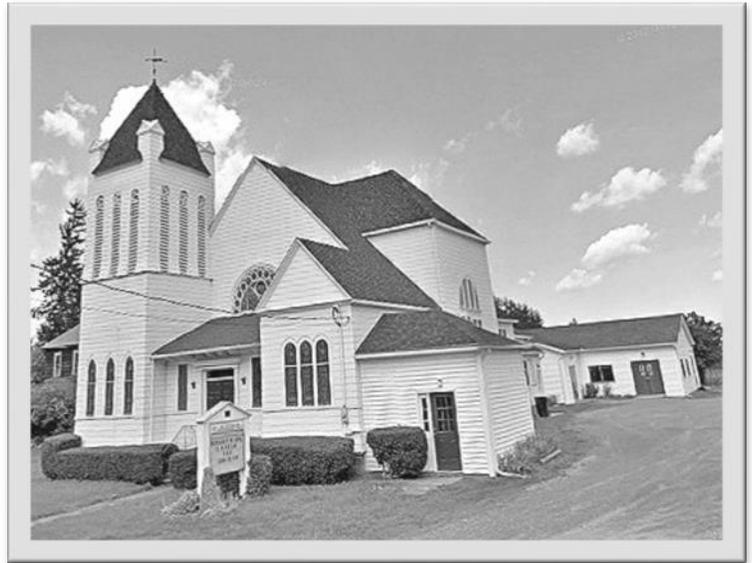
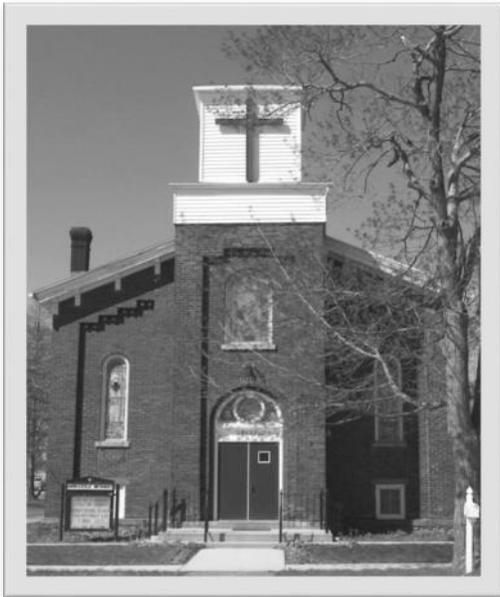


July & August
2016 Newsletter

The United Methodist Church of the
Abundant Harvest
Sowing God's Love, Sharing News of Christ, Growing God's Kingdom



SUMMER SERVICES

July Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.

3622 Knowlesville Road, Knowlesville, NY 14479 / 585 798-3173

August Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.

12373 Maple Ridge Rd., Medina, NY 14103 / 585 798-1290

Church-wide picnic date August 21.

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Pastor Marilyn's Musings

The Journey continues

The United Methodist Church of the Abundant Harvest is on a journey. Not one that takes us away from our community. One that draws us into the path God is setting for us to deepen our existing relationships and to develop new ones, as we share the grace extended to us through our Lord Jesus Christ with others.

While we won't plan to pack up and move to new locations, the journey will likely take us places we haven't even begun to imagine. I am excited about the possibilities and opportunities I know we have.

Jesus did much of his teaching at the table, and this summer we are exploring what that may mean to us as we discern how to be in ministry with each other and our neighbor. I know summer is a time for recreation for some and long hours of work for others. Gathering for worship is not always possible, sometimes Sabbath means just being still for awhile. If you would like a copy of a message you missed, or one you would just like to read, I will be posting them on my blog and can send out email links if requested. If you need a hard copy please let me know. I will explore the possibility of creating podcasts you can download if there is an interest.

By the end of July, I hope to start inviting ministry teams (committees) together so we can put some plans in place for the Fall. Thank you to all who have completed surveys, the information will be helpful as we map out where we are on the journey and which directions to try as we move forward. As soon as I have them compiled I will share some of the overarching findings.

During July and August I am working on assessing what technology and programming we have. I hope to meet with small groups to get to know people better and hear some of their hopes for the church and to get a schedule of visitation of shut-ins in place.

I plan to have office hours Thursdays, 10 to 4 at the Millville site, unless there are critical congregational needs that take me elsewhere, as happened recently. If there are emergencies, I am accessible by telephone and email Wednesday through Monday. Emergencies only on: Tuesdays as well as after 10 p.m. and before 8 a.m. the rest of the week. Thank you.

