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One Voice

Newsletter of The United Church of Phelps
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FROM THE TRANSITIONAL PASTOR:

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

-Colossians 3:12-15

What a marvelous thing to hear: God **CHOSE** YOU to be holy people he loves! I don't know about you, but I need to be reminded of that from time to time. Chosen! Set aside for God (which is what holy people means). Loved! No matter what is happening in life, we are so blessed as we think about these words from Paul!

I think the words that follow are a bit more difficult to completely live out consistently. No one can *always* be tenderhearted, merciful, kind, humble, gentle, and patient. And making room for people's faults? Forgiving *anyone* who offends you? Let's just admit that we cannot perfectly live that out in our lives.

However, we **CAN** choose to strive to live these attributes of a Christ follower. Every day we can remind ourselves that God chose us for a purpose. There is something special that God has chosen each of us to do for Him – and only **YOU** can do that special something God has chosen for you to do for Him! We **CHOOSE** to be tenderhearted, merciful, kind, humble, gentle, patient, forgiving, and loving. It doesn't just happen. We must choose to practice being a Christ follower each day **AND** ask God to help us with the change we want to make in our lives.

Consider this true story: A woman, who considered herself to be a Christian her entire life and loved God, attended Sunday school every week as a child, and was a good person, was really struggling with the question, *Am I really good enough?* She stopped going to church as an adult believing that if she committed her life to God that would be the end of her fun.

Years went by and she hoped that she was good enough for God. One day, she decided that she "had time for church" and started attending worship. "I'd slide in and slide right back out, but I was really impressed with the pastor's sermons."

Then, on March 11, 2007, she was singing the song, "I Surrender All," and suddenly, she found herself *singing* the words, praying the words. Everything she had heard about following Jesus connected and fell into place.

She surrendered all and asked Jesus to come into her life and be her Lord and Savior. She **CHOSE** to give her life to Jesus and her life changed! Not everything is rosy. She still has problems, but she knows things are going to work out. She has a peace and trust that she never had before. (<https://www.cru.org/us/en/how-to-know-god/my-story-a-life-changed/theresa-timmer.html>)

It doesn't matter how old or young you are. It doesn't matter if you are rich, poor, or somewhere in between. You don't have to have everything in your life together. What matters is the choice you make: will you strive to become the person God wants you to be? That is a daily choice and begins one small step at a time: choose to acknowledge that God has selected you to be holy, tenderhearted, merciful, humble, gentle, patient, and loving. Choose ONE of those and ask God to help you work on becoming more like Jesus!

God bless! Ellen

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul... strength...and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Luke 10:27

SERMON SERIES: THE JESUS CREED

May 2 Believing in Jesus: A relationship

Mark 7:24-30; Matthew 15:21-28

May 9 Abiding in Jesus: The One Thing Needed

Luke 10:38-42; John 15:1-17

May 16 Surrendering in Jesus: Your Will Be Done

Mark 8:34-9:1, 12:28-31

May 23 Jesus Picks Us Up

Mark 4:35-41, 9:14-19; John 21:1-25

May 30 Forgiveness: a God Thing

Matthew 6:12, 14-15; 18:21-35

June 6 Reaching Out in Jesus with Love

Matthew 9:36-11:1, 28:16-20; John 20:21

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: DOES GOD PROVIDE?

Faith and **Trust**
in
God

The following true story shows how God can intercede in our lives and provide what we need.

Please think about it...

Like many people, Dana went to church for 17 years with her parents. After they split up, she found herself on a very bad path until God gave her two beautiful kids to guide her to the right path. After years of off and on Christian living, and a lot of backsliding, she met a really nice man.

They started dating, went to church together and were living a good life, "except we were living in sin." They decided to make significant changes in their lifestyle to reflect a life faithful to God. After they were married, her husband got a great job and they were able to move out of the broken down trailer they were living in and into a nice home that they were able to purchase.

They didn't have a car—now they do. They never had any money to do anything and could barely pay bills—now they get by nicely and can also give. No one will ever convince Dana that there isn't a God and that he isn't a loving, forgiving God.

