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“The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away” (Psalm 90:10).

However, there is no guarantee that anyone will live to be any certain age. As we see on the news and in our personal observation, things such as drunk drivers, foggy mornings, street shootings, opioid overdose, terrorists, and natural phenomena all take their toll. And age-wise they are non-selective.

The Bible says, “So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12).

Wisdom is looking at life from God's point of view. That point of view is found in the Holy Bible and nowhere else. God will open our understanding to His word as we read it with the intention of being obedient to what we have read. Even if you have a memory that is as leaky as mine there will be enough Scripture that sticks to the inside walls of your head to allow the Holy Spirit to make use of it. But He will not use what you have not read.

So; what are you going to do with the days you have left? Are you going to use them with the wisdom God offers you? Or just go your own self-absorbed way?

God has made us in His image, and our lives should be a reflection of His image. God has created us to worship and serve Him so other people will see the love of God that brought salvation to us through Jesus Christ. Each day we live should be a spiritual adventure to advance the knowledge of Christ in the world. If we do not have the knowledge of Christ in us we have nothing to offer other people that is worth having because it will stop when we or they leave this earth; and our days are being used up.

With that thought in mind, I am reminded to number my days as this June will be number seventy-six for me. Since this is true, I do not have very many months of June to confront me.

So what shall I do? I shall seek God's face each day and gain a heart of wisdom. Wisdom from God's point of view dictates that I obey what I have just read: Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen (Matthew 28:18-20).

According to John 3:3 we must be born again. If you are born again then Matthew 28:18-20 are your marching orders in this life.

John 3:18 says, "He who believes in Him (Jesus) is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

To not believe means to not confess your sin to God and ask forgiveness for that sin in the name of Jesus Christ. It does not

mean you are unaware of what Jesus did to provide salvation. It means you are trying to do things and behave in a manner that is acceptable to God without the shed blood of Christ making atonement for you.

In John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

That means there is no possible way to be accepted into God's presence except through Jesus Christ. Here is God's offer: "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:4-9).

Would you not be willing to share such a gift that has eternal value? That is new life in Christ and it is free to each of us. And you remember the condemnation expressed in John 3:18? With the new birth the condemnation is gone: "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit" (Romans 8:1).

Number your days that you may gain a heart of wisdom.

Serving Christ and the Community, Pastor Jim

## 5-10-17 TRUSTEE MEETING

In attendance: John Curtis, Tom Ingraham, Sandy Strassenburgh, Gary House, Tony Callari, Pastor Jim Richardson, Marilyn Kundrata

Meeting was opened with prayer at 7:30 pm.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Sandy made a motion to approve, Gary seconded, approved.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. The Endowment fund is up \$2,400. May is a 5-paycheck month. The proceeds of the Chicken BBQ will help with expenses.

Gary made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written, Tony seconded, approved.

Pastor Jim replaced a smoke alarm that was making noises.

Churchville Electric replaced one of the emergency lights. They will give us an estimate to replace the other three and repair the light on the sign.

The basement flooded with the heavy rains. All sump pumps are working, they could not keep up with the quantity of water. Diane Grimm cleaned and shampooed the carpets.

Sandy set up advertising with the Hamlin Herald. The church will have a weekly ad, and we will be able to have \$500 worth of advertising for special events such as the Chicken BBQ, Rummage Sale, VBS and Harvest Dinner for one year. She will also look into expanding to Brockport and Holley.

Sandy will be purchasing all the supplies for the Chicken BBQ. 450 halves and coleslaw will be purchased from Tops in Hamlin.

Next meeting will be June 14, 2017 @ 7:30 pm.

Meeting closed with prayer at 8pm.



### *In and Around the Community*

Congratulations to Cindy Curtis for retiring from Chase Bank in Brockport after almost 40 years! In addition, Cindy and John officially sold their Kendall home and will be moving to Conesus Lake. They will be staying with their son in Kendall for the summer while they wait for their cottage to be rebuilt. Their new address will be: 5742 East Lake Road, Conesus, NY 14435. They will certainly be missed, but we wish you well on your new adventure!

Jason Miller and Abbi Jenks finished out their second season with the Kendall-Hilton unified basketball team, the Kendets. The team celebrated several wins throughout the season as well as some game-winning points scored by Jason! We can't wait until next year!

Please keep the family of a co-worker of Marilynn Kundrata in your prayers. Their daughter, Marian, died of a heroin overdose in early May.

The Kendall 8<sup>th</sup> graders had a wonderful time on the annual trip to Gettysburg, PA and Washington, DC. The kids spent the three-day trip exploring the historic landmarks and spending time with friends.

