



Grace United Church

From the Chair.....January 2021

Lectionary Scriptures

January 3

Jeremiah 31: 7-14
Psalm 147: 12-20
Ephesians 1: 3-14
John 1: (1-9), 10-18

January 10

Genesis 1: 1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19: 1-7
Mark 1: 4-11

January 17

1 Samuel 3:1-10,(11-20)
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
John 1: 43-51

January 24

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10;
Psalm 62: 5-12; 1
Corinthians 7: 29-31;
Mark 1: 14-20

January 31

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8: 1-13
Mark 1: 21-28

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Let me say it again – January 2021- A New Year, Turning the page on 2020. The hope for New Beginnings-Hope for the healing of the Darkness of 2020.

Yet as we look back, past the darkness the Media showed us every day, every hour. There was the light of God Showing through. “Covid”- But now a Vaccine –(Hope). “Racism”- But Black Lives Matter- Light on all Racism. A Nation Divided by Politics-Hope of a reunited Nation. Led by a person/people not as Democrats or Republican, but Leaders of the Country for all People. Challenges for a better New Year – 2021.

And here in our community- Grace United, The Bright Light of HOPE. Looking to move forward with anticipation of a New Leader-grounded in the Christian beliefs that make us a Warm, Friendly, Hard working family of Grace United. Ready to move ahead.

As Kim Toot shared in the Dec 24, Grace Notes, The Board and Search Team are preparing for an informed ‘Covid safe’” candidating service on Sunday January 10th. This will be a combination of Limited in Church attendance and Zoom attendance. A vote will follow the service for in person and via zoom. A letter will be sent to members explaining the details of attendance and an opportunity to meet the candidate in person. These will be small groups meeting the Friday and Saturday prior to the January 10 service.

In closing I wish to thank the Church Board and all the very active members of the three committees that oversee the daily details and prepare for future needs and expectations of our church. From the upkeep of 3 buildings -Worship Center, Mission Center and the Parsonage, to meeting the challenge of providing us with quality services and promoting Gods work in the local community and the world community.

Thanks to the Search Team, who met on a weekly basis and their many hours of work behind the scenes. We were strongly supported by the active committees of the board. The list is to long to thank each individual for moving us forward under the challenge of Covid and the lack of a Pastor. The UCC and DOC have been supporting Grace United with every step to remain a viable living Church. Congrats to all “We Done Good”.

Kimberley Toot. Hard to find and express all the words and emotions of our appreciation for your unselfish Christian leadership. You have guided Grace United through some incredibly challenging times and we did not just survive but have been moving forward. Thanks, from all your Grace United Family. “Well Done”

Looking forward to working with all of you to share what we have at Grace United with the local community.

Blessings to All. George J

Adult Study/Fellowship: Sunday nights at 7 pm. A Zoom invitation will be sent out on Sunday afternoons. Please join us.

As I write a final newsletter paragraph as chair of the Board, I am excited about what's to come. As the new year is upon us, a new era starts at Grace United. I am looking forward to not going back, but moving forward, trying new things, worshipping in new ways, reaching out to old friends and new people. I look forward to having a new pastor, having new officers, and having a renewed sense of commitment to "Be the Church."

Kim

From the Stewardship Committee:

Our Stewardship Committee is focused on transitioning to a new Treasurer for 2021. We are very grateful for the many years Bob Shook has held that position. Bob will continue to serve on the committee and will be available to assist Dale, assuring a smooth transition. Susan is serving one more year as Assistant Treasurer and is working closely to ensure Dale is prepped to take over the bill paying and financial reporting functions she has been tending to; much of the time from her home on Arizona. If any of you would be interested in stepping into the Assistant Treasurer role a year from now, please join us on the Stewardship Committee this year so you will be familiar with what that role involves.

Special thanks are conveyed at this time to Phil Pratt and Dale Johnson, who head property related maintenance and activities at the Worship Center and Mission Center respectively. They are responsible for the bulk of the work that takes place and their efforts are so much appreciated. It is a blessing to have talented and willing volunteers such as these two, doing those things our committee is charged with; being good stewards of our properties.

Of course, all our committee members are involved and contribute throughout the year, and we are thankful for all they have done as well. That said, we are always eager for helping hands with building and grounds tasks and projects, so if you are inclined and would like to participate as a committee member, please let John Flurschutz know.

The Ministry Committee

The Ministry Committee continues to keep our church family in our prayers and concerns. Also, making calls and keeping people who don't have internet apprised of what the church is doing.

We received thank you letters from CWS for our contribution to the wildfires and hurricane relief and also from ACCORD for helping with Community Action Angels for Christmas gifts.

We have lost 10 people from our church family and hope to honor them in some way next spring, if all is back to normal.

Talked about email and telephone scams going around and we are asking anyone who doesn't recognize a phone number, please let it go to your answering machine, if you have one. They will leave a message if it's important. Also, please be careful of who you accept as "a friend" on email. If either of these ask you for money, please hang up and call that person to make sure they're OK. Most of the time it's a SCAM.

We also reviewed last year's projects and talked about our future plans for this coming year. Look forward to serving the church and congregation during 2021.

