



# Parish News

July/August 2013

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Dear Friends in Christ,

There is a lot of conversation these days about the “nones”. The “nones” are folks who don’t have a church affiliation, have fallen away from church, or have found church difficult to handle in a changing society.

Someone like Jefferson Bethke, who has just written, “Jesus: Why He Is So Much Better Than Trying Harder, Doing More, and Being Good Enough.” I quote:

“The Jesus of the Bible is a radical man with a radical message, changing people’s lives in a radical way. In the Scriptures, Jesus isn’t safe. No one knew what to do with him. The liberals called him too conservative, and the conservatives called him too liberal. I mean, think about it: His first miracle was turning water into wine. He made a whip of leather and went ballistic on people who’d violated his father’s temple. He completely disregarded any social, gender, or racial boundary his society imposed. He called himself the Son of God. He called himself the judge over everyone, determining who goes to heaven and hell. He said things like, ‘Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.’ That’s dangerous...and weird.”

“But we don’t like a dangerous Jesus because a dangerous Jesus isn’t a profitable Jesus. So...we’ve made a safe Jesus.”

“We don’t celebrate the gift of Jesus on Christmas; we celebrate the gifts we get. We don’t celebrate his triumphant resurrection and victory over Satan, sin and death on Easter. We talk about the brunch. We don’t call Jesus God, we call him good. We don’t tell people they’re sinners in need of a savior, because they might stop coming and giving to the church. In many ways, Christianity has become all about those green pieces of paper with dead presidents on them. Who would have thought a little baby born in a filthy animal barn two thousand years ago would be such a great excuse to feed our material addictions?” And so on, and so on.

Hmmm. That’s HIS opinion. Caleb Breakey in HIS new book, Called to Stay: An Uncompromising Mission to Save your Church writes:

“We often hear about going and making disciples of all nations, whether that means telling our neighbor about Jesus or taking the Word to a village in Zimbabwe. What we DON’T hear often is that we are supposed to teach people to “observe all that I have commanded you (Matthew 28:20) [also known as “the great commission”].”

“This is a never-ending process and the church is in desperate need of believers who are willing to give their lives for it! Baptizing new believers is a one-time event. Teaching them to obey all that

Jesus has commanded is a LIFETIME event. One part of the process is not easier or better than the other. They're just different aspects of the process God uses to adopt lost sinners into his family."

"Solo followers tend to be pretty vocal about their disdain for the church, slandering her via the Internet and social avenues, or quietly speaking badly of her. And if loneliness becomes too much for the solo follower, he usually finds and befriends other believers who share his likes and theology or he begins a house church or small community of believers."

"These communities can be awesome gatherings where you can find real authenticity and a longing to follow Jesus, do justice, love mercy, walk humbly and go into the world to make disciples. But as good as these small groups of believers can be, they eventually run into one of two problems: they either refuse to let others into the inner circle who don't think or live like they do, or else they eventually face the same questions that led to the creation of churches and denominations as we know them today. Where might be a place we can meet regularly? When is the best time to meet? How should we celebrate the Lord's Supper and baptism, or should we celebrate them AT ALL? What about leadership? What about membership? What do we do when one of the group sins big time? Who's going to be there for the needier people in the group? What do we do when one of our group interprets Scripture differently from the rest? What about children and their participation? What about the electric bill? Who handles the money side of things?"

"Churchless groups of believers either suppress those who have beliefs and ideas different from theirs...or they grow in numbers and diversity until a building or structure is absolutely needed to survive JUST LIKE TRADITIONAL CHURCHES!"

"In other words...those who leave the church in order to BE the church end up NEEDING a church!"

My friends...wherever the body of Christ meets is called CHURCH. But the church clearly calls for STRUCTURE and MEMBERSHIP...because without it...we CRUMBLE!

As members, therefore, let us BE TOGETHER as a church, to be joined together and behave as the household of God, a "pillar and buttress of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15). This summer, partake of the Lord's Supper, pray, baptize, sing spiritual songs and practice your spiritual gifts to serve others as faithful stewards of his grace and serving as through his strength alone (1 Peter 4:10) as we do the REST of the year!

