

THE PORTFOLIO

May 2022

Covenant United Church of Christ

NURSERY SERVICES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS



Covenant UCC is happy to announce the hiring of Vanessa Grant as our Nursery Attendant. Vanessa is the niece of our own Jean, Cliff and Sue Grant. She loves babysitting her cousins and is looking forward to meeting the kids of Covenant! Vanessa is a sophomore at Royalton-Hartland and enjoys school. She is a member of the FFA and in her spare time, works for Beth White at the farm and takes piano lessons from Fran Woodmancy.

Nursery care will be available Sundays for children under 5 from 15 minutes before the morning worship service through 15 minutes after. The former nursery school room is full of toys, books, and a changing table. Please encourage your friends who have young children to join us for worship services and let them know nursery care is available! Vanessa can't wait to get to work and will be here every Sunday morning. Be sure to say Hi and introduce yourself when you see her.



IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Sunday Service Start time will move to 10:00 AM starting July 3



ACRE OF CARING

Yes, we will do the "Acre of Caring" project again this year. The people at "Feed More of WNY" have given us the OK that they will take the sweet corn when it is ready. Gasport View Dairy (the Whites) will again provide the field, tillage and liquid fertilizer. Harris Farms (Nate Harris) will cooperate with planting plus harvesting containers and pallets. As in the past, we rely on YOU, the congregation and friends to pick the crop.

Weed control is still to be finalized, but we will see that it is done effectively and safely. Mother Nature is our source for watering and I am sure we will be happy with whatever she provides.

We will likely start a little later than usual for planting. The spring weather has not been conducive for an early start for the farmers in their own fields. Their schedules are currently behind normal as field work is "bunched up".

We will likely be harvesting in late August. I will try to keep you informed via this newsletter and Sunday morning services. If you have questions about the project, call me at 716-622-0771.

Thanks for your continued support and cooperation on this project.

Nate Herendeen, Council Chair and "Acre of Caring" Manager

UPCOMING

**Women's Fellowship
Pot Pie Making**
TUES, MAY 17. 6:30 PM

**Missions Committee
Flower Making**
SAT, MAY 21. 10:00 AM

**One Great Hour
Denomination Offering**
SUN, MAY 22

**Church Council
Meeting**
TUES MAY 24. 6:30 PM



**Sunday Service at
Grant's Toy Farm**
SUN, JULY 31. 10:00AM



Memorial Day originally known as Decoration Day, is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.

On June 28, 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday holiday Act, which moved four holidays, including Memorial Day, from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a convenient three-day weekend. The change moved Memorial Day from its traditional May 30 date to the last Monday in May. The law took effect at the federal level in 1971. After some initial confusion and unwillingness to comply, all 50 states adopted Congress's change of date within a few years.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave of military personnel.

Memorial Day, Waterloo, New York Proclamation

On May 26, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson designated an "official" birthplace of the Memorial Day holiday by signing the presidential proclamation naming Waterloo, New York, as the holder of the title. This action followed House Concurrent Resolution 587, in which the 89th Congress had official recognized that the patriotic tradition of observing Memorial Day had begun 100 years prior in Waterloo, New York.

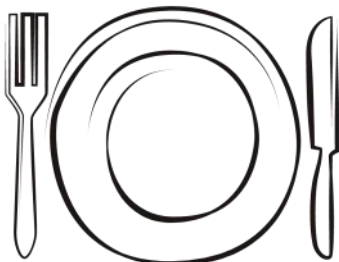
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Did you know Women's Fellowship provides a meal to members and friends of Covenant that have been hospitalized or are dealing with a long term illness?

Please contact

**Julie Russell at 716-783-1720 or
Pam Brauer at 716-208-6306**

to let them know if you, another member, or friend of the congregation is in need. You can also call us to add you to the Sunday Morning Prayer list!



At our Women's Fellowship Meeting last month, we agreed to pay for upgrading the Memorial Garden out front and the area in front of the brick sign.

TUESDAY, MAY 17 AT 6:30 PM for our next Women's Fellowship Meeting, we will be making Pot Pies for those in need. Please join us! See Donna Rice with any questions.

TREASURER REPORT

APRIL 2022

Income:	\$ 4,704.00 <i>(Sunday Collection)</i>
Expenses:	<u>\$ 3,235.87</u>
Excess:	\$ 1,466.13

Submitted By Burniece Herendeen
Treasurer

'Change for Life' Baby Bottle Campaign



Many of the men and women who come to Care Net believe abortion is their only choice. Your donations allow us to provide services like free ultrasounds to show them the life that is hanging in the balance. A little change really can change lives!

Our mission is to affirm the value of life by providing compassionate peer council, truthful resources, practical assistance, and the hope of Christ to those facing pregnancy related decisions.

Please return baby bottles and other donations to Covenant by Father's Day, June 19. Coin, cash, and checks are accepted. Donations can also be made online at lockportcarenet.com

Other items needed:

- Baby Wipes
- Diapers (size 6-7, Pull ups 2T-3T/4T-5T)
- Toddler (not infant) socks
- Small cans of Enfamil gentlease formula
- Boys/Girls clothes size 18Mo to 4T
- Children's Bibles
- Wash cloths & hooded Towels
- Sneakers/Sandals/Shoes for 1-4 year olds

We also are always accepting non-perishable food for children and adults. When Sister Helen's closed, we started a small food bin right outside our facility entrance. Take what you need and leave what you can!



**CLIENT PHONE
FOR ASSISTANCE
434-0251**

**BUSINESS PHONE
TO VOLUNTEER
434-1771**

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT

 **Barker Lion's**

CHICKEN BBQ & BASKET RAFFLE

\$12 BBQ Tickets

Dinner includes chicken half,
two sides, and dessert

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

4 PM UNTIL SOLD OUT
PICK UP OR DINE IN

**HELD AT Lockport Alliance Church
555 DAVISON ROAD**

Basket Raffle Tickets
\$5 a sheet or 5 for \$20
Need not be present to win

Lockport
CARE NET
Pregnancy Center



**ORDER
TICKETS
NOW**

ONLINE lockportcarenet.com
PHONE 716.434.1771

See Donna Rice if you would like to help with donating a basket for the raffle.

If you would like tickets for the Chicken BBQ, you can contact Care Net directly, or Katie Rose in the church office

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

Pastor Rod Klinzing's

40th anniversary w/ Zion Lutheran Church

Saturday, July 23, 1:00-6:00 PM

Veteran's Park, 7992 State Street, Gasport



Please sign up in the Fireplace Room or call/text Pam Brauer by June 26th at 716-208-6306



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MAY & JUNE
Worship With Us
SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

Starting July 3
SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

Nursery services available
infant through 4 years old

On **Sunday, June 5** our monthly observance of communion will return to pre-pandemic practices, and we will no longer be using the K Cups.

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

Church office hours are
Fridays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.