



SCHROON LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church Of Christ

United Methodist Church

September 2013

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Open

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Open

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From the Pastor,

"Gratitude and simple pleasures"

A little girl was grocery shopping with her mother. After the clerk gave the mom the receipt, the clerk handed the little girl a lollipop.

The little girl eagerly tore off the wrapper, but before she could stuff the sucker into her mouth the little girl's mother interrupted her with, "What do you say to the kind lady?"

To which the little girl looked up at the grocery clerk and spoke with the sweetest voice, "Charge it!"

The words charge it, of course, was not the appropriate response. And, we smile at the child's innocent, yet inappropriate reply.

However, how much like the little girl are we at times? How often are we so blessed yet unaware of the beauty of our blessings?

Today let us think about God's boundless love and consider just how much we have so that we may not lose precious time in forgetful wishing for things that usually are not as precious as the simple pleasures that give us joy each and every day.

Mark Twain once said, "The American culture can be described as a "unlimited multiplication of unnecessary necessities."

How many unnecessary necessities are we saying "Charge it" for while the simple pleasures we receive go without a thank you to the giver of all blessings?

A lollipop. A child's laughter. A spouse returns home from work. Tea with a friend. A kitten's purr. The adoring eyes of a dog. The sunshine on our face. The smell of the air after a rain. A child's first day of school and a child's graduation day.

How many simple pleasures are you able to add to the list? Go ahead. Sit down and start writing simple pleasures to thank God for. Imagine the blessing and the joy you and God will be able to share!



Celebration of the Baptism on July 7, 2013

Harper Aurora Bessey, Parents: Rhett and Nicole Bessey
Ava Elizabeth Le Blanc, Parents: Tom and Viktoria LeBlanc



Reception of Members on July 7, 2013

Rhett and Nicole Bessey



Congratulations, Malena

Malena Gereau was chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss New York Pageant. The pageant was held August 15-17 in Rochester, New York.

Update on Buildings and Grounds

We've been pretty busy this past spring and summer. Our goal is to keep our church property in safe and good condition to the extent that we are financially and physically able. Our group has finished the painting of the community room and the hallway up to the sanctuary. The north side of the church has been sided and looks beautiful. The main electric supply to the sanctuary has been replaced with new wiring. The labor was graciously provided to us free of charge by Drew Hanchett of D&D Building.

The focus of our attention this summer has been the drainage problems at the Leland Avenue entrance to the community room. Work was done to address the pooling of water on the sidewalk and doorway. The vestibule also needed stabilization of the foundation. The entire project took a whole lot of digging and very hard and dirty work.

In Memory

Bruce E. Robinson
July 20, 1945—April 12, 2013



Selma Robinson
August 28, 2013

Sympathy cards can be sent
to James Robinson
8 Knobb Hill
Byfield, MA 01922

A friend of the church
Florence Roberts
June 5, 2013

Update on the Church Siding Project

The project to vinyl side the church has been a "pay as you go" endeavor. We are a small, but determined group. The front of the church looks lovely. Now the Leland Avenue side has been completed and it truly looks wonderful. This side had the most damage and certainly improves the overall appearance of the church. So, what is next?

We really need to address and finish the steeple. A wind storm brought down the spire to the heavens one night. We need to get that replaced and finish the siding of the steeple base. That is within our grasp. As we enter the fall season, we tend to reflect on our bounty and thanksgiving for all that has been given to us. Please consider an offering to the fundraising campaign of this church. Little by little, a small group of committed people can do a great deal. Our faith and determination can lead us to do great things. With sincere thanks for all you have done and will continue to do. Liz Insull

Upper New York United Methodist Vision:

To live the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places.

Women's Society



Creating a communion banner at our May meeting

June luncheon at Laura Donaldson's home

I would like to thank everyone who baked, brought, bought and supported our bake sale at the Arts & Crafts Fair in July. We were happy to earn a little over \$400.00. Also, I would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to Liz Insull for having the sale on her front porch overlooking the lake. "Beautiful Spot" Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18th at noon. We hope you can join us. Janet Nieradka, President 251-4260

Women's Society Luncheon September 18, 2013

Women of the church are invited to our annual luncheon at noon at the church community room. Please bring one and one half sandwich to share. The officers will bring salads. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Start the fall season with church friends, fellowship and good food!

