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# Alive!

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### Special points of interest:

- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than the 26th of the month.
- 4 Cents a Meal Collection June 26th
- VBS planned for July 18-22!!
- Michaels' last day with us is June 19th
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Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. God's majesty is shining down on the church in Salem. May we continue to praise God in all his glory for the peace he provides in our community.

God calls each and every one of us to be servants of the Lord. Those calls from God come at varying times in our life. God has called me to something new. It is at this time I tell you that my call at First United Presbyterian Church is coming to a close. My last Sunday of leading worship will be June 19, 2016.

The Session, in conjunction with Committee on Ministry, is working on the transition. God is shining down on this church and I believe God has great plans for those that are within this church and this community.

May our Lord continue to bless you and keep you.  
May our Lord continue to shine his face upon you.  
May your journey with our Lord and Savior continue to grow as you journey together...forward.

Grace and Peace,

*Michael C. Barron, CRE*

First United Presbyterian Church of Salem

## Mission Report

The Mission Team meets regularly once a month, with Neal Rea as the Moderator. Other members of the Team are: Marilyn Hamby, Charlie Perry, Helen Simmons, Rev. Dr. David Simmons, Amy Thetford, Arna Thibeau, Dolores Phaneuf, and unofficial member, Steven Burgess. Much is accomplished during our 1 hour (sometimes a little longer) meeting, which always opens and closes with prayer, and the daily message from the book, "God Calling". During the last two months:

\* We emptied the Beverly McMorris Memorial Account by donating to the Summer Salem Lunch and Learn for the purchase of a smaller tent and chairs for the new pre-kindergarten class that is being added this summer

\* Planned and carried out the "message" on the Fourth Sundays, Mission Sunday:

- 1.) Charlie talked about the Rotary Club and the joint projects that we have with them
- 2.) Marie Bell's granddaughter, Meghan, spoke to us about her trips to foreign countries
- 3.) Carolyn Meub, from Pure Water For the World, will be the speaker, June 26
- 4.) Plans are being made for a joint worship and community picnic on July 24
- 5.) final plans for August and September will be made at June meeting
- 6.) Preliminary plans were discussed for the annual **Pig Roast October 15**

\* Heard a presentation from Scout, Harrison Robbins-Snizek for his Eagle Scout Project of repairing, and updating the playground ark.

\* Dolores gave a report of the Operation Adopt a Soldier, a joint project of our church and the Shushan Grange. Collection boxes were set up in TD Bank; Yushak's Store, UP Church in Salem, and the United Church in Shushan. The Boy Scouts of White Creek also collected items. The Faith Filled Friday's Group assembled "care bags", that included letters, cards, and pictures. Scout Ethan, his parents, 3 members of the Shushan Grange, including one also on our Mission Team, delivered 2 car loads of items to OAAS in Saratoga to be packed and shipped to the Military in the war zones. Cliff greeted us, helped unload our vehicles, then took us inside to a room about 1/3 the size of our chapel, where a desk with phone, occupied a corner and about 100 boxes ready to be shipped were stacked. The remaining walls were lined with metal shelving holding various sizes of plastic totes labeled with the contents. He explained the process of packing - take an assembled box, put it on the table, fill it as full as you can with whatever you want from the totes, or items that you brought. When the box is full, enclose one of the pictures, thank you's or letters from the children, seal the box, attach a plastic sleeve to hold an address; put it in a pile for a label and begin another box. The six of us packed between 60 and 70 boxes in about an hour and 10 minutes. (The time from 10 to 12 was set aside for our group.) Then it was "close-down" time so all of the packages could be labeled and mailed that afternoon. Son, Rich, invited us all over to his house for hamburgers and hotdogs.

### **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS PROJECT.**

I explained the process to the FFF on their final Friday and demonstrated how many items could fit into a box. This was a worthwhile project that I hope will be repeated.

Submitted by Dolores Phaneuf

# Scriptures

## Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear in December will come from the following readings:

June 5th	1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24); Psalm 146:1-10 Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17
June 12th	1 Kings 21:1-10(11-14)15-21a; Psalm 5:1-8 Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3
June 19th	1 Kings 19:1-4(5-7)8-15a; Psalms 42 and 43 Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
June 26th	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

## Did you Know?

Faith Filled Fridays is done until September. Look for updates about when it will restart here and in the weekly bulletins. Thank you to ALL who help with this successful program!

## Newsletter Articles

The Summer Edition of the ALIVE Newsletter covers BOTH July and August. Please get the information for any and all of the exciting activities that will occur those months in to Holly Keys (holly.keys@aol.com or call 854-3975 before 8 pm or drop something in her box in the business office at the church (just let her know its there)) by Sunday, June 26th. Thank you!!!

## Session Notes

Session met on May 18, 2016 for the regular meeting normally held each month on the third Wednesday of the month.

Reports were received from the Clerk, Treasurer, and committees. Some highlights include:

The 2015 minutes were approved at a peer review meeting of Clerks from various churches in the Presbytery. This is done annually in order to maintain some uniform requirements aimed at preserving records of all churches.

The Mission Committee requested that on the 4th Sunday in July we participate in an ecumenical service and picnic on the lawn. That even will occur and more news will follow.