I believe in the church. I have given my life to the church. I believe that each and every one in Union Church is being equipped with passion and energy to go full-throttle in spite of our various trials from time to time. Why? Because of a deep desire to be a part of something meaningful, difference-making and challenging, not just for a time, but for the rest of our lives!

The "nones" of this world need us, and WE NEED THEM. They teach us to be infiltrators willing to do and say things that shake our souls, stir our minds and create amazing opportunities to infuse intense affection for Jesus. And that...is the great commission at its best. And that commission is fulfilled...when we are HERE.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Mason



### WORSHIP OUTLINES FOR JULY 2013

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2013

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

HOLY COMMUNION RITE B

THEME: Freedom is a great responsibility as well as a joy.

TEXTS: 2 Kings 5: 1-14, Psalm 30

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

SERMON: *"Called to be Free"*

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2013

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

THEME: All of God's people are our neighbors. And we need to respond to them!

TEXTS: Amos 7: 7-17, Psalm 82

Luke 10: 25-37

SERMON: Elder Mark Douyard, guest speaker

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013

NINTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

THEME: What really matters in life, as Martha and Mary discovered.

TEXTS: Amos 8: 1-12, Psalm 52

Luke 10: 38-42

SERMON: Elder Mark Douyard, guest speaker

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2013

TENTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

THEME: God loves us and teaches us how to pray. In that prayer, he emphasizes the simple things of life we need to appreciate, like our daily bread.

TEXTS: Hosea 1: 2-10, Psalm 85

Luke 11: 1- 13

SERMON: *"Seeking and Finding"*

### WORSHIP OUTLINES FOR AUGUST 2013

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2013

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

THEME: We need to focus on "other" love, not "self" love.

TEXTS: Hosea 11: 1-11, Psalm 107

Luke 12: 13-21

SERMON: Elder Hannelore Conlee, guest speaker

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2013

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

HOLY COMMUNION RITE A

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

THEME: God wants us to value the Kingdom of heaven, not here on earth.

TEXTS: Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20; Psalm 50

Luke 12: 32-40

SERMON: *"Where Your Treasure Is"*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2013

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

THEME: Christ will sear our self-love and ignite us for love for our neighbors.

TEXTS: Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80

Hebrews 11: 29-12:2

SERMON: *"The Race of Faith"*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2013

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

THEME: What man proposes, God disposes. Grace...and the law.

TEXTS: Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Psalm 71

Luke 13: 10-17

SERMON: *"Wanted: Dead...or Alive?"*



## SERVING THE CHURCH

### Communion Servers

July 7<sup>th</sup>: Robert Beams, Judy McAfee, Hannelore Conlee, and Paul Hill

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Kathy Campbell, Dan Olson, Libby Szymanowicz, and Nancy Miller

**\*(Please note that communion will be served on August 11<sup>th</sup> as Rev. Mason will be on vacation on August 4<sup>th</sup>.)\***

### Counters

July 7<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Thomas and Janice Anderson

July 14<sup>th</sup>: Eric Miller and Jim Alber

July 21<sup>st</sup>: Hannelore Conlee and Mark Douyard

July 28<sup>th</sup>: Matthew Pickard and Nancy Miller

August 4<sup>th</sup>: Libby Szymanowicz and David Aboagye

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Robert Beams and Paul Hill

August 18<sup>th</sup>: Jim Alber and Fred Stelling

August 25<sup>th</sup>: Janice Anderson and Eric Miller

### Lay Readers

July 7<sup>th</sup>: Claudia Aranson

July 14<sup>th</sup>: Judy McAfee

July 21<sup>st</sup>: John Safran

July 28<sup>th</sup>: Scott Campbell

August 4<sup>th</sup>: Cathy McCarty

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Dan Olson

August 18<sup>th</sup>: Judy McAfee

August 25<sup>th</sup>: Scott Campbell



### Lemonade Hour Hosts

July 7<sup>th</sup>: PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST LEMONADE HOUR

July 14<sup>th</sup>: Jolee DuBois, Jim Halpin, and Donna Trafagander

July 21<sup>st</sup>: PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST LEMONADE HOUR

July 28<sup>th</sup>: Marianne Jachimiak, Nancy Miller, and Judy Mocera

August 4<sup>th</sup>: PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST LEMONADE HOUR

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Karen and Dan Olson

August 18<sup>th</sup>: PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST LEMONADE HOUR

