

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

Twins Talk

September 2025

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Pastor's Corner

Isn't NNY exciting - 90 degrees one week, 60 degrees the next! Welcome to the cooler days and longer nights! Late Summer is a beautiful season for all!

August was a month of activity for The Twin Churches. We celebrated the wedding of Taylor Koenig and Alex Gaylord, we celebrated the life of Jerry Litz! Our ecumenical service was yesterday and with it came the revival of the choir. Sunday School begins on September

14. Our summer Lemonade in the Park gatherings have been joyful and filled with connections old and new!

I have a movie recommendation for you: *"The Heretic"*. NOW BE CAREFUL if you search this title to make sure it is the 2018 documentary and not the 2024 SCARY movie!! This documentary follows the journey of Rob Bell, former evangelical pastor for a megachurch, over several years as he leaves his church and challenges his faith while grappling with some critical questions many of us have. It is an inspiring and thought-provoking film which may answer a question or two and raise three or four. The end made me smile.

As you read this, I hope we smiled at each other at the Ecumenical Service yesterday. It is so wonderful that we participate in this community endeavor designed to simply allow us to share our faith and our lives with new humans. It seems like such a good thing to do; yet I was turned down last week by another church who felt they couldn't close on the Sundays they don't host. I struggle to understand their reticence. It's only about friends!!!

And we are not the only ones who desire community and hospitality to be important! In last Thursday's meditation from the Center for Action and Contemplation, its current Director - Theologian Brian McLaren wrote:

*"Imagine what might happen around the world if more and more Christians rediscover that central to Christian life and mission is what we could call subversive or transgressive friendship—**friendship that crosses boundaries of otherness and dares to offer and receive hospitality....** Imagine the good that could happen—and the evil that could be prevented from happening—if more Christians and others cross the roads and other barriers that have separated them, and **discover one another as friends.**"*

Life is short and we can never have too many friends!

Steve

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



- Approved membership for Kim Buell.
- Approved having the church house roof painted.
- Researching better chairs for the choir.
- Received additional funds from the Scalise estate.
- Received additional payment from the Marshall Fund Bankruptcy.
- The next Session meeting will be September 14 following worship.



Session Scene



Octoberfeast

Planning Meeting

Sunday, Sept 7
After worship

Do we have enough interest and support to keep this event going?

We need your help!

Everyone Welcome



**Gail & Richard Hoffman
Received in Membership by Transfer
August 3**

**Welcoming back familiar faces
is always a great joy!**



We are still in need of support to keep our Sunday School and Nursery available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

At least 1 additional teacher for classes grades 2-5 and grades 6 and up.

NURSERY:

Anyone willing to help out. With just 10 people, each would only do 5 times all year.

Please help us keep our Christian Education alive and thriving. It's a program we can really be proud of.

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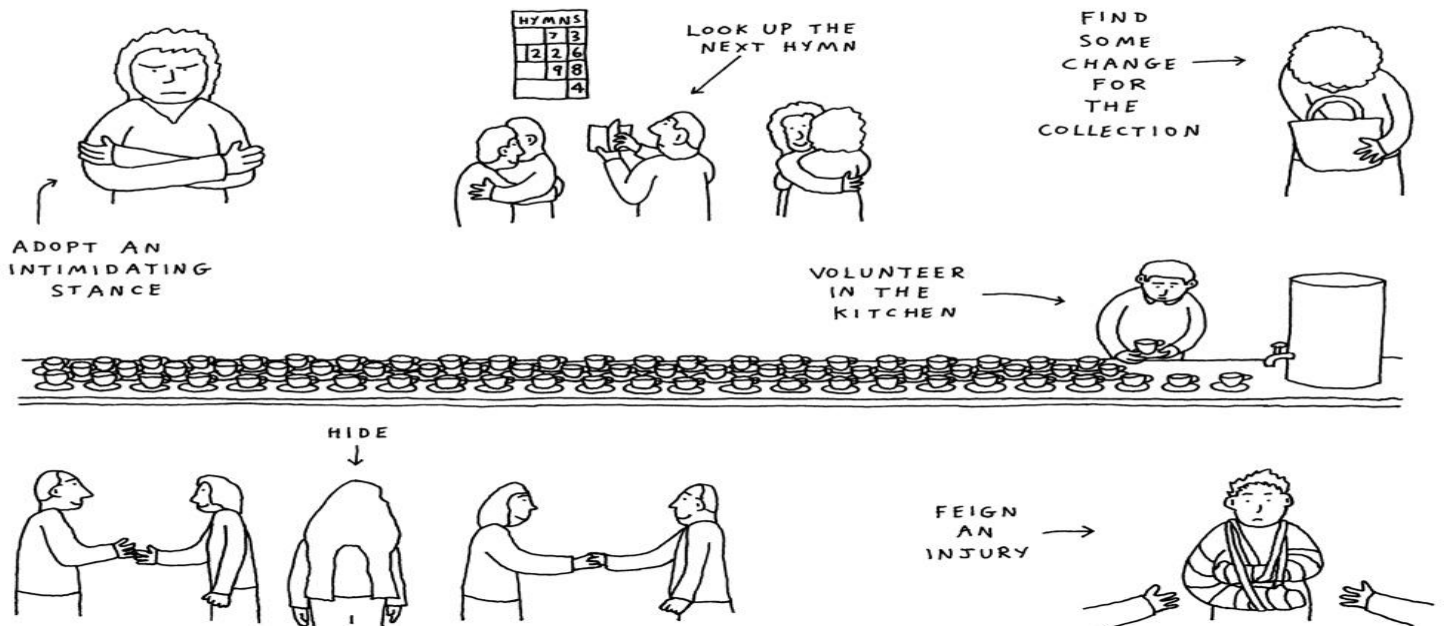
**Fall 2025
Showtime: 7:30**

