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Congregational Fall Fellowship Outing

Saturday, October 20th: The Co-Associates for Youth and Family Ministry are organizing a Congregational Fall Fellowship Outing for people of all ages! All are invited to meet at church at 1pm and carpool to Long Acre Farms in Macedon for some fall fun! Long Acre offers something for everyone, including wagon and train rides, a large variety of children's activities, a corn maze (for those feeling adventurous), and plenty of delicious food. Families will be responsible for their own tickets (\$12 for those ages 2 and up). Most importantly, this will be a fun opportunity to mingle with other members of the congregation! Upon returning to church around 4pm, we will enjoy some apple cider and donuts as a festive treat. If you plan to join us, look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the main hallway or contact Kristen and Michaela at trcyouthfamilyministry@gmail.com to RSVP by October 14th.

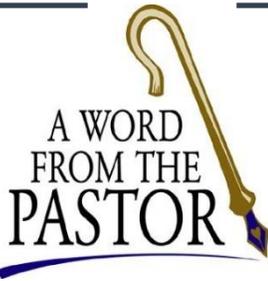


Sunday, October 28th: Come join us for another **Chew 'n' Chat!** We will enjoy a potluck luncheon, followed by a brief TED-style discussion on the topic "Seeing God Through the Wonders of the Human Body" hosted by the Elders and Co-Associates for Youth and Family Ministry. All ages are welcome! We will 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 Amber Spencer and Marilyn DeVisser. Following the conversation, everyone will reunite to enjoy dessert before heading home. If you are interested in attending, please look for the sign-up sheet 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 the second installation of this enjoyable event!

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Instead of my typical monthly offering, I decided to share with you a poem I wrote 11 years ago. It reflects my belief that church bodies and organizational structures can and should be good things, and that the alternative is not better but usually worse.

Body

A body is a gift from God
through which the blessed may enjoy
the other blessings to employ
in service to the Giver, God.

And yet some do despise the gift.
They wish from its constraints to break,
those bounds and limits to forsake,
and live their gifted lives adrift.

This dream is common, and quite old:
to leave behind the flesh, the shell
and thus to live, and live quite well;
a gnostic freedom to behold.

The gifts are real, the body good;
it is God's gift that there may be
a space for possibility
so grace may thrive just as it should.

Space has measure, depth and height.
Within that space, run, we may,
and climb, and work, and rest, then say
"Thank God" for all these gifts so right.

This we know, and this we share:
embodied praise for God most wise.
But churchly bodies some despise
and say of these, "I do not care."

On this I think we are agreed:
the body with no soul is dead.
And this, I think, may too be said:
the soul, a body it does need.

*Christ's peace,
Pastor Dan*



Dedication of education leaders in the Rally Day service, September 9, 2018

Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary – YEAR B

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – October 7, 2018

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost – October 14, 2018

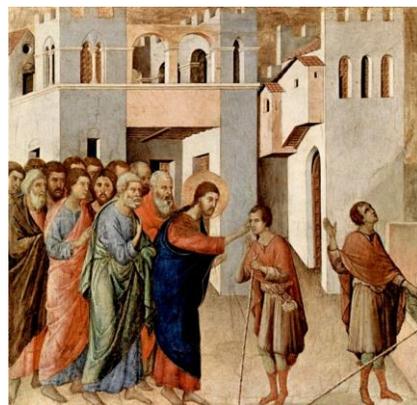
Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – October 21, 2018

Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost – October 28, 2018

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



*Christ Healina the Blind Man
Duccio, di Buoninsegna, d. 1319*

“Step It Up 5K Walk!” is the 9th Annual Indoor 5K Walk to benefit Pancreatic Cancer Research. The Walk will be held on **Saturday, November 17, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the RIT Gordon Field House**. Registration begins at 12 noon and the Walk begins at 1:30 p.m. It's a family fun day with entertainment and activities for all ages. I will be walking in memory of my husband and to



help raise money for pancreatic cancer research. Over 53,670 people are diagnosed annually. Pancreatic cancer has the highest mortality rate of all cancers – 3 out of 4 diagnosed die within the first year; only 8% survive beyond five years.