Ken and I enthusiastically look forward to taking this journey with you.

Claiming God's promises,
Pastor Marilyn

PPR

We hope that you are starting to enjoy the summer, but please remember there still is church!!!

On Sunday, June 26th we honored Pastor Chris Wylie and Jennelle as he embarks on a different path, because of health issues he is not able to continue with us. It was a beautiful day and well attended. Both churches presented him and Jennelle with money to attend a ballgame of his choice and a gift card for dinner.

Our new pastor really isn't new to us, Pastor Marilyn Kasperek has been the interim pastor since April. Pastor Marilyn was appointed to us, full time by the Bishop. She started her full time duties on July 1st.

We want to welcome Pastor Marilyn and her husband Ken. We also want to extend an invitation to come worship with us. This summer we will be doing worship in Knowlesville in the month of July and Millville in the month of August, starting at 10:00 am.

If you should have any questions/concerns for the PPR please see any of the following people, Cheryl Babcock Chair, Diana Pask, Juli McGrath, Jim Panek, Lorraine Luckman, Phil Lilley, Nancy Smith, Diane Flick and Ruth Higgins.

Cheryl Babcock, Chair

Worship:

The Worship Committee at the Millville location is looking for those who would like to help with committee. We are responsible for making sure the altar cloths are in good condition and that the right color is on the altar each Sunday. that the candles are changed when needed. We also help the pastor with anything he/she needs for the service, especially making sure that communion is set each month. Kerry does the flowers each month but I'm sure she would appreciate some help with that. If you feel the call to help, please see Kerry Panek, Cheryl Babcock, and Pastor Marilyn.



Did you know that you can give to the church online?

Go to <http://www.abundantharvestny.org/give>

You can do a one time, quick give whenever you want

OR

You can set up an automatic payment to give once a month

Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is up and running. You will need to go to <http://smile.amazon.com> to select a charitable organization. Our organization is United Methodist Church of the Abundant Harvest.

Amazon will remember your selection and then every eligible purchase you make at <http://smile.amazon.com>, a 0.5% will be credited to our parsonage maintenance account.

If you go directly to the Amazon site just type in amazon smile in the search bar and go from there.

As long as amazon smile is showing in the upper left corner of the screen you're good to go.

If you have any problems or questions give me a call. @798-4483

Thanks, Ruth



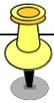
A Dollar A Day

Help build our Handicap Ramp!

This campaign begins May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017. Each person who contributes \$365 toward the handicap ramp will have their name forever engraved on a special plaque that will be placed in a prominent place on the ramp location. You can contribute anytime throughout the year, just indicate your name on the donation. This campaign is open to anyone. Please prayerfully consider helping us build our ramp.



Thank you. Ruth Higgins



Upcoming Events

DS Jump

July 23 - District Superintendent Bungee Jumping at Darien Lake in recognition of Niagara Frontier meeting goal for Africa 360 Group ticket discount available contact District Office.

Beef Booth

July 25-30 - Beef Booth - Orleans County Fair – Volunteers and patrons welcome. Please contact Ruth Higgins or Lorraine Luckman if you can help. Beef on Weck and Salt Potatoes combo \$10.00; Beef on weck Sandwich \$7.00; Salt Potatoes bowl \$4.00 Soda \$2.00 and Water \$1.50. Come and see us at the booth

Breakfast buffet

August 20 - Breakfast Buffet 8-10 a.m. Knowlesville Fellowship Hall. Free Will donation.

Church-wide picnic

August 21 - 10 a.m. Church-wide Service and picnic – 1882 Park Ave., Waterport. Picnic follows worship – Meat and beverage provided - Millville sides/Knowlesville desserts.

Lunch Bunch

Come join us the second Wednesday of each month for lunch at Rudy's in Medina. We start ordering at noon. If you would like to join us call Roxanne at 798-3991 to reserve your spot. This is just a fun get together in Christian Fellowship. The next dates are August 10 and September 14. Hope to see you there.

Chicken barbecue

August 27 - Chicken BBQ Knowlesville Fellowship Hall - 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Meal includes: ½ chicken, macaroni salad, salt potatoes, baked beans, roll, beverage and dessert. Cost \$10.00

September 17 Breakfast Buffet Knowlesville Fellowship Hall 8-10 am

September 24 Rummage, Bake and Chowder Sale 9-3 Knowlesville Fellowship Hall

Talent Auction

A talent auction is scheduled for Nov. 5th Everyone is encouraged to start thinking about what talent they would like to donate for this fundraising event. It will be held at the Knowlesville Fellowship Hall. A spaghetti dinner will be served for a free will donation. Talent donation papers will be out in September and due back by October 23.