"We owe everything we have to the Lord."

(<https://www.learnreligions.com/popcorn-testimonies-701459>).

Below is a summary of our financial report through March 31, 2021. We have spent \$16,452 more than we have received in for the year. Any questions please contact Stewardship and Finance Chairperson Betsy Bourne
betsybourne@hotmail.com

THE UNITED CHURCH OF PHELPS

Through March 2021

	YEAR TO DATE THROUGH 03/31/21	2021 Budget	Remaining to be collected	% of budget remain- ing	
RECEIPTS					
Envelopes - Pledged Giving	\$ 16,031	\$ 73,000	\$ 56,969	78%	
Unpledged Giving	\$ 3,600	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,900	52%	
Loose & Other	\$ 33	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,467	98%	
All other	\$ 159	\$ 7,768	\$ 7,609	98%	
Total Receipts through 03/31/21	\$ 19,823	\$ 89,768	\$ 69,945	78%	we should be at 75%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH 03/31/21	\$ 36,275	\$ 150,577	\$ 114,302	76%	we should be at 75%
ENDING BALANCE @ 03/31/21	(\$ 16,452)	(this means we have spent more than we have received in for this year)			

The United Church of Phelps BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

FUNDRAISING



As the financial secretary, I wanted to remind you of an important fund raising event, the BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE. They can be taken to Coon Cans on Pearl Street in the village of Phelps. We are *NOT* collecting them at the church this year, but instead have labeled bins right outside of the Coon Cans facility for you to drop them off. If you chose to bring them into Coon Cans, just make sure you let them know to place them on The United Church of Phelps account. This takes no real work on our part and adds to our coffers. We have deposited since January 1, 2021 a total of \$339.10!!! That represents 6782 cans/bottles. That is A LOT of containers and a great start for this year!

May God bless you all, Pat Hemminger



Believe . Learn . AND . Seek . Truth

- B.L.A.S.T. (Sunday School)
Starts at 10:00 till 10:45 a.m. @ UCP
Open for ages 3 - 8th Grade
- **NO** B.L.A.S.T. on May 9 or May 16
- Last B.L.A.S.T is on June 13th.

YOUTH



GROUP

- **Youth Group** will be going thru May 2nd
Open to anyone in grades 4-8th.
Meet *every* Sunday at UCP from
5:30 –6:30 p.m.



DON'T FORGET!

The United Church of Phelps
Chicken & Pork BBQ

May 8th At Methodist Park

Pick-up time is 11:00 -1:00

Follow the drive-thru signs



NEXT BBQ Fundraiser will
be: JUNE 19th

**\$11 Meal: Pork Steak or
Chicken with salt potatoes,
coleslaw, a roll, and dessert**

Orders will be due by:
Friday, June 11th by NOON!
Always check the website and Facebook
For updates!



COMMUNITY *Memorial Service* Sunday, May 16th 3:00 p.m.

This past year has been extremely difficult not to mention when you add a loss of a loved one. Unfortunately, many of us have had to deal with a loss and have not been able to grieve and celebrate them as we would have liked. The United Church of Phelps Music & Worship team has graciously offered to help the community with this need. At Methodist Park in Phelps, on Sunday May 16th at 3:00 p.m. we will be holding a community memorial service. We are asking all who would like to have their loved one remembered and celebrated to please contact the church office by phone, mail or email, with the name of your loved one and we will make a luminaria bag for them to place on our path of those "lost but not forgotten". If you would like to bring a picture or something that reminds you of your loved one to be displayed at the service as well, please do so. **EVERYONE** is welcome to participate and please spread the word with others in the community. Questions?

Please contact Hope Albrecht via email or her cell:

halbrecht89@yahoo.com 315-945-8812

In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved to The United Church of Phelps on Main Street in Phelps.

On-Going Mission Projects Everyone Can Support:

- > Coupon Ministry
- > Blessing Box
- > Bag Lunch Program
- > Eyeglass collection
(Done through Lion's Club)
- > Food Cupboard
- > Pennies from Heaven
- > Volunteer to be a team-member on a Leadership team. If interested come to a leadership meeting and see. Leadership meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall.



