

THE PORTFOLIO

OCTOBER 2022

Covenant United Church of Christ

DONATION DINNER NEWS!

Pam Brauer

This is no ordinary turkey dinner! This has been a mission of this church for over 100 years, starting when parishioners donated a portion of their bountiful harvests to the Pastor and his family. The tradition of giving continues, as this dinner is a blessing to some families who won't get a "Thanksgiving Dinner" any other way. We are thankful for all of the people who have helped through the history of this dinner and are very excited to continue on with the tradition for our church; but as you know, it takes a lot of people to make and serve 700 turkey dinners! We are so thankful for all of you that come to help us that day-Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Our dinner will take place Drive Thru style again this year and there are so many ways you can help:

- Donate money to help pay for the turkeys-see Scott or Pam Brauer
- Make or donate pie! We will be serving ONLY Apple and Pumpkin pies. Sign up in the Fireplace room. We need 80 pies!
- Come out to help-as they say, many hands make light work! Work days are listed below. We call them "work days" BUT they really turn into fun fellowship days with our church family.

You don't have to wait until we call you!

Give Pam a call or text at 716-208-6306.

We are very excited to be able to offer this dinner to our community again, and with your help, it will be another huge success!

Sunday October 16th, 11:00 AM (right after service)

Scoop Squash

Saturday, October 29, 9:00 AM

Make cranberries

Cut Bread for Dressing

Saturday, November 5: The BIG DAY!

8:30 AM Carve Turkeys, Cut Pies, Prep Food

2:30 PM Serving

3:00 PM Wash dishes, clean up



SWEET CORN ON THE MOVE

Nate Herendeen, Chair and Crop Manager

Our sweet corn project for 2022 came to a mixed ending. It matured rapidly with the extremely warm weather and lack of rainfall in July and August. While I was away, I asked Cliff Grant and Nate Harris to keep an eye on the progress of the crop and make a decision if it needed to be picked by August 24 when I would be home. They decided it was ideal for picking on August 25. Nate Harris sent his picking crew that morning and they picked for several hours.

Then there was a call that a major customer of Harris Farms would have a truck at the farm for a load of pumpkins that day. The crew was suddenly pulled out of the corn field. It was too short notice to obtain a large crew of church volunteers. I, Sandy Voelker and Cliff Grant picked what corn we could and added one more tote. Then Cliff and I loaded the 5 totes on his trailer, tied it down and made the trip up to the Feedmore Warehouse off William Street in Buffalo.

They were grateful. All that corn was on its way to food pantries in Niagara, Erie, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus the next day.

We still had more corn to pick and announced it in Church on Sunday and made a robo-call inviting pickers for Monday late p.m. Our pickers were I, Beth White, Sandy Voelker and Scott Brauer with Cliff Grant moving totes to ease the process. We picked three more totes. I had made arrangements with Feedmore to pick up the rest of our corn on Tuesday morning. The truck left our field just as the rain started on Tuesday about 10 AM.

The total yield was down this year. There was uneven emergence at the start due to the poor (dry) weather for germination after planting. Then the weather continued relatively dry for the growing season. The ears were smaller than usual and uneven in ripening. The raccoon damage was greater than in prior years. But, it was sweet and tasty and timely picked.

It was a successful project providing food for many families in the Feedmore WNY region. I thank all who helped - Gasport View Dairy (Scott and Beth White) for the field, plant nutrition and weed control; Harris Farms for planting and assisting with harvest; Cliff and Sue Grant for assisting with harvest and transportation.

The Mission Committee and Church Council will be discussing our program for next year. Your input will be appreciated.



CRAFT BAZAAR UPDATES

Carol Genet

September Edwards has offered to run the luncheon for the Craft Bazaar. We are looking for some helpers to work with her. A sign up sheet will be posted soon!

I am looking for a few more people to donate \$10 for our lottery tree in the prize raffle. Tickets are on sale for the raffle now!

We also still have workshops happening at my house Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, please stop on by to help or just to visit!

Flyers are printed and ready to hang if you can help with advertising! You can also share our Facebook event to invite people you know.



Thank you for all your help!



September Edwards is the proud grandmother of triplets! Her son and daughter-in-law gave birth to Averie, Theodore, and Amelia (two girls and one boy), on August 24. They were all over 4 pounds and are doing great. Congratulations to her and her family!



Above: Third Place awards NYS fair Royalton Hartland FFA members: Cayla Burch and Vanessa Grant with Cristian Gilces NYS FFA Reporter

Below: Vanessa Grant w/ FFA Ribbons from NYS Fair: Nursery Landscape, Environmental Science, Milk Quality & Products, Agronomy, Wildlife Identification

Congratulations!





Covenant United Church of Christ

4449 Main Street
PO BOX 348
Gasport, NY 14067

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
MIDDLEPORT, NY
PERMIT NO. 7

www.covenantny.org

Worship with us Sundays at 10:00 am

CRAFT BAZAAR

FRIDAY, NOV 4: 10a-5p

SATURDAY, NOV 5: 9a-2p

GREAT VARIETY OF HAND-CRAFTED ITEMS FOR GIFTS OR HOME DECOR, HOMEMADE CANDY, FUDGE, BAKED GOODS, JAMS, PIES, HARVEST APPLES, SQUASH AND MORE!

COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
4449 MAIN STREET, GASPORT
COVENANTNY.ORG

DRIVE-THRU TURKEY DINNER

SATURDAY, NOV 5
3:30 UNTIL SOLD OUT



A SIMPLE DONATION (AMOUNT DETERMINED BY EACH GIVER) ENTITLES YOU TO A HOMEMADE THANKSGIVING MEAL

Contact Us



@Covenantny



office@covenantny.org



www.covenantny.org



(716) 772-7802

Covenant News is published monthly except for January & August. Articles should be submitted via email by the 15th of each month prior to the month of their appearance. We reserve the right to edit articles.

Are you moving? Make sure to send us your updated mailing address!

**Church office hours are
Fridays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**