



PAYNE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

There will be an Elders Meeting on Tuesday May 13th at 6:45pm

There will be a Board Meeting on Sunday, May 18th following the Worship Service.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

<u>Elders Communion</u>	<u>Bread</u>	<u>Cup</u>
May 4	Bob Link	Barb Wokersien
May 11	Becky Wilson	Jim Wokersien
May 18	Ken Ozzimo	Bill Wolcott
May 25	Jim Wokersien	Bob Link

Deaconess Schedule

May (4 Sundays)

Prepare – Nancy Golba Clean Up – to be announced

Please see Sandy Lange if you are able to assist with Communion



ATTENTION

***Marcy will be out of the office on May 14th, 15th and 16th and will return to the office on May 21st. Thank you.**

OUTREACH AND MISSION

The following letter was sent by Nancy Golba with our donation dedicated to Phebian Abdulai.

Dear Dr. Glick,

The parishioners of Payne Avenue Christian Church learned about the thousands of people who are blessed with the opportunity to receive compassionate care from the team led by Phebian Abdulai. Our Interim Minister, Rev. Hope Harle-Mould, was pastor of the church that sponsored Phebian and her family when they first arrived in the U.S. as refugees.

We were so inspired by Phebian's story and the great work being done at the Adama Martha Memorial Community Health Center that we took up a special Lenten offering and collected \$757.45 for this ministry. Please use the enclosed check to care for God's people in Koidu and the surrounding area.

May our loving Lord continue to bless you and everything you do to bring hope and healing to His people.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Golba

Outreach and Mission Coordinator

Payne Avenue Christian Church

Memorials have been made In Memory of

Susan Benton

By

Brett Kofod

Barb and Edward Wokersien

Ross Benton



Continued Prayers are being requested for the following:



Prayer Requests

Kim Potfora, Deborah Evans, Bob and Becky Wilson, Burton Merrian and Devon Compton, nephew of Paul White and Nancy Mueller, Ken Miller, Brian's father-in-Law, Billy Wilson a nephew, Jan Tooke and her Sister-in-law Ronni, Diane Misner (Bob Link's daughter) Harry and Lois Madrid (requested by Jan Tooke) Cynthia Pullman, Madeline Mock, Carol McBride, Karen Smith (Friends of Marcy's) Rev. Dr. Arthur Davis, Shirley Jayne, Ross Benton and family, Leah Benton and daughter Ruth, Bob Link's Daughter Shelly and Grandson William and Son-in-law David Misner, Karen Lawrence and her daughter Rhonda and her friend Sharon Weiss.

***There will be copies of this list printed and located on the Deacons tables. Please be sure to take one home so you continue to keep them in your prayers. *Please note, after a 6 week period names will be removed unless a special request is received in the office. Thank you.**

To be added to the **Prayer Chain** call Jan Tooke 693-2848 (before 9pm).

Thinking of You!

Please remember our members that are unable to be in their homes any longer...they would love to hear from you...send a card it will help them knowing we care!

Thank you!

Cynthia D. Pullman,

Comfort Care @ Our Lady of Peace Skilled Nursing

5285 Lewiston Road

Lewiston, NY 14092

Room 254

(daughter of the DiBernardo's)

Also, some members who are not able to attend weekly due to health and weather issues, a card would be a wonderful reminder that they are being remembered...Jan Tooke, Karen Lawrence and Janet Holt – all addresses are in our Church Directory.



“IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT”

***If anyone needs to be placed on the Communion to
Shut-Ins list please be sure to contact
Becky Wilson at 998-9052.***

Informal Coffee & Conversation

Every Sunday at 9:15 am



This is informally and warmly hosted by Shirley Jayne and Brenda Doucette. You are welcome to join the regulars who come in early before worship and enjoy each other's company, sharing true caring and laughter.

After-Church Fellowship Time with Treats

Every first and third Sunday of the month at 11:15 am

On first Sundays of the month, many of you have taken turns to bake or bring a treat, including Brett's famous pies. Brenda seems to know who is bringing things. But there is a sign-up list!

Pastor Hope has recently been trying to encourage a third-Sunday of month Fellowship Time with Treats. He thanks those who are starting to bring things in then.

In both of these ways, we pray that our congregation may continue to grow in closeness, caring, and faithfulness to Christ.

RECYCLE

For many who do not know or may have forgotten...here at PACC we accept clean returnable drink bottles and cans that are taken to the redemption center and the money received is part of our fundraising. Please consider donating your returnables and place them in the large bins at the entrances of the church!



THANK YOU

This past Valentines Day our Outreach Coordinator stopped by with a special reminder that the Church always thinks of them. Nancy brought flowers and cookies to Karen and Rhonda Lawrence, Janet Holt and Janith Tooke. They were all surprised and very appreciative.

On March 30th an appreciation luncheon was held to thank both Marcy and Keith Kofod for the work they do here at the church, always more than expected.

We would like to thank the Church Moderator, Elders and congregation for thinking of us both, we truly appreciated the thought, the certificates and gifts, thank you!

Let's Celebrate!

