



Waterford Congregational Church, UCC

2016
June/July
Worship and Church School
9:30 a.m.

From the Pastor:

I recently discovered a daily devotional that I would like to share with you. The Devotional below is from Rev. Quinn G. Caldwell, who is the Pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Syracuse, New York.

"... and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians."

Barnabas and Paul (né Saul) have gathered in Antioch for a revival. (Actually, since the church was just being born at that point, it couldn't have been a REvival. A previval, maybe? Anyway.) The people have been filled with excitement, with the fervor of conversion, and growing in numbers by leaps and bounds. And it's in that place that our name is coined, where we're first called Christians. Notice: it doesn't say that's where those first believers first call *themselves* Christians; it's where *others* first call them that. What would have led the neighbors to call them that? Not what made the neighbors notice them in the first place, like weird religious practices or whatever. I mean, why did the neighbors choose that particular name? It may seem obvious now: of course we're called Christians; we follow Christ! But back then, there was a virtually unlimited number of things they could have called this new group. Why "Christians"?

Here's what I think: they heard it from the believers. These new converts must have said the name "Jesus Christ" so often and with such passion that even non-believers knew it was important to them. They must have said it when they gathered, and they must have said it when they were apart. Like someone who's just discovered *Hamilton*, they would NOT shut up about it.

Outside of church, how often do you say the name Jesus Christ? And no, you don't get to count the expletives. How often do you say it, and with how much passion, as you move through the world? Is it often enough that someone who didn't already know it might coin the term "Christian" to describe you?

Acts 11:26



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What does it mean to be a Christian, and do your actions speak louder than those words?

Blessings and Peace,, Rev. Petra Smyth

“Windows Over Waterford” Launched to Raise Funds for New Church Windows

The stately windows that grace our iconic and historic church in Waterford Village are almost 90 years old, and they are showing their age. Having served the church since it was rebuilt after the fire in 1928, they have witnessed countless weddings, Christmases, Easters, and funerals—and withstood so much—snow, rain, wind, and summer heat. But now, they are almost beyond repair.

The Church launched its campaign for “Windows Over Waterford” last Sunday, June 5 with a presentation by co-chairs Dodi Wait and Kerry Johnson, followed by the unveiling after the service of a large sign to mark the campaign’s progress. Professional photographer Daryl-Ann Leonard provided the beautiful photo for the sign, and the design was overseen by artist Nancy Engdahl.

Wait and Johnson explained that replacement is critical, as the existing windows have deteriorated to the point where they can no longer be properly repaired. “They are reaching the stage where they could be dangerous,” Wait said. She added, “Heat loss also is a substantial issue. They’re loose, they leak, and they don’t keep out the cold, so we’re spending money on oil in the winter that could be going to our outreach and mission efforts.”

Once the church trustees determined that it would cost almost as much to repair the windows as to replace them, the Council in short order agreed to begin the fundraising for full replacement. There are a total of 24 windows in the church, six



The congregation turned out in force, even as a light rain began to fall, for the unveiling of the campaign’s progress sign, with an original photo by Daryl-Ann Leonard. It was launch day for the “Windows Over Waterford” campaign.

eight-and-a-half foot large windows in the sanctuary, 11 smaller ones on the first and second levels, and 7 in the cellar. A full replacement and installation price of \$25,000 was negotiated with Pella,

...cont. windows

a nationally-recognized manufacturer, by local builder and deacon James Long. Work is expected to begin in mid-June and should take about 5 days. An advance from the church's reserve account—which will be repaid as soon as possible—made the early start possible. By agreeing to have Pella do the work in June, the church was able to realize a significant saving.



Johnson, a church trustee, emphasized the importance of maintaining the historic building. “It’s the centerpiece of our historic town,” he explained, “and we have a responsibility to honor the village by keeping up this building.” He described the church as “a vital symbol of faith and community.” He also said that church leaders were looking for ways to save money over the long haul, so the “substantial energy savings generated by new windows is a big motivation.” The Pella windows will be double-paned with an ion-filled center, increasing the insulation capability.

