

Worship - Sunday 10 AM
Sunday School - during worship
(Sep-Jun)

Twins Talk

October 2025

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Pastor's Corner

Last evening Joanne and I had the privilege of attending our 12-year-old granddaughter's soccer game at the Fairgrounds. It began at 5:15, and as it is late September that meant the sun slowly set behind the hills to the west.

To the east, the horizon is created by the hills cascading into the valley below, created by the Black River.

As the sun settled, we were treated to a beautiful sky, pale yet vivid, clear and crisp. Into that light from over the horizon flew not 1 or 2 but 5 flights of Geese. As they lifted from the river flats you could hear them calling and watch as they formed their V for one more flight before nightfall. As we watched I couldn't help but think of this poem:

Wild Geese by Mary Oliver

*You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,*

*the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting—
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.*

Mary's gentle voice reminds us we don't have to be perfect, to "trust the soft animal" in our body, to accept ourselves because everyone has a place in the world. Her geese are wild and free yet oh so connected as they support each other's journey.

Mary reminds us that as we struggle, know the living world keeps going like the sun, the rain, the migrating geese. Their calls become a promise we belong to the "family of things."

Let Wild Geese bring you contentment, hope and relief as you embrace the peace of the natural world.

Step outside, witness nature's beauty, its power, its grace. Let it speak to you.

Have a nice walk!

Steve

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us!" 1 John 4:12



Session Scene

- Approved renewal of Covenant Agreement with Steve Vance for 2026.
- After speaking with the other churches, we agreed to host the next 5th Sunday on November 30.
- The next Session meeting via ZOOM TBD.



**new
church
directory**

PHOTO SESSIONS

DATES: Sunday, October 5 or 19

TIME: 11:30 - 2:00

Sign-up sheets at church for time slots

All church participants, our members and friends.

Not local? Send your own photos as long as they are clear head-and-shoulder shots with plain backgrounds.



Kim Buell
Received in Membership
September 28

Our 12th new member in less than 2 years!
A true testament to all of you for making
everyone feel welcome and loved.

Drive-Thru 

TURKEY DINNER

Saturday, October 18

4 to 6 PM

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PRESALE ONLY



- Dinner tickets limited to 300 -

Dinner includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, squash, cranberry sauce, roll and your choice of apple or pumpkin pie for dessert.

Tickets may be purchased at the church on:

Sundays: Before or after 10AM Worship

Tues & Wed: 10 AM to Noon

Thursdays: 3 to 5:30 PM

Or call/email: 315-865-5096

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Peggy Curtacci always knew something was wrong, but it wasn't until that one night at the bowling alley that she realized she had a serious health problem.

"I threw my bowling ball going for a strike and instead I got Chiari," joked Curtacci during the annual Conquer Chiari Walk Across America event in Rome on Saturday, Sept. 20.

"I had some headaches, and I had some pain and some issues, but until I threw my bowling ball and my whole left side went numb, that's when I realized that I really had a serious problem."

Chiari is a serious neurological disorder where the bottom part of the brain, the cerebellum, descends out of the skull due of a malformation and crowds the spinal cord, putting pressure on both the spine and the brain, according to Conquer Chiari, a nationwide educational and research-focused organization dedicated to getting help for people with Chiari. Chiari effects one in every 1,000 people in the United States, and it does not differentiate between age, race, gender or any other demographic.

"Right now there's no cure. There's a surgery. They remove a piece of bone from the back of the skull to take the pressure off of the brain. Some people improve 100%, some 50% and some really not at all. So the challenge is to fund research, because that, in the end, is what's going to help improve care," said Curtacci, of Holland Patent, who has been doing advocacy work for 25 years. The local group is called Chiari Cares.

Anyone looking to donate to the cause can visit the website www.conquerchiari.org. Curtacci said they are also looking for someone to organize next year's local Walk Across America, and the local group can be reached at chiaricare2014@gmail.com.

5th Sunday – August 31

Faith, Friends and Fellowship



What a great way to cap off the summer by welcoming our 5th Sunday neighbors for worship and enjoying the golden tones of the combined choir!

The next 5th Sunday opportunity will be on November 30, which is the 1st Sunday of Advent.



Church Family and Friends

Date: Tuesday, Oct 28
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: Johnny B's (Floyd)
Everyone is Welcome & Bring a Friend

Call Muriel Werbovetz for reservations:
315-865-5816

CONGRATULATIONS, TAYLOR AND ALEX
The New Mr. & Mrs. Gaylord
August 16, 2025



Tabitha's Fund



Last school year, Tabitha, the Sunday School Sheep bank, did a great job of collecting money for our Chicks and Bees Fund through the Heifer Project.

Thanks to everyone, she collected \$100 which gave 8 families each a beehive, a flock of chicks, and training for how to care for them.

With honey and eggs, these families can now have food to eat and start a business.

This year, Tabitha is collecting for the local *Kicks for Kids* project, which gives sneakers to kids who don't have proper shoes.

