



One Voice

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

Summer is here and life is somewhat back to normal... which is *good* – or is it? I don't know if you have noticed, but the pace of life has become faster with the removal of restrictions due to COVID-19. Recently, as I was trying to get out of the trailer park where I live, this became blatantly clear to me: the cars on the road were non-stop and it was a good five minutes before I was able to safely turn left onto 5 & 20 to head to the church. I sat there watching all those people driving by me, going at least 45 MPH which is the speed limit, and wondering where everyone was off to. What was so important that the drivers had to drive as close to the car in front of them as they could?

What happened to the slower pace of life? The time to smell flowers? The time to take a few minutes with friends to go to the local soft ice cream place and chat while enjoying a cone? The time to sit in the sun and read a good book? Or work in the garden? Or maybe even swim in a pool?

As a Christ follower, I look forward to summer! Why? Because the meetings go away for a while. Because office hours are mornings only. Because I can spend more time with God, thinking creatively about the fall and listening for God's word to me about ministry. Because the hectic pace of the programmatic year is over for a brief couple of months. And I can read, repot my plants, work on a cross stitch or knitting project that I haven't had time for, and finish a painting job in my bedroom. And spend a day at Darien Lake with the youth. And maybe, just maybe, spend some time with my nephew and his wife at his new home that I haven't been able to see yet.

What are you doing this summer? I hope that the lessons about living-life-too-quickly haven't been forgotten now that we are back to "normal" because "normal" was too hectic. My prayer is that we will all find time to do some special activities that we normally don't have time to do and that we will do them with some special people – because, after all, people are what are most important and making memories with loved ones is so special! No one can ever take those times away from us!

May you have a blessed summer, smelling the flowers, puttering around a car, swimming, eating ice cream, reading a good book, or whatever! And remember, God enjoys spending time with us doing fun things too!

God bless! Ellen

Continuing the Sermon Series of

HAGGAI

putting God first

July 4 - Being Empowered by God

July 11 - My Deepest Longings Can Be Met?

July 18 - Avoid the *Stink*

New Series for the rest of the summer: Alive Church!

July 25 - Hospitality: Helping People Find a Welcoming Church Family

How to make Birdseed Disk Feeder



Canning Lid
BIRD FEEDER

You will need:

- Mason jar lid band
- 3/4 cup birdseed
- Pack of unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup boiling water
- Twine



How to:

1. Combine the gelatin and water in a bowl. Stir till dissolved.
2. Mix in birdseed, coating all of it with the gelatin mixture.
3. Loop some twine through the mason band. Place on wax paper.
4. Fill the band with the birdseed mixture. Be sure to press it down fill up the band.
5. Allow to sit for a few hours to harden and once they are hardened, they are ready to hang outside for your birds to enjoy.

Our Mission

“The United Church of Phelps reaches out and welcomes all people so they may worship God passionately, become people of prayer, develop a deep faith, demonstrate faith through service, and share their faith.”





News from Leadership:

Our regular monthly Leadership Meeting was held June 9 at 7PM in Social Hall. Everyone is always invited to attend. We distance to be safe at this meeting, masks are optional.

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Highlights of this meeting:

We study Rick Warren’s ***the Purpose Driven Church*** as the learning and discerning segment of our meeting. Peg Carlson led our discussion on organizing around our church’s purposes. According to Rick Warren, there are 5 purposes for churches: Soul Winning, Experiencing God, Family Reunion, Classroom, and Social Conscience. If these purposes are balanced, the congregation will be most healthy. If the Pastor has a gift/passion in one area, the church needs to be strong in the other areas to keep this healthy balance. Do we see United Church of Phelps involved in each area and are they balanced? How could we provide even more balance? If you look closely at our Mission Statement, I see these five purposes evident within the UCP’s statement. We can line up the missions, ministries, activities, and opportunities at the United Church under these 6 areas stated in mission statement. Over the summer we will be asking for your ideas as well as we delve further into our mission statement in future articles. Ideas are always welcome, and you can send by email to Lindakataskas@gmail.com, or talk to Dawn Norton our Member at Large.

- The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues to meet often as the team works hard in completing paperwork and discerning the way forward. The Ministry Information Form (MIF) which is like a resume for UCP is being sent off to ultimately be available for review by qualified pastors. Each of us is asked to frequently pray for our PNC and the new pastor out there waiting with God’s blessing upon them to come to us.
- Music & Worship (Hope Albrecht, leader) has set us up for summer worship to move to 9:30 AM July 4 through September 5. We also will have worship in Methodist Park July 11 and August 1 with communion celebrated both times. We thank Hope Albrecht and her team and Rev. Ellen Donnan for bringing us these worship opportunities.
- We are very blessed to have Pat Hemminger be our Hospitality planner/coordinator. If Pat asks for donations of food items or for helping hands, please step up without hesitation. It is a great opportunity to meet and visit among us as we are all serving God’s House called the United Church of Phelps. Thank you, Pat, for undertaking this calling, you do have talents and gifts for this ministry.
- We offer a huge thank you to the Girls Scouts for assembling and packaging up 40, yes, 40 health kits to be donated to the Victim Resource Center. Rita Caraballo is the leader, and we are fortunate to have these girls be part of our family as they care and share their talents and gifts.
- In the picture of UCP’s financial health, at the end of May we are still short \$16,150 under what was projected in our budget. Yes, this is a shortage in funding and if we could all give just a little bit more, we will not have to draw from our investments. We know that now we worship together, we will have more opportunities to make up on our personal pledge if we are behind. If you could consider giving just that little bit more, we can get back on the sound financial footing we can best serve and meet our missional purposes.
- Over the summer Leadership will not have regular scheduled meetings. We will however meet as needed to take care of any business necessary. We will begin holding our regular meetings on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 7PM.
- If you have any concerns, questions, difficulties, and joys with how things are going here at UCP, please speak to Dawn Norton. She is Leadership’s Representative at Large and has taken on the role of listener and information sharer so we can move forward in positive forward growth.