With a generous congregation of roughly 40 members, the church has, through careful husbanding of resources, been able to maintain its facilities over more than 217 years. To assist with the windows fundraising, the Church Activities Committee will hold a lasagna dinner with a program of musical selections from the popular group Vocal Solutions on August 5 at the Wilkins House.

In a gracious offering, the family of longtime parishioner and former moderator Fred Engdahl, who died last week at the age of 79, has suggested that anyone wishing to make a donation in Fred’s memory should contribute to the WCC Windows Fund.

Please consider making some contribution to this important endeavor. If you are interested, you can purchase one of the six large windows for \$1800. In return, a small plaque with your name will be mounted in the sanctuary. For further information or to contribute to this important endeavor, please contact Ralph MacKinnon at 207.583.2037.

--Sally Holm

Calendar Dates:

June 12th - 2 pm Fred Engdahl's

Memorial service

18th - 9 am Wilkins House clean up

19th - Father's Day celebrations

28th - 10am Mission Committee meeting

28th - 3 pm CAC meeting

July 24th - 9:30 Hymn sing - Ice cream social

August 5th - Lasagne Night (stay tuned)

Summer Breakfasts (7:30-10)

Monday, July 4, (Parade!!)

Wednesdays July 13, 27 & August 10

June Birthday celebrations:

3 Barbara Allen

11 Bill Roy

12 Dianne Morse-Leonard

12 Peter Morse

20 Nancy Engdahl

23 Gale Bell

25 John Wait

26 Kerry Hewson

29 Louann Bell

29 Sharon Roy

July Birthdays:

1 Steph Michaud

5 Jane Morse

16 Bob Ross Jr.

17 Jean Struck

18 Lois Grigg

18 Ralph MacKinnon

27 Emily Thibodeau



From the Moderator

Hi Folks,

A number of projects have gotten under way since the last newsletter.

The CAC has started a random act of kindness project and did a great job of making us aware of how simple yet impactful letting people know you care can be. I hope you are all taking each and every opportunity to express this love for the members of our community.

The big deal that you heard in church on June 5th is the window campaign. The committee tasked with getting the information, bids and developing the fundraising campaign have worked tirelessly to make this project a reality. Now it is our turn to respond with our checks to take care of this need. As the letter sent by the committee so eloquently stated, the church is the spiritual center of Waterford and as stewards of this building we all need to shoulder this responsibility at whatever level we are able.

We need another Church Trustee!! Please seriously consider joining John Wait, Kerry Johnson and Jeff Winslow on this important committee. Please contact me or any of the committee members to express your interest or ask questions. Thank you in advance of your volunteerism to the church.

I want to thank the Church Council for their continued hard work, taking care of the business of the Church. Your participation makes my job that much easier.

--Al Struck

From the Trustees:

The trustees want to thank all the people who volunteered with the spring cleaning of the church on Saturday April 16th. The Church looked very nice for the service on Sunday April 17th. We do appreciate your efforts and I am sure that the rest of the congregation does also.

On Wednesday April 25th the J.R.A. Sealmasters sealed the parking lot at the church. They repaired cracks in the black top that had opened up over the last winter.



The trustees have been working with Pella Window and Door to replace the windows in the church. You will start to see the installation in mid to late June. We want to thank James Long for the help that he provided in choosing this supplier.

The trustees have also done a few small jobs around the two buildings, fertilized the lawn, planting hostas in the front of the Wilkins House, and minor repairs. If anyone has any suggestion please talk to one of the trustees or write on the sheet in the front of the Church.