Proceeds from the Walk will support efforts toward a comprehensive approach to fighting pancreatic cancer from diagnosis to research by supporting the development of a Pancreatic Cancer Center of Excellence at Wilmot Cancer Institute. If you would like to support this cause, please make your checks payable to **Pancreatic Cancer Association**

of WNY. You can send your check to me at 171 Bay Village Drive, Rochester, NY 14609, or donate on line on my fundraising page: www.classy.org/fundraiser/1657278. For additional information and to **register**, please visit our web site at www.pcawny.org.

Thank you for your support in helping us raise awareness, money for research, and hope for a cure. – *Patricia*

TRWM

Our October meeting will be held on **Friday, October 12th**. The meeting will be held at the **Dayton Corners**

One Room School House on the corner of Creek Street and Plank Road at 1:00 PM. All ladies are cordially invited.

We shall meet in the church parking lot about **12:30 PM** to car pool OR you may drive directly to the school.

Our leader is **Barbara Quinn**, the designated teacher there. Barbara is very knowledgeable and most friendly. Please see the sign-up sheet on our bulletin board. This should be a most interesting event.

PLEASE COME!

Consistory Member of the Week

October 7:
Bonnie Harris

October 14:
Yi-Fen Lee

October 21:
Greg Halsey

October 28:
John Stratton

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

Outreach Annual Chicken BBQ



The Outreach Committee was pleased that we received wonderful weather for our Annual Chicken BBQ held on September 15th.

Due to the weather and the smell of the delicious chicken in the air, we sold out at 1:45pm, an hour and a half prior to our previous sell out record.

Thanks to all those people that supported this event. We are looking forward to 2019.

Focus Forum: A Gathering to Discern Our Future

October 13, 2018 · 9:30 am

This morning brunch event, starting at 9:30 am and going until about noon, will focus on our church's challenges and needs, both monetary and programmatic. We want to hear how you understand and respond to these needs. **Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.** We hope that you will join us for this time of sharing and listening together!



PENFIELD ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF FALL 2018 MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Broth · Canned Soup (not chicken noodle or tomato) · Jello and Pudding
Laundry Detergent · Dish Soap

PLEASE PLACE DONATED ITEMS IN THE BASKET IN THE NARTHEX. THANK YOU!



Please submit items for **Trinity Times** by 9am, Thursday mornings. You may email Laura at trchurchsecretary@gmail.com, or call the office at 381-5330.

There is a **Lost & Found** box outside the church office.

Due to the size of our **email** list, the church office is now using Mail Chimp – a free service – to deliver emails to the church members. Sometimes these emails end up in the spam folder, so be sure to check there occasionally so as not to miss any church news.

Please call Barb Stoops (506-5559) with prayer requests, or with information about people for whom we are praying.

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Trinity Senior Breakfasts • October 2018

Date	Place	Note
10/4	Nutcracker	Empire Blvd. - Webster
10/11	Morningstar	Merchants Rd.
10/18	Mama Lor's	Monroe/Wayne CLR
10/25	East Ridge DSH	Near Pep Boys

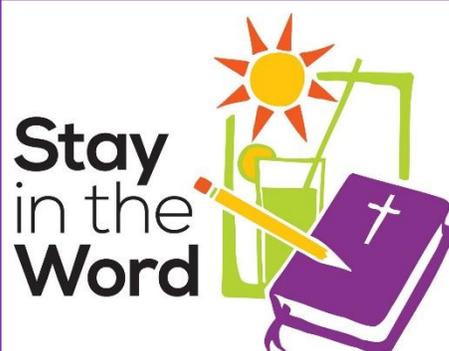
Friends and Fellowship annual Buffalo Bills game at the Greenes'

Save the date, Oct. 21st
at 1:00 PM for the kickoff!!

Sign-up sheet will be on the
bulletin board. Please sign up to
bring dessert or appetizer,
beverages will be provided.

All are welcome.

If any questions call
Jacquie or Richard at 223-8069.

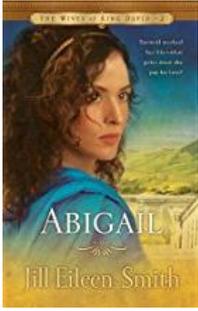


Manueles' Bible Study

Friday,
October 5

7-8:30 pm

Deadline for submissions to the November newsletter: October 15 – If you would like something to be included in the next newsletter, please send it directly to Laura at trchurchsecretary@gmail.com. Text may be in an email, or a Word document attached to an email. Photos are preferably in JPG format as an attachment to the email. If you have an actual photo in-hand, bring it to the church office during office hours, and Laura can scan it. Thank you!



