

# The Family Circle

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## The 2020 Summer Newsletter

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From the Pastor...

I have been reading about the Lewis and Clark Expedition that began in 1803. Ken Burns describes a defining moment in Meriwether's life. "He was approaching the farthest boundary of the Louisiana Territory, the Continental Divide-the Spine of the Rocky Mountains. No American citizen had ever been there before. This he believed was going to be the Northwest passage: the goal and the great prize that Thomas Jefferson has sent him to find. All his study had prepared him to see the watershed of the Columbia and beyond it the great plain that led to the Pacific. Instead there were more mountains and his dream was shattered. This is where the geography of hope gave way to the geography of reality. This is the moment when they had to leave their boats, find horses and make an adaptive switch. What a disappointing reality this must have been!

At times in life we must let go, learn as we go and keep going! When the world is different than expected it's easy to get confused. We lose our way and it takes us awhile to find our footing. Just like the Lewis and Clark expedition, they had to face reality, make adjustments and reorient their plan.

We find ourselves in this moment in time where we try to be the church during a pandemic. This summer we have reframed our strategy. Our Food Pantry and Community Meal is Take Out only using just a few volunteers. Worship and Story-Telling is done virtually and offered on Facebook and the website. Our Prayer Messengers have been faithful in offering weekly prayers but doing so at home. A Palm Sunday Pilgrimage through town and a Pentecost Parade both helped our spirits and took "the Spirit" to the streets. Cookie deliveries have been a way to stay connected. We are considering a Vacation Church School kit to be dropped off to our Sunday School students. We needed to adapt!

We are re-opening for worship the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13 at 10:30 AM. That is the same day we will welcome our new organist/choir director Claudia Kachmarik. She brings a deep faith, great ideas and 30 plus years of experience.

It has been a long wait and I miss my church family so much! The Pandemic provides different challenges and we must adapt to the current reality as we find new ways to be together. For a time, those coming to worship will be required to wear masks and sit at a distance apart. We will make use of our balcony too! There will be no social hour, no bulletins, no holy communion. Because singing has the potential to spread germs our music program will begin slowly. The Praise Band will continue and the chancel choir may start out with a few singers. We may try hand bell solos or quartets. As a congregation we will have the chance to look more carefully at the words of our hymns as we hum instead of sing.

To come together again we must adapt our expectations. We are committed to being the church of Jesus Christ but doing it in a safe manner. We will adhere to the guidelines set by our Governor and Bishop Webb. I ask you to continue to support our church with your prayers and your gifts as we

make these changes. I ask for your prayers for me as I seek to lead you through this transition. I invite you to come together in unity as we seek to be all God calls us to be.

On July 1 I will have been your pastor for a decade! I am so proud to serve as your pastor and I can't wait to see what God has in store for us next. This quote reminded me of you.

William Clark-in a letter to Meriwether Lewis on July 24, 1803 before they set out on their journey...

*"There is an undertaking freighted with difficulties, but my friend, I do assure you that no man lives with whom I would prefer to undertake such a trip as yourself...My friend, I join you with hand and heart."*

We are the church-together!  
Pastor Jan

### **STAFF CHANGES**

In May we said goodbye to Dan Fish who retired as custodian after many years of faithful service. We wish him well and offer our continued prayers for his physical healing. If you would like to send a card, Dan's address is: 31 Markie Lane, Windsor NY 13865

In May we also said goodbye to our organist, Chanmi Beak who will be returning to South Korea soon. We have been blessed by her music and spirit!

Robin Eastman has accepted the job as custodian. We thank her for taking on this role during this difficult pandemic.



## **Congratulations to our 2020 Graduates!**

**Sarah Noonan** who graduated from Binghamton High School. Sarah will attend SUNY Broome in the fall headed for a career in Pharmacy. She is currently working part time at St. Louise Manor.

