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Joyce K. Allen, Pastor
American independence

John Adams, who became America's second president, was so elated when the United States was about to celebrate independence from England that he wrote:



“It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, forevermore.”

Pastor's Page

“Like Jochebed and Hannah, and Mary, too, we know the hardest part of loving is learning to let go. So, when we send our children out in the world to live, grant us such hope and faith, God, and love enough to give. Hymn 2189 – *A Mother Lined a Basket*

I'm happy and excited and I am sad. I feel this way every year when young men and women I have come to love finish high school and move forward in their lives. Some have gone to college, others to the military and still others, off to find jobs and start working. Do you remember how you felt when it was your turn to step out in to the world to make your mark? Our families and churches were probably just a little sad too, as we spread our wings and began to fly.



It's a big year for Ogden Hillcrest because four of our regular attenders are graduating from high school, two of them sing in the choir, one rings hand bells. These are young women who make a difference in the life of our congregation, young women whom we love and wish well. We wish you the world, we wish you big dreams that you work on and then come to fruition, we wish you God's blessings and grace and we wish you to remember us and carry our love with you as you journey.

Peace,
Pastor Joyce

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Pastor Joyce knows about four high school students graduating this year and at least one college graduate. We will be celebrating their accomplishments on **June 10th** in both worship services. Do you have graduates in your family that we should recognize? Please get their names in to our office by Monday, June 4th.



JUNE 3 – JUNE 8



Pastor Joyce takes a vacation. She will officially be off from June 3 through June 8. Maralena Dropp will be the Lay Speaker. Bible Study will also be on vacation Tuesday, June 5th.

If you need anything during her vacation, please call Jim at our office. (607 723-2637. If pastoral care is needed, please call Pastor Jenni Piatt at (607) 560-4400 (Nimmonsburg UMC)

BUSY DAY JUNE 10

Pastor is away on the first Sunday of June so we will have Communion on the second Sunday, June 10th.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Bible Sunday. Our 4th grade Sunday School participants and those older who have not received a free Bible will be presented with a Bible.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THIS MONTH

Ad Board June 11, 7:00 pm

PPR June 18, 7:00 pm

Trustees June 25, 7:00 pm

June 14 - Flag Day

America was founded as a “nation under God,” and has been looked up to by other nations for over two hundred years. Unfortunately, other countries — and some of our own citizens — are disgruntled with America today. Even though our reputation has taken some hits, we’re still a strong country with high ideals and proud people.

There’s a simple way you can help show that to the world — by flying the flag. Every time you put a flag out, you’re saying, “I’m an American and proud of what this flag represents.” The flag stands for “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” for religious freedom, and for other rights that many nations lack. The flag represents our history and our goals for a better future for all.

Flag Day is celebrated each year on June 14. Fly your flag high!



FATHER'S DAY

It's day to thank Dad, but it's also a day to thank God for dad. Bring dad to church or meet him here on June 17. We want to celebrate our dads, and all the men who have helped us become the people we are today. Yes, dad wants a nice dinner and a nap, maybe a round of golf, so bring him to the 8:30 service and get an early start. It's one option and the other is at 10:45.



Happy Father's Day!

SOME QUOTES FOR THE OCCASION

"I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." -
- Sidney Poitier

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass," Dad would reply. "We're raising boys."
- Harmon Killebrew

A father carries pictures where his money used to be.
- Author Unknown

I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom.
- Umberto Eco

The father of a daughter is nothing but a high-class hostage. A father turns a stony face to his sons, berates them, shakes his antlers, paws the ground, snorts, runs them off into the underbrush, but when his daughter puts her arm over his shoulder and says, "Daddy, I need to ask you something," he is a pat of butter in a hot frying pan.
- Garrison Keillor

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."
- Mark Twain

It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his daughter shopping.
- John Sinor

"Balt Van Tassel was an easy indulgent soul; he loved his daughter better even than his pipe, and, like a reasonable man and an excellent father, let her have her way in everything."
- Washington Irving, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*

DINNER GROUP

Let's go Italian! Everybody likes a good Italian dinner and we have some great options in our area. This month we journey to the west and to Tony's Restaurant on **June 22** and we'll meet at 6pm. Tony's is on Main St Endwell on the right hand side. Get off the Endwell exit and go ahead for about two miles. Our group likes to eat together in a local restaurant one Friday evening a month. Everyone is invited and unless someone needs a little help, we each pay our own way. This is our **last Friday until September.**





PICNICS PICNICS PICNICS

Technically not a picnic: June Fest June 16th, Chicken BBQ and June Fest Sale and Bake Sale. See our flyer elsewhere in this Beacon.

From the Ad Board minutes, Outdoor Picnics: We would like these to continue, but in the backyard of the parsonage.. It was suggested that once Pastor chooses the dates, we have a sign-up sheet and have a group of 3-4 people be in charge of planning each picnic – what type of food, set-up, tear down etc. This way it won't be all on one person to go and pick up food, set things up and clean up.

Pastor Joyce has set some dates, mark your calendars for the Wednesday parties this summer:

July 18th, August 1st, 15th and 29th at 6:00 pm!

August picnic at Port Dick Park: Scheduled for Thursday, August 9th. I hear the popular pound auction be back for the third year. More details to follow on this picnic.



June 17th is our choirs last performances...



...Summer Music begins June 24th.

