

PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

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NEWSLETTER

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United Presbyterian Church of Randolph

Dear Church Family and Friends,

“September 2020 Revisited”

September is always an interesting time. For many people who have children, grandchildren, or who are involved in the education system in any way, September has always been the time when things get back to “normal.” Summer vacation is good, but by the end of August, children and parents are ready for the routine of school, usually teachers, too. This year is different. There is no going back to normal. Everything has changed.

I am reminded of a place that I went to each summer when my children were young. We went to a school of missions at Houghton College. While we were there, we would always take a field trip to Moss Lake. Moss Lake is a protected wildlife area that centers around a naturally formed bog. Moss Lake, being a protected bog, was different than any place our children had ever been. There were carnivorous pitcher plants and many other flora that was unique to this particular place. The fish were so numerous that when we threw bread to feed them, they swarmed and looked almost like you could walk across them on top of the water. A deep layer of moss grows on top of the lake. There are platforms laid down so you could safely walk right out onto the water. Everything around the platforms look solid, but we always warned the kids not to step off the platforms or they would get an unexpected dip in the water that was the home of huge snapping turtles. We always saw a turtle or two and some were as big as 18 inches in diameter. The size of the turtles was definitely a deterrent to any temptation to see if the adults were really telling the truth about the “land” off the platform path. The same was true of the lily pads that were enormous. They also looked like they could hold the weight some of our younger children, but once again – no one tired – thank you for snapping turtles.

As school opens, it will be a lot like a visit to Moss Lake. The world we are in now is like no other time in our lives. There is nothing familiar we can grab onto to get our bearings. We try to find things that seem normal, but even these are different due to social distancing and required face masks. Walking through life is a lot like a walk onto Moss Lake. The platforms in Moss Lake would move up and down because they were floating on the water. It gave one an unsteady feeling. And, one step off the platform can end up in disastrous results. Beginning to see to comparison?

Let’s look at this another way. My kids and I always look fondly on the memories of Moss Lake. It had dangers and was different to be sure; but there was so much to learn and so many new things to experience. We can find things about this time that are definitely positive. How many of us have had time to sort through old pictures or files that should have been dumped long ago? What about the technology that nearly everyone has been forced to learn that will be something we can use long after the threat of the virus is gone? I have thoroughly enjoyed Bible study with people that never could have come together without zoom technology and our worship services have reached many more people than we ever could have with in-person only worship.

We will continue to have challenges, and we will never go back to the normal we had before the virus, but God brings blessings every day. We just need to look for them.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23

With peace and hope,
Pastor Molly

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 1 Autumn Hill
September 1 Andrew Ashdown
September 2 Kara Benson
September 3 Kim Waldron
September 6 Marta Johnson
September 7 Hope McLaughlin
September 9 Catherine Alexander
September 10 James Halla
September 10 Samuel Pihlblad
September 11 Donna Chubon
September 13 Ezra Zollinger
September 13 Iris Zollinger
September 14 Dayshia Ashdown
September 20 Jeff Greeley
September 20 Reagan Lewis
September 20 Thomas Eccles
September 22 Chelsea Connor
September 23 Alan Johnson
September 24 Ben McLaughlin

A COMMUNITY PROJECT IN NEED OF DONATIONS

Clayton Waite is a Randolph resident who is in need of a ramp for his home. The Lions Club is organizing a community fundraiser to make this happen for him. If you would like to donate to the fundraiser by check, make it payable to RUPC—MISSIONS and write RAMP on the memo line. You may leave it in the lockbox in the secretary's office or you can mail it to the church. Please mark the envelope to the attention of Linda Inkley. Cash donations should be placed in an envelope labeled with RAMP and your name and placed in the lockbox also. After a couple weeks, the donations will be compiled into one check to the Lions Club as a donation from our church.



Notes from Session

AUGUST 2021

- Okayed Pastor Molly moving her day at the church to Wednesday starting in September.
- Request from Lions Club to donate toward a lift for Clayton Waite referred to Mission Committee
- VBS is this coming week.
- August 29 will be the next Capital Fund
- Set up plan using Bldg/Grds walk thru list to do needed repairs to our building this fall. Request will be in bulletin and newsletter.
- Evacuation drill will be planned for this fall.
- Stewardship Beef on Weck dinner will be held with Lord's Acre on September 25.
- Music in worship – hope to start this up in September.
- Education committee will be working on plans for Church School this fall.



