



The Grapevine Newsletter

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PMUC Covenant

Enriched by our unique legacy, we come together:

To encourage personal spiritual growth in an open democratic environment,

To search for truth and meaning in our lives,

To model together our values of love and respect,

To advocate in a spirit of optimism for freedom and tolerance in our community.

Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM

November 6 (<i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>)	Rev. Donald Reidell
November 13	Rev. Lori Staubit
November 20	Susan Daiss
November 27	Eileen Casey-Campbell
December 4	Libby Moore

A sign-up sheet is available for anyone who wishes to bring a snack for Coffee Hour

Coming Events

Sunday, November 6 – 10:00 am, Book Discussion group meets before service

Please join us on Sunday, November 6 for the book discussion group from 10 am-11 am. We will be talking about the book 'A Mother's Reckoning – Living In The Aftermath of Tragedy' by Sue Klebold, mother of the infamous Dylan Klebold, one of the Columbine shooters. She writes about how events unfolded, how the family was treated, lies promoted about their family, clues she missed, and having a son she loved so dearly become a reviled figure. All are welcome for the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

Sunday, November 6 - Rev. Donald J Reidell

Monday, November 7 – 6:30 pm, Potluck Supper

Saturday, November 12 – 9:00 am, Workbee

Sunday, November 13 - 9:30 am, Finance Meeting

Sunday, November 13 - Rev. Lori Staubitz

Jedi Academy at 12:00 pm after worship service.

Sunday, November 20 - Susan Daiss

Sunday, November 20 – Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

After worship service, please join us for some great food and conversation. A sign-up sheet will be available in early November.

Sunday, November 27- 9:00 am, Board of Trustees Meeting

Sunday, November 27 - Eileen Casey-Campbell, Seminarian from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

Jedi Academy at 12:00 pm after worship service.

Sunday, December 4. - Libby Moore

Share the Pulpit

Just a reminder: Our pulpit committee is excited to have begun our "share the pulpit" initiative. Some of our ministers have invited members to join them in leading Sunday Services. If you would like to volunteer to read the welcome/announcement message, chalice lighting words and other elements of our worship, please contact Chris Loss, Rich Della Costa, or Darrell Dyke. What a wonderful way to serve our congregation!

Joys and Concerns

-Rev. Richard Hood - expressed great joy on being back here at the church and seeing some familiar faces, and some not familiar. And it was a treat to have our Minister Emeritus back in the pulpit! He had served the congregation at this church for more than 35 years!

-Sara Phillips - was very pleased to announce that her daughter Sam, while walking on a beautiful mountain trail in Colorado yesterday, was proposed to by her boyfriend! Congratulations on this great news!

-Chris Loss - reported that her husband was injured while out cutting wood. He was hit in the face by a stray branch, and was very fortunate that he wasn't seriously hurt.

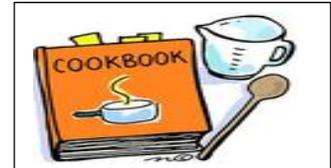
-Darrell Dyke - was happy that the Wednesday night program 'Defying Hate' went so well. Our Sufi friends from the Waterport Mosque were here to watch the video and engage in discussion. A lot of concerns were expressed. This group plans to continue to meet monthly.

-Monica and Fiona Beck are glad to share the news regarding a "trip of a lifetime" to Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland. They really enjoyed the scenery, people and culture. If one word could sum up the culture of the Scandinavians, it'd be *civilized*. *Overall they were so awe inspiring for Monica and Fi.*

Joys and Concerns *continued*

-Dennis Seekins had the pleasure of seeing Bill Moyer speak recently, and one could see that he was just so heartfelt and saddened by the current state of affairs.

-Rich DellaCosta watched a segment on NPR recently on the current status of refugees, and there are more of them than ever in history, especially from North Africa. The primary theme of Republicans in this election year has been to prevent refugees from entering the country. We need a reminder that America is comprised of people who had ancestors who were at one time refugees and we've always been proud of that. We need to remain a welcome beacon for all of the tired, poor, and homeless.



-Chris Loss sadly reported that Patti Adema's father, James Redshaw, passed away recently. He had resided at The Villages in Albion. Condolences to Patti and her family at this sad time!

