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## **JULY/AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER**

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"All of our services are on Facebook weekly at 9:15 and on our Website every week. "

It's Graduation time again and for North Main UMC that offered us another chance to do the Baccalaureate Service for Gloversville High School graduating seniors. We circulate every other year with Church of the Holy Spirit. Some people asked the same question of me. The question was "What is the purpose of a baccalaureate ceremony?". A baccalaureate ceremony generally refers to a non-denominational service held a few days before high school or college graduation. These ceremonies are meant to be a more intimate time of reflection prior to the larger, louder rite of passage that is commencement. Our Sanctuary was filled with about 60-70 students as well as parents and friends. The high school provided music and the select choir sang several numbers. Other students read Scriptures and Pastor Ron Talbott from North Bush/Northville UMC and Father Matt Wetsel from Church of the Holy Spirit as well as myself did the prayers for the students, families and community. This is a brief section of my Clergy Message to the students. "This is a new beginning as well as an ending, and this compels us to pause and turn our attention to the future. Thank you, Lord, for walking with these students individually as they have taken up the difficult things before them these past four years of high school. Thank you, for walking with us collectively as a community, where we have been able to reach out and help each other through the past 4 years some of which included the Covid pandemic which left its mark on all of us. Thank you for orchestrating the relationships we never expected and now realize we could not have done without during these past years, and for bringing others into our lives as we have moved through these past years. I see a sanctuary filled with hope and potential. We want to assure each of you that we will be especially present in your lives as you close this chapter and turn to the next. Move forward from today with joy and hope in your hearts and always remember that you can turn to your church family and your community whenever you are in need of anything. Your path may have twists and turns but do not ever stop growing and learning, and with God's help you can and do anything you set your mind to. We ask that you give the best of yourselves, and to truly be involved in your community and help to engage and transform the world each and every day for the rest of your lives. Stay true to your dreams and use your gifts wisely to help others and to hopefully bring peace to this world."

*God has so much good in store for you.*

**Pastor Joyce Royal**

*Joyce Royal*

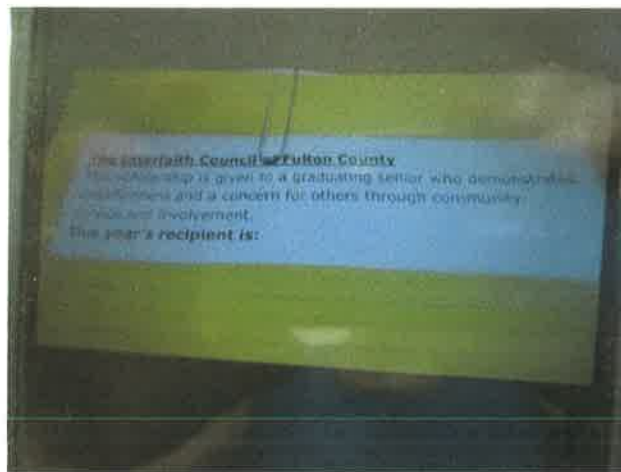
## Prayer Shawls

Below are some of our prayer shawls that were given to the Wells House. To date they have received 18 shawls. We also gave shawls to the Mt Valley Hospice. Our thanks to all the knitters and crocheters who make them.



### Gloversville High School Awards Program

On June 18 Pastor Joyce presented the Interfaith Council Scholarship at the annual Gloversville High School Awards Program. The award went to Zoie Tesi. Zoie is the class Valedictorian for 2024



12 Participants enjoyed a night of tole painting for Mother's Day gifts with Cheryl Bielli. \$250 was raised for the Church

### **Food Pantry Report - May**

The weather was sunny quite warm for pantry day. The turnout was very busy for the first hour or so. We had 85 families which included 115 adults, 51 children and 62 seniors. We had 14 new families this month.

We gave out a choice of fish sticks, chicken patties or Italian sausage patties. Everyone received ground beef along with cheese, butter, and eggs. The dry bags had canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, instant potatoes, and tuna. There were the choices of cold cereal, juice, and shelf stable milk. We also had coffee, ketchup, and mayonnaise. We will be restocking before the next month's pantry.

Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had food requests for 26 dogs and 62 cats. We will be restocking with the monies that have been donated. I was able to get a good supply of diapers in assorted sizes this month which was very well received. We also had a small supply of baby food.

Pastor Joyce, along with pantry volunteers Jan, Marilyn and myself, watched a demonstration for the new computer program we will be instituting in the coming months to make registration easier.

### **Food Pantry Report – June**

The weather was hot on pantry day. The turnout was very busy for the first hour or so. We had 84 families, which included 115 adults, 45 children and 69 seniors. We had 13 new families this month.

We gave out chicken breasts, hot dogs, cheese and butter. The dry bags had canned vegetables and applesauce, peanut butter, stuffing mix, macaroni and cheese, and pork and beans. There were choices of cold cereal, juice and shelf stable milk. We also had oil or mayonnaise along with coffee. We will be restocking before the next month's pantry.

Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had food requests for 31 dogs and 43 cats. We will be restocking with the monies that have been donated. I was able to get a small supply of diapers in assorted sizes and this was very well received.

Again, thanks to all who donate to the funding of our pantry and to those who work so hard to make our pantry a success. We thank God that we have the chance to help those in our community who are in need. Trying to keep the costs down while getting enough food items for those in need is ongoing. We are thankful for the grant money we have received and for those who put the work into applying for them.

Pastor Joyce, along with pantry volunteers Jan, Marilyn and myself, will attend a training session at the Food Bank for the new computer program we will be instituting in the coming months to make registration easier. Onward and Upward! Thank you.

