



**PASTOR PATIENCE’S FAREWELL**

Greetings Church!

One of the blessings in life is the gift and privilege to make choices.

Each new season is a gift of divine grace. We embrace the changing seasons of life with new opportunities to begin afresh. The old is passing away and soon the past will be in the rear-view mirror. “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:19 NIV)

Past problems can define us and help shape negative views about the future. Past experiences that have been successful can support an attitude of entitlement. However, the past can be a launching pad for a brand new opportunity to reclaim an unfinished plan with wisdom from the past.

And so, as I leave, it is my sincere hope and prayer that God gives you the strength to claim with courage the best way forward in the wonderful name of the risen Christ. Amen.

Patience D. Kisakye, Pastor  
The United Methodist churches of Syracuse

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

At the Church Council meeting on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, we learned that our new pastor will be the Rev. Andy Anderson. There will be a biographical piece about Rev. Anderson in the July/August edition of The Signal.

Welcome to Bellevue Heights, Rev. Anderson!

**End of Sunday School All Church Picnic & Road Rally Jun 6<sup>th</sup>**

We will begin after church on Jun 6<sup>th</sup> for the All Church Road Rally and Picnic. Each entrant will depart the parking lot and do the Road Rally. The end of the Road Rally will be a picnic area where we will enjoy an early June Picnic. Hamburgers & hotdogs will be supplied. Each entrant is asked to bring a dish to pass. Please let Jim Morgan (488-4772), Laura Mattice (487-6414) or the church office (475-0011) know if you plan to attend, so we can have the proper # of burgers and dogs.

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**ASSET-BASED PLANNING AND MINISTRY FOR CONGREGATIONAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT:**

As the United Methodist Churches of Syracuse prepare for the next phase of revitalization, an important ingredient will be concrete examples and hopeful stories of other churches in other cities.



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Broadway UMC in Indianapolis is one such story. We invite you to learn about their story on **Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 11 am to 4 pm (including lunch) at University UMC**, corner of East Genesee Street and University Avenue, Syracuse. Cost of lunch is \$5.00.

The featured speaker will be the Rev. Mike Mather of Broadway UMC, Indianapolis. For reservations and more information, call University UMC at (315) 475-7277.

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The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual **United Methodist Night at the Ballpark** will be Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a tailgate party at 5:30 pm in the far right side of NBT Bank Stadium (east side of Rt. 81 at Park Street near Destiny USA). Please bring a dish to pass and your own drink and table service. The Crossroads District United Methodist Men will provide complimentary hot dogs and coney. Also, please bring a non-perishable food item to go to the Food Bank of CNY. At 6:45 we will lead the singing of the National Anthem at home plate! Please let Jim Morgan (488-4772) know if you plan to attend, so that he can secure the proper number of tickets.

**THANK YOU...**

Kim Kromer Murphy and family wish to thank our Bellevue Heights church family for all of the love, support and prayers we have received on the death of Kim's mother, Judie Agne, and the accident and accompanying brain trauma experienced by her uncle, David Neese. Your kindness means so much. Thank you.

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## **HAPPY SPRING! HOW TO PLANT YOUR GARDEN**

First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses...

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING, plant three rows of peas: 1) Peace of mind, 2) Peace of heart and 3) Peace of soul.

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH: 1) Squash gossip, 2) Squash indifference, 3) Squash grumbling and 4) Squash selfishness.

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE: 1) Lettuce be faithful, 2) Lettuce be kind, 3) Lettuce be patient and 4) Lettuce really love one another.

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS: 1) Turn up for meetings, 2) Turn up for service and 3) Turn up to help one another.

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME: 1) Thyme for each other, 2) Thyme for family and 3) Thyme for friends.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

*Submitted by Charlie Brown*



**NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS**

Our 4th Annual Fun Run and Walk was another great success, raising over \$700 in donations. About twenty children ran in a loop on the grass as older children marked the laps by crossing out sneakers on the backs of their shirts. It was a lot of fun and it's always so great to have another reason to bring families together outside of school.

As our school year draws to a close with Celebration Days on June 11 and June 12, I (Deb Coman) will also be leaving my position to spend more time on my writing and editing business. Bellevue Heights has been home for 13 years, first as I entrusted my own three boys to this amazing program and then when I was privileged to teach and ultimately direct here. Its reputation was established many years ago (coming up on 45!) and it will continue to live up to that, and more, in years to come.

