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BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MAIN HALLWAY

Come join us for a potluck followed by a brief TED-style discussion on the topic "**Simple Steps to Better Health**" hosted by the Elders and Co-Associates for Youth and Family Ministry. All ages are welcome! We will share our meal together in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. After eating, the children will head downstairs for some fun activities with Kristen and Michaela, while the adults stay and engage in a **short presentation led by Tammi Griswold**. Following the conversation, everyone will reunite to enjoy dessert before heading home. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway. To save on dishes, we are asking each family to bring their own place settings (plates, cups, silverware, etc.). If you have **any questions, feel free to reach out to Yi-Fen, Kristen, or Michaela**. We hope you will join us for this exciting new event!

SUNDAY, MAY 6

11:15 am – 12:45 pm

FELLOWSHIP HALL

POTLUCK: BRING A DISH TO PASS AND YOUR OWN TABLE SETTINGS

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

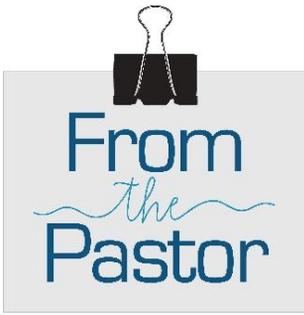
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Habitat Fundraiser

Wed, May 9, 7pm "Women Peace-makers: Yesterday & Today" at Our Lady of Lourdes Church; 150 Varinna Dr.

Dramatic presentation of 5 women who have made a difference - If you don't know these names: Mother Theresa, Sr. Dorothy Stang, Leymah Gbowe, Mary Bourke Robinson, Immaculee Ilibagiza, you will after this evening! Presented by "**Women of The Well**", a group of women who are committed to the reconciling work of Christ by giving voice to women in Scripture and Tradition through story, song and musical drama

Not just for women—we strongly encourage **EVERYONE** (Men, Youth, and Women) to come! **Free will offerings benefit The Brighton Coalition for Habitat for Humanity**



But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.... But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with

pity.... Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (from Luke 10)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is a well known teaching of our Lord Jesus. Even those with little knowledge of the Christian faith have probably at least heard the phrase "good Samaritan." Maybe they have a "Good Sam Club" sticker on the back of their RVs.

Jesus shows us in this parable that faith and love must be joined to action for them to be real.

He does this a lot.

Maybe that's because this is a lesson that needs repetition.

"And who is my neighbor?" a young man asked Jesus. He was trying to make himself look good. Jesus, however, does not let him get away with that, and sets a standard for neighborly love that is very difficult to achieve. Far from giving the young man reason to feel satisfied, Jesus gave him a mission.

It was no easy mission. It would take effort to pursue. It would take great reliance on God.

Jesus gave the young man a mission. To us, as well, he gives a mission. It is the same one, although its particulars will be different. We, too, are called to be truly neighborly to those who are suffering, those we stumble across, even those who are a challenge to our sense of decency. We are called to love and care for those near to us, even when that is difficult. Jesus calls us to this work, this mission.

We sometimes think of "mission" as something far away, something that we send money to, something that others do. But that is not what "mission" means in scripture. Sure, mission may happen far away, undertaken by brave and energetic people. But that is not the only thing it is. Mission is what we all are to do. It is the work of all Christians, right where they live. It is seeking out the lost and the broken, even in our own neighborhoods, and binding up their wounds in the name of Christ.

How is God calling *you* to mission?

Christ's peace,

Pastor Dan dgriswol@rochester.rr.com



Consistory Member of the Week

May 6 – Evelyn Ghyzel

May 13 – TBD

May 20 – TBD

May 27 – Greg Halsey

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:

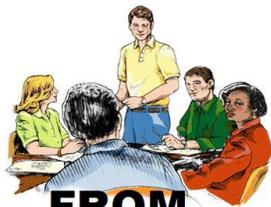
Kelly Bradshaw
Greg Halsey, Clerk
Jeannetta Kinmond
Larry Scheerens

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Treasurer: Marge Magans

Benevolence Secr'y: Steve Letter

Financial Secr'y: Greg Halsey



FROM the **CONSISTORY**

2018 Consistory Goals update.

1. “To effect a reboot of the Personnel Committee.” Appointed Committee members, Bill Almekinder, Greg Halsey, Bonnie Harris, and Dave Robinson, have met and are working on 2018 by-law mandates.
2. “To conduct a spiritual gifts assessment of the congregation.” The Board of elders are working on a spiritual gift inventory.
3. “To prepare for the Church Secretary’s (Jana DiPiazza) retirement.” A search committee consisting of Pastor Dan Griswold, Evelyn Ghysel, Anita Manuele and Carl Warn has been formed.