**Connor Carangelo** who graduated from Sienna College with BA in Environmental Studies with minors in Philosophy and Science

**Jessica Spencer Petrucci** who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration from Florida Southern University.

## **Remember Our “Seniors”**

Can you set aside some time to remember our seniors and those who are shut-in....with a call, a note? It means a lot!

### **Good-Shepherd Fairview Home**

Dawn Spencer 80 Fairview Avenue (Rm 20)  
Binghamton NY 13904

### **St Louise Manor**

Jennie Brown St Louise Manor (Apt 148)  
861 Upper Front St  
Binghamton NY 13905

### **At Home**

Dan & Estella Armstrong 30 Harry L Drive  
Kirkwood NY 13795

Larry & Sarah Baker 146 Old State Road  
Binghamton NY 13901

Dawn Dressler 47 Moeller St  
Binghamton NY 13904

Evelyn Evans 130 Robinson Street  
Binghamton NY 13904

Leona Fiske 10 Gregory Ave  
Binghamton NY 13901

John Hillard 54 Bigelow Street  
Binghamton NY 13904

Ethel Jones 64 Ahern Road  
Binghamton NY 13903

Bob & Peg Muth 725 Lee Circle N-58  
Johnson City NY 13790

Patricia Reynolds 8 Wilcox Street  
Binghamton NY 13904-1335

Sheila Runyon 58 Broome Street  
Binghamton NY 13903

Betty Waffle 12 Burton Avenue  
Binghamton NY 13904

## **The Fairview UMC Welcoming Statement:**

Our God is a welcoming God. Fairview United Methodist Church affirms that all people are created in the image of God, and as beloved children of God all are worthy of God's love and grace.

We accept diversity as a rich gift in our community. We celebrate that diversity and fully welcome all people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, family structure, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic background, political affiliation, intellectual, physical, or other disability, faith history, incarceration history, or life experience.

We believe that “Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.” is not just a slogan; it is who we are. It's who Jesus calls us to be.

## **RENEWAL LEAVE**

Pastor Jan will be on Renewal Leave and vacation from July 1- August 15. If a need arises, please call one of the following:

Elizabeth Noonan, Lay Leader 592-5783  
Ellen Gardiner, Shepherd Ministry 624-4311  
Sue Barton, Parish Nurse 759-6513  
Rev Ron Wenzinger 607-761-6519

## **Thank you goes to:**

- all those who have been helping fix up the parsonage
- all who donated pasta and cereal for our Food Pantry and Blessing Box
- all who contributed to our Lending Library with Books
- Gary Loichle for setting up the “traffic pattern” in our parking lot for the Palm Sunday and Pentecost parades
- to all who are baking and delivering cookies

**Leading Us in our Worship.....  
July & August 2020**

**July 5**

Preacher: Marcia Focht  
Liturgist: Leon Jicha  
Singer: Marcia Focht  
Organist: Carolyn Blake

**July 12**

Preacher: Elizabeth Noonan  
Liturgist: Amy Kehoe  
Singer: Aaron Noonan  
Organist: Lois Bales

**July 19**

Preacher: Elizabeth Noonan  
Liturgist: Ellen Gardiner  
Singer: Aaron Noonan  
Organist: Carolyn Blake

**July 26**

Preacher: Marcia Focht  
Liturgist: Sarah Gaeta  
Singer: Marcia Focht  
Organist: Lois Bales



**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Jessica Spencer and Jon Petrucci who were married on May 16 in a lovely backyard ceremony. The newly weds are living in Florida.