November Financials

Total Income: **\$10,621.18**
Actual expenses: **\$4,204.19**

Total for the year:
Income: \$96,899.65
Expenses: \$76,541.01
Net difference: \$20,358.64

**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING SUNDAY**

January 10

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Vote on Accepting the Search Team's
Pastoral Candidate

History Corner: (1st Congregational meeting with others)

Below is a list of women and their respective church who attended the May Fellowship Day on May 6, 1949. This group, called the "Wellsville Council of Church Women" with the main office in New York City, was organized in November 1948. Some information which asked for name, address and church was difficult to read, as it was handwritten. Also listed below are the original officers for 1948. Dale and I see some familiar names and Mrs. Lee Vincent lived in the corner home at Truax and Trapping Brook. And the Hills ladies lived up on Trapping Brook. If you recognize a name, or see a correction, or have a story to share, or you find that your name is missing, please let me know.

Methodist	Mrs. M.D. Church, 392 N. Main St
Congregational	Mrs. Guy Ovenshire, 24 Cummings Pl
Congregational	Helen Willerton, 312 N. Main St
Salvation Army	Mrs. Wm Miles, 32 W. Fassett St
Christian Science	Mrs. Lillian C. Etter, 375 S. Main St
Seventh Day Bapt.	Mrs. Gerald F. Burdick, Alfred NY
Christian Temple	Mrs. Theron H. Jones, 253 E. Dyke St
Episcopal	Nettie K. Rooth, 50 Early St
Christian Temple	Mrs. Agnes Harder, 418 S. Main St
Christian Temple	Mrs. Frank Carpenter, RFD2
Christian Temple	Mrs. Eugene Hills, RFD2
Christian Temple	Mrs. Marvin Hills, RFD3
Christian Temple	Mrs. Freda S Garvey, 65 Chestnut St
Christian Temple	Mrs. Ruth Sweet, Genesee St
Christian Temple	Mrs. Lee Vincent
Christian Temple	Mrs. Leon Hopkins
Christian Temple	Mrs. Auak Hanks
Christian Temple	Mrs. Rose B. Appleby
Lutheran	Mrs. Otto Engelder, 56 Cummings
Lutheran	Mrs. Lars H. Beek, 25 Highland Ave
Baptist (Friendship)	Mrs. Atta E. Phillips
Methodist	Mrs. Bartha K. Haskuin
Methodist	Mrs. Era Howe
Methodist	Mrs. Mae Ewart
Methodist	Mrs. Grace Sarunir
Methodist	Anita Jorrer
Methodist	Adab McCarn

Methodist	Olive A. Mucley
Christian Science	Eetul Thomas, Belmont, NY
Methodist	Angie B. Gleason
?	Susan Couderman
?	Mary E. Grindood
Christian Temple	Beatrice Davie
Methodist	Mrs. Chester G. Allen
Methodist	Grace Storcerce
Methodist	Maudr Burdge
Methodist	Leona Mumson
Methodist	Odessa I. Dayton
Methodist	Ruth Norton
Methodist	Mary Rosa
Christian Temple	Mrs. O. Blakely Hill
Methodist	Mrs. O.R. Bruce
Methodist	Mrs. Madeline White
Congregational	Mrs. A.E. Chapier
Congregational	Miss Susan Breckeuridfe
Christian Temple	Miss Ruth Kelsey
Methodist	Mrs. N.C. Prescott
Methodist	Marion Walchli
St John Church	Mrs. Mabel McEnroe
Methodist	Mary R. ?
Methodist	Mrs. W.C. Pero
Episcopal	Mrs. Myra G. Ward
Congregational	Mrs. Mabel Miller, 37 Elm St
Christian Temple	Jennie A. T. Riggs
Christian Temple	Amy B. Graves
Christian Science	Ethel B. Pendleton, Scio NY
Methodist	Mrs. V.R. Bruse

Original officers are list here:

President	Mrs. Maynard D. Church
Vice-President	Mrs. Chester McEnroe
Secretary	Mrs. L. Edwin Hammer
Treasurer	Miss Nettie Rooth
2 nd VP – Representatives of Churches:	
Mrs. Paul Davie	Christian Temple
Mrs. Keith Harris	Congregational Church
Mrs. H. L. McCarn	Methodist Church
Mrs. William Miles	Salvation Army

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ralph Wagner	1/1
Kim Johnson	1/4
Doug Depew	1/6
Ralph Hills	1/8
Ada White	1/10
Kim Toot	1/11
Cory Hills	1/12
Irma Howard	1/21
Rosemary Davis	1/25

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Kim & Dave Toot	1/19
Eileen & Joe Tecza	1/20



From the Praise Committee: Our virtual worship Schedule. There is a live Zoom service that you can join in each Sunday at 10 am. You can also join in on Facebook live, or a recorded YouTube worship is available later in the day. Anyway you decide to join us, we hope you feel welcome at Grace United until we can meet in person again.

The speakers each week are as follows:

- January 3** - Claudia Little
- January 10** - Candidate for Pastor of Grace United
- January 17** - David Huizenga
- January 24** - David Huizenga
- January 31** - Steve Reynolds

