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Seeking HIS Light... Reflecting HIS Love

STRAWBERRY TIME!



**Annual Festival, Wednesday,
June 20, 5 – 7 pm, Rain or Shine**
**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Salad, Baked Beans, and
STRAWBERRIES -Shortcake, Ice Cream – Any
way you like! Plus, don't miss the Baked Food
Sale Booth**

Please sign up for one of the many tasks that need staffing before and during the event and/or to supply a pan of salad, baked beans or baked sale goods. See or call Jacquie Greene with any questions you may have. Invite your friends and for sure come and enjoy the food and fellowship of this popular, traditional event.

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SUMMER IN THE SON

AN ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN AGES 3 AND UP ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AFTER
THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ON SELECT SUNDAYS FOR
**SONGS, SNACKS, GAMES, &
BIBLE LESSONS**



JUNE 17TH
JULY 1ST
JULY 22ND
AUGUST 5TH
AUGUST 26TH

This year, the Christian Education Committee has decided to offer a special children's program during the typical off season.

"Summer in the Son" will be an alternative worship experience for kids, held on June 17th, July 1st, July 22nd, August 5th, and August 26th. On these Sundays, the children will be invited to leave regular worship immediately following the children's message, which they are accustomed to doing for Children in Worship and The Gathering. During this time, they will sing songs,

play games, enjoy snacks, and engage in Bible lessons loosely based on a VBS curriculum. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kristen and Michaela at trc youthfamilyministry@gmail.com.



Good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden (1 Timothy 5:25).

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:17).

The greatest among you shall be your servant (Matthew 23:11).



Perhaps you've already heard the news.

If not, then you may want to sit down.

Jana is retiring.

Do not panic. This is not a drill.

That's right, Jana DiPiazza, our dear, wonderful, kind, amazing secretary, is retiring after more than 25 years in her post. Her last day in that position will be August 16.

I am fully aware of this fact.

I have been for some time.

But maybe I am also in denial.

Can you blame me?!

Jana has worked alongside me for my almost 15 years here. From the very start we clicked. We pretty quickly built a way of working together that is highly productive, collaborative, respectful, comfortable, and mutually encouraging.

It's been so good.

And now what?

I wonder if I can develop a similarly strong working relationship with the next secretary. I worry that I can't.

Most of you probably don't know most of what Jana does. But you can probably guess that it would make a sizable list. The things that she just takes care of are numerous. Over her time in her position, she has added many tasks to her portfolio. And she does all of it with her characteristic kindness and good cheer.

The person who succeeds her will have a high bar to reach. We may have to adjust our expectations. We will have to be gracious, patient, and kind.

Over the next few months, please take a moment to thank Jana for her good and faithful service to this congregation.

Christ's peace,

Pastor Dan dgriswol@rochester.rr.com

Consistory Member of the Week

June 3 - Bonnie Harris

June 10 - Kelly Bradshaw

June 17 - Bonnie Harris

June 24 - Evelyn Ghyzel

2018 Consistory *

Minister of Word & Sacrament:

The Rev. Dr. Dan Griswold

Elders:

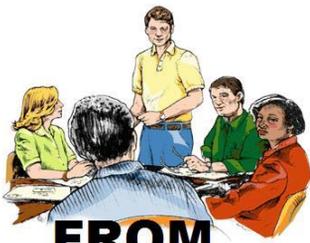
Evelyn Ghyzel
Sharon Hann, VP
Bonnie Harris
Yi-Fen Lee
John Stratton

Deacons:

Kelly Bradshaw
Greg Halsey, Clerk
Jeannetta Kinmond
Larry Scheerens

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Treasurer: Marge Magans
Benevolence Secr'y: Steve Letter
Financial Secr'y: Greg Halsey



FROM the CONSISTORY

With the generous donation of \$500 for the Bell Choir, the Consistory has created a new perpetual fund. The purpose of this fund is to purchase or repair bells or purchase music to enhance the worship service.

Consistory 2018 goal: "To establish a stewardship team or task force." The purpose of this group is to plan and implement the annual stewardship campaign. The Consistory has appointed Kelly Bradshaw, Dan Griswold, Bonnie Harris, and Steve Letter as members. An additional team member is being sought.

