

# The Vision

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Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Bergen, NY  
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## Pastor's Post

I love church history. One of the most fascinating characters in church history was a guy named Edward Kimball. He wasn't a pastor or evangelist or a king. He was a Sunday School teacher... to little boys. Mischievous little boys like mine. I am sure there were times that he wanted to give up.

However, he didn't, and he made a tremendous impact on the boys, especially one named Dwight, and Dwight went on to witness to Wilbur who became a Christian, Wilbur went on to witness to Billy who became a Christian, Billy went on to witness to Mordecai who became a Christian, and Mordecai went on to witness to another Billy who became a Christian.

So what? I know that's great and all, but in the history of the church at large, what difference does all of this make? It becomes a little bit more clear when you see the last names. Dwight's (who was in Edward Kimball's Sunday School class) last name was Moody (the famous evangelist in Chicago). Wilbur's last name was Chapman (an evangelist himself), Billy's last name was Sunday (former baseball player who became an evangelist), Mordecai's last name was Ham (who became an evangelist) who Billy went to go see and became a Christian. His family called him Billy Frank. You know him as Billy Graham.

That's right, Billy Graham. God used a faithful Sunday School teacher to bring an uncountable multitude to Himself. I am sure Edward Kimball did not think of that at first. He was just striving to be faithful to God's calling in his life. He saw a few boys, maybe enough to count on one hand, and set out to teach them the Bible. In short, he sought to glorify God and share what was of utmost importance to him to a group of rambunctious boys.

Why do I share this? Because we have a lot of things coming up that you can participate in that can make a great impact upon young people, such as VBS, sports camp, and KFC, and Sunday School. Not only that, there are other things that we can do as a church that God can use in a mighty powerful way to grow His kingdom, such as Friends' Sunday which will happen on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

With all of that being said, I want us to realize that we don't do these things just to do these things, just to keep the church running. We do them because we desire to give God the Glory he so richly deserves and to take part in what God is doing to grow His kingdom. That's what we will study this month on Sunday mornings.

-Brandt Hammack



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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday  
8:30am - 1:30 pm

**Pastor's Hours:**

Tuesday- Friday  
9:30-12:00 flexible



Happy Anniversary



(For every 5 Yrs. there is a ♥ for extra congratulations)

August Anniversaries

- 5- Dan and Pam Patmore 19 yrs
- 11- Gordon and Delores Seward 63 yrs
- 14- Charlie and Elaine McAdam 48 yrs
- 16- Dennis and LouAnn Paulhamus 33 yrs
- 25- David and Cindy Baker ♥ 40 yrs
- 25- Rick and Amy Stacy ♥ 35 yrs
- 30- Richard and Shirley vonBergen 66 yrs

September Anniversaries

- 1- Rob and Nancy Charcholla 68 yrs
- 1- Jim and Mandy Wilson 18 yrs
- 2- Paul and Neva Lattimer 52 yrs
- 6- Rob and Faith Willhoft 39 yrs
- 9- David and Susan Brownell ♥ 30 yrs
- 15- Steve and Janelle Baker 12 yrs
- 28- Ron and Kay Harmon 57 yrs



August Birthdays

- 1- David Haas
- 1- Gordon Seward
- 1- Ryland Stacy
- 2- Janae Genna
- 5- Elizabeth Snell
- 8- Jonathan Snell
- 9- Pam Patmore
- 10- Sally Thomas
- 14- Mark Lobel
- 18- Jim Bridge
- 15- Adrienne Cali
- 16- Janek Rebisz
- 20- Brian Foeller
- 22- Anne Waldruff
- 25- David Stacy

September Birthdays

- 3- John Wise
- 9- Ron Harmon
- 15- Janet Wise
- 17- David Hahn
- 18- Duncan McNear
- 19- Corissa Goodenbery
- 20- Ryan Bridge
- 20- Shelby Bridge
- 20- Hannah Catalino
- 21- Addalyn Stacy
- 22- Keith Marshall
- 25- Neva Lattimer
- 27- Barb Marshall
- 28- Rob Willhoft
- 28- Cheryl Saville
- 29- Amy Stacy
- 30- Craig Wilcox

Invite a Friend to Church on Sept. 8

We will host a special lunch after the worship service on this date to help raise funds for the Byron-Bergen Backpack Program. This important program provides food on the weekends for the most needy kids in our school who often have no food in their house.

