



The Messenger



A Newsletter of the First United Methodist Church in Greene and
the North Fenton United Methodist Church
September/ October, 2017

Greetings from Pastor Michele!

We find ourselves with Summer coming to an end. Soon Fall will be upon us with all its glorious color, school will be starting and Sunday School will begin again for our children. The air is ripe with excitement over what this new school year holds for all of us. One thing I know we all must have, whether teacher or student, is a “Teachable Spirit.”

There are several verses in the Psalms that say, “teach me” *“teach me your paths”* (Psalm 25:4) *“teach me your statutes”* (Psalm 119:12), *“Teach me to do your will”* (Psalm 143:10), and there’s plenty of other “teach me” moments throughout the holy scriptures. To do all these things, we have to be “teachable” to begin with, or we aren’t going to learn how to do these things. Having a teachable spirit is a good trait to have. It means we’re able to receive instruction.

“when a scoffer is punished, the simple become wiser; when the wise are instructed, they increase in knowledge.” Proverbs 21:11

When we learn something new or even are reminded of something we already know, it makes us more knowledgeable. It helps us live more wisely. But as humans, we don’t have a teachable spirit all of the time. The following are some of those things that keep us from being teachable.

We think we know it all – thinking we know it all can really hinder our learning. When we’re in that mode, we don’t allow anything to soak in. it’s like we have this coating on us that blocks out everything we should be absorbing. We can never learn enough about Christ or know our Bible as good as we need to in order to serve the Lord the way we should. How can we ever know it all when it comes to Christ?

“O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and how inscrutable his ways!” Romans 11:33

We don’t listen closely – Do you ever do that? Half listen? If we’re not careful, we may just miss some very important points that we’ll need down the road. When dealing with the Christian life, we have to listen carefully to the Lord, too.

“My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27

We are too busy talking ourselves – When we are talking so hard, we miss out on some learning experiences. Sometimes we have to just stop and listen.

“Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.” Psalm 141:3

We don’t see the need to learn – Ever in that situation? We probably all felt that way when we were young and in school. Why will I ever need to know this? How will this ever help me down the road? When it comes to learning more about the Lord and his Word, look at all the benefits we can reap. Look at how we can increase our faith alone.

“So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17

We think we can’t learn the material - I know there were times in college as well as in seminary at Duke Divinity School when I felt I’d never be able to learn the material. Sometimes it’s like that in life, too. When I was a young mother, I just knew I could never learn to be a mother and know all the things I needed to know. New Christians can feel that way about the Bible, too. It doesn’t matter what the material is, when we start with the attitude that we’ll never learn, it hinders us right from the beginning.

“The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.” Psalm 119:130

From Pastor Michele (cont'd)

We allow distractions to slow us down – A lot of things get in the way of our learning, especially when we're trying to learn to be more like Christ and we're saying, "teach me." Those little things just keep us from opening our Bibles, from praying, and from really trying to learn from the Lord. We must be diligent not to allow things to creep in that will throw us off track.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of Truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

Look at Who is teaching us to live the Christian life. Christ! He's the Great Teacher. It's what he did the whole time he was here on earth. He went about teaching.

"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing diseases and every sickness among the people." Matthew 4:23

"And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages, teaching." Mark 6:6

"Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching" Mark 14:49

Christ uses all kinds of things to teach us today. He uses his Word directly. He uses other people. Sometimes yes, he uses other people we may not like. He uses small and large things in our lives to teach us lessons. We just have to be open to what he has for us.

I hope we all have developed a "teachable spirit," especially when it comes to the things of the Lord. There's much to learn so we can live our Christian lives to the fullest. We think of Mary and how she sat at the feet of Jesus to learn. (Luke 10:38-42) Do you remember the Lord's response to Martha when she wanted Mary to help her serve?

". . . there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10:42

We all need to choose the "better part" of learning from the Lord. We need to work on keeping out those things that hinder us and slow us down when it comes to listening to him.

Now I must ask, how teachable are you?

Grace and peace,

Pastor Michele

News from Around the District

COMMUNITY LABOR DAY PICNIC

on the Ball Flats, Greene, Mon. Sept 4th - 8am – 10pm

Hose fight, 5K run, games, midway rides, horse & car shows, food, music, fireworks
All Welcome! This is an event for the entire family.



This year First UMC, Greene has the 6pm – closing shift at the chicken BBQ tent.

Be sure to check the sign-up sheet in the Social Room for jobs that need to be filled.

Remember, proceeds benefit Greene's children in need.

