

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

Twins Talk

July 2025

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Pastor's Corner

Welcome to Summer and the beauty and warmth it brings. It was slow to join us but brilliant in its recent displays.

The recent storms that passed through the Mohawk Valley have left many in need of assistance and compassion. Please look for them and share your time and love with them.

One of the wonderful opportunities created by our Small "Hope" Group is that we have the time and the safety to share our feelings and beliefs and hopefully come to understand them and how they provide a path to community. It certainly helped me better comprehend my journey.

I spoke of losing contact with "church" and spending 20+ years as a Chreaster! (Christmas and Easter) When Joanne and I reconnected, we quickly came to recognize that belonging to a community was a significant part of our newly reborn faith lives.

There is something deeply meaningful about being part of a church community. In a world that moves fast and often feels disconnected, the church offers something different: a place to belong, to grow, and to be known.

Church membership isn't just about names on a list—it's about being part of something bigger than ourselves. It's about showing up for each other, praying for one another, celebrating life's joys, and walking together through its challenges. The Twin Churches practice these things well and often: so let's celebrate and carry on!

In church, we find friendship, purpose, and the reminder that we are not alone. Here, we learn and serve, laugh and cry, worship and wonder—together.

If you're looking for a way to get more involved, we'd love to help you find your place—whether it's through a ministry team, a small group, music, mission, hospitality, or simply showing up with a willing spirit. There's room for your gifts here. And we all know gifts are wonderful things to share!

Let's keep growing in faith, hope, and love—as one community, one family, in Christ.

You belong here. And we're glad you're part of the journey.

Steve

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

Summer Camp Financial Assistance



Session approved using the Staring Youth Fund to provide financial assistance to faith-based Summer Camps for active school-age youth in our congregation. The amount of each grant was set at the cost of camp to a maximum of \$200 per child.

Application forms for this grant are available by clicking the following link ([view/print Application for Financial Assistance](#)) and are also in the Narthex. Once the form is completed, returned, and approved, payment will be made to the Camper's parent.

If you have any questions, contact Carol Heburn, Kathy Lemieux, Jannet Lanning, or Pastor Steve Vance.

DeSantis Market Route 12, Barneveld



--- No waiting ---

Just drop off your bottles/cans and direct the refund to benefit Twin Churches (HP Presbyterian).

Receipts are periodically picked up and delivered to the church treasurer.

***Picnic time is here and beverages will be flowing –
Hopefully refunds can then flow in our direction!***

All Funds Support Youth Programs



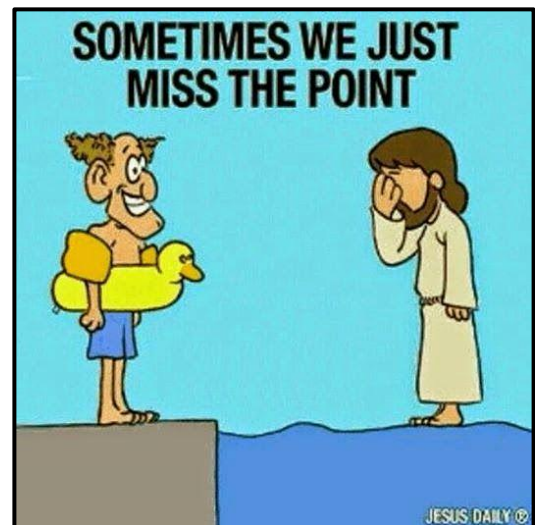
- **Approved:** Continuing our 5th Sunday Ecumenical Service plan, based on the Congregational Conversation on June 1. We are reminded that not all participating churches are required or equipped to host a Sunday.
- **Approved:** Summer Camp scholarships up to \$200 for church youth. (*See announcement in this issue for more info.*)
- **Approved:** Publication of a new Church Directory. (*See announcement in this issue for more info.*)
- August 31 is our turn to host the 5th Sunday Service and is also Labor Day weekend, when we have been joining the combined service/picnic in Lyons Falls. Session voted to host the 5th Sunday Service and not participate in Lyons Falls this year.
- The Deacons met with Session and discussed needs and suggestions for congregational care. More information on this will be coming soon.
- Session is gathering info on solar energy for the church.
- Session is looking into a new church sign that is visible from Rt 365.
- The next meeting will be July 27 following worship.



