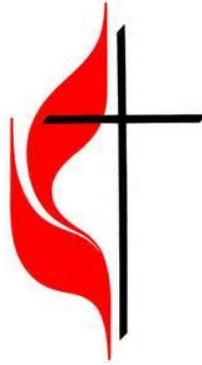




SUMC at 51 Church St., Schuylerville
 Sunday Worship Service at 11 AM



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

The MESSENGER

*Of the Schuylerville and Quaker Springs
 United Methodist Churches*

September / October 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
Tuesday	Book Study 2 to 3 @ Gloria T's
Wednesdays	QSUMC Choir rehearsal at 7 PM
Thursdays	SUMC Choir rehearsal at 7PM
Friday	Overeaters Anonymous 10 AM @ SUMC
Saturday	Alcoholics Anonymous 8 PM @ SUMC
Sept. 3	District Prayer Mtg @ QSUMC 2PM
Sept. 3	QSUMC Pie Sale starts
Sept 6	SUMC Admin Council mtg @ 7 PM
Sept. 16	SUMC Yard Sale 9 AM to 4 PM
Sept. 16	QSUMC Roast Pork Dinner 4 -6 PM
Sept. 19	QSUMC Worship mtg @7 PM
Oct. 1	District Prayer Mtg-Salem UMC 2PM
Oct. 1	QSUMC pie orders due
Oct. 15	Laity Sunday
Oct 17	QS Admin Council mtg @ 7PM
Oct 19	Bishop Webb @Queensbury UMC Laity session at 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Oct. 19	Charge Conference reports due

Oct. 22	QSUMC pie delivery day
Oct. 29	SUMC Dessert Auction and potluck lunch after church
Oct. 29	Community Halloween Party sponsored by QSUMC & QSFD
Oct. 29	November/December Messenger Deadline
Nov. 19	Charge Conference at Saratoga UMC
Other Meetings	Please check bulletin each week for other meetings- dates are not yet set

Hurricane Harvey Relief Support

UMCOR has not set up a specific # for Hurricane Harvey. Their website says to send donations

To "Disaster Response, United States" (#901670) to support relief for Hurricane Harvey.

Cleaning and Hygiene Kits are needed. For list of specific items to include in each kit and the specific instructions on how each kit should be assembled go to WWW.UMCOR.ORG.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BEN

Grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all!

Fall has quickly approached us this year! Fall is rapidly becoming my favorite season for a few reasons. The weather, oh the weather! It is the perfect blend of not too hot and not too cold. My wife, Alyssa, and I have also grown extremely fond of the changing of leaves here in New York and in Vermont as well. I believe the beauty of creation calls us to look deeper at the Creator.

God has been doing wonderful things in our charge. We have been journeying through a new book at bible study called "This We Believe: The Core of Wesleyan Faith and Practice" by Bishop William H. Willimon. This study has kick started our renewed effort for us at Quaker Springs and Schuylerville UMCs to better understand what God is doing and working with those called Methodists. I want to encourage all who may read this article to get a copy of "This We Believe" and take this challenging but wonderful journey along with us.

This emphasis of our Wesleyan faith will continue to be a theme this year as we rediscover our roots found in the Methodist movement. Starting on September 10th we will have a short, three week sermon series based off the book "The Wesley Challenge: 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith" by Pastor Chris Folmsbee. This book is a 21 day journey to deepen our faith by using some of John Wesley's historic questions. I truly believe that if we take these questions seriously, God can move in our hearts and move in our area! God is not done with us Methodists yet!

In Wesley's essay titled "The Character of a Methodist" Wesley answers the question "Who is a Methodist?" by saying, "What then is the mark? Who is a Methodist, according to your own account?" I answer: A Methodist is

one in whom 'the love of God has been poured out in (his) heart by the Holy Spirit who was given to (him)' (Rom. 5:5); one who loves the Lord his God with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his mind, and with all his strength (see Mark 12:30). God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul, which is constantly crying out, 'Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.' My God and my all! You are 'the strength of my heart and my portion forever!' (Ps. 73:25-26). He is therefore happy in God, yes, always happy, as having within him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life, and overflowing his soul with peace and joy."

What can you do in these next two months to fall more deeply in love with God?

I leave you with the words of the Apostle Paul as he wrote to the church in Corinth as found in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Benjamin Lalka



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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

TOGETHER, WE ENABLE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

World Communion Sunday is October 1, 2017

****(We will celebrate WCS on October 8th)****

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Equipping Disciples Like Mary Grace to Serve in Jesus' Name

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Phillipines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty. Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.

Will You Equip World-Changers?

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students, like Mary Grace? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

All information taken directly from the UMC Giving webpage. For more information and stories on World Communion Sunday and your impact through this Special Ministry, visit the website:

<http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday>

****Pastor Ben and Alyssa will be in Virginia for a wedding from September 29th – October 1st. We will celebrate Holy Communion and take up the World Communion Special Offering the following Sunday, October 8th.****



**SUMC GARAGE SALE
Sat. Sept. 16th**

If anyone would like a table, they are for rent for \$10. Call pat Poirier at 695-6855 if you'd like one.

