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Warning: Summer May Cause Unexpected Friendships!

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

— Galatians 6:2

Summer has officially arrived!

The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and somewhere in Gloversville, someone is saying, "It's only 85 degrees—I don't even need the air conditioner!" (We admire their optimism.)

Summer is also the season when God gently nudges us out of our routines...

...and sometimes right out of our air conditioning.

Jesus didn't spend His days waiting for people to come to Him. He went into towns, along roads, by the sea, and wherever people gathered. He met fishermen, tax collectors, families, skeptics, and anyone willing to stop long enough for a conversation.

Maybe He's asking us to do the same.

So, this summer, venture into Gloversville and our surrounding communities. Visit a park. Stop by a community event. Wander through a farmer's market. Eat an ice cream before it becomes an ice cream soup. Sit on a bench. Cheer at a ball game.

And while you're there...

Talk to someone!

Yes...an actual human being.

Not just your phone.

The Official Church Summer Outreach Challenge

Can you...



Smile at someone who looks like they could use one?



Introduce yourself before saying, "I've seen you around for years."



Invite someone for coffee or ice cream.



Ask, "How can I pray for you?"

Remember...

The worst thing that can happen is someone says, "No thanks."

The best thing that can happen?

You gain a new friend, brighten someone's day, or become the answer to a prayer you didn't even know they had.

And here's one more challenge...

If you see someone standing alone at a community event, don't assume they're waiting for someone.

They might be waiting for you.

Besides, if Jesus could start a conversation with a Samaritan woman at a well...

...we can probably manage one at Stewart's while waiting for our ice cream.

So, this summer, let's be known as the church that smiles first, says hello first, and loves first.

Because the Gospel spreads best one conversation at a time.

P.S. If you make three new friends this summer, you're officially promoted to Neighborhood Missionary (No

paperwork required...and thankfully, no committee meetings either!).



Pastor Thaddeus Pinckney



On May 26 Pastor Joyce and Penna Smith delivered gift bags to The Family Counseling Center. The bags are for the Fulton County Domestic Violence Program now being administered by Catholic Charities. The bags were assembled and donated by members of our congregation who were reimbursed from a grant secured by Pastor Joyce.



Haven of Hope

I delivered 8 gift bags to Haven of Hope. I also personally delivered one to a lady who just left Haven of Hope. I ran out of time and sometimes that works out in God's plan. Pat came out and said "I can't believe on a day that we needed Hope, you brought it" Things are never as good as you think they are and sometimes "running out of time" fits God's plan,. Today it did. As Pat said "If we don't do this, who will?. where will these people's hope go?"

Pastor Joyce



Mission Report

Last month we were approached and asked to have a couple of Missionaries from the Philippines come here and talk with us. At that time our Congregation decided we would make a donation to them instead. So we sent \$100 from our 2nd Sunday Fund to the District to give to the Missionaries.

We received a large number of Prayer Shawls and we have been slowly blessing them. Thanks to those who are making them for us. Pastor Joyce has been delivering the Gift Bags to Family Counseling and Haven of Hope. Thank you Pastor Joyce and those helping her deliver them.

Valerie Kevlin

A Family Baptism

On June 7th Pastor David Smith of the Northampton Methodist Church baptized three members of the Boyer family - Steven Boyer, Sr., Aiden Boyer and Infant Steven Boyer, Jr. The service was held in the North Main Street Chapel. Baby Steven, Jr. was presented with an infant's shawl made by the late Ethel Lorenc.



Baccalaureate

The Gloversville High School class of 2026 celebrated its Baccalaureate on Wednesday, June 10 at North Main. 43 graduates plus their families and friends attended the service. A reception in Fellowship Hall was held afterwards and several volunteers from North Main assisted. A big thanks to all of you who helped make this event special for the graduates.

