The donations are delivered to Grace Church of the Nazarene each month to benefit people in our area who need a little help.



The Joy of Giving Generously

Remember that old adage—It is better to give than receive? Did you know that comes from the Bible? Acts 20:35 Do you know who said it?

So, who should we give to? Family, friends, neighbors, the needy? What about *all* of them *and* God!

Think about who Jesus gave to— sight to the blind, healing for the hurt, food for the masses, his life for all of us.

Now, who do we give to? We can easily help with food and necessities for the needy through our Food Pantry donations. We can give monetarily to our Church to meet it's financial obligations. We can give to worldwide efforts through the six Special Sundays. We can support our Mission projects. We can also give time and energy to serve on a committee, or help with Worship and other activities. Let's get involved!

Did you know there are more verses in the Bible that have to do with money, possessions and giving than about heaven and hell? Think about the topics of the Parables of Jesus. It seems to be a very important topic!

Giving acknowledges that we understand everything we have comes from God.

Giving is something I *enjoy* doing! Giving has meaning for me as a giver not just who I give to. I like to think it is helping me in my spiritual growth when I give to good causes like Missions, or Heifer International, or just putting my offering in the plate. There's a good feeling I get from it, because there was a time when I couldn't do that. Now that I can, it feels good!

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6

Do we give joyously? Let's all put on a big smile when we put our offering in the plate next Sunday! It'll make the Pastor (and our neighbors) wonder we're up to!

Susann Brainard

Church Charge Conference

Sunday October 29th 12 noon



Our Annual Church conference will be held here in our Church this year. We invite everyone to attend. This is a meeting where decisions are made about the leadership, budget, and objectives for the coming year for our Church. You will also have the opportunity to meet the District Superintendent, Rev. Vonda Fossitt.



Farmers Market Vendors
Appreciation Lunch!!
Saturday, September 23 9 a.m.—noon
Adam's Hall
Menu: Soups, Bread, Dessert
For Vendors and Market Day Managers

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