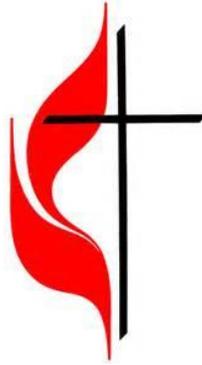




SUMC at 51 Church St., Schuylerville  
Sunday Worship Service at 11 AM



QSUMC at 466 Route 32 South  
Sunday Worship Service at 9 AM

# The MESSENGER

Of the Schuylerville and Quaker Springs  
United Methodist Churches

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July/August 2017

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Alt. Monday	Girl Scouts 6:30PM @ SUMC
4th Monday	Emmaus (informal worship) 7PM
Mondays	Pastor's Sabbath ( time to rejuvenate)
Mondays	Charge Bible Study 7 PM July @ QSUMC
Tuesday	Book Study 2 to 3 @ Gloria T's
Wednesday	Dinner & Worship- Centenary UMC Greenwich 6PM
Thursdays	SUMC Choir rehearsal at 7PM
Friday	Overeaters Anonymous 10 AM @ SUMC
Saturday	Alcoholics Anonymous 8 PM @ SUMC
June 29	SUMC Worship mtg @ 6 PM
July 5	SUMC Admin Council mtg @ 7 PM
July 18	QS Admin Council mtg @ 7PM
August Meetings	Please check bulletin each week for other meetings- dates are not yet set
August 27	September/October Messenger Deadline
September	QSUMC Annual Pie Sale



## Schuylerville Garden Club

Schuylerville Garden Club invites all to attend their **Annual Flower Show, Saturday, July 22 1 – 5 pm and Sunday July 23 noon – 4 pm.** This year's Theme "Out Of This World" will feature horticulture and design displays, a photo contest, people's choice and a Moss Art demo on Sunday @ 2:30 pm. Admission is free. Plants, gardening items, food and gifts from merchants will be sold.

**QSUMC Annual Pie Sale Coming in September**  
*The Revive and Thrive Team* has again partnered with *Shelly Smith* of Smith's Orchard Bakeshop in Charlton to sell their delicious homemade pies. Orders will be taken in September. More information to follow in August bulletins.





**Prayer - A Divinely inspired support system between God and God's people. Please keep in prayer:**

*Family, friends and folks we know who are ill, undergoing rehab, chemo, surgery, treatments, recouping or just in need of our prayers.*

*The Women and Men of our Armed Forces who are working for World Peace*

*Family and Friends in Nursing and Health Care Facilities*

*Family and Friends who are grieving the lost a loved one.*

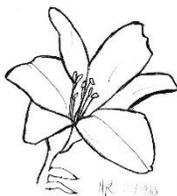


A simple thank you hardly seems adequate to truly express our deep gratitude and appreciation to our church family, friends and community. Nevertheless, we do want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone for your outpouring of support, food, fellowship and assistance during the past couple of months. From visits, cards and friendly phone calls to helping prepare the sanctuary and Crandall Hall for Phil's service and coordinating the video and audio equipment, to baking and arranging refreshments, we appreciate it all very much.

At times like this it is truly humbling, a bit overwhelming, but most of all completely comforting to live in such a caring and supportive community. We are thankful beyond words.

Very Sincerely,

**The Family of Philip Griffen**



**Nathaniel Carter**

Born May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

7lbs 4oz.

Parents: Kelli Jo and Michael Wilson of Wilton, NY  
Grandparents: Edward Ormsby of Schuylerville, Renee Skibinski of Clifton Park and James and Julie Wilson of Clarksville, Tenn. Great Grandparents include: Don & Peg Ormsby of Schuylerville (He is their 14<sup>th</sup> great grandchild) and Jim and Diane Conn of Ballston Spa

**Ruby Ann Drozd**

Born June 9, 2017

5 lbs. 15 oz. - 19 inches long

Parents: Curtis and Becca Drozd

Grandparents: Julie and Pete Phillips

Great Grandparents: Linda and Phil Griffen

Great Aunt and Uncle: Laurie and Steve Griffen

**MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE**

This Memorial Day, I would like to thank all those whose work and dedication have made such a lovely appearance to the Quaker Springs Church Grounds.