Thank you!

BINGHAMTON DISTRICT LAY SERVANT CLASSES

Lay Servant Classes are being offered in September at Vestal UMC, 328 Main St., Vestal NY.
Dates: Mon. Sept. 18 and Wed. Sept. 20/ Mon. Sept. 25 and Wed. Sept 27.
Time: 6 – 9pm except the first night – Registration will be at 5:30pm.

Classes offered are:

Basic Polity with Rev. Jan Marsi

Come to the Table with Rev. Jamie Stevens and Melody Patterson

Cost: \$10 plus the cost of the book. Books are available at the Binghamton District Office

More classes will be offered in October but are not listed yet.

CHRISTIAN CARING SERVICE

Christian Caring Service (CCS) is a group of Christian volunteers who offer to give rides for non-emergency medical appointments for people in need who live in Greene. If you are in need of a ride, please contact Sharon Gagnon (656-7730) or Nancy Root (656-8990). Your information will be taken and services that are available will be explained.

News From Greene



Jump Start to Sunday School

Sun. Sept. 10th

Come celebrate the beginning of the new Sunday School year and welcoming Pastor Michele.

A covered dish luncheon follows worship, Please bring a dish-to-pass and your enthusiasm to this new season of learning and loving our God and sharing all the blessings we have as a church family! Coffee Hour Team #1 will be responsible for set up and dessert. Invite a friend!

Sun. Sept. 17 we will celebrate Communion and kick off our mission (Heifer Project) coin offering, and Sunday School classes begin upstairs.

Are your Registration Forms turned in yet? Don't forget, we need them in order for your child to attend class. See Joy Ketcham for details.

Sunday School Helpers are:

Sept 17: Nursery – Kristin Burghardt
UPK-2nd – Loveless family

Sept 24: Nursery – Jazmyne Mata
UPK-2nd – Merelyn Rogers

Oct. 1: Nursery – Fish family
UPK-2nd – Kevin Rounds

Oct. 15: Nursery – Evans family
UPK-2nd – Estabrook family

Oct. 22: Nursery – Merelyn Rogers
UPK-2nd – Jordan Rogers

Oct/ 29: Nursery – Chrissy Smith
UPK-2nd – N. Specht

Thanks to all who make this a wonderful experience for our young folks!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN by Kay Clark



Indoor Picnic, Thurs. Sept 14 – 11:30am at the church.

All women welcome!

Silent Auction, Food, Great Fellowship, Mission

Our regular monthly meetings are the 3rd Thursday at 9:30am at church – in winter at a home. We make “Stone Soup” to deliver to shut-in’s, send cheery cards, help decorate the church during special times of the year, make cakes for the Children’s Home Ice Cream Social Fund Raiser, put on bereavement meals, have a Christmas Party and lots more. Our purpose is Mission. Silent Auction money is donated to the local food bank or another worthy cause. Watch the Sunday bulletins and newsletters for our events!



POTATO DROP by David Barnes

One of the ministries that United Methodist Men do is something called the Potato Drop. It is a project sponsored by the Society of St. Andrew. The Binghamton District has a drop scheduled this year. It will take place on Sat. Oct 7th from 8 – 10am at 6352 State Route 17C in Endicott NY. I know they can use a lot of help in off-loading sacks of potatoes. Check with Dave Barnes for details, if interested.

UNITED METHODIST NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME UPDATE: by David Barnes

We had a wonderful night at NYSEG Stadium, a wonderful crowd of families and friends of United Methodist Churches! Everyone was in a joyous mood and the proceeds of that evening will help many in need both physically and spiritually. There were 450 in attendance and money raised was \$2345.00 which will be distributed as follows:

- * \$1200 to the Ramp It Up Program of the Broome County Council of Churches who provide ramps for persons in need.
- * \$300 was donated to the Society of St. Andrew for the UMM Surplus Food Project
- * \$300 was donated to the Upper Room Remote Prayer Line, another UMM supported program. Volunteers have answered 260,000 calls for prayer nationally.
- * \$200 was donated to the Handicapped Children’s Association. We are set to go next year at the same place, same day, same time. So plan on it now.



CHERUB CHOIR: by Kay Clark

We love hearing our little ones sing! I would love to sing again with all the little ones in the nursery and pre-school thru 2nd grade classrooms.