The Budget report from the end of March indicates a deficit in the anticipated weekly offering of \$2,600.

The Consistory expressed appreciation to TRWM for the new tablecloth on the Lounge conference table.

The Consistory thanks all the participants in the Lenten and Holy week worship services.

Greg Halsey, Consistory Clerk



crackers, mayonnaise, gravy, broth, and coffee

Please place your donations in the basket in the narthex.

Don't forget our friends at the Penfield Ecumenical Food Pantry. They would appreciate: **Canned tomatoes, pancake mix, syrup, flour, sugar,**



2017 -2018 Rejuvenation Projects

Building and Grounds committee intends to complete these projects in 2018.

To be completed:

- Education building & lounge chimney repair
- Education building trim – repair & paint
- Education Building painting (blocks)
- Interior staining/polyurethane on window frames in hallway, lounge, offices and sanctuary

Completed:

- Paint interior of Fellowship Hall
- Paint Entrance and Lounge
- Carpeting Church, Lounge, Fellowship Hall
- Exterior trim of Sanctuary/ caulk and seal
- Replace Men's room urinal
- Replace face board Fellowship Hall and replace gutters
- Parking lot repair and seal
- New light fixture for the entrance

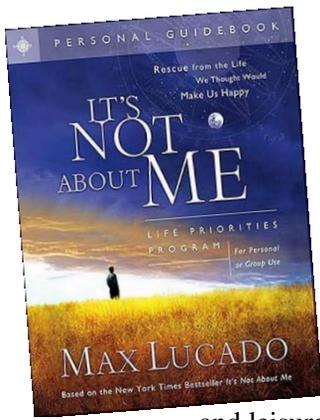
Spaghetti Fund Raiser

We are offering our third annual **Neighborhood Appreciation Day on Sunday August 19th from 3:00-6:00 pm.** By popular demand we are offering pony rides, a bounce house, face painting, a martial arts demonstration, live music, a line dance party, balloon animals, fun large and small group games, a fire truck, and more fun crafts. Our updates for this year (we try to make it better each year!) include a magic show and photo ops with a Star Warrior character and an updated menu.



To help offset the cost of this free event to the neighborhood, **Trinity and CAYA Ministries are hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, June 1st at 6:00 pm.** If you can help with

dinner preparations, please contact Phil Peters and Herb Spencer. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for this. For ticket sales see these two guys as well. Start praying for dry weather! We are so excited about hosting our neighbors and friends. What a wonderful way to share the love of Christ! Be blessed!



CHRISTIAN BOOK REVIEW

by Marion Crump Spencer

From the forward by NBA legend, David Robinson to the concluding chapter, **Max Lucado's book *It's Not About Me*** presents a seamless account of all the ways we can find "...rescue from the life we thought would make us happy...". This is a quick moving, insightful read presented in two major sections to illustrate its message. Living in a world consumed with self preservation, recreation,

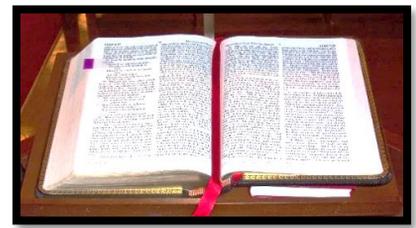
and leisure, a message which places our needs and desires secondary is a welcome change. Interspersed within each chapter are captions which further accentuate each chapter's message creating a wonderful continuity which draws the reader further into the narrative.