Parade of Lights

Each November the town of Medina has a Parade of Lights celebration. We would like to have a float in the parade at this event. The float will need to be worked on throughout the year. If you would like to be on this committee please contact Kurtis Griswold at the Knowlesville location. Thank you.

Abundant Harvest Café, Pie & Gift Shop Update

Check us out, open Friday and Saturday from 9-4. We have 17 kinds of pies available in the 9" deep dish or 6" cutie pie size.

We have more stock so come on in and look around, sit and have a slice of pie and cup of coffee and chat awhile. We also have our summer cream pies available, Pineapple, Banana, Peanut butter and Chocolate.



Too hot to bake? Not for us, give us a call and we will bake your pie for you with a 2 hour notice, no extra charge, just call us at 798-3173.

We now accept VISA and Master Card to make it more convenient for our customers. Be watching the website for an online order form coming soon.

The Shopkeepers, Ruth, Linda & Dona

Women's Seminar

Carol McLeod of Just Joy ministries was here at our Women's Seminar on June 11th.

Even though the attendance was low, those who did attend were extremely uplifted.

We had a good breakfast buffet spread, a nice goodie bag handout, and great fellowship

Thanks to all who volunteered to help us put this event together.

If we plan on doing this again we will get the word out far in advance.

Many purchased books that Carol has written.

The Shopkeepers - Ruth, Linda and Dona

*"In order to change ourselves we must change our thoughts."
Choose something to think about, Where the mind goes, man will follow.*

Joshua 1:8

Chicken BBQ

United Methodist Church of the
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Knowlesville Fellowship Hall

Knowlesville Road, Knowlesville

Saturday August 27, 2016

4:30 until sold out

Dine in or take out



Meal includes ½ Chicken, salt potatoes, macaroni salad, baked beans, roll, dessert and beverage.

All for Only \$10.00

any questions or for tickets call 798-3173

Thank you to everyone who prayed, called, provided food, came to Paul's life celebration and showed great concern and love.

The following is a letter I wrote to Paul and was read by Pastor Melanie at the celebration reception.

Dear Paul,

I can't believe that you have gone on to be with the Lord. You called that Sunday morning at 7 a.m. to make sure I was getting up and then by noon, BOOM our world turned upside down.



There are so many things that you've been a part of that I will miss:

1. Letting me know what the weather would be like each day and beyond
2. Running most of my errands
3. You being the church gopher
4. Accumulating all those gas points
5. I didn't have to watch the news, because you were up to date on everything
6. Stopping at the turkey ranch on the way to Maryland
7. Traveling to different places, family vacations, family picnics, Thousand islands, trips to see Nancy.
8. Taxiing my mom to the grocery store, church meals, etc.
9. Fixing supper most every night.

And the list goes on and on.

But most of all I will miss the Love that we shared and the Love and Generosity that you bestowed on Melisa and your stepchildren and grandchildren.

As the hymn says "Because He lives I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone because I know he holds the future and life is worth the living just because He lives."

See you in Heaven someday,

Love,

Ruth

"The daughter of Martha Bacon and the wife of Paul Beauchesne"

A Father's love without end

16 years ago my two brothers and I were pulled out of our parents' house and put into foster care. The first house was where all three of us lived for a week. Then Matthew and I lived in a house with Dotty Wilson for four months, we were separated from our brother Nicholas.

Then we moved in with Carol and Phil Lilley and lived with them for six years. Then our biological parents lost their rights to have us children and we were put up for adoption. Our foster parents loved us so much that they adopted me and my two brothers and reunited us as a family again.

True fathers like Phil Lilley will help kids with needs like me and my brothers. He will say yes to having a new foster kid in his house without even

knowing the kid's name and help him or her get back with their family.

He will protect his family even if it means taking a beating, just like in Genesis 22:1-19 Abraham proved his love not just to God, but to his son, He was willing to give his one and only son up because he was asked to by God. My dad proved his love to me ten years ago by adopting me and my two brothers.

