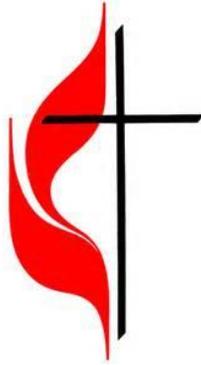




SUMC at 51 Church St., Schuylerville
 Sunday Worship Service at 11 AM



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

The MESSENGER

*Of the Schuylerville and Quaker Springs
 United Methodist Churches*

May /June 2017

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 May @ SUMC/Parsonage
Tuesday	Book Study 2 to 3 @ Gloria T's RESUMES MAY 9
Wednesday	Dinner & Worship- Centenary UMC Greenwich 6PM
Wednesday	QS Choir rehearsal at 7PM
Thursdays	SUMC Choir rehearsal at 7PM
Friday	Overeaters Anonymous 10 AM @ SUMC
Saturday	Alcoholics Anonymous 8 PM @ SUMC
May 3	SUMC Admin. council Meeting @7PM
May 4	SUMC Worship Meeting @6 PM
	District Prayer Meeting @2 PM @ S. Cambridge UMC
May 7	4 PM at SUMC --Scott Turner's presentation on his Guatemala Mission Trip followed by a Potluck dinner.
May 8	Charge Bible Study (Romans) resumes at 7PM @ SUMC/Parsonage

May 9	QS Worship Team Meeting at 6PM
May 9	QS Admin Council Meeting at 7 PM
May 10	QS choir rehearsal at 6 PM
May 10	QS dinner review meeting at 7 PM
May 20	QSUMC Annual Plant Sale 9am -1PM
June Meetings	Check Sunday bulletins and announcements for specific dates
June 18	July/August Messenger Deadline and Graduate information

Quaker Springs United Methodist Church
 466 Route 32 South, Schuylerville



6th Annual Plant Sale
May 20th 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.
 (Rain or Shine)

Large variety of perennials, bulbs, trees from local gardens, plus Garden Décor.

All proceeds support our Kitchen Renovation Project!

Visit www.qsumc.com for partial list of available plants



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.



SUMC Choir

Schuylerville Choir was hard at work last season preparing for Lenten services, Palm Sunday, and Easter. We sang a few of our favorite pieces which included *Who Is That Man and Once Upon A Tree*. We were blessed with **Lisa Polmateer Biss** accompanying these songs with her flute. Moving pieces like these are such a Blessing to do for the Lord and our congregation especially during this time of great sorrow of Our Lord Savior's death and great joy of His resurrection.



SUMC Bells

We were unfortunate not to be able to have the bell program for Palm Sunday as we had hoped. Too many of the members were not able to attend due to illness but we are hoping for a summer program. If you would like to join please see **Tary Bushnell**. All you need to do is attend practice once a week and be able to count to six. Bell ringing is a great dedication to God.

--Robin Nevins

The following poem was submitted by a member of our charge who wishes to remain anonymous

TIME FOR GOD

Jesus waited by the garden walk,
His family He was to meet.
He loved to be able to share and talk,
While His children sat at His feet.

We can't come said some, we don't have the time,
We won't be there said others
There's things to be done.
His family was too busy trying to make that
almighty dime,
And the rest of them was having too much fun.

Jesus looked at His family with tears in His eyes,
He had done everything for them even dying on a
tree.

"I love all my children unconditionally," He cried,
I only ask them to take a day off just for me."

So once again no one came,
So once again Jesus stood alone that special day.
So once again everything was just the same,
So once again there was no one in the church to
pray.

JESUS ASKS SO LITTLE OF US; COME TO HIS
CHURCH TO PRAY!



Graduate Information

The time for graduation is fast approaching. Please watch church bulletins/announcements for the name of the person in each church who will collect this information. Or send the information to me at dlagoe@nycap.rr.com by June 18th so that it will be included in our next issue!



For the Fruits of This Creation

Frederick Pratt Green wrote more than 300 hymns. Eighteen of them are in our hymn book. That's a lot of hymns for one composer but it's especially impressive considering the fact he didn't start composing until he was in his late sixties.

