



Orchard Park United Methodist Church

# WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

**“Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?”**

Luke 6:41

devotion by Kimberly Leetch

There are plenty of other things going on in the world with the power to divide us against our neighbors. (How should we tackle a global pandemic while maintaining economic health and equity?) Divisions exist worldwide, and opinions have become increasingly polarized.

I don’t know about you, but I have experienced this past year (longer, really) with high anxiety. Anxiety exacerbates tensions, and tension makes me want to dig in my heels on the things I believe in. The last thing I want to do when it seems the whole world is falling apart is to compromise on my beliefs—it sometimes feel as though what I believe is the only thing I can hold on to.

But then I read these wise words in Luke and I realize I have no moral standing to judge those who opinions differ from mine. As hard as it is (‘cause I’m right, you know), I have to approach conversations and behaviors with the idea that I might not be right. Because if I’m willing to entertain the idea that another might be on to something, and if they too, are willing to listen and learn, then together we can arrive at a point neither could have come to alone.

Wisdom is not formed in a vacuum. The wisest among us have surrounded themselves with others that challenge them and push them to deeper understanding. If I only ever listen to my own voice, then I will never grow. The more diverse the voices in my arena, the greater we all will become, and the greater things we can do together. Instead of “a blind person [guiding] a blind person” (Luke 6:39), we can become people who see more clearly, and we can navigate the pits together.

*Whose wise words can challenge you to see more clearly?*

## June 6 Worship Participants

Worship Service 10:30 AM

*Pastor:* Rev. Vic Metivier

*Music Director:* Meiko Reigelman

*Liturgist:* Dianne Brent

*A/V Operator:* Peter Slotman

**Holy Communion will be offered on June 6.**

## Guest Speakers

June 6: Rev. Dr. Vic Metivier

June 13: Rev. Sue Russell

June 20: Rev. Dr. Vic Metivier

June 27: UMW



Camp scholarships are available for financial assistance to any Christian-based camp. Contact the office for more information.



Thank you to Marilyn Henning for the flowers and for making the outside of our church look so warm and inviting!

## Upcoming Events

June 6 @ 10:30 AM:

### Sunday worship

June 7, 9:30 AM-1 PM:

### Sewing Circle

June 9 @ 7 PM:

### Church Council Meeting

## June Birthdays

Marilyn Henning (6/20)

Weston Marcus (6/20)

Donna Varney (6/26)

Scott Pugh (6/29)



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for *Pastor Jennifer* as she is out on medical leave.
- Pray for *the family of Pat Stamm* (Mike Stamm's father), who passed away last week.
- Pray for the health of Donna Kroh's friend Linda whose cancer has returned.
- 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 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 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](mailto: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!

Linda Carroll (6/6), George Slocum (6/13),

Dan Liggett (6/20), Mike Waters (6/27)

*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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