The finance report for the end of April indicated pledges were about \$2,000.00 under expectations.

The Consistory expressed appreciation:

- For Tammi Griswold's and Yi Fen Lee's presentation at the Chew-n-Chat.
- For John Bernhard's continue and timely work with the Church property needs.
- To the Children worship leaders and the Sunday School teachers; Catherine Almekinder, Tammi Griswold, Debbie Halsey, Bob Hann, Patti Peters, and Marion Spencer.

Greg Halsey, Consistory
Clerk

Secretary Search

As you read in Pastor Dan's article, Trinity is losing Jana, our secretary for as long as most of us can remember, and must now search for a person to succeed her. One of the most effective search avenues may well be word-of-mouth. So, if you or someone you know may be interested, here is the information that is initially required regarding the position:

Part-time hourly (16 hrs/week [September-June], 9 hrs/wk [July-August])
wage: \$15/hr

Trinity Reformed Church in Rochester, NY seeks an organized, experienced, and spiritually grounded individual to serve as the secretary and manager of office operations for a small yet very active church congregation. Primary responsibilities include production of the weekly service bulletin, answering phone calls and emails, printing and distribution of the monthly newsletter, clerical oversight of essential and routine documents of the church.

Minimum Requirements:

- High School diploma or GED
- two years of office management or operations experience
- intermediate experience in using Microsoft Word or open source equivalents
- excellent interpersonal skills

Desired Skills, Competencies, or Characteristics

- experience in the use of social media tools, especially Facebook
- experience in the production and distribution of print and electronic publications
- demonstrated knowledge and sensitivity to a multi-ethnic religious community
- demonstrated skill in working well with a variety of publics and constituencies

A complete position description can be found online at:

<http://trcroc.org/SecPos.docx>

To apply for this position, please submit a cover letter and résumé to trcsecrysearch@gmail.com



**Support the giving tree found
in the narthex for the
H.O.M.E. mission in Maine.**

Alexis's Summer Study Leave



As some of you already know, I've been blessed with an exciting opportunity to travel to France for ten weeks this summer to do research for my PhD dissertation. Because I will be away from Trinity for so long (through the end of July), I wanted to share a little bit about what I'll be doing and why I'll be gone.

I began planning for my trip in December by crafting a project proposal and applying for a Graduate Music Award from the Presser Foundation, a non-profit gives these awards to one student from several music schools around the country each year, including Eastman. I learned in February that I received the award! The Presser Foundation intends for their awards to advance recipients' professional development by funding summer-long projects of their design, usually in a foreign country. In my case, I'm using the award to fund research for my dissertation, in which I'm studying the ways that both Catholic reform and theologies/philosophies of rhetoric and communication influenced 17th-c. French organ music.

I'll be doing many, many things while I'm in France! For example, I'll look at some rare original copies of 350-year-old music books and pedagogical manuscripts that are owned by various French libraries. I'll also do a bit of archival research at a seminary in Paris that, back in the 17th c., hired an influential organist who I'm studying named Guillaume-Gabriel Nivers. I'll be looking for discussions about sacred music in the administrative documents, letters, theological writings, etc. that the seminary has preserved in their archive. Additionally, I am presenting at one conference in Paris and will attend another in Cremona, Italy.

The part of my trip that I am most excited about is that over the course of the summer, I get to visit, play, and have lessons at 10-12 historic organs around France! French baroque organ music, more than any other organ repertoire, sounds far better on the instruments it was originally composed for than it does on organs built in other countries or in later time periods. This is because 17th- and 18th-century organs had many unique timbres (sound colors) and technical capabilities that the organists of the time exploited. Hearing and playing these organs in person will not only be fun, but will help me understand aspects of the music that are hard to fully

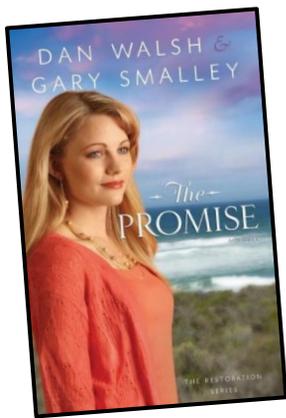
appreciate by only listening to recordings or playing on modern American organs.

