

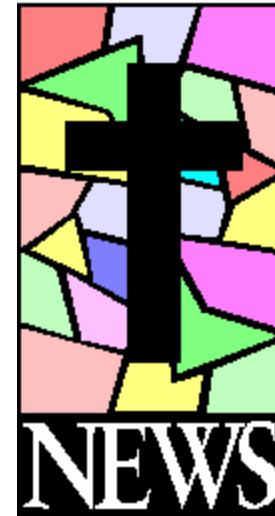
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Your Church Newsletter

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From Your Pastor

It is with pleasure that I announce Bev Jeffery as the Ransomville Lay Person for 2007. Bev loves her church and over the years what hasn't she done for it? We are going to recognize Bev during worship at Ransomville on Sunday, June 3rd and then there will be a dinner/reception for her at noon in the church fellowship hall.

Bev's faith, her loyalty and her hard work made her an obvious choice for the Administrative Council.

Rev. John

PS. Fillmore Chapel is in the process of choosing their own Lay Person of the year and they will recognize the person on July 15, 2007.

May Birthdays

Ransomville

1 – Tim Truesdell	13 – Amanda Mayer
1 – Connie Diez	15 – Jeanette Brooks
6 – Linda Steck	15 – James Denio
7 – Jessica Horvath	19 – Erva Graf
7 – Philo Brooks	19 – Sharon Strasburg
10 – Nathan Spring	23 – Jayne Spring
11 – Charlotte Mayer	26 – Christian Van Den Bosch
11 – Lydia Bodner	30 – Hugh Nevins

FILLMORE CHAPEL

6 – Hap Skellen	20 – Ellen Diez
8 – Lindsay Andrasik	21 – Jeremy Andrasik
9 – Amber Lederhouse	23 – Corinne Schlyer
9 – Kathy Michel	26 – Arlene Moore
14 – Carrie Skellen	29 – Norman Daniels
19 – Stephen Diez	31 – Frank Canfield

Anniversaries

Fillmore Chapel

5 – Chuck & Cathy Wills
6 – Malcom & Brenda Johannes
12 – John & Patty Susice Jr.
13 – Henry & Maureen Koroschetz
25 – Russell & Kathy Harris

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, Elaine Baia, Diane Cameron, Gloria Wiepert, Mary Ellen Belschner, Sylvia McNair, Dawn Upshaw, Ray Henderson, Dale Ellsworth, Jenn Miner, Edith Lederhouse, Teresa Trank, Dan Kilmer's mother, Charles T. Michel, Jr., Leroy Zastrow, Terry Zastrow, Jennifer Truesdell, Denise Best, Deanna Palmatier. Steve Hurtgam, Stephen Trank.

Remember in prayer the men and women in our armed forces (Bruce Schultz, Timothy Truesdell, Jeff Kramer, Ian Zerby, Kurt Mieth, Chris Hamby, Christopher Smith, Benjamin Smith, Christopher Latta, Adam Zerby, Eddie Jackson, Duane Jacobs) and the families of those who have lost loved ones in the 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 but Reverend John is always available 24 hours a day if you need him. His home phone number is 751-9376.

Activities & Meetings

Ransomville Administrative Council – Meeting is Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 PM in the library.

Fillmore Chapel Administrative Council – Meeting is Sunday, May 20th immediately following worship.

Bible Study – Discontinued for the summer.

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

Fillmore Chapel United Methodist Women will meet on May 1st at 7:00 PM. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. Hazel Lederhouse is president. All women are welcome to join.

Fillmore Chapel Adult Group will meet on May 20th.

Community News

June 2 –3: Community Garage Sale

June 9: Community Fair

Ransomville United Methodist Women

The Women met on April 19th at the home of Millie Hillman. They had a *Show and Tell*. Shirley Williams brought in a beaded necklace from Arizona. Ellen Truesdell showed her postcards from England. The cards belonged to her mother from many years ago. Ruth Kennedy displayed an intricately carved dish. Grace Baker's great granddaughter made the Indian bead necklace that she shared. Millie Hillman showed a book written by *Kate Emerson* with information of the markers of soldiers from all the wars. Everyone enjoyed seeing and hearing about all the items.

The next meeting will be on May 17th. The Hostess will be Erva Graf, devotions by Reta Hanson and refreshment will be provided by Bev Jeffery.

Youth News From Hap Skellen

The big news is the youth group has returned to Wednesday nights at 6:30 – 8:00 PM. The meetings are still held in the youth area in the Ransomville Church. This past month we had our big teen retreat at the Olcott Bible Grounds with the youth from Warrens Corners youth. We had 21 in all including adults.

Friday night was a time to get to know each other, get the basic theme for the weekend and a game of blanket volleyball (you put blankets over the net so you don't see the ball coming). This was a blast! Everyone played. Then we watched a movie, which was based on the theme of the weekend "What do I think of me?" There was not a dry eye in the room when the movie was over.

Saturday was a day of multi-activities. The day had two sessions of girls only and boys only. They were lead by Barb (for the girls) and Pastor Carl (for the boys). They had great discussions. That night we reacted the Easter Story from the Last Supper praying in the garden, coming into the city, the trial and the nailing on the cross. We were served communion by Pastor Carl, and had a Prayer time with nail pounding in the background. We ended the night with a movie.

Sunday we got up and had wrap-up time giving out ribbons (ask a teen what the ribbons were for). Then we all attended church at the Baptist Church of Newfane and shared communion with them.

A special thank you to Laurie and Ron for going along, taking care of the food and helping with the teens. A special thank you to Pastor Carl for helping all day on Saturday, as I had to leave to finish my Lay speaker class. My hope was that lives would be changed during this weekend and they were. You could see it happening as the weekend went along. Thank you to each of you who bought from our fundraisers over the year.

Our next event is the teen breakfast at *Knead The Dough Restaurant* at 8:00 AM on Sunday April 29th. Other upcoming events are bowling, party at the lake an overnigher at the church, skating, miniature golf and much more. Pray for this group of teens that they will find the love of God.

It gets harder each year for me working with the youth as school and other activates are put ahead of the youth group. The idea of what the youth group is all about, and the reason we are here is changing. I still need some adult help with special activates, driving, sleeping over at the church and a leader for a teen Bible Study. If you are interested, please see hap.

Fillmore Chapel Trustee's Report

We have signed the contract with Lift-Avator. Our elevator will be here in June. The hard part is getting ready for the lift. We have plans in hand and a building permit. We now need you. We need to cut the hole, pour the foundation, build the walls and finish them and run electric. Watch for scheduled workdays or see Hap. There will be a trustees meeting coming up in May. Watch the bulletin for the date.

Fillmore Chapel Upcoming Events

We will be having a mother/daughter breakfast on Mother's Day, May 13th. The breakfast will start at 8:00 AM.

Did you know that come this June, Uncle Ted will have been a member of Fillmore Chapel for 70 years? He was 15 years old when he became a member in 1937.

The love of your church truly showed this past week. If you drove by Fillmore Chapel you would have seen a 75-year-old lady raking the lawn. No one asked her, she did it for the love of her church. It is people like that that keep Fillmore going and makes her a special place to belong. Thank you to all the unsung heroes of Fillmore, you make her special. Fillmore is her people and working together.

Fillmore Chapel Adult Group

The adult group held a game night at Laurie's house on Friday, April 13th. We had about 18 – 20 people show up. We had great food and drinks. We played table games and card games. Everyone had a great time!

The next event is Sunday May 20th. We will be going bowling. Tentative plans are for 3:30 PM at the *Allie Brandt's Lanes* in Lockport. We hope more can make it this month.