If you have friends or neighbors you have considered inviting to church, but just haven't found the right words, we hope this will provide an easy way to express that invitation.

It's also the first Sunday of our Christian Education program.

Watch for more details. Be thinking of whom you would like to invite.



**VBS will be August 12- 16!**

The theme this year is ROAR, an African adventure! VBS will be at our church for opening and closing this year. We need nursery help, guides, crossing guards, people to help with registration, and snack volunteers, see sign up sheet on table near my office. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board for snacks.



Youth group continues to go very well, with teens from many different churches in the Bergen/Brockport/Batavia area attending. We are excited about the new fifth-grade graduates that have recently joined us. It is a very exciting time for the church kids with VBS and sports camp coming up soon. I encourage everyone who can to please volunteer to help at these awesome events. Not only will it be a great help and blessing to the coordinators and other volunteers, but it will also help you to deepen and strengthen your faith. There is nothing more invigorating spiritually than taking part in the worship with the kids at VBS. Please continue to pray for all of the church youth and their families! Our next TAG youth group will be on Thursday, August 1 from 6 to 8 PM. Hope to see you there!



Sign up to volunteer at Sports Camp!  
There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin

## **You Don't have to be an Athlete To Help at Christian Sports Camp!**

One of our church's most popular and visible outreach to the Bergen Community is the annual Christian Sports Camp that meets in the village park Aug. 11 - 14.

We need plenty of volunteers to make this camp happen. You may think that you aren't overly coordinated, so you can't help with Sports Camp. But you would be wrong.

**We need folks to bring snacks each evening; 8 group leaders/counselors whose main job is to get a group of campers from one activity to the next; 3 more for registration assistance; 2 people for soccer; 2 more for baseball; 2 for basketball; 1 more for group sports; a timekeeper; 4 for first aid.**

And if you happen to hit like Babe Ruth, we have a spot for you as well.

# *A peek at the Church Calendar*

## August

- 2- TAG
- 3- Chicken bbq at BUMC
- 4-**Church at 10am/Fellowship meeting**
- 6- CE meeting
- 8- Son Risers
- 11-**Church at 10 am/E&M meeting**
- 11-14th- **Sports camp 6-8pm**
- 12-16th- **VBS**
- 13- Worship meeting
- 14- Session meeting
- 18- **Church at 10 am**
- 20- foodlink
- 22- Son Risers
- 25- **Church at 10am**
- 29- TAG

## September

- 1-**Church at 10am/ Fellowship meeting**
- 3- CE meeting
- 8-**Sunday School resumes at 9:15/ Church at 10:30am/ E&M meeting**
- 10- Worship meeting
- 11- Session
- 12- Son Risers
- 15- **Church at 10:30**
- 17- Foodlink
- 21- 1st Veggie Wash
- 22- **Church at 10:30**
- 24- Deacons meeting
- 26- Son Risers/ SWP 9-11:30
- 29- **Church at 10:30**

Samuel Sesay, President of EduNations



A few people from our church went to hear about EduNations. EduNations is igniting hope with 15 schools in 15 years. If you would like to support, please contact EduNations at:  
**P O Box 233**  
**Ingomar, PA 15127**  
**Phone: 412-522-4756**



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**Don't forget to check out the bulletin board to signup!**

- \*Nursery help**
- \*our to do list**
- \*Snack signups**
- \*VBS**
- \*Sports camp**



**August 3**  
**Chicken BBQ at the**  
**Bergen United Methodist**  
**Church!**

**FOODLINK DATES**  
Tuesday August 20th  
Tuesday September 17th  
Tuesday October 15th



## Prayer Focus for August

Please pray for Buffalo Adult & Teen Challenge ministry, which is supported in our church's annual Missions Budget.

We had an inspiring worship service this past Sunday when Teen Challenge brought several of its participants. The group sang for us and two members offered their testimony. Jason, the group's leader, also shared his experience of obtaining freedom from addiction through the love and saving power of Jesus Christ.