--John Wait

Deacon news

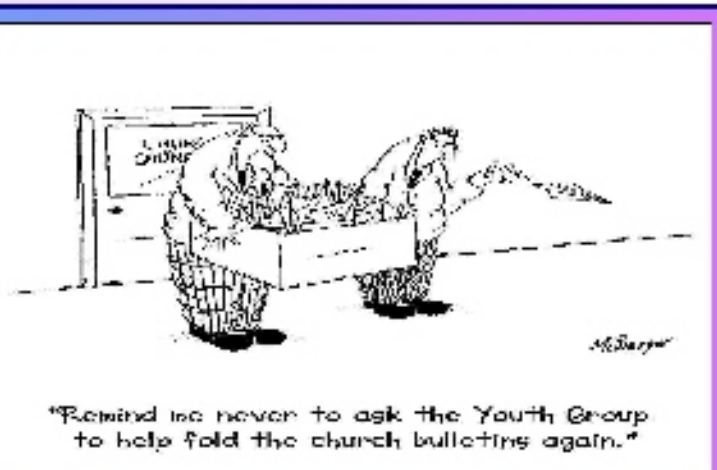
We are gearing up for Father's Day with a bulletin for Father's Day, similar to the Mother's Day one, plus a small gift to honor the father's in our church. Of course food is always on the ladies' minds as they know how much most men like to eat. So we will have food for them, but we will also have a token to carry with them when they desire. Once you eat it, all that is left is the memory, we are planning to have a gift to give out, with a longer, more lasting impact to it.

--James Long

From the Mission Committee

We will be having our next meeting June 28th at 10:00 at the Wilkins House, to continue our work with other area churches, to continue reviewing mission projects and how we could work together on mission in our area, local, regional and beyond.

--Pam Williams



Church Activities Committee

The CAC is busy trying to plan a fund-raising dinner with entertainment, hopefully to take place in August.

Also, listen for an announcement about the 2nd Annual Bible Scavenger Hunt in September. Everyone had lots of fun last year, so if you missed it, plan to come.

The July 24th service is in the planning stage, to be followed by Ice Cream Sunday Sundaes. Other local churches will join us.

If you would like to help out or share any of your tasty delights for any of these events, please contact one of the CAC'ers.

--Nancy Engdahl

News from the pews



*From
Joy & Henry Plate*

Our Granddaughter, Taylor Shelnut, graduated from the University of Alabama May 7th with a dual major in

Public Relations and Spanish with a minor in business. She started her new job in Chicago with Ketchum on May 26th!



News from the pews

From Nancy Engdahl



One of Darylann Leonard's photos was again featured in the "Where in Maine" section of May's Down East Magazine, pg 14-15. They now contact her with requests. --Her Proud Mother

Random Acts of Kindness

Denny Raymond saying THANK YOU for that Random Act of Kindness - a gift of yummy Eli's Root beer and also another RAOK for a Melby's frappe!

*This has
been a
fun and
rewarding
activity...*



News from the pews

Lil' Gabe is thriving in his new apartment in Cambridge with his mom, Wynne, and is following in her musical footsteps! Pappa Bear and Nana are just trying to recover from the move.



From Sally Holm & Kerry Johnson

From the Choir

This morning I was reading Mark, chapter four. It's the story of Jesus calming the storm at sea. He said "Peace, be still." And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

I like these words, and I like to think about Jesus speaking them. They are a good reminder to me. When I feel an inner storm of anxiety or panic, when I am worried about something, or when I am angry about things I do not control, I can visualize Jesus in my heart, standing up in the ship and speaking to the storm. Peace, be still.

As a choir, and as a congregation, we have come through the winter and sung our way into spring. Way back in March we sang together Easter morning in the cold and rainy dawn by the lake, and we were so hoping and waiting for the flowers of spring. Now they are here. There is beauty all around us. Forsythia, dandelion, daffodil have already gone by and we are enjoying the lilacs now, and the new green leaves from willow, birch, maple, and ash.

Every Sunday when I walk into our church in Waterford, I say to myself, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." And I feel it. I enjoy singing together on Sunday mornings. It is a time of rest and renewal. This month as a choir we

have enjoyed singing from the hymnal and also several nice arrangements of songs from our library, with Kay's piano accompaniment. I've also enjoyed singing some solos for the offertory with Joan at the organ.