August 25<sup>th</sup>: PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST LEMONADE HOUR

### Ushers

July 7<sup>th</sup>: Robert Khare, Sue Sloat, and Barbara Betrix

July 14<sup>th</sup>: Dave and Sue Young, and Wini Hecht-Reed

July 21<sup>st</sup>: Richard Smith, Mina Park, and Alana Gervais

July 28<sup>th</sup>: Theresa Cotanche, Jim Halpin, and Jean Jackson

August 4<sup>th</sup>: Donna Trafagander, Matthew Pickard, and Cynthia Aboagye

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Jim Alber, Scott Campbell, and Carl Schiller

August 18<sup>th</sup>: Cathy McCarty, and Sue and Dave Young

August 25<sup>th</sup>: Sue Sloat, Barbara Betrix, and Robert Khare



# Happy Birthday!

## JULY

Barbara Betrix	7/8
Mary Menasche	7/9
Brittany Brooks	7/10
Matthew Pickard	7/11
David Ellman	7/12
R. Stuart Phillips	7/14
Alana Gervais	7/15
Lauren Canino	7/18
Estelle Bousche	7/19
Elizabeth Szymanowicz	7/23
Vivienne Rauschkolb	7/23
Connor Mc Carty	7/24
Drew Mc Kenzie	7/26
Amy Hecht-Zizes	7/27
James Smith	7/28
Gerald Gruenhagen	7/29
Michael DeSieno	7/29
Donna Trafagander	7/31
Tara Saunders	7/31

## AUGUST

Doris Catanzaro	8/4
Kelly Galeas	8/4
Dayna Stiteler	8/5
Janette Munoz	8/6
Scott Lindner	8/7
Deborah Fendt	8/9
Christine Pelzar	8/12
Joseph Steffy III	8/14
George Coates	8/15
Janet Gruenhagen	8/18
Nancy Glover	8/19
Cynthia Fichera	8/20
Jane Miller	8/20
John Storminger	8/20
Brian Apronti	8/22
Charles Catanzaro	8/24
John Smith Sr.	8/26
Ronald Fendt, III	8/26
Eunice Saunders	8/27
Richard Drake	8/28



Summer Worship  
Schedule

### **SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS BEGIN ON JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

From Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> through Sunday,  
August 25<sup>th</sup>,

the summer worship services will begin at 10:00am.

## CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

Summer is here, and that means our Sunday School year has ended. Our great year can be attributed to our dedicated teachers. Thank you to Rev. Mason who led adult bible studies. Thank you to Brittany Brooks, Mina Hyun, Marianne Jachimiak, Hannah Johnston, Darlene McLaughlin, Julie Menasche, Eric Miller, Nancy Miller, Trina Miller, Yvette Pickard, and Natalie Wilkinson who taught our youth Sunday School.



Thank you to the deliverers of the weekly children's message, Brittany Brooks, Marianne Jachimiak, Hannah Johnston, and Trina Miller. Also, thank you to Michele Greco for caring for the youngest children of the congregation and to Nancy Miller for bringing music to our children. Our programs are only possible because of these volunteers. Thank you for being a part of this ministry!

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, we ended our school year Sunday School program with a fabulous service led by our youth! The young people of our congregation did an excellent job proclaiming the Word of God and worshipping our Lord through music. A special thank you to Madison Miller for delivering the sensational sermon! Our service was followed by a delicious church picnic hosted by the Outreach Committee and ice cream sundaes donated by Stewart's Shop. It was a great day at Union Church!

Even though our school year Sunday School program has ended, we will still be having Summer Sunday School in July and August. We have great lessons planned for the children, as they meet altogether in Fellowship Hall to hear stories, pray, sing songs, and create art projects. We are in need of volunteers, so please speak with Trina about helping with this ministry (220-8085 or [eric.trina.miller@gmail.com](mailto:eric.trina.miller@gmail.com)).



Summer also means Vacation Bible School. Entitled *Everywhere Fun Fair*, VBS was held June 24<sup>th</sup> –June 28<sup>th</sup>. We had many children from our congregation and the community at our church to experience a fun-filled adventure with Jesus! Our mornings were filled with bible stories, singing, games, snacks, and arts/crafts! Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who made the week such a positive experience for the young people. Also, we wish to thank the congregation who made VBS possible through your donation of supplies and financial gifts. Your support of VBS is truly appreciated- thank you!