The folks from Saratoga Sod who started us out this year with spring pruning and a wonderful Mulch Job.

Those silent workers who every week mow the lawn, trim and weed the shrubbery, and plant and care for the flowers. Such dedication is an example for us all.

Stop by and look closely at the flowers before the blossom is past, it's certainly worth the time.

God Bless, Marion

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BEN

Brothers and Sisters,

Summer greetings to you all! We are entering into a wonderful season for many families. The summer season is often one that is filled with vacations and joys as we enjoy the amazing creation God has gifted us. I am certainly looking forward to hearing the many stories of vacations shared with our great charge!

Though in this summer season I have a deep desire for you all. Our founder, John Wesley, urged those who are called Methodists to have "holiness of heart and life" which is why he asked a very vital question, "Is the love of God shed abroad in your heart?" Our denomination, our precious faith, and even our great country faces an abundance of challenges. In the midst of these challenges we are often faced with difficult choices to make. How will we treat others in whom we disagree with? How will we love the unlovable? How can I respond to the nudging of the Holy Spirit?

These are just a drop in the bucket of the challenges before us. In his sermon "The New Birth" Wesley attempted to help us understand how we can better journey into the holiness Christ beckons us. In his sermon he wrote,

"For what is holiness, according to the oracles of God? Not bare religion, external religion, a round of outward duties, how many so ever they be, and how exactly so ever performed. No; gospel holiness is no less than the image of God stamped on the heart. It is no other than the whole mind which was in Christ Jesus."

So this summer, in the joys of ice-cream trucks and swimming pools, let us strive to have holiness of heart and life. Let the love of Christ embody ALL that you do and ALL that are. Let us take this journey together knowing that it will not come right away. I want to extend the invitation for each and every one you - the oldest reader and the youngest, the new members, the faithful members

who have been in the charge for as long as you can remember, and even those who are not quite sure why they receive this newsletter. The Holy One is speaking to you and calls you into something new. What more can you do in blessed response to the moving of the God who speaks to us? Are you being called to attend our weekly Bible studies on Monday nights to be affirmed or moved in your faith? Are you being called to join your voice in one of choirs to bless our communities with song? Are you being called to start a new small group to walk hand-in-hand with others and be held accountable to the moving of our Lord? What is God calling for YOU to do this summer? I invite you to use these words Charles Wesley wrote in the hymn "O Come and Dwell in Me" #388 in our United Methodist Hymnals,

*"O come and dwell in me, Spirit of power within,  
and bring the glorious liberty from sorrow, fear,  
and sin.*

*Hasten the joyful day which shall my sins  
consume, when old things shall be done away, and  
all things new become.*

*I want the witness, Lord, that all I do is right,  
according to thy mind and word, well-pleasing in  
thy sight."*

Come, Holy Spirit, and hear our prayers as we journey with You.

I will be lifting you all up in prayer as we walk step by step. May you never forget in Who and Whose you are!

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Benjamin Lalka



### Bibles Received At QSUMC

It has been a long standing tradition at QSUMC to give Bibles to Sunday School students as they prepare to leave fourth grade and enter fifth grade.

On Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, four students received Bibles. They are **Lucius Griffen, Levi Michaud, Isaac Terrases and Tristan Stallone.**

## **MEET OUR 2017 GRADUATES**

### **Marikate Barber**

Daughter of Colleen and Bill Barber, Marikate graduated from SUNY Cobleskill with a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science with a focus in Dairy. She is currently doing her internship with Stewarts.