Our Board of Directors is already at work finding a replacement and will keep you all informed as things develop.

Please continue to find ways to support this gem of a program right in your backyard. As a non-profit, we continue to operate with funds from tuition, fundraising and the generosity of donors. I hope you will continue to keep us in mind for any of your charitable giving. Donations to BHNS can be sent to us at: 2112 S. Geddes Street, Syracuse, NY 13207. Thank you for all you do to support our work and enjoy the Summer months!

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**MOUNTAIN GOAT RACE RESULTS**

Congratulations to Alex MacKnight and Will Streissguth who both finished in the top 300 out of 1032 men and in the top 15 of their class of 36. Way to run boys!!!

**CHRISTIANS IN ACTION**

The food pantry at Brown Memorial always looks ahead so let's keep in step with them. For the next 3 months, our pantry collection will concentrate on breakfast and lunch. But, as always, the pantry will accept any donation. Listed below are just a few ideas for your shopping list:

- Cereal – watch the sugar content, but needs to be kid-friendly
- Granola/cereal bars – watch the sugar content
- Pop-tarts – a treat even for adults
- Tuna fish
- Canned ravioli, spaghettios
- Soup (canned or dry) – kid-friendly flavors
- Crackers – saltines for soup, Ritz-like or graham for snacking
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Monetary donations so the pantry director can fill in the empty spots on the shelves.



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When summer arrives in central NY, we start hearing things like triple EEE alert, spraying at the Cicero swamp and be mindful of places that can collect standing water. All these facts pertain to the pesky mosquito. Thankfully for us, a mosquito bite is not usually deadly but, in other parts of the world, mosquitos carry the deadly malaria. The people of the United Methodist Church are actively involved in a campaign called **IMAGINE NO MALARIA**, which hopes to raise \$75 million to end deaths (655,000 each year) from this disease in Africa by 2015. From now to the end of the year, there will be several activities that highlight this disease, particularly in Africa. The City Mission Team will have a table at the Westcott Community fair in the fall and we're planning a fun-filled pot luck dinner with a "silly" talent show focused on mosquitos and malaria. Keep your eyes and ears open for dates and times. And, watch out for those pesky mosquitos. Not only is Imagine No Malaria saving lives – it is revitalizing congregations by mobilizing the people of the UMC. Together, we're putting our faith in action to change millions of lives. For more information and to find out how to get involved, contact: Phone 866-521-1179; Online - [ImagineNoMalaria.org](http://ImagineNoMalaria.org); Email – [iminfo@umccom.org](mailto:iminfo@umccom.org).

**MORE CHRISTIANS IN ACTION**

I recently addressed a group of people who were attending a benefit concert for the Syracuse Area Housing and Homeless Coalition. Housing and Urban Development, affectionately referred to as HUD, has decided that their focus moving forward will strictly be concentrated on housing. Up to this point in time, HUD has given grants for ancillary services, such as moving costs, storage of belongings while in a shelter or facing a 72-hour eviction and costs related to picking up and delivering furniture and household goods, and maintaining a storage facility for these goods. With this lack of funding looming on the horizon, there will be definite gaps in services that will directly impact the homeless and housing-vulnerable population with a trickle-down effect to a variety of agencies, schools, and even churches. Imagine, if you will, losing all your belongings and going into a shelter with your family. There will be resources to assist in finding housing, but you will not have anything to furnish it as in the past nor will you have any additional resources to purchase anything. Adults without beds, unable to sleep, are apt to see their work performance drop and tempers flare. Children who are unable to get a good night's sleep are still expected to behave and do well in school. I hope you see that beds are not just pieces of furniture that we take for granted. Food, clothing and shelter are considered the foundation for every human being. Without these basics, it is extremely difficult to move forward.

Now, for what this commentary was leading up to – If anyone knows of a dry, accessible garage, building or other storage facility that could be donated or rented for a nominal monthly fee, please contact Carol Karins at 422-7486. And, please continue to contact me if you have furniture or household goods that you no longer want or use. I am very grateful for all the support I have received over the past 10 years from the Bellevue Heights UMC community of faith. All of us are the hands, feet, eyes and voice of Jesus here in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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We will never change the world by going to church. We will only change the world by being the church.



## June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you!!!



Please notify the office by phone or e-mail with additions or corrections.

