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### **JULY/AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER**

**REMINDER: WE WILL BE MOVING TO A SINGLE SERVICE AS OF JULY 3. THE SERVICE WILL START AT 9:15 WITH COFFEE HOUR TO FOLLOW!**

On Friday, July 8 at 4 o'clock, there will be a service to celebrate the life of Ross Dailey. Ross enjoyed sharing with each and every one in our congregation over the 35 years he attended our church. After the service there will be a gathering in the Fellowship Hall to share with the family. Please join us.

### **From the Pastor's Heart: Gather Us In**

"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and, individually, members who belong to one another."

Romans 12:5

July, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 will mark the beginning of our coming together to unify all our members from the two services we've held for the past several years. This is especially exciting because when we are unified as a fellowship it tends to generate more energy, and it fortifies our strength as a fellowship. No doubt we will experience more joy as we consolidate and join together our praises and worship of God and our appreciation for one another. There have been an increasing number of us who felt the need to merge our two services into one. During our open meeting for all members following the Church Council meeting on May 16th, all who were present were in favor to combine both services into one. Sharing our time of worship together in one worship service may prove to be more enriching.

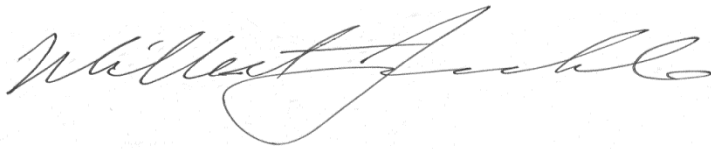
One of the great practices of our spiritual walk is the physical assembling of the fellowship, to congregate, to come together, but more importantly, it is to know for what purpose we come together. We may all be aware that our Sunday morning gathering is about worship. But, the worshipping of God is not the only thing that is happening in these gatherings; our joining together is also about Christian communion under the one whom we serve and worship. If we aspire to follow the example of the early church, each time we met would be considered a Holy Communion – which is not only a matter of serving bread and wine, or the body and blood of Christ. Holy Communion, in a physical sense, is a "holy" coming together of Christian individuals to recognize that the Body of Christ is one and that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church. The body of Christ is the church – a living breathing organism where God has come to live and abide within her. The upward limit of her influence in the world is unknown because she, the church, is under the influence of the Spirit of God.

It is most vital that the church realizes that it is not alone, that God's presence is very much a part of her existence. When that awareness is heightened of God being with her as she bears witness to the truth that God is in fact love, and that it has never been His intent to destroy lives, but to infuse His life within human beings, then the true character of God will become more apparent as it releases in the hearts of people. I am convinced

that we underestimate the power of the fellowship to wield such influence in broken lives. Lives can be powerfully touched even with a few who gather to serve God. Each additional person who comes to the fellowship brings with him or her added influence to the body because God is abiding within each heart, and each person brings a uniqueness of his or her gifts to be shared and dispensed within the body and wherever one is sent to bring God's compassion and grace to people.

The fellowship is like a nursery for those who are newly introduced to the Christian faith and way of life. Often the fellowship consists of Christians who are well seasoned and learned, and have served in leadership roles as teachers, lay leaders, council members, and directors of various organizations in the church and with mission projects. The Scripture makes clear that every person who has come into the faith has been granted a gift or gifts from God that could add to the vital function of the Church. But, gifts given to the church must be understood, and should be put into practice so all may benefit and be blessed by their virtues. No one person can possess all the gifts that God dispenses, as a consequence, this makes us interdependent on one another and with God.

We miss so much when we abstain from one another. Isolation dissipates and diffuses our influence as a Church. But, as we rally together as a unifying body to bring God's peace into the world, it really does have an attraction for those in the fellowship and for those in the world. Therefore we pray: *"Lord, gather us in, call us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name. Give us a heart of meekness and give us the courage to enter your will. Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true. Gather us in – calling all persons together, the fire of love in our flesh and our bone. Amen (Words in prayer adapted and adopted from "Gather Us In" by Marty Haugen).*



## WORDS OF WISDOM

It's a wonderful day when we stop working for God and begin working with God. Rather than report to God, we work with God. Rather than check in with Him, we check in with him and then follow. We are always in the presence of God.

If you want God to lead you, be willing to follow.

When life knocks you down, you're in the perfect position to pray.

God is Angry at Evil (Max Lucado)

So put all evil things out of your life – these things make God angry.

Many don't understand God's anger because they confuse the wrath of God with the wrath of man. The two have little in common. Human anger is typically self-driven and prone to explosions of temper and violent deeds. We get ticked off because we are overlooked, neglected or cheated. This is the anger of man. It is not, however, the anger of God.