### **Sophie Carlin**

Is the daughter of Kristi and Ted Carlin and is **Paul and Gini Griffen's** granddaughter. Her mother, Kristi, is Gini's daughter. She graduated from Columbus Academy in Columbus, Ohio. She plans to attend Elon College in Greensboro, North Carolina in the fall. She has a true passion for her horses and loves playing Lacrosse.

### **Elijah Stone Dodd**

Son of Nathan A Dodd and Erica Shipe Dodd  
Elijah is the 9th Generation Dodd to be baptized at Quaker Springs UMC. Grandson of Bonnie and Bob Greenfeld and the late Charles Dodd, nephew of Donna and Cliff Thomas

Elijah graduated from BOCES HVAC/R on June 15th and from Schuylerville High School on June 24th. He has earned his Universal Refrigeration License from BOCES. He has been accepted into the HVAC/R program at Hudson Valley CC to further his studies in the field. He has been hired by the Schuylerville School District to work on their Custodial Staff for the summer.

### **Becca Drozd**

Daughter of Julie and Pete Phillips. Julie Griffen Phillips, is the daughter of **Phil and Linda Griffen** and Becca is their granddaughter and niece of Steve and Laurie Griffen. She has graduated with a 4.0 GPA from the University of Detroit Mercy, as a Specialist in School Psychology (Masters plus 30). She will now complete a 1 year paid internship at Allegan Public Schools

### **Marisa Kehley**

Daughter of Norma and Todd Kehley and sister of David Kehley, Marisa graduated from Schuylerville High School. She will attend SUNY Adirondack in the fall. Her plan is to pursue a career in Photography.

### **Katilyn LaBounty**

Daughter of Shane LaBounty and Kim Crandall and Granddaughter of **Mary & Dean Deuel** has graduated from Shenendehowa Central School. She will be going to Siena College in the fall to major in Computer Science. Her future goal is to work for Google.

### **David Lagoe**

Son of Donna & Bill Lagoe and nephew of Deb & Tim Lagoe. David graduated from Adirondack Community College with an AAS in Business Administration. He was recently hired by Stewarts as an Auditor but is also continuing his employment as a Supervisor at Best Buy on a part time basis. Like everyone, he is looking for that dream job

### **Kristin Lagoe**

Daughter Donna & Bill Lagoe and niece of Deb & Tim Lagoe. She graduated in May from SUNY Albany with a Bachelors in Psychology and a minor in Neuroscience. She is currently working for the Center for Disability as a Resident Counselor and Saratoga Bridges as a Direct Service Support Professional. Like her brother, looking for that dream job.

### **Kate McDermott**

Daughter of John and Laura (Griffen) McDermott. Laura is the daughter of Phil and Linda Griffen. Kate is the Granddaughter of Phil and Linda Griffen and niece of Steve and Laurie Griffen. She has graduated from the University of North Texas in Fort Worth, Texas. On June 20th, she begins a 3 year medical residency at the University of Kansas via the Christi Hospital system in Wichita, Kansas.

**Tessa Lea Ormsby**

Daughter of Edward Ormsby of Schuylerville and Julie Hamm. She is the granddaughter of **Peg and Don Ormsby**. She graduated on June 10<sup>th</sup> from Schenck High School in East Millinocket, Maine. She plans on attending Eastern Maine Community College in the fall with a focus on Advanced EMT and Paramedic studies.

**Laurie Price**

Fiancé of Edward Ormsby and future daughter-in-law of **Peg and Don Ormsby**. She graduates on June 27<sup>th</sup> as a Massage Therapist with a diploma from the Center for Natural Wellness and School of Massage Therapy. She will be taking the New York State Boards on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Malachi Price**

Son of David Price and Laurie Price. He is the future grandson of **Peg and Don Ormsby**. He graduated on May 29<sup>th</sup> with a Bachelor's degree in English from SUNY New Paltz. He will be completing an apprenticeship in Journalism.