Church friend to remember

Eleanor Jenks c/o Marcia Gaige
26 Curt Blvd.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Flowers on the Altar

September Sheila Yanko
October Sue Yoeckel
November Sue Yoeckel



New Front Lawn Sign



Christian Education



**Peace Sunday
September 29, 2013**

This is the third year that our church will celebrated Peace Sunday in recognition of International Day of Peace.

The community is invited to this special service. The UN theme for 2013 is Education for Peace. The children will be preparing and serving breakfast at 10:00. Donations are for Habitat for Humanity. Please support the children's service project and enjoy the service.



Children's art work for the parade float.

HAND BELL CHOIR



Join the hand bell choir. Rehearsals will start in October. The choir plays for Thanksgiving and Christmas services. No experience needed. Call Sandy Crooks at 532-7432.



POT LUCK SUPPER

October 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Community Room

Theme: Italian

See Darlene Foshay for a sign up sheet.



"Share" Schroon Lake Food Pantry Totals for 2013

Food Pantry totals for the past three months are as follows:

June 2013.....138 family units (188 Adults, 78 Children and 90 Seniors received food for at least 2 days)

July 2013.....132 family units (141 Adults, 55 Children and 67 Seniors)

August 2013.....140 family units (156 Adults, 64 Children and 94 Seniors)

Thanks to Grants, private donations and food donations from people and local churches we were able to meet their needs adequately.

Thank you, Pete and Terry Johnson, for dealing with the food delivery when I had to be in Burlington for my Post Operative after my eye surgery.

Thank you, Alice Robedeau, for giving Terry and me a helping hand whenever we are open at the food pantry.

Gratefully, Lenchen Marnell



Basic Lay Servant Class April 26 and 27, 2013

When I first heard about the lay Servant Ministries class I knew immediately that I needed more information. I did not want to follow in my father's footsteps and train to be a lay speaker-too scary-but I did want to learn about ways to better serve my new church. Having been very involved in the UMW and served as a Trustee for many years in my former church, this class seemed the perfect opportunity to learn and grow in my faith here in Schroon Lake. What I got was much more than that. The experience not only gave me new understandings and insight, it bonded me to a group of like-minded individuals in ways I could not have imagined. It was thought-provoking, educational, spiritual, and I must say, emotional. I will never listen to or sing "Here I Am Lord" in much the same way ever again. Patt Rommer



Class members: Darlene Foshay, Carole Ann Greig, Terry Johnson, Carol Moffat, David Moffat, John Milsom, Linda Milsom, Patt Rommer from SLCC; Bernard Frederick Jr., Pottersville UMC; Tom Fuller, Chestertown UMC; Julie Hayes, Warrensburg UMC; Amanda Smith-Lucier, Alplaus UMC; Candyce Arada Trombley, Moriah UMC; and class leader Ilah Sisson Waiser, Ballston Spa UMC.

My experience with the Lay Servant Class is one so personal, emotional, spiritual, educational, and purifying that there are no words to do it justice. Although we used a workbook as a guideline, our class consisted of Jesus' teachings applied to our individual lives and how to apply the principles so that we reach as many folks in our community as we can. My classmates were amazing and supported me with their Christian love while I wrestled with my own demons. I learned so much and I know that God has shown me a path that I can truly follow for His glory. Darlene Foshay

Lay Servant Ministries was a new concept for me and in many ways more meaningful. As lay persons in our church we have an incredible responsibility to serve. This class helped and reminded me how we each are a piece of the puzzle that fits together. The history and connectional part of the United Methodist Church was so helpful to UMC, UCC, and all Associate members to our Schroon Lake Community Church. The spiritual path we walked during that time will hopefully help us commit, respond, and share in the ministry of our church. It was soooooo good to have our church be the host for this meaningful time. carole ann greig