Christian Nurture Committee announced that the theme of VBS this year will be Noah's Ark. Watch for more news and consider how you may be able to help during the week of July 18-22. Volunteers are always needed to help run the program, provide food, and prepare the set up for activities.

Session continued to work on the Manual of Operations. This will outline how all the various committees function and will describe church policy.

A new Eagle Scout project is being considered to refurbish the "ARK" as we call the playground equipment. Plans and proposals need to be approved.

A major step forward has been approved by Presbytery--we will be updating out MIF (Mission Information Form), which is the document that is uploaded to the Presbyterian web site, letting people know that we are seeking a new Pastor for this congregation. Session is excited to be at this point and will update the congregation as these steps are undertaken. Sometimes the process seems slow, but we are on the move.

Marie Bell Clerk of Session

## Christian Nurture

Another Faith Filled Fridays season has come to a close. This month we put together some candy 'flower' pots for our Moms, and candy 'stache' jars for our Dads (picture giant mustache label) given with homemade cards and lots of love. Even though Father's Day doesn't come until mid-June, the kids wanted to be sure they got their presents made before FFF ended. We once again pulled out our paper doves and decorated the sanctuary for Pentecost. This year the kids also made "stained glass" flames using waxed paper and red, yellow and orange tissue paper, which we taped to the sanctuary windows. Our last day a very special visitor came to speak to our kids. Our very own Dolores Phaneuf gave a wonderful presentation on the Adopt-a-Soldier program. The kids had previously made up packets for the soldiers which Dolores hand delivered along with many other donations from our church, Shushan Grange and other various organizations. She spent time at the facility in Saratoga packing boxes. We thought it would be great if she told the kids all about her experience there. The kids really enjoyed hearing all about how the boxes are packed, how many can get packed in just an hour, and all sorts of information. The kids then made up more pictures to be placed in the boxes. Thank you so much Dolores for sharing your time with us! And a very special thank you as well to all the volunteers who have helped out with Faith Filled Fridays. It couldn't happen without you!

Next on tap for Christian Nurture will be Vacation Bible School. Planning is underway! We're looking at a Noah's Ark theme for the week of July 18-22. It will be a morning session this year, running from 9-11:30am. Mark your calendars! Be on the lookout for ways you can help, whether it's sponsoring a child, donating items/food, leading a group or setting and cleaning up. Remember, many hands make light work, and it's FUN!"

Submitted by Amy Thetford

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### June Birthday's

7th Tom Jilek  
10th James Tomasi  
25th Arna Thibeau

### June Anniversaries

11th Michael & Jane Barron

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or [holly.keys@aol.com](mailto:holly.keys@aol.com).

## Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause for joy or concern: \_\_\_\_\_

You name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

# Prayers & Concerns

## Those in our prayers during the last month:

Each month we will list all of the people that we have had in our prayers for the past month. If you should have anyone you would like to add to our weekly list please place their names in the offering plate during Sunday worship or call the church office, 854-9471, by Friday at 3 PM. **Please notify when name is to be removed.**

Those trying to mend and rebuild relationships

For those who help us and for those that are lonely, depressed, and are in need

All those that are struggling with financial, health, and personal challenges

Those who suffer in silence

## Long Term Prayer Consideration

Donna Holmes

Hanna Goldman

David Fleming

Elsie Jackson

For those battling addictions

Homeless

Emergency Services Workers

Sasha Blake

Jordan Bardwell

All the Armed Forces

In Nursing homes:

Roberta "Bert" Moore

Cards/messages can be sent to:

Bert Moore @ The Orchard, Room #17, 10421 State Route 40, Granville, NY 12832

## Hospital Admittance Update

Due to HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) the Salem First United Presbyterian Church will not be notified if you, or a loved one, are hospitalized. **Please call a deacon or leave a message on the church phone (854-9471) to let us know that you, or a loved one, have been hospitalized.**

When admitted, be sure to list Salem United Presbyterian Church as your affiliate and give permission to release the information so that Rev. Simmons, Michael, or a Deacon can visit. **Otherwise, your admittance and room number may not be available.**

# June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Worship 10am	6 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	7	8	9 Line Dancing 9:30am	10	11
12 Worship 10am	13 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	14 Choir Rehearsal 9 am	15 Soup & Sandwich Luncheon 11:30am Session 7pm	16 Line Dancing 9:30am	17	18
19 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> Worship 10am	20 Deacons Mtg 12:30 pm Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	21 WIC Clinic 9am-3:30pm Choir Rehearsal 9 am	22	23 Line Dancing 9:30am	24	25
26 Worship 10am 4 Cents a Meal Holmes Grad	27 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	28 Choir Rehearsal 9 am	29	30 Line Dancing 9:30am		

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**At First United Presbyterian Church:**

We believe that God calls everyone to serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ!

Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!  
Service begins at 10 AM



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**Service Schedule for  
June 2016**

**Elder of the Month: Sylvia Graham**

Sunday, June 5th

Reader: Jim Briglin

Coffee Time: Ruth Ihne  
Marie Bell

Sunday, June 12th

Reader: Jane Keys

Coffee Time: Valerie Roche

Sunday, June 19th

Reader: Kim Skellie

Coffee Time: Dolores Phaneuf  
Norma & Jean Skellie

Sunday, June 26th

Reader: Jean Skellie

Coffee Time: Kay Tomasi  
Jane & Tom Keys