Welcome Visitor

Pastor Joyce extended an invitation to Mayor Gary Antonucci and on Monday, June 15th, he paid a visit to the Food Pantry and Free Lunch. Thank you, Mayor. We hope you will come back and see how necessary and well attended our missions are.



Fundraising Team

James Medbury, head of the Fundraising Team, reports that North Main made \$500 from the McDonald's fundraiser held on May 14. Plans are being made for another fundraiser at McDonald's in the Fall as well as a spaghetti dinner at Plaza Bistro on October 14th.

We will be taking orders for the beautiful Fall Mums starting on August 9th. Hopefully delivery will be on September 4th but that is dependent on the growing time.



James Medbury

Food Pantry - May

The weather was nicely warm today and there were quite a few people waiting when we opened and a steady pace of people for most of the day. We had 67 families this month with 9 new families. We had a total of 59 adults, 26 children and 54 seniors. The count was lower than last month which may be because of other pantries.

This month we gave out chicken tenders, hot dogs, and eggs. Everyone was glad we had the eggs again but missed the butter. The dry bags, along with the usual canned vegetables and fruit, had peanut butter, spaghetti, canned chicken and soup. There were the usual choices of cold cereal, juice, and shelf stable milk. We had mayonnaise or oil for an extra choice. We also had coffee this month which was appreciated along with some tea bags. We will be restocking before the next month's pantry.

Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had requests for 54 cats and 26 dogs. We will restock for next month also.

Food Pantry Report – June

The weather was pretty cool and quite breezy all day. We had a nice turnout anyway - a few people waiting when we opened and a steady pace of people for most of the day. We had 65 families this month with 7 new families. We had a total of 63 adults, 26 children and 57 seniors. The count is lower than it used to be but we are glad to help all those who show up.

The new pastor Thaddeus was there for the start and helped us to get ready to open. It will be nice to work with him in the future but will miss Pastor Joyce being there. We had a visit from the Gloversville Mayor which was also nice.

This month we gave out Italian sausage links, frozen peppers and onions, hamburger, butter and cheese. There were no eggs this month but hope to have them next month. The dry bags along with the usual canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, pancake mix, chicken soup, instant rice mix and tuna. There were the usual choices of cold cereal, juice, and shelf stable milk. We had mayonnaise or oil for an extra choice. We also had coffee this month which was appreciated along with some tea bags. We will be restocking before the next month's pantry.

Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had requests for 57 cats and 23 dogs. We will restock for next month also.

Thank you to all those who work so hard to make our pantry a success. We could never succeed without all of you.

Edna Bennett

Free Lunch

First I want to thank all who filled in and helped out while I was away. I am so grateful. We have the best team and more support than I could have ever asked for. It has now been 14 years since we started this mission and it just keeps getting better. We are blessed to be able to offer good meals and numerous choices for side dishes, beverages and desserts. We sometimes make something out of almost nothing but our customers usually love it! They are so thankful! God just keeps on providing us with more as we get many new people using our services.

We have been offering free items as we receive them. If you care to help out, we can always use personal hygiene products of any kind, paper goods toilet paper, tissues, etc.), used books or puzzles. Thank you in advance.

Nancy Marsh

Birthdays

Sharon Rogers – July 7
Trisha Byrnes – July 14
Jean Hart – July 15
Ronald 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
Nancy and John Marsh – July 21
Kasey and Mike Fredericks – July 29
Linda and Dave Sammons – August 22



Snoopy is celebrating our nation's 250th birthday!

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 4 th of July
5 10:30 Service in Chanel	6 11:00 – 12:30 Free Lunch	7	8	9	10 Food Pickup	11
12 10:30 Service in Sanctuary	13 11:00 – 12:30 Free Lunch	14	15 Captains's Meal	16	17	18
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26 10:30 Service in Sanctuary	27 11:00 – 12:30 Free Lunch	28	29	30	31	

August 2026

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2 10:30 Service in Sanctuary Communion	3 11:00 – 12:30 Free Lunch	4	5 Captain's Meal	6	7	8
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