

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

Twins Talk

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Pastor's Corner

It is August and it is Summer. Mother Nature has been very sure we recognize her favorite season in NNY!

As the days grow longer and the pace of life slows just a bit, summer invites us to reconnect—with nature, with neighbors, and with one another. It's a season for shared meals, porch conversations, and unexpected moments of grace.

We add old friends to our community, we drink lemonade outside, we plan for services to be together and we look forward to our new friends and neighbors joining us for our 5th Sunday Worship!

Have you noticed that August seems to offer us more birthdays and anniversaries to celebrate than most others! And we are about to add another!

In the life of the church, summer can be a time of deep community—of noticing who's missing, figuring out where they are, checking in with those in need, and offering a kind word or helping hand. Whether we gather for worship, a small group, a concert, a barbecue, or a simple chat in the parking lot, these connections matter.

I invite you to embrace this beautiful month as a chance to care more intentionally for our church family, for our neighborhood, and for ourselves. A phone call, a visit, a smile—it doesn't take much to remind someone they're not alone.

God is present in every season, but there's something about summer that opens our hearts to the Spirit's gentle work. Let's grow together in love, one small act of care at a time. What can you do to make someone smile!!

See you in the sunshine of August—and in worship.

Steve

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



**Taylor Koenig and Alex Gaylord
Received in membership - July 20.**

**As we continue to see new faces in our pews,
and our church family continues to expand, it
is a tribute to all of you who are so friendly,
welcoming and accepting of everyone.**

**You bring Steve's words to life:
"You are welcome here, just the way you are!"**





Our church has been truly blessed that the Nursery and Sunday School survived COVID and have indeed doubled in number over the last year. We have also seen several little ones attending service who would be ready for nursery this year, and we would like to make a better plan for everyone.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Currently we have 2 classes:

- Pre-school to 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade and up.

We would like to create a 3rd class for 6th Grade and up, so that our older youth could have a more meaningful experience.

In order to make this happen, we need your help:

- 1 or more additional volunteer(s) at each level – With only one teacher per class, they are never able to attend the worship service. With 2 teachers per class, each would be free to attend worship half the time.
- Those who feel they cannot commit for the whole year, but are able to substitute a few times when needed.

NURSERY: Infant to 3 years old (when Sunday School is in session); Infant to 5 years (during the summer).

It is our hope to get a list of those willing to help in the Nursery. If we could get at least 10 people, then each would be able to play with the children for 5 Sundays a year. Can you imagine a better way to spend an hour on Sunday morning?

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

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**Starts September 14
during worship at 10 am**



HP Library Ice Cream Social

Join us on **Thursday, August 21 at 6:00 PM** for our annual ice cream social. Relax on the library's lawn with your blanket or a chair and enjoy music from the group **Cincinnati Creek** while enjoying some delicious sundaes made with Stewart's ice cream. Sundaes will be sold for \$1.00 each, so bring the whole family. In the event of rain the social will be rescheduled.

Worship with Our Neighbors



5th Sunday - Lemonade in the Park

As hosts of this joint service, we will be providing Lemonade in the Park on August 31. It's difficult to predict how much of a crowd we may have. It is Labor Day weekend, and many people from all the churches may be away or have other plans. On June 29, there weren't as many in attendance at St. David's as last September when we were there. But we do need to plan for the fellowship time. We will use our beautiful park, weather permitting. Cold drinks will be offered, no coffee.

It seems that a combination of small sandwiches and cookies would work well. Please contact Janet Lanning if you can contribute a drink or food. (315-941-7409 or jlasc@me.com). Thank you for your help!



**TRANSFORMATIONAL
TRAILS**



The Presbytery of Utica is pleased to announce a series of biweekly online seminars facilitated by Transformational Trails. Led by the Rev. Dr. Aemina Razzano, this series assists congregations in cultivating the knowledge and skills to address trauma, navigate conflict, and manage anxiety within their communities.

The series will officially begin on Tuesday, July 22, at 3:00 PM via ZOOM and continuing bi-weekly. These sessions will delve into critical topics such as understanding trauma, effective conflict resolution strategies, and addressing congregational anxiety.

