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## From the Board Chair

Hello friends! I am so honored to have been elected the board chair at this Sunday's board meeting. This church and all of the beautiful people that attend it have been for me a sanctuary where I can be myself openly, express my beliefs, questions, and concerns without fear of judgment, and find peace and hope in a world that often seems to offer little of both lately.

It is my hope for this coming year that we will be able to strengthen and deepen these feelings for all of us here and have the opportunity to welcome others into our community of love and acceptance and peace. During these times of uncertainty and sometimes fear, I am so proud to say that I am a member of this church. Reconnecting with that part of my identity reignites the drive and hope that gets me through some of the darkest moments of our current events. It is my hope that we can be that spark for everyone that comes into our sanctuary ("sanctuary" in the largest sense of the term).

My metaphoric door is always open, and I am always available to listen to any concerns, answer any questions, or accompany on a journey to answers we don't have yet. Thank you all for your faith in me and for this opportunity to be part of our community and family.

In love,  
*Jessica George*

## Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM

(unless otherwise noted)

June 2, Flower Communion	Various Members
June 9, Pride Service	Reverend Susan Frawley
June 16	Susan Daiss
<b>June 21, Friday Evening, 7:00 pm</b>	Rich Della Costa
<b>June 23, No Service</b>	<b>No Service on Sunday</b>
June 30, Annual Cobblestone Service	Reverend Libby Moore
July 7, Annual Patriotic Service	Joint service with Gaines Congregational Church



Assisted listening devices are available for services – available near the lectern

## Coming Events

**Saturday, June 1** – 10:00 am, Workbee to prepare for Strawberry Festival events. Please email Liz Schaal ([lizanns@gmail.com](mailto:lizanns@gmail.com)) if you can attend.

**Sunday, June 2** – Various members of the congregation will lead the Flower Communion.

\* Please bring a flower to share.

*The Flower Ceremony, sometimes referred to as Flower Communion or Flower Festival, is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. Originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the United States by Rev. Maya Capek, Norbert's widow. In this ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower. Each person places a flower on the altar or in a shared vase. The congregation and minister bless the flowers, and they're redistributed. Each person brings home a different flower than the one they brought. (Retrieved 5/27/19 from UUA.org)*

**Monday, June 3** – 6:00 pm, Potluck Supper. Please bring a dish to pass and join us for good food and fellowship.

**Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8** – Strawberry Festival, **Volunteers Needed** between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm both days. (See Page 3 for more information.)

**Sunday, June 9** – Reverend Susan Frawley: First ever Pride Service in Orleans County!

**Sunday, June 16** – Susan Daiss

**Friday Evening, June 21, 7:00 pm**, Rich Della Costa's service is titled, "exquisite corpse poetry".

\* Attendees should bring a short favorite poem to read aloud.

**Please note: No Service on Sunday, June 23.**

**Sunday, June 30** – 9:00 am, Board of Trustees Meeting at PMUC.



\*IMPORTANT\*

Please note: Some of our members and friends have sensitivities to fragrances and strong scents. We ask that you refrain from wearing strongly scented products when attending church so as not to negatively affect the health of those with sensitivities. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

**Sunday, June 30** – Reverend Libby Moore

*Annual Cobblestone Service at the Cobblestone Museum*

Please bring a snack.

Cash donations go to the Cobblestone Society.

Checks will go to PMUC.

**Sunday, July 7** – Joint service with Gaines Congregational Church

*Annual Patriotic Service at the Cobblestone Museum*

Please bring a snack.

Cash donation go to the Cobblestone Society.

Checks will go to the respective churches.

**The Cobblestone Museum:**

**Childs Universalist Church**

14393 Ridge Road

Albion, New York 14411

[www.cobblestonemuseum.org/](http://www.cobblestonemuseum.org/)

\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*

**Saturday, June 1, 10 am** – Short workbee to prepare for Strawberry Festival Events.

**Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8:** Help needed between 10 am and 5 pm each day. Any amount of time is appreciated. Volunteers are needed to work PMUC booth to talk about our church and faith, assist people through the church to the art show, help with the grand opening at 2 pm (Saturday), and hand out snacks.

Please email Liz Schaal ([lizanns@gmail.com](mailto:lizanns@gmail.com)) if you can volunteer. For the Strawberry Festival, please state the day and times you are willing to volunteer.

Thank you for supporting Pullman Memorial Universalist Church!

