

## **Hart Beat**

(An E-update for CNYBA Pastors and Key Leaders)

**28 July 2019**

### **Hart to Heart**

- Summer is flying by! Before you know it we'll be complaining about the cold and snow. Let's get all we can do for the Lord done while we can move about easily.
- It is not too early to plan to attend the CNYBA Annual Meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. This year Casa de Paz Church will host the meeting in their new location. I am working on possible Chick-fil-A catering for lunch. So, mark your calendars! We'll start about 9:45 AM and be done by noon-ish.
- The BCNY Disaster Relief Shower Trailer did not get winterized last year and many of the pipes burst. Sometime in the next six weeks I am organizing a work day to remove a couple of showers, all the piping, the hot water heaters, and possibly some cabinetry in preparation for a complete remodel. I'm thinking early September. I will need several volunteers to get all the prep work done in one day. Watch for a date!
- **Summit, Cazenovia** enjoyed a church picnic at Verona Beach State Park on Sunday past following the morning worship service. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** held a Mental Health Awareness event at their Calm Waters Café on Saturday evening past from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. Mike McMahon is Pastor.
- **Three Pines, Doraville** plans Vacation Bible School for Pre-K through Teens on August 5-9. Mike Brown is Pastor
- **Starpoint, Clifton Park** will conduct a Community Service project in Ballston Spa on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 – 10:00 PM. They will be giving away FREE popcorn and cotton candy while a family-friendly movie is played in Wiswall Park. Dr, Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **North Fenton BC** had an end of July "Cruise In" old car display on Saturday past followed by an afternoon picnic. Rodney Kochmanski is Pastor.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** kicked off Youth Week 2019 with Slip-n-Slide Hockey on Sunday evening past at the New Hartford campus. Beginning today, July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup> they plan daily activities at the Whitesboro campus with different teachers each morning and different speakers each evening with all sorts of activities in between, including food and live music by the group "Life

Band". On Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> they plan an all day trip to Great Escape Lake George. They also have various youth activities planned throughout the month of August at both campuses, including a Back To School Bash on Sunday evening August 25<sup>th</sup>. Sam Macri is Pastor and Bobby Allen is Youth Pastor.

- On Tuesday late afternoon past I attended the Project Team Meeting for **The Neighborhood Church**, Syracuse - which was held at the CNYBA Ministry Center Building in Syracuse. As you probably know by now, Pastor Ronnie Wyatt is moving back to North Carolina to start another church similar to TNC. He is moving in late August. Bob Harris, a member of the congregation, will become the new pastor at TNC.
- I spent the better part of Wednesday and Thursday morning past at the hospital as Lyn had a kidney biopsy and a gall bladder ultra sound scan. The ultra sound showed that the gall bladder is not the problem causing the nausea, anemia, fatigue, and related issues. The kidney biopsy result will not be available for 3 or 4 weeks. She has follow up appointments with both her primary doctor and with her nephrologist to continue searching for answers for both these issues.
- On Friday past I drove up to Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown where Cherlyn Bray (PW at Stamford BC) had gall bladder surgery. I got there in time to pray with her before surgery and then enjoyed a time of fellowship with Pastor Waylen and their son, John Mark, while we waited. The doctor reported that all went well.
- On Sunday past Lyn was still dealing with nausea, fatigue, and other related issues, so she stayed home while I worshiped with the good folks at **Crosspoint, Whitesboro**, where Sam Macri has been pastor since October 1990. Pastor Sam and his wife, Darlene, have both been dealing with some health issues lately, but are now through the worst of it. Darlene was diagnosed with Limns Disease.
- On Sunday evening past several folks from **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** (where I am serving as church planter/pastor) met at the local pizzeria, as our custom is from time to time. Four of our "Florida families" are back to visit – some for a few days, some for a few weeks, and some for a few months. It was great to fellowship with the gang together again.
- Prayer Request: The **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** Leadership Team will be meeting with the leadership at the local Seventh Day Adventist Church on Thursday morning to discuss using their facilities for Sunday morning Sunday School and Worship. More details if and when this is worked out.

### **This Week in Preview**

- 30<sup>th</sup> ANV Jeff & Debbie O'Brien (AP&W @ Northside, Liverpool)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk
- 3<sup>rd</sup> BD Pam Hundley (PW @ Emmanuel, Cortland)

## **Missionary of the Week**

As we come to our prayer time today, we are reminded that we are blessed to live in a country where we can live out our Christian faith without fear. But we must remember that many places around the world are very different. Our missionary today we'll just call Joy. That's because she serves in a nation in South Asia where being a missionary is dangerous. This is a mostly Muslim country and one of the ways women dress up is by making designs on their hands with "henna" which is a non-permanent dye. Now, Joy has learned how to not just make those designs, but she also makes designs that help her tell Bible stories. Joy met a woman we'll call Miriam at a local children's center. Joy was able to tell her Bible stories using the henna. When Miriam's husband found her reading the Bible, he slapped her - and left. While he was gone, Miriam gave her heart to Christ and became a Christian. When her husband returned, Miriam told him she was going to continue to follow Christ, no matter what. Joy asked Miriam to lead other study groups, using the henna designs to tell Bible stories and lead other women to become followers of Christ. Today, let's just take a moment to thank God for Joy's faithfulness in serving in South Asia. And let's ask Him to bless Miriam, her new faith and her new ministry. Let's pray while we're at it that Miriam's husband would also come to faith in Christ! This is not just a story from far away. Our church supports Joy and her ministry through our Cooperative Program giving.

## **Have You Heard This One?**

### **Have Some Pun Fun With These!**

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from a geometry class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
4. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be Stationery.
5. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for Littering.
6. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
7. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

8. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: "You stay here; I'll go on a head."
9. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit Me.
10. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: "Keep off the Grass."
11. The midget fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
12. In a democracy, it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your count that votes.
13. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive."
14. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root-canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.
15. There was the person who sent ten puns to friends with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.