Tim Lagoe will have pumpkins for sale also.

Breakfast will be served and there will also be a bake sale.

**POTLUCK LUNCH and
DESSERT AUCTION- Oct. 29th**

SUMC will be having box dessert auction similar to pound auction at the potluck Lunch on Oct 29th after church. Please bring dessert in a decorated box and a dish to share. Thank you -Pat



QSUMC DOES IT AGAIN

FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW QSUMC went home from the TURNING POINT PARADE victors with the Theme Award. It didn't come without its share of trials and tribulations, but most of all and best of all the people big and small that contributed to the Floats success.

It all started with a warning from Deb not to break the record, so much thought had to go into the production. The Theme of the Parade was Farming. Easy for me, Connie came up with the design of the beautiful backdrops, and donated them. They are gorgeous and can be used for many more events to come. After that, it was easy to arrange all the "farm and flowers" that I had, including Milo the Goat,

owned by Sam Nolan, and Roosie the Rooster who lives here at Cabin Creek. All looked beautiful arranged atop Saratoga Sod, thank you Laurie and Steve, and Will who delivered it and heaved it over the sides of the trailer. In addition, we had a mini John Deere tractor center stage. The full story of its inclusion follows.

Things were going well until Sunday Morning, Bob was wicked sick that left no driver! So, Sam not only donated Milo's time and energy, but his own, and we were good to go. Lots of candy, lots of people to pass it out, Lots of fun. Hopefully there are some pictures someplace. I had too many pockets in my overalls. I couldn't find my camera till I got home. Riding on our Float, being our Generations of Farm Families were Scott and Connie's daughter Emily and her children, and Elena Hoffman.

Carrying our Quaker Springs United Methodist Church Banner to announce our arrival in the parade were Mary Jo and Levi Michaud and Luke Griffen,

Carrying milk buckets of candy, thank you for the donations, Pastor Ben and Alyssa, Dave Hoffman, Margaret and Angela Nolan, with baby Tytha in her stroller, and myself. Connie Turner rode in the truck and refilled buckets as was frequently needed.

It was noted that WE were the ONLY ones actually passing the candy to the children, not throwing it. That was the most fun. Almost all the kids were mannerly and we got lots of thank yous. Does your heart good. I got to run up and give Pastor Virginia a lollipop! Also one to a Sheriff, he said it was the only thing he had been given!

Another successful parade, a grand float, thank you Connie for the inspiration, and the baton goes back to Deb. It was fun, it's a lot of work. I'm old. Bonnie

NOW; FOR THE REST OF THE STORY (This is Cliff Thomas' story, when I asked him for a "little" background on the tractor he loaned me for the parade float. Wouldn't quite

fit on the placard I made to identify it in the parade) Bonnie G

The tractor is a John Deere 620 (we actually owned a real 620 on our "big" 19 cow dairy!). It was given to me for my 5th birthday in 1959 and, of course, was my prized possession. Long after I had outgrown it....my younger sister and a succession of my nieces and nephews over the next 25 years rode that tractor until the tires were worn through and the seat was broken off among other things. I began to wonder about the tractor after Blake was born in 1987...and asked my Dad where it might be. After scouring all the places it might have been stored on the farm over the years, my Dad swore he recalled taking it to the dump. I was really disappointed....but not convinced. After all, my genetic predisposition to save everything came from somewhere! So I expanded my search to the old dairy barn which was being used by my sister's family (who lived across the road...and whose kids were the last to use it) to store things ...and in a big pile of discarded bikes and toys...I saw the green front end of the tractor peeking out! Folks at Allen's Farm Supply in Schaghticoke gave me the name of a farm toy collector in Michigan who might be able to help me find replacement parts to restore the tractor. In fact, not only could they "help"...they actually owned the original sand casting molds to fabricate the parts I needed! So, they sent me a new seat; steering wheel, tires, hubcaps and decals....and I spent the winter of 1989 completing the restoration. Of course, by that time, Sky had arrived, so we knew the tractor would get plenty of use (or abuse).

*Footnote: After years of heavy use and being left out in the elements...I refreshed the paint and put on another set of new decals. Then the boys and I entered the tractor for judging at the Washington County Fair in the late '90's....and took home the 'Best in Class' blue ribbon two years in a row!!!!
THE END (remember you asked)*

Cliff Thomas



Welcome back Quaker Springs Chancel Choir

With the advent of September we welcome back all our Quaker Springs Choir Members. Our first Rehearsal shall be on Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 7pm in the Church Sanctuary. We shall discuss our coming music plans, Advent Season music and hope to find some new music.

Our present Choir members are:

Soprano: Deb Lagoe, Alyssa Lalka and Margaret Nolan

Alto: Donna Dodd Thomas, Gail Gerber and Peg Ormsby

Tenor: Bonnie Greenfeld, Tim Lagoe and Bill Lagoe

Bass: Cliff Thomas, Kai Hailu

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 6th.

--Marion Craine

Pumpkins for Sale

We have been fortunate to have a good pumpkin crop this year. Pumpkins will again be sold at QSUMC after Sunday services in late September. They will also be available at the SUMC Garage Sale on Sept. 16th. Proceeds from this year's sale will go to the QSUMC Kitchen Project to help with ongoing renovations.