There are many opportunities to be involved in Christian Education at Union Church. If you would like to be involved in any way, please see a member of the Christian Education Committee (Eric Miller (c), Brittany Brooks, Marianne Jachimiak, Rev. Mason, Trina Miller, Yvette Pickard, and Arminda Porretto). Wishing you God's blessings for a fun and safe summer!

In God's Service,  
Christian Education Committee

## UNION CHURCH ENGLISH HANDBELL CHOIR

The *Union Ringers* concluded our season on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with the delightful "Song of Gladness." As we end our season, we want to thank the congregation for all their support throughout the year. Thank you!

In early June, the Union Ringers celebrated another successful and fun year together with our annual year-end picnic at the Miller-Stelling residence. There was lots of fellowship, food, and fun! Sue Young was honored by the ringers for her dedication to Union's music ministry.



Our bell choir is currently at 11 members! Occasionally, substitute ringers are needed due to vacations and other scheduling conflicts. Please contact our director, Sue Young, at 561-2704 if you are interested in ringing with us. We'll start rehearsing again in the fall!

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Miller

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## YOUTH AND CHIME CHOIRS

Both our Chime Choir and our Youth Choir did a fantastic job performing at the PresbyBuild Talent Show on May 11<sup>th</sup>. I am so proud of our chimers and singers!

Our Chime Choir finished their season by playing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The chimers have grown so much since coming together last September. I am really proud of all their hard work and dedication this year.

The Youth Choir sang "You are the Hands" on Mother's Day together with the Women's Choir. Their heartfelt singing brightened everyone's day! Together with the Men's Choir, the Youth Choir sang a fun, updated version of "Kumbaya" on Father's Day Sunday.

All of the Sunday School classes sang the choral introit (*Uyai Mose*), choral response (*How Great is Our God*) and choral benediction (*Halle, Halle, Halleluja*) on June 16<sup>th</sup> during the closing of Sunday School. It was a fitting way to end a wonderful year of making a joyful noise unto the Lord!



Membership in chime choir and youth choir requires a commitment to regularly attend rehearsals and to do your best each week. Age 4 is the earliest time to start youth choir and 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is usually the best time for beginning chimes. Youth Choir and Chime Choir are off for the summer and will start up again in September. For those of you who plan WAY ahead, mark your calendar now for our annual **Christmas Pageant** which will take place on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** during worship in the sanctuary with a **potluck lunch** following in Fellowship Hall. Happy summer!

Blessings,  
Nancy Miller, Director

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Summer Greetings from your Outreach Committee! We hope that all of you are enjoying the lazy, hazy days of summer and are re-charging your 'batteries' after a busy year! As you relax over the summer, we hope that you will consider Jesus' call to "go and make disciples." **Our faith isn't meant to be kept inside our church building. It's meant to be lived and shared!**

We hope that you will think about the people in the circles of your life (family, work, outside organizations) who you may be able to invite to come to church with you this fall. Studies show that most people who drop out of church haven't lost their faith in God, they simply fell out of the habit of churchgoing. Some moved or had a change in life circumstances, or they had a falling out with their former church and simply drifted away. Most often, life became too busy (we ALL know how easily that can happen!). What this information means is that many non-church goers could be open to returning to church. **If only they were invited.** Yes, it's true. Studies show that 82% of people who do not attend church would be willing to try it again if they were only invited by someone!

We **hope** you'll think about living and sharing your faith with someone this fall. Remember that our church events are great, low-key opportunities to invite a friend to our church. **The upcoming Barn Sale on September 21<sup>st</sup> and our Christmas Bazaar on December 7<sup>th</sup> are great ways to introduce someone to Union Church!**



In His Service,  
The Outreach Committee

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A shift in our communication practices is being considered, which may include the distribution of our publications (i.e. the church directory, the annual report, and the bi-monthly newsletters) in digital format to those church members who have computers. To this end, we would like to collect e-mail addresses for all of our church members who have internet access. **E-mail communication allows us to remain in touch with you on a more regular basis while digital publications would allow the church to communicate more efficiently and effectively, as well as reducing office supply costs.**

If you are not already in our church e-mail database, we'd be happy to add you to our list. Rest assured, your e-mail address will not be shared with anyone outside of the church and we promise not to bombard your inbox with messages.

