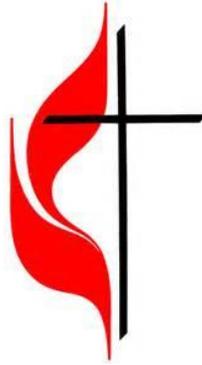




SUMC at 51 Church St., Schuylerville
 Sunday Worship Service at 11 AM



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

The MESSENGER

*Of the Schuylerville and Quaker Springs
 United Methodist Churches*

November/ December 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alt. Mondays	Girl Scouts 6:30PM @ SUMC
4 th Monday	Emmaus (informal worship) 7PM
Mondays	Pastor's Sabbath (time to rest and to rejuvenate)
Mondays	Charge Bible Study 7 PM
Tuesday	Book Study 2 to 3 @ Gloria T's
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
November 3	Pot luck and Pound Auction to benefit the Guatemala Mission Team Trip American Legion Post 278 Dinner 6- 6:45 PM, Auction 6:45 - 8:30PM
November 7	QS Worship Team Meeting at 7 PM
November 8	SUMC Admin. Council at 7PM
November 14	QS Admin Council Meeting at 7 PM
November 19	Charge Conference @ Saratoga Springs
November 25	SUMC Hanging of the Greens 9AM
December 4	Choir Fest @ Old Saratoga Reformed Church

December 14	SUMC Admin. Council at 7PM
December 24	SUMC Christmas Eve Service @ 7PM
	QSUMC Christmas Eve Service @ 9PM
December 25	Merry Christmas
January 1	Happy New Year --2018

**January /February Messenger Deadline
 Sunday January 7, 2018**

Editor's Note: The dates and times listed for Upcoming Events is based upon information available at time of printing. Please check your Sunday bulletin for specific times and additional events. Thank you.

Prayer - A Divinely inspired support system between God and God's people



During our Worship services, please raise specific names for prayer during our Joys and Concerns.

Please let Pastor Ben know of anyone in need of prayers.

Please continue to pray for:

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 have recently lost a Loved One.



The Advent Season

Grace of the Lord be with you! As the Advent season is nearly upon us, let us prepare our hearts.

Advent is the season in which we cling to the hope of the coming Messiah. The season however is often filled with the chaos of things to be done, leaving very little time for us to slow down enough to wait. There are gifts to be made or bought, meals to be prepared, miles to be traveled, and parties to be attended!

Yet we are called to remember the Messiah – what Christ has done! The prophet Isaiah foreshadows one of the many gifts the Messiah offers us in chapter 53. This Messiah comes to suffer in our stead. He comes to endure the worst of what the world has to offer.

Yet there is something more! In chapter two of the Gospel according to Luke we hear angels proclaim wonderfully in verses 10 and 11 “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” What powerful words! We have a Savior who passionately cares for us in such a powerful way even the angels have to tell everyone!

Good news church, the Messiah has come and done wonderful acts. The Messiah will come again. This Advent season let us prepare our hearts, remember what God has done, and the promise of what God will do.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Benjamin Lalka

Potluck & Auction to support our Mission Team to Guatemala

Friday, November 3, 2017

American Legion Post 278

6 Clancy St, Schuylerville, NY 12871

Pot Luck Dinner: 6-645pm, Bring your favorite dish to share

Auction: 645-830pm, Fun for everyone, bring a friend

Auction Details:

Each person is asked to bring one wrapped or bagged gift with a value of \$10-15.

Now is your chance to re-gift. Have fun gathering a group of similar items, or attach a favorite gift card to a smaller gift. Have fun decorating the gift- an oversize box for a very small present, or wrap boxes within boxes to increase anticipation. You get the idea. You may also donate gifts valued from \$3 for children to bid on. Please mark them "Child."

There will also be "Special Packages" throughout the auction that are valued at \$25 or more.

Scott Turner from Quaker Springs UMC will be our guest auctioneer for this event.

Questions: Please contact **Connie Turner**, 518.421.4851



CAR WASH COUPONS -

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! Please contact **Sharon Roby** to purchase the coupons

Checks may be made to QSUMC

We appreciate and thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

Surrender Day Presentation



On October 17, 2017, **Luke Griffen** read an essay, which he wrote, on ***The Bravery Of The Baroness Von Reidesel*** at the Surrender Day Program. Congratulations Luke! We are proud of you for volunteering to be part of this program. Your hard work writing this essay and great job presenting your essay was greatly appreciated.

COLD WEATHER BRINGS FRIENDS?



Now that it is cooler, and despite the Trustees dedication to their duties, we can still invite in extra "guests" that don't come for the music, prayers, or sermons. **ONLY** for the crumbs, dropped cookies, and forgotten plates of leftovers.

