



*Lord, make me an instrument of your
peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Amen.



Girl Scout Yard Sale: Donations or Shop!

It's that time again. The girls are in the final stretch of their Silver Awards, which will be reviving the park areas behind the rear parking lot. Please consider donating Yard Sale items by next Friday 5/3 in the back of the social hall, or come check out their sale on Saturday 5/4!

Girl Scout Troop 1663 Garage Sale

May 4th 7:30
2:00

Voorheesville United
Methodist Church

Note:

· If you would like to donate please contact jenhryan@gmail.com to arrange a drop off



May the 4th be with you!

All money goes to our Silver Award project!



The New Scotland Community Food Pantry is grateful for any donations, all are appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of our latest needs. This month we are in need of the following: toilet paper, dish detergent, gluten free items, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products. Thank you as always for your help.

Judy Douglas

Thank you to all who have been and still are part of the ministry, "Stamps For The Wounded".

I just mailed a large envelope filled with the stamps.

Please keep them coming!

Thank you, Pat Hammond

Breast Surgery

This “Anti-Ouch-Pouch” soft pillow is designed to be worn snugly against the underarm area to cushion the area after breast surgery. The wedge shape gently holds the arm away from the body when the user is standing. The strap holds the pillow in place without having to use sore arm muscles to “clutch” it. The strap is adjustable and the fiberfill may be adjusted via the overlapped opening. Any questions contact Pat Hammond.



Meals for Seniors

Meals for seniors are offered every Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center and on Thursday, 11:30-12:30, at the St. Matthews Social Center. Anyone age 60 years and above who lives in Albany County is welcome. The lunch is free, however a \$3.00 donation is suggested.

Registration is required, please contact Deborah Engel, 518-439-9038.

Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless Dinner

The Missioncom. continues to provide a dinner once a month for I.P.H. The dinner will be provided on the 2nd Friday of each month. If you would like to help or contribute, please contact Ferne Horn 518-439-2488.

Stamps For The Wounded

SFTW (stamps for the wounded). Started in 1942, this Hobby Therapy

Is so important—continuing to lift our Vets spirits, just knowing someone Cares.

We are helping many children and others to learn English, and helping to restore those injured during Military service with their cognitive abilities.

Thank you to all who have become a Part of this important need—hoping for more to join us.

Thank you, Pat Klose-Hammond, proud mother of Karie Jean.

Altar Flowers for the Glory of God

If you would like to donate Altar flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, there is a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Please contact me with any questions...Cheryl Hammer, home 518-765-9377, cell 518-441-9880.

May 26...Cheryl Hammer in memory of her sister Charlyss Mae



**"Empathy, Belonging & Empowerment"
(aka - how to grow a church the Jesus way)**

Shalom Church Community friends!

Below is a Scripture about "the mind of Christ" and a brief excerpt from a book that contains the most poignant and succinct explanation of how to grow a church (the right way) that I have ever read and BTW, I read A LOT of them in 25 years of pastoral ministry!

Here's the simple key, it is up to each and every one of us ! ...Tell the story of church, of Christ in your life, be bold, practice, be relentless

We have a powerful loving church with a vibrant extremely gifted pastor/preacher in Quincie ... share the GOOD NEWS !

In Christ's Love and Grace and Joy, Pastor Al Johnson (retired)

Philip. 2:1-4 The Message Bible, 5 from NRSV

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

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“Imagine the very identity of the church once again becoming a place of empathy that connects people to resources while meeting immediate physical and deep spiritual needs. Imagine the church as a place where people find belonging and empowerment. This exciting future requires that we embrace seven essential mindsets.” * Therefore, we give of our time, our minds and our gifts and we are illuminated! * (from Smothers & McIntosh, ‘Blank Slate: Write your own rules for a 22th Century church movement’)

