

The Tidings

June 2019

Ballston Spa United Methodist Church



101 Milton Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Pastor's Column

I am a Christian – Maya Angelou

When I say... "I am a Christian."
I'm not shouting, "I'm clean living."
I'm whispering, "I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say... "I am a Christian."
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian."
I'm not trying to be strong,
I'm professing that I'm weak
And need his strength to carry on.

When I say... "I am a Christian."
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say... "I am a Christian."
I'm not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are far too visible
But, God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian."
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.

When I say... "I am a Christian."
I'm not holier than thou.
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's grace somehow.

Pastor

Rev. Kelly Warner

Office Manager

Susan Cramer

Custodian

Tom Chase

Music Ministry

Cathy King

Christian Education

Karen Groff

Church Council Chair

Ilah Sisson Walser

Financial Secretary

Cherrie Sanders

Lay Leader

Linda Sheeran

SPRC Chair

Joyce Garlock

Treasurer

Lynne Blake

Trustee Co-Chairs

Gary Perkins

Helen Senecal

**Youth Group
Leaders**

Melissa Taylor

Cherrie Sanders

**PLEASE notify us of
any address
changes and/or if
you no longer wish
to receive this
publication.**

Mission and Outreach News



Fair Trade

The next Fair Trade sale will be Sunday, June 16 after worship just outside of the Connections Cafe. We will have coffee, tea and hot chocolate for sale. Dark chocolate bars will not be available again until Fall unless we have a few left from our sale in May.

5K Thank You Dinner

The 5K meal in June will be another LUNCH on Saturday, June 15th at 1:30 PM at the Route 50 Diner (on Doubleday Ave/Rte. 50). Please contact Stan Lockwood or Melody Babcock by Wed. June 12th if you wish to attend. All members/friends of BSUMC are invited to join us in thanking sponsors and generous contributors to the Falling Leaves 5K. The Route 50 Diner has been very supportive of community events in the short time they have been in business in the Village. They are especially supportive of our Veterans!!

Thrift Shop News

The third room in the Upper Room Thrift Shop has been refurbished. With special thanks to George Mallette for making new storm windows and to George and Mark Pollack for painting and electrical work.

Several people have commented on how "bright" the room is with the new light!

We are truly grateful and blessed to have the talents of George and Mark.

Serving Christ, the Thrift Shop Volunteers

Boy Scout Happenings

Glenn Harrison announced at the Church Council meeting that the Boy Scouts just signed their 106th Charter. Congratulations Scouts!

Food Pantry

The total of households using the Food Pantry for the months of April and May was 127 which included 304 individuals.

Thank you to the Route 50 Diner for their monetary donation to the Food Pantry. We would also like to thank the Elks Lodge for their continued generous donations of food to the pantry.

As always, we thank all who volunteer to the Food Pantry in any way.

God Bless, Helen Senecal

Church Happenings

Sunday School is Cool



By the time you read this, we are winding down our year of Sunday School. It has been

wonderful to have the experience of teaching your children every week. We will be having our last Sunday school on June 9th. During the service the children will perform some things they have tried to learn this year. After this, Summer Gatherings are planned on the non-communion and Family Sundays throughout the summer. We hope you can make sure to have your children come to church to enjoy this. Having fellowship with other Christian children can be a blessing when our schools and clubs can be so competitive and sometimes not as accepting. I also hope you can sign up to help with Summer Gathering if possible.

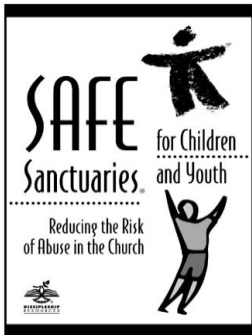
I will be stepping down from Sunday school in June. It saddens me to have to do this, but my health must come first. I have a surgery planned in July and have yet to get my house on the market for sale. With all the other hats I wear, it was just too much for me. Much thanks for letting me into your children's hearts for a little bit. I will still be involved with children in some way I'm sure so don't be surprised if you see me teach time and again. Lol

I want to take a minute to thank the wonderful teachers we had this year also. Marcy Wilson, Sarah Keyes, Mary Drake and Kelly Schmidt were heroes to me! They were dedicated to coming in and teaching our children, helping with coffee hour snacks, cleaning the rooms upstairs, coming and/or helping with First Fridays and many other tasks too numerous to mention. I also want to thank Cherrie Sanders and Melissa Taylor for leading the youth group this year. She does a great job with Pastor Kelly and we surely appreciate it! Please think about becoming a teacher for next year. It is a rewarding job and can be a lot of fun. Please talk to me if you have any interest. Have a great summer!! Karen Groff

Ice Cream Social

One June 9th there will be an ice cream social following the church service to celebrate Recognition Sunday and the wonderful job the

children have done this year. Please plan on joining us for this fun time.



Summer Gathering Safety

Sunday school is almost done, and summer gathering will soon begin. Although summer gathering is not always as organized as a weekly Sunday school lesson, it can be just as fun and fulfilling for a child. It is still important to keep safety in

mind. Please remember when volunteering, to teach summer gathering in adult pairs. If not able to get another adult to work with you, then at least enlist a parent to keep a cellphone number handy during service. A volunteer roamer sign-up list will be available for you to place your phone with the caregiver. The ability of a caregiver to contact someone for help can be a time and life saver in many situations.

Summer gatherings are a time for children to learn fellowship with other church children. Gatherings are often held outside so keep in mind comfortable clothing. Also keep in mind an application of sunscreen and bug spray on those hectic Sunday mornings. A back up supply of these items, the walkie talkie's, and a first aid kit are also available in the white cabinet in the fellowship room for everyone's use. Please see Karen Groff if you have any concerns. Thanks!