Al Struck brought his clarinet quartet to play for us, and we enjoyed their beautiful sound. And we had a vocal quartet sing a composition by request from the congregation, with Kay's piano accompaniment. --Gabe Gabrielsen



On Pentecost Sunday, Clarinet Quartet with Al Struck played four beautiful pieces for our service.



Quartet, Dianne Morse Leonard, Jane Morse, Gabe Gabrielsen & Del Leonard singing:

"Rest in the Arms of Jesus Today" by Callina McNair (Clara Hamlin's daughter)

Speaking from the Soul

From James Long

Has anyone taken the time each day to watch the rebirth of the new growth of spring?

It is amazing to watch God's creation come alive again in the spring time and to grow so quickly. I relate it to the period in my life when I found the Lord and the rebirth that came forth from it. It changed my life and made my life complete! I relate to the fall when the plants recede into rest period and get ready to come alive again come the spring time, the same period in time of the rebirth of Christ. It relates to a Master in charge, the omnipotence of God.



It is sometimes hard to understand the omnipotence of God and the power that He has to be everywhere at once. But when you look consciously for it, it is very visible. The more I look and the more I acknowledge it, the more it appears. Watching for God to reveal His control in my life gives me great comfort during my day.

Who can come against me when I have the Lord with me. My favorite verse in the Bible is John 14:27 when Jesus was preparing to leave this earth. *My peace I give to you, my peace I leave unto you, not as the world gives you but as I give you.* What a comfort that has become for me: that is my inheritance. Inheritance means it is a gift, does not have to be earned, worked for or purchased by us. It is a part of being a child of God, my INHERITANCE !

Praise God for what He has done and what He will do. *I am the great I am*, not the great I was, nor the great I will be, but the great I am. Alpha and Omega. The beginning and the end. Praise God ! Amen



Earth Day Sunday School with children from the Struck, Winslow, and Brannan families.

Christian Ed

No "regular" Sunday School classes are planned for the summer, however, if any children appear at the last minute I always have something for them.

In the past two months we have built a "House on a Rock" using brownies as the rock, a marshmallow for the house and a chocolate kiss for the roof also had a "Broccoli and carrot Tree" as a snack for Earth Day. --Myra Maltby



FLASH FROM THE PAST

Karen Fillebrown submitted this picture. We have had numerous discussions about who all these people are... Some are obvious...!!



So now to you...

Who is pictured?

When was this taken?

Where?

For what occasion?

The answers, as we know them will be published in the next newsletter... Have fun with this!!

Wilkins House Summer Breakfasts

The Friends of the Wilkins House met in early May to organize the details for the summer breakfasts.

The breakfast dates will be Monday, July 4, and Wednesdays July 13, July 27 and August 10, always serving from 7:30 am to 10 am. Prices will remain the same at \$8 for adults and \$4 for young people and we will continue to purchase maple syrup from Waterford's Thunder Hill Farm.



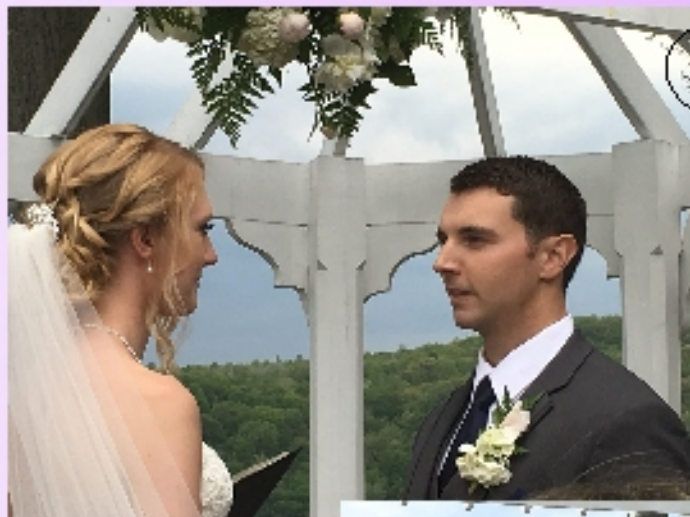
**Emmy Corbett
granddaughter to
Gale and Louann Bell
from 2015 Breakfast**

