

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

# Twins Talk

May 2026

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## Pastor's Corner

Is it me or has our weather pattern changed noticeably in the last few years?

And who does one speak to about that??

I hope this edition finds you happy and well! It is hard for us to remember that "Everyday is a Gift," but let's continue the struggle to make it so. Even the darker days need to be

embraced as a part of our lives that must happen if we are to be loving humans. SO..... hug your day, find your balance and love!!

Joanne and I visited New York City this week and attended an exhibition of the Italian Renaissance painter Raphael. As a man who can barely draw stick figures, one might suggest I was in awe of his work. He was a contemporary of Michelangelo and Leonardo, knew their work and competed with them for patrons. Incredible art was produced and it is close to a miracle so much of it survives for us to enjoy!

The exhibit suggested "art is like poetry" to an artist, a language mastered to share their inner thoughts, ideas and perspectives. It would seem their language has never had a period richer in passion and grace than the late 1400's and early 1500's in Italy! One's senses come alive by experiencing their pictorial thoughts. I am pretty sure that's why God encouraged us to be artists AND patrons of all the arts: to enhance our souls and bring us closer to each other and to God.

The words we read in the Bible guide us along a path we can follow and learn. Yet it is in the arts, especially of the Renaissance painters like Raphael that we can *experience* the poetry of our lives and soar above the paths we walk, feeling our spirit world, our God.

But it isn't necessary to visit a New York museum for those experiences, (although it is pretty fun), they can be had lots of places close at hand: local museums, local churches windows and walls, a good library!

Or we can experience the spirit by taking a walk in nature, sitting by a stream, holding a baby, holding a loved one, having honest conversations with friends or strangers; by doing anything that opens our hearts, minds and souls to the possibilities of the spirit world and have a God moment right here on earth.

Why are so many Renaissance paintings about Biblical characters, especially the Virgin and the baby, Mary, and the Saints? Maybe the artists wanted us to be able to experience a bit of heaven right here! Open your hearts to the God moments that surround us - it helps on those special days!!

Steve

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

## Childrens' Day 2025



**Pentecost Sunday**

**May 24, 2026**

**"Be filled with the Spirit!"**

**Ephesians 5:18**

## Worship with Our Neighbors



140 Mappa Avenue Barneveld, NY  
 Invitation from Bill Dieffenbacher, Warden

All are welcome all to our 3rd Ecumenical Service and look forward to continuing this recent tradition with our neighboring churches.

We will be celebrating Holy Eucharist with the Reverend Canon Megan Castellan. She works for the diocese of Central New York as Canon (Assistant) to the Ordinary (our Bishop) for Congregational Development and Mission Capacity Building. Rev. Megan visited St. David's a few weeks ago and is familiar to us. We were inspired by her visit and invited her back for the Ecumenical Service, which she excitingly accepted. We look forward to her participation and seeing how our Congregations have enthusiastically come together to celebrate as one, a few times a year.

We hope you come to celebrate with us. The collection goes to the Foothills Rural Community Ministry (Food Pantry).

**NO SERVICE OR SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TWIN CHURCHES**

## Stone Soup



The mission of providing free soup once a month to our community was started by Betsy Allen.

Now that Besty has moved to be closer to her daughter, the tradition is carrying on thanks to the dedication of her assistants, **Brenda Capodiferro and Debbie Bliss.**

Soup is made and distributed the first Wednesday of each month (except July & August) and more hands are always appreciated.

See Brenda or Debbie for more information.



## MOTHERS' DAY - May 10

To honor, remember, commemorate and celebrate our Moms and their memories, everyone is again invited and encouraged to bring something to *Coffee Hour* that represents Mom!

This could be a picture, a recipe, a piece of handiwork, a drawing, or photo. Use your imagination.

Please be sure to label your item so that we all know who these special people are!



Our church has been actively participating in Church World Services' (CWS) Blanket Sunday since 1979.

**Your contribution to the CWS Blankets program not only gives people around the world supplies to keep them safe and healthy but hope, warmth and a reminder that they are loved.**

**Blanket the world in love**

**Because You Shared Through CWS Blankets and Kits**  
 Because you shared so generously, hope showed up when it was needed most. Your compassion brought comfort, care and the promise of a new beginning to neighbors facing a difficult time.  
 Thank you for being part of a community that shows up — again and again — with love.

**1,600** disaster preparedness kits

**17,317** blankets

**5,400** cleanup buckets

**6,147** period packs

**71,760** hygiene kits

**39,300** school kits

**CWS YOUR COMPASSION IN ACTION**  
 2025 CWS Kits & Blankets Shipping Report

Totals as of December 1, 2025  
 Scan the QR code to see the complete 2025 shipping report.

"When neighbors help neighbors, hope shows up in the most beautiful ways—thanks to the compassion of CWS donors."  
 — RISE AND SHINE COMMUNITY EVENT, GALVESTON, TEXAS

Your offering will be received during worship on **Mother's Day, May 10, 2026.** Envelopes will be available in the weekly bulletin and in the pews, or you may mail your donation to the church Mission Committee.

Thank you for considering a donation to CWS Blankets.

Peggy Curtacci  
 On Behalf of the Mission Committee

\*\*\* FINAL REMINDER \*\*\*



## 3rd Annual Spring Tea Party

Friday, May 15

11:00 am

Church Fellowship Hall

Food - Friends - Games - and more!!