Be safe, be well, Be Blessed in Jesus’ Name.

Linda K.



**Worship in
Methodist Park
July 4, 2021
With Communion
9:30 A.M.**

FYI: REMEMBER your chair. Elements will be provided or you can choose to bring your own. If inclement weather, worship will be held at the church in the sanctuary.

**Thank you to our Community & Congregation!
YOU ALL ARE AMAZING!**

Next Worship in the Park will be
Sunday, August 1st, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
with COMMUNION also.



**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR!**

**The United Church of
Phelps**

58 Main Street Phelps

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

August 26th, 27th & 28th

8:00-5:00



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Media & Technology needs our help. They are in need of a new computer for worship services. The ability to stream and record is getting extremely difficult with the one they have now and with growing need to LIVE stream and record our events and services, this has become a priority. If you would like to donate towards this fund, please mark your donation with "computer for media & tech fund". The goal they are hoping to reach to get the computer needed is \$1500.00

ALSO: Media & Technology is looking for people to help out on the team. If interested, see Eddie after a worship service or email him at albrecht_eddie@yahoo.com



B.L.A.S.T

From the last B.L.A.S.T
on
June 13th!
WHAT FUN!!!!
Can't wait till September!



BIBLE STORYTELLING

Do You Love the Word of God and want to share it with others in a unique and different way?

If so, we invite you to learn about Biblical Storytelling, a way to share scripture during worship service. It is more than 'memorizing' scripture. It is 'learning it by heart' and sharing it in front of the congregation with emotion and feeling. You do not have to be an actor; you just have to have a heart for going deeper into scripture and learning and sharing it in a new way and enhancing our worship experience. The Music and Worship Team will be exploring this together but **any and all of any age** are welcome to join and learn. Contact Missy at the office or Hope Albrecht if you are interested and/or if you would like more information. Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters.



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

We missed a month in our reveal process but did you guess correctly in May on this wonderful mother, grandmother AND great-grandmother?

It was our very own **Sue VanCamp!** Thank you Sue for sharing and letting us get to know you a little better and I know we are all hoping you get to visit the Grand Canyon!



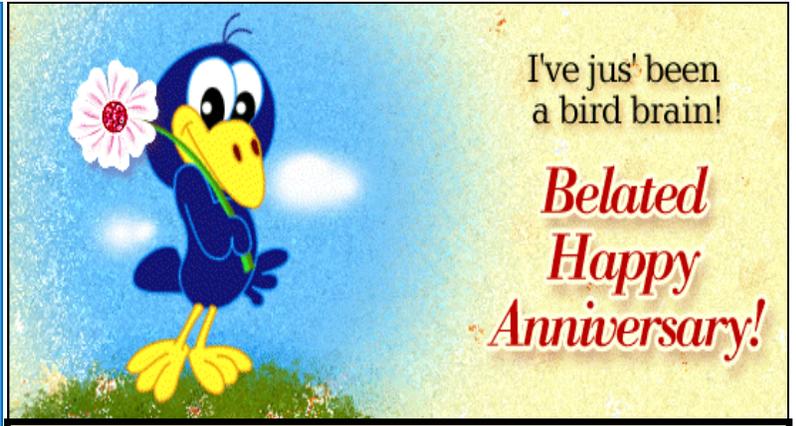
AM I ???

July's mystery person is married. She has a distinct laugh, much like her sister's. Mrs. "mystery" ran Sunday school for a total of 15 years in 2 different churches. WOW! She began her education thru grade 4 at Red Jacket, then switched to Midlakes from which she graduated. She ran a daycare in her home and currently is a registered cosmetologist. Some of the things our Mrs. "Mystery" likes: sewing, Christian music, a GOOD spaghetti dinner, and relaxing in a recliner with her feet up. During her interview for this, she recalled the 21-day trip she and some other gals took with The Boy Scouts out west where they saw Yellowstone National Park. FINAL CLUE: her *first* name makes a daily early appearance..... Who am I?