My dad had a bumper sticker that says count your blessings not your problems. One of the blessings I count every day is that I have a dad who loves me so much that he adopted me and my brothers and called us his sons and if one day I become a father that I can show that same exact love to my kids and be that same kind of father that he is today. Because my father's love is without end. Happy Father's Day, Amen

written by Nathan Jonidas

Notes from the Knowlesville site

Knowlesville Finances:

Our fish fry profit was approx. \$2,000 less than last year, so we are behind on our pastor benefit package expense. Please give as you are able to further the work of the God's Kingdom.

Orleans County Fair Beef Booth

The Orleans County Fair is scheduled for July 25-30. Monday- Saturday

We have the Day Chairpersons as follows:

Monday: Dawn Parker and Sylvia Armer

Tuesday: Browns and Dusetts

Wednesday: Vicknairs

Thursday: Bushes

Friday: Bakers

Saturday: Mixture 10-12 Lorriane, 11-3

Bakers, 3-6 Vicknairs, 6-close Dawn

If you can help at any time of the week please contact one of these chairpersons. Lorraine and myself will be coordinating the cooking of potatoes and beef. We'll need help about 9am each morning to wash dishes and wash potatoes. I will be the delivery person when you need food or supplies. All chairpersons should be at the Fellowship hall by 9:30 to take the goods up to the fair grounds. The booth opens at 10 am. Sylvia will be our roll runner. Any questions call: Lorriane 798-4179 or Ruth 798-4483

Mission Bingo

The UMW are collecting new and gently used items for the BINGO store at both Orchard Manor and the North Wing of the Medina Hospital. When the residents win at Bingo they receive bingo bucks which they can redeem at the store. This is like the residents Walmart, not only can they buy for themselves they can buy for others. A box/tote with hearts on it will be in the Knowlesville fellowship hall so you can donate anytime. Any questions call Ruth @ 798-4483

Thank you

Ruth Higgins, UMW missions person

Knowlesville Community Yard Sale

The community yard sale was a smashing success. We had 8 vendors setup in our parking lot and many more around the hamlet and out lying areas. We also sold out of hotdogs at the refreshment stand at the hall. Although it was a HOT day fun was had by all.

WELCOME

As of July 1, 2016 our new pastor will be Pastor Marilyn Kasperek. She lives in Akron with her husband, Ken. She has 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren. Ken is the chief cook and bottlewasher of the Akron Bugle. Pastor Marilyn has handed out a questionnaire form for everyone to fill out.

If you have not received one, please contact her. She will have office hours at the Millville location every Thursday from 10-4. Her email address is pastormjkasperek@gmail.com

We welcome Marilyn and Ken to the Abundant Harvest congregation. Our prayers will be with you each day.

CELEBRATION

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pastor Chris and Jennelle as we have to say goodbye. Because of knee surgery complications, Pastor Chris is going on long term disability. We thank Pastor Chris for serving as our spiritual leader / pastor for the last 3 years. Also thanks to Jennelle for getting our website up and running and all the other computer work she did. On Sunday June 26 we had a 10 am joint service at the Knowlesville Fellowship Hall followed by a fellowship meal. May the Lord Bless both of you.

“Replace discouragement with hope
and it will bring joy.”

With joy brings enlightenment and a life to oneself,
a sense of peace, comfort and a renewed energy,
that works in the Whole Person mentally, physically
and spiritually. Walk with a purpose let go of the
past, replace it with HOPE

Psalms 30:11-12

Holding each other up in prayer



Philippians 4:6

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Please take time daily to pray for the person(s) each day that is listed below. This is an excellent opportunity to be a prayer warrior for your church family. Please also note that just because a person's name is in the list it does not mean that they are suffering from any type of illness. WE JUST WANT TO LIFT THEM IN PRAYER ON THAT DAY!!!

July Prayer Calendar

1. Pastor Marilyn
2. Ken Kasperek
3. Lois Eckerd
4. United States of America
5. Fern Hickman
6. Ruth Higgins
8. Jane Scheu
9. Betty Woods
10. Lorraine Luckman
11. Jeff & Char Smith
12. Michael Busch
13. Diana Pask

14. Robyn Watts
15. Marilyn "Skip" Mitchell
16. Jesse & Cheryl Babcock
17. Linda Baker
18. Mackenzie McGrath
19. Peter Beach
20. Glenn Busch
21. Diane Fields
22. Ed Pask
23. Jody Zacher
24. Tina Dussett
25. Gary Watts
26. Cathy Rosenberg
27. June Dresser
28. Jim Dresser
29. John Mooney
30. Elizabeth Dresser
31. Phil Lilley

