

THE MAIN ARTERY – JUNE 2022

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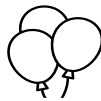
Pastor Luke Beattie

June Events

Birthdays

June 1 - Maynard Wark

June 10 – Nancy Brown



Anniversaries

June 11- Dan & Amanda Svoboda

June 27 – Joe & Margaret Kotylo

Upcoming Events

June 4 – Lamb to Loom 10AM – 2PM (Mizpah)

June 5 – New Sunday School Class on Church History taught by Pastor Luke. It will meet in the old youth room.

June 12- Children's Day & Campership Collection.

Refreshments & Coffee Hour following Church

June 16- Church Council Meeting 6:30

June 19- Father's Day

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

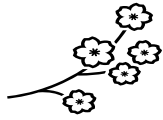
The Christian Education committee is excited to announce an opportunity for our Church to partner with Child Evangelism Fellowship. We want to offer a weekly After School Program at Horace Mann Elementary School. What we need are volunteers. If this is something that you would be interested in, please contact Jeanette Farr or Gail Welter. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread the Good News. If you are not able to participate, please keep this opportunity in your prayers. Thank you, The Christian Ed Committee.

Coincidentally, this June marks the 60th anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling in Engel v. Vitale (1962) which made required prayer in school unconstitutional.

In our Library we have William J. Murray's book My Life Without God. He is the son of the atheist Madeline Murray O'Hair. In the early 1960s they brought a lawsuit against mandatory Bible Reading in public schools. This would eventually lead to the Supreme Court ruling that it was unconstitutional (Abington School District V. Schempp -1963). William Murray later became a Christian.

CHURCH NEWS

Our sympathies go out to the friends and family of Wanda (Fortran) Carl who passed away on May 22, 2022. Wanda was dedicated as an infant on June 14, 1931 by Rev. Graves. She was baptized by Rev. Sivewright on Easter Sunday, April 13, 1941 at the age of 10. Mrs. Carl was a member for 81 years and was active in many of the church groups including the Choir, Sunday School and Deaconess Committee. We were blessed and inspired by her faithfulness. Her funeral was held at the church on May 26, 2022.



Congratulations to Katie Nicholson who graduated from SUNY Binghamton on May 21st with a BA in mathematical science. She has been accepted into SUNY Binghamton graduate school for a degree of master's in education. She will delay graduate school for a year and work as a substitute teacher. She will continue to live in Binghamton. Good news for our church!



The Musical interest group has started. Each week they hope to have singers leading the hymns during the service. Thank you to Jessica Carl, Jennifer Beattie, Diane Runion, Tammy Giovinazzo and the Weyants for sharing their talent in this venture. If you are interested in participating, please see Jessica Carl.



The Church held a Clean Up Day April 23. The interior and exterior were cleaned. Thank you to all who participated.



Camper-ships are available for anyone interested in attending Christian Youth Camp this summer. For more information you may contact Margaret Fassett. A collection for this will be taken on June 12th.



The Weekly Bible Studies:

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study on Exodus is ending June 14th. Thank you to Judy Wark for leading it. The study began on January 11th. On May 12th Jeannette Farr started a new Thursday Evening Bible Studies on Heaven. It will run for about 8 weeks.



A New Sunday School class on Church History taught by Pastor Luke Beattie will begin on June 5th at 10 AM in the old youth room.



MISSIONS REPORT by Diane Runion

CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES

Some have been asking about this ministry of late as to its function and scope. We have included it in our mission budget over the last couple of years and we're happy to share what it does. Part of its function is to witness to Jewish people of the salvation found in their Messiah, Jesus, and to encourage Messianic congregations and new believers in the faith. There are centers here and in Israel and around the world that testify to that fact and also encourage and help those who are persecuted because of their faith. There is a monthly newsletter that gives information about Jewish holy days and festivals and how Jesus has fulfilled each of them, gives news briefs from around the world, and has ways to approach Jewish people with the Gospel. This last newsletter details the numbers of Jews that are fleeing to Israel from Ukraine. Under Project Promised Land, through Chosen People, there are efforts to provide housing, basic language skills, job counseling, friendship and whatever is needed to help the resettle in that country. There is an expected 50,000 to 100,000 who will flee to Israel over the next year, and the government will give full citizenship to those who can demonstrate they have at least one Jewish grandparent. It is an overwhelmingly massive wave of immigrants. Pray for all the Ukrainian people who are leaving their devastated country and for the efforts of Israel and Chosen People Ministries in this relief of the suffering experienced by them.