**August 2**

Preacher: Pastor Doug Clark  
Liturgist: Marcia Focht  
Singer: Marcia Focht  
Organist: Maureen Helms

**August 9**

Preacher: Elizabeth Noonan  
Liturgist: Blenda Smith  
Singer: Aaron Noonan  
Organist: Carolyn Blake

**August 16**

Preacher: Pastor Jan  
Liturgist: Kevin Emmons  
Singer: Kathy Ballard  
Organist: Madeline Hoover

**August 23**

Preacher: Pastor Jan  
Liturgist: Deb McMichael  
Singer: Aaron Noonan  
Organist: Carolyn Blake

**August 30**

Preacher: Pastor Jan  
Liturgist: Joe Coons  
Singer: Judy Knewasser  
Organist: Pastor Jan



**Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 a.m. till Sold Out  
\$9.00**

**½ BBQ Chicken  
Salt Potatoes & Baked Beans  
Roll with butter & Cookie**

**TAKE-OUT ONLY**



**GERANIUMS** have been planted around the outside of the church building where we and all our neighbors will enjoy them throughout the weeks of summer. Thank you to the following who gave geraniums in memory or in honor of loved ones:

**PRESENTED BY**

Myrt Buchanan  
Joe & Shirley Coons  
Penny Daugherty

Dawn Dressler  
Karen Gdovin

Carey & Bob Gorgrant  
Karon Lewis

Cindy Minus  
Joan Murray  
Peg & Bob Muth

Donald & Sandra Roberts

John & Cecilia Smith

Carolyn Warren

Myrt Buchanan

Pastors Jan & Doug Clark  
Joe & Shirley Coons  
Karen Gdovin

Carey & Bob Gorgrant  
Poppy & Glemma Clark

**IN MEMORY OF**

Sandie  
deceased family members  
Jim Daugherty  
parents  
Daniel & Doris Dressler  
Dorothy & Carl VanDusen  
Dorothy & George Gdovin  
Robert & Virginia Gorgrant  
husband, Gary  
parents, Paul & Pauline Roberts  
father, James Wilcox  
family loved ones  
Doris & Roger Stanton  
Addie & Philip Muth  
William & Bernice Finch  
Leon & Rilla Reynolds  
Katharine Gee  
George & Edna Lewis  
Perry & Marion Smith  
Kevin Schmidt  
daughter, Jerri LaComb

**IN HONOR OF**

Prayer Messengers  
Shut-Ins  
Carol Carpenetti  
Dawn Spencer  
Chanmi Baek  
our children & grandchildren  
Jon & Liz, Rowan  
Mackenzie & Paul  
Pastor Jan  
Rowan Parker Gdovin



## CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE AIR CONDITIONING FOR THE SANCTUARY

On March 8, 2020, I had the pleasure of introducing the first Capital Project Campaign in over 20 years at Fairview United Methodist Church.

Our Trustees presented to the Church Council their research and options regarding the cost and installation of central air conditioning for the sanctuary with a \$38,000 projection.

I am very proud to announce that we have received donations totalling \$21,000. We are receiving a steady level of contributions toward this project in light of difficult times for many coping with the worldwide pandemic.

Your commitment to our church is no surprise and speaks volumes about our wonderful church family. Please keep a focus on this project when it is reasonable for you. We will be successful in this endeavor. Many thanks!

Best regards,

Steve Deinhardt  
Church Council Chair

**SEE REVERSE  
for "Fairview Finances"  
by Jeanette O'Malley**

## **Fairview Finances**

We are a church family that hasn't been forgotten! Pledges, donations for capital projects, food pantry, Sky Lake, among others, are still coming in. Please don't stop! We need you!

We've received our Paycheck Protection Plan loan and are using those funds towards salaries and utilities. And, we will be applying for forgiveness as soon as we are able. Even though we're still approximately \$4,000 behind, this loan has truly been a blessing to our bottom line.

A Chicken BBQ is planned for July 11. We had planned other fundraisers in the first quarter of the year but we've been unable to have them. Please drive by on July 11 and show your support by purchasing a meal. All precautions will be taken and hope to sell out.

A self-addressed envelope has been enclosed in this mailing for you to use to mail in your pledge, catch up on your pledge and/or even provide a little extra. Everything counts!

Please continue your support, dedication and devotion to Fairview UMC!

#Fairview Strong

Jeanette O'Malley, Chair