In the first section, "*God-Pondering*", Lucado illustrates the nature of God in modern day language. He addresses some of the major arguments of atheists and agnostics in an engaging manner which could easily draw them into deeper realizations of God's divinity. Lucado outlines how far our thoughts and abilities are from those of God. The caption "You and I need what Moses needed-a glimpse of God's glory..." discusses how when God revealed His glory to Moses, Moses had all he needed for success. Then Lucado presents modern examples of God's glory. Another concept involved how Jesus deferred to the Father's will and nature. Look at the result of Jesus' submission! One of the most poignant captions "If it is all about you, then it's all up to you" provides a challenge for those who believe they are in control of their destinies. Though Lucado admonishes this incorrect thinking, he does so with a pastor's heart, gently leading us to the truth of God's great love for us.

The second section, "*God-Promoting*", involves a delightful dialogue enumerating all that we can and should do in response to the love of God. Exploring our human need for approval, our cultural bent toward earning our rewards, and our diminished body images due to media influences, Lucado presents a clear picture of how we should view ourselves by Biblical standards. Especially poignant is his treatment of being willing to accept rejection and to suffer for the cause of Christ. He uses modern day examples of people who use such suffering to witness to others. The idea of God using tragedy to usher in positive changes flies in the face of popular prosperity sermons. Yet, Lucado's Biblical backing is sound. His final caption, "May we have no higher goal than to see someone think more highly of our Father, our King," summarizes the book's total purpose. It is all about Him. Every part of our lives should be dedicated to worshipping Him, honoring Him, mirroring His love and grace, and attempting to bring others to Him to further His kingdom.

"They did not conquer the land with their swords; it was not their own strength that gave them victory. It was by Your mighty power that they succeeded; it was because You favored them and smiled on them."

Psalm 44: 3



Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary - YEAR B

6th Sunday of Easter, May 6:

*Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Ascension of the Lord, May 10:

*Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 or
Psalm 93; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Luke 24:44-53

7th Sunday of Easter, May 13:

(If Ascension not observed here)

*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

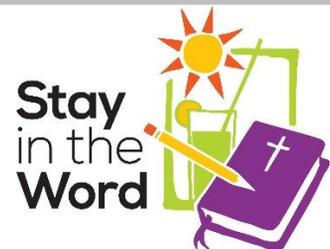
Day of Pentecost, May 20:

*Acts 2:1-21 or *Ezekiel 37:1-14*;
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:22-27 or *Acts 2:1-21*;
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Trinity Sunday, May 27, First

Sunday after Pentecost:

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29;
Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17



Manuele's Bible Study

May 4

May 11

Christian Summer Camping

Hello everyone! As many of you have heard, Michaela and I have been talking about upcoming summer sessions at Camp Fowler. I would like to share with you what growing up attending a Christian summer camp has meant to me and encourage you to consider giving a child or children in your life the same opportunity by sending them to Fowler this summer.

There are very few things that I can talk about with a comparable level of excitement as I get when talking about my time at Wanakee United Methodist Center, a small overnight camp in New Hampshire that I attended every summer growing up. I have always loved spending time outdoors, and at camp, every day is packed full of fun activities, crazy songs, making new friends, worship sessions, sunsets, campfires, and so much more, all while being surrounded by nature. As a child and teenager, I remember searching through our mail each day during the winter months hoping to find the Wanakee brochure for the upcoming summer. Needless to say, the day it arrived was always an exciting one in our house, and I spent much of my free time in the next few weeks poring over all of the different events (even the ones not open to my current age bracket), trying to decide how I could pick just one session. I always eventually made a decision and would look forward to that week until the day I arrived at camp, bags packed for a week in the woods and excited to see what my director and counselors had in store for us.

Throughout that week, I participated in several of my favorite camp activities, including but not limited to, tackling the high and low ropes courses, helping my counselors make meals at cookouts, watching the sunset over the lake, playing games, discussing our faith around a campfire (or anywhere else), and singing and eating s'mores on the last night of the week. But what made the experience so special was through the chaos of all the activities, the staff, volunteers, and other campers always made it such a welcoming environment. I never felt like I had to fit in, because everyone was just accepted for who they were. I always felt safe with my counselors and looked up to them as some of the coolest role models in my life, most of whom I can still name to this day. At the end of a week at camp, Wanakee's send-off song, "Grace and Peace", always brought tears to my eyes because I knew that singing it meant that I would soon have to leave. I always went home exhausted and covered in mosquito bites, but full of stories for my parents and a new set of memories to

hold onto through the school year until I could return the following summer.