**Saige Sandifer,**

Great granddaughter of Phoebe Hunt Fontaine, Graduated Mount Greylock Regional High School on June 3, 2017. Saige plans to pursue graphic arts, beginning at Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, Mass.

**Anne Marie Stahlecker**

Daughter of Sally and Ed Stahlecker and granddaughter of Yvonne Woolley. Anne Marie graduated from the University of Southern Alabama with a Master's Degree in Nursing. She is employed as a Flight Nurse for Methodist Air Care. She plans to take her boards to be an L.N.P.

**Patrick Stock**

Son of Nancy and Jason Stock and the grandson of **Paul and Gini Griffen**. Patrick is a Suma Cum Laude graduate from Northeastern University School of Engineering with a Master's Degree. His future plans are not known at this time.

**Jasmine Sweeney**

Daughter of Windy Sweeney and Mary Kay assistant to Jess Kilian, Jasmine graduated from Schuylerville High School. She plans to enlist in the Air Force like her grandfather who is an Air Force Vet.

**MIKAELA DODD THOMAS**

Daughter of Cliff and Donna Dodd Thomas and niece of Bonnie and Bob Greenfeld and the late Charles Dodd. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Syracuse University with a 3.95 GPA. Mikaela was a Coronat Scholar as well as a Founders Scholar. Being a dually-enrolled student, Mikaela received two Bachelor's Degrees. From the S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, she received a BA in Advertising and from the College of Arts and Sciences, she received a BA in Psychology. She was hired in January 2017, so she and her two cats are headed to NYC in July to start her professional career as a Copy Writer on the Creative Team of the global advertising agency, SapientNitro.

**Cassidy Vohnoutka**

Daughter of Melissa and Ed Vohnoutka, granddaughter of Edward Vohnoutka Sr., and great granddaughter of Betty Polmateer, Cassidy graduated from Schuylerville High School. She will attend ACC in September. Her plan is to pursue a career in Nursing.

**Myron Wisley**

Son of Mike Wisely and grandson of Jean Wisley, Myron graduated from ACC with a Degree in Liberal Arts.



### Blessing of Graduates prayer:

Before you were even formed, God knew you.  
While in your Mother's womb, God named you.  
At your birth, God's breath filled you with life.  
Today we celebrate what you have become  
At this moment in time. And so we pray,  
God of our beginnings,  
We thank you for the gifts of these graduates;  
Their excitement, their awesome wonder and  
curiosity,  
Their open speech and encouraging words.  
Their contributions have blessed and challenged  
us,  
And we have become a richer  
And more diverse community because of them.  
As they step forward into the world that awaits,  
Comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your  
divine presence.  
Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of  
Jesus  
As modern-day disciples in a world that needs their  
spirit.  
Guide their feet as they move through life,  
Protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness  
While they help to lead future generations  
Into the warmth and promise of your light.  
We ask this blessing upon each of them. AMEN

### Successful Plant Sale

Thanks to everyone who organized and worked  
at the Plant Sale on May 20th. We made more  
than \$800.00 for the Church Treasury.

Key supporters were Dave Hoffman, Bonnie and  
Bob Greenfeld, Gail Gerber, Deb and Tim Lagoe,  
Gini and Paul Griffen and others too numerous to  
mention.

Thank you also to the neighbors and friends of  
the church who both donated and purchased  
plants.

God Bless, Marion Craine



### Eternal Father Strong To Save

**"Eternal Father Strong To Save"** has been so closely tied to the seafaring crowd that is more commonly known as **"The Navy Hymn"**. Every church service at the Naval Academy has ended with the first verse of this hymn since 1879. The words were written by Rev. William Whiting in 1860 and first published in 1861. Whiting was a school teacher and clergyman on the English seacoast. Having survived a violent storm on the Mediterranean, Whiting was well suited to write the words for **"The Navy Hymn"**. The poem was originally written for one of his students who was fearful of an upcoming trip to the United States. The following year, the words were set to music by Rev. John B. Dykes. Rev. Dykes wrote more than 300 hymn tunes including "Holy, Holy, Holy", "Jesus Lover of my Soul", and "Nearer My God To Thee".