--Tim Lagoe



Hurrah, Middle “C” Is Back!

As some of you may know for the last month the middle “C” on our piano Keyboard has not been working. This past Thursday thanks to the determination of Bonnie Greenfield we found a repairman to fix it.

The Keyboard was purchased by the Church in memory of Marie Lagoe with Memorial Money at the time of her death in 1991. Marie was a dedicated member of the QS choir singing Alto. Her two Sons Tim and Bill Lagoe are members of our Choir now singing tenor from our back row.

I was fascinated to see how he took out each key in the Keyboard to verify its connection, vacuumed it and then put it all back together. Would you believe he found over a dozen paperclips under those keys?

Many thanks to Mr. Leo Cordero for doing such a wonderful job.

We look forward to many more years with our wonderful Keyboard to help us enjoy the music of our Church.

Marion Craine, organist

The **Quaker Springs United Methodist Church** is offering a Roast Pork Dinner with all the trimmings
On Saturday, September 16, 2017: 4 - 6 pm

Tickets for Adults is \$12:00, Kids 5—12 are \$6:00 and under 5 are free.

Take-Outs are available. Hope to see you there!



Annual Halloween Party

The Quaker Springs Community Halloween Party is a long standing and cherished tradition. Many community Halloween parties were held at the Grange Hall. Unfortunately, our Grange Hall closed and the parties stopped. A few years ago, the tradition resumed through the combined efforts of the Quaker Springs UMC and the Quaker Springs Fire Department.

This year’s party will be held on Sunday October 29th from 1 to 3 PM... Once again, there will be a magician who has some new and exciting magic tricks to show us.

We are always very appreciative of the help received from our church family who donate candy/ refreshments, help with set and clean up.

All are welcome to attend and help keep this tradition alive as well as help the kids create new childhood memories.

--Deb & Tim Lagoe



CAR WASH COUPONS –

Thanks to Gini Griffen, QSUMC is selling **HOFFMAN EXTERIOR ONLY CAR WASH COUPONS** to raise funds for our new kitchen. COUPONS ARE \$10. We receive a very generous 50% profit from Hoffman! Please consider purchasing your coupons from us!

TO ORDER TICKETS

Call Gini Griffen at 587-4371 or
email: ginigriffen@gmail.com

Checks may be made to QSUMC

We will get the coupons to you and we appreciate and thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

Fruit Pie Fundraiser at Quaker Springs

The Revive and Thrive Team has again partnered with Shelly Smith of Smith's Orchard Bakeshop in Charlton to sell their delicious homemade pies.

All pies are \$13 each, arrive frozen and come with baking instructions. These frozen pies will keep for three months, so will be perfect for upcoming fall and Winter events and you can enjoy a scrumptious dessert with minimal effort on your part. Please encourage your friends, family and co-workers to place orders of their own.

To order pies, please contact either:
Gini Griffen (587-4371) (ginigriffen@gmail.com)
Deb Lagoe (584-1812) (dlagoe@nycap.rr.com)

Pie Varieties Available:

APPLE
APPLE CRUMB TOP
APPLE CRANBERRY
APPLE CRANBERRY WALNUT
BLACKBERRY
BLUEBERRY
BLUEBERRY CRUMB TOP
CHERRY
CHERRY CRUMB TOP
PEACH
PECAN
PUMPKIN
RASPBERRY
RASPBERRY CRUMB TOP
RASPBERRY PEACH
STRAWBERRY/RHUBARB
TOLLHOUSE
VERY BERRY

Sales start September 3, 2017

Orders must be prepaid by Sun. Oct. 1st

Pies will be delivered Sunday, Oct. 22nd



In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Many of the hymns we sing actually started out as pieces of poetry that were later set to music. Often, the composer of the music had never met the author of the poem. "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" was such a poem.

John Bowring wrote the poem in 1825. He was a respected hymnist of that time. Bowring was inspired by a story about the destruction of a cathedral in the Hong Kong area. Only the front wall, topped by a huge metal cross, was left standing. The hymn begins: "In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time." It does sound like he might be referring to a crumbling cathedral.

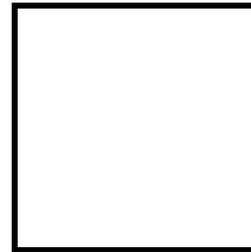
The melody for the hymn was composed 24 years later by Ithama Conkey in 1849. Conkey was the music director and organist for the Central Baptist Church in Norwich, Connecticut. On a rainy Sunday morning, Conkey arrived at church to discover that only one lone soprano had bothered to show up. He was so dejected that he closed up the organ and went home before the service started. (Dale or Marion would never behave in this manner.) He spent the rest of the day practicing piano and contemplating the poem "In the Cross...". That afternoon, he composed the music that now accompanies the hymn. He named the tune "Rathburn". Why Rathburn? The one choir member who showed up on that rainy Sunday morning in 1849 was named Mrs. Beriah S. Rathburn.

Source: "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J Morgan

Tim Lagoe, Hymn Historian

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