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As soon as the meal was finished, he insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night. (Matthew 14: 22-23MSG).

My Sisters and Brothers I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As I conclude my first year in ministry with you and begin my second year, I grasp this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for all the support you have given me as we work together in ministry. It was truly very encouraging and it means a lot to me as we look forward to the year ahead. I also want to let you know how much I appreciate your hard work and service to Christ here at Bellevue Heights United Methodist Church. In the same breath, I would like to encourage you never to give up but continue serving Christ and your church in the many ways you do.

We are already in summer, a very special time of the year that many people look forward to enjoying. It is a wonderful time when people are enjoying ball games, picnics, vacations, spending time at the summerhouse at the lake, camping, entertaining visiting guests, and more.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR (cont'd from p.1)

In all the wonderful and precious moments of this season, I encourage you to pause for a while to acknowledge God and to realize that God has built within all of us a natural desire at times to "take a break." As we search the scriptures we see even Jesus himself at times became weary and needed to "come apart" before he "came apart! In other words, our Lord and Savior needed time to rest, relax and recharge. Matthew 14:23 tells us that after Jesus dispersed the crowd, he went to the mountain top so he could spend time alone while he prayed.

But even as he entered into a time of rest and relaxation he was always mindful of the presence of God. I want to encourage you to "not grow weary in well doing." In fact, embrace this time as a time to refresh and renew as you look toward the upcoming fall season with a greater sense of vision!

In closing, I leave you with an illustration from the book "The Seven Habits of Highly Successful People" written by Stephen Covey. A man was laboring to cut down a tree. Someone suggests that he take a break to sharpen the saw since it will make his efforts more effective. The man replies, "I don't have time to sharpen the saw. I'm too busy sawing."

My friends, we too at times are occupied with the business of our daily lives. It is important to take time to "sharpen your saw." Let us think about the tools we have available, and how to make them work more efficiently during this summer time as we go through a period of physical, spiritual, mental and social/emotional renewal.



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Once again, thank you for your willingness and desire to serve the Lord. As you enjoy your summer, I want to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andy M. Anderson

THREE QUESTIONS

Submitted by Maxine Adams

The Adult Sunday School class was challenged to consider three questions:

1. Who is God?
2. Who am I?
3. Who are we together?

These are not new questions for me but, nonetheless, I tried to look at them in a new light. I failed!

Who is God? God remains my light and my salvation. God is love. God is eternal. God is holy. God is righteous. God is truth. God is changeless. God is everywhere at all times. God is wisdom.

Who am I? I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I am the forgiven, unconditionally loved, and highly favored daughter of my heavenly Father.

Who are we together? We are the church, the bride of Christ. We have been called to go into the world and make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We can look forward to the time when Revelation 19:7-9 comes to pass: "Now is the time for joy and happiness. He deserves all the glory we can give Him. For the wedding feast has begun; the marriage of the Lamb to His bride has commenced, and His bride has prepared herself for this glorious day."

If I step from time into eternity and find that all I have believed is not true, I will have lived a full, rich, joyful life. Until then, as a well-known hymn says, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand."

SO LONG – FOR NOW

Dear Bellevue Heights members and friends,

Some of you may have heard by now that I will be taking an extended leave of absence from my duties as music director. Many of you know that my responsibilities at my full-time job have increased over the past year. In addition, I have had a particularly challenging year as board president for Syracuse Vocal Ensemble, a group I have sung with for twenty years, as we search for a new music director.

I have frequently found myself feeling overwhelmed and needing to choose between meeting various obligations and attending to my own personal well-being. It is time for me to regroup and make some changes in



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my schedule. I am hoping that time away will afford me the opportunity to transition some of my responsibilities and catch up on some rest, exercise, and time with my family.

I will begin my leave on July 1st of this year and am slated to return a year from this fall on September 17, 2017. You will be in good hands while I am away, as the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee will be overseeing the engagement of substitute musicians.