Friends will have the following officers for 2016:

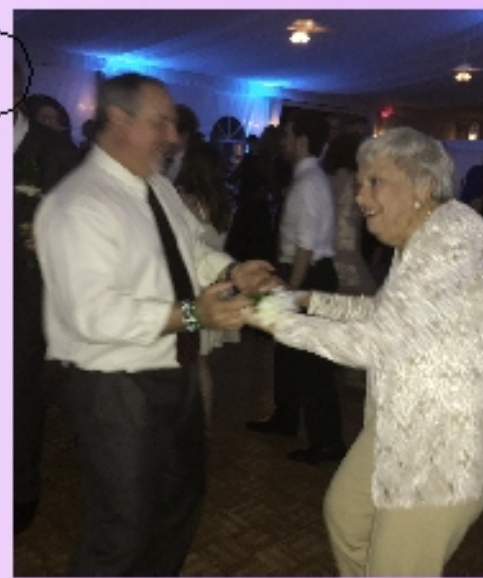
Tony Butterall, Manager,
Denny Raymond, Asst. Manager,
Donna Butterall, Secretary,
Bill Roy, Treasurer, and
Joanne Fillebrown, Building Super

Gail Nixon will be the Dining room Manager assisted by Ginny Raymond, while Myra Maltby will be the Kitchen Manager assisted by Dodi Wait.

--Denny Raymond



*Joy and Henry Plate
celebrating the wedding
of their granddaughter
Kelsey Shelnutt to Matt Cote
in Poughkeepsie NY*



News from the pews

1. Bridesmaids (l to r)
Matts sister, a cousin, Taylor
Shelnutt & Jessie Plate
2. Kelsey and Matt
3. Four Grandfathers (Henry
second from the left)
4. Five cousins .. Austin, Jeffrey,
Kelsey, Taylor, and Jessie
5. Taylor and Grandpa (Henry)
6. Sharon Roy and Henry
7. Henry kicking up his heels
8. Joy dancing with Bill Roy

The couple now lives in Oceanside
California where Matt is stationed at
Camp Pendleton.

News from the pews

From James Long

As we have mentioned before, Caren's son, Travis, returned to Maine to take college courses at Kaplan University on-line. He made the dean's list then, since he has been carrying a 4.0, making the president's list. He works with the boys and me all day, and then he is right up stairs into his studies. He has become a joy to have with us, and my sons and Caren and I are having a wonderful time having him back to spend time with us. God has so many wonderful plans and it is a true blessing to watch his plans unfold and be a part of them.

We have purchased another piece of equipment for the business and the farming operation. As a lot of you have noticed, we continue to purchase trucks, tools or equipment that makes our work easier or faster, allowing us to save money for our customers. We keep ourselves limited to one large purchase at a time, but as soon as that loan is paid off, we purchase something else that will help in the business. How hard a man works in the morning determines what he will get done in the afternoon. We praise God every day for the work He continues to send to us and the wonderful customers that we have become friends with. Along with a wonderful church family, life is very good in Waterford for the Long Family.



Note from the Editor...

Just to say this newsletter has been fun to put together... BUT this Church Newsletter is yours...and so the more you submit, the more interesting it is to compile and read. You will note we have not only News from the Pews, but Flash from the Past, Speaking from the Soul, lots of pictures...and a cartoon!...all from the church masses... So when we request submissions, be creative and lets have some fun!!

Thank you to Denny, my proofreader!!

--Ginny Raymond