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2023

We have received word that Chosen People Ministries will do a Passover Seder on Maundy Tuesday next year for us. More info to come!

FREE CLOTHES AND MORE

We served 57 families in the month of May. Thank you to the people who come to Lamb to Loom for their donation of clothing and toys to our project.

NEWS – We collected \$261 for the Rescue Mission through our breadbox offering in April. Thank you!

PULLED CHICKEN DINNER. \$263 dollars was collected from the auction of desserts at our recent dinner and will go toward Free Clothes and More. Thank you for your love of sweets and for the generous price you paid for those goodies. A big thank you to the Deaconess committee for preparing food and setting it up. Also, special thanks to the auctioneer extraordinaire, Dennis Moulton who somehow developed a Southern accent overnight.

THERE WILL NOT BE A BREADBOX OFFERING FOR JUNE

We will not be featuring a breadbox recipient for the month of June to encourage folks to give to the campership fund during that period.

CHILDREN OF GOD

In June, we celebrate Fathers' Day and Children's Day. I was looking over some things I had saved, and one of them was from a Tabletalk magazine of July 2013. Let me give some excerpts from that cut-out.

"In Ephesians 5:1, Paul reminds us of sonship. We are 'beloved children'. Father and beloved child is one of the most precious metaphors for our relationship with God. When Jesus teaches us to pray, He says, 'Our Father', not 'our Captain,' not 'our King' or not even 'our Shepherd,' but 'our Father.'

We are His children by adoption. The privilege of being a beloved child of the Almighty God is amazing. To be healed is wonderful. To be forgiven is glorious. To be a believer is marvelous.

But to be a child of God, a beloved child; there is intimacy in that metaphor....

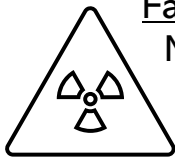
We always have access to Him.... God is a refuge for and protector of His beloved children....And His children are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. We can live with the confidence and poise of people who inherit eternal blessings from the largess of our Father. We are beloved children of God in Christ. What a privilege."

Church History News

The Korean War began on June 25, 1950. One of our former members, Dominick Marcello, was wounded in the Korean War while serving in the US military. The following is from the June 2002 Main Artery:



On May 18, 2002 The Daughters of the American Revolution honored Dominick Marcello and four other combat Korean War Veterans at a luncheon and presentation of a certificate for their contribution toward freedom. Dom served in Korea as an infantryman in the 7th Division. During this time, he earned a Combat Infantry Badge, the Korean Campaign Badge with a cluster, and the Purple Heart. He recently was informed that he was eligible and would be receiving the Korean War Service Medal from the Republic of South Korea after a period of 50 years. (June 2002 Artery)



Fallout at Main Street Baptist?

Many decades ago, it was common to see black and yellow fallout shelter signs on buildings. It was the Cold War Era and threats of a nuclear war with the Soviet Union and other communist countries was a possibility. Around April or May 1962, the local Office of Civil Defense sent a letter to Main Street Baptist Church noting the building “*has been selected by the Federal Government as a potential community shelter.*” The church, of course had to agree to it which we did. The June 20, 1962 Trustees minutes noted they agreed to “allow the use of the church as a fallout shelter “in case of emergency”. Whether or not we were actually chosen by the Office of Civil Defense is another matter. Growing up I don’t recall seeing any signs on the church property designating it as such. However, if anyone has any information it would be most welcome in the history files.

Other sources used: The May 15, 1962 Board of Trustees Minutes & undated Office of Civil Defense letter).

Glass House Residents Beware!



The rocks may not have been crying out in the church parking lot, but they sure did give the janitor a good reason to wail. According to the June 20, 1962 Trustees Minutes, children were using our lot as a venue for rock throwing. A tree stump was also burned. It is not known whether a Trustee’s talk to the neighbors or a no trespassing sign put an end to the antics. However, the shenanigans of the mischievous youths are not mentioned again in the 1962 minutes.