

J u l y 2 0 1 9

The

# Connection

## Morton Baptist Church

Pastor Walter's Phone: 585-729-2502  
Church Telephone: 585-659-8459  
[mortonbaptistchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:mortonbaptistchurch@yahoo.com)

Sunday Service: 10:30 AM  
Bible Study: Wednesday at 12:00  
[www.facebook.com/273938523674](http://www.facebook.com/273938523674)

### Creation/Recreation

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10*

When I arrived here at Morton Baptist, I was told not to expect great crowds since things slow down here in the summer. Happily, that was not the case. While choir was missing and some of the youth, our attendance in worship held steady.

That idea of slowing down, relaxing, or taking time away is a good one. We all can use a break from the routine. Of course, as a retired person, I have more time to slow down and relax than when I worked full time. I love my quiet morning walks, an extended golf season, and cooking steaks on the back porch grill, but I also enjoy a snowy day when I can just stay home and watch the flakes fall.

The idea of rest and refreshment of body, mind, and spirit is not only right, it's biblical. In the giving of the law to Moses, a day was appointed to be unlike other days of the week. It is called Sabbath, which in Jewish, and some Christian, practices is Saturday, while most Christians practice Sabbath on the first day of the week, Sunday. In either case, Sabbath was to be a day of rest, a day away from work and unnecessary chores and to rest in the Lord. How people practice their day of rest varies. For many folks Saturday or Sunday is a work day, so another day is best taken to relax and be refreshed.

The central idea of Sabbath rest is to come back to the things of God, to a new starting point, and to be refreshed for the week ahead. The word recreation's root word is create; to get back to ourselves and our best intentions, to be fit, happy and rested in God. That, too, is what a vacation is all about; not going to work, not doing the usual routine and to take time away to be renewed.

So, whether you still have a busy schedule, the summer off, or live the retired lifestyle, whether you have a vacation spot, travel to visit family, or just enjoy the summer here, there is time to renew. We can see how awesome God is in the beauty of nature around us. We can renew friendships and family and strengthen the ties that bind. We can take that morning walk and spend time in prayer or reflecting on the scripture we've read that morning. We can be thankful for warm and sunny days and for rainy ones that help our farmers and if it rains, we can always read something that will inspire us.

Of course, our times together in worship, Bible study, Youth Group, visiting and caring for one another do go on every week. If you worship somewhere else while on vacation, bring back a bulletin, newsletter, and your experiences, so we can see how other churches are living out their faith in Christ.

Enjoy the blessings of the season.  
Pastor Walter

## Trustee Meeting 6-19-19

In Attendance: Gary House, Ralph Olney, Tom Ingraham, Tony Callari, Frank Hoffman, Dan Cater, Rev. Walter Steenson, Marilynn Kundra

The meeting was opened with prayer at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Tony made an amendment to the minutes that we donated \$200 to VBS as requested not \$300. Tony made a motion to approve the minutes, Dan seconded.

The Treasurers Report was reviewed. \$3,000 from the checking account was deposited in the savings account. The checking account is doing well, all budget lines are on target. Due to fluctuations in the market we lost \$3,000 in interest for the month of May but still have overall gains of \$14,000 year to date. Frank made a motion to approve, Dan seconded.

New hymnals have been ordered; they will be delivered in September. Requests for donations will be made to offset the cost. We will look into the best way to retire the old hymnals.

Marilynn will be added to the bank account so she can assist with the banking in Ralph's absence.

Jason Miller and Abigail Jenks have applied for the Timmerman Scholarship. Abby has started baptism classes with Rev. Walter and will be baptized to fulfill her requirements. They will be recognized with a reception on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Tom purchased a new sump pump. All sump pumps have been replaced within the last two years.

A request was made for an emergency family donation. We currently do not have an emergency discretionary fund. All expenses are voted on by the congregation at the Annual Meeting. If we were to start such a fund it would have to be voted on by the congregation.

Brockport College is having a community service day on August 24<sup>th</sup> as part of their orientation. Students would be available that day to do yard work or cleaning at the church. Gary will contact them.

The Eagle Scouts are building a War Memorial Wall next to the gazebo in Kendall. Engraved bricks will be \$100 each. Frank made a motion to purchase a brick to honor Morton Baptist Church veterans, Dan seconded.

After reviewing our finances, it was agreed that total compensation for a part-time minister will be \$28,000 per year, to be disbursed as the minister deems appropriate.

It was suggested that we include more activities in our ad in the Suburban News, such as Bible Study, Youth Group, Coffee Hour.

If anyone has any ideas for community outreach, please contact the Trustees. We would like more activities that make MBC more visible in the community.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:25 pm.

The next meeting will be August 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Hilton-Parma Gazebo Band

The Hilton-Parma Gazebo Band will have free concerts throughout July on Wednesdays starting at 7:00 PM. Concerts on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> will be at the Hilton Village Community Center. The July 10<sup>th</sup> concert will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hilton. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy some great music!