The Mission Team continues to need your help in supplying the needs for the health kits! These kits make a big difference to people in need. See Brian Hemminger for more information.

All items below ARE NEEDED to complete kits!

Kit Items: One hand towel, one washcloth, one comb, one metal nail file/nail clipper, one bar of soap (bath size), one toothbrush, one tube of toothpaste (4-7 ounces), six band-aids. * Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and bring them to the church office. *

UPDATE FROM:

Caring Hearts Committee

Our fabulous team members reached out to our special friends to wish them Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Easter, with cards, calls, and crafts.

Chair: Dianne Rockefeller
dianneerockefeller@gmail.com



Health & Services



Answer to April's "Who am I?"

Did you have a guess for last month's mystery person? She's mischievous, funny, loved hunting and fishing and also played the kazoo in her husband's family band. Well it is none other than our very our firecracker lady, Carol Wickum! Thank you Carol for sharing such wonderful and funny things about you and your life so we can get to know you better!

May's Mother's Day "Who AM I?"

May is the month when we remember and celebrate our mothers. Our mystery person is a mother, grandmother AND great-grandmother. She grew up in Oaks Corners and attended the 1st kindergarten class held in Phelps. She married the fellow she met in high school (he was 2 years ahead of her). While raising her family, she had a career working for an insurance company and a telephone company. She has travelled to Maine, Myrtle Beach and Florida and someday would really like to see the Grand Canyon. If you visited her at her home, you would most likely find her reading and see her collection of large pitchers and probably meet her family who often stop by. If she is not home, she is probably out at a building in Phelps her brother use to own, which she visits quite often with friends. Do you know who I am?

Important Dates to
Remember in



Thursday, May 6 National Day of Prayer
Friday, May 7 May Friendship Day
Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day
Sunday, May 23 Day of Pentecost (wear **RED**)
Monday, May 31 Memorial Day



Monday, May 31st

Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**** The Church Office will be closed this day! ****

HAPPY
Mother's
Day

*She is
Far more
Precious
Than Jewels*
Proverbs 3:15

From,
The United Church of Phelps



As recorded in the New Testament of the Bible, it was on the 50th day after Easter that the apostles were praying together and the Holy Spirit descended on them. They received the "gift of tongues" – the ability to speak in other languages – and immediately began to preach about Jesus Christ to people from all over the world who flocked to Jerusalem for the Feast of Shavuot. Christian Pentecost became not only a commemoration of the Holy Spirit's visit but also marks the birth of the Christian Church. On Pentecost Acts it reports that about 3,000 people were added to the church that day (Acts 2:41)

****Wear RED Sunday May 23****

NEEDED:
PEOPLE INTERESTED IN DOING SHORT DRAMAS
FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

In an attempt to be creative without compromising or lengthening worship, Ellen is looking for people to occasionally do a short skit during the sermon time: teens, adults, male, or female, if you like to perform, this is for you. If you are interested in being part of this, please contact Hope Albrecht 315-945-8812 or Ellen 315-521-2593.

Church-Skits

Just have fun!



Gather your teams, rev your engines,
THE 5TH ANNUAL
FAMILY PROMISE OF ONTARIO COUNTY
BED RACE
is coming
virtually!
Don't be caught flatfooted,
get your team ready NOW!



July 24 - 31

Worship Through Giving



Or use your GIFTS & TALENTS to give. Contact Missy or Ellen in the office if you would like to offer your gifts & talents.



Family Promise Hosting Week??

During the Pandemic our hosting weeks look very different. We cannot co – mingle, social distancing is tough with a two-year-old.

But our families still need our help!

FPOC now has 3 emergency shelter apartments that are housing 3 families in need. As a partner congregation, you can assist our guests with groceries and gift cards during hosting week. At any time, you can volunteer with virtual tutoring or office support.

Contact Lauren Lamb at fpocliaison@fpocny.org or reach out to

Peg Carlson pcarlson@midlakes.org for more information.

How Can We Help You?