**"The Navy Hymn"** has become part of our pop culture. It has been sung at many important state funerals including Franklin Roosevelt, John Kennedy, Ronald Reagan and the "Challenger" astronauts. The hymn has also appeared in several movies including *Crimson Tide*, *The Right Stuff*, *Perfect Storm* and *Titanic*.

Over the years, several verses have been added to **"The Navy Hymn"** to focus on particular groups. There are add on verses for the Merchant Marines, Coast Guard, Navy Nurses, Navy SEALs, Antarctic Service, submariners and astronauts. I am not surprised that so many people want to wrap themselves up in this beautiful, comforting hymn. Tim Lagoe, Hymn Historian

Sources: wikipedia.org

history.navy.mil

*Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J Morgan

## Chancel Choir on Break for the summer!

With the coming of summer our choir will be on vacation as of June 25th. This has been a very busy time for after much discussion the date of our weekly rehearsal has been change to Wednesday at 7pm.

We found that there were many community activities scheduled on Thursday and also and Alyssa Lalka couldn't be in both choirs if Schuylerville and Quaker Springs both rehearsed on the same day. Therefore our regular meeting day for rehearsals has been moved go Wednesday.

After a busy Lent Season and Easter celebration we planned each Sunday to match Pastor Ben's theme and to enjoy a large variety of Anthems. This spring I have been so pleased to see most of our 12 members joining us weekly. The awesome sound of all our Bases, Tenors, Altos and Sopranos really shines each Sunday. For the last few Sundays, our choral Benedictions have simply been a repeat of the last Hymns last verse which makes a very simple final Song to conclude our service. Many thanks to.

Sopranos: Deb Lagoe, Alyssa Lalka, Margaret Nolan and (when they can make it) Meaghan Bellard, and Shelby Dodd.

Altos: Donna Dodd-Thomas, Gail Gerber and Peg Ormsby

Tenors: Tim Lagoe, Bonnie Greenfeld and (when he can make it) Bill Lagoe

Basses: Cliff Thomas and Khail Hailu

Special appreciation for Deb Lagoe's direction and guidance to improve our performances dynamics and clarity. God Bless you all. Have a great summer.

Marion Craine



## The Way

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The Way - we're growing and giving!

We had our quarterly meeting on May 21, to distribute \$860 from our first quarter. Donations went to the Turning Point Parade (a sponsorship - \$60), Schuylerville Library (\$200), Schuylerville Youth Program at Fort Hardy Park (\$200), Dollars for Scholars award - in honor of Mary Aldrich (\$200), Greenwich United Methodist Church (\$100), and Rebuilding Together (\$100).

We're building a second large shed behind the Way, to give us room for all the donations! We'll designate our first shed for summer clothes, and the new one for winter clothes. This will help immense in organizing and getting to the clothes throughout the year!

A suggestion about donations...if you've got some clothes that you don't feel qualify to be donated (i.e. missing buttons, broken zipper, stains, small tears), please consider putting them in a plastic bag and labeling it "No Way!" - and, for your high quality donations, which we get a lot of - label them "Way" This would help our sorting time a lot, and be very much appreciated.  
- Thanks from the sorting team :)

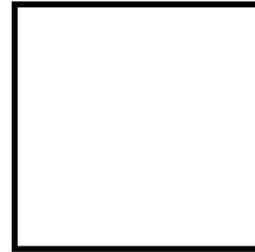
And finally, watch for an announcement of our "Box Moving Day" ... we're going to need some extra muscles to move the summer and winter boxes around when the new shed is completed...probably somewhere around early or mid-July -

Again, thanks to all of our crew and those of you who support us with your time and donations!! God bless you always, and in all ways ~

Sue H

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