



PAYNE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

There will be an Elders Meeting on Tuesday, June 24th at 6:45pm

<u>Elders Communion</u>	<u>Bread</u>	<u>Cup</u>
June 1	Leah Benton	Ross Benton
June 8	Ken Ozzimo	Bill Wolcott
*Hope absent - Brett will take his place at the table		
June 15	Becky Wilson	Brett Kofod
June 22	Jim Wokersien	Bill Wolcott
June 29	Bob Link	Barb Wokersien

Deaconess Schedule

June (5 Sundays)

Prepare – Nancy Golba Clean Up – to be announced

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



ATTENTION

***Pastor Hope will be away from May 27th through June 12th.**

If you need assistance, please contact your Elder or Jim Wokersien

When You Are Afraid

An echo song by Hope Harle-Mould

Shared as part of his sermon for Ananias (from Acts chapter 9:1-20)

***When you are afraid
Sing until fear's gone
You're never alone
God will show the way***

***When you are not well
Sing until you feel
God fills you with peace
To be alive and free***

***When your faith is weak
Sing until it's strong
Until all the world
Joins the Jesus song***

OUTREACH AND MISSION

The following Thank You was received from Dr. Myron Glick,
Chief Executive Officer of Jericho Road

Dear Payne Avenue Christian Church,

Your gift to Jericho Road Community Health Center is making a difference in the lives of families both in Buffalo and beyond! Because of your generosity we are able to help men, women, and children have a better tomorrow by improving health outcomes holistically. Thank you for your donation of \$757.45 towards Sierra Leone and their three clinics and orphanage funded by Phebian Abdulai. Jericho Road currently provides quality medical care in the following locations: Buffalo, NY, Sierra Leone; Democratic Republic of Congo; and Nepal. We also offer several community development programs in Buffalo, including Hope Refugee Drop-In Center, Vive Shelter for asylum seekers, and Priscilla Project.

Should you wish to learn more about our organization visit us at www.jrchc.org! And follow us on social media. We are grateful for your passion and support.

Sincerely,
Dr. Myron Glick

Congratulations to Mary Caldwell being made Deaconess Emeritus on Sunday, May 4th joined here with her family and Elders Becky Wilson, Brett Kofod and Pastor Hope!





Welcome to our newest Members Paul White and Nancy Mueller who were received on May 18th...welcome to Payne Avenue Christian Church

When I was a young man, I had a serious illness. I didn't realize it at the time, but looking back on it now I can see that Jesus was with me every step of the way as I struggled to get better. I learn from experience, that Jesus is the way and the truth and the life, because he is in my heart. He feeds me what I need when I need it and my only job is to learn how to trust him more.

I still struggle with an anxiety disorder and sometimes it's hard for me to be around people. It's always been easier for me to write that to speak, so I've written a poem.

Jesus is my stability.
Jesus is my way
Of making it through the day.
Sometimes he is the way
Of making it
From moment to moment.
Jesus is my hope
My consolation
He is the one I grieve with.
He is the one who leads me
Through all of my changes
Kicking and screaming.
Jesus is the next moment
Which always arrives,
No matter what
I was afraid of...

written by Paul White

This was a surprisingly difficult task for me, to speak about how I feel about Jesus.

I've known Jesus since I was small, as a white stereotypic, long-haired hippy freak kinda guy, a wandering man with sandals, son of God and son of Joseph and Mary.

My 2 fav pictures I remember of Jesus were in the garden of Gethsemane praying and of Jesus laughing happily. Life is funny. So easy to know this particular Jesus as a growing child and beyond. Sunday school every week for many years.

But who is Jesus to me now, as a 65 yr old struggling woman in various therapies for 40 years due to multiple family traumas? A retired woman full of depression and tumultuous anxiety? Why is it so easy to feel like Jesus is my buddy once and now having a crisis of faith?

But I did feel him here at Payne Avenue Christian Church from the very beginning. A warm-fuzzy place where I had some images and feelings of holiness.

I am looking forward to being here as a member who will be helped in my struggles along this new road of questioning my faith and having so many of you to help me along the way.

Happy new member,
Nancy Mueller

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.

A prayer for trying to stay off the Internet more!

Written by Nadia Bolz-Weber

I wrote this prayer this morning after waking up and mindlessly scrolling for 45 minutes. Then, I went on a long walk around my neighborhood, trying to really pay attention for once. These are some of the flowers that were there for the beholding.

Almighty God,



Creator of all things, including all those Spring flowers that I haven't spent enough time appreciating because I think for some reason that doom-scrolling is a better use of my time.

I'll cut down some, but it doesn't seem to be enough, so I beseech thee to grant me the will to get off the internet more. You and I both know that the last thing I need is to watch another inane video, read another hat take, or buy any more stuff I absolutely do not need.

In your infinite mercy, guide me away:

...from the virtual into the actual

...from feared tomorrows into this only now

...from what I see on the screen to what I behold in my life

...from what I am manipulated to desire to what I am content to have.

When my "will power" fails me yet again, may the strength of your hand keep my own from mindlessly picking up my phone or opening my laptop.

Guide me to what is most real, because you know, O Lord, how unsuited my heart is for the artificial.

And finally, in your infinite mercy, forgive me for the hypocrisy of posting this online.

Amen

Let's Celebrate!

June Birthdays

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



July Birthdays

1	Elijah DiNardo	16	Janet Holt
4	Adam Krull	16	Martha Scheda
5	Jim Wokersein	20	Nancy Golba
6	Shirley Jayne		
6	Kim Potfora		
8	Michael Scherirer		
15	Suzanne Krull		

June Anniversaries

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

July Anniversaries

Ken and Heather Ozzimo	July 24 th
Vern and Jean Ortel	July 26 th

***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.**



SAVE THE DATE!

Our next Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Drive-through will be held on Saturday, July 12th from Noon to 4:00pm

Please be sure to tell your family and friends. Dinners will be \$15.00 and include baked beans, macaroni salad and a roll with butter.

Signs are available from Brett if you would like to place one on your lawn or at a business that will allow you to do so! There are some available in the side vestibule.

Sign up sheet for volunteers will be going up soon, be sure to let us know what service you are able to offer. Thank you!

I Need a Teacher

by Hope Harle-Mould

Shared during sermon May 18, 2025

I am a child of God.

I am young. I am growing. I am curious about all things.

I have heard there is a mountain

where you can see God face to face.

And I have heard that this mountain is always there

in your journey when you need it most.

I have heard you cannot find this mountain

unless a teacher guides you where to go,

unless a teacher shows you how to see with the heart,

unless a teacher trains you how to scale the heights,

unless a teacher dares you to dare.

I am a child of God.

I have heard there is a mountain.

I need a teacher.

Will you be mine?

One Dove Comes

A song by Hope Douglas Harle-Mould

Written in memory of Pastor Hope's brother David who passed away from cancer just before Easter of 2022

One dove comes,

even when...no one comes,

even when...darkness comes.

Can you hear coos—cooing for you?

Silent flight,

Spirit-hope's wings through night,

breath of heaven's breeze gives sight.

Peace beyond peace a-lighting on you.

I see you, I hear you,

child I'll never, ever forsake.

Close your eyes, feel my light,

trust-fall into my embrace. *(Chorus)*

When violence nears,

the young weep in fear—

see hate and bigotry's lies laying siege

to the truths that we hold dear.

But healers shall come,

join our voices as one:

new visions we see,

sing new world into being,,

where at last God's will is done! *(Chorus)*

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Sunday Worship...10:00 a.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.

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