I shall miss all of you while I am gone. Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers as I look forward to making music with you again in the future.

Sandy Murphy

UNITED METHODIST NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

On Tuesday, June 7th, at 5:30 pm, you are invited to United Methodist Night at the Ballpark, sponsored by the Crossroads District United Methodist Men. Don't miss out on the UNY Conference-wide tailgate party. Please bring a dish to pass and your own drink and table service. Complimentary grilled hot dogs and cones will be provided by the District UMM.

As we fill our stomachs, help us remember those who are less fortunate and bring along non-perishable food to go to the Food Bank of CNY. Just look for the collection barrels located at the tailgate party.

If you are interested, at 6:15 we will also lead the singing of the National Anthem – AT HOME PLATE!

Tickets are \$7 each. Please sign up on the sheet on the usher's table in the back of the sanctuary.

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Some more riddles to keep our brains active:

1. Billy was born on Dec. 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?
2. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
3. What was the President's name in 1975?
4. If you were running a race and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
5. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "the yolk of the egg is white"?

If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to:

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| 01 Jessica Nielsen | 21 Christopher Lewis |
| Mark Yenny | David Gloop |
| Sharon Beney | Douglas MacDonald |
| Todd Karins | Lee Arnold |
| 03 Megan Hernandez | Linda Rankin |
| 06 James Cherundolo | 22 Diane Katherine Brown |



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08	Ann Williams		Jeremy Randall
09	Warren Christopherson	23	Bailey Russell
10	Peter Kuhl		Dylan Ulm
	Richard Shanebrook		Louie Fortin
11	Casey Louer	24	Catherine Hill
	Linda Wilcox	25	Mary Callaghan
12	Martha Madura	26	Hannah Wilson
	Michael Castle		Jessica Dwyer
	Patrick Snow		Kana Archer
13	Aaron Robert Anderson	27	Donald Paddock
14	Emily Streissguth		Kathryn Kovarik
15	Aaron Hale	28	Erin Cutler
16	Christine Meredith	28	Kelley Louer
	George Yucha		Samantha Kroft
	Sarah Jane Whitney	29	Maya Vortice
17	Janice Lasda		Nancy Tobler
18	William Wilburn, Jr.	30	Alexis Garfield
19	Christopher B. Lind		Brianna Garfield
20	John Kramer		Mallory Garfield
	Lisa Shope	31	Julian Berman
	Nora Longley Squire		

Please notify the office by phone or e-mail with additions or corrections.

August Birthdays



Happy Birthday to you!!!

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02	Colleen Russell	18	Laura MacPherson
	John Castle		Michael Mills
03	Laura Davis	19	Lois Chatfield
	Jamie Robert Bird		Jane Coons
05	Eva Ellen Brown		Stephen Shope
06	Leslie Rosenzweig		Maxwell Griffin
07	Karen Bellows	20	Sharon Corcoran
	Judy Alderman		Clifford Crain, Sr.
08	Ben Nichols	21	Levi Hill-Gilbert
	John Welch	25	Christopher Morgan
	Victoria Hill-Gilbert		Ryan McIntyre
11	Patricia Streich		Robert Forties
12	Edmund Trimm		Abigail Crain
	Dexter Vosbury	27	Dan Welch
13	Elizabeth Robison		Julie Cost



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	Jason Wright		Katie Carpenter
15	Suzanne Yackel	28	Janet Shope
	Eugene Brown	30	Stacey Figueiredo
	Janet Levine	30	Robert Yenny
	Jessica Oehley		Cynthia Bell
16	Arline Wood	W	Emily Dancks
	Georgia Dancks	31	Kim Kromer Murphy
17	Ben Crenshaw		Brendan Shope
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A THANK YOU NOTE

I appreciate everyone's kind thoughts and prayers during the passing of my mother. Thank you!!
LeeAnn Hill-Gilbert

JULY & AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:

Marsha & Bill Gessler	7/04/64
Patricia & David Gloop	7/06/74
Cynthia & William Markovitz	7/17/71
Maureen & Ozzie Mocete	7/17/82
Jeanette & Tom Callaghan	7/23/83
Kirsten & John Martin	7/24/92
Sara & Jeremy Randall	7/24/04
Betsy & John Cherundolo	7/26/80
Nellie & Lawrence Hamlin, III	7/30/94
Tina & Stephen Scofield	7/31/82
Leslie & Michael Streissguth	7/31/93



Jennifer & Benjamin George	8/01/03
Susan & Guy Piddington	8/05/72
Maggie & Dan Welch	8/06/05
Catherine & Brian Louer	8/09/03
Patricia & Robert Wilson	8/12/72
Sally & Ted Jewett	8/13/05
Janet & Robert Filsinger	8/15/98
Marion & Robert White	8/19/95
Mary & David Price	8/22/87
Margaret & Thomas Martin	8/25/79



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Jeanie & Charlie Brown	8/27/66
Kay & Bruce Yenny	8/29/64

Please notify the church office, either by e-mail or phone, of any necessary changes.

LITURGIST SIGNUPS

The Worship Committee is trying something new with the liturgist ministry. We are creating teams with assigned months to serve. You are not limited to serving on just one team. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in your choices. See or call Maxine Adams (315-382-9521) to get your name on the list.

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

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ALTAR GUILD

The need for flowers on the altar continues during summer worship. If you wish to provide flowers in memory or honor of loved ones or for some other special reason during the summer months, please contact either Pauline Filsinger at 475-6025 or the church office 475-0011. The cost of a floral arrangement is \$20.00.

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BROWN MEMORIAL FOOD PANTRY

Kids are home from school for the summer. The food pantry needs:

- PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY
- CANNED RAVIOLI AND SPAGHETTI
- CANNED FRUITS AND VEGGIES

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will resume either September 11th or September 18th, depending upon planning for Good Start Breakfast and the beginning of Children’s Sunday School. Be alert for announcements about future plans!

Linda Bergh

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY:

- July 3 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost (Green):** 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- July 10 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost (Green):** Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
- July 17 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost (Green):** Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52 or 82; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
- July 24 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost (Green):** Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13



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July 31 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost (Green): Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST:

Aug. 7 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost (Green): Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 32-40

Aug. 14 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost (Green): Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Aug. 21 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost (Green): Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Aug. 28 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Green): Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

COFFEE HOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

July/August Congregation Signups

USHERS FOR JULY:

Head Usher: Jim Morgan

Regular Ushers: Steve Mattice, Ozzie Mocete, Andy Monds

USHERS FOR AUGUST:

Head Usher: Charlie Brown

Regular Ushers: Martha Madura, Will Streissguth

GREETER:

Dawn Daggett

LIFT-OFF!

Thanks to the enormous generosity and support of this congregation, our new mission to provide weekend food to at least fifty students at Delaware School is off the ground! We needed \$2500 to join the national Blessings in a Backpack program and feed the fifty students for 19 weeks. We have raised \$3200 already and sent in the contract to become the first chapter in Syracuse.

To those who may not have heard of this mission before, it works like this. A person sponsors a student at Delaware School for \$100/year for 3 years by writing a check to Bellevue Church with Blessings in a Backpack on the memo line. Because we are part of the national Blessings in a Backpack group, they will send a Sysco truck to the church every two weeks with the exact food we need for the bags. Bellevue's job is to sort it into individual bags. Anyone can volunteer to help pack. A church member will deliver the fifty bags to Delaware on Thursday afternoon for distribution on Friday at dismissal time.

This program has been so successful that it is now feeding 83,000 elementary children in 46 states. Those students in the program report feeling supported by their community, learning better, and having fewer behavior problems.



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We are off to a great start! Still, to keep our mission-rocket in the air for the last semester of this school year, we will need all the help we can get. See if your friends and neighbors can help.

Thanks and God bless you.

Jeanie Brown
"Backpack" Coordinator