God doesn't get angry because he doesn't get His way. He gets angry because disobedience always results in self-destruction. What kind of father sits by and watches his child hurt himself?

The question is not "where is God" but "where isn't He."

Think about this: When I replace anger with forgiveness, God gives me peace.

The goal of Bible study is not just leaning, but living.

Remembering God's faithfulness in the past, strengthens us for the future.

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN –**

During the service on June 5, the UMW honored Barbara and Jim Halla and Marlene Martin for their service in providing the weekly community supper. The ladies will not meet over the summer but will resume regular meetings on September 8.



**DID YOU KNOW...** Your church can be found on Facebook. Just go to First United Methodist Saranac Lake. (complete with capital letters and spaces.) When the page comes up, click on “like.”

## **FROM THE STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (S/PPRC)**

How to contact Pastor Wilbert? If you want to talk to him and want to be sure he’s available, it would be best to call ahead and ask for an appointment. While he welcomes folks dropping by, with an appointment, you’ll have his full attention. If you need to reach him after church office hours, his cell phone is 897-6078, his e-mail is: [wgamble@s.paulsmiths.edu](mailto:wgamble@s.paulsmiths.edu). Do not hesitate to call him if you need him.

The committee is currently working to produce a staff handbook.

## **ADDED INCOME – ONLINE SHOPPING**

UMCMARKET.ORG – New enhanced site with advanced technology insures better service and faster delivery of donations.

If you are new to the program and if you make purchases on-line, you can raise funds for our church while you shop. The site is improved and provides a large number of merchants who give a percentage of your purchases to our church. There are also deals offered frequently including discounts and free shipping. It’s a great way to supplement our finances and it is totally free. Just visit the site: [umcmarket.org](http://umcmarket.org) for an overview and when you sign up, be sure to choose First UMC of Saranac Lake to send your donations to the church.

This program is presented to us by the General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church to assist local churches in raising funds. The more who participate, little by little we can do BIG things. Thanks!

“...but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.” Proverbs 13:11b (NIV)

## **FINANCE**

Pledge and identified giving is \$1,473 under last year (This is an improvement from last month of \$479). Our Easter offering was \$120 less than last year. Our Use Donations is down from last year \$683 due to lower Zumba, SLYAA and a wedding last year but not this year.

Our biggest favorable variance on expenses remains the heat bill which is \$4,658 under last year due to lower usage and lower prices. We are over last year on Continuing Education \$2,080 for the Pastor as planned. We continue to be current on our Ministry Shares payments. Our current income is \$8,041 under our current expenses at this time. If I have identified all our reserves correctly we have \$19,003 in unallocated funds.

## NOTES ON OUR VARIOUS FUNDS

These funds are all ongoing, and are in constant need of contributions.

As of June, 2016 the **ORGAN FUND** had a balance of \$8478.

**FUEL FUND** Contributions to the Fuel Fund have helped to reduce the strain on the budget. To contribute to the fuel fund, envelopes are made available in the pews or just write Fuel Fund on your check in the memo line and place it in the offering plate. Prayerfully consider how you can help and whatever the amount, do it with love and remember, "God Loves a Cheerful Giver!". As of June , 2016, \$837 has been contributed.

## LECTIONARY for JULY & AUGUST

### July 3

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

II Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 6(1-6)7-16  
Luke 10:1-11; 16-20

### July 10

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 7:7-17  
Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-037

### July 17

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 8:1-12  
Psalm 52  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

### July 24

#### **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Hosea 1:2-10  
Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-15  
Luke 11:1-13

### July 31

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Hosea 11:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

### August 7

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday aft Pentecost**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Psalm 50:1-8; 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

### August 14

#### **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:1-2; 8-19  
Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2  
Luke 12: 49-56

### August 21

#### **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 1: 4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

### August 28

#### **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Psalm 81:1; 10-16  
Hebrews 13:1-8; 15-16  
Luke 14:1; 7-14

## **WEEKLY EVENTS FOR JULY, 2016**

|        |                       |                |                                |                 |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| *Sun.  | July 3, 10, 17, 31    | 4:30 pm        | Zumba                          | Fellowship Hall |
| *Mon.  | July 11, 18           | 5:00 – 6:00 pm | Zumba                          | Fellowship Hall |
| *Tue.  | July 5, 12, 19        | 7:00 – 8:00 am | Zumba                          | Fellowship Hall |
| *Wed.  | July 6, 13, 20, 27    | 12 noon        | Pastor Wilbert Noon Devotional | DeChantel Apts. |
| *Wed.  | July 6, 13, 20        | 5-6 pm         | Community Supper               | Fellowship Hall |
| *Wed.  | July 6, 13, 20, 27    | 7:00 pm        | AA                             | Heidi Rich Room |
| *Thur. | July 7, 14, 21        | 7:00 – 8:00 am | Zumba                          | Fellowship Hall |
| *Sat   | July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 5:00 pm        | Lutheran Service               | Sanctuary       |