Scheduled so far:

July 8th, Mark Stanley

July 15th, Norma Manning

July 22nd, Kelly Thompson

August 5th, Brenna King

Look to the Bulletins for updates as more Special Musicians are scheduled.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday study is meeting in the Church now because we have outgrown our room in the Parish House. That means there is even more room at the table for you! We meet at 11am for study and conversation. Right now we are working through the Gospel of Matthew and we are always looking for ideas about what to study next. Come join in.



Out grown the Parish House



Plenty of Room Here

BILL & LINDA JUDD INVITE YOU:

to meet the twins, Riley & Kyla,

their parents Heather (Judd) Knebls and her husband Doug.

Picnic Saturday, June 16th noon until? Greenwood Park, Lisle, NY, Pavilion #4. Food provided, soda, water and some light adult beverages.

Please RSVP (607) 778-0017 (Bill), (607) 759-4021 (Heather) or email: heat323@hotmail.com.



Our apologies for the conflict with June Fest, Heather & Doug have to get back home to Florida and this was the only day we could do it. Hopefully you can work in both events somehow.



Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster PA Presents **Jesus**

August 2, 2018, Departure from Northgate Plaza (behind Denny's)

Load bus @ 6:45 am, Depart 7:00 am arrive back about 11:00 pm

Cost: \$ 140.00 per person includes bus, show and lunch at Shady Maple

Deposit \$ 25.00 at reservation. Balance Due \$115.00 by June 25th

No refunds after 6/26 unless you find a sub. Make checks payable to:

Shirley Christoff

9 Peer St. Binghamton, NY 13901

More Info? Call Shirley 648 - 6871

The Church Mouse



Picnics, Picnics, Picnics

June & July are months of parties and if you haven't learned this fact yet, let me help you; Mice like food and parties mean food. Oh boy, do I like this time of year. The warmer weather also means I can get outside and get a little sun. I'm staying away from the parsonage though. It was bad enough when she had one old cat over there but with two younger ones I would have little chance of survival over there. I'd rather stay over at the church where I hear people talking about me and occasionally leaving something on the floor on purpose for me. How sweet.



One of the big days on the church calendar in June with the **JUNE FEST SALE & CHICKEN BBQ & BAKE SALE** Mark Stanley makes some of the best chicken you'll ever eat and it's right here in Hillcrest. There will be graduation parties around and even if they aren't in the church, I have ways of traveling when I want to visit and oh boy, I do want to visit. Please make sure there's lots of cheese at your party.

My friend Carol Harrison was in the hospital but she is back at Absolute Care now. Hopefully she will be coming home to Hillcrest soon. My friend Grete Dodson died and Rick Harrison died too, last month. I know Rick raised his girls at Ogden and each of them has gotten married here. My condolences to their families. All of our Florida snowbirds are back now but Linda Judd. She'll be here on the 7th along with Heather and her twin baby girls, Riley and Kyla. We will all get the chance to meet the babies. I can't wait.

Pray for
our Sick
our Departed
our Travelers



The youth group ended the school year with a trip to Chuckster's and the new Blaze pizza in Vestal. We had a great time bouncing on trampolines and going



on the zip line, playing mini golf and using the batting cages. Our youth group thanks everyone who has supported us this year and allowed us to have so many activities without us fundraising or having our families pay. Your generosity means we all share equally in our activities regardless of our ability to pay. That sounds just like the way Jesus did things.



If you come to the chicken bar-b-q be sure to look for me. I'll be working at the garage sale table but I'll be hanging around the bake sale table too, just in case you drop something. See you there!

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Vacation Bible School 2018

"Shipwrecked"

Saved by Jesus

When you're lonely...Jesus rescues!

"The Lord will hold me close." (Psalm 27:10)

When you worry...Jesus rescues!

"The Lord comes to the rescue each time." (Psalm 34:19)

When you struggle...Jesus rescues!

"Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:10)

When you do wrong...Jesus rescues!

"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

When you're powerless...Jesus rescues!

"This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead." (Ephesians 1:19-20)

Words for today, from 1968

For America, this marks the 50th anniversary of a turbulent year, which included high-profile assassinations, the Vietnam War and civil rights protests. Five decades on, turmoil still abounds.

May we take hope and inspiration from Robert Kennedy, who, on the night of Martin Luther King's death, replaced a presidential-campaign speech with these words:

"What we need in the United States is not division; ... not hatred; ... not violence and lawlessness, but ... love, and wisdom, and compassion toward one another; and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or ... black."

Kennedy added: "We will have difficult times in the future. ... But the vast majority of white people and ... black people in this country want to live together ... and want justice for all human beings. ... Let's dedicate ourselves ... to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world ... and say a prayer for our country and for our people."

Ogden Hillcrest UMC
1061 Chenango St. Binghamton
CHICKEN BBQ & JUNE FEST

(CARRY OUT ONLY)

SAT., JUNE 16, 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

(OR UNTIL CHICKEN IS GONE)

\$ 8.00 half chicken



&



Bake Sale



ALSO AVAILABLE

THE PERFECT SIDE DISHES

& HOME BAKED GOODS

If you have any questions regarding the BBQ, contact
Church Ofc. 723-2637

Father & Long-haired David

After getting his driving license, David visited home during vacation and asked his dad for the family car. His dad agreed, but put forward three conditions - good grades in school, a neat room and a decent haircut. After several months, David came home again. He had followed the three things that he had promised his dad, except getting his hair cut. When the father saw that his son had disobeyed him, he asked for an explanation. David smartly said, "Hey dad, even Jesus had long hair." His Father was not someone to be taken for a ride and smilingly replied, "Yes, son, you're absolutely right. And Jesus also walked everywhere he went."

