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*Dedicated to building a strong Christian family for all of God's children, working together for the purpose of putting our faith and love into practice.*

**June 2016**

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR**

### **SUMMERTIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

Summertime is just around the corner; perhaps you have already made vacation plans. As part of your plans I would suggest you make time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation that is all around us. Spend a day in one of the area parks with nothing planned but to find a peaceful corner to rest and be open to God's presence. It can be a time that refreshes your mind and spirit. Some of my favorite spots for this are: Washington Park in Albany, Cohoes Falls in Cohoes, and the Rose Garden in Central Park in Schenectady. If you would like a preview of these places, check out my web site, [www.revdauidimages.com](http://www.revdauidimages.com) and click on the Capital District link for pictures from these and other sites in the Capital District.

If you will be out of town on a Sunday morning, why not check out a United Methodist Church near where you are and feed your spirit. If you are so inclined I would welcome your reflections on the Sunday Service at that church and a copy of their bulletin, so we can learn from them. You can find the address and information about the nearest United

Methodist Church where you are on the web site of our denomination, [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org) by clicking on the “Resources” tab and selecting “Find a Church”.

At Grace we will have two very special services during June with Children’s Sunday on June 12<sup>th</sup> and Father’s Day and Choir Sunday on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Both Sunday’s will feature special music. On choir Sunday we are planning on a special musical service.

Finally, as always I welcome your comments and suggestions as we seek to support one another in our mutual calling to be followers of the way of Jesus.

Yours in Christ’s Service,



*David E. Smith*

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# JUNE WORSHIP SERVICES

## **6/05 – Pentecost 3 - Communion**

Scripture: Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

Responsive

Reading: #858 – Psalm 146

Theme: God can enable ordinary individuals to do the extraordinary.

Meditation: Destined for Greatness

Hymns: 2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

382 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices

## **6/12 – Pentecost 4 – Children's Sunday**

Scripture: Galatians 2:15-21, Luke 7:36-8:3

Affirmation

of Faith: # 884 – Korean Creed

Theme: Salvation comes not through what we do but what Christ has done.

Meditation: Saved by Faith

Hymns: 378 Amazing Grace

2162 Grace Alone

394 Something Beautiful

## **6/19 – Pentecost 5 – Father's Day & Choir Sunday**

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-15a, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

Theme: God breaks into life in unexpected ways.

Meditation: Musical Message

## **6/26 – Pentecost 6**

Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

Affirmation

of Faith: #880 – Nicene Creed

Theme: Grace is freely given but costly to keep.

Meditation: Free but Costly

Hymns: 2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

2130 The Summons

593 Here I Am, Lord

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Join us in celebrating our high school graduates: Ann Coryell, Josh Dedrick and Shayla Lyons.

Congratulations also go out to Devin Whitney who graduated from Schenectady Jr. College with an Associate Degree in Culinary Arts and to Victoria Youmans who is graduating from Maria College with her Nursing RN degree!

May God bless you all as you begin this new life phase. We all wish you the best of luck for success and happiness!

## GRACE'S COFFEE HOUSE RETURNS

At 7pm on Friday evening, **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the Evangelism Committee will be hosting another fun-filled Coffee House for all the local talent. Sign-up begins at 6:30pm – 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served. You can present your talent: sing, play an instrument, tell a story, recite a poem, or you can present a comedy act, magic or a funny skit.



*(With each graduating class, it's interesting to hear about our very own graduates and what their plans are.)*

## ANN CORYELL

Graduating with an advanced Regents diploma, Ann will be going to Hudson Valley Community College. That means you'll still get to see her almost every Sunday. This fall, Ann will be starting in the Early Child Development Program at HVCC, and she is really looking forward to it. She is also hoping to be able to play soccer at college. After completing college, Ann wants to open her own day care.

Thank you for helping Ann grow into the beautiful young lady that she is.

*Barbara & Rodger Coryell*

## DEVIN WHITNEY

Devin graduated with honors and has now enrolled in business classes at Schenectady Community College this coming September. He is going to continue working at Red's Restaurant while attending classes. After completing his business classes, he'll have a second Associate Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management to compliment his degree in Culinary Arts.

*Wanda Whitney*

*(Please be sure to let our young people know how proud you are of them!)*

## PASTOR ON VACATION



The pastor will be on vacation from **June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Jeff Schoenig will be the guest preacher on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you need pastoral care, please call Fran Lobdell at 312-3703 or Jay Ingraham at 961-3474 for assistance.

## BARGAIN SHED OPEN

We had a great start on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Donations were plentiful and we are so appreciative. We have a pretty full house at the moment in our storage area; we still welcome donations but ask that you hold on to fall/winter/Christmas items until a little later while we continue to bring out spring/summer items. We'll let you know when we can start to accept those things.

Since our opening, we have had almost **\$1,500** in receipts. Bring your friends and stop in – we have a lot to see!

## HELP NEEDED

The Book Nook has been offered a collection of a few thousand books. We desperately need a place to store them until the HUGE Fall Book Sale on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have *any* room in your garage or storage shed, we would truly appreciate your sharing your space. Please call Joy (731-8076) or the church and leave a message.