---- Bring a friend ----

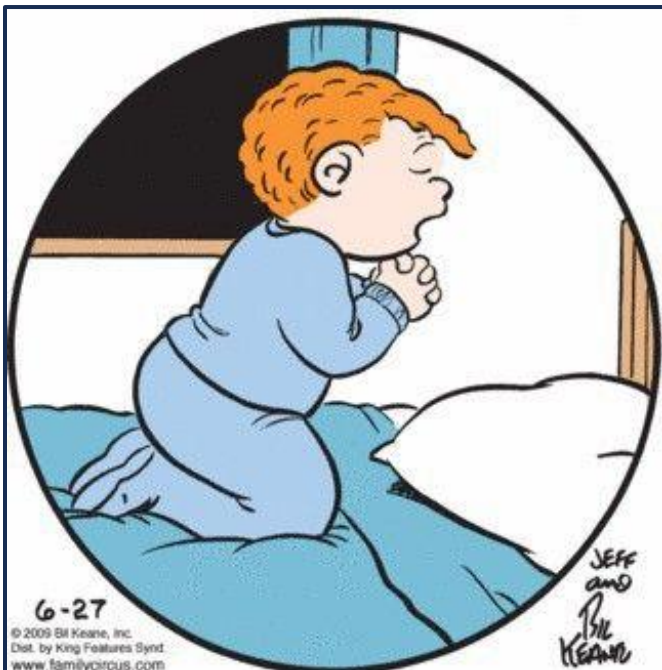
*RSVP by May 8 to Artie Finn*

*315-865-4661 (home) or 315-292-4356 (mobile)*

*If you would like to come but need a ride, let Artie know.*

We still have opportunities to help with:

- Little Cookies - need 2 dozen of 3 different kinds
- Little Sandwiches - need 2 dozen (such as cucumber, egg salad, tuna, meat, etc .)
- Plan a mixer game
- Plan a group game
- Serve drinks (2 people)
- Make small flower centerpieces
- People willing to pick up someone if they need a ride
- Set up (Thursday afternoon) and Clean up



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“...forgive those who trespass  
against us. And leave us  
ninety-two temptations...”

## Holland Patent named Best Community for Music Education



Shawn DePalma, Elizabeth Anne-Roberts, Kristin Kelly, Bethany Swift, and Deborah Gutowski (not shown - Tales Navarro)

The Holland Patent Central School District has been nationally recognized as one of the **2026 Best Communities for Music Education** by the NAMM Foundation for its commitment to music education.

This award recognizes school districts across the United States for their dedication and ongoing efforts to ensure every student has the opportunity to take part in music classes.

**Congratulations, Shawn and the entire music staff!**

## Celebration for Betsy Allen



After 47 years of friendship, service and dedication to our church family and the community, we celebrated Betsy at a special coffee hour. Her accomplishments are far too many to list, but include teacher, nurse, elder, cook and multiple committee member.

Betsy was given a copy of Walt Hagues painting of the park, gazebo and Twin Churches, with space around the picture for all to write notes to her.

We send her with our love, appreciation, and hope that she enjoys her next phase in Albany, and we look forward to having her back to visit us often.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



### May

- 1 Jason Niedzielski
- 3 Stuart Gates  
Cash Jensen  
Reese Finn  
Madden Meade  
Laurie & Joe LeBuis (A)
- 4 Susan Solomon
- 6 Dick Gates
- 7 Matt Curtacci
- 11 Josh Dittl
- 12 Shawn DePalma
- 13 Heidi Carnright  
April Bliss  
Andrea & Jeff Larry (A)
- 14 Carol Moseman
- 15 Elle Beasley-Pease
- 16 Elizabeth & Anne Condrey-Pitlyk (A)
- 18 Pam & Todd Finn (A)  
Ava Larry
- 19 Vicky Gauci Allen  
Michelle Brown
- 20 Rich & Patty Aubry (A)
- 25 Mallory Fitzgerald  
Sheila & Brett Saunders (A)  
Chris Aiken  
Heidi & Ryan Carnright (A)
- 26 Allison Bliss
- 28 Tyler Jones  
Alexandra Wynne

### Worship Schedule

- May 3** - Steve Vance - *Communion*  
**May 10** - Steve Vance - *Mother's Day*  
**May 17** - Bonnie Tryon  
**May 24** - Steve Vance - *Pentecost*  
**May 31** - 5th Sunday at St. David's Episcopal

### Events

- Choir Practice** - Thursdays at 5:15 pm  
**May 5** - Friends Then & Now Small Group - 10 am  
**May 6** - Stone Soup - (see article)  
**May 12** - Friends Then & Now Small Group - 10 am  
**May 14** - Spring Tea Set Up - 1 pm (see article)  
**May 15** - Spring Tea - 11 am (see article)  
**May 23** - Park Coffee House - *Cincinnati Creek* - 7:30 pm  
**May 24** - Session Meeting - after worship  
**May 26** - Friends Then & Now Small Group - 10 am

Check our website at "[twinchurches.org](http://twinchurches.org)"  
for a complete calendar of events



### May 2026

- May 3** – Karen VanGorder  
**May 10** – Vicky Allen – *Mother's Day*  
**May 17** – DePalma, Fitzgerald, Beasley  
**May 24** – Artie Finn - *Pentecost*  
**May 31** – NO COFFEE HOUR – 5th Sunday  
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## bits & pieces

### Prayers are asked for:

- Patty Aubry's daughter, Kim, her husband David Dunn and their children as they relocate to David's current assignment in Missouri.
- Jim Allen's daughter, Dianna, who is being treated for aggressive cancer.
- Jeff Larry and his family on the death of his father, Peter, on April 29. Calling hours will be at Barry Funeral Home in Rome on May 3, 12 – 3 pm and the funeral will be at the Floyd Methodist Church on May 4 at 11 am.

### Joys are shared for:

- Pat Pepe who was very excited to hear that she will be a great-grandmother.
- Shawn Lemieux's husband, Kevin, who is a professional scrabble player and had another successful tournament experience.

**Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci phone: 315-867-7898 or email: [pcurtacci.1947@gmail.com](mailto:pcurtacci.1947@gmail.com)**