Tabitha will be in her place in the hallway, waiting to take your coins and eager to help children so they can walk, run, play, and go to school with confidence.



Autumn Glory



Presbytery
of Utica

Reducing/Eliminating Fossil Fuels

The Presbytery of Utica is partnering with ReWire Energy in Saratoga Springs (<https://rewireenergy.com/>) to reduce or eliminate our dependency on fossil fuels. The first two parts of the project:

- **NYSERDA Energy Audits.** ReWire will coordinate level one energy audits with an NYSERDA certified auditor at no cost to congregations of the Presbytery of Utica. The audit report will help congregations determine recommended energy improvements make the most sense for the congregation.
- **Community Solar Program.** ReWire has organized a program whereby congregations can purchase their electricity from a local solar farm. There is no cost to join the program, and no additional equipment needed. **First Presbyterian Church of Holland Patent** is the first congregation to commit to participating in the community solar program; while there will be incremental dollar savings over the course of the year, **the church will reduce its carbon footprint by approximately 6.6 metric tons of CO₂ annually.**

As more congregations join the program, the churches of the Presbytery of Utica can have a tremendous impact on reducing the amount of carbon dioxide we introduce into the atmosphere—and increase *shalom* for ourselves and for the land.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



October

- 1 Julie Baum
- 1 Shirley Renninger
- 2 Kathryn Baldwin
- 4 Joanne Vance
- 5 Susan & Allen Solomon (A)
- 5 Kathy & David Heburn (A)
- 7 Grayson Marconi
- 9 Rich Aubry
- 10 Jessica (Aubry) & Ryan Meade (A)
- 20 Ken Hoover
- 21 Shawn Lemieux
- 22 Ben Phillips
- 24 Janet Hoover
- 27 Mary Preston
- 27 Lorie Phillips
- 28 Pat Bliss
- 30 Russ Golly

Worship Schedule

- Oct 5 - Steve Vance - *World Communion*
- Oct 12 - Steve Vance
- Oct 19 - Janet Stengel
- Oct 26 - Bonnie Tryon

Events

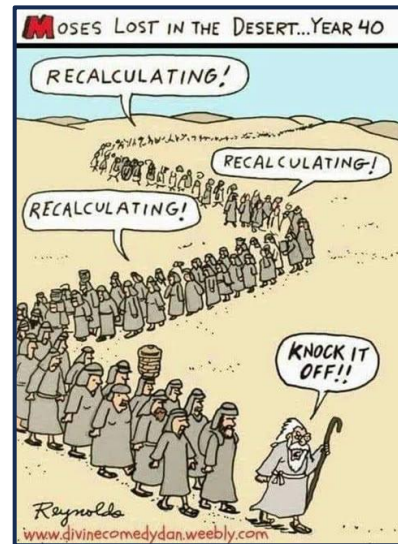
- Choir Practice** - Thursdays at 5:15 pm
- Oct 1 - Stone Soup - *see Betsy Allen for info*
- Oct 4 - Park Coffee House - *Liz & Jeff Ingersoll*
- Oct 5 - Mission Committee after worship
- Oct 14 - Transformational Trails Zoom Session - 3:00 pm
Curiosity, Compassion, and Active Listening
- Oct 18 - Octoberfeast - *see ad above*
- Oct 28 - Hope House Volunteer Day - Cook 12-2:30
Serve 3-5
- Oct 28 - Lunch at JBT's in Floyd - 1 pm - See ad above
Check our website at "twinchurches.org" for a complete calendar of events



October 2025

- Oct 5 – Patty Aubry & Laurie Grenier – *World Communion*
- Oct 12 – Muriel Werbovetz
- Oct 19 – Sue Mazur, Jude Burton, Cindy Rye
- Oct 26 – Gail Brett

Janet Lanning – Phone 315-941-7409
Email jlasc@me.com



bits & pieces

Prayers are asked for:

- Gaby McGhee who is coping with metastatic cancer. She and her family have a plan in place so that one of them will always be with her – such a blessing.
- Karl Werbovetz who has not been feeling well.
- Paul and Brenda Castle as Paul continues to deal with serious health issues.
- Taylor Gaylord's brother, Dawson, who recently had surgery for a brain tumor.
- Taiba Dawlat as she meets with attorneys regarding her 5 young female family members trying to immigrate safely to the USA.
- Kathy Wynkoop (Dave Heburn's wife) who had a pacemaker implanted.

Joys are shared for:

- Carol Beasley's family for the celebration of her Mom's 101 birthday with a family reunion.
- Peg Curtacci and all the support she got for the successful Conquer Chiari Walk that she organized.
- Vince Vannicola on the wedding of his granddaughter, Melissa..
- Artie and Harry Finn on the wedding of their eldest grandson.
- Dwight and Gail Putnam who are thankful to Muriel & Karl Werbovetz for bringing them a delicious meal.

Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci phone: 315-867-7898 or email: pcurtacci.1947@gmail.com