



Grace United Church

May 2020

Lectionary Scriptures

May 3 Acts 2: 42-47

Ps 23

I Peter 2: 19-25

John 10: 1-10

May 10 Acts 7: 55-60

Ps 31: 1-5, 15-16

I Peter 2: 2-10

John 14: 1-14

May 17 Acts 17: 22-31

Ps 66: 8-20

I Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21

May 24 Acts 1: 6-14

Ps 68: 1-10, 32-35

I Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11

John 17: 1-11

May 31 Acts 2: 1-21 or

Num 11: 24-30

Ps 104: 24-34, 35b

I Cor 12: 3b-13 or

Acts 2: 1-21

John 20: 19-23 or

John 7: 37-39

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From the Chair

My cats have almost got me trained. They expect breakfast around 6 am, treats when they come in from outside, and dinner at 5. Funny how when your regular schedule is shot, other things pop up to help you mark time. But Dave and I still find ourselves sitting down to worship at 10 am on Sunday morning.

I hope you've been able to see the worship services we've posted on YouTube. Many thanks to Jim Knapp for his music, to our pastors who have been willing to video their sermons, for the readers, and to Dave Toot who has been putting the program together every Saturday. While we are all anxious to get back together again, there's a lot to consider about technology and its ability to reach members of the community we would not ordinarily reach. The Praise Committee will be carefully reviewing how to safely be back together again when we can, but also how to maintain that contact with those who might not be in the building.

Each one of us should be thinking of ways we can be the church, even while we're apart. If you have good ideas that the Board should know about, please pass them on to me. As we learned in David Huizenga's message Sunday, we can be mute and still show others the love of God.

Grace and Peace,
Kim

Worship service each week on YouTube

May 3 with Steve Reynolds

May 10 with David Huizenga

May 17 with Claudia Little

May 24 with David Huizenga

May 31 with Phyllis Reed



The History Corner: This month is a continuation from Christian Temple. Next month will feature history from First Congregational.

The History Corner:

From July 28, 1993 Temple Times



CHURCH CHUCKLES Contributed by Helen Stebbins

A house painter agreed to paint the local church for a nominal fee. To keep expenses at a minimum he diluted the water-based paint a little too much. He was clinging to the steeple when a sudden thunderstorm washed all the paint off the surfaces he had completed. From out of the dark clouds amid the thunder and lightening came a booming voice. "Repaint! Repaint! And thin nor more!"

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Find the Books of the Bible:

There are names of 16 books of the Bible mentioned in the paragraph below. (A minister found 15 books in 20 minutes but it took him weeks to find the sixteenth one. Let's see how much time it takes you.)

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts...and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Other may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph.

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Blast from the past:

December 20, 1987 we had 196 people in attendance at Christian Temple.

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From April 27, 1994 Temple Times

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR EDITOR by Jeremy Johnson

On Thursday, April 7, Jason and Jamie Kellogg, Terra Carpenter, Danielle Johnson, Sean Allen, Merrie Geer, and I went with Sue Johnson, Nan Allen and Rev. Phil Smith up to a soup kitchen in Buffalo. When we arrived at the soup kitchen, (called "The Loaves and Fishes Dinning Room") we all helped carry day-old bread (which was donated by area supermarkets) into the Dinning Room, and helped clean the storage room where all the food was kept. After we were through, we went on a tour of the church. Rev. Smith told us all about how the church was when he preached there. (He preached there because of a fire at his other church.) After the tour, we went to get final instructions and our jobs in the dinning room. As the homeless people came in, they got something to drink and sat down. Then we served them a tray of a bowl of soup, a sandwich, and a dish of peaches. Also there were 5 or 6 tables lined up against one wall, where the day-old bread was. The people could take one or two packages of bread for their use.

After it as over, we went on a tour through Buffalo to look at all the inner-city churches, and ended up at Pilgrim St. Lukes (Rev. Smith's other church), where Marianne Rathman works. Marianne took us on a tour of the church and told us how the fire in 1984 has started and affected the church and how it was renovated after the fire.

The History Corner: (continued)

From CT Bulletin June 5, 1921

When Mrs. Manion recently resigned her position as Superintendent of the Cradle Roll in the Bible School, she submitted her report for the period from Sept 1920 to May 1, 1921. Members on the roll in 1910, 46. New members enrolled 344, making a total of 390. Number lost by death, 11. Number lost by other causes, 109, leaving on the Roll, 89. She made over 1200 calls during that time. This is a record of duty faithfully performed and of important service splendidly rendered. Mrs. Floyd Garvey has taken the work and gives every indication of maintaining the record.

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From CT Bulletin July 10, 1921

The member of the Christian Temple agreed to take 14 of the "Fresh Air" children from NYC for 2 weeks beginning the 18th of August. If there are any others who were undecided last Sunday or were not here for the announcement, who wish to take one of more of these children, give your name to Earnest Hornburg today.

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From CT Bulletin September 4, 1921

Six Million men are unemployed in the US. Would it be disastrous to our American spirit to continue to furnish supplies to Russia?

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From CT Bulletin November 12, 1921

The Stewardship vote last Sunday resulted as follows: 34 are Tithers or will tithe. 10 will try tithing for one year. 26 will set aside a definite portion of the income. 33 will earnestly consider the problem and seek a solution for themselves. 103 of those present voted.

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From CT Bulletin November 12, 1921

Attention! Please! The ushers are instructed not to seat anyone during the special music, Scripture reading, prayers or Communion service. A moment's delay in the vestibule will do no harm. Freedom from interruption will materially aid the worship.

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From CT Bulletin January 29, 1922

A new organization is being formed in Wellsville to include boys from 12 – 16. It will be called the Order of the Red Triangle. Membership in it is conditioned upon membership in and regular attendance upon Bible School. Its object is a program of character building and the development of the boys into four-square men. It will be a privilege to our boys to be member of such an organization.

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From CT Bulletin February 26, 1922

Paul Geer spent last Sunday with his Grandmother, Mrs. SF Hanks, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. CT Atwood, at Norwich NY.

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From CT Bulletin April 2, 1922

Last Sunday, the Bible School had 396 in attendance. The Hobabs were the banner class in size having 50 men present. Our aim for Easter Sunday is 500 with 150 men in attendance.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/6 Renee Johnson
5/7 Gracie Hirt
5/9 Jan Pratt
5/14 Linda Sweeney
5/17 Maegan Beckhorn
5/21 Gabrielle Sorochin
5/26 Gail Allen
5/31 Linda Elliott



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/01	Frank and Rosemary Davis
5/25	Becky and Jim Wightman

March Financials
Total Income: \$7,800.00
Actual expenses: \$9,531.25
Total for the year:
Income: \$24,067.47
Expenses: \$28,700.13
Net difference: (\$4,632.66)

The Ministry Committee with the help of Nancy Johnson delivered the Bunny Baskets to the Salvation Army. We also sponsored two lunch bag meals (\$120) on April 22nd and 24th. At that time we were told what might go into a bag lunch. If anyone would be interested in donating items here is a list: a can of soup, an apple, cheese stick, individual small bags of chips, individual puddings/fruit. We are discussing among our committee members how to continue helping their need.