### Vacation Bible School at St. John Lutheran Church

St. John Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Vacation Bible School on July 8<sup>th</sup> through July 12<sup>th</sup>. Each day begins at 9:00 AM (8:45 AM on Monday) and ends at 12:00 PM. This year's theme is "Roar: Life is wild - God is good". For more information, please call (585) 964-2550. (See next page for registration form.)



## ATTENTION!



### Bible Study & Baptism Classes

There will **not** be bible study the first week of July. Bible study will resume Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition, please see Pastor Walter if you're interested in being baptized.

### Sunday School

There are new books and a new calendar for the Sunday school program. If you are interested in becoming a teacher, please see Brad Miller or Dan Cater.



### July Birthdays:

2<sup>nd</sup> Derek Sullivan  
Gary House  
7<sup>th</sup> Katie Kundrata  
9<sup>th</sup> RoseMary Mintz  
12<sup>th</sup> Amber Bartel  
Chevelle Hicks  
15<sup>th</sup> Carolyn House  
17<sup>th</sup> Jim Rayburn  
21<sup>st</sup> Sue Rayburn  
25<sup>th</sup> Eileen Young



### July Anniversaries:

26<sup>th</sup> Chap & Jan Fabry  
30<sup>th</sup> Skip & Kathy Scroger



### July Greeters:

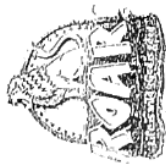
7<sup>th</sup> Frank Hoffman  
14<sup>th</sup> Todd & Eileen Young  
21<sup>st</sup> The Miller family  
28<sup>th</sup> The Cater family

### Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for July is:  
9 oz. juice cups



Children are welcome from ages Preschool to Grade 6.  
 Invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend. They do  
 not need to be a member of St. John. All children are  
 welcome!



## REGISTRATION FORM

(One Per Child)

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

(One form per child, please)

\*Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender: Male Female  
 Grade going into: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Church (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Issues or Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place my child in the same group as (child's name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Parent Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact (first and last name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternate Pickup (first and last name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternate Pickup Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 General Information: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*REMEMBER to enter for VBS at the front church doors\*\*\*\*\*

Helpers are needed to share this wonderful message with  
 the children that come through the church doors. If you  
 are willing to help, please talk with Kathy Nettin 964-  
 8703 or Denise Raymond 414-5011.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games  
 Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ St John Lutheran Church  
 (church name)  
 VBS will last from: \_\_\_\_\_ July 8th - July 12th, 2019  
 (VBS dates)  
 Each day's fun begins at: \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 AM (8:45 AM on Monday)  
 (VBS starting time)  
 The VBS day ends at: \_\_\_\_\_ Noon  
 (VBS ending time)  
 For more information, call: \_\_\_\_\_ 585-964-2550  
 (church phone number)  
 Register online here: \_\_\_\_\_ stjohndhamlin@hotmail.com  
 (web address)



### *In and Around the Community*

Our final profit from our annual Chicken BBQ in May was \$640, which is significantly lower than previous years. Thank you to Partyka Farms for selling our remaining halves.

Please keep the family of Mark Kinsley (35) in your prayers. Mark passed away on June 1<sup>st</sup>. He was Dan Cater's cousin and Pastor Jim and Alice's nephew.

<https://christophermitchell.christophermitchell.com/tribute/details/6830/Mark-Kinsey/obituary.html#content-start>

Congratulations to Audrey and Lank Dobbins for becoming great-grandparents for the 14<sup>th</sup> time! Hunter Patrick Polasek was born to parents Ryan and Alicia Polasek and grandparents Ann (Dobbins) and Pat Polasek. He arrived on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:10 weighing 7lbs 9oz and 20 inches. He has beautiful red-blond hair! Both mom and baby are going great!

Natalie Cook's grandmother, Noreen, has returned home from her hip surgery and continues to recover slowly.



On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Angela Cater (shown above) became an official member of our church. We're thrilled to welcome you to our family!

Robert "Bob" Reisch passed away on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the age of 90. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

<https://christophermitchell.christophermitchell.com/tribute/details/6825/Robert-Reisch/obituary.html>

Julia Ingraham's friend, Pat, is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer. Remember her in your thoughts.

We're overjoyed to hear that Ralph Olney has no trace of leukemia in his system five years after his second stem cell transplant. He had tests to measure how many of his own cells remain, and they cannot find any of his original cells. This means the probability that leukemia is his system is very low.

Abby and Mackenzie Jenk's mom, Mary Jo, had surgery at the end of May. We pray for quick healing!

Pastor Walter and his family mourned the deaths of two relatives in late May. Clara (96) passed away in Massachusetts and their daughter's grandmother-in-law, Camilla, passed away. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Please keep Alice Richardson in your prayers. She was hospitalized at Strong with colitis in mid-June. She is now home and resting.

Amy Richardson's sister, Mary Liz, was involved in a serious accident with a tractor trailer on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for her.