PMUC Cookbooks
are for sale
• \$12.00 each

-Alan Nugent was relieved to report that despite the fury of hurricane Matthew, there was only minimal damage done to the area where he lives in Florida part of the year. He was watching the news with trepidation and is now breathing a sigh of relief! That's great news, Alan!

-Tobin Carson said her son, Leyland, just turned 17 and he chose to celebrate his birthday with his friends. She is happy to see him gracefully entering young adulthood! Happy Birthday, Leyland!!

-Monica Beck also mentioned that her daughter Fiona turned 17 on October 19th. Happy Birthday, Fiona!

-Darrell Dyke - wanted to remind all of us that we are not alone and we share this journey together.

-Sara Phillips traveled with the family to Colorado to see her younger daughter, Sam. It was so good to see her two daughters together and take in the incredible beauty of the mountains.

-Dennis Seekins added that while he was in the military service when he was 19 years old, he recalled watching the sun coming up over the Rocky Mountains and how beautiful it was.

-Monica Beck said it has been almost a year since her husband died back in February and that it has been tough for the family to deal with. Please keep them in your thoughts!

-Chris Loss is happy to report that her grandson, Carson, has traded his love of iPads for a love of books! He spends a lot of time reading!

Eye on the Board

At the Board of Trustees' meeting on October 30, it was reported that despite the market being volatile, the endowment has shown incredible stability. The percentage of dividend return was reduced from 5% to 4%. In October, around \$20,000 was added to Vanguard. Collections have increased and we finished the month of October in the black. The transition has been made from First Niagara to Key Bank. An audit was recommended for the end of the fiscal year.

The Building and Grounds Committee is in the process of reorganization and Diana Dudley has agreed to coordinate the efforts. Payne Carpeting will be replacing carpeting in the sanctuary, but the committee is still looking for bids to work on drywall in the Fellowship Hall, and to replace heat tape on the roofing. Dennis Seekins will be looking for bids on the repair of the chimney.

The Child Protection Policy was reviewed and approved, which was necessary to move forward with the new Emery and Webb Insurance. The interior damage to the Fellowship Hall also needs to be done to satisfy the requirements of the company.

At the next workbee, an assessment of the minister's study/office will be done to determine the supplies needed to begin reorganizing. Eventually, our important documents and materials should be in the office.

Pat Cammarata, Vice-Chairperson, stressed that many good things have been going on at the church this year!

Pullman Plaudits

Darrell Dyke, Monica Beck, and Debby Rodrigues- many thanks to them for being in the pulpit as Worship Associates in October.

Diana Dudley worked on cutting out some of the nuisance foliage outside the church! Great job, Diana.

Darrell Dyke's sermon 'Meet My Soapmaker' represented a sermon he knew he was going to give many years ago, and he received applause for his efforts!

Liz Schaal has agreed to help Alan Nugent out while he's in Florida by filling in as Newsletter Editor!! Thanks so much Liz!!

Thanks to Diana Dudley, Julie Andrews and Bonnie Beiswenger for the work they did at the church at the last Workbee!

Thanks to Monica Beck, Julie Andrews, Chris Loss, Bonnie Beiswenger, and Liz Schaal for bringing treats for the Coffee Hour!

Pat Cammarata has been working on the Child Safety Policy manual and other documents!!

Jim Hobbs has obtained estimates for work to be done on the church concerning the carpeting and drywall work!

Pat Cammarata has been doing much better since the health scare she had recently and is gaining back her strength! She also received some good news from her doctor as well!!

Many thanks go to the Pulpit Committee, Chris Loss, Darrell Dyke, and Rich DellaCosta, for all the time spent working to schedule such interesting speakers for the pulpit.

<p><u>Note:</u> Pledge forms are available! Please consider making a pledge to support the work of this church!</p>



Recycling



The aluminum recycling is starting up well, just remind yourself to *separate the deposit aluminum (soda cans, bottles, etc.) from container aluminum*. Kindly be sure it is clean. We are **not** recycling tin/steel cans (soup, beans, etc.) because it only brings in 1 cent / lb and is really dirty to work with on site.

Recycling bins are now located in the vestibule at the ramp entrance.

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