- Sep 13** – The Cadleys
- Oct 4** – Liz & Jeff Ingersoll
- Nov 8** – Joe Davoli with Loren & LJ Barrigar
- Nov 22** – Split Bill: Alexis Loomix / Red Bandana
- Dec 6** – Local Favorites



THE PEACE

STRATEGIES FOR AVOIDING IT



International Day of Peace Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025

**Ceremony at Noon
Music & Readings**

"Together For Peace"



In the Holland Patent Village Park, by the Peace Pole across from the Presbyterian Church. Gather at 11:15 am, with the formal program starting by noon.

The pole is being weeded, songs are being rehearsed and refreshments will be special, as the community recognizes the International Day of Peace.

This year, our theme is **"Together For Peace"** emphasizing Togetherness in a world of division. History of the International Day of Peace and our own history with the pole will be featured. The Holland Patent Peace Pole is described as an international symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family.

It is part of the International Peace Pole Project.

Please spread the word and join us. All are welcome!



Transformational Trails

Engaging in trauma-informed care is not a program to complete or a certificate to display—it is a way of being in the world. It shapes how we see, experience, and engage with people, systems, and communities. Learning what trauma is, how to recognize it, and how it impacts people is valuable, but that is trauma awareness. Trauma-informed care goes further: it asks us to embody a different way of being that is grounded in curiosity, compassion, and active listening.

You are personally invited to join the Transformational Trails community on ZOOM to learn more.

Session Details:

What: Bi-Weekly ZOOM Learning Session (1 hour)

Focus: Making Curiosity, Compassion, and Active Listening real in practice.

When: Tuesday, September 2, 16 and 30

Register: email uticastatedclerk@gmail.com for the ZOOM link to join the sessions

Indigenous Peoples/Earth Care

Michelle Bosma at the Fenimore Art Museum facilitates a series of open-air gatherings on Haudenosaunee culture. The gatherings are free and last from 11-12.

Dates and topics below:

September 11. Traditional crafts, eg basket weaving, beading

September 25. Haudenosaunee Sovereignty: legal battles and land rights



September

- 1 Laura Howard
- 2 Wesley DePalma
- 4 Mandy Aiken
Patty Aubrey
- 5 Eric Koenig
James & Taylor Fitzgerald (A)
- 7 Richard & Gail Hoffman (A)
Rich & Karen Mueller (A)
- 8 Vincent Vannicola
Karen Hoffman
- 9 Michael Werbovetz
Debbie Dittl
Karen Mueller
- 10 Owen Kline
Nola DePalma
- 11 Beth Marconi
Kathy Harvey
Aaron Finn
Kevin Allen
Susan Baum
- 17 Kurt Harvey
Mike & Jennifer Dorsino (A)
- 18 Laurie Ives
- 19 Sonja Mueller
- 23 Lynne Howard
Marshall Marconi
Lawson Condrey & Kalie Dunn (A)
- 24 Andrew Gorczynski
Debbie Rowlands
- 27 Chris Kelly
- 29 David Erway
- 30 Kerkira Stockton
Liam Fitzgerald
Geri & Stuart Gates (A)



September 2025

Sep 7 - ?

Sep 14 – Artie Finn – *1st Day Sunday School*

Sep 21 – Gaby McGhee & Volunteers – *Peace Sunday*

Sep 28 – Curtacci & Lemieux

Janet Lanning – Phone 315-941-7409

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Worship Schedule

Sep 7 - Steve Vance - *Communion*

Sep 14 - Steve Vance – *1st Day Sunday School*

Sep 21 – Bonnie Tryon – *Peace Sunday*

Sep 28 – Steve Vance

Events

Choir Practice - Thursdays at 5:15 pm

Sep 3 - Stone Soup - *see Betsy Allen for info*

Sep 7 - Octoberfeast Planning Meeting after worship

Sep 7 - Mission Committee after worship

Sep 13 - Park Coffee House - *The Cadley's*

Sep 14 - Session Meeting after worship

Sep 21 - Peace Pole Ceremony at noon

Sep 23 - 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*



Prayers are asked for:

- John Niedzielski (son of Susie & Gary) who is recovering from successful open-heart surgery in early August.
- Bob and Karen VanGorder as doctors work to find a diagnosis for Bob's medical issues.
- Ruth Walker who is having some respiratory problems. She would enjoy cards.
- The family of Jerry Litz who passed away on August 12. We know he left with a song in his heart.

Joys are shared for:

- Taiba Dawlat who gave birth to a healthy baby girl.
- Taylor (Koenig) & Alex Gaylord on their wedding on August 16.
- Gaby McGhee's grandson, who will be preaching for the first time as his first church.

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