Please pray for these things:

1. That all would go well with plans to open a Teen Challenge house for women by this time next year. Many of the important things are in place, but the ministry does not have an actual house yet.
2. That the ministry would be able to spread and expand in Rochester. Currently the ministry is starting again as a call center, but doesn't have a location. Rochester used to have a Teen Challenge home like Buffalo, but it has been closed for several years.
3. Pray for each of the men at Buffalo Teen Challenge. Many struggle with coming clean from drugs and alcohol. Pray that each will be open to receive the cleansing power of salvation for Jesus.
4. Pray for leadership in the Buffalo ministry. Jason, who has been the leader for a couple of years, is moving to the Long Island TC house. Steven, who is graduating from the program on Aug. 2, will go onto staff.
5. Pray for Doug who is also graduating on Aug. 2. Doug's desire is to spread the gospel his family. His mother appears open to the good news. Pray that she will accept Jesus when Doug returns to his family.
6. Pray that our congregation will be able to continue to support this ministry, and we will be open if God calls us to do something more.
7. Pray for those in the Byron-Bergen community who are struggling with addiction that they may find the answer in Jesus.

Special verses from the testimonies: **Philippians 4:6 & 7**      **Colossians 2:6 & 7**

## **Christmas in August!**

**For the months of July and August we will be collecting school supplies for Operation Christmas Child. There will be a bin in the foyer starting in July:)**



### **BEPC Bike Ministry (Winter coats & shoes too!)**



If anyone is interested in helping to repair bikes, donating bikes, **and helmets**, see Stu Freeman. Stu is also collecting winter coats and gently used shoes! If you are cleaning out your closets or see a deal at a garage sale, bring in winter coats and shoes in all sizes!

Stu recently came into the office and told me about a man he gave a bike to. He had no means of transportation. Stu gave him a bike which he uses to get to work everyday! The bike meant the world to him! It is great to see what the donations you give are doing for people! Each bike donated comes with a card that has our information on it as well as a Bible verse!



# PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



If anyone is interested in making some prayer shawls, please contact Debbie.

We recently had a request for a "blue " prayer shawl and I didn't have one available.

We have recently distributed quite a few and the recipients have been very touched and blest.

Thank you

Debbie



**\*Soap needed- hotel size bars are needed for feminine hygiene kits. Keep this in mind as you travel this summer!**

### **SWP wish list donations:**

SWP is looking for the following items you or someone you know may have around the house.

(Please do not go out and buy them.)

- \*Freezer paper**
- \*Polyfil batting**
- \*Clear Bins**
- \*Shelving bookcases for sewing supplies**
- \*Clear plastic zipper bags that sheets or blankets are sold in**
- \*Sergers thread or regular thread**
- \*Sergers**

**\*SWP will be looking for a few large suitcases so we can send items to the Congo and Days for Girls Kits to Kenya. Summertime is a great time for yard sales. These should be old suitcases that will not be returned. Don't spend a lot of money on this...**

# Fellowship News

The ladies of the church enjoyed a Mexican themed dinner, followed by a movie on Friday, July 12. Many thanks to Marty Hammack for her awesome decorations, photo booth, food and drink. And thanks to all who helped setup and cleanup. It was a great occasion of fellowship and a chance to taste one of Pastor Brandt's favorite foods.

We served a light lunch (hotdogs) again for the July 16 Foodlink. It was a hot, but beautiful day and Ron Harmon set us up in a new cool spot where we could feel the wonderful breezes. We served about 80. Our next Foodlink will be on Aug 20. Come out and enjoy a hot dog with us before the Foodlink truck arrives.

Just a note regarding coffee hour, during the month August, we will be serving drinks only. We could use some help setting up and cleaning up (either and/or) the coffee hour table on individual Sundays (especially in the summer months). If you would be interested, please see Sandy Partridge.

If you have ideas for other events, please let us know.

Thanks to all who continue to help.

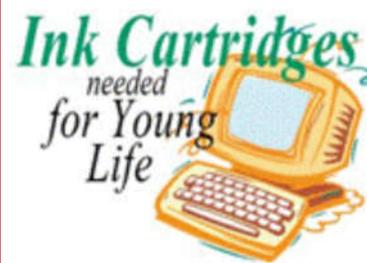
## Coffee Hour snacks needed

We all like to enjoy snacks for coffee hour before and after church. Please consider helping out by supplying something from this list:

**baked items, fruit,  
vegetables,  
cheese & crackers,  
chips.**

The committee also accepts monetary donations towards the purchase of snacks.

Contact Eunie Ely if you can help in any way.



**Don't throw away your empty ink cartridges!** There is a box in the coffee hour foyer near the long table where Young Life Collects them. This is an ongoing fundraiser for them.