Youth Group Over-Night

Youth Group will be having an Overnight on June 14th starting at 7:30 p.m. and ending at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 15th. We will be watching a movie, playing games and having a snack. Please bring your sleeping bag and pillow. Also needed is a volunteer to bring breakfast in the morning. We will provide the drinks.

Lawn Mower Available?

We are looking for a donation of a small rotary lawn mower for the church. If you have an extra one lying around that you would be willing to donate, please see George Mallette.



Did you know...? 25% of our congregation gives to our church by electronic giving.

Graduate Information Needed



Do you have a 2019 graduate in your family? If you know someone that is graduating from high school or college this year, please send their information to the office at 518-885-6886.

All graduates will be recognized during church on June 9th, Recognition Sunday, as well as in the Tidings. Please include name, school or college, date of graduation, degree earned, future plans, and any special recognition you would like to mention. Thank you!

Memorial Committee Report

The music, robes and bell choir funds have been consolidated into one Music category. The decision has been made with the consent of the donor to move the Carillon funds to that Music category. There is a fund for landscaping to beautify the front of the church. The money in the Food Pantry fund will be transferred to the Food Pantry account. This was approved at the May Church Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Estella Simmons

Financial Peace University

We were gifted with some money to use toward the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University. Dave Ramsey and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. Please contact Estella Simmons (885-9767 for more information.

Roast Pork Dinner Up-date

We sold about 120 dinners plus we fed the 24 volunteer helpers. \$1455 was collected at the door plus the Bake Sale added another \$67. On Sunday we added a few more donations, so the total is about \$1700. Our thanks to all who helped serve, to those who donated pies and baked goods, and our sincere thanks to those who donated money to help off-set the costs of the dinner. We also want to thank those who came

Easter Offering The Easter offering was \$2,157 which was \$884 more than last year...a 70% increase in Easter giving! Thank you for your generosity!

and enjoyed the dinner and fellowship.
Janet and George Mallette

Lost & Found

Multiple pairs of glasses, earrings, tall coffee mugs- these are just some of the items located in our lost and found, which is on the bookshelves in the Connections Cafe.

District News

10th Session of the Upper New York Annual Conference

Together in Prayer: Moving Beyond Our Comfort Zones, June 5 - 8 at the OnCenter in Syracuse, NY. May the grace and peace of Christ be with our attendees- Pastor Kelly, Linda Sheeran, Lay Member to AC, and Ilah Sisson Walser, Equalization Member.

Summer Camp Registration is Open!

What better time to look forward to summer camp! Registration is now open for Upper New York Camp & Retreat Ministries summer programs, including your classic favorites and some new adventures!

Go to <http://campsandretreats.org/summer-camp-2019>, or pick up a brochure on the Welcome tables, and plan your kids' summer fun at Skye Farm!

Skye Farm Open House **Saturday, June 1, 1-6 pm.**

Walk the campgrounds. Meet the staff. Participate in activities. It's free! It's fun! It's for the whole family! Contact: 518-494-7170 or info@skryfallcamp.org

Skye Farm News

Now Hiring:

1. **RN** for the summer, for one week or the whole season, from June 30 through Aug. 9. The wage would be \$400-\$550/ week. Food and housing are provided.
2. Part-time seasonal **Maintenance Assistant**.
3. Skye Farm Summer Camp needs additional summer staff as **male counselors** and **lifeguards**. If you know anyone that would make a good candidate, please let them know. Be part of the team of staff caring for campers and our site so they may know and experience God's love, please contact us. It may be the most impactful experience (week or summer) of your life! Call Skye Farm at 518-494-7170

Next **WorkDay** is Saturday, October 19. Raking the grounds, cleaning and putting away equipment, and closing up cabins.

Retreats:

- Family Camp - August 9 - 11
- Paint and Sweets for Women - September 27 - 28
- Adirondack Fishing for Men - October 18 - 19
- Holiday Party Reunion - December 14

For details, go to www.skyefarm.org.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

**★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!**

- 6/1 Gary Perkins
- 6/2 Benjamin Taylor; Mason Caswell
- 6/3 Karen Parlapiano; Makayla Hodsoll; Kim McCumber
- 6/4 Joyce Garlock
- 6/5 Robert Edmiston
- 6/9 Diane Solotruck
- 6/1 Katie Keehan
- 6/11 Katie Warner; Emily Clark; Janice Green
- 6/12 Taylor LeRoy
- 6/15 Michelle Greco
- 6/17 Jonathan Forster
- 6/18 Dorothy Collins
- 6/20 Christopher Shoen
- 6/21 Jeremy Litchfield
- 6/25 Jim Sheeran
- 6/26 Julia Blake
- 6/27 Lee Lockwood



- 6/6 Trisha & David Heffernan
- 6/19 Kelly & Albert Schmidt
- 6/29 Marcy & Gary Wilson

Please let the Church Office know if there are any additions and/or corrections.



Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline date for the July issue of The Tidings newsletter is June 20th. You may e-mail your article to bsumc@albany.twcbc.com, drop it off, or mail it to the office. Anyone may submit an article for the newsletter.



**Sunday Worship 10 AM - Nursery Care Available
Sunday School 10:15 AM**

**Ballston Spa United Methodist
Church**

101 Milton Avenue
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Address Service Requested

June Tidings

Church Office Phone

518-885-6886

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Pastor Kelly Warner

Tuesday – Thursday (all day)

Email

bsumc@albany.twcbc.com

Web Site

Ballstonspaumchurch.org

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”