**Julie Baum
received in membership
June 1, Pentecost Sunday!**



**What a joy that our family
continues to grow.**



- NEWS --



- It is the goal to get every church building in the Presbytery off fossil fuels. Solar and geothermal energy would be the better choices.
- The Presbytery of Northern New York is looking to dissolve and join other presbyteries. It covers a vast area. Churches that are further east would most likely merge with the Presbytery of Albany. The rest would likely merge with our presbytery. Right now, there are 27 or 28 churches in Northern NY.

Children's Day/ Pentecost



The Children led
us in worship



They serenaded us with song and music!



They took us to the house where
the disciples waited, and waited,
and waited for the gift from God
that Jesus promised!



They celebrated with us when the Holy Spirit finally came
(with a little help from friend and narrator, Pastor Steve)
and the new church was born!

Thank you to the children for their faithful attendance in Sunday School and for sharing their talents and personalities with us all. (Pictured from left to right: Ally Hovey, Ann Hovey, Jalayna Fox, Mallory Fitzgerald, Trent Fox, Nola DePalma, Sam Fitzgerald, Liam Fitzgerald, and Ellie Pease. Not pictured: James Hovey, Ailis Dunn and Cullen Dunn.)

Thank you to the teachers: Kym Johnson-Fox, Betsy Allen, Patty Aubry, Carol Beasley and Carol Heburn and music director, Vicky Allen for their time and dedication to our important Christian Education program.

And thank you to the parents for their support and example that brings their children back every week.



Lemonade in the Park

Summer = Simple

The past couple of years, we've used our church lawn primarily in order to have electricity for coffee. Thank you to Cindy Rye for always setting that up on Sunday mornings! We found that it was a lot of work to carry supplies outside (cream & sugar, chairs, cups, etc) and clean-up took a while.

So we want to go back to using the Park and keeping things easier. The Park should provide more shade, too.

We suggest having a cold drink or 2 and some snacks. (We won't be serving coffee this summer.)

You should be able to pull up right by the Park, get your things out of your car, and skip having to go into the kitchen for anything. We could use the picnic table with the walkway. It would be helpful if folks could bring their own lawn chair. Possibly some of us could bring more than one to have enough for all. Also, it would be helpful for the person hosting to bring a large garbage bag.

We've had a sign-up sheet out for 2 weeks, and there are still a few Sundays available to host. Contact Janet Lanning: email - jasc@icloud.com, phone - 315-941-7409.

Thank you for your generosity and help!

From the Fellowship Committee



July

- 1 Jennifer Dorsino
- 2 Ailis Dunn (Patty Aubrey granddaughter)
- 4 Anna Beasley
- 5 Cale Hoffman
- Jill Wynne
- Dale & Marcia Jones (A)
- 9 Mike Haley
- Cindy Rye & Bob Murphy (A)
- Troy & Stephanie Finn (A)
- 10 David & Tanya Erway (A)
- 11 Seth Kraft
- 14 Mara Erway
- Katie Lynne Wall
- Muriel Werbovetz
- 15 Tina Dziekan
- 17 Jim & Bethany Marconi (A)
- 19 Julia Ferris
- Janet Broadbent
- 18 Carol & Tom Heburn (A)
- 20 Anna Niedzielski
- 21 Troy Finn
- 23 Sven Smith
- Mary Vannicola
- 24 Kym & Shane Fox (A)
- 25 Brenda Capodiferro
- 27 Casimir Niedzielski
- Trudy (Finn) Dunlap
- 30 Gary & Kathy Harvey (A)
- Dustin Dorsino

Picnic with the Unitarians



Saturday, July 19

Noon - 6:00 pm

Trenton Town Park - Lower Pavilion

Bring a dish to pass and your table service

Coffee & Water will be provided

(Please no alcohol per insurance restrictions)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Schedule

Jul 6 - Janet Stengel – *Communion*

Jul 13 - Steve Vance – *New Members*

Jul 20 – Steve Vance

Jul 27 – Bonnie Tryon

Events

No Choir practice till Sept.

Jul 19 – Picnic with the Unitarians (*see article*)

Jul 22 - Hope House Volunteer Day - *Cook 12-2:30,*

Serve 3-5 - Contact Gaby McGhee

Check our website at "twinchurches.org" for a complete calendar of events



COMING LATER THIS YEAR

Pictures to be taken in September

WATCH FOR DETAILS

bits & pieces

Prayers are asked for:

- Gail Brett who continues to recover from shoulder surgery. Gail thanks everyone for their acts of kindness.
- Brenda Castle's daughter, Cody, who is being treated for some health problems.
- Carol Heburn who is recovering from a knee injury.

Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci phone: 315-867-7898 or email:

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