Even coffee cups and drink bottles are attractive to hungry critters that would rather sneak in for easy pickins' than stay outside where they belong. We have had damage to the piano in the Sunday School also from mice, it is all repaired, let's keep it that way!

So Please, If You Bring It In, Take It Back Home With You! The Church Mice (the cleaners that is) really will appreciate it.



Blessing of the Animals Sunday at QSUMC



Blessings for of ALL of God's Creatures!



QSUMC Snow Cancellation Policy

Our church has to deal with several issues when bad weather arrives on Sunday morning.

1. We have no on street parking and must have our parking lots clear. That's not always possible.
2. Our pastor needs to travel 14 miles round trip on dangerous roads to reach our church.
3. Most of our parishioners travel several miles to get to our church.

QSUMC has developed the following snow closing policy. **It's the same as last year.**

1. **Tim Lagoe** will check conditions at the church and consult with Pastor Ben on a final decision before 8:00 AM on Sunday morning.
2. Please call the Lagoe home (584-1812) after 8:00 AM if you think our church might need to close.
3. We all travel different roads and distances to get to church. If you feel the roads are too slippery, please stay home. We will miss you but would rather have you safe.

-----**Tim Lagoe**, Council Chair



There's A Song in the Air

Josiah Holland wrote "There's a Song in the Air" in 1874. He never suspected his poem would become a famous hymn. Josiah was a respected editor and novelist, not a musician. His poem wouldn't become a hymn until 23 years after his death.

Josiah was born into a poor family and grew up in Belchertown, Massachusetts. He spent most of his childhood working in a factory to help support his family. He was able to attend a couple of years of high school before dropping out due to poor health. Considering his educational background, it's surprising that he eventually graduated from Berkshire Medical College in 1844. He married Elizabeth Chapin in 1845 and started a medical practice in Springfield Mass. Life would have been great if he had actually liked being a doctor. Unfortunately, he didn't. He gave up his medical practice and took a teaching position in Richmond, Virginia and later in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

In 1850, he returned to Western Massachusetts and became editor of the Springfield Republican newspaper. Josiah had finally found his calling as a writer. His first book was a "History of Western Massachusetts" followed by a historical novel and a collection of essays from his newspaper work. In 1869 Josiah joined with Charles Scribner to publish a new magazine "Scribner Monthly".

Josiah Holland was a popular and productive writer at the end of the nineteenth century. He sold more than a half million books. Yet today, very few of us would recognize his name or any of

his books. He is best remembered today, for one short poem that was set to music in 1904 by a college Latin professor named Karl Harrington. Harrington taught Latin at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of Maine and Wesleyan University. He directed the Glee Club while at the University of North Carolina. Harrington is credited with eight tunes. One of those tunes is called "The Christmas Song". I think it was a very fitting title for the music to accompany hymn # 249 "There's a Song in the Air".

Hymn Historian, **Tim Lagoe**

Sources: www.cyberhymnal.org

www.wikipedia.org



Christmas altar flowers at QSUMC

Anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar at **Quaker Springs UMC** for Christmas Eve service should bring their flowers to the QS church no later than 12 noon on 12/23. A dedication sheet will be circulated after Thanksgiving so that the names may be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

--**Barb Hailu**



Fresh Christmas Trees!

The Lagoe Christmas Tree Farm (135 County Rd 69) has a limited number of very nice “balsam” Christmas trees. The trees on most Christmas tree lots are already 1 – 2 weeks old when you buy them. Our trees are guaranteed fresh. I won’t cut your tree down until you arrive to pick it up.

The trees are selling for \$30. (Well below the current market price) Feel free to come early and look over the field. If you find one you like, you can tag it and we will reserve it for you. Please call ahead to make sure someone is available to help you. All proceeds from the tree sale are going to the QSUMC kitchen project. Merry Christmas! (A little early).

---Tim & Deb Lagoe



S.A.F.E.R. SUNDAYS at QSUMC

Each Communion Sunday at QSUMC, we will be collecting food items or monetary donations for S.A. F. E. R. As we come to the communion table, let us share our blessings with those in need.

As the weather gets colder, the needs of some of our neighbors and community members grow. Please consider helping by bringing a non-perishable food item to be placed in the basket at the altar or a small cash donation. Remember for every dollar received, \$10 worth of food can be purchased for the food pantry.

We will be doing this every month. Thank you in advance for participating.

---Deb Lagoe on behalf of the Worship Committee



A Christmas Event

If you already haven't filled your Christmas Calendar:

Oakwood Cemetery in Troy holds an Annual Christmas Concert and Sing Along Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. (Snow date, Dec. 10) \$10. Per family. Carols are sung by the Highlight Acting Troupe with a sing along, refreshments are served. This is held in the Earl Chapel, which is magnificent.