- 1. See differently.**
- 2. Let go of the outcome and be willing to fail.**
- 3. Decide that innovation is mission-critical.**
- 4. Practice storytelling and naming.**
- 5. Be relentless in empathy and belonging.**
- 6. Practice the work of empowerment.**
- 7. Imagine, hope, and act. ***

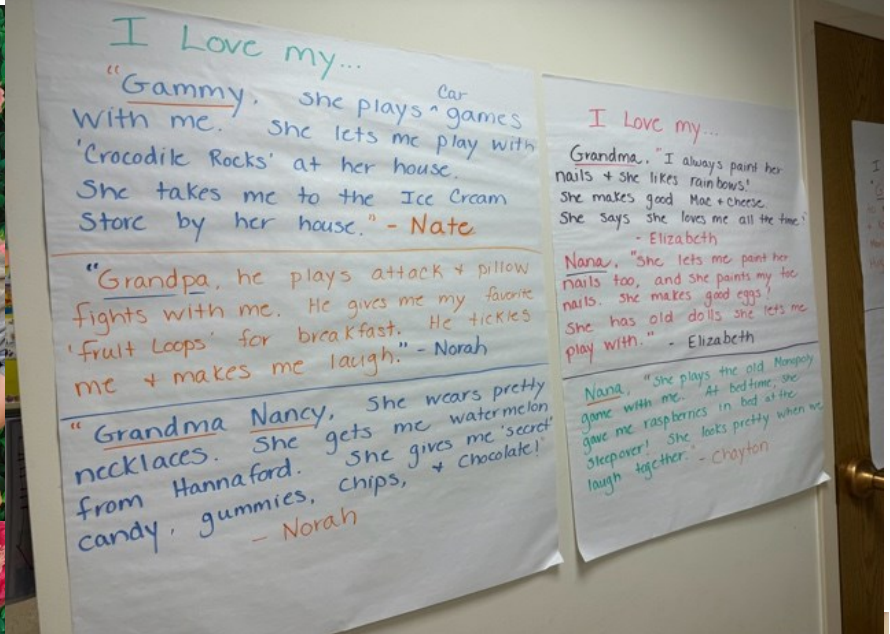
Pastor Al Johnson (retired)

PRESCHOOL UPDATE FROM JENNIFER SAMSON!

It is hard to believe May is here and that means our preschool year is coming to an end. Before we can even think about the end of preschool, we still have so much left to do together! The 4 year olds are going on a bus ride to visit the elementary school and the 3 year olds can't wait for their end of the year bubble party! Our caterpillars are now in their chrysalis, and the kids are eagerly awaiting the butterflies to emerge!

A couple weeks ago, we celebrated Grandparent's Day. We invited our grandparents (or a special friend) into the classroom to spend part of the day with us. The kids got to show their grandparents what they do at preschool, and how much their brains are growing. The kids made a special art project with their grandparents and plated a flower with them. At the end, we all went upstairs to enjoy a special snack together. Next up, our parent's day celebration!

We are still taking enrollment for next school year. Email Voorheesvilleprek@gmail.com for more information!



Our Church Family



WISHING A VERY HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO ALL BORN IN
MAY!

THE FLOWERS OF MAY...GROWING PEACEFULLY TOGETHER...





VOORHEESVILLE FARMER'S MARKET

The 16th season of the Market will begin on June 19th, and will run until October 2nd on Wednesdays from 3:30-6:30 pm. We have several new vendors and all your favorite vendors too.

Three people who put many hours in helping with the market's success are Judy Douglas, Doug Tanner and Rich Frohlich. We can always use help setting up and taking down tents, and it's not a big time commitment.

We plan on having Face Painting and a Strawberry Social on Wednesday, June 26th. There will also be music and several crafters are scheduled throughout the season.

I'm always looking for new ideas. Even going as far as Edinburgh, Scotland to check out other markets!! So if you have any suggestions on how we could make the market better please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. This is a great outreach to the community for our church and helps our financial coffers as well.

Dianne Luci

Prayers are requested for . . .