Frederick Pratt Green was born in Liverpool, England in 1903. His father was a leather merchant and a Wesleyan local preacher. Frederick went to a Methodist boarding school. He considered a career in architecture but eventually joined his father's leather business. His father resigned from the ministry because he couldn't accept the current teaching of eternal damnation for unbelievers. Young Frederick shared his father's liberal philosophy concerning church teachings.

Green was an active member of a local church when he felt the call to ministry. He graduated from Didsbury Theological College in 1928. Upon ordination, he requested a missionary assignment in Africa. The conference assigned him to a local church and the chaplaincy for Hunmanby Hall Girl's School in Yorkshire. It was there that he met Marjorie Dowsett, a French teacher and his future wife. (This reporter also met his wife in a school)

Rev. Green had a long successful career in the ministry. He served in many churches and was frequently preaching to more than 2000 parishioners on a Sunday morning. He was semiretired in 1967 when he was asked to serve on a committee to plan a supplement to the Methodist Hymn Book. Rev. Green was never a big fan of music or hymns but he was a talented, published poet. It was his skill as a poet that got him into our hymn book.

Rev. Green became a hymn writer for hire. He was frequently approached to write a hymn on a specific topic ranging from Christian aid to the Vietnam War. He wrote hymns for the commission not pleasure. In 1977 the Church of England asked him to write a hymn for the queen's silver jubilee. The church had hired a composer who worked three months on a hymn that was quickly rejected. Rev. Green wrote a substitute hymn in two hours using the tune from the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Try singing the hymn. I think it works very well.

It is God who holds the nations
In the hollow of his hand
It is God whose light is shining
In the darkness of the land;
It is God who builds his city on
The rock and not the sand
May the living God be praised!

Rev. Green's hymns eventually produced a steady flow of royalties that were placed in a trust dedicated to hymnody and church music. The trust has been active in many areas. They established a collection of over 3,000 hymn books, dating back to the 18th century at Durham University. Funds were also used to pay the copyright fees for the first Roman Catholic hymn book in Latvia after the fall of communism. The trust recently funded the development of a CD-Rom called "Hymnquest". The collection contains more than 15,000 hymns and 12,000 tunes that can be searched for more than 3,000 themes that hymn writers have used over the years.

Rev Green had a long productive life. He was still working fourteen hour days when he was in his eighties. He died on October 20, 2000 while living in a Methodist retirement home at the age of 97.

Tim Lagoe, Hymn Reporter

Sources: www.wikipedia.org
www.telegraph.co.uk



Many Thanks to **Bonnie, Bob Greenfeld and Chris Dodd** who took over the internet advertising for the April First Supper. **Linda Campbell, Deb Lagoe and Marion Craine** also are members of the Publicity committee for the suppers. We had a great turn out.

Pastor Ben, Alyssa and Deb Lagoe did a great job of reorganizing all the sheet music for the Choir. It is now all in the Pastors office in two file cabinets. Many Thanks to you three.

Dave Hoffman and Trustees who organized the Church Clean up on April 8th and. Thanks to **Saratoga Sod** for the donations of mulch and workers to make our Church look lovely for our Easter Service on April 16th.



The Way

"It's been a busy spring at the Way! We transitioned from winter to spring/summer clothing toward the end of March, and items have been flying off the racks. As people have been putting their winter clothes away we're had many of those clothes landing in the donation bin. It's

good to know we'll have a big supply of winter coats, sweaters, etc. for next year...but where will we put them all!! On top of that...many people take out their spring clothes, try them on, and decide to opt for a visit to the spring sales...so we get more clothes...but where will we put them all ? !

Well, the solution to our abundance of clothing is the potential addition of another shed during May and June. We're hoping we can have a winter shed and a summer shed, which would give us quicker and easier access to all of the clothes we have in reserve. And when that shed is completed, then we'll have a 'rearranging the stock' party...stay tuned!