### **Pantry Totals for the Year So Far**

59 households average, 87 adults, 40 children, 46 seniors  
3529 lbs of food  
24 dogs average, 28 cats

*Edna Bennett*

### **Free Lunch**

Offering meals to eat in or to go is working out well. Our customers really enjoy having a choice. I am very grateful to Northville/North Bush church for taking on some extra days while I was away and I'm so thankful for the volunteers from North Main who stepped up to cover for me. I am blessed with a great group of volunteers who are so capable!! Thank you all so much!

### **WICS**

We had a brief meeting with only four of us in attendance. We've decided to continue to have Tastefully Simple fundraisers throughout the year since we all love the products, but we're going to ease up on anything involving physical work as we just aren't up to it any more. We did just deliver our Mother's Day gift bags to Haven of Hope and the Domestic Violence safe house. We have also learned that occasionally children and men may need to be issued bags, so we plan to focus on also making a few bags directed at men's needs and children's needs. Our hope is to have a rep from The Family Counseling Center come and speak on the needs of family members involved in domestic abuse situations.

*Nancy Marsh*

### **Captain Program for Homeless Teenagers**

We are happy to have continued to provide CAPTAIN with a meal the first Wednesday of each month. This past month was baked ziti with meatballs, bread, salad and cookies as well as juice and flavored water refreshers. Probably not the best choice to heat up the kitchen on one of the first hot days of a sustained hot summer stretch. For July and August we will be bringing a 2-foot sub from Price Chopper along with chips and drinks. Looks like quesadillas for September - Pastor Joyce has a blue-ribbon winner with this. Our thanks to the Missions' team for their financial support, which of course, comes from the congregation's much appreciated donations! We were also happy to pitch hit in the kitchen for a field day from Knox middle school in honor of and celebration of thanks for their fundraising donation to CAPTAIN this year. A round of applause for every Knox student who made that possible!

### **Bible Study**

The Monday afternoon Bible Study group has wrapped up for the summer. We started the year with a great study by Anne Graham Lotz, 'The Jesus in Me'. We trudged through the repetitiveness of Leviticus but became aware of how important God believed we should understand His laws. We also went from 'A Case for Christmas' to a 'Case for Easter', both by Lee Strobel. We reviewed a few lesser-known women in the Bible, wrapping up with a few 'bad girls' from the New Testament. We will resume in mid-September. I am currently looking for suggestions for studies. There are so many GREAT choices! We will continue to meet at 1:00 pm on Mondays in the parlor come September. THANKS to Steve Woods, Tom Kevlin, and the trustees for giving us great video capability and a clean, comfortable new room!

*Sally Kwak*

I am currently working on putting together a summer fundraiser project. More details to follow.

*James Medbury*



bags put together by church members to be donated to Domestic Violence team at Family Counseling Center and Haven of Hope



Gift

Gift bags delivered to Haven of Hope founder Pat Brookins by Nancy Marsh, Pastor Joyce, James Medbury and Penna Smith

The Women in Christian Service and the Mission Team at North Main Street United Methodist Church, 316 North Main Street, Gloversville, presented Mother's Day gift bags to the Domestic Violence Team at the Family Counseling Center in Gloversville on May 7th. This is an annual mission of the church and is an acknowledgement of the needs for women, children and men who enter the Domestic Violence program at the Counseling Center. Bags are prepared for women, children and men and contain items needed for several days. Pictured are Amanda Anderson, Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Program of Fulton County, Emily Cooper, Legal Advocate, and members of the North Main Mission Team, Nancy Marsh, Penna Smith, Dorothy Holly, James Medbury and Pastor Joyce Royal. This has been a personal mission of Pastor Joyce since starting in Ministry in 2009.



### Glove City Coalition Chicken Barbeque



The barbeque was held on April 23 in Runnings parking lot. Richard Kwak volunteered to be the chicken attracting attention and trying to entice buyers. The workers were Pastor Joyce, Penna Smith, Jackie Capasso and Sally Kwak. There were 15 dinners left over and they were donated to several people in need of food that day.

The Neighborhood Engagement of the Glove City Coalition will be holding our Fall event on Sept 24 from 4-6 PM at North Main UMC in the parking lot. This theme will be "Veggies to Go" and will be like a farmer's market with no cost. It will be a typical tabling event but with a lot of fresh veggies for everyone. It should be a great event.

## Birthdays

*Sharon Rogers* – July 7  
*Trisha Byrnes* – July 14  
*Jean Hart* – July 15  
*Ron Holly* - July 16  
*Kassidy Towne* – July 26

*Jean Hall* – August 1  
*Ann Veeder* – August 2  
*Warren Baldwin* – August 6  
*Sandy Trevett* – August 6  
*Christine Schoonmaker* – August 6  
*Michael Salvione* – August 7  
*Lorenzo Boles* – August 13  
*Thomas Bielli* – August 16  
*Valerie Kevlin* – August 22

## Anniversaries

*Mavis and Warren Baldwin* – July 11  
*Gay and Mark Brady* – July 19  
*Nancy and John Marsh* – July 21  
*Kasey and Mike Fredericks* – July 29  
*Christine and Peter Schoonmaker* – August 6  
*Linda and Dave Sammons* – August 22

I'M ONLY SUPPOSED TO TAKE  
TWO OF EACH ANIMAL BUT  
MY WIFE INSISTED...



# July

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch	2	3 Captains Meal	4 <b>4<sup>th</sup> of July</b>	5	6
7 10:30 Church Service in Sanctuary with Social Distancing	8 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch	9	10	11	12	13
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