CHRISTIAN BOOK REVIEW

By Marion Crump Spencer

I have an interest in studying the lives of strong Biblical women. In spite of the hundreds of years which separate our lifestyles, I have found many applications to my faith walk. Jill Eileen Smith presented an amazing account in Abigail. This is the second book in the “Wives of King David” series. Of all the wives of David, Abigail was spoken of most favorably. She shared in David’s love and worship of Yahweh. However, her life began with much pain and sacrifice.

As a young woman, Abigail was smart and outspoken. Her father’s debts placed her in a loveless marriage to wealthy Nabal, renamed by his father because his name means “fool”. Rather than trying to make his father’s estimation of him false, Nabal seemed to want to leave no doubt of its authenticity. Nabal was a physically and verbally abusive and cruel alcoholic. When Abigail offered insight to help Nabal do the right thing it was rewarded with swiftly applied abuse which threatened to break her spirit. Smith presented a painful account of how abuse touches the victim long after it has ended. Abigail was fearful of expressing her thoughts to David. We are granted glimpses into Abigail’s stellar character. Smith provided a fascinating account of how Abigail saved the lives of all of Nabal’s household through her wisdom which was highly valued by David.

In reading Biblical accounts of Abigail’s life along with the novel, I was drawn to the Bible even more. After Nabal’s demise and Abigail agreed to marry David, Smith presented a realistic picture of what it would be like to share a husband. Nabal’s imprint on Abigail at a young age had far reaching influences on her later life. We witnessed her idolization of David and the heartbreak it brings them both. Smith’s perspective switched from David to Abigail and even encompassed Abigail’s family members to present a fuller illustration of the events of the book. Smith expertly shared the Jewish cultural practices of marriage, the “reason” kings take foreign and many wives, details of battles and strategies, and the vulnerability of both David and Abigail. In all her kindness and nobility, Abigail was still a woman in need of a savior. Smith presented multidimensional portraits of the royal couple and how they loved each other which illustrated Christ’s love for us. Interspersed throughout the text are Psalm verses as David shared his compositions with Abigail.

I recommend Abigail because it was a delicious adventure filled with mystery, romance, intrigue, surprise, and passion. I was re-introduced to King David-the king, shepherd, poet, and dynamic worshipper. And I became even more enamored with Queen Abigail-a woman after God’s own heart.

***“Search me God, and know my heart. Test me, and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”
Psalm 139: 23-24***



- 10/01 Benjamin Cooper
- 10/01 Michael Holloway
- 10/04 Patricia Van Dussen
- 10/07 Patricia Peters
- 10/08 Carol Stimus
- 10/09 Rebekah Cooper
- 10/09 Jessie Hewitt
- 10/10 Arlo Turnquist
- 10/14 Lesley Holloway
- 10/14 Patricia Hughes
- 10/15 Robert Halsey
- 10/15 John Lasher
- 10/19 Paul DeVries
- 10/20 Ava Burns
- 10/24 Ramona Curtis
- 10/26 Jeremiah McCarthy



- 10/1 Ted & Joyce Marston (1994)
- 10/8 Philip & Tiffany DiPiazza (2011)
- 10/8 Jim & Barb Stoops (1983)
- 10/10 Mike & Jean Cottrill (1970)
- 10/11 John & Joan Bernhard (1987)
- 10/13 Bill & Kristin Shuman (2007)
- 10/15 Don & Diane Rutherford (1989)
- 10/17 Dick & Barb Schild (1981)
- 10/28 Alex & Christine Perek
- 10/29 Greg & Debbie Halsey (1983)
- 10/30 Bill & Cathy Almekinder (1971)

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	01	02	03	04	05	06
	7 pm - AMPS		10 am - Bible Study 6:15 pm - Bell Choir 7 pm - Choir	9 am - Senior Breakfast 6 pm - Finance 7 pm - Deacons	7 pm - Manueles' Bible Study	10 am - Crafts for a Cause
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