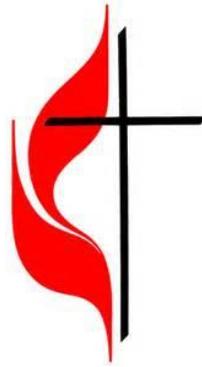




SUMC at 51 Church St., Schuylerville  
 Sunday Worship Service at 11 AM



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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## June to August 2019

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays	@ SUMC Bell choir
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	SUMC Worship Committee Meeting- After church
Alt. Mon	Girl Scouts 6:30PM @ SUMC
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	SUMC Administrative Council 7 PM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Odd months QS Administrative Council
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Even Months QS Worship Committee
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Emmaus (informal worship) 7 PM SUMC
Thursdays	SUMC Choir rehearsal at 7 PM
Fridays	Pastor's Sabbath (time to rejuvenate)
Friday	Overeaters Anonymous 10 AM @ SUMC
Saturday	Alcoholics Anonymous 8 PM @ SUMC
June 4 to 8	Pastor John at Annual Conference
June 9	SUMC to honor Graduates
June 9	SUMC Worship Committee 12:30 to 1 PM
June 13	Bible Study 2 to 3 @ Gloria T's
June 13	QS 175 <sup>th</sup> anniversary committee 6PM
June 16	Father's Day BBQ 1 PM @ SUMC
July 1	SUMC Admin Council 7PM
July 2	QS Worship Committee 7PM

July 11	Bible Study 2 to 3 @ Gloria T's
July 22	QS Admin. Council 6:30 PM
August 11	Riverside Worship Service
<b>August 18</b>	<b>September Messenger Deadline</b>
September 8	Youth Group resumes
Sept 14	Yard Sale at SUMC 9 AM to 4 PM
Sept 29	175 Anniversary Celebration at QSUMC - 1PM

### *Summer Meetings*

Dates for summer meetings were not available at the time of printing. Please check Sunday bulletins and announcements for specific dates as they become available.

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

**By Jackie Iseman**

Hello, as John was telling me about needing to write his article for the Messenger I felt the need to tell him that I would write the article this time. Then I asked myself okay God, why did you have me say that? So here I am after much prayer and Scripture reading ready to write. My hope and prayer through this is that whoever reads this will be encouraged by what God has placed on my heart and drawn closer to Him! As I was praying about what to write about, I was reminded of the time that I had to memorize Colossians 3 when I was a camp counselor. (Now I will be honest and say that scripture memorization has never been my strong suit and therefore never been one of my favorite things. However, I find the amazing thing about Scripture is that no matter how good or bad you are at scripture memorization it is always there for you when you need it). So off to Colossians 3 I went. In my Bible the title for this chapter is *Put On the New Self*, which is such a fitting description for this chapter. It starts out by saying: ***“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you will appear with Him in Glory.”*** (Colossians 3:1-4). Paul then continues by telling us all the things that we need to put to death in our lives now that we are Christians for example, immorality, impurity, slander, malice, and the list goes on (Colossians 3:5-11). However, Paul doesn't stop there, he doesn't just leave us to figure out what to do next. He tells us what to do next, he calls us to *put on* kindness, humility, compassion, forgiveness, and again the list goes on (Colossians 3:12-17). So why is this important? Why did God lay this on my heart? I believe it is important for several different reasons that I will point to briefly. First, this is another reminder that Earth is not our home. We are to set our minds on things above and not on things of Earth because when we live our lives with a heavenly perspective it is so much easier to live

lives that are set-apart from the things of this earth. We don't focus on what society says is right or wrong, but what God has said. We can find hope and joy in the heavenly perspective by being reminded that this is not all there is to life, we will appear with God in Glory, I mean how amazing is that!? Second, it is also encouraging for when we are feeling discouraged in living the life that God has called us to because there is freedom found in living a God honoring life. Putting to death our old selves and putting on the fullness that Christ calls us to live in doesn't seem like a chore, but a joy, a freedom. How much better it is to live in the full redemption of Christ than to be a slave to our sin and immorality? How much more joyful it is to live a life full of compassion, humility, and forgiveness than one that is full of anger, malice, and covetousness? Often when people find out that I am a Christian they feel sorry for me because they think that I have to live by a moral rule book. Except the opposite is true, my life is the one filled with joy and freedom because I am no longer a slave to sin. When we have a heavenly perspective we are reminded again of the Cross and what Jesus did for us upon it. When we look to the cross how could we not want to live in light of the eternal? One of my favorite ways to worship God is through music, I love putting on music that draws me into fellowship with God. A song that has been really on my heart lately is *All That I Am* by Rend Collective. The song is about giving Christ all that we are because of what Christ did for us on the cross. So, as I leave you I want you to think about these few verses of this song:

*Everything's on the altar now  
No holding back, no holding out  
In view of your matchless sacrifice  
Take every treasure, take this life  
All that I am for all that You are, my Lord  
All that I have for all that You are  
You're the pearl beyond price, greater than life  
All that I am for all that You are  
Selfish ambition and my pride  
I'm giving up, I'm letting die  
In these empty hands I have it all, have it all  
The pure joy of knowing You, my Lord*



## PRAYER LIST

**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
- ❖ World disaster victims
- ❖ Families and friends of the victims of violence



**Our Sincere Condolences to the Recently Bereaved Families of:**

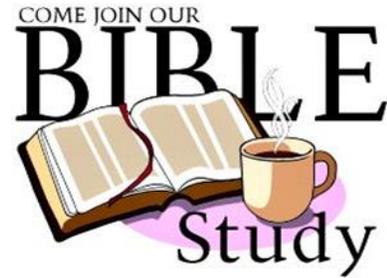
- ❖ Marjorie Mosley

## Prayer List Information Wanted

Beginning in September, *The Messenger* will once again be printed on a monthly basis. If you know of someone to be included on the prayer list, please send me their name at [dlagoe@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dlagoe@nycap.rr.com) or give it to Pastor John. The deadline for all information for the newsletter will be the third Sunday of each month.

## Fall Bible Study

Our next evening Bible study will begin in the fall. The topic will be Women of the Bible. All are welcome to join the group.



## Newsletter Change

Starting in September *The Messenger* will be printed monthly. The deadline for articles will be the third Sunday of each month. Articles do not have to be long. It may only be a sentence with the date of an upcoming event, a word of thanks or a joy to be shared. All information is welcome and encouraged.

## Directory Update

A new 2019 directory is now available. Thank you to Donna Barber for gathering the SUMC information and to all of you for your help in keeping us up to date.  
-Deb Lagoe



**Lucas B. Staats**, son of Pieter and Rebecca Staats and grandson of Dan & Marion Craine of QSUMC, will be graduating from Red Hook Central School in June.

He will attend Cobleskill College this fall. Lucas also has an internship for next year with the John Deere Company in Red Hook.

### **SUMC GRADUATES**

On Sunday June 9, SUMC will be honoring our graduates. If you have a family member graduating, please let Betty Polmateer (518-695-6674) or Donna Barber (518-695-3081) know. You can also email [donna@larmonhousemovers.com](mailto:donna@larmonhousemovers.com). Please include name, school, degree and future plans. Thanks and look forward to honoring our graduates!

Donna Barber



*To our graduates, we wish you all the best as you begin the next new and exciting chapter of your life.*



### **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

## NEWS FROM SUMC



### Schuylerville Youth Group news

Our youth group has been going strong since starting in January. Ten kids from our 2 churches have been meeting twice monthly on Sunday afternoons, for fun games and lessons led by Pastor John, Morgan Flanders, and Tara McCaughey. The kids look forward to each youth group meeting, where they're playing a round of 'sardines', having races to look up Bible verses, acting out their own creative skits from Bible stories, and wrapping up with 'marshmallow dodgeball'. The kids are an energetic bunch, ranging in age from 3rd grade to 7th grade.

Upcoming events are the end-of-year youth group family potluck, to be held on Sunday, June 2, from 2pm-6pm at Dave and Jenn Hoffman's home. This summer the kids are also looking forward to a week of Day Camp at Beaver Cross Ministries in Greenwich, NY. Funds that the youth group raised at the Pancake Supper in March, will help offset the cost of camp (scholarships available; please see Pastor John.)

Regular youth group meetings will take a break over the summer, but we will have one or two get-togethers, TBD. Youth group will resume on September 8.

--Tara McCaughey

### *Celebrating DADS at SUMC*

On June 16, SUMC will be celebrating Dad's. A BBQ will be held at 1 PM at the Parsonage. All are invited to join in fellowship



### SUMC GARAGE SALE Sat. Sept. 14th

If anyone would like a table, they are for rent for \$10. Call Pat Poirier at 695-6855 if you'd like one. The church will also have a table, so, if you don't want to do your own table, you may donate to the SUMC table.

--Pat Poirier

### The Way Gives Back

Throughout the year, The Way tithes back to the community. Every quarter of the year, The Way meets to discuss and decide where to donate the quarterly tithe,

First Quarter tithe meeting was recently held. There was a total of \$1000 to give back to the community. After a discussion, it was decided that \$200 is going to the Fort Miller Church (to help with the recent flooding), \$400 will be going to camp scholarships and \$400 will go to the Quaker Springs UMC for the Sunday School siding fund

The next quarterly giving will be in July.