The Book Nook YTD total sales figure as of May 22<sup>nd</sup> is **\$6,752**.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Children's Day Picnic and church-wide end-of-year celebration will be held on Sunday, **June 12<sup>th</sup>**, following the church service.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the Sunday School class, donations of salads, drinks and desserts are needed, however.

If you can bring a dish, dessert or drinks to share, there will be a sign-up list in Fellowship Hall. Thank you and let's make this a special day for all the children.

Also, we are still seeking volunteers to help with Sunday School next year. If you can help out regularly or intermittently to cover when we are shorthanded, please let Kate Robertson know.

A special thank you to our Sunday School staff, Mike and Wendy Mattick, Stephanie Canham, James June and Annie Coryell for teaching classes this year. Thank you to Amy Devine-Young, Barbara Coryell and Aaron June for all their assistance helping with Sunday School projects this year as well. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful staff leading our children.

The Sunday School would like to thank you for your donations and let you know that we will still be collecting items to put into "Birthday Bags" for the food pantry until Children's Day. We need decorating frosting tubes, sprinkles, paper plates, cupcake wrappers, cups, balloons and tablecloths. We've received plenty of cake mixes and frosting. Thank you for your help!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to those celebrating a birthday or anniversary in June!

2 Erin Haslett  
5 Pam Ginder  
6 Jim & Peggy Sherman  
15 Jay & Sue Ruso  
16 Edna Kniffen  
17 Janet & Ron Mantynen  
18 Melanie Maurer  
20 Kristina Mantynen Gish  
22 Beth Spoor  
26 Jeffrey Schoenig

## SO GOOD

At the communion rail, a man held out his hand to receive the bread. His curious toddler by his side loudly asked, "Is it good, Daddy?" He smiled and nodded yes.

Indeed, communion is a good gift from Jesus, who wants us to remember his sacrifice for us. The next time you receive communion, remember to "taste and see that the LORD is *good!*" (Psalm 34:8, emphasis added).

*(Editor's Note: I've often thought to myself; "I am never as full and satisfied as when I take the bread and juice for communion.")*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 25-29 FUN, ACTION, LOVE

Mark your calendars, this promises to be an event you won't want to miss... a week of fun, action, and catching the wave of God's amazing love.

There will be food, recreation, story time, crafts, music, and time with our mascot "Snappy the Crab".

Our "Wave Words" for each day will be "God Creates", "God Helps", "God Loves", "God Calms", and "God Sends".

Watch for more information in July's newsletter.

## A FATHER'S BLESSING

When author Gary Smalley asked 100 people to share how they knew they'd received their parents' blessing, they offered these memories of fatherly love:

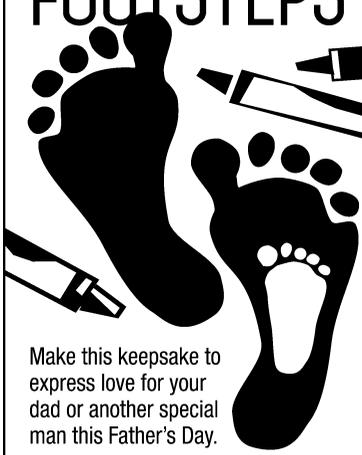
- My father put his arm around me at church and let me lay my head on his shoulder.
- When my father faced a transfer at work, he purposely took another job so I could finish my senior year in high school.
- When I wrecked my parents' car, my father's first reaction was to hug me and let me cry instead of yelling at me.
- My father went with me to the store when I had to return a purchase I regretted.
- My father let me practice pitching to him for a long time after work.
- My father cried during my wedding because he was going to miss me being at home.





"Attendance is always down on  
Father's Day. They all get golf balls."

# *In my* FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

**What you need:**

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

**What you do:**

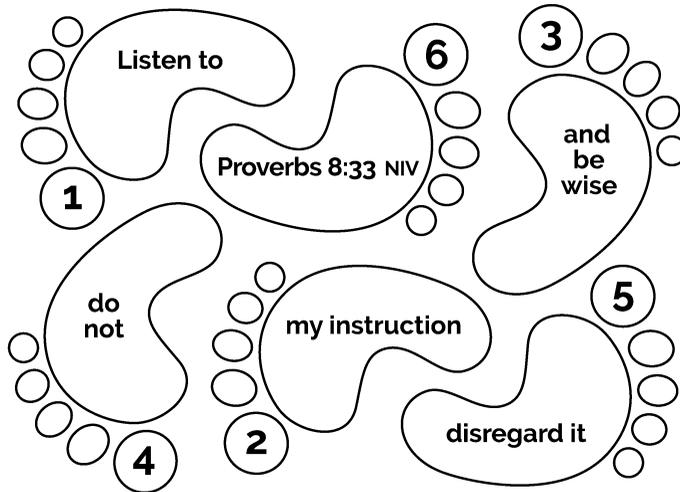
1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



## FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

*Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.*



“ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_;  
 \_\_\_\_\_.”  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it." Proverbs 8:33, NIV

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If you are on Facebook, please join the church page by *liking us* at Grace United Methodist Church, Ravena, NY. Find out what's happening each week from Sunday's Service sermon title and hymns to meetings and special events.

## **OR VISIT US ON THE WEB:**

**[www.graceumcravena.org](http://www.graceumcravena.org)**



Deadline for articles for the **July** issue of *The Messenger* is **June 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please e-mail or fax articles to Barb Bullock at:

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