As a staff member, my love for being at camp grew even more. Very few experiences will ever compare to the summers spent outside and disconnected from technology, providing campers with the same experiences I was so blessed to have growing up. I formed some of my closest friendships during these summers, many of which started as campers before we reconnected as fellow staff members years later. Through these experiences, I also learned valuable life skills that I have carried over into other social networks and positions. Most importantly, I was able to give back by serving as a role model for my campers, whom, even years later, have left a lasting impact on me and my memories of Wanakee. Each child and teen has something to contribute to this environment, and ultimately leaves their own unique mark on the camp, the other campers, and the staff alike.

I firmly believe that the camp experience is one of the most important things that can be given to a child or teen, and I would love to see all children who may be interested have the opportunity to create their own memories by attending a session at Camp Fowler this summer. The church has scholarships available to help offset costs, and if you have questions or need assistance with any other logistics involving getting your child or grandchild to Fowler, please contact myself, Michaela, or Jana and we would love to talk with you!

Grace and Peace,

Kristen Hearn,

Co-Associate for Youth and Family Ministry



For **Camp Fowler** information and application, visit their web site:
www.campfowler.org

News of the Trinity Church Family



- 5/2 Bethany Griswold
- 5/6 Linda King
- 5/14 Tara Jenkins
- 5/14 Judy Hedges
- 5/14 Phil Abel
- 5/14 Sue DeVuyst
- 5/17 Yi-Fen Lee
- 5/17 Morgan Kwiecien
- 5/17 Ann-Marie Giannosa
- 5/18 Roy DeWitte
- 5/23 Dick Schild
- 5/25 Ruth Scheerens
- 5/29 Jumalah Cottrill
- 5/30 John Bernhard
- 5/31 Dave Robinson
- 5/31 Desi Spencer



- 5/14 Rod & Ramona Curtis – 1955
- 5/14 Mark & Jessica Chandler – 2006
- 5/20 Jason & Phatsaphon Cottrill – 2000
- 5/21 Dan & Catherine Kwiecien – 2005
- 5/21 Phil & Pati Peters – 1969
- 5/21 Bob & Janice Cleary – 1976
- 5/21 Thomas & Tara Jenkins - 2016
- 5/26 Aaron & Kristin Short – 2005



TRWM - Our May meeting will be held on **Friday, the 11th** at **12:00 PM.** We shall be meeting for lunch at **Charley Brown's Restaurant** at 1675 Penfield Road. Not far past the Panorama Plaza. This is our last meeting until September.

All ladies are cordially invited to join us for good food and fellowship. Individual checks will be given to each one. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Please come and join us. All ladies are most welcomed.

Liz Dalton

We mourn the loss and cherish the memories of two beloved Trinity members who went home to be with their Lord in April:

*Judy Boniface
1923 - 2018*

*Margaret DeLeeuw
1933 - 2018*

The sacrament of baptism was received by **Kaniyah Amanda Thomas Cooper** on **April 22.** Congratulations to the Cooper family.



We also celebrated the 102nd birthday of **Grace Revier** that day with a special coffee hour.



Breakfast Club

Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m.

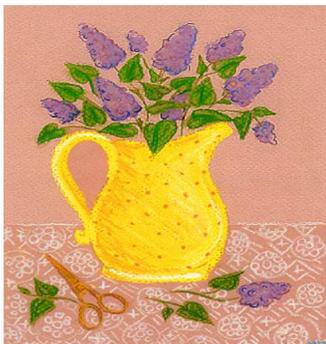


May 2	E Ridge Diner and Steak House	E Ridge near Schallers
May 9	Georges	Panorama Plaza
May 16	Atlantic	Ridge Rd. Webster
May 23	Uncle Danny's	E Ridge near Pep Boys
May 30	Nutcracker	Empire Blvd. Webster

Submitted by John Stratton

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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