## The Way Says Thanks!

We are so blessed and fortunate that The Way continues to thrive. As we

approach our fifth anniversary this August, we continue to grow. How? In the amount of donations and in the amount of funds given back to the community. We are approaching \$20,000 in gifts tithed to help many local groups and individuals.

We also are growing in the amount of clothing donations received. Most donations are good clothes that we can use, but some items are being donated that we DO NOT USE AND DO NOT WANT. Please pass the word - we ONLY TAKE CLOTHES, SHOES, AND PURSES. We can't take rags, scraps, toys, games, kitchen items, or hangers (we use our own stock). When we receive items we can't use, our staff has to take the time to sort them, throw them out, or possibly take them up to Second Hand Rose. A sign is posted at the St Pauley's donation bin behind the parsonage that tells exactly what they will accept from us. Please, if you donate, check the sign -

This summer, we are considering creating a board of people to manage the Way. There are so many things that need to be done on both a weekly and seasonal basis that, in spite of many wonderful volunteers, we are finding it difficult to "cover all the bases". Please keep your eyes and ears open for more information soon as we continue to pray and plan for the future of The Way.

Meanwhile - many, many thanks to the following volunteers who are currently helping us "cover the bases" !!

Tim Lagoe - Picks up our "blue bin" clothing and gets it to the shed

Skip Weed - Brings all the clothing donations down to the Way

MaryJo Michaud - Every week a Master sorter and clothing hanger, display arranger

Peggy Mehok - Every week a Super sorter!

Kelly McReynolds - Every week a Super sorter!

Helene Traver - Box maker, sorter

Tena Flanders - Master scheduler and treasurer

Phoebe Hunt-Fontaine - Sorter, hanger, aka "snowbird"

Betty Dering - Sorter, hanger, aka "snowbird"

Tara Macaughey - Window decorator

Jess Killian - photographer (see her pictures of our store on Facebook)

Debbie McKenna - Keeps The Way clean for us!

Pastor John - Monthly office hours at the Way - master encourager -

And...behind the counter on a monthly basis -  
*Phoebe Fontaine, Tena Flanders, Morgan Flanders, Kathy and Katrina Hall, Mary Jo Michaud, Peggy Mehok, Donna Barber, Wanda Aown, Carlie Hasse (a student at Saratoga HS), Marion Craine, Connie Colvin, Bill and Maryanne Schutz, Norma Kehley, Trish Bendon, Robin Nevins, Pat Poirier, Brenda Facin, Linda Farrell, Jen and Dave Hoffman, Heidi and Paul Levin, Sam, Nate, and Abigail*  
...and more I'm sure !!! My sincere apologies to anyone who I missed, God knows who you are and we give thanks for your help!!

Finally, we can always use new recruits to help us sort, hang clothes, and organize the mess...we typically work only two-hour shifts, so it's not excessive...please feel free to contact Tena Flanders or myself if you're interested in helping out at The Way  
Sue Harrington

## NEWS FROM QSUMC



### Spring Clean Up At QSUMC

*A special thank you goes to Saratoga Sod Farm crew and Bob Greenfeld for completing the spring cleanup.*

All of your help to clean up the gardens and grounds to prepare for our spring dinner was so greatly appreciated.



### Theology on Tap to Meet

Theology on Tap is a time when men from our church families and community gather to enjoy an evening of great fellowship, pool playing and conversation.

Theology on Tap has not met recently. A summer gathering is in the planning stage. Please watch your bulletin for more details.



### Riverside Worship Service

**August 11th at 10 AM  
902 Route 4  
Schuylerville, NY**

Join us as we gather under at a large tent by the Hudson River on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM for our worship service and potluck picnic.

Thank you to Steve and Laurie Griffen for their hospitality and sharing of this beautiful spot by the river for us to gather at.

Watch for the signs near their driveway on Route 4 and then follow the roadway (and signs) back to the river.

Please bring a chair to sit on and a dish to pass. Paper plates, cups, napkins and utensils will be provided as well as iced tea and lemonade.

If you have any questions, give me a call at 584-1812.

--- Deb Lagoie

### **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at QSUMC**

QSUMC is about to turn 175 years old. On September 29, 2019, we will be having a special celebration starting at 1 PM. Please plan to attend and to join us for refreshments following the celebration program.



## Thanks to all who supported our Spring Supper

What a great response to our call for help with our Spring Supper. They came from near and far to help Mike and Linda prepare, serve and clean up after our very successful supper Saturday April 13th. Even our Snowbirds (Paul and Gini Griffen) made it in time to help clean up. There even were new potato peelers. Yonne Woolley from the Schuylerville Church came down to help by 9am.