Shelby and I went on a walking tour at the cemetery this fall, the chapel was not open for a tour that day, but are looking forward to seeing inside, with its Tiffany Windows and beautiful architecture. Google it. The history is very interesting. Let me know if you'd like to car pool.

Bonnie G.



The first Sunday of Advent will shortly be upon us, with that, the hanging of the greens. Up goes our beautiful tree, out comes the boxes of ornaments, all forever in loving memory of family and friends,

If you would like to purchase one or more to honor someone, please let me know as soon as possible. The cost is \$5.00, all benefiting our church.

Bonnie Greenfeld



Pie Sale Success

The Revive and Thrive Committee would like to extend our thanks to all who participated in our recent pie sale. A total of 26 pies were sold which resulted in a final profit of \$1542. WOW!

I would also like to express a special word of thanks to the pie pick up crew of **Bill Lagoe, Laurie Griffen, Linda Campbell, Paul Griffen** and **Gini Griffen**, for not only joining me in the journey to the orchard, but also helping to fill the pie orders.

I would like to express my thanks and great appreciation to **Alyssa Lalka** for volunteering to collect orders for pies at SUMC and for delivering them.

My thanks to all of you who participated in our fundraiser by selling, delivering or buying a pie. Enjoy those pies!

--Deb Lagoe

Revive and Thrive Committee



Pumpkin Sale at QSUMC

Thank you to everyone who purchased our pumpkins. We were fortunate to have bumper pumpkin crop this year. The pumpkins were some of the biggest and healthiest we have ever raised! Pumpkins sold quickly this year with proceeds totaling \$400. All proceeds are being donated to Quaker Springs UMC Kitchen Renovation & Furnace Project.

Tim & Deb Lagoe



Annual Halloween Party

The Quaker Springs Community Halloween Party is a long standing and cherished tradition.

This year's party was held on October 22, 2017. We were blessed with 53 children and families attending, which is more than last year. During the party, the children played games, made crafts, paraded in their costumes and took turns hitting a piñata filled with candy. This year, everyone was entertained by **It's Magic**, a magician from Bennington Vermont.

We are very appreciative of the help received from our QSUMC church family and their donation of candy or refreshments. A very special thank you goes to the members of our church family who attended to help with and/or to show support for this event. They included: **Pastor Ben and Alyssa Lalka, Deb and Tim Lagoe, Connie, Scott and Tristan Turner, Mary Jo Michaud, Mikhail Hailu, Dave Hoffman, Sharon Roby, Marion Craine and Peg Ormsby**. (My sincere apology, if I missed your name).

We would also like to thank **Heidi Smith and her FBLA club students** for assisting with decorating the hall and running the games. Their help was greatly appreciated.

A special thank you goes to **Sean Kelleher and Debbie Peck Kelleher** from the Quaker Springs Fire Department for helping to coordinate this event As well as the Women's Auxiliary for their help and refreshments.

Our most sincere thank you goes to all of you who helped in any way for not only helping to keep this tradition alive but also for allowing new childhood memories to be created.

---Deb & Tim Lagoe



What's Up at The Way?

In August 2014, SUMC opened The Way a “gently used clothing store”. The Way is a visible mission of our church serving the community of Schuylerville and the surrounding area. Over the past three years literally tons of clothing has been donated, sorted, put on racks and sold for the price of one or two dollars per item. When we are open, Fridays from 1 to 6 pm and Saturdays from 9 am to 4 pm, volunteers greet customers, help them find clothes and serve as cashiers and baggers.

The Way tithes ten percent of the gross income to many organizations in our local communities. Volunteers meet quarterly to decide what local organizations will receive the tithe for that quarter. Since the store opened, The Way has donated just over \$12,600 back to the community. Our list of recipients to date include: Schuylerville Fire Dept. Aux, General Schuylerville EMS, Schuylerville Library, SAFFER - local food pantry, OSAA Old Saratoga Athletics (youth sports), Victory Mills FD, Quaker Springs FD, Easton Greenwich EMS, Middle Falls VFD, Greenwich, VFD, Schuylerville School "Share & Care" fund, Quaker Springs UMC, Saratoga Animal Shelter, Shelters of Saratoga (Code Blue), Free Thanksgiving meals partnership w/ Espressohuis, Bacon Hill Reformed church, Old Saratoga Reformed Church, Schuylerville VFD, Ft. Miller Reformed Church, Dollars for Scholars, Faith Chapel Church, Notre Dame Church, Turning Point Wesleyan Church, Turning Point Parade, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Greenwich UMC, Schuylerville Youth Program, Green Ribbon School, Double H Ranch (serving kids w/ disabilities), Hudson Crossing Park, Mission Trip to Haiti, Supper for VFD's at Clarks Steakhouse, Rebuilding Together, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Schuylerville Robotics Team.