August Prayer List

1. Jack McGrath
2. Kester Baker
3. Guin Panek
4. Carol Lilley
5. Kathy Vickner
6. Pat Briggs
7. Norman Karcher
8. Sylvia Armer
9. Gail Culver
10. Nancy Smith
11. Kerry Panek

12. Paula Dresser
13. Diane Flick
14. Tom Flick
15. Jack Dresser
16. Betty Lou Standish
17. Dona Sitzer
18. Georgia Thomas
19. Martha Bacon
20. Patty Schelgel
21. Evelyn Brown
22. Arlene Quackenbush
23. Matthew Johnicas
24. Nathan Johnicas
25. Vic Vickner
26. Beverly Paul
27. Trinity Castrechino
28. Kurtis Griswold
29. Roxanne Culmo
30. Joe Culmo
31. Judy Heveron

Please note:

Pastor Marilyn is in prayer for the entire congregation every morning from approximately 6 to 7 a.m.



July

1 Tina and Gary Duset
1 Patty and George Schighel
7 Howard and Elaine Watts
10 Jeff and Charlene Smith
19 Melynda and Jon Brown

July

1 Brenda Busch
15 Kathy Vicknair
18 Glen Busch
20 Nancy Smith
21 Pastor Sare Merle
22 Jeff Smith
30 Michael Busch



August

12 Charlene Seitzer
14 Paula Dresser
16 Mandy Armer
27 Gail Culver
31 Adam Dresser
14 Paula Dresser
16 Mandy Armer
27 Gail Culver
31 Adam Dresser

2 Cathy and Steve Rosenburg
4 Rich and Erin Barnard
4 Mike and Amber Stanton
9 Betty Lou and Richard Standish
19 Joelle and Darv Brown
20 Robin and Gary Watts
28 Bob and Kathy Luescher

If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary we are very sorry.

Please give this information to either Linda Baker or Cheryl Babcock so that we can include it next year.

Blessed are the Parents

Blessed are the parents who refuse to compare their children with others.

Blessed are the fathers and mothers who have learned to laugh, for it is the music of the child's world.

Blessed are those parents who

accept the awkwardness of their growing children letting each child grow at their own speed.

Blessed are the parents who can say NO without anger.

Blessed are the parents who take their children to church for it gladdens their hearts.

Blessed are the parents who are teachable for understanding brings love.

Blessed are the parents who love their children in the midst of a hostile world for love is the greatest gift of all.

What is Family? A teenagers outspoken thoughts on Mom, Dad, big brother and little sister.

A family is a group of close relatives who go through all sorts of hectic things together. A family is when the bills pile sky high and mom and dad are worried sick, but you still get that beautiful gown you wanted for the senior prom.

A family is when mom yells at you to get your dirty socks out of the closet. Or when you pay your sister \$5. to clean your room and you get grounded because *she* did such a lousy job. A family is when dad whales into your brother for getting his new screwdriver stuck in the bedroom wall. (he was trying to make a socket to plug in his radio next to his bed.) Or when mom finds out that he used her best saucepan to mix gasoline and oil for his homemade go-cart.

A family is when you ruin your \$25. shoes and mom swears she won't ever buy you any more, but the very next day she comes home with another pair and a super skirt and sweater. (She will tell you she got them on sale, but she really didn't). A family is when you meet your first love and everyone "helps" your sister makes a dress that fits in all the wrong places, but you tell her it's beautiful. Then dad slips you money to "buy something special". Little sis gets the giggles when you introduce Him, and mom is so fluttery beforehand you'd think it was her first date. But somehow he feels right at home and dad ends up talking football to him while you wait 15 minutes.

A family is when mom gives you a home permanent to save you money and doesn't follow directions and it turns to frizz. In the end it costs more than twice as much to have it professionally straightened, but nobody says *I told you so* out loud.

A family is when the kids get threatened with long term grounding because they ate mom's beautiful creation for the bridge club, which they *found loose* in the refrigerator. But you are all laughing about it the next week. A family is when the neighbors call the police because you're pillow fighting on the front lawn at 1:30 a.m. A family is when everybody laughs, cries and loves together. Once in a while they're hard to live with, but you couldn't live without them.

From the Parents Survival kit by Helen Bottel



Morning Coffee for Grandma...

One morning, a grandmother was surprised to find that her 7-year old grandson had made her coffee. Smiling, she choked down the worst cup of her life. When she finished, she found three little green Army men at the bottom. Puzzled, she asked, "Honey, what are these Army men doing in my coffee?"

Her grandson answered, "Like it says on TV, Grandma. 'The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup.'"

