

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

Twins Talk

July 2024

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Pastor's Corner

Happy Week of the 4th! Summer is upon us and we are blessed with a technicolor display of God's creations.

While at church on Tuesday I was inspired by the light and the scene to take photos of our sanctuary. I carefully use that

word because it isn't just indoors, we find peace and love, it is wherever we are cradled by the love of Mother Nature, especially our church building and its greeting signs!

We had a wonderful meeting during church last week, followed by an "ecumenical" picnic in Trenton Park attended by 17 from our church plus many from the Unitarian Church and St. David's Episcopal Church. New friends were made, and the food was delicious and plentiful. A gathering to be repeated.

Our church meeting garnered support for an ecumenical effort to share services with a 1-year trial. Session will meet the week of July 14th and we will keep you posted as we fine tune the process. Thank you so much for your time and input.

Please note the date and time in the notice below for our next Faithful Conversation and join us!

We are creating community and love with our conversations by sharing our thoughts and ideas. Come on the 10th with a treasured photo or object and let us learn something new about you!!

I have a favor to ask - call someone you haven't spoken to in... let's say a month! Just for fun and love!

Have a great week!

Steve

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



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



Pastor Steve Vance, Clerk of Session Janet Lanning, and the entire congregation were very proud and happy to receive six new members to our family on June 23.

From left to right: Sue Mazur, Bonnie Tryon, Jerry Litz, Dorothy Buley, Sonnel Suba, and Debbie Bliss.

Children's Day 2024

Adventures on Route 66



The children led an energetic and memorable service on Children's Day, June 9, sharing with the whole congregation the journey they took during the year through all 66 books of the Bible.

After an action-filled, warmup rendition of "Father Abraham" (led by Jalayna and Trent Fox pictured above), the Children's Message took us all through ["The Bible in 50 Words"](#) (click the link to see the list of words). Children and others were assigned parts and away we went from Genesis all the way to Revelation! Above are pictures of "Noah Arked", "Jesus Born" and "Spirit Flamed".

The children were all recognized by teachers Carol Heburn, Carol Beasley, and Kym Johnson-Fox (pictured above). The students in order from left to right are Mallory Fitzgerald, Nola DePalma, Sam Fitzgerald, Liam Fitzgerald, Jalayna Fox, and Trent Fox.

The service ended with the singing of "Day by Day", accompanied on saxophone by Liam Fitzgerald. The celebration was topped off with our ever popular annual "Make your own Sundaes" at coffee hour.



.. To Foothills Rural Ministry
(and Sally Preston) for
donating some of their
homemade tablecloths to
the church for use at coffee
hour and other events.



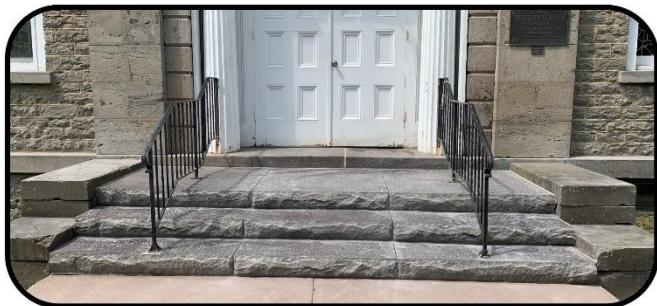
**Community Worship
& Picnic**
Sunday, Sept 1, 2024
10:00 AM
Riverside Park
6908 Laura St., Lyons Falls, NY

- Session received Bonnie Tryon for church membership.
- *Approved* - Repair of the main entrance steps.
- *Approved* – attending annual Lyons Falls outdoor service and picnic on September 1. No service at our church that Sunday.
- *Discussion* – the idea of 5th Sunday joint ecumenical services with other local churches will be presented to the congregation prior to any further discussion.
- *Presbytery Notes* – Many churches report an increase in the number of “Friends of the Church” as the number of members is decreasing.
- The next meeting will be July 14 following worship.



Session Scene

MAIN STEPS RENOVATION



What a joy – the orange cones and warning signs are gone!! Thank you to our Property Comm, Cindy Rye, for heading up this major project to repair the main entrance and make it safe.

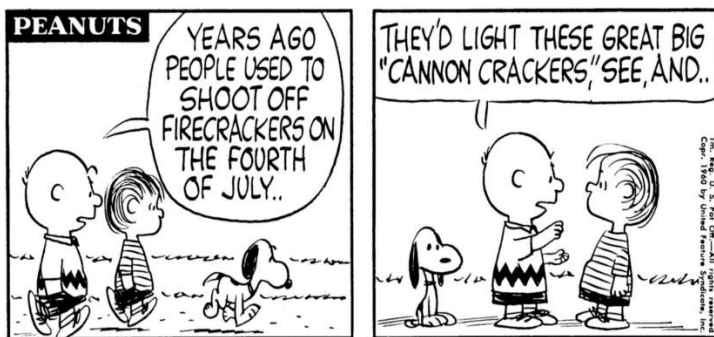
Conversations with Steve



Wednesday, July 10th at 1:30 PM - you are warmly invited to join Pastor Steve Vance in a conversational meeting in the meeting room! The meeting is the continuation of a series of small group get togethers we are having throughout the summer to discuss and study topics of interest chosen by the attendees.

For this meeting, please bring a photo or an object that is important to you and tell us its background and why it is important to you. This beautiful exercise was developed by a previous HP Small Group.

Please join me! No reservations needed!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Schedule

Jul 7 Ed Townsend - *Communion*

Jul 14 Steve Vance

Jul 21 Bonnie Tryon

Jul 28 Steve Vance - *Senior Recognition*

Events

Jul 3 Concert in the Park - 6-8 PM - *ZZ & Matt Beadle*

Jul 10 Conversation with Steve - 1:30 pm in the Meeting Room

Jul 10 Concert in the Park - 6-8 PM - *Dust Devil Band*

Jul 14 Session meeting - following worship

Jul 31 Concert in the Park - 6-8 PM - *Above the Dam*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July

- 1 Jennifer Dorsino
- 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

Prayers are asked for:



- Janet Broadbent who fell and hit her head. She is in Wynn Hospital with a fractured neck.
- Mable Converse who has a leg injury and is in Oneida Hospital.
- Peg Curtacci who will be having surgery on July 8.

Joys are shared for:

- Kerkiera Stockton had a quick visit home and joined us for coffee hour. Like her mother, her schedule is always overflowing, but it was great to see her however briefly.
- Gail Brett who took a trip to Canada to visit her step-son, Cameron, and other family members.
- Artie Finn who shared that as a farmers wife and mother for many years, it is still a joy to see the rows of corn fields sprouting in the spring.
- Betsy who was seen celebrating her birthday on the Today Show.



Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci

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