	01	Jennifer Davis	17	Jeffrey Morey
03	Brendan Kinnell		Stephanie Sherwood	
	Megan Vinette		Matthew Cutler	
04	Gretchen Karins	18	Cathy Waelde	
06	Betty Vaughn	19	Matthew Martin	
	Beverly Large		Colleen Kinnell	
07	Kathryn Steele	20	Pauline Filsinger	
	Taylor Lounsbery	21	Clifford Crain III	
08	Amithy Long	22	Nellie Hamlin	
09	Elizabeth Henry		Geoffrey Lewis	
	Lorena Lewis	24	Terry Durham, Jr.	
	William Martin	25	Jessica Bygall	
10	Irene Barmore		Shannon O'Leary	
	Alexandra Hill-Gilbert	26	Marlon Woolner	
11	Eric Wilson		Elizabeth Newman	
12	Douglas Lewis	27	Patrick Rankin	
	Gregory Forties		Maura Kusak McGuire	
	Jeremy Castle	28	Isabella Melson	
	Robert Shanebrook		Christopher Sands	
13	Elijah Morgan	29	Ursula Hubby	
14	Peter Ott		Jamie O'Leary	
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### GIFT GIVING

Did you know that you can give to the church to honor a friend of family member? Most people do not think of making a gift to the church when a person is still alive, but you can! You can honor a person's birthday, anniversary or a milestone in the church like a baptism or confirmation. Why wait until someone is dead to say how important he or she is to you? If you are interested in honoring someone with a gift to Bellevue Heights UMC, please contact Jeff Morey at 474-3516 or [jmorey@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jmorey@twcny.rr.com).

### MEMORIES OF CASOWASCO by Valerie Mattice

As the weather warms up and summer is approaching, I can't help but think about Casowasco and the weeks I've spent there over the years. I start anticipating this year's adventures as soon as the catalogue is delivered at the end of February. This will be my 12<sup>th</sup> year attending camp and I get more excited each year. I think about the range of activities I get to experience there, I think of the wonderful staff, I think of the comforting atmosphere, but what I think of the most are the friends I have made over the years.

Several years ago I met a handful of people in one of the programs. We spent the whole week getting to know each other through games, worship, and other activities. By the time the week was



over, it was hard to say goodbye. Over the fall and winter we kept in touch, and by the spring when the new camp catalogue came out, we excitedly made plans to go to camp the same week and the same program. We have continued this tradition of “Casowasco, same time next year” for several years now. Two of the girls have become my closest friends, and I have Casowasco to thank for that blessing.

I think every kid should have the opportunity to go to Casowasco. Not only is it a fun place to spend a week or two of your summer, it's a warm and welcoming place for you to try new things, expand your boundaries, and make lifelong friends, just as I have. Some of the activities I have done at camp over the years are things many of my friends have only dreamed of trying. At camp I learned how to ride a horse, scuba dive, climb a high ropes course, shoot a bow and arrow. I've gone white water rafting, water skiing and rock wall climbing. I've also played dozens of wacky games, jumped off of a 15-foot tower and was launched into the water from the blob, went on wagon rides, ate ice cream for breakfast, jumped in a bounce house, watched goofy skits in chapel, and so much more. And somehow, in the midst of all the fun activities, you end up having deep meaningful discussions of God and faith and you find yourself growing closer to God. The experiences available at Casowasco are incredible, and I thank God for that. I also want to thank everyone at church who has donated to the campership fund over the years. It's a gift that's life changing not just for me but for any kid who is lucky enough to share the same experiences.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS**

May was a very busy month for UMW. The Bazaar on the stage at the Roast Beef Dinner attracted many guests and made \$489. We thank those who made crafts, baked & worked on stage. One new item this spring was a selection of jams and jellies from our church jam makers, Hunter & Hilsberg. Thanks to Dottie Mont-gomery for donating a case of assorted jellies. They were a hit!

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Bellevue's UMW hosted the District UMW from 9:00 to 2:00. At least ten members of our local chapter were there to greet our guests, serve breakfast goodies, coffee and, later, lunch. Chef Bev Large and her assistant, Bob, served delicious ham and scalloped potatoes (with added cheese which made them especially wonderful). Many ladies brought salads and Bev made chocolate cake for dessert. The program was “In My Father's Kitchen”, an all-volunteer feeding program for the homeless. Our speaker, John Tumino, was called to leave his very successful Asti Café business to prepare and deliver his chef-prepared lunches to people on street corners and under bridges. He said he wants to tell them they are not “invisible.” He and his family also help the struggling refugee communities.

On Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, the UMW had their regular meeting. The speaker was Mrs. Gamboni from the Foster Grandparents program, which helps out in elementary schools and day care programs. This will be our last meeting before September.

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**LOOKING FOR SUMMER CAMPERS**

It is not too late to sign up to be a camper at one of the United Methodist camps this summer. There are brochures outside of the church office or you can go online to [www.casowasco.org](http://www.casowasco.org) to view the opportunities that await you at summer camp. What a great way to make new friends and even do some crazy things. There are several camps all over New York State that you can attend. Camp starts on Sunday afternoon and most finish on Friday. If you are interested in attending camp this year, please see Diane Dermody or contact the church office. There is scholarship money available to all who would like to attend camp. Happy camping!



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P.S. Please take time to read Valerie Mattice’s article on p. 8 on her experience at camp.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE:

**June 7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

**June 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20 or Psalm 92; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

**June 21 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Father’s Day:** 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49; Psalm 9:9-10; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

**June 28 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

## COFFEE HOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

<b>June</b>	<b>Finance</b>
July/August	Congregation Signups
September	Church Council
October	Youth Group
November	Worship
December	United Methodist Women
January	Trustees
February	Staff Parish
March	Christians in Action
April	Friends in Faith and Fellowship
May	Choir

## USHERS FOR JUNE:

Head Usher – Ray Brunner  
Regular Ushers: Ted Jewett, Jim & Dottie Montgomery

### **RED BIRD - Partnerships Yield Clean Water for Residents**

The natural beauty and peacefulness of the Red Bird River is apparent to those visiting in eastern Kentucky. Many residents have depended on the river for drinking water and recreational activities going back as far as anyone can remember. This is still true today.

Water testing coordinated by the USDA Forest Service found the Red Bird River and source streams of the river to be highly contaminated. With no city water available to many hollers, families are left with two choices – bottled water or polluted water. Bottled water isn’t much of an option for most with towns about 40 minutes away and the high expense of buying bottled water.



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A solution for those without access to public water service is to install a water kiosk where residents can fill containers with potable water. That solution will soon be a reality for Red Bird Valley residents. The kiosk will consist of a 1500-gallon tank direct-ly connected to the Hyden-Leslie County Water District water lines running to the Red Bird Mission Campus. Water will be available to area residents at minimal cost. The tank will also serve as a resource in the event of a disaster.

A host of parties have come together to make this idea of a kiosk a reality:

- Red Bird Mission will serve as the physical location of the kiosk; provide security and oversight of the program and recruit residents to take advantage of the low cost water.
- The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has awarded a grant to implement the project.
- The University of Tennessee Colleges of Nursing, Architecture and Engineering, along with the UT Law Enforcement Innovation Center, are committed to providing professional and technical expertise in the design and construction of the facility.
- Hyden-Leslie County Water along with Clay County EMS and multiple individuals have and will contribute materials, labor, expertise and money to the project.

Hundreds of hours invested by Red Bird Mission Community Outreach and Maintenance staff in this project were funded by general donations to the Mission. Thank you to so many for making clean water a priority for the area.

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

### Congratulations to:



Bev & Bob Large	6/06/59
Sandy & David Cole	6/07/91
Laura & Steve Mattice	6/09/90
Brianne & Isaac Santiago	6/09/01
Susan & Gordon Spooner	6/15/74
Pam Martin & Richard Louer	6/21/80
Judith & Christopher Sands	6/21/86
Stephen & Lyndsie Mangano	6/21/08
Lisa & Robert McIntyre	6/25/88
Meghan & Todd Doss	6/29/01

Please notify the church office, either by e-mail or phone, of any necessary changes.

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### Men's Fellowship Breakfast

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, 17 men gathered at 7:00 A. M. for breakfast at Fairmount Wegmans. Our speaker was **Jason Smorol, General Manager of the Syracuse Chiefs**. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 AM** at Fairmount Wegmans. Our speaker will be **Dan Glavin, Oakwood Cemetery Executive Director**.

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### **ROAST BEEF DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS!!**

Thank you to all the bakers, waiters, cooks, dish washers, table setters and everyone else who worked on the dinner. We served about 365 people in the dining room and another 115 opted for take-outs. The profit of \$2225 is used for the benefit of the church general budget. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> most profitable dinner and the most profitable spring dinner. Clean-up happened in an unusually quick manner this year with many hands making the work light.