## Eye on the Board

The Board of Trustees met Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>–

- Jessica George was elected to be the new chairperson.
- Per Alan Nugent, no more endowment income will be coming until June so we may be in the red for the month of May. With the current political upheaval, the endowment balance continues to fluctuate.
- Per Diana Dudley, there was a roof leak in the “Bride’s Room”. This area does not have new roofing. Country Contracting was contacted to do a quick repair. They will be providing an estimate on what they feel is required for a more permanent fix.

## Eye on the Board *continued*

- Jessica brought up that there is some interest in religious education for children. Currently, Darrell Dyke, Diana Dudley, and Sylvia Goodstine can lead religious education. More discussion will be needed possibly at the next board retreat.
- Plans were discussed for the Strawberry Festival in which PMUC will have an open house. Art will be placed in several locations, music will be played throughout the day, and there will be booths from several organizations including PMUC. June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am, a short workbee will be held for event preparation.
- Regarding the 2019-2020 budget, the draft annual meeting minutes will be edited to reflect the auditing money be taken out every year for the total amount needed for the audit to take place every two years as recommended by Julie Andrews. Alan suggested having a Finance meeting soon to go over the revisions. Regarding possibly having funds for Camp Unirondack, the topic will be revisited early next year to see if anyone is available with possible need.
- Scholarship applicants were reviewed and Matthew P. Kovaleski was chosen as the recipient for this year's Pullman Community Spirit Award.
- Rich Della Costa will be working on getting estimates for a/v equipment, and Jessica will be checking on church Wi-Fi access.

## Recipe Request from the 2019 Annual Meeting

Provided by Sylvia Goodstine

### *Ramen Noodle Slaw*

1-1/2 packages coleslaw  
1 (6 oz.) package sliced almonds  
1 cup sunflower kernels  
1 package chicken flavor Ramen Noodles (crushed) seasoning pack  
1/2 cup oil  
1/4 cup white vinegar  
3/4 cup sugar

Mix together oil, vinegar, sugar, and seasoning packet

Combine coleslaw, almonds, sunflower kernels and crushed Ramen Noodles

Stir in oil mixture

Enjoy!

## Joys and Concerns

-Monica Beck and daughter, Fiona, took a trip to New Orleans in April. Monica and David Purdy are currently on a trip to Poland.

-Snowbirds Sara Philips and Alan Nugent have returned from Florida! It is great to have them back.



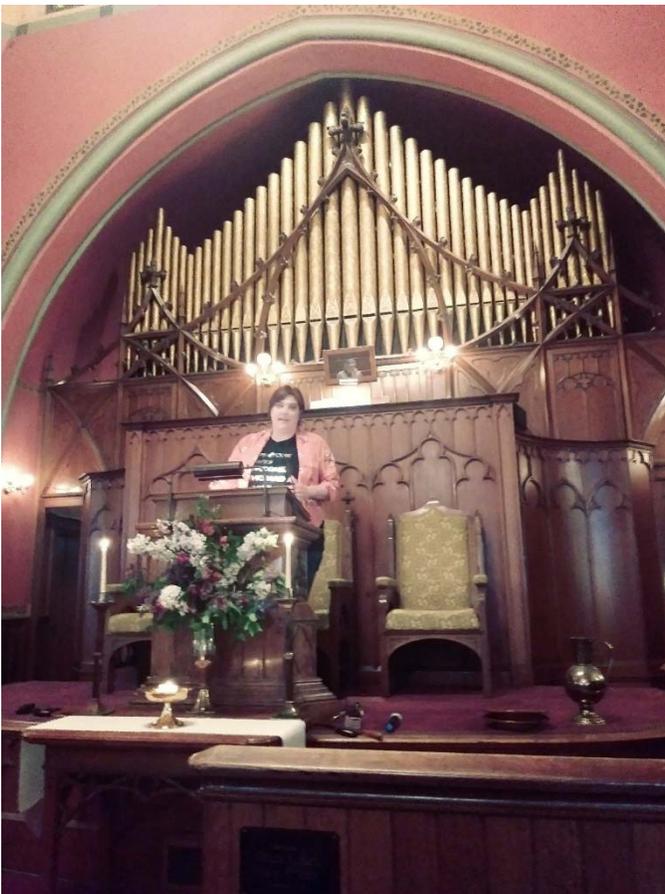
## **Joys and Concerns *continued***

-Rev. Lori Staubitz will not be in the pulpit on June 2nd (Flower Communion Service) because she has a concussion with vertigo. Her doctor has ordered her to rest! Rest up Lori and feel better soon! The Flower Communion Service will be held with church members taking over the service. Everyone is asked to bring a flower to share.