**They are able to get credit for empty ink cartridges at one of the local office stores towards purchases when they return them.**

**You can even bring in empty toner cartridges from copy machines.**

## Church repairs

**We are looking for help in completing some projects that need to be done at Church There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, please sign up if you are able and have time to do one of these projects- Thanks!**

- \*Repair SW wall of west stall of downstairs large ladies room
- \*Repair front steps
- \*Wash upper windows inside and out
- \*Rehang curtains in back entrance
- \*Repaint outside lower windows and trim
- \*Paint stairwell in the back of the church
- \*Make an enclosure for the dehumidifier
- \*A cover needs to be built over the pipes in the corner of the nursery
  - See Julie Foeller or Neva Lattimer with questions
- \*General painting





***This month, please pray for:***

**Those with ongoing challenges and needs:**

Chris Martz, Rob Charcholla, Aggie Redinger, Gordon Seward, Delores Seward, David Hahn, Stu and Ann Johnson, Adriane Broadbooks, Bob and Kathy Cosgrove, , Nancy Alfes, Ruth Morse's brother-in-law (Andy), Janice Langdon's mother (Jo Files), Susan Brownell's grandmother; Hazel Newsom -and her caretakers Susan's parents Paul and Sandy Harris, Rosemary Utz-friend of McAllisters, Art Campbell and family, Linda Elaine- Ruth Morse's sister and for her brother-in-law Harold (Andy, Malanie Glucksman, and Evelyn Pangrazio-friend of Tom and Cyndy Jones.

**Those fighting cancer:** Dan Forno, Stacy Cline, Gail Keene, Elaine Malkani-Cyndy Jones sister and her sister Cathy Haynes is fighting lung cancer. Corky's friend, Sharon fighting colon cancer.

**Continued healing** for Helen Hill's sister-in-law Dorcas Arbach, June Hahn's niece Ann Crone, Willard Pengelly, & Joan Miller

**The Youth of our church and our community.**  
**Those serving as Missionaries:**

Joseph Harvey in Impfondo; Uli Fernandez in Mexico; Berti Berhami with Campus Crusades for Christ in Albania; Mark Randall with CRU; Scott Crosby now in the states but still dealing with missions in the Far East, Adrienne Cali with Young Life, and Kelsey Hill with Campus Target, and John Gay.

Our Session, Deacons, Pastoral Search Committee, Youth Leader Joe Rebisz, Personnel Committee, Nominating Committee, CE Committee and the many more committees and ministries that help run the church. Pray for the other local churches in our area (and your area too!)

President Donald Trump, his advisors, NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo & all in authority in this community, state, nation & the world

The Servicemen & Women of the United States, as well as our Veterans and their families to students who may be interested in going to Albania.

**Veggie Wash dates are here:**

September 21st  
October 5th  
October 19th!



