



Newsletter



A LONG JOURNEY ... AND WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN

In August of 2006 we began a journey. Since that date, we have had many unique and exciting adventures. We will soon begin a new adventure!

We began as three very individual congregations with three separate buildings, services, sessions, and activities. Over the past 17 years we have become ONE congregation with two buildings, one Sunday service, one session, combined outreach, mission, and activities.

There have been so many highlights during these years. We went from a full-time ordained pastor, Rev. Sharon Hare and a part time commissioned pastor, Peg Ward; to two part time pastors, Pastors Kevin Bailey and Peg Ward, then three part time pastors Kevin, Peg and Pastor Mike Yeoman, back to one part time pastor, Kevin Bailey. For nearly a year now since Pastor Kevin retired, we have been an independent congregation with congregational leadership. It amazes folks when I tell them that we have EIGHT members of our congregation who are willing, able, and skilled at preaching and conducting worship.

During the course of our journey, the Mount Vernon Church building was given to the Shiloh congregation. It will soon be seven years since that transfer of property. Who gives away real estate? Three Voices did so with joy and thanksgiving that the building has remained a place of worship. Because of, or in spite of, the pandemic we became a church with recorded services each week. First we worshipped via ZOOM from Pastor Kevin and Peg's homes; then we recorded services from our sanctuaries with extreme caution given to social distancing. Once the pandemic was under control, we resumed in-person worship. The "silver lining" of all this is that we now record and share our services weekly via technology. What a blessing this is to our folks who are unable to get out each week.

About one year ago the congregation voted to become one body of Christ. With God's blessing, this should become a legal reality on May 10, 2023 when the proposal is approved by the State of New York.

This merger will not change a whole lot of what we have built for the past seventeen years. We will still worship in two locations, have one service, one session, and enjoy fellowship together. The changes will come more in the way of church administration and management. Finances will be combined, and we will have one central checking account. It has been a struggle to find folks to serve on the sessions over the past several years. With the new congregational structure, a smaller session representative of the three former congregations will be elected at the next annual meeting. We will need willing folks to serve on committees to assist this smaller session in doing the work of the church.

As we look to the future and anticipate a "new thing" in Christ's name we will be asking for input from our congregation. Stay tuned! More information is on the way. For the time being, please continue to pray for the completion of this process and the success of our merged congregation.

In Christ We All Serve, Peg Ward, Parish Associate

PRAYER REQUESTS—Nayeli (Brenda), (our sponsored child in Guatemala), Linda and John Marafioti, Edith Lohr, Susan Holmes, Dan Bodine, Mary Phipps, Dalton Prievo, Dorothy and Neil Clark, Patty Reap, Rick Meier, Bob Stanton, the Rev. Dr. Sam and Cynthia Pendergrast, Dr. Karla Mulligan, Janet Isabelle, Geraldine Haskell, Jacqie Santora, and Carol Dygert.

Remember our members who are unable to get out on a regular basis in prayer, with phone calls, and/or greeting cards: Gene Hallagan, Ginny Elliott, Jack Schuyler, Pete & Eileen Froass.

NEW ADDRESS

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

May

11 Janice Freer
11 Joyce Sienicki
16 Gene Hallagan
18 Becky Seifert
30 Eileen Froass

12 *Dorothy and Neil Clark*

June

6 Neil Clark
6 Kathy Sherwood
14 Walter Schmidt
14 Carl Greene
22 Sabrina Prievo

27 *Eileen & Pete Froass*

July

5 **Dorothy Clark**
6 **Debbie Greene**
10 **Gary Onyan**
14 **Dalton Prievo**
14 **Clara Meier**
15 **Bob Stanton**
17 **George Ostrander**
18 **Gary Sherwood**
22 **Jackie Collins**
29 **Debbie Cassidy**
31 **Janet Isabelle**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE**Worship: 10:00 am****May – Oneida Castle****June – Verona****July – Oneida Castle****WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE**

