

PASTOR'S PAGE

“Praise the he Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary! Praise God in his fortress, the sky! Praise God in his mighty acts! Praise God as suits his incredible greatness! Praise God with the blast of the ram’s horn! Praise God with lute and lyre! Praise God with drum and dance! Praise God with strings and pipe! Praise God with loud cymbals! Praise God with clashing cymbals! Let every living thing praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!”

Psalm 150

Do you get the idea that God enjoys praise? This Psalm tells us that God not only enjoys being praised, but in a variety of ways, some of them quite noisy. Psalm 150 reminds me of the month of June, there is a special reason to praise God every week this month and there are a variety of ways to do it. We begin with Pentecost, the birthday of the church, on June 4th. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to God’s people fifty days after Easter. We celebrate high school and college graduates on June 11 and then, Fathers are celebrated on the 18th. On June 25th we are starting our summer season and celebrating the freedoms God has given us.

Did you notice the line in the Psalm about praising with drum and dance? The drum makes a lot of noise while the dancer is usually silent. It’s another reminder that diversity in worship is as wonderful as it is anywhere else. You may bellow out a hymn like there’s no tomorrow. Someone else might offer God silent praise, maybe moving their lips, maybe not. A church should be open and welcoming to all forms of praise, including lifting your hands in the air or even saying AMEN. This month will offer you lots of opportunities to come and worship and give your praises to the Lord. How you do that will be up to you.

Peace,

Pastor Joyce



CHURCH LAWNS

Our church family is a busy bunch. It has been difficult to get volunteers to mow our lawns. At the Trustee's meeting on May 15, 2017 there was a discussion on the problem. Bob Brown, who has been mowing the lot behind the Parsonage garage and doing the trimming had looked into contracting out the lawn mowing for the three buildings. Bob has volunteered to continue mowing the lot.



Prior to the meeting of the Trustee's three proposals were requested from local lawn services. The Trustees heard the proposals and decided to hire Hillcrest Lawn, Sean Keough and Brian Shelley. They will mow and bag the grass and trim the three lawns. The cost is \$80.00 per week, 16-20 weeks per season at a cost of \$1300- \$1400 a season. They will mow on Thursday or Friday so the church grounds look sharp on Sunday.

This is a new item not covered by our current budget. A Lawn Care Fund will be set up. We have a very generous donation pledged already. I am asking you to consider making a donation to pay for one week (\$80) or any amount you can afford. Please make your check payable to Ogden Hillcrest UMC and put "Lawn Care" on the memo line. This will "spruce up" our church properties and make everyone proud of Ogden! Thank you for your support!

- Bill Judd



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Sunday June 4th is our big end of the year party. We will meet at the church from 5:30 to 7pm. There will be games, food and prizes. If the weather permits, we'll spend some time outside and there will be water balloons! All senior and junior high students are invited. For this party, we are also inviting elementary school students who will be in middle school this fall. We want to welcome you to youth group!

A Day at Sky Lake on Tuesday, June 6

Come for a day at Sky Lake to Lunch is included. We will gather at the church at 9:30 if you would like to carpool. We will arrive around 10:00am and leave around 2:30 pm.

The cost lunch and the retreat is \$19.50. Sky Lake has increased the price of lunch and has added a day visitor rate for use of the grounds. Payment is required before you attend and there is no refund after June 1, 2017. If paying by check, please write it out to Ogden Hillcrest United Methodist Church and write Sky Lake on the memo. To pay, please see Brenda Rhodes (607-238-7054) or leave the payment in the church office. Sign up sheets will be available in the church.



**Sky Lake
Retreat**



On Sunday June 11th, we will be honoring high school and college graduates during both worship services. We'd like to include all the people associated with our church. If you have are graduating this year, or have a family member who is graduating, please email or phone our church office with their name and school information.



Monday, June 12th, the administrative Board meets at 7:00 pm in the Ever Ready Room

SUPPER CLUB

This month we'll meet at the Park Diner on Friday, June 16th at 6pm. Anyone and everyone is invited to come along. We each pay our own bill. The only requirement in this group is that you like to go out and eat!

