



Orchard Park United Methodist Church
WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

"Mortals make elaborate plans, but God has the last word."
Psalm 16:1

devotion by Mary Brooks, Lay Servant

I will confess I am a planner and sometimes, those plans just don't work out. I was planning beautiful and special music for Christmas one year, only to spend Christmas Sunday morning in the hospital with my young child. We were planning on a family reunion in Colorado when COVID cancelled all our plans, two years in a row. I had plans to help with confirmation and go back east for my brother and sister-in-law's 50th wedding anniversary, only to have those plans put in jeopardy by a health issue of my husband's. I don't like it when my plans have to be changed, but I have come to accept that God may have other plans for me.

One of my girls' favorite games growing up was a simple computer game with Barbie and Ken. Ken would invite Barbie to do something, and she would get all dressed for it and then Ken would call, "Hi Barbie, this is Ken, plans have changed." And Barbie would have to change clothes for the new plan. Then the call would come again, "Hi Barbie, this is Ken, Plans have changed." So here I am again - only it's God instead of Ken saying, "plans have changed." I'm familiar with the roller coaster now and mature enough to understand that sometimes things just don't go the way we planned.

Omnipotent God, I know you have plans for me that I don't understand. Help me be faithful and patient when my plans and yours don't go together, for I know your plans are far better than my plans. Help me be ready when you call and say "Hi, this is God. Plans have changed!" In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

May 23
Worship Participants

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Lay Speaker: Rev. Allyn Foster

Music Director: Meiko Reigelman

Soloist: Mary Jane Russell

Liturgist: George Slocum

A/V Operator: Peter Slotman

The flowers on the altar on May 23 are given to the glory of God and in honor of Scarlett Spinelli's 6th birthday from her Grandma Carol.

Guest Speakers

May 23: Rev. Allyn Foster

May 30: Rev. Dr. Vic Metivier

June 6: Rev. Dr. Vic Metivier

June 13: Rev. Sue Russell

June 20: Rev. Dr. Vic Metivier

June 27: UMW

Beginning May 30, we will be reintroducing bulletins and congregational singing.

Please continue to complete the contact tracing log upon entry, wear your mask, and remain physically distanced from anyone who does not reside in your household.

Upcoming Events

May 23 @ 10:30 AM:

Sunday worship

May 24, 9:30 AM-1 PM:

Sewing Circle

May 25, 6 PM-8 PM:

**Transformational
Leadership Training**

May 30: **Peace with Justice**

Sunday

May 31: **Memorial Day**

May Birthdays

Carolyn Wrinn (5/12)

Scarlett Spinelli (5/13)

Rosalind Slotman (5/16)

Caleb Liggett (5/16)

Kathy Babcock (5/20)

David Marcus (5/21)

Magdeline Hayman (5/22)

Jordan Spinelli (5/30)

Thomas Stamm (5/31)

Alice, Jeremy & Mara Pugh
(5/31)



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

On Blanket Sunday, we joined with CWS partner organizations, congregations and individuals so that our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters. **Our congregation donated \$490.** Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for *Pastor Jennifer* as she is out on medical leave.
- Pray for *Marie Gorman*, who is in Autumn View Rehab recovering from a fall. Her address there is 4650 Southwestern Blvd, Room 303, Hamburg, NY 14075.
- Pray for the health of *Joan Zimmerman*.
- Pray for *Rev. Brian Rotach* as he is recovering from surgery.
- Pray for the health of Dan and Shannon's friend, *Christy*.
- Pray for Candy and Joe's neighbor, *Scott*, who is getting stronger each day after his stem cell transplant.
- Pray for Candy and Joe's neighbor, *Roger*, as he begins a new round of chemotherapy and continues his fight with cancer.
- Pray for *Lurly Hunsberger*.

Have a prayer request you'd like to share? Has God answered your prayer? Email opumc@verizon.net. We will include your prayer request or praise report in next week's NewsFlash.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

Thank you to this month's St. Pauly's Clothing Shed volunteers!

Art Cooper (5/2), George Slocum (5/9),
Dan Liggett (5/16 & 5/23), Ed Nuse (5/30)

Orchard Park United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation.

We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

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