

July 15, 2018

Prayer verse for July:

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.

I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.

I was a stranger and you invited me in.

Matthew 25:35

Thank you to Ellen Smith from No One Left Behind for being our guest speaker today. Ellen started the Western, NY NOLB chapter in March 2014. She now coordinates 200+ volunteers assisting over 200 SIV (Special Immigrant Visa) refugees and their families. Ellen and her team have created a therapeutic horseback riding program for SIV children exhibiting signs of PTSD, English classes for SIV wives with children, and formed partnerships for employment opportunities that offer pre-screening for employers looking to hire SIVs candidates. Before taking on a full time position with NOLB in October 2016, Ellen was a credentialed journalist for 28 years with 37 top journalism awards in her career, including the Edward R. Murrow award, several SDX Awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, and the Missouri School of Journalism. Her work and skills have also been recognized by the Investigative Reporters and Editors, and National Press Club. Ellen's reporting career gives her the skills to work on tight deadlines, and remain focused on SIV family needs and NOLB's core mission of finding homes, jobs and transportation for our SIV families, and spreading the message on the service the SIVs provided to our troops. Before her reporting career, she served a brief stint as the deputy press secretary for former Congressman James Florio (D-N.J.), and was a job placement counselor for the N.J. Easter Seal Society.

It's HERE!...the amazing, creative, spontaneous, fun event for All ages!

TODAY following 11am worship...Messiah's "**Bible in a Bag**" event! Plan on staying after worship for a light lunch [sponsored by the Faith Formation Team] and a LOAD of fun! Test your bible story retelling skills and knowledge! Join us in the fellowship hall after worship.

ROCHESTER PRIDE PARADE this Saturday, July 21, at 1 pm. Join the celebration! Bring family and friends! Wear colorful clothes! Create a sign expressing God's love. Sign up sheet is on the communications board. Line up is at 12 NOON. The parade begins near Alexander St. and Park Ave., rolls along Park Ave. to Culver Rd. and ends near Cobbs Hill Park. If you are NOT walking and able to drop off/pick up OR have ?s, see Tarra Hartmann.

Messiah's second quarter financial statements Email statements were sent. Others are on the card table by the choir loft stairs. If you have not done so, please pick yours up today, as well as that of a friend or neighbor. Any questions, contact Scott Bourque at 225-0431 or sabour@rochester.rr.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Dewey/Stone Family Fun Night Tuesday July 17th from 5pm - 8pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church (3000 Dewey Ave.) and Barnard Fire Dept. parking lot. See poster on Communications board for more information. Messiah will have a presence there – if you would like to help, please contact Judy Webster at 737-5551. Set up help is needed from 3:30 pm - 4 pm.

Greece Food Shelf Check out the just issued June Newsletter, found in a rack under the communications board. (There are copies of their brochures as well.) Please feel free to take a copy home. There is lots of information about their needs both for food and volunteers. They are especially in need of 13-15 oz. packages of Instant Mashed Potatoes! In the summer, the need for food increases as kids are home for

breakfast and lunch. Be sure to pick up something extra for the Food Shelf when you are shopping. Place all items in the blue bin at the main entrance.

Cat Ministry and Shopping at Van Putte Gardens Denyse from GRASP (Greece Residents Assisting Stray Pets) is selling \$25 Van Putte Gardens gift cards to benefit GRASP. Van Putte, in turn, gives \$5 to GRASP for each card redeemed. To buy a card, call or email Jennie at 225-3969, or Concord7@frontiernet.net. Act quickly, so you can “make hay while the sun shines.”

The Meow Ministry has provided our feline friends in need with food, blankets, towels, toys, and more. GRASP and **Keller Kats** have been given these welcomed items, and they continue to need wet and dry kitten and cat food, chicken and beef jars of baby food, fleece blankets, small paper plates, toys, litter boxes, scoops, bowls, brushes, etc. These cats are always grateful to any human helper, and this ministry helps give kitties love and hope, so thank you to all who are donating to this cause. Last year, Keller Kats placed over 400 cats and kittens in homes, and currently is fostering over 100. They work with Rochester’s Animal Shelter, Lollypop Farm, Adopt a Pet.org, and regional groups. They have also offered to provide a speaker at one of our functions. Those wanting to be involved, contact Jennie at Concord at 225-3969, or at Concord7@frontiernet.net.

Top’s Bread Pick-up: There is a sign-up sheet on the Communications Board. We pick up bread from Tops, Mt. Read Blvd., anytime between 7am and 9am Sunday morning, then deliver it to Cameron Community Ministries, 48 Cameron St., Monday morning, preferably between 9am and 10:30am. Later times are also acceptable. If you have any questions, please contact John Corman 329-9413 or jcorman@rochester.rr.com.

There are still some open spots for **Assisting ministers**. Sign up sheets are in the white binder under the Communications board. If you have never assisted before, Pastor Aileen will be glad to meet with you prior to your serving.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

Library News IN GOD WE TRUST E PLURIBUS UNUM -- please browse our new library display. If the photos interest you, a complete portfolio of FARM LIFE TODAY, THE LOWER EAST SIDE, and MAIN STREET may be borrowed by contacting either the church office or Jo-Ann Honan. The folios are part of the New York State Council on the Arts for the New York State Museum Collaborative.