*Thank you, Pastor Brandt, for this reminder in a recent sermon --*

*"...even our service for the Lord is not about us, it's about HIM."*

*Deuteronomy 10: 12 expands on that --*

*"...what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul."*

*Thank you to our faithful Deacons who are serving us all.*



# Church Finances

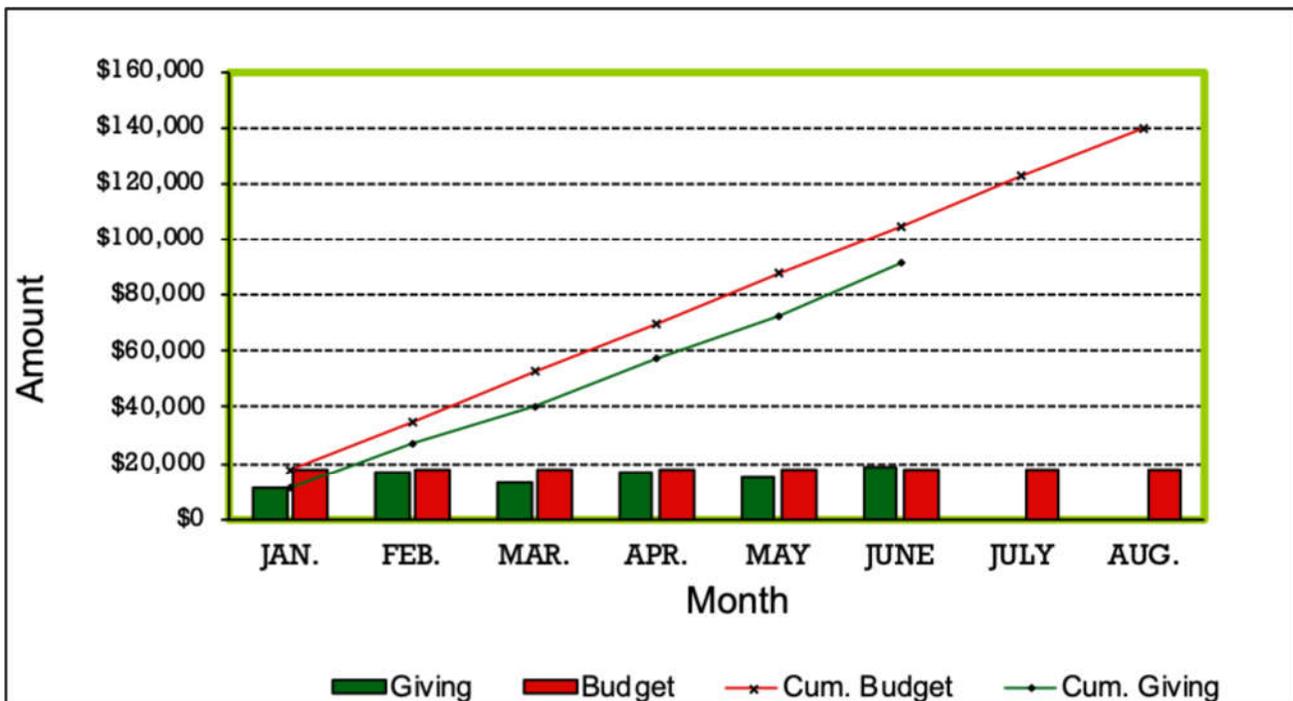
## June 2019

*"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."*

*Psalm 50: 14-15*

June giving was very good at \$18,798, and was the best of the year. It exceeded the monthly budgeted aim of \$17,514, therefore, by over \$1,200.

Since the first of the year we have received more one-time annual gifts towards budget support than for any previous year. Therefore, more money could be transferred into the Accumulated Income Fund (the AIF) than ever before. For June and beyond, therefore, we can assign, and use if needed, \$4,100 towards each month's actual (received in the Sunday plates) giving. For June that \$4,100 added to the total received on the five Sundays of \$14,698 gave the total stated above, \$18,798. With the expected higher level of expenses for the end of a Quarter, we did need to withdraw \$3,000 of the \$4,100 from the AIF.



\$14,698

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## OPERATING FUND

### Income

Sunday offering:	\$14,244.00
Loose offering:	\$454.00
Amortized one time gifts:	\$4,100.00

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<i>Total New Receipts</i>	<i>\$18,798.00</i>
<i>Opening Balance (from previous month)</i>	<i>\$588.41</i>
<b>Total Funds Available (opening balance + new receipts)</b>	<b>\$19,386.41</b>

### Expenses

Gross Expenditures for the month	\$17,802.43
Line Item Paybacks received this month that reduce expenses None	\$0.00

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<b>Net Expenditures for the Month</b>	<b>\$17,802.43</b>
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Accumulated Income Fund Transfer Needed to cover Expenditures	\$3,000.00
Extra Monthly Amortized Gift Overdrawn from the AIF	\$0.00
Monthly Amortized Gift Left in Accumulated Income Fund	\$1,100.00

### **OPERATING FUND BALANCE**

**\$483.98**

## DESIGNATED FUND

Opening Balance (from previous month)	\$8,659.53
New Designated Receipts	\$620.00
Total Designated Expenditures	\$89.42

### **DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE**

**\$9,190.11**

### **TOTAL CHECKBOOK BALANCE (Operating Fund + Designated Fund) \$9,674.09**

#### OTHER FUND ACTIVITY

#### Accumulated Income Fund

Activity in June	
For June expenditures	-\$3,000.00
June Deposits	\$3,031.60
<b>Current Balance (6/30/2019)</b>	<b>\$48,779.84</b>

#### College Fund

Activity in June	
Emily Caccamise Support	-\$1,000.00
<b>Current Balance (6/30/2019)</b>	<b>\$23,240.03</b>