WORSHIP TEAMS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 5

Liturgist— Nancy Pihlblad
Sound- Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla
Communion— Connie Lockwood

September 12

Liturgist— Tom Wade
Sound- Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla

September 19

Liturgist— David Golando
Sound- Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla

September 26

Liturgist— Barry Shields
Sound- Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla

Looking Ahead

October 3

Liturgist—Connie Lockwood
Sound—Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla
Communion—Nancy Pihlblad

Pray for our Mission Projects

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS
DISASTER RELIEF
EMERGENCY FUND
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA SWAUGERS
FRIENDS OF THE NIGHT
GENESIS HOUSE
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
LAVID ORPHANAGE IN MEXICO
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SAMARITAN PURSE SHOE BOX
ST SUSAN CENTER
UCAN

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS

September 1, 2021

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 12, 2021

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 19, 2021

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 26, 2021

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50



NEW PASTOR AND OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Molly will be in the office on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays beginning on September 8th from 9-12.

The Secretary's hours will also change to Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1-4.

Pastor Molly will be on vacation through September 1. She has deemed Sunday, September 5, as "You Preach Sunday". Basically, take an hour out of your day and be with yourself and God. No electronics, no television, no radio, etc. She would like us to share how God has spoken to us during that time. So let's all sit and be still with God!

Bible Study will resume on September 9 with the Coffee Chat from 6—6:30 and the Bible Study from 6:30—7:30pm. The Book of Acts will still be the focus. You can find the Zoom link on YouTube at Molly Golando.



**Beef on Weck Dinner
Saturday, September 25, 2021**

Take-Out Only

11:30 am-1:30 pm

\$12 per meal

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186 Main Street / Randolph, NY 14772 / 716.358.4255

You may also email your order to secretary@upcrandolph.org

**Pre-Sale orders will be accepted up to and including
September 19th ONLY**

ANNUAL LORD'S ACRE

SEPTEMBER 25



The growing season is nearing an end. Soon it will be time to gather the harvest from your gardens to help the Deacon's at their Lord's Acre Fundraiser which will be held on Saturday, September 25 from 10am to 2pm.

Besides the produce from our Presbyterian Gardeners, we need and appreciate all kinds of baked goods created by our awesome cooks. Please bring your baked items **packaged in units ready to be sold**. You may bring them to the church on Friday, September 24 from 5 to 6pm or on Saturday morning by 9am.



OPERATION KID-TO-KID

For the past three summers, VBS has participated in the Operation Kid-To-Kid International Mission Project. This summer, the monies raised will provide the life changing resource of alpacas for families in Ecuador. Every \$10 donation contributes toward the cost of an alpaca. These alpacas impact entire communities in Ecuador as they provide jobs for fleece spinners, herders, and shop keepers.

If you would like to join our Randolph VBS youth in this mission, you can write a check payable to RUPC-MISSIONS and then put Operation Kid-to-Kid on the memo line. Cash donations can be put in an envelope with Operation Kid-To-Kid written on the outside.

Linda Inkley, our Financial Secretary, will combine all the donations into one check payable to the host church, St. Patrick's RC Church. The last step is for St. Patrick's to combine all the donations into one master check to WORLD VISION.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR SOME REPAIRS TO OUR BUILDING AND THE GROUNDS. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OR REG BOUTWELL WITH WHAT YOU'RE ABLE TO DO. YOUR HELP IS SO APPRECIATED!

BLDG/GROUNDS NEEDS FOR 2021

EXTERIOR -

A. Garden - New hose reel, 1" poultry netting around bottom of existing fence – REG BOUTWELL

B. Driveway - Spray weeds, edge in some areas _____

C. Landscaping -

Remove hedge under cross on end of building, HIRING CONTRACTOR

replace with perennial flower bed, KEITH ALEXANDER & REG BOUTWELL

trim oak tree _____

D. Building -

Paint Cross, HIRE AMISH TO DO THIS

repair screens in basement windows, _____

paint trash bin,

pressure wash NW end of building, _____

reinstall exterior step railing by choir door _____



INTERIOR

A. Furnace - Replace expansion tank, repair pressure relief valve JIM ROBERTS

B. Toilets - Replace rubber stoppers in tanks JIM ROBERTS

C. Internet - Get information on internet system in basement, PASTOR MOLLY

determine what to do with extra wires in kitchen PASTOR MOLLY

D. Kitchen - Have dishwasher serviced MARY MYERS

E. Wall in Sunday School room needs repair and painting _____



ELIZABETH K. "BETTY" BROWN
May 26, 1935—August 9, 2021

Betty was a 1952 graduate of Randolph Central School. She and her late husband, Ted, owned and operated the B Double E Dairy Farm on Pine Hill, along with their son Brad. She worked as an aide for Randolph Central School for many years, retiring at the age of 72. She was a member of our church where she had served as a Deacon and Elder, taught adult and children's Sunday school, sang in the choir, and assisted with VBS.