One view:



THE CHURCH MOUSE

You can look for me in the church these days. I am not going outside any time soon. There is a pair of Merlins, small falcons, hanging around the church and library. I peek out of the bell room window and I can see the male sitting in the big maple tree in front of the parsonage. The female is sitting on a nest, and I think it's in a pine tree across the street. They fly back and forth looking for food. These Merlins tend to eat dinner on the wing, but this mouse isn't taking any chances. If they have babies who come back to Hillcrest and raise babies, my people may live in your church forever.

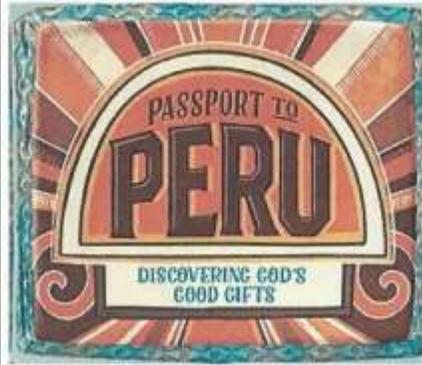
The youth group had a nice bon fire one night and played games out in the field. I know they had pizza and s'mores, and when I stuck my nose out the door I heard laughter, but those two birds sat right up in the tree the whole time. I couldn't chance it. It was not a good night to be a mouse. Luckily, you had all left me enough coffee hour crumbs to get by on, but try to be a little messier if you could. It keeps a mouse going.

I am excited that Jessica Feyler is graduating from high school. She's one of my favorite people, and part of our youth group. I will miss her if she doesn't come home and sing in the choir but I understand she needs to go and do her thing. I have been happy to see Doris Slater out at church each week. She has a good group of friends who come and get her. Norma Manning was back on Mother's Day, and I know she is getting better every day as she recuperates from her surgery. Soon she'll be back in the choir where she belongs.

Keep praying for my friends who find it difficult to get out and about, for our shut-ins and nursing home residents. Pray for our church and pastor too. We want to stay alive and growing around here. If you can, come out to June fest. I don't know if I'll dare to come out, but I love that day because I see so many friends around. It's always a great day.

Methodius Mouse





The Biggest **VBS**
Adventure Yet!

SAVE THE DATE!

June 26-30, 2017 ~ 6:15-8:30 pm

Binghamton Church of the Nazarene
1282 Chenango ST

A Thank You

Thank you to all who remembered me during my recent hospitalization and surgery.

Carol Harrison



Choir's
Taking a

SummerBreak

June 18th is our choirs last performances...

Summer
Music



...Summer Music begins June 21st.

Ogden Hillcrest UMC

1061 Chenango St. Binghamton

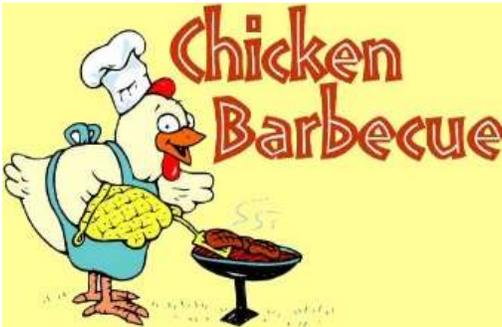
CHICKEN BBQ & JUNE FEST

(CARRY OUT ONLY)

SAT., JUNE 10, 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

(OR UNTIL CHICKEN IS GONE)

\$ 7.50 half chicken



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Bake Sale

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THE PERFECT SIDE DISHES

& HOME BAKED GOODS

If you have any questions regarding the BBQ, contact
Church Ofc. 723-2637, Mark Stanley 722-0657

Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

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Father:

- * "You know how it is with fathers, you never escape the idea that maybe after all they're right." - John Updike"
- * "A king, realizing his incompetence, can either delegate or abdicate his duties. A father can do neither." -- Marlene Dietrich
- * "A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."-- Billy Graham
- * "My father taught me to work; he did not teach me to love it." -- Abraham Lincoln



- * "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way!" — Dr. Seuss, *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*
- * Don't just get involved. Fight for your seat at the table. Better yet, fight for a seat at the head of the table. - Barack Obama to Barnard College in 2012
- * The important thing is not to stop questioning. - Albert Einstein