I leave the choir loft early at the end of the service and go upstairs to their classrooms and sing many songs with the children. When we are ready, we sing in church. I will always try to inform you when we are going to sing so you can be sure to be there!! Be sure I have your email address and/or cell phone for a text. I do believe we might even be able to get it together with no rehearsals to sing an “oldie” for Rally Day on Sept 10th. *How about Father Abraham?* All who know this song can join in. we usually sing after the Children’s Time during worship. See you then!



Sat. Sept 23rd by Merelyn Rogers

Next Applefest Meeting: Tues. Sept. 5 @ 5:30pm

Baking Schedule for Apple Pies: Mon. Sept 11 & Fri. Sept 15
for Cherry Pies: Fri. Sept 22

Helpers: Come when you can, stay as long as you can - plenty of work and jobs for everyone.

Still Needed: donations of Crisco and sugar, as well as money donations toward the purchase of apples. Place your gift in mailbox # _____ (Donna Baker): on check memo write "Apples"
Questions or concerns: Contact Merelyn Rogers (725-3621 or Jeanne Kennicutt (656-8692).

DINNER SCHEDULE:

Wed. Oct. 4: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham. Serving from 5 - 6:30 pm
Dinners include vegetable, rolls, coleslaw or applesauce, dessert and a beverage.



TRICK OR TREAT PIT STOP: Tues. Oct 31

Trick or Treating? Stop at the church for a bathroom break, a drink or a rest.
Check your Sunday bulletin for details as we get closer.



NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS by Scott Clark

Sacagawea was a Shoshone woman who accompanied the Lewis & Clark Expedition, led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, in their exploration of the Western United States. She traveled thousands of miles from North Dakota to the Pacific Ocean between 1804 and 1806. She was nicknamed Janey by Clark.

Reliable, historical information about Sacagawea is extremely limited, but she has become an important part of the Lewis & Clark mythology in the American public imagination. The National American Woman Suffrage Association of the early 20th Century adopted her as a symbol of women's worth and independence, erecting several statues and plaques in her memory, and doing much to spread the story of her accomplishments.

The Sacagawea dollar coin issued by the U.S. Mint depicts her and her son Jean Baptiste. The face on the coin was modeled on a modern Shoshone-Bannock and Cree woman named Randy'L He-dow Teton; no contemporary image of Sacagawea exists.

For over 25 years Partnership with Native Americans (PWNA) has worked with our Native American reservation partners to address the critical needs and support self-sufficiency to end the cycle of poverty on the reservation.

The work of PWNA, through programs such as Northern Plains Reservation Aid (NPRA) focuses on supplying material aid, educational support and onsite services to help provide immediate relief to economically depressed reservations.

To learn more about Native Americans, life on the reservations and how our services and your support are making a difference, visit www.NPRAprogram.org.

BIRTHDAYS: September

- 1. Debbie Barnes
- 6. Jamie Scott
- 8. Kristin Burghardt
- 11. Shaun Detweiler & Meredith Scott
- 12. Cork Rockwell
- 13. James Carr Sr. & Sandra Acevedo
- 14. Michelle Evans & Alex Trifunovic
- 17. Kasey Ketcham
- 22. David Barnes
- 23. Rachelle Moran & Colleen Dietrich
- 24. Caden Gregware
- 27. Jamison Scott
- 28. Martha White
- 30. Jeff Dunckle

ANNIVERSARIES: September

- 1. Val & Jeff Dunckle
- 4. Dana & Joy Ketcham
- 4. Michele & Bob Clark
- 20. Brad & Lisa Rowe



BIRTHDAYS: October

- 3. Betty Cairns
- 6. Scott Clark & Logan Anderson
- 9. Corey Dietrich
- 12. Marjorie Sampson & Mary Orr
- 13. McKay Turner French
- 16. Bruce Detweiler
- 17. Christian Dietrich
- 22. Kathleen Bovier
- 24. Dale Sortman
- 28. Noah Gregware
- 29. Terry Turner
- 30. Kevin Flohr

ANNIVERSARIES: October

- 8. David & Leslie Gorsline
- 12. Shaun & Lorraine Detweiler

LECTORS

September

- 3
- 10 – Scott Clark
- 17 – Youth
- 24 – Ray Sullivan

October

- 1 - Youth
- 8 - Deb Barnes
- 15 - Dave Barnes
- 22 – Esther Williams
- 29 - Kristin Burghardt

ATTENDANCE

<u>June</u> 4 - 69	<u>July</u> 2 - 72
11 - 119	9 - 59
18 - 36	16 - None listed
25 - 33	23 - 40
	30 GAC Worship/ Picnic
<u>August</u> 6 - Church Picnic at Lord's	
13 - 49	
20 - 38	
27 - 48	