Betty and Ted were members of the Steamburg Milk Cooperative, 50 year members of the former Randolph Grange and will be remembered for their Annual Pine Hill Country Western Hoe-Downs at their home.

Over the years, Betty enjoyed golfing, playing cards and traveling to see family. She was known for her infectious laugh, smile and positive spirit. Her hugs were legendary, as she loved giving and receiving them. She also loved children, as they always gravitated towards her. The most important attributes in her life were Faith, Family and Friends.

She is survived by a son, Bradley H. Brown of Randolph, three daughters, Catherine (Ron) Sutherland of East Amherst, Mary Jane Berry and her late husband John of Gaithersburg, MD and Debbie (Mark) Vereb of Sterling, VA, as well as 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three and one half great, great grandchildren and a sister, Carol Spaulding of Coudersport, PA.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Ted Brown, on March 10, 2017, two sisters, Beverly Main and Ruth Mangine.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Loss:

Family of Betty Brown
Family of Christine Emming
Family of Gary Sickles
Family of Tom Connor
(Mike Connor's Dad)

Home Bound:

Remember with a call or visit :
Alice Stoddard
Bob & Evelyn Whitney
Bettie Alexander
Those in quarantine

Health:

Alice Stoddard
Bev Schelee
Bob & Sandy Chubon
Bob Dalbo
Brad Young
Carol Brown

Health:

Carrie Congdon
Carrie R
Catherine Alexander's daughter...Catherine
David Dunbar
Congestive heart failure
David Warner Catherine's brother
Derek Marsh leukemia
Donna Chubon
Gavin Larson surgery
Harry Uhl
Hazel DeAngelo stroke
Hunter Young cancer
Jason (stroke) David's friend

Health:

Lori Linquist cancer
Madison
Marian Wade
Mike (David's friend)
Natalie Wade
Nick Kinney
Rob (heart attack)
Rosamond & Merle Flagg
Ruth McLaughlin
Ryan B. (addictions)
Teresa Chadwick
(waiting for kidney)
Westfield Presbyterian Church

Military Personnel & Their Families:

Aaron Wellman
Mike Fleischmann
Anthony Schwartz
Erin Connor
Matt Kinahan

Encouragement:

THE WHOLE WORLD

The country of India
Flooding in Europe
The Cuban People
Country of Haiti
Disaster Victims
Ruth & Dan McLaughlin
Care Givers
Police men and women
Medical Personnel
Families dealing with Addictions
Prison Ministry (CCM)
Foster Care Parents/children
Dorcasse and family

Our Church:

Deacons & Elders
General Committees
Church Staff

Travelers:

Gregory Golando in South Africa
Daniel Pihlblad in India

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

General Fund Treasurer's Notes

	JULY 2021	Year to Date
Total Expenses	\$ 6,647.53	\$ 39,985.34
Total Receipts	\$ 4,484.25	\$ 42,684.05
Gain or (Loss)	(\$2,163.28)	\$ 2698.71
Capital Improvement Fund		\$12,985.97
Driveway Fund		\$5,030.51
Paying Forward Fund		\$807.05



SEPTEMBER 2021

Mon		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	8PM AA		1	2 <u>Pastor Molly returns</u>	3	4
5 "You Preach Sunday" Communion Sunday	6 Labor Day 8pm AA	7 Session Meeting 7PM	8 Pastor 9-12	9 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible study 6:30 Zoom	10	11
12	13 8pm AA	14	15 Pastor 9-12	16 Coffee Time 6pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30 Zoom	17	18
19 MISSION SUNDAY	20 8pm AA	21	22 Pastor 9-12	23 Coffee Time 6pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30 Zoom	24	25 Lord's Acre And Beef on Weck Fundraiser 10am-2pm
26	27 8pm AA	28	29 Pastor 9-12	30 Coffee Time 6pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30 Zoom		





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CHURCH LEADERS

PASTOR

Rev. Molly T. Golando

CORPORATION OFFICERS

President—Reg Boutwell V. President— Kay Wade
Treasurer-Rosie Swan

CLERK OF SESSION
Mary Myers

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2021 Dan Pihlblad Keith Alexander	CLASS OF 2022 Tom Wade Mary Myers	CLASS OF 2023 Jim Roberts Reg Boutwell Connie Lockwood
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DEACONS

CLASS OF 2021 James Ashdown Louise Boutwell	CLASS OF 2022 Marta Johnson Kay Wade Stacy Halla	CLASS OF 2023 Barry Shields Carrie Congdon
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STAFF

MUSIC MINISTRY—Carol Brown, choir director/organist
CHURCH SECRETARY—Karen Howell
CUSTODIANS—Susan Ashdown & Jim Ashdown

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To celebrate and continue the work of Christ by ministering to all people, supporting each other as a loving family, and working together in Christian service.