Date	Pulpit	Reader	Liturgist	Music
May 7	Phil Marmelstein	Karen Schmidt	Phil Marmelstein	Linda Marafiotti
Communion			Leon Bronson	Karen Schmidt
May 14	Mike Jaquays	Janice Freer	Mike Jaquays	Denise Croasdaile
Mother's Day				Janice Freer
May 21	Gary Sherwood	Kathy Sherwood	Gary Sherwood	Ananya and Prianka Bismark
May 28	Peg Ward	Irma Jaquays	Peg Ward	Becki Watson
Pentecost				
June 4	Kevin Bailey	Linda Bailey	Kevin and Linda Bailey	Kevin Bailey
Communion				
June 11	Peg Ward	Clara Meier	Peg Ward	Astena Smith
June 18	Becky Marsala	Jan Moore	Becky Marsala	Owen Paz
Father's Day				Peg Corbett
June 25	Gail Collins	Don Lanz	Brent Collins	Amanda Yeoman
July 2	Hymn sing	Jan Moore	Clara Meier	Informal
July 9	Brent Collins	Becky Marsala	Brent Collins	Tim Watson
Communion		Communion		trumpet
July 16	Mike Jaquays	Bob Stanton	Mike Jaquays	
July 23	Phil Marmelstein	Janet Isabelle	Phil Marmelstein	
July 30	Gary Sherwood	Kathy Sherwood	Gary Sherwood	

MISSIONS

MAY THREE VOICES MISSION We are honoring mothers during this month by collecting hygiene products, sanitary products, socks and underwear for ladies in need. Please leave your contribution in the basket in the Fellowship Room of Cochran Memorial during the month and they will be delivered to ladies who can use a little extra help.



JUNE THREE VOICES MISSION

During the month of June will be collecting items for children's breakfasts and lunches. Many children rely on school breakfasts and lunches. During the summer months, the availability of lunch materials puts an extra burden on parents who are struggling to feed their children. Your contributions will be delivered to area food pantries for distribution during the summer months. Items needed include: peanut butter, jelly, sandwich crackers, fruit snacks, juice boxes, granola bars, cereal, ramen noodles, soup, canned tuna and chicken, condiments for making sandwiches such as mustard, ketchup and mayonnaise.



JULY THREE VOICES MISSION

We are continuing to support Nayeli our sponsored girl from Guatemala. Each year we have supplied enough money to cover the cost of her needs for attending the community center and her schooling, plus some extra funds for Birthday and Christmas gifts. Nayeli will soon be outgrowing the program. This year we are hoping to collect enough money to sponsor a second child who will be younger. It has been a pleasure to watch Nayeli to grow from a young girl into a beautiful young lady.



Thank You, so much!

The generosity of the Three Voices Congregation is amazing!

Thanks to everyone's donations, we were able to donate \$506.00 to One Great Hour of Sharing, our Presbyterian Church USA outreach mission.

In addition, during April we collected enough materials to complete 17 School Kits and 17 Hygiene Kits for Church World Service.



During the past few months some of our ladies created over 50 colorful pillow cases for children at JDGeorge who are part of the EPIC after school program. Each child went home with a new pillow and a personally labeled pillow case!

LOOKING AHEAD

SESSION: will meet Monday, May 22, 6:00, at Verona First.

WOMEN/DEACONS: Tuesday, May 2, 10:00, Verona First.

Tuesday, June 6, 10:00, Verona First.

No meetings in July or August.

BIBLE STUDY will meet Sunday mornings at 8:30 until the end of June. They will resume in September.

WORSHIP TEAM will meet Thursday, June 8, 6:00 at Verona First.

BOOK CLUB is reading *The Darkness of Day* by Rochelle Hamel. They will meet Tuesday, May 16, at 10:00, at Verona First, to discuss the book. Rochelle is the sister of Pastor Kevin.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, May 20, 9:30, Corner Diner in Sherrill
Saturday, June 17, 9:30, Corner Diner in Sherrill
Will resume in September

STONE SOUP: Thursday, May 25, provided by St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Thursday, June 29, provided by Seventh Day Baptist
Thursday, July 27, provided by Three Voices Presbyterian
Followed by Music on the Green at 6:00

All meals are served from 4:30 to 6:00 at Verona First Presbyterian Church

BLOOD DRIVE: For Latest Dates and locations visit: www.redcrossblood.org/
or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733 2767)

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