Natalie's (Andrew Cook's fiancé) aunt, Wendy, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Remember the family in your prayers.

Abbi and MacKenzie Jenks' grandfather is in Hospice care with stage 4 lung cancer. Please keep him, the girls, and their family in your prayers as they struggle through this tough time.

Katie Richardson had an appendectomy in early May during her finals week in school. The surgery went well, and Katie was able to complete her finals before the end of the term. We're glad to hear you're doing better!

Our annual Chicken BBQ and baked foods sale was a success! We served 249 take-outs and 72 dine-ins. The total profit for the BBQ was \$1,520 and \$301 for the baked sale! A huge thank you goes out to all who helped make this event not only a success, but also a great time!

Congratulations to Andrew Cook who finished the semester with honors!

We're pleased to hear that Pam Dutton's angiogram went well, and she doesn't need any stents! She goes back in June to see what else she may need.

John Cook's friends, Brad and Sandy Perkins, are struggling with health issues. Sandy is recuperating from her recent stroke and is able to drive again. However, Sandy discovered that she has cancer in one of her arms. She now has cancer in three places in her body. Please keep them in your prayers.

Ann Bartel's childhood friend, Cindy Harris, has been diagnosed with a non-aggressive form of thyroid cancer. Pray for a quick recovery!

Congratulations to Chap and Jan Fabry's grandson, Patrick George, for graduating from West Point! Patrick is Shelly's son.

Jason Miller announced that he earned his first bar, at the senior high awards assembly, for being on the honor roll for two years! He also received an award for perfect attendance. Congrats Jason! The junior high students will have their award ceremony on the last day of school.

We are thrilled to hear that Amber Bartel is on the honor roll this year at Holley!

The chorus students had their spring concert in late May. Abbi and MacKenzie Jenks both had beautiful solos. The students participated in a competition in Darien Lake as well, in which Lauren Miller sang a solo. Congrats to all of our talent teens!

Ralph Olney suffered a setback on May 1<sup>st</sup> when he passed out, which led to a visit to Strong Hospital. Because of his compromised immune system, he had contracted pneumonia and strep. He spent time in the ICU of Strong on a ventilator with a breathing tube and feeding tube. His oncologist made sure that his doctors were the same who had worked with him throughout his journey. He was then sent to the Cancer Center for rehab before returning back home. He has to wear a mask for the time being, but is hoping to taper back his medications soon so he can begin vaccinations to prevent illness. Due to this obstacle, Ralph is more than two weeks behind on his chemotherapy rotation. He did begin a five-day round in late May. The great news is that the leukemia continues to be in remission. He's scheduled for a bone marrow biopsy this summer. Throughout it all, Ralph maintained a positive outlook and attitude. You're in our thoughts and prayers Ralph!

Please keep the family of Kendall native, Yorke Knapp, in your prayers. He passed away at the age of 94 on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Remember Barb Miller's friend, Stacy Roberts, in your thoughts and prayers. She has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Brandy, a friend of Penny Gibson's, is fighting leukemia in Buffalo. The doctors say she has two months left. Please keep the family in your prayers.

*We continue to remember in prayer: the Ashberry family, Fred Conradt, Chap & Jan Fabry, Kevin & Joyce Foley, Helen Mattern, RoseMary Mintz, Ralph & Bev Olney, Joan Purvee, Eleanor Reynolds, Pastor Jim, and the youth group. Cards, notes, and visits are always welcome.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Rummage Sale

The Annual Rummage Sale will be Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If you have any items you would like to donate to the sale, they may be brought to the Fellowship Hall starting June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Help is needed and will be greatly appreciated. Get your stuff ready!

### Care Net Golf for Life

Care Net will be hosting their annual Golf for Life at Hickory Ridge on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you're interested in participating or creating a team, sign-up sheets are located in MacQueen Hall.



### Church Directory

The next photo date for the church directory will be Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> after the church service. If you would prefer to not have your picture taken, you can opt out. It is not mandatory that you have your picture taken in order to be included in the directory. The cost to purchase a directory will be \$10.00. Anyone wishing to purchase separate photo packages may do so directly through Traci (Joan's daughter-in-law). She will have order forms with her the day of the photo shoots.