COFFEE HOUR TEAMS

September

- 3
- 10 – Team #1 Rally Day
- 17 – Team #2
- 24 – Team #3

October

- 1 – Team #4
- 8 – Team #5
- 15 – Team #6
- 22 – Team #1
- 29 – Team #2

News From North Fenton

Greeters for September

- 3. Sue Walling – Pat McNamee
- 10. Bill & Gloria Stover
- 17. Bev Hurlburt – Marion Jacobs
- 24. Ron & Jane Williamson

Greeters for October

- 1. Larry & Barb Sherwood
- 8. Mary Warnstorff – Ella Lane
- 15. J. Dannecker – Jan Tuttle
- 22. Jack Stephens – John Garrigan
- 29. Art & Joanne Cade



HEARTS AND HANDS MISSION CIRCLE

We have been busy completing our Ugly Quilts to be sent to the Salvation Army for the homeless. Another project that we do is layettes for the hospitals. We make blankets and sweaters, then add an outfit, diaper and a toy, if we have it, package them up and label them for boy or girl. We have also sent bibs to Elizabeth Church Manor.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE CANCELLED STAMPS, also for a Mission Project.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: Fall Celebration, Fri. Oct 6 – 10am – Noon – at North Fenton UMC



Rummage Sale

RUMMAGE SALE/ BAKE SALE:

Fri. Oct 20/ Sat. Oct 21 Bag Sale, 9 – Noon

“Gently used” and clean items may be donated any time **after** Mon. Oct 8. Thank you!

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First United Methodist Church
32-34 S Chenango St
Greene NY 13778

North Fenton UMC
5984 NYS Rt. 79
Chenango Forks NY 13746
Worship: 9:00am



First UMC, Greene
32-34 S Chenango St
Greene NY 13778
Worship: 10:30a,

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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1.	2.
3.	4. Community Picnic Ball Flats – Greene LABOR DAY	5. G: Choir begins 7pm G: Applefest mtg. 5:30pm	6. NF: Bible Study 10am NF: Choir 6:45pm	7. G: Soup & Scripture 6pm	8	9
10. G: Rally Day NF: Sunday School begins	11 G: Pie Baking	12. G: Choir, 7pm	13. NF: Bible Study, 10am NF: Choir, 6:45pm	14. G: UMW Picnic. 11:30am G: Soup & Scripture 6pm	15. G: Pie Baking	16.
17. G: Sunday School begins	18 Bing. Dist. Lay Servant Class	19. G: Choir, 7pm G: Trustees 7pm	20. NF: Bible Study, 10am NF: Choir, 6:45pm G: Finance 6pm G: Easter Star apple dumplings Bing. Dist. Lay Servant Class	21 G: Soup & Scripture, 6pm G: Eastern Star apple dumplings	22 G: Cherry Pies	23 G: APPLEFEST 
24. NF: CHOW Sun.	25. Bing. Dist. Lay Servant Class NF: UMW 7pm	26. G: Choir, 7pm	27. NF: Bible study, 10am NF: Choir, 6:45pm	28. G: Soup & Scripture 6pm	30	

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 NF = North Fenton UMC
 GAC = Greene Area Churches

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October

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	2 NF: Church Council mtg. 6:30pm	3. G: Choir, 7pm	4. NF: Bible Study 10am NF: Choir 6:45pm G: Dinner 4-6pm	5. G: Soup & Script 6pm	6. NF: CWU, 10am - Noon	7.
8.	9.	10. G: Choir, 70m	11. NF: Bible Study 10am NF: Choir 6:45pm	12 G: Soup & Script, 6pm	13.	14.
15. Newsletter Deadline Nov/Dec LAITY SUN.	16.	17. G: Choir, 7pm	18. NF: Bible Study 10am NF: Choir 6:45pm G: Finance, 6pm Ad Council 7pm	19. G: Soup & Script 6pm G: UMW 9:30am	20. NF: Rummage/Bake Sale	21. NF: Bag Sale 9 - Noon
22. NF: CHOW Sunday	23. NF: UMW 7pm	24. G: Choir, 7pm	25. NF: Bible Study 10am NF: Choir 6:45pm	26. G: Soup & Script 6pm	27.	28.
29.	30.	31. G: Choir, 7pm G: Halloween Pit Stop REFORMATION DAY				

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Newsletter Deadline: Sun. Oct 15 – November/ December dated information please.