In addition to the group discussions, Aemina will offer confidential, one-on-one consultations. These individual calls are available to pastors, church sessions, and other interested individuals who wish to discuss specific issues, cases or concerns in a private setting. "We can only be effective and helpful when we are also doing the internal work ourselves. This is also an opportunity to begin a personal, intentional journey and/or practice," said Aemina.

For more information and to be included on invitations for the bi-weekly Zoom calls, please contact the Presbytery of Utica office by emailing uticastatedclerk@gmail.com or call 315-735-6311.



With your help, Equal Exchange is embarking on a new journey. The **Small Farmer Fund** is a way to pool community resources and continue working collaboratively with farmers on their co-ops' development. A donation is a vote of confidence for this new model, one that tests the strength of Equal Exchange's network in the face of a broken agreement from the local government.

The **Small Farmer Fund** will be used to continue the work started under the USAID-funded Co-op Development Program, on projects aimed at improving climate resiliency, supporting gender equity, engaging youth, improving crop yields, and more. Many of these vital projects brought farmers from different countries together to learn from each other in collaborative exchanges (as pictured below, in Honduras) but project plans that were already underway had to be abruptly terminated.



Now, the aim is to continue these projects in support of shared goals:

- Provide additional support to small-scale farmers in the face of unstable and unfair markets, changing weather patterns, and corporate consolidation.
- Build stable and equitable livelihoods around the globe.
- Build strong opportunities for farmers to stay on their land.
- Build an adaptive and responsive exchange between our farmer network and our customer network as we continue to bring to market the delicious products you know and love.

For more information, visit shop.equalexchange.coop/products/donate



August

- 3 Peg & Jim Curtacci (A)
- 4 John & Shelle Wall (A)
- 7 Steve Vance
- 8 Larry & Carol Beasley (A)
- 8 Anna Beasley & Patrick Pease (A)
- 10 Nancy Baum
- 10 Shawn & Sarah DePalma (A)
- 13 Kyle Erway
- 13 Rachel Wengert
- 14 Katie Lynne (Wall) & Stephen Bartoszek (A)
- 16 Bob Murphy
- 16 Christopher Hardy
- 19 Jaime (Lemieux) & Rusty Worden (A)
- 21 Steve and Joanne Vance (A)
- 22 Ken & Janet Hoover (A)
- 23 Hannah Carnright
- 24 Laura & Evan Grenier (A)
- 26 Colin Baldwin
- 29 Tina & Jon Dziekan (A)
- 30 Mary Beth Olney

Aug 2025 – Lemonade in the Park

- Aug 3 – Taylor Koenig
- Aug 10 – Peg Curtacci
- Aug 17 – Bonnie & Gaby
- Aug 24 – Deb Rowlands
- Aug 31 – 5th Sunday Volunteers (see Janet)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Schedule

- Aug 3 - Steve Vance - *Communion, New Members*
- Aug 10 - Steve Vance
- Aug 17 - Steve Vance
- Aug 24 - Bonnie Tryon
- Aug 31 - Steve Vance - *Host 5th Sunday*

Events

No choir until Sept.

Aug 21 - HP Library Ice Cream Social & Cincinnati Creek - 6:00 pm

Aug 26 - 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

bits & pieces

Prayers are asked for:

- Shirley Renninger as she continues to recover after radiation therapy. She was grateful to ring the bell marking the end of treatment but is facing some difficult side effects.
- Alexis Saunders following surgery.
- The family of Barb Field who passed away on July 13.
- Jerry Litz who is currently at The Pines in Utica. Cards can be sent to his home address at 9441 Main St, Holland Patent, NY 13354.

Joys are shared for:

- Kathy & Gary Harvey and family who visited Spain for the "Running of the Bulls". All 3 of their sons really ran! What an adventure.
- Bob VanGorder who is recovering well from a heart stent and was reported to have been mowing (hopefully with doctor's approval).
- Vince Vannicola who was recognized by the Boy Scout Council for his dedicated service as a troop leader.
- Sonnel Suba on the birth of a grand-niece, a month early but healthy.
- Gaby McGhee on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Reine (queen in French), and the 4th generation of "queens" in the family.

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