MAD Camp is coming August 13-17, from 9am - noon. This year’s production will be a reprise of the first MAD camp play - Stone Soup, a famous tale teaching that sharing and working together is God’s way for us to live our lives. This fun-filled week will include music, drama, art, dance, games and snacks. Applications are now available for both Campers (those who have completed preschool - 6th grade) and Junior Counselors. They may be found on the hospitality table at the main entrance, or on our website. Tell your friends and neighbors about this great opportunity! As always, lots of volunteers will be needed to make this week a success - watch for sign up sheets in the narthex!

Weekly Prayer Cell: Tuesdays 9 am at SoHo Bagel in Stone Ridge Plaza. All are welcome to join us. Any questions, call Royal Stellrecht at 865-6941.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Camping Lite Saturday & Sunday, July 21-22 at Concord. Arrive Saturday afternoon to set up your camper or tent, play outdoor games, or help set up tables outside. About 5 pm, the campfire will be your cooking surface for whatever dinner you bring (foil dinners, pie irons or pigs-in-blankets), and the evening will be time for s’mores, maybe music, and relaxation. Weather permitting, we will worship

outdoors Sunday at 9 am, after a Continental breakfast at about 8:15 am. We can enjoy fresh air and appreciate clean water and all the other outdoor blessings of God's creation on this special weekend. If you plan to attend, there is a sign up sheet on the communications board.

Tuesday, July 17, **Joy Beyond the Bend** will meet at 11:30 am at Concord, and car pool to the Pelican's Nest. Please RSVP by Monday, July 16, by calling Shirley Bovay at 225-4002. For more information about the group, call Joyce Callen at 225-3868. This group is a bereavement support group, not a therapy group. Everyone is welcome who has lost a relative, friend, or a beloved pet and wants to be with understanding people who have also experienced such a loss.

Good Will Folks will meet Thursday July 19th at noon, at Ruby Tuesday's. For more information please contact Marion Renfer at 225-1530. All are welcome to join in the fellowship.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY JULY 15

9:00 Worship at Concord
11:00 Worship at Messiah
12:30 Bible in a Bag at Messiah
5:00 Worship at Messiah

TUESDAY JULY 17

9:00 Prayer Cell at Soho Bagel
11:30 Joy Beyond the Bend

WEDNESDAY JULY 18

7:00 Worship Team Meeting

THURSDAY JULY 19

12:00 Good Will Folks
6:30 HUB Meeting

FRIDAY JULY 20

6:30 Erna's Hope Beading Party

SATURDAY JULY 21

Pride Parade
Camping Lite at Concord

SUNDAY JULY 22

9:00 Worship at Concord
11:00 Worship at Messiah
5:00 Worship at Messiah

Messiah and Concord Prayers: Donna Hedstrom, Richard Nicholls, Bob Crudele, Cherri Crudele, Joan Cooper, Tara Pios, Ray DiJames, Pat Maibohm, Gerry Bandemer, Vanessa Solveson, Zip Kraemer, Cindy Ling, Stacy Crudele, Tod Ferguson, Pete Bansbach, Debbie Bartlett, Pat Corrigan, Peggy Dahlheim, Margaret Dillenbeck, Ed & Betty Graupman, Jeanne McConkey, Gigi Reichert, Gary and Becky Riscignolo, Ken Scott, Sharon Stio, Ned Robbins (Matt's father), Cindy Kraemer, Meaghan

Magee (friend of Joyce King), Bob Green (Sharon Gigliotti's brother), Sherry Weaver (Sandy McLellan's sister), Bill Cyphers (Pam Nicholl's brother), Kevin Knapp (Jonmichael's dad), David Howe (Tammy Ligtenberg's friend), Michael Coons, Liz (friend of Deb Solveson), Susan Sturdevant (friend of the Orlandos), Florencio Rivera (Maer's husband), Myles (Pastor Aileen's nephew), Harry Warner (Mary Lou Reabold's brother-in-law), Louise Taylor (friend of Vicki Robinson), Jon Case (son of Barb and Nels), James Dahlheim (son of Peggy), Steve Stello (neighbor of Joyce Callen). Prayers for those who mourn: The family and friends of Laurie Hockin (daughter of Pete Bansbach). Prayers for those in the Armed Forces: William Lydic (Pam Nicholl's grandson), Scott Moncrief, Rick (friend of Deb Solveson), Tyler Eifert (nephew of Michele Eifert Ferguson). Prayers for our shut-ins and those suffering the effects of depression, anxiety & economic hardship.

SERVING NEXT WEEK AT MESSIAH

Sunday (7/22) 11:00 am

Assisting Minister: Larry Dennis

Lector: Essie Climer

Communion Assistants: Jim Hartmann, Andy Mitchell, Judy Merritt-Speed

Ushers: Jim Hartmann, Tom Johnson, Sandy McLellan, Tarri Mundt

Greeters: Sharon Gigliotti and Lucille Ferrari

Altar Guild: Rhonda Eastland

Sunday (7/22) 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister: Wendy Taylor

Lector: Wendy Taylor

Ushers: Pat Maibohm and Sue Breisch