About all the donations we've received... On the "wonderful" side we've got many prom gowns, shirts, blouses, shorts, capris, and swim suits for the coming season. In the "what do we do with it?" category, we found two KEYBOARDS in our donation bin this past week!! Really, what does a "gently used clothing store" do with keyboards? So...I ask you to please pass the word to any and all you meet who may ask about The Way ... we sell "gently used clothing", and some purses and footwear. Other useable items should be saved for a summer garage sale, or perhaps donated to Second Hand Rose. Thanks :)

We do have a concern --- and that is that we continue to have a limited number of volunteers sorting and hanging clothes, so if you're interested, or know someone who would be willing to help for 1-2 hours during the week, please contact one me or one of our volunteers. I do anticipate that this summer we will have a "fill the boxes, fill the racks" party!

Finally, during May we will once again be meeting to distribute our tithe from The Way - please check at church or on the web site for the date and time of that meeting. Meanwhile, enjoy the warmth, sunshine, and the beautiful area we live in - God's blessings to all!

Sue H

QSUMC April Supper Report

Many Thanks to the great group of volunteers who showed up to work at our April First "NO FOOLING" Dinner.

At 8am our potatoes peelers (**Sharon Roby, Martha Gilgallon, Peg Ormsby, Bill Deyoe, Yared Hailu, Dave Hoffman** and **Yvonne Woolley** from our sister Church) arrived.

Mike McLoughlin and **Linda Campbell** who began preparing food on Friday were still hard at work making the dressing and slicing the meat (both Ham and Turkey) by 11am.

Around 12:30 pm, **Deb Lagoe** and **Dave Hoffman** arrived to begin preparing the cold portion of our take outs. They prepared bags with takeout containers of cole slaw, applesauce and rolls. They also began slicing about 30 pies which were then either plated for serving with dinner or put into take out containers.

By 3:30 pm, **Linda and Mike** along with **Peg Ormsby, Sharon Roby and Dave Hoffman** were in their places behind the serving counter ready to serve our dinner. **Deb Lagoe, Connie Turner and Margaret Nolan** had the take out area set up and we were ready to begin.

Our new ticket taker team was **Yared Hailu** and **Bonnie Greenfeld**. **Linda Campbell** served as our hostess, seating everyone while overseeing the Silent Auction. A special thank you to **Linda** for arranging for the Silent Auction and all the wonderful items from members of the church and local merchants.

Our Servers for the Floor were **Donna Dodd Thomas, Alyssa Lalka, Mary Jo Michaud, Tristan Turner, Renee Brannigan** and **Khail Hailu**. Throughout the rest of the serving time, **Tim Lagoe** was in charge of drinks while **Laurie Griffen, Scott Turner** and **Ben Lalka** helped out where needed.

Some of our pre-teen youth (**Tristan Stallone and Luke Griffen** as well as **Natalie and Elena Hoffman**) also provided assistance where needed.

Our Dish Washers were **Tim Lagoe, Dave Hoffman, Bob Greenfeld, Pete Koval** and **Barb Hailu**.

Our late Clean up helpers were **Sally Snowden, Nelson Snowden, Cliff Thomas** and **Jennifer Hoffman**.

We appreciated all who spent the day helping, contributed money for supplies and pies and brought pies to be used for our excellent choices of desserts.

I was at the Keyboard all the time so hope I didn't miss anyone's name who also helped.

Many Thanks to all who helped make this Supper another great success.

Marion Craine

THE JACKASS

(Poem submitted by a member of our charge who wishes to remain anonymous)

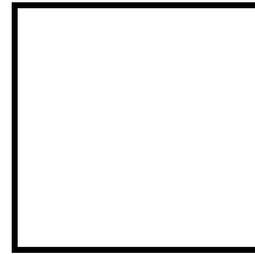
I was walking down the road one day,
And a donkey passed my way.
"Where are you going," he asked,
"I don't know," I told him as I passed.
"But then why are you going?" he wanted to know,
I said to him, "Because that's the way everyone goes."
"This path is well traveled and wide,
And all my friends are right here by my side."
"But what about when you die," the donkey asked.
"Are you ready for heaven and take upon that task?"
"Do you know that Jesus died for you on that tree?"
The donkey then walked away from me.
I know now that no other path should we try to achieve,
Because you are a jackass if in HIM you do not believe!

MORAL OF THE STORY:

Don't be a jackass; FOLLOW JESUS

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