*If you would like to volunteer to be the next mystery person please call *Mary Ann Gier* 315-548-7020

**HAPPY
BELATED
BIRTHDAY**

June 2 June 20
Bryce Young & David Hicks



June 24th June 30th
Bill & Irene Copper Luke & Leah Young



**July
2021**

**Birthdays
This Month**

- July 3 - Arvilla Wilson
- July 6- Linda Kataskas
- July 8 - Christina Albrecht
- July 11 - Rich Motzer
- July 14 - David Wilson
- July 17 - Lisa Smolinski
- July 20 - Janet DeMay
- July 22 - Kay Rishel
- July 23 - Nan Clark
- July 26 - Judy Keefe

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

July 2nd
Ben & Ann Beauchimin
Happy 66 Years!

July 21st
Dave & Arvilla Wilson
Happy 59 Years!



We are planning on having a pie booth at the Sauerkraut Festival this year. We will be making about 35 pies and serving them by the slice at the Festival. We are in need of fresh (or frozen if out of season) Apples, Cherries, Rhubarb, Red Raspberries, Blackberries, Strawberries and Blueberries. If you are able to supply any of these items please contact Betsy Bourne at betsybourne@hotmail.com or call or text 315-945-2307 or contact Pat Hemminger at 315-548-3546. We will also have a signup sheet during Church on July 18th and 25th. Below is a list of the items with quantities needed.

Sauerkraut Festival 2021 Pie Making Need Supplies by Thursday, August 5th Please sign form when dropping off

Pie Filling and Supplies Needed:

- 3 lb bag of Apples _____
- 18 medium Fresh Peaches or (4)-1lb 13oz cans peaches Dianne Rockefeller
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- 6 cups fresh Cherries (pitted) _____
- 6 cups fresh Cherries (pitted) _____
- 6 cups Rhubarb _____
- 6 cups Rhubarb _____
- 6 cups Fresh Red Raspberries _____
- 6 cups Fresh Red Raspberries _____
- 6 cups Fresh Blackberries _____
- 6 cups Fresh Strawberries _____
- 5 cups Fresh Blueberries _____
- 5 cups Fresh Blueberries _____

Fresh or Frozen berries please

Note: if you prefer to donate money and have us purchase the supplies, please see Pat Hemminger (315-548-3546) or Betsy Bourne (315-945-2307) betsybourne@hotmail.com

We also need help the day of the Festival for Ice Cream Scoopers and Servers/Cashiers. If you have a couple of hours to help out that day please contact Betsy Bourne at betsybourne@hotmail.com or call or text 315-945-2307 or contact Pat Hemminger at 315-548-3546.

Thank you all in advance for your help!!

Pray when
you're rejoicing,
pray when
you're hurting,
pray always.

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Are you behind in rent?
Are your tenants in arrears?

We have information to help
you apply for relief.

Call for information & assistance:

Family Promise: 585-905-3988

FLACRA: 315-719-7309

Catholic Charities: 315-789-2235 ext. 114



Our Virtual

5th Annual

FAMILY PROMISE

OF ONTARIO COUNTY

BED

2021
July 24-31

RACE

The 5th Annual FPOC's Amazing virtual Bedrace

You and your friends can create
your own virtual bed at our GIVEGAB online page.

Log onto

www.givegab.com/campaigns/amazingbedrace

All event proceeds will fund FPOC to provide housing, case
management and support families attain sustainable, safe housing.

New this year...



Sleep any where *but* your bed!
Take photos - win prizes!

Enjoy
the
little
THINGS



Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given



Happy 4th of July!

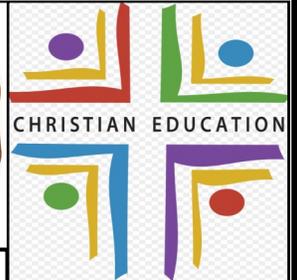


Barbecues and fireworks, flags and parades, Independence Day evokes so many images of the American summer. Its original purpose to celebrate the birth of the American nation on July 4th, 1776 has given way to festivities that celebrate both America and the lives and freedoms that the accomplishments of American Independence have allowed. The commemoration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence is a time not only to reflect on what happened at America's founding but also to look again at the nation's values and recommit oneself again to those ideals.

UNITED CHURCH
OF
PHELPS
CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

FRIDAYS
7:00

Check website for summer
Worship hours



Join A
Leadership
Team

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 (cell)	Missions/Outreach: TBD	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>

On-Going Mission Projects Everyone Can Support:

- > Coupon Ministry
- > Blessing Box
- > Bag Lunch Program
- > Eyeglass collection
(Done through Lion's Club)
- > Pennies from Heaven
- > Volunteer to be a team member on a Leadership team



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 Dianne Rockefeller 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. **



SUMMER Church Office Hours

Mon, Tues, & Thurs. 9:00 -12:00

ANYTIME by EMAIL: unitedchurch@ottcmail.com

Summer hours go till September



Church Volunteers



Volunteers for July 2021

Greeters: Ramp

July 4th - Hope Albrecht

July 11th - Nan Clark (Worship in Methodist Park)

July 18th - Rose Copper-Brown

July 25th - Linda Kataskas

Lay Reader

July 4th - Frank Van Nostrand

July 11th - Christina Albrecht (Worship in Methodist Park)

July 18th - Barb Mater

July 25th - Karen Moracco

Acolytes

Acolytes will be returning to service in September

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