May Birthdays

11	Brett Kofod	23	Jean Ortel
16	Jason Wokersien	29	Dorothea Knoell

June Birthdays

2	Cecil "Bill" Wolcott	15	Rebecca Benton
12	Ellen Harbridge	23	Nancy Mueller
		27	Betty Lamb



May Anniversaries

John and Ellen Harbridge May 15th
Gabriel and Beverly DiBernardo May 30th

June Anniversaries

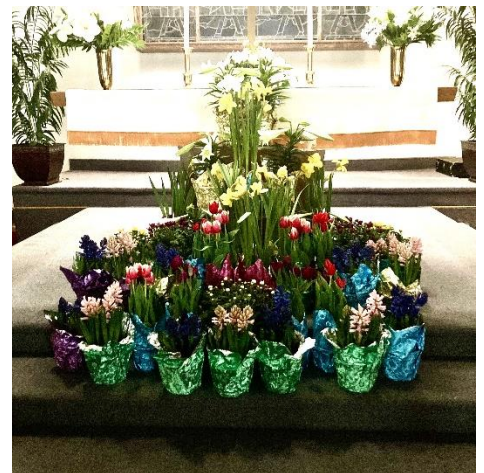
Frank and Kelly Akins June 21st
Pastor Hope and Linda Harle-Mould June 23rd
Tony and Marcy DiPasquale June 28th



***I would like to update the birthdays and anniversary dates so please be sure I have this information for all members of your family so they can be included each month.**

Through donations of Easter plants to decorate our Church this Holiday Season the following Memorials and Honors have been made.

Thank you all for your support in helping to decorate the altar.



In Memory of:

*Richard S Caldwell and loved Ones
Bompa & Gamma and Grumps & Gram
Kathleen Kofod & Daniel McCormack
Doug Jayne & Kim Arellano
Shirley Wolcott & Barbara Bucholtz*

Given by:

*Mary Caldwell
Bob and Becky Wilson
Brett Kofod & Kate McCormack
Shirley Jayne
Bill Wolcott*

Loved Ones

Grandparents

Phyllis Link and Loved Ones

Earl and Margaret Smith & Christine Smith

Loved Ones

Mom and Kelly

Husband, Jerry, Parents John & Vivian Papoi

And Edward and Geraldine Doucette

Loved Ones

Dan Ostwald

Brother David Harle

And a Nine-year-old Friend, Anna Conte

Rev. Jerry McGlone

Rev. Charles Lamb

Gertrude Proefrock

Lois Newman

Winifred Schasel

Sue Knoll

Florence Janowsky

Ruth Smith

Lucille Goldsworthy

C. Raymond Schreiber

In Memory of:

Dian Loucks & Pauline Hise

Edward and Janet Boyer

Janet Rider, Richard Keil, Sue Benton

Bob Heckman, Barbara Bucholtz

Arletta Mueller and Marsha Wagner

In Honor of:

Leah Benton, Janith Tooke

And Karen Lawrence

Janith Tooke

The Ortel Family

Brandon Kofod

Bob Link

Ken & Heather Ozzimo

Barb and Ed Wokersien

Butch Milliron

Brenda Doucette

James Wokersien

Sherry Ostwald

Rev. Hope Harle-Mould

Brett Kofod

Given by:

Mitsy Luciano

Ed Boyer

On Behalf of the Elders

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Marcy DiPasquale

Evidence of Easter

Excerpts from Pastor Hope's Easter Sunday Sermon

Easter is not the conviction that there is a life after death;

Easter is the experience that here and now

there is a love

that death can never diminish,

that death can never, ever extinguish.

—Hope Douglas Harle-Mould

...Imaginary Photo #6: A bride and groom at their wedding in a full church

When my wife and I were serving in ministry in Maryland, there was a United Church of Christ pastor down the road named Rev. John Mingus. He once shared with us the story of two couples in his church.

The first couple, Andy and Priscilla, had moved into town to begin their dream. Andy had finished law school, passed the bar, and was ready to start a law practice. Andy and Priscilla put down roots. The practice grew. The two became four. They were happy.

The second couple, Carole and Greg, moved in next door to Pastor Mingus and became good friends. But on the day Greg inspected the new house, he hit his head and soon developed seizures. Tests revealed a brain tumor. Before he died, Greg stood in the pulpit of their church one Sunday and spoke of life and death. The church grieved with them.

Andy and Priscilla's dream also shattered, when one day Andy came home from work and discovered his wife and children had been brutally and senselessly murdered. The church was there for him throughout the months of court trial and the continuing pain.

The murderer was put in prison, and Andy's life went on. Carole buried Greg and her life went on. For both of them, the church was a place where they found people who would hold them and weep with them, people who helped each other forge a faith that could weather any storm, people who taught one another how to create meaning out of meaninglessness.

Rev. Mingus tells the rest of the story:

*On a New Year's Day, **Andy** and **Carole** were married.* And the church was packed. There was a sense not only of celebration but also of resurrection. *It felt less like January first than Easter Sunday! There was not a dry eye in the house. Together we learned that there is always hope for new life. In the church we discover again and again that Easter is not an old, idle tale.*

Easter is a present, powerful reality.

May Happenings!

*Spring has arrived at
Payne Avenue Christian Church*



Reminder – Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day

*Please be sure to honor your Mother, Mom, Grandmother, or
someone who you may have considered a Mother on that day!*

It is also a good day to remember the Mother's we have lost!

Monday, May 26th

Memorial Day Observed





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Marcy DiPasquale

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Sunday Worship...10:00a.m

A quiet room is available for families with small children, which is in the back of the church.

Password Peace2All

WiFi is available in the church building and on the grounds.

Visit us on the Web: <http://www.PayneAvenue.org>

All upcoming Events are in the Newsletter which is always posted on the website!

Like and share our Church Facebook page!

www.facebook.com/payneavenuechurch

or

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BoXaPjG7/?mibextid=wwXtfr>

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Church
Affirms
You**

