

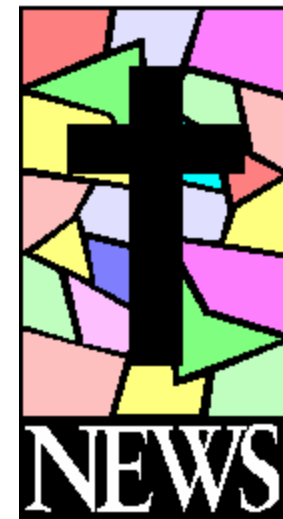
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Your Church Newsletter

August 2007



Pastor's Corner

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

I think that most of us will agree that it isn't easy to follow Jesus. Oh, we really want to but Jesus is often going in a direction that is quite different from where we want to go. I found this so very true in my own life in recent months. With the unexpected death of my beloved wife of forty-one years Betty Lou, in April of this year, I really didn't desire to go anywhere but to the home we were preparing for our eventual retirement.

Though my love for God didn't decrease any or my faith in His love for me, I felt I didn't have the strength to go on. Jesus told a parable of a man who left his ninety-nine sheep to go out and look for the lost one. Though spiritually I wasn't lost, I certainly was emotionally and Christ came after me. I was able to pack up and make the move to serve once again in strange surroundings while leaving my family and close friends, my support group behind. Jesus has carried my cross once again for me and remained loving and faithful as always. He has made my inadequacies apparently adequate from the reception I have received from everyone involved with my new church families of Ransomville and Fillmore Chapel. I cannot express how much your reaching out to me has meant. I am still hurting very much from my loss of Betty and heaven's gain, but with Christ's continued love and help, along with yours I know that together we still can bring Christ's light not only into the darkness of my pain, but into the lives of others who also are hurting and especially those who don't know Jesus personally as their Lord and Savior. "This is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

September Birthdays

Ransomville

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 5 – Nancy Meyer | 22 – Sue Harbison |
| 5 – Dana Hartchett | 24 – Liz Maacks |
| 6 – Karin Harbison | 25 – Katie Jacobs |
| 11 – Paul Manchester | 27 – Adam Roberts |
| 14 – Vaughan DeWinter | 29 – Kristen Olsen |
| 19 – Jenny Spring | 29 – Bev Chauvin |

FILLMORE CHAPEL

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| 6 – Darlyn Orzetti | 16 – Carol Houwaart Diez |
| 6 – Jennifer Jordan | 16 – Carol Gaillard |
| 6 – Jordan Tweed | 18 – Sarah Brown |
| 8 – Ann Lederhouse | 19 – Claudia Fleckenstein |
| 8 – Kim Sembert | 20 – Leo Hillman |
| 10 – Kenneth Robert Zimmerman | 21 – Daniel Roberts |
| 13 – Karen Jordan | 22 – Evelyn Peters |
| 15 – Jessica Senek | 22 – Jessie Jesson |
| 15 – Isabella Grace Standish | 23 – Chris Markelonis |
| | 24 – Kenneth Schultz |

Anniversaries

Ransomville

- 1 – Roger & Patricia Poette
- 6 – Rich & Bev Chauvin
- 8 – Paul & Betty Manchester
- 11 – Tom & Pam Jacobs
- 13 – Jim & Ruth Blanchard
- 23 – David & Linda Randall

Fillmore Chapel

- 13 – Michael & Karen Jordan
- 15 – Charles & Jessie Michel
- 15 – Jeff & Shelly Wilkinson
- 20 – Terry & Debbie Skellen
- 25 – Bernard & Evelyn Peters

Praying For This Month

(Please note that the names will be removed after six weeks unless renewed for another six weeks.)

Fillmore Chapel

Charles T. Michel(3)

Kathy Michel(3)

Leroy Zastrow(3)

Elain Baia(3)

Edith Ledrhouse(3)

Terry Zastrow(3)

Steve Hurtgam(3)

Janet Schultz(3)

Skip Seeger(2)

Ruth Stewart(1)

Kevin Hanes(1)

Family & friends of Dorothy Breckon

Remember in prayer the men and women in our armed forces (Bruce Schultz, Timothy Truesdell, Jeff Kramer, Ian Zerby, Kurt Mieth, Chris Hamby, Benjamin Smith, Christopher Latta, Adam Zerby, Eddie Jackson, Duane Jacobs, Justin Neumann) and the families of those who have lost loved ones in the conflict.

Ransomville

Rick Diez(3)

Ray Helsel(3)

Jan LeBrun(3)

Gloria Wiepert(3)

News and Announcements

*Congratulations to **Doug Diez** on being named Citizen of the Year for the Town of Porter.*

Ransomville Church is looking for Sunday School teachers for the fall. If you are interested, please contact Amy Olsen.

Ransomville Church has many new and wonderful books in the library. Stop in and check one out. Reading is a great way to relax in the summer and grow spiritually as well as entertain.

We have found a video camcorder in the Ransomville Church Library. If anyone has any information to whom it belongs to please let the trustees know.

Fillmore Chapel has an antique cabinet to sell to make room for the new lift. The cabinet measures 5' by 3 ½'. The cabinet may be seen before or after Sunday Worship. Closed bids will be accepted until September 1st.

Ransomville Church is continuing to raise money for the new roof for the parsonage. Please help by putting your contribution in the collection plate marked **“Roof”** or mail to: Janet Fedak, Recording Secretary, 3772 Ransomville Road, Ransomville NY, 14131. Thank you for your help.