I'm also looking forward to seeing a great deal of France, even though I'll be based in Paris. Very few of the surviving historic instruments that I'll visit are actually in the capital, so I'll be making day trips to various small and medium-sized towns in northern and central France. At the end of the summer I will also travel to the Alps for a few days to hike with my parents, who are using my trip as an opportunity to make their first visit to Europe, complete with a personal tour guide who speaks a little French ;)

It's certainly going to be a memorable summer, and I'm deeply grateful for this opportunity and to all of those who are helping making my extended absence from Trinity possible! If you'd like to periodically see pictures and hear about what I'm up to while I'm away, you're welcome to find and friend me on Facebook.

Alexis





CHRISTIAN BOOK REVIEW

by Marion Crump Spencer

The Promise by Dan Walsh and Gary Smalley offers valuable insights into many issues that plague family dynamics. Though they both are experienced Christian counselors, the authors present these emotionally taxing concepts through an engaging story which teaches Biblical principles.

The novel begins with deception. Tom has been laid off from his job for five months. He is in a coffee shop using their internet connections to search for work. There is a robbery attempt, and he heroically intercepts the robbery and sends the perpetrator running. Surprisingly, Tom hides his identity from onlookers and leaves the scene. Then we discover that Tom has kept his job status a secret from his wife, Jean, and his parents. We also discover that Tom's worst fear is that his father will find out about his "failure". Tom and Jean's home life is far from idyllic as he stresses over every penny and is distant with her and their two young children. Then Jean thinks that she may be pregnant and she is waiting for the right time to tell Tom.

Meanwhile, Tom's parents, Jim and Marilyn are on a second honeymoon in Italy. This book will make any desire to vacation in Italy stronger with the authors' beautiful descriptions of the sights. Jim and Marilyn are recovering from a marital breakup when Marilyn left Jim. Although she had every material possession she could desire, they were emotionally distant. Marilyn suspects that Tom and Jean are in trouble because of Tom's similarities to Jim.

Meanwhile back in the US, Uncle Henry and Aunt Myra feel compelled to pray for Tom and Jean. The feeling is so strong, that Uncle Henry decides to surprise Tom with a lunch date to check out how things are going. He discovers Tom's deception. Tom begs him for more time to break the news to Jean. Uncle Henry reluctantly complies. Meanwhile Jean goes to the doctor to try to confirm her pregnancy and discovers that they have no insurance and that Tom has been lying to her for five months.

Uncle Henry saves the day. The Holy Spirit reveals the thread of rejection that runs through their family lineage. Henry recalls how he never felt that he measured up to his father's expectations. Jim also felt the same way and passed that thread through to his relationship with Tom. These men never received the blessing and unconditional love that is required for healthy family relationships. Will Uncle Henry and Jim break this generational curse?

We can restore God's vision of family and break any generational curses with God's help. *The Promise* is a great tool for family restoration.

"But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down...and the winds blew against that house, and it fell with a great crash." Matthew 7: 26-27



Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary - YEAR B

2nd Sun. after Pentecost, June 3:

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20);
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
Deuteronomy 5:12-15;
Psalm 81:1-10;
2 Corinthians 4:5-12;
Mark 2:23-3:6

3rd Sun. after Pentecost, June 10:

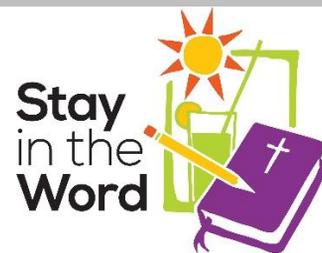
1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20,
(11:14-15); Psalm 138;
Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130;
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1;
Mark 3:20-35

4th Sun. after Pentecost, June 17:

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13; Psalm 20;
Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-
15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13),
14-17; Mark 4:26-34

5th Sun. after Pentecost, June 24:

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-
49; Psalm 9:9-20 *or* 1 Samuel
17:57-18:5, 18:10-16; Psalm 133;
Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32;
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41