I enjoyed the Lay Servant course very much. The fellowship, sharing with one another, and learning more about how we can be servants to our church and our Lord were great. On Sunday morning when we ended the church service with the hymn, *Here I am Lord*, I got very emotional. I felt as if the Lord was holding me in the palm of his hand! What a wonderful and spiritual experience I had! Terry Johnson

When one approaches leading a Lay Servant class, you never know what to expect. When I headed to Schroon Lake, that certainly was the case. To my great joy what happened was magical, within a very short period of time the group gathered there from several places in two Districts, became a family, a trusting group of people to support one another through this experience of faith. I was truly blessed to be able to lead this group on this short path of their journeys.

Being a Lay Servant helps define our role as people of faith living out what we are called to do in life. I know each of the individuals learned as well as shared and will continue to share their faith with others.

We were blessed to be able to lead the Sunday morning worship service at Schroon Lake Community Church. It was great to see each person take part. Certainly it was watching seeds of faith growing and blossoming. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it. Ilah Sisson Walser



Second Prize winner in the Fourth of July Schroon Lake Parade



Children's art work for the church float
We are the children. We are the world.



Parsonage reviewing stand for the parade.

Good Thoughts
 "The earth has received the embrace of the sun and we shall see the results of that love." Sitting Bull



Marathon Weekend
 Worship will be Saturday, September 21st at 5:00 p.m. Come and support the runners on Sunday, September 22nd. As a church outreach the church will be selling hot dogs, popcorn and beverages from 11-2. STOP BY!



CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

As members of this congregation, we will faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

Our Gifts

June \$ 5,039

July \$ 4,897

August \$ 5,375

Monthly budget for 2013 \$ 4,207

Our Presence

June 51 Attendance Average

July 70 Attendance Average

August 62 Attendance Average

The church has a website.

www.schrooncommunitychurch.com

Check out the website!
Your church newsletter
and calendar are included!



Please send announcements for the Sunday bulletin to Bob Crooks. His e-mail address is RCrooks@nycap.rr.com

TO CONTACT THE PASTOR

Please use the church line at 518-532-7272. If there is no answer, leave a message. In the event of a pastoral emergency, call Pastor Terry on his cell phone @518-321-4892.

Pastor Terry's office day is Tuesday.

rev.mosholder@yahoo.com

Wear gratitude like a cloak and it will feed every corner of your life." Rumi

Parsonage Flowers

Thanks to Diane Leah, Carole Ann Greig, and to those who made donations for the plants and to the town beautification committee for their work on the garden in front of the parsonage.



Looks great!

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

Thanks to the church officers and committees for all their volunteer work .

Thanks to the House and Grounds committee for their many hours of work on the church building and grounds.

Thanks to Terry and Pete Johnson for a great job of organizing the Coffee Hour.

Thanks to Bob Crooks for publishing the Sunday bulletin.

Thanks to Sandy Crooks and the musicians who provide the music for worship.

Thanks to Richard Williams and the Seagle singers for their musical gifts.

COFFEE HOUR

Thank you to everyone who has hosted coffee hour. This is a great fellowship time for our congregation and visitors. Thank you Bob and Sandy Crooks for your weekly coffee donation. Please sign up to host coffee hour downstairs on the bulletin board. Please call me if you have any questions at all. Thanks! Terry Johnson, 532-7794.



From the editors -

Thanks to everyone who contributed articles and to John Yanko and Ellie Searles for computer assistance. The newsletter is being sent out by email to save expenses. Please let us know if you would like it sent by email. Linda and Sheila

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Church Happenings

Women's Society	Sept. 18, 2013 12:00 p.m.
Adirondack Marathon	Worship Saturday Sept. 21, 2013 5:00 p.m.
Peace Sunday Breakfast & Worship	Sept. 29, 2013 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Pot Luck Supper	Oct. 11, 2013 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Study	12:00-1:00 p.m.
Thursday Mother's Prayer Group	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning	Bible Study 9:00-9:45 a.m.
	Coffee Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
	Worship Celebration 11:00 a.m.