To better comply with the new NYSH Department rules, we had to make all food preparation on site. Therefore, our desserts were changed from pies to baking cobblers at the church. On Thursday, Bonnie Greenfeld, Debbie Lagoe and Mary Jo Michaud met at the church and made apple, blueberry/peach and cherry cobblers. While the cobblers baked, they kept busy by setting the tables for Saturday's dinner.

Well much to our surprise, a food Inspector happened to be there enjoying our dinner and we were so thankful we had done everything possible to be OK. He marveled at all the improvements and just mentioned a couple more things that we will have to update.

We were very thankful to all the dedication and work that had preceded this inspection for our kitchen improvements have been in the works a long time. Starting with new furnaces, drop ceiling, windows and wall, stainless steel tables and sinks and finally a wonderful poly floor that can stand any kind of flooding.

These improvements have been overseen by the Trustees, Paul Griffen, Church Council, and Revive and Thrive members who have worked steadily to complete this job so we could continue our very important dinner fund raisers. Both the Supper and Silent Auction each raised over \$1000 with the profits going towards our routine expenses, our

upcoming 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and our Guatemala Mission Team trip.

Once again thanks to all who helped prepare, serve and clean up for this very successful dinner.

--Marion Craine



## Thank You QSUMC Choir

Many Thanks to the dedicated members of our Quaker Springs Choir. June 15<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday for our Choir at Quaker Springs as the choir will be taking a break for the summer.

Our members have come early every Sunday to practice before church as well as during the week, on Wednesday, for our regular weekly practicing.

We have had a challenging year fitting in all of our scheduled rehearsals with Lenten Services and extra practices for our Easter Season. It seems all of us are getting busier and busier. So with a summer vacation on the horizon, I want to thank our current members: Deb Lagoe, Margaret Nolan, Gail Gerber, Donna Dodd Thomas, Peg Ormsby and the third row Cliff Thomas, Bonnie Greenfeld, Tim Lagoe and Bill Lagoe. Thank you for being at church as often as possible and helping make our Worship service so special.

Hope everyone has a rewarding summer with lots of time for vacationing and relaxation. We shall plan to begin regular choir rehearsals on the Wednesday after Labor Day on September 4<sup>th</sup> to be ready for our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Again, many thanks to all the members,  
Marion Craine

## Words of Thanks

Deb Lagoe and Donna Dodd Thomas created the Altar Scene on Easter with all of the flowers donated by the congregation. The arrangement of flowers with a tomb certainly presented a visual feast for us all on Easter Sunday.

Bonnie Greenfeld and Gail Gerber have brought flowers from their gardens. We all have appreciated the flowers that decorated our Church this spring.

The church grounds are looking very well cared for. Thanks goes to the Saratoga Sod farm for putting mulch on all the flower beds and to Tim Lagoe for keeping the grass mowed.

Our plant sale this past week was a big success. We thank all members and friends who donated plants for the sale. It was great to see Dave Hoffman with all his plants potted and labeled and everyone enjoyed seeing the pottery made by Gini Griffen.

Though the time was short just 9am to noon, we appreciated all who set up, stayed to visit and sell plants and help tear it all down at 1pm. It was the second day of full sunshine that we had in a month and our spirits with all in tune with the weather. Thank You again,  
Marion Craine



### 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 with delivery on October 6<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow in August bulletins.



## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale

QSUMC annual plant sale was held on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. It was another successful year, with a profit of \$765.

A special thank you to Dave Hoffman for sharing his knowledge of plants and help with the sale.

Another special thank you to not only Pastor John for his help with the sales, Eliza and Josiah for not only attending the sale but spreading joy to our customers with their beautiful smiles.

Thank you to all who donated plants, worked this fundraiser or who purchased plants. Your contribution to the success of this fundraiser was greatly appreciated – we couldn't do it without you.

--Deb Lagoe 

## Schuylerville Garden Club

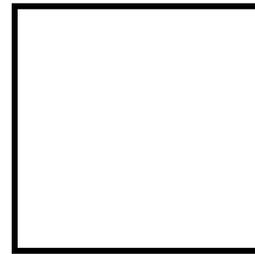
Schuylerville Garden Club will hold their **Annual Flower Show** on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5 pm and on Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 pm at 12 Spring Street.

This year's Theme "Games People Play" will feature horticulture and design displays, a photo contest, people's choice and a presentation about African Violets will be given on Sunday at 2:30 pm by Steve Sorano of Sorano's Greenhouse. Admission is free.



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