August Birthdays

Ransomville

4 – James Piva
6 – Doug Diez
8 – Al Strasburg
12 – Moniaca LaRock
15 – Dylan Proper
17 – Frances Diez
18 – Christian & Lauryn Proper
19 – Shane Gamble
23 – Earl Steiner
25 – Kaite Jacobs
30 – Reta Hanson

FILLMORE CHAPEL

1 – Charles Michel
4 – Fred Lederhouse
6 – Jordynn Koroschetz
8 – Becky Fleckenstein
8 – Katey Fleckenstein
15 – Dara Johannes
25 – Tammy Roberts Seick
25 – Kimberley Chase
29 – Ruth Stewart
29 – Emily Sembert
30 – Brenda Johannes
31 – Donna M. Johannes

Anniversaries

Ransomville

2 – Clyde & Sue Burmaster
11 – James & Judy Denio
25 – Earl & Patricia Robins
31 – George & Charlotte Mayer

Fillmore Chapel

29 – H. Bruce & Sue Lederhouse

As I try to get settled in and hopefully get back to some resemblance of a normal routine, I would ask for your continued love and patience and also co-operation. I will plan on having Bible study start up sometime mid September. I know that no matter what day or time I choose unfortunately it will not fit someone's schedule. I am Sensitive to this and I would ask to hear from those who cannot make it (most likely the study will be Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM) to see if two study times are possible.

I know that many of you would like a pastoral visit in your home once or twice a year, while others would prefer to call me when they feel the need. Of course, if I'm aware of shut-ins and hospital stays, I will do my best to try to make these visits unannounced. I would ask that anyone who would like a pastoral visit to please call me either at the church office to make an appointment, or at the parsonage. Beverly will also be able to schedule pastoral visits for me and if there is a problem then I will get back to you.

Thanks to all of you again for everything. A special thanks to all the ladies who helped me gain another five pounds with the delicious meals. God bless you all.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Les

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P.S. If there are any retired or current English teachers reading this then I apologize to you for not paying better attention in class. Please excuse the spelling, grammar, punctuation, and any other errors.

Activities & Meetings

Ransomville Administrative Council – Meeting is Thursday, August 9th at 7:00 PM in the library.

Fillmore Chapel Administrative Council – Meeting is Sunday, August 19th following worship.

Bible Study – Discontinued for the summer.

Youth Group – There will be no regular meetings this month. Activities for August will be announced in the bulletin.

Fillmore Chapel United Methodist Women will meet on August 7th at 7:00 PM. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. Hazel Lederhouse is president.

Ransomville United Methodist Women: The meeting will be September 20, 2007 at 1:00 PM. Hostess: Bev Jeffery, Devotions: Ruth Kennedy, Program: Ellen Truesdell, Refreshments: Shirley Schroeder.

Thank you to Ray Graf and Mick Cramer for painting Pastor Les's office. New carpeting has been installed and the office looks great!

Community News

Ransomville “Concerts in the country”

Ransomville Library Gazebo

August 2

Custode & Parisi

Sophisticated Jazz & Swing

August 9

90 West

Classic Country and Rock Tunes

Blues Mondays

Hennepin Park Gazebo

4th & Center Street, Lewiston

August 6

Patti Parks Band

August 13

J. J. Moscato

August 20

Greg Juke & the Mighty No-Stars

August 27

Joe Beard

Village of Youngstown

Summer Concerts

August 3

Fiddlesticks

Old Time Country Fiddling

August 10

Custode & Parisi

Sophisticated Jazz & Swing

August 17

The Frankfurters

Traditional German Music

August 24

The Jerry D'Amico Band

August 31

The Bob Volkman Band

Oldies, Rhythm & Blues

And Dance Music

Youth News From Hap Skellen

The youth will not be meeting weekly this summer. We are trying to do activities about every other week. In July we had a breakfast at *Knead the Dough*, we also had a movie night with ice cream sundaes in the youth area in Ransomville. This past Sunday we had a soup/salad/brownie dinner at Fillmore Chapel.

Following dinner we started a new series on friendship and how we can use the same ideas becoming friends to become closer friends with God. The series uses food to get the lesson started. Then we had a bonfire and smores. All had a great time!!!!

August events are still being planned. One event will be a mystery night. The teens will be told what time to be at the church and any money they may need and we will be out but **Where????** We will have movie night again. If possible we will have a swimming party and another food and friendship night and a possible night of games. We would love to see you there. If you have any questions see Hap or Mom York. You can e-mail Hap at hskellen@aol.com.

Also this fall youth will be held on Sunday nights.

Fillmore Chapel News

Fillmore Chapel is sad to accept the resignation of Jim Stojak as head of the Administration Council. Jim will be missed in that position. Please pray for someone to step up to fill this position. Anyone interested please let Pastor Les know. We will be picking this person at the September meeting. Please pray that God will call the right person to lead this church to the next step.

The lift is in and being used every Sunday. If you need to know how to use it see Hap, Terry, or Uncle Ted. We still have some finishing work to do.

Remember the carnival coming up on September 21 – 22. Friday night we will be doing our famous **chicken chowder**. Saturday will be our **Chicken barbecue** and our outdoor **basket auction** with a bake sale. We will need lots of help that weekend. Please see Hap. Watch for a couple of planning meetings in the next few weeks. Remember we will need baskets.

We will be holding closed bids for sale of the cabinet in the back of the church. All bids have to be in by September 1, 2007. Please give the bids to Pastor Les.

Anyone wanting the old desk in the back of the church, see Hap, it is free or we will be burning it shortly.

The over 18 group met at Skellen's cottage. We had great food, games and bonfire. We had around 20 people show up. Thanks to all who came. Watch for the next event in the bulletin.

