

Consistory Meeting- October 1st, 7 pm.

facebook: we are reviving our church-directory-on-a-bulletin-board. We can take your picture or you can provide a photo. But there will be a twist (disclosed later) Please fill out an orange information sheet the best you can and leave it in the box on the Table or email to pastor Jeff (jeffa.kelley@gmail.com).

Nursery: has a new format. The helpers will read a story and facilitate an activity. If you would like to help attend the nursery, sign up in the foyer. The story and activity will be set up for you- all you have to do is read and help the kids!

Children are encouraged to stay in the service. To help them, there are activity bags in the back. If a small child or infant needs another space, the nursery is available.

Sticky-Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids. Join us to read and discuss and support one another in thinking and practicing parenting (even grand-parenting). Each week we'll discuss a chapter. Come as much as you can. We'll meet for 90 minutes over dinner. First meeting October 16th, 5:30 pm. Books available from amazon.com or pastor Jeff (just let him know asap).

Bible Study Thursday: 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Marian Lynes' house, studying the book of Romans. See Pastor Jeff for a study guide.

A Message from Your Deacons

"A Moving Mission" blesses those who serve as well as those who are served. Please let a deacon (Leslie, Arleen, or Mary Lou) know if you are willing to drive someone from our church family who no longer drives or does not feel up to driving. Driving someone to an appointment or the grocery store will give you an opportunity to better know that person. Give a ride. Grow a friendship!

Food Pantry

There are still openings in the food pantry schedule for new volunteers. The food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 and on Saturdays from 9 to 11. Please see Russ if you are ready to fill a volunteer slot! **Food needed in October: soups**

Friday October 16 Landscaping students from SUNY Cobleskill will be at our church helping to re design the island garden in the parking lot. We will be feeding them snacks and lunch that day. We may also need to call on some of our members for equipment and additional help. More details to follow.

Saturday, October 17 will be a church work day for things we usually do in the fall--yard work, windows, extra cleaning etc. If the leaves are on the ground, we will start raking. If they are still on the trees, oh well.

Pansies, Petunias, and Mums...Oh, my!

Thank you to Barber's Farm for providing the lovely flowers which have GRACED the church sign each spring, summer, and autumn. Their beauty has been enjoyed by our neighbors as well as our church family.

Hit the Mark

We are starting a new series this Fall in the gospel of Mark asking the question: *who is Jesus?* Mark is the fast paced gospel that is full of conflict and power struggles. Mark had the closest connection to Peter (notice how Peter comes out looking) and it's full of imagery and allusions to the Exodus (water, battles) and Isaiah (it begins with a citation). Your challenge is to read Mark, preferably straight through. It's 16 chapters and it might take about an hour. Each time you read it place a dot on the target in the foyer. Take and read and see God in action.

Operation Christmas Child

Dates to remember:

Oct. 18 – bring packing party gifts to church by this date

Nov. 6 – pre-packing party

Nov. 8 – lunch and packing party

Nov. 15 – shoebox dedication Sunday

Nov. 16 - 23 – National Collection Week

Pray for:

- the logistics of collecting, transporting, and distributing to be smooth
- OCC volunteers and staff to be physically and spiritually prepared for their duties
- those who will oversee shoebox distributions and who will disciple the children to be safe, in good health, and filled with the Holy Spirit
- shoebox recipients to be eager to know the Good News

Please check the OCC table in the foyer to:

- sponsor the shipping of boxes we pack together
- pledge to purchase gifts needed for our packing party
- volunteer to serve at the OCC relay center

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry to children who have been impacted by war, disease, poverty, or natural disaster. Operation Christmas Child reaches into the darkest corners of the world. You make that possible by generously sharing your personal resources, talents, and time.

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

Ham Supper- November 14th.

if you are reading this then it's not too late.