Please forward your name and email address to Jolee at [unionchurch2@verizon.net](mailto:unionchurch2@verizon.net).

With thanks from the Outreach Committee

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A Friendly Reminder from Finance: Many of you will likely miss some worship services this summer (though we have some fabulous services planned so we encourage you to attend!). While you are on vacation, the life and work of this church continues. Please endeavor to keep your pledge and donations up to date, either in the offering plate on Sunday, or by mailing your contributions to the church office. We appreciate your support of Union Church!



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## **COMMITMENT COMMITTEE**

### **The Gift of the Whale (Nalukataq)**



The Inupiaq community (native to the Barrow Sea) celebrates a successful spring whale hunt with a deep sense of joy and gratitude for the gift of the whale. The celebration is called Nalukataq. Whaling celebrations follow different patterns than other festivals. They cannot be planned in advance – each successful captain will declare a celebration day. No one knows which captains will be successful, so only after the community receives the gift of the whale can the celebration be planned.

Whales are the main source of sustenance for the Inupiat community. Every aspect of this huge mammal is used to provide for the community. Inupiaq knew the awe of creation; they live it every day. Inupiaq believe that people and whales are all part of a circle of mutual respect, part of the cycle of life, if you will, in that each member of God's community is dependent on others to maintain life. We may think that the captain and his crew that caught the whale would own the whale; they would disagree. The captain is the steward; the whale belongs to the community. According to ancient belief, the whale had given itself to the community and the captain's gift reflects the whale's gift.

Our relationship to God and the rest of creation is a gift, one we often fail to fully recognize. It is not something for human pride, but for humility and gratitude. This sense of thanksgiving is where the notion of stewardship begins, a gratitude that rejects greed, deeply rooted in the theology of creation: "the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it (Psalm 24:1)."

Human stewardship begins with care for creation because God has given it into our hands. All that we have comes from God. The theology of stewardship begins in joy exemplified by the Inupiaq receiving the gift of the whale. God always provides. How we use those gifts that God has provided is up to us.

Mark R. Douyard  
Commitment Committee

## NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

Coffee and Lemonade Hour: Many dates are still open to host Lemonade Hour for July and August. Please sign up so that we can continue to enjoy our Fellowship Hour!

Food Pantry: At this time, we are unable to purchase cereal, peanut butter, and canned meat from the Food Bank as we used to. Your donations of these items are needed and very much appreciated!

Reminder: The next deacons' meeting is on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE



At present, the Buildings and Grounds Committee is reviewing bids to repair sections of the main parking lot and put down new lines. Scraping, spackling, and painting of the interior and exterior areas of the church building continue to be done. For those of you who have had pavers engraved in memory of loved ones for the Memorial Walkway, they are completed and have been placed in their designated places by the columbarium.

The main apartment of the church has had interested parties, but no tenants as of yet. If you know of someone who is looking for an apartment, please let us know.

We hope that you have enjoyed the flowering plants and shrubs over the past months. They have been very colorful this year!

Enjoy the summer months to come!

Your servants in Christ,

The Buildings and Grounds Committee: Jim Alber, Bob Beams, Paul Hill, Carl Schiller, Fred Stelling, Donna Trafagander, and Dave Young

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## A Celebration for All Ages!!

During your birthday month, celebrate your birthday by giving a dollar (or any amount you feel moved to give) for each year of your life to our church's endowment fund.

Whether you are 1 or 101 years of age, celebrate the gift of life that God has given you. This birthday gift is a way of thanking God for all the blessings God has provided in your years.

Our endowment fund provides financial support for all our church's missions and ministries.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a cupcake at the Birthday Fund table in the Fellowship Hall on the second Sunday of every month. Birthday Fund envelopes are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall and in the pew racks.

The contributions to the Birthday Fund support Union's Endowment Fund. It contributes to all of our church's ministries such as Outreach, Education, Pastoral Care, Youth programs, Building and Grounds, and other missions and ministries of our church. Our Endowment Fund helps to ensure our church's future for sharing the love and ministry of Jesus Christ throughout our community and world. Many thanks to all Birthday Fund participants.