## **SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JULY, 2016**

|       |                        |                   |  |                 |
|-------|------------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------|
| Mon.  | July 4                 | <b>HOLIDAY</b>    | <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>                                  |                 |
| Fri.  | July 8                 | 4 pm              | Celebration of Ross Dailey's life followed by a get-together | Sanctuary       |
| Fri.  | July 15                | 7:00 – 11:00 pm   | Contra Dancing   | Fellowship Hall |
| Sat.  | July 16                | 8 am              | Men's Breakfast  | Fellowship Hall |
| Sat.  | July 23                |                   | Baptism – Cheri Trombley's children                          | Kitchen         |
| Sun.  | July 24 – Wed. July 27 |                   | UMW Yard Sale set-up   | Fellowship Hall |
| Thur. | July 28 – Fri. July 29 | 9:00 am – 7:00 pm | UMW Yard Sale  | Fellowship Hall |

|              |                |                                  |                 |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sat. July 30 | 9:00 am – noon | UMW Yard Sale                    | Fellowship Hall |
| Sun. July 31 | 9:15 am        | Baptism – Piper Elizabeth Marlow | Sanctuary       |

### **WEEKLY EVENTS FOR AUGUST, 2016**

|                                |                |                  |                 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| *Sun. August 7, 14             | 4:30 pm        | Zumba            | Fellowship Hall |
| *Mon. August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  | 5:00 – 6:00 pm | Zumba            | Fellowship Hall |
| *Tue. August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  | 7:00 – 8:00 am | Zumba            | Fellowship Hall |
| *Tue. August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  | 5:00 – 6:00 pm | Zumba            | Fellowship Hall |
| *Wed. August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 5-6 pm         | Community Supper | Fellowship Hall |
| *Thur. August 4, 11, 18, 25    | 7:00 – 8:00 am | Zumba            | Fellowship Hall |

### **SPECIAL EVENTS FOR AUGUST, 2016**

|                |         |                     |               |
|----------------|---------|---------------------|---------------|
| Wed. August 3  | 7:30 PM | Staff Pastor Parish | Trustees Room |
| Sat. August 20 | 8:00 am | Men's Breakfast     | Kitchen       |

### **IMPOORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

September 25 – 28 Rummage Sale set up      SALE September 29 – October 1

| JULY BIRTHDAYS           | AUGUST BIRTHDAYS             |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Renee' Clark           | 1 Melissa Lincoln            |
| 2 Mary Kent              | 4 Hillary Barnard            |
| Nancy Roberts            | 6 Ashlee Charette            |
| 3 Leslie Wilson Rich     | Aaron T. Hesseltine          |
| 4 Phil LeBlanc           | 8 Matt Bouton                |
| 5 Andy Clark             | David Kelting                |
| 7 Bea Hall               | 10 Michael Mader             |
| 9 Brad McDowell          | Gabriel Wilson               |
| 10 Dale Burman           | 11 Abigail Fuller            |
| 11 Betty Isele           | Cody Barry                   |
| 13 Ruth Kern             | Anna Wilson                  |
| 15 Emily Martin          | 13 Virginia Queior           |
| 16 Bill Cross            | 14 Faith Day                 |
| 17 Gabriel Fravor        | 15 Samuel Hesseltine         |
| 18 Emily Leavitt         | 16 Betsy Pond                |
| 19 Jim Stinson           | Owen Wilson                  |
| 20 Lindsay Reeve         | 17 Donna Burman              |
| 21 Kelly DeNicolo        | Adam Heverly                 |
| Brent Freeburg           | 22 Carla Ellis               |
| 23 Alec DuMond           | 24 Art Leavitt               |
| 24 Vic Burman            | 27 Caleb Smith               |
| Emmalee Kelting          | 29 Murphy Stringer           |
| BJ Tanzini               | 31 Alan Roberts              |
| 25 Virginia Santy        |                              |
| 27 Cheryl Wilson         |                              |
| JULY ANNIVERSARIES       | AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES         |
| 17 Mitchel & Cindy Smith | 14 Bill & Kathy Cross 45yrs. |
| 51 yrs. 2016             | 2016                         |
| 21 Eric & Tammy Wilson   | 31 Matt & Stacy Ferguson     |
| 28 Jim & Eva Stinson     |                              |
| 31 Vernon & Angie James  |                              |

## **First United Methodist Church**

**Worship Service 9:15 a.m.**

**Coffee Hour 10:15 a.m.**

**Sunday School resumes in  
September.**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

*ALL ARE WELCOME*

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