*Susan Albright
Nancy Barth
Eileen Cameron
Rosemary Charlton
Carmella Childs
James Clark
Barbara Dudek
Melanie Dykstra
Warren Farrington
Mary Beth Felice
Carol Flewelling
Barbara Holscher
Mark Johnson
Linda Goodale Manser
Elijah Markoditz
Linda Martin
Kylar McGrath
Baby Weston Skinner
Sandra L. Thompson*

*We pray for all of God's children who are
in need of peace, comfort, and love*

*In Military Service
Jacob Adams*

***If you know of someone that you would
like added or who may be removed from our
Prayer List, or In Military Service list,
please contact Dianne Luci, 518-765-4536
or the Church office. Thank you***



*I'm a little Prayer Quilt
To hold in your hand.
To help when trouble arises,
Those things you do not plan.
Hold me tight in your fist
If it helps calm your fears.
And don't be afraid to use me
to wipe away your tears.*

These Prayer Quilts bring comfort and love to those in a time of need, this shows the continued need for prayers.

*Prayer Ministry
Submitted by Pat Klose-Hammond*

Angel's Corner

**Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the
children of God.**





Third Annual

The Howard & Loretta Cammer **YOUTH SWIM SCHOLARSHIP**

This year, *The Howard and Loretta Cammer Youth Swim Scholarship* is pleased to be able to sponsor up to 10 youth from FUMCV (ages 5 – 13) for swimming lessons through the *Learn to Swim* program at the Guilderland Town Pool at Tawasentha Park.

Community youth are also eligible to use the scholarship via a member of FUMCV.

To find out about the **2024 Learn to Swim** schedule and to register for swimming lessons, kindly contact:

AMY BOYT

Guilderland Parks and Recreation

518-456-3150

*Be sure to reference

**The Howard and Loretta Cammer
Youth Swim Scholarship and FUMCV**

HAPPY SWIMMING!

1st Wed **12-7 pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN**
 6:30 pm Youth Group
 7:30 pm AA
 7:30 pm Al-Anon

2nd Thur **12pm-4pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN**
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

4th Sat 10:00 am AA
Girl Scout Community Yard Sale

5th Sun 8:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
12pm-4 pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN
 12:30-3:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
 6:00 pm AA

8th Wed **12-7 pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN**
 6:30 pm Youth Group
 7:30 pm AA
 7:30 pm Al-Anon

9th Thur **12pm-4pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN**
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts
 7:00 pm Choir Practice

11th Sat 10:00 am AA

12th Sun 8:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Worship Meeting
12pm-4pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN
 6:00 pm AA

14th Tue 7:00 pm Girl Scouts

15th Wed **12-7 pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN**
 6:30 pm Youth Group
 7:30 pm AA
 7:30 pm Al-Anon

16th Thur **12pm-4pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN**
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

18th Sat 10:00 am AA



19th Sun 8:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
12pm-4pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN
 12:30-3:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
 6:00 pm AA

21st Tue **7:00 pm Leadership Meeting**

22nd Wed **12-7 pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN**
 6:30 pm Youth Group
 7:30 pm AA
 7:30 pm Al-Anon

23rd Thur **12pm-4pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN**
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

25th Sat 10:00 am AA

26th Sun 8:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
12pm-4 pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN
 6:00 pm AA

27th Mon **MEMORIAL DAY– office closed**

28th Tue 7:00 pm Girl Scouts

29th Wed **12-7 pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN**
 6:30 pm Youth Group
 7:30 pm AA
 7:30 pm Al-Anon

30th Thur **12pm-4pm Karie Jean's Closet OPEN**
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

For updates to the Church Calendar, please contact the Church office, office@fumcv.org, or call 518-765-2895. Thank you!

*****Please note:**

Pastor Quincie will be on vacation May 24-27, 2024.

The office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 27th.



The Church Directory

If you have changed your address, telephone number or email, or if you have not been in the directory in the past, please notify the Church office. **You are important to us, and we want to be sure to include you!**

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