Andrew and Natalie Cook announced that they will be moving to Florida next year. Although we will be sad to see you both leave, we're excited to wish you the very best as you begin your next adventure!

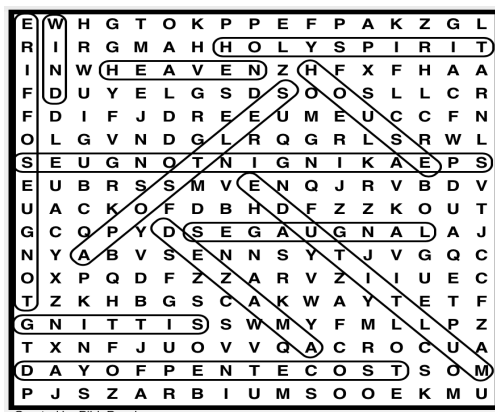
Marilynn Kundrata's mother-in-law, Joyce, has been hospitalized with bronchitis. We pray for a quick recovery!

We were happy to welcome Neil and Kathy to our congregation after a mission trip in Africa. Neil is a pastor in Medina.





Congratulations to Detonse Burroughs, Mazie Carpenter, Abigail Jenks and Jason Miller (shown below) who graduated from Kendall High School on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Jason provided the invocation while Abby gave the benediction at the ceremony. Jason and Abby (shown above) also received the Timmerman Scholarship from our church. The seniors had a fun last month of school with their prom and senior trip. We wish you all the very best as you continue your journey and know you always have a place at Morton Baptist Church.



We are grateful to hear that Tammy Cook is okay after being rear-ended at a stop sign by a drunk driver who was over twice the legal limit.

Margaret Wells' aunt passed away on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> after a four-year battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 69. Please keep Margaret and her family in your prayers.

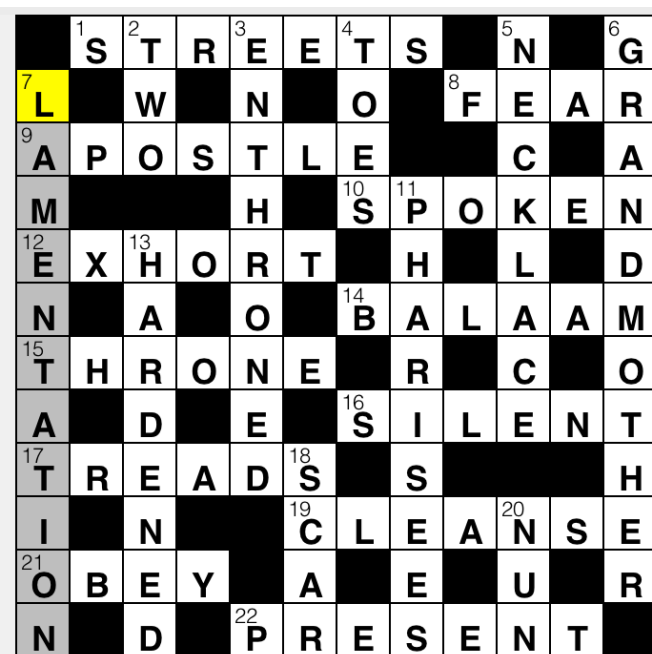
[https://mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com/tribute/details/6846/Suzanne-Wells/obituary.html?fbclid=IwAR2T-ry-ppq\\_vi0OXlyqpWGLrOgTGEn\\_fDfhpbL4pRpyJct5SrQEH\\_65c7c](https://mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com/tribute/details/6846/Suzanne-Wells/obituary.html?fbclid=IwAR2T-ry-ppq_vi0OXlyqpWGLrOgTGEn_fDfhpbL4pRpyJct5SrQEH_65c7c)

Jason Miller and his Kendets teammates were featured on Spectrum news in late May for their Kendall home Unified basketball game. Jason did a great job in his interview! Several of our congregation were able to attend the game to cheer the team on.

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/news/2019/05/25/hilton-and-kendall-students-provide-friendship-and-teamwork#>

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

## June Bible Puzzle Answers



Created by BiblePuzzles.com

# July

# 2019

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."  
- 2 Corinthians 3:17

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7 Communion Sunday	8 Tops 4:00-7:00 pm	9	10 Bible Study @ 12:00	11	12 Youth Group 7:00-9:00 pm	13
14	15 Tops 4:00-7:00 pm	16	17 Bible Study @ 12:00	18 Alzheimer's Caregiver Institute @ 1:00	19 Youth Group 7:00-9:00 pm	20
21	22 Tops 4:00-7:00 pm	23	24 Bible Study @ 12:00	25	26 Youth Group 7:00-9:00 pm	27
28	29 Tops 4:00-7:00 pm	30	31 Bible Study @ 12:00		Youth Group 7:00-9:00 pm	

Morton Baptist Church  
1152 County Line Road  
Hamlin, NY 14464

July 2019