**CONGRATULATIONS** to Tom Hill, who became the New York State Bicycle Racing Association Champion when he won first place in the Category 4, 2013 Tour de Syracuse in May. The course was 68 miles long, ending in a  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile climb up Song Mountain. Tom races for Bicycle Depot in New Paltz.

**HELP WANTED!  
LABORERS**



Energetic individuals needed to help rebuild homes  
in New York State destroyed by Superstorm Sandy

September 15<sup>th</sup> – September 21<sup>st</sup>

**HELP NEEDED**

Skilled and unskilled welcome

Typical work: Tearing out drywall and floors, insulating, drywall hanging, finishing, siding, window, door, cabinet and floor installation, priming and painting, masonry, carpentry

Join our work team: Specific work assignments will be made in early September. We expect that a local affiliate of Habitat will be organizing the work and that we will work somewhere in the Rockaways.

**Must be 18 or older**

Room & Board Cost: \$30/day at the Presbyterian Church, Jamaica Queens. If interested: Contact Jim Ferguson (845-236-7850) or Sue Varden (845-649-7830) by August 15<sup>th</sup>. 15 slots have been reserved.

**Job Satisfaction  
Guaranteed**

Organized by PresbyBuild (but open to all); a mission  
partnership of the Hudson River Presbytery

For more information, please contact Hannelore Conlee,  
Mission Chair, at 551-8701 or loreconlee50@yahoo.com.

## Mission Committee Updates

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NEWBURGH

In an effort to increase our involvement with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh, your Mission Committee would like you to know about these events:

- Two church members worked on Habitat projects on our scheduled Work Day on 6/15/13. They worked on houses on E. Parmenter Street and Lutheran Street and had the opportunity to work side-by-side with families working their hours so that they can complete this step towards owning. What a great experience! Another work day will be scheduled in September.
- Non-construction opportunities are available as well: serve on a committee, organize materials at the Kimball Building (HFHGN HQ), and volunteer at special events. To get involved in these opportunities, please contact the HFHGN office directly at 845-568-6035. There are community service hours available for those who are in need as well. The necessary form for this is located on the HFHGN website: [www.habitatnewburgh.org](http://www.habitatnewburgh.org) and go to the Volunteer Hub. FYI: The houses on East Parmenter Street are all part of the Faith Row Build.

### FAMILY PROMISE OF THE MID-HUDSON VALLEY

Although this organization is not currently hosting any families, we are actively in a restructuring phase with host congregation coordinators meeting on a monthly basis here at Union. We are scheduled to host for 2 weeks in November. Our needs list will be posted early in the fall, along with an opportunity for training for those who have not yet had the required training.



#### **FPMHV NEEDS**

**CURRENT NEEDS: We need twin sheets, blankets, and comforters.** Please place these items in a bag or box and leave on the bench in the hallway off the Session Room. Please label the bag or box "FAMILY PROMISE." Thank you!

Thanks to our congregation's generosity, Union Church's Mission Committee supports more than two dozen local and national organizations. This outreach helps us fulfill our new mission statement: "**Christian principles guide our inherent belief that all people in every walk of life are in our care.**"

The Mission Committee is seeking members to join their committee. We meet on a mutually convenient day for committee members. If you're not actively involved with a committee at Union, why not help out by joining the Mission Committee? Please speak to Hannelore Conlee.

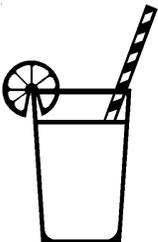
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### COFFEE & LEMONADE HOUR

We encourage everyone to sign up to host Coffee and Lemonade Hours during the year. It's a wonderful time for our church family and friends to enjoy fellowship after worship service!

#### Thank you to everyone who hosted Coffee Hour in May and June!

May 5 <sup>th</sup> : Samantha DeLena	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> : -----
May 12 <sup>th</sup> : The Men's Breakfast Group Budetti	June 9 <sup>th</sup> : Lisa Novella and Vanessa
May 19 <sup>th</sup> : The Johnston Family	June 16 <sup>th</sup> : Church Picnic
May 26 <sup>th</sup> : Hannelore Conlee and Libby Szymanowicz	June 23 <sup>rd</sup> : Hannah Johnston
	June 30 <sup>th</sup> : The Menasche Family



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