

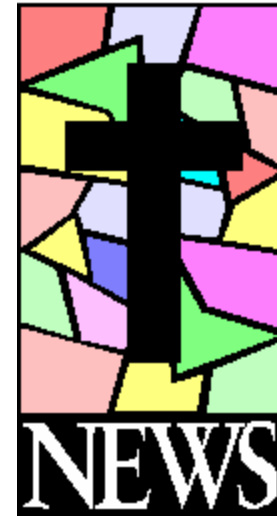
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Your Church Newsletter

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From Your Pastor

Dear Church Family,

Lately some of the members of our congregation have had to deal with situations that have caused a great deal of stress. Illnesses, surgery, personal problems, the death of loved ones, and family members fighting in Iraq are just some of the problems our folks are facing. There are people around us who are struggling with issues that we don't even know about. We don't have much control over our problems, but we can do things to lower our stress.

One thing we can do is set aside a time each day to quietly listen to God; just five minutes of prayerfully sitting still thinking about God. Another great stress remover is to talk to friends. Don't keep your concerns a secret, share them with someone you can trust and depend on for support. Make sure you don't isolate yourself and your troubles; do things where you are around people, for instance worship and Bible Study. Do a little exercise each day; walk with a partner and use it as a time to share your feelings or walk alone and use the time to talk to God.

The important thing is no one is alone; if you want support, you have to talk to not only God but others. Both are there to help you. Just tell them what you need.

God's love be with you,
Rev. John

February Birthdays

Ransomville

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| 3 – Nancy Trank | 15 – Dorothy Baker |
| 5 – Eric Olsen | 19 – Dean Schroeder |
| 6 – Pam Jacobs | 19 – Paige Hardison |
| 7 – Earl J. Robins | 21 – Steve Olsen |
| 10 – Tom Jacobs | 25 – Patricia Robins |
| 11 – Gina Piva | 26 – Daniel Schroeder |
| 11 – Samuel Schroeder | 27 – Lila Myers |

FILLMORE CHAPEL

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| 2 – Mona Carney | 17 – Megan Tweed |
| 2 – Doug Ortiz | 18 – C. Kenneth Wills, III |
| 2 – Donna Sulinski | 24 – Jeff Wilkinson |
| 9 – Cindy Stewart | 25 – Caleb Canfield |
| 13 – Brett Senek | |

but Reverend John is always available 24 hours a day if you need him. His home phone number is 751-9376.

Remember in Prayer

Cindy Stewart, Ruth Stewart, Doug Ortiz, Mary Ruth Blanchard, Harold Barnes, Marjorie Jeffords, Dorothy Lane, Janet Fedek, Rick Diez, Gary Alger, Fred Lederhouse, Marge Rushton, David Bills, Shirley Williams, Doug Canfield, Todd & Amy Hauser, Evann Hauser, Elaine Baia, Diane Cameron, Gloria Wiefert, Nancy Trank, Philo Brooks, Hap Skellen, Rhonda Sortorte, Mary Ellen Belschner, Donna O'Toole, family & friends of Clyde Snyder (grandfather of Katelin & Ian Kennedy) family & friends of Carolyn Kline, mother of Stephanie Sikora, family & friends of the mother of John Sikora, family & friends of Lucille Snell.

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

Reverend John's office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. Due to emergencies and unexpected interruptions he may not always be in the office so you might find it more convenient to call before visiting. Church office is 791-4978. Friday is his day off

Activities & Meetings

Ransomville Administrative Council – Meeting is Thursday, February 8th at 7:00 PM.

Fillmore Chapel Administrative Council – Meeting is Sunday, February 18th immediately following worship.

Ladies Prayer & Support Group – Mondays at 10:00 AM in Ransomville.

Bible Study – Bible Study is held each Monday evening at 7:00 PM at Ransomville.

Youth Group – Every Thursday from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in Ransomville.

Fillmore Chapel United Methodist Women will meet on February 6th at 7:00 PM. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month.

Ransomville United Methodist Women will meet on February 21st at the home of Millie Hillman. The meeting is at 1:00 PM. They will have a *Show and Tell Program*.

Thanks again,
Residents of Ransomville Manor

News and Announcements

February 21 – Ash Wednesday

February 25 – 1st Sunday of Lent, Communion

Upcoming Events

Fillmore Chapel Chowder Sale, Saturday, February 3rd. The sale will be starting at 11:00 AM and continuing until the chowder is gone.

United Ducks Annual Super Bowl Sub Sale, Saturday, February 3rd and Sunday February 4th. Funds raised will support the Teen Retreat this spring.

Thank You Notes

Dear members of the Ransomville United Methodist Church,
Thank you all for thinking of us this holiday season. We enjoyed the gifts you sent our way.
We appreciate your generosity.

**Youth News
From Hap Skellen**

This is a busy time for the United Ducks. Our retreat is coming up fast. We will be holding our retreat the last weekend in March and again we will be using the retreat center in Olcott. It offers us a great place close to home. We stay in a house that holds 20 people, the teens do the cooking, and the dishes and we will have a program for the weekend. The center offers us a rec room, gym, bonfires and much more. We again will be joined by the youth from Warrens Corners. We will end the weekend worshipping with the Newfane Baptist Church.

As with anything, this event cost us the bulk of our budget each year. We have tried not to use the money set aside in the budgets of each church, knowing that each church can use the money else where. We have also stopped a lot of fundraisers, because people are tired of buying candy, calendars etc.

So we need your support for our up coming sub sale February 3 – 4, 2007 (Saturday, Sunday). See inserts in the bulletins for details.

They are great subs at a great price. Please come out and support our retreat.

As for the rest of the month, the United Ducks were on hold, due to someone getting sick and being in the hospital. We are still planning our breakfast the last Sunday of the month.

Upcoming events are Bowling, movie night, possible sleepover at the church and the retreat.

We meet every Thursday at the Ransomville Church from 6:30 – 8:00 PM, and all are welcome.

If you would like to make a donation to the Youth for programs, see Hap, Pastor John or Mom York.

In closing I hated when the youth had to stop because I was in the hospital. I'm looking for someone who might like to help fill in if something comes up, why should the teens suffer. If you are interested see Hap.

Communion 2007

February 25, 2007	Communion First Sunday of Lent
April 5, 2007	Communion Maundy Thursday
May 27, 2007	Communion Pentecost Day
October 7, 2007	Communion World Communion Sunday
November 18, 2007	Communion
December 2, 2007	Communion First Sunday of Advent

Fillmore Chapel Trustee's Report

We are still working on the elevator, we will be deciding on the company in the next couple of weeks. We hope to get started by the end of February. Please watch the bulletin for the dates we will need your help getting started (hold in there Uncle Ted).

As you look around in the windows, the plates are done and up with the name of the person who the window was redone in memory of. Our recycle bin is in and being used, bring your recyclables with you to church and put in the bin. The money from the bin will be given to local charities.

When our elevator gets finished then we can finish some other projects, painting the sanctuary walls, repairing pews and maybe a new carpet. Anything you see needing repair tell a trustee. Thank you to all that help Fillmore a great place to come and worship.

New, new, new happening at Fillmore.

What makes Fillmore a great place to come? Her people. We are going to try a couple of new ideas.

1. An old fashion fellowship dinner after church, the last Sunday in February (February 25). After Sunday service in the fellowship hall. Mark the date and watch the bulletin for details. Just think, you hate that bell that cuts you short during our sign of peace. Stay and have great cooking and fellowship without the bell. See you there.
2. An adult group that will get together and do different activities, possible activities like bowling, breakfast, movie nights and many more. Watch for details.

