

ACCENT/MESSENGER

August, 2022

St. Peter's Episcopal St. Paul's Lutheran Dansville Presbyterian

From the *Pastor's Desk*

Pause a moment, Job, and listen; consider the wonderful things God does. Do you know how God gives the command and makes lightning flash from the clouds? Do you know how clouds float in the sky, the work of God's amazing skill? No, you can only suffer in the heat when the south wind oppresses the land. Can you help God stretch out the sky and make it as hard as polished metal? Teach us what to say to God; our minds are blank; we have nothing to say.

Job. 37:14-19 GNT

Dearest Friends,

In scripture, when God wants to catch our attention, we often find that God is competing with the noises of the world – I think of several notable examples:

- Hagar – it is only when the pregnant slave girl runs away into the desert to escape the abuses of her master's wife that God is able to talk to and encourage Hagar – Genesis 16:1-16. Again, when she and her son Ishmael are sent away, God once again speaks to Hagar, assuring her that God is with her (Genesis 21:8-20)
- Job – in the midst of his own mourning and ignoring the ill-chosen words of his judgmental friends, God comes in the silence (Job 37)
- Elijah – running away in fear for his life, Elijah collapses in the desert before God finally reaches him in a “still, small voice” (1 Kings 19).

And, through the Psalmist, God gives us permission to take a “significant pause” in the clamor of life to listen for God (Psalm 46:10 “Be still, and know that I am God.”)

This is true for us right now – friends, I know how much we all need to pause, pour out our pain to our God and to know that God sees us and hears us. May we, after a “significant pause” be able to say with Hagar, “I know God sees me.”

Pastor Marcia

A Poem by Gaylen Carpenter

Release the sun
through Your radiant
smile,
Speak a friendly
word that's uplifting
and worthwhile
Put a spring in your
step! Let each day
begin with the
courage to try and
the spirit to win.
Bow your head
humbly to God in
prayer, trust in His
guidance!
Rest in His care!
Share the gift of
love! Put a song in
your heart, give
someone in need a
brand new start.
Reach out to others
along life's way
Add a ray of sun-
shine to someone's
day.
When your love for
others comes
shining through, a
most happy day will
come back to you!

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Praise in the Park - Due to anticipated high temperatures, August 7th services will take place at their usual times in their respective churches. The next joint service in the park is September 4th at 10:30.

Thomas Warfield - Thomas is back and will perform on August 14th at DPC 10:30 a.m.! This is his annual visit and a musical treat for all of us. See details about his upcoming performance later in this newsletter.

Skeeter Hollow - This is the 2nd annual worship service and picnic with the Perkinsville United Church of Christ - Pastor Marcia's other church! The service starts at 11:00 a.m. with all congregations encouraged to come. A pot luck picnic will follow the service on August 21st in Skeeter Hollow in Perkinsville. *Please let Pastor Marcia know if you will be coming and what dish you are sharing!*



“Music and dance and song fill his veins”

Freewill offering for PeaceArt/International

Special Musical Guest Thomas Warfield

at **DANVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

on August 14th at 10:30 a.m.

- Youth in Church and the World Sunday

Selections include his own
composition titled

“Celebrate the Moment”
as well as *“Forever Young”*
and a special a cappella
rendition of the spiritual
“Over My Head”



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Joan Van Huesen 7/30
Judy Culbertson 8/4
Ken Long 8/11
Marian Kennell 8/12
Elvera Classon 8/25
Robert Whitman 8/26
Ellie Mountzouros 9/12
Joan Brydges 9/15

Happy Birthday!



Bob & Betty Minemier
Dick & Marilyn Lemen
Barb Mitchell
Lindsey Backus
Ginger Buck
Bethany Cady
Don & Madge Cuddeback
The Komarek Family
Christine Whiteman
David Smith
Jim Wagner
Jim Rex
Jan Blum
Barbara Gregory
Judy Babcock
Carolyn Baker
Rodney Button
June Collier
The Greene Family
Kay Howe
Michelle Mackey
Mary Sahrle



CHURCH PARK BLESSING BOX

Sharing food with our neighbors.

Take an item—leave one if you can. Don't forget your home gardens this summer – overflowing zucchini?
I'd love to help you use it up!



POP UP PANTRY—FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy products, etc.

August 15th from 4 to 6 pm.

Ralph Clements football field

56 Clara Barton St.

This is a drive through event, trunks must be opened.

*If you want your food bagged or boxed, please bring
some with you.*

No income requirements.

Sponsored by UR/Noyes and the YMCA



AUGUST

- 7 *Praise in the Park* -
Combined worship of all 3 churches.
- 10 *Theology on Tap*
6—8 pm at Battle Street Brewery
- 14 *Presenting Thomas Warfield* at DPC
10:30 a.m.
- 16 Men's breakfast
10 a.m. at the Sunrise Restaurant
- 21 *Skeeter Hollow* 11 a.m. service
followed by a picnic
- 28 Combined service—SPEC & DPC
10:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church.



At the Franklin Street Laundromat

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| Saturday, August 6 | 8:30—11:30 am |
| Monday, August 8 | 3:30—6:30 pm |
| Saturday, August 20 | 8:30—11:30 am |
| Monday, August 22 | 3:30—6:30 pm |

* Individuals: wash and dry 3 loads per session

* Families: wash and dry 5 loads per session



Another musical treat in August is a performance of the *Trinity Choir* from Binghamton, performing *British Choral Favorites* at the historic Portageville Chapel at the corner of routes 19A and 436.
 August 30th, 7 pm
 FREE! Donations appreciated.

IN THE MILITARY

- ★ Andrew M. Mountzouros
United States Navy
- ★ Jordan C. Camacho
United States Navy



Praise in the Park
 Sunday, September 4th at 10:30 a.m.
 (It's Labor Day Week-end!)



The church is a gift from God. Some assembly required.

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