-Contributions to the Qadour family will go to helping them pay their monthly debt for the flight to bring them from Syria to the United States, which they have paid faithfully each month. And thank you for your very generous contributions to date!

-Al Capurso is anticipating that he may need LVAD (left ventricle assist device) surgery shortly, which would install a pump in his heart to help relieve his shortness of breath and fatigue. Following that, he anticipates some weeks of recovery time. Al said he is planning on playing for our Annual Picnic in August and hopes he will be fully recovered by then. Here's wishing Al the best of luck for a smooth procedure and a speedy recovery!!

-Bonnie Beiswenger has returned to her summer home in Maine, and she is missed already!



### **Mentioned in the Service**

From Jessica George's May 19<sup>th</sup> service  
on Restorative Justice.

Father Gregory Boyle:

“We stand with the demonized until the  
demonizing stops, and we stand with the  
disposable until the day comes that we learn to  
stop throwing people away.”



## Pullman Plaudits

- Poem readers during the May 5 service included Darrell Dyke, Diana Dudley, Liz Schaal, and Sylvia Goodstine. Monica Beck sang 'Bless the Beasts and the Children' with piano accompaniment from Diana Dudley.
- Thanks to everyone who attended the 125th Annual Congregational Meeting on April 28! A quorum was achieved and the meeting went very well. The Board did a great job preparing for the event. Sylvia Goodstine, Dick Hoffman, Jessica George, Rich Della Costa, Liz Schaal, and Chris Loss brought food and drinks. Darrell Dyke conducted the meeting expertly, and the 19-20 budget passed. Also, the dining room was cleaned and set up by Don Olsowski. Liz Schaal printed out the reports. This was truly a team effort!
- Darrell Dyke's term on the Board has ended and many thanks for all the work he has done! He served as Board Chairman for two years, helped prepare the pulpit schedule, organized many celebrations, led discussions on 'The Long, Strange Trip' and so much more. The Board had voted for our church to sponsor him as a ministerial candidate, and he has been juggling the demanding schedule this year. Thanks again Darrell for your service!
- Welcome new Board member Chris Loss, and thanks to Rich Della Costa and Richard Hoffman for agreeing to continue on the Board!
- Congratulations to Jessica George, who was elected Board Chairperson at the first meeting in May. Jessica has been a wonderful addition to the Board and has many new ideas!
- The Potluck Supper on May 6 was another fun, relaxing sharing of food and ideas! Many thanks to Diana Dudley, Sylvia Goodstine, Monica Beck, Patrick Poland, and Chris Loss for contributing to the evening!
- Sylvia Goodstine provided yummy and healthful snacks each Sunday! Great job Sylvia!
- C.W. Lattin's floral arrangements each Sunday have been just lovely.
- Don Olsowski was applauded at the Annual Meeting for the wonderful work he's been doing at the church! He keeps the church clean, puts up the Wayside Pulpit sermon titles, monitors the church, fixes things, plants flowers, and on and on. We are so fortunate to have him with us!
- Joyce Riley fought a good fight on the ballot for the Albion School Board. While she didn't win, she had a lot of support from members and friends here, and it takes courage to run for office.
- Alan Nugent attended the Annual Meeting via phone conference from Florida and was able to answer questions at the meeting. He is to be applauded for taking time to make himself available even though he was still in Florida!
- Many thanks to Rev. Dr. Donald Algeo for filling the pulpit twice in May! Don serves at the Gaines Congregational United Church of Christ on a rotation with other ministers.
- Jessica George was in the Pulpit on May 19 speaking about Restorative Justice. Jessica is a prison Rape Counselor and Outreach Specialist for RESTORE through Planned Parenthood. Great message Jessica!



## Worship Associates Needed!

If you would like to volunteer to be a worship associate and read the welcome/announcement message, chalice lighting words, and other elements of our worship, please contact Chris Loss ([closs1626@gmail.com](mailto:closs1626@gmail.com)).

## Support PMUC and the Planet



Just a reminder – We have a bin for refundable cans/bottles and one for aluminum. *Both our church and the environment benefit!!*

- Please be sure the aluminum is clean and labels are removed.
  - Please do not crush the aluminum.

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