### Kendall Fireman's Carnival

The Kendall Carnival will be held July 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a several events each day. For more information, go to [www.kendallfire.com](http://www.kendallfire.com)





### **June Birthdays:**

4<sup>th</sup> Katie Richardson  
 7<sup>th</sup> Diane Sill  
 9<sup>th</sup> Dale Rowley  
 10<sup>th</sup> Cord Sullivan  
 15<sup>th</sup> Alexis Knaak  
 25<sup>th</sup> Jerry Wahl



### **June Anniversaries:**

4<sup>th</sup> Sue & Jim Rayburn  
 13<sup>th</sup> Valerie & Gregg Sill  
 19<sup>th</sup> Tammy & John Cook  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Bev & Ralph Olney  
 28<sup>th</sup> Ann & Mick White  
 30<sup>th</sup> Marilynn & Bob Kandrata



### **Kitchen Item:**

The kitchen item for  
 June is:  
 Paper Towels

### **June Greeters:**

4<sup>th</sup> Ann Bartel  
 11<sup>th</sup> Joan Purvee  
 18<sup>th</sup> Tom & Julia Ingraham  
 25<sup>th</sup> Tony & Mary Callari



## **ATTENTION!**

### **Volunteer's Needed!**

We continue to need people to sign up to make coffee and cookies for **coffee hour** after church. Sign-up sheets are in McQueen Hall. We also need volunteers to be **greeters** (see Carolyn House or Pam Dutton) and **lay readers** (see Pastor Jim).



### **Church Email Address**

The church email address ([mortonbaptistchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:mortonbaptistchurch@yahoo.com)) is now being utilized as the source for the electronic monthly newsletter, prayer chain, and emergency closing information.

### **Sunday School**

The calendar for the elementary Sunday school program teachers is posted in MacQueen Hall. If you are interested in becoming a teacher, please see Brad Miller or Dan Carter.



### **Recorded Messages**

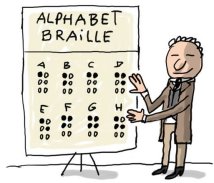
The church services are recorded every Sunday and now can be accessed through the church Facebook page and can be downloaded from Soundcloud (<https://soundcloud.com/ortonaptisthurchermons>).



### **Kitchen**

If you notice any kitchen items that are broken or need replacing, please see Kathy Scroger. Thanks!





### **Braille Volunteers Needed**

Do you enjoy perusing the bookshelves in your local bookstore or library, looking for your favorite author, or new bestseller? This is a pleasure not shared with people who are blind. Less than 5% of all reading material is available to the blind in Braille. The Lions Club of Spencerport offers a free, 9-month course to learn to transcribe Braille; (there is a nominal fee for software and materials). Once you have completed the course, you are eligible to

become a certified transcriber by the Library of Congress. You can then work at home transcribing requested reading materials by the blind, including fiction, non-fiction, textbooks, cookbooks, etc. You will meet weekly with the entire Braille group in Spencerport to submit your completed work, and assist in proofreading others' work. This is a fascinating language to learn, and helps to share the gift of reading with those who do not readily have it. We would love to have you join us! Please contact Joan Purvee or instructor Sue Keegan [susanmkeegan@aol.com](mailto:susanmkeegan@aol.com) or phone 967-6702. Classes begin in September.

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### **A Father's Love**

An 80-year-old man was sitting on the sofa in his house along with his 45-year-old, highly educated son. Suddenly a crow perched on their window.

The father asked his son, "What is this?"

The son replied, "It is a crow".

After a few minutes, the father asked his son a second time, "What is this?"

The son said, "Father, I have just now told you, it's a crow."

After a little while, the old father again asked his son a third time, "What is this?"

At this time some expression of irritation was felt in the son's tone when he said to his father with a rebuff, "It's a crow, a crow, a crow".

A little after, the father again asked his son a fourth time, "What is this?"

This time the Son shouted at his Father, "Why do you keep asking me the same question again and again, although I have told you so many times, 'IT IS A CROW'? Are you not able to understand this?"

A little while later the father went to his room and came back with an old tattered diary, which he had maintained since his son was born. Upon opening a page, he asked his son to read. When the son read it, he was hit with understanding and his eyes filled with tears. The passage read:

"Today my little son, age three, was sitting with me on the sofa, when a crow was sitting on the window. My son asked me 23 times what it was, and I replied to him all 23 times that it was a crow. I hugged him lovingly each time he asked me the same question again and again, 23 times. I did not at all feel irritated, but rather felt affection for my innocent child."

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"My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in." - Proverbs 3:11-12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Communion Sunday	5	6	7 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Flag Day Bible Study @ 12 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30 Trustee Meeting @ 7:30	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 Summer Solstice Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	22	23 Rummage Sale @ 9:00-5:00	24 Rummage Sale @ 9:00-5:00
25 Church Directory Photos	26	27	28 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	29	30	

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