We continue to partner with St. Pauly Textile East, Inc., an organization that takes those items that we do not wish to sell and or do not sell at The Way and they pay us per pound. To date this year we have received approximately \$320.

While thus far the income has been good, we continue to have monthly expenses including rent, heat, cleaning, lights, lawn care as well as the routine items needed to keep a retail store running (boxes, hangers, markers, tape, etc.) This year we also had a new shed built giving us much needed space for clothing storage. We continue our established policy of keeping a base balance of \$5,000 out of our funds in our account. Any other funds remaining are used toward emergency and long term expenses of the church.

In addition this year, in coordination with our local food pantry, S.A.F.E.R. and Schuylerville Central School via the “Back Pack Program”, we have given out coupons for shopping at The Way. Families are able to purchase clothing with these coupons vs. paying cash.

During the week, when we are not open, members of SUMC, QSUMC and our local community volunteers give their time. It takes many hours of volunteer time each week to keep up with moving donations from the bin to the store, sorting and boxing clothes and refilling the racks as well as changing layouts and coordinating volunteer worker schedules. We have had a number of local community volunteers join our team this year and we are always looking for more to help in any area.

If you are looking to volunteer, please email your availability and what type of work you wish to help with, sorting when we are closed or taking one of the slots Friday or Saturday when we are open to **Tena Flanders** at loutena@verizon.net.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tena Flanders & Sue Harrington



- ❖ **Bonnie Greenfeld and Gail Gerber** for the Altar flowers in QS.
- ❖ **Barb Hailu** for Altar arrangements
- ❖ Trustees who have been working on the new improvements in Crandall hall and painting of porch, ramp, church steps and front of church: **Dave Hoffman, Paul Griffen, Bob Greenfeld, Tim Lagoe & Mike McLaughlin.**
- ❖ **Tim Lagoe** for mowing church lawn and cleaning of the sanctuary
- ❖ **Saratoga Sod** for care and mulching the grounds around the QS Church.
- ❖ **Bonnie Greenfeld** for cleaning all of the choir robes
- ❖ **John Roby** for the repair of the sanctuary light switches

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED ON THE SUPPER

We once again had a very successful Third Saturday Supper on Sept 16. All who helped were very much appreciated.

We started getting ready for the supper on Thursday the 14th of September as all of the Dishes and silverware we brought out from the closet. **Bonnie Greenfeld** had cleaned the kitchen area of Crandall Hall and **Tim Lagoe** had painted the floor and steps of the Front Porch.

The helpers for this **were Bonnie Greenfeld, Bob Greenfeld, Gail Gerber, Peg Ormsby, Sharon Roby, Marion Craine, Mary Jo Michaud and Pete Koval.**

We set the tables, wrapped silverware and organized the kitchen. **Paul Griffen** had washed the floor so all was ready for serving our guests.

Mike McLaughlin and Linda Farrell with the help of **Tim Lagoe, Deb Lagoe, John Roby and Dave Hoffman** prepared for the Roast Pork Dinner with all members of the church contributing Pies and donations toward the purchase of the food.

The rest of our workers for the supper appeared at 3:30 and stayed until the last of the cleanup was done.

Thank you to all who helped with this dinner. They were: **Donna Dodd Thomas, Yared Hailu, Gail Gerber, Mary Jo Michaud, Peg Ormsby, Deb and Tim Lagoe, Dave and Jenn Hoffman, Isaac Terrases, Levi Michaud, Bob. Greenfeld, Barb Hailu, Jon Roby, Tristan Stallone, Tristan, Connie and Scott Turner, and Luke and Laurie Griffen.**

A new addition to our Supper team is **Yared Hailu.** He is now taking tickets, and working with Linda Farrell to get our customers counted and take outs tallied. He uses his laptop computer to keep a running total of our dinner sales and can connect with Mike in the kitchen to let him know what is happening in the sanctuary. We welcome him in this new role. He has been working in the kitchen during the suppers in the past.

We served 89 dinners and made \$600 Plus and this was very good considering that there were four other church suppers in Schuylerville alone to compete for customers on the this lovely Saturday in September.

Thanks again, **Marion Craine**



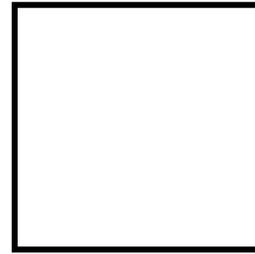
A special thank you to **Linda Campbell** for organizing and running the Silent Auction at the September dinner at QSUMC which raised a total of \$1040. A donation of half of the money was made to Rebuilding Together of Saratoga in **memory of Dan Craine** and the other half went to the Guatemala Mission Team Trip.

Notice of Address Change

Shelby's new address:
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 701 Brunswick Meadows Way
 Troy, NY 12182

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