Manuele's Bible Study

June 8
June 29

News of the Trinity Church Family



- 6/1 Jacque Greene
- 6/3 June Adams
- 6/4 Kailee Kwieciec
- 6/11 Steve Letter
- 6/12 Evelyn Ghyzel
- 6/18 Gail McCue
- 6/18 Ethan Burns
- 6/20 Matt Frey
- 6/21 Sybil Bell
- 6/21 Evelyn DeSoto
- 6/28 Josiah Cottrill
- 6/29 Bob Reeves



- 6/7 Dan & Tammi Griswold – 1986
- 6/13 Keith & June Adams
- 6/15 George & Bonnie Harris – 1974
- 6/18 Steve & Petra Letter – 1982
- 6/23 Tom & Meg Therkildsen - 1973
- 6/27 Peter & Ann Ghyzel
- 6/29 Bob & Jean Reeves – 1991



Friends in Fellowship

The following fellowship events are planned for 2018.

- May 5 – The Penfield Players
- May 6 – Chew-n-Chat
- June 16 – Miniature Golf
- June – Strawberry Festival
- August 19 – Neighborhood Appreciation Day
- Fall – date to be determined – Bill’s game party
- January 1, 2019 – Chinese lunch

Do you have a museum you would like to visit; a play or concert you would like to attend; a park or tour you would like to visit? Think about inviting the Church family to go with you. If so, contact Greg or Debbie Halsey and we will guide you in planning the event.



All are invited to a round of **miniature golf, followed with ice cream, on Saturday, June 16.** We will meet at **Whispering Pines, 4353 Culver Road, at 7:00 pm.** After golf we will go to Bill Gray’s, at the lake, for more socializing and ice cream. The cost of a round of golf is expected to be between 6 and 7 dollars and paid when you arrive at the course. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please put your name and a phone number so that you can be reached in case we need to cancel because of rain. **If you have any questions, please call Barb Stoops at 585-506-5559.**



Don’t forget our friends at the Penfield Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Breakfast Club

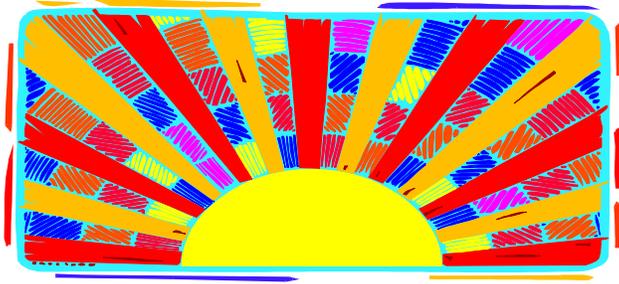
Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.



	Note change of day and time	
June 7	Browncroft Family Rest.	Browncroft at Blossom
June 14	Uncle Danny’s	E. Ridge Rd.
June 21	Nutcracker	Empire Blvd. Webster
June 28	Morningstar	Merchants Rd.
	Submitted by John Stratton	

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					1 CAYA Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm	2 Crafts for a Cause 10-12
3 Worship 10:00 am CAYA 11:45 am Discipleship 6:30 pm	4 Outreach 7:00 pm AMPS 7:00 pm	5 Consistory 7:00 pm	6	7 Senior Breakfast 9:00 am Finance 6:00 pm Deacons 7:00 pm	8 Manuele Bible Study 7:00 pm	9 Crafts for a Cause 10-12 Dahlia Society 12-4 pm
10 Worship 10:00 am CAYA 11:45 am Discipleship 6:30 pm	11 Education 7:00 pm	12	13	14 Senior Breakfast 9:00 am	15	16 Crafts for a Cause 10-12 Friends in Fellowship Mini Golf
17 Worship 10:00 am CAYA 11:45 am Discipleship 6:30 pm	18	19 Men's Lunch 12:00 pm	20 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Mission 6:00 pm	21 Senior Breakfast 9:00 am DLC 7:00 pm	22 Come to Dinner 6:00 pm	23 Crafts for a Cause 10-12
24 Worship 10:00 am CAYA 11:45 am Discipleship 6:30 pm	25 Elders 7:00 pm	26 Search 7:00 pm	27	28 Senior Breakfast 9:00 am Octet Concert 7:30 pm	29 Manuele Bible Study 7:00 pm	30 Crafts for a Cause 10-12