Transitional Pastor: Rev. Ellen Donnan 315-521-2593 (cell)	Lay Member AC: Christina Albrecht 315-398-9950 (cell)	Personnel: Rose Copper-Brown 315-719-4292 (cell)
Church Office/Adm. Asst: Missy Arnold 207-249-0185 (cell)	Treasurer: Shelly Bengtson 315-247-1927 (cell)	Prayer Chain: Marsha Gibbs 315-548-5546
Christian Education: Rita Caraballo 585-520-4970 (cell)	Media/Technology: Eddie Albrecht 315-945-8812 (cell)	Prayer Ministry: Nan Clark 315-406-5526 (cell)
Council Chair: Linda Kataskas 585-732-8892 (cell)	Member at Large: Dawn Norton 315-521-2899 (cell)	Presbytery Elder: Peg Carlson 315-521-4396 (cell)
Custodian: Frank VanNostrand 585.354.4126 (cell)	Memorial Fund: Cathy Scott 315-548-9448	Sec'y to Council: Marsha Gibbs 315-548-5546
Endowment: Frank VanNostrand 585.354.4126	Missions: Brian Hemminger 315-521-0812 (cell)	Stewardship/Finance: Betsy Bourne 315-945-2307 (cell)
Financial Sect'y: Pat Hemminger 315-548-3546	Music/Worship: Hope Albrecht 315-945-8812 (cell)	Trustees: Dan Moracco 315.548.4548 (cell)
Health/Service: Dianne Rockefeller 315-694-3383 (cell)	Nominating: Jane Pedersen 585-738-1899 (cell)	<i>"God is Good – All the Time!"</i> <i>"All the Time – God is Good!"</i>



Birthdays This Month

May 4 - Haley Motzer

May 19 - Roger Boise

May 20 - Walt Petersen

May 24 - Ann Beauchemin

May 27 - Dan Moracco



**On May 20th
Celebrate:**

**Nan & Jerry Clark
Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary**

**Nelson & Jane Gulvin
Happy 71st Wedding Anniversary**



Normal Church Office Hours

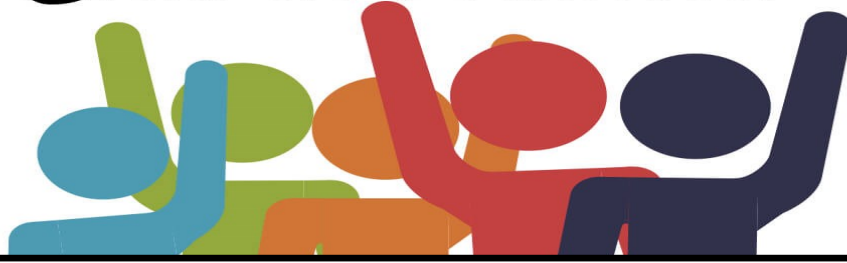
Mon, Tues, & Thurs. 9:00-2:00.

Wednesdays by EMAIL: unitedchurch@ottcmail.com

Missy on vacation May 2 – May 9



Church Volunteers



Volunteers for May 2021

Greeters: Ramp

May 2nd - Jerry & Nan Clark

May 9th - Peg Carlson & Hope Albrecht

May 16th - Karen Moracco & Rose Copper-Brown

May 23rd - Shelly Bengtson & Hope Albrecht

May 30th - Linda Kataskas & Penny Albrecht

Lay Reader

May 2nd - Frank Van Nostrand

May 9th - Karen Moracco

May 16th - Barb Mater

May 23rd - Linda Kataskas

May 30th - Rose Copper-Brown

Acolytes

May 2nd - Alé Caraballo

May 9th - Griffin Bowers

May 16th - Griffin Bowers

May 23rd - Cheria Caraballo

May 30th - Alé Caraballo

NO NURSERY or BREAKOUT until further notice.

Anyone interested in wanting to Volunteer to be a Greeter, Lay Reader or Acolyte please get in touch with Hope Albrecht, thank you!!

Email: halbrecht89@yahoo.com or Phone: 315-945-8812

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Cinco de Mayo