

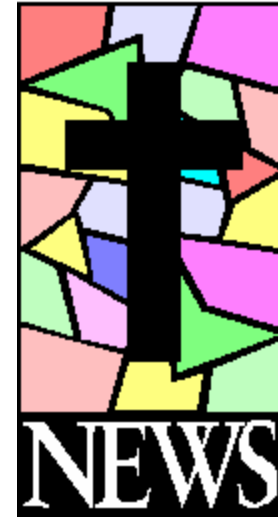
# ***SONRISE EDITION***

**RANSOMVILLE  
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# From Your Pastor

I am going to try an idea I have been working on with the Administration Council. Then we will try it with the Congregation. I call it *The Solution Focused Church*.

1. We are going to take an inventory of what is good about our church.
2. We are going to list our strengths and resources.
3. We are not going to discuss all our problems.
4. We will ask the question what can we do different? If we are at a certain point and we are unsatisfied, what can we do differently?
5. Imagine, you go home from council meeting and a miracle occurs, not someone giving the church a million dollars or 100 people show up to join the church, but something happens that really changes the church in a positive way. What would the church look like? What would people notice that is different?

We are going to try this idea and see what happens. The goal is to become a church that doesn't dwell on problems, but instead looks for solutions.

Rev John

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

### RANSOMVILLE

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 - Roger Poette       | 19 - Suzanne Cassick |
| 3 - Curtis Hopkins Jr. | 20 - Austin Hauser   |
| - David Spring         | 21 - Sharon York     |
| - Patricia Poette      | 24 - Joan Cramer     |
| 11 - Judy Denio        | 26 - Susan Truesdell |
| 14 - Todd Hauser       | 27 - Chris Burmaster |
| 17 - Jeremy Diez       | 30 - Earl C. Robins  |
| 18 - Richard Wade, Sr. | 31 - Esther Hardison |

### Fillmore Chapel

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 - Malcom Johannes     | 19 - Herbert Lederhouse |
| 3 - Patricia Susice     | 21 - Joseph Markelonis  |
| 5 - Theresa Wills       | 22 - Mason Seger        |
| - Amy Sulinski          | 24 - Kaitlin Koroschetz |
| 13 - Cheryl Andrasik    | 26 - Laurie Schultz     |
| 14 - Matthew Koroschetz | 29 - Kailey Schultz     |
| 15 - Bruce Schultz, Jr. | 31 - Charles Stojak     |

## ANNIVERSARIES

### RANSOMVILLE

- 24 -- Dan & Sue Harbison
- 26 -- Steven & Amy Olsen
- 28 -- William & Bernice McLaughlin

### FILLMORE CHAPEL

- 2 -- Ed & Jane Wendt
- 14 -- Jonathan & Shannon Stoelting
- 21 -- Fred & Hazel Lederhouse

## Community Events

**October 1<sup>st</sup> is the third annual Cabbage Festival.** It will take place from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM on the grounds of the Ransomville Fire Co. Highlighting the event is a cabbage leaf fashion show for adults and children at 3:00 PM. There's much more to this year's Cabbage Festival than just the fashion show. Also featured will be an array of cabbage-inspired dishes; a farmer's market, crafts, a recipe contest, cabbage toss competitions and more. The Country Classics Band will provide entertainment.

Children will be able to enjoy free pumpkin painting, a petting zoo, pony rides, the Niagara River Anglers Fish Pond, a fun run and other activities. Festival goers can also enjoy watching the creation of chain saw art.

**North Ridge United Methodist Church** will be holding a Basket Fair, Bake Sale and a Chowder Sale on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 - 3:00 PM. Chowder will be ready at 11:00 AM and will be available by the gallon or bowl.

**National Christian College Fair** will be held Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, Main Campus 8445 Greiner Road, Williamsville. There will be a financial aid seminar at 7:45 PM. For more information contact Jillian Carey at Houghton College. (800)777-2556 or [jillian.carey@houghton.edu](mailto:jillian.carey@houghton.edu).

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**October 1** - World Communion Sunday

**October 1** - Penny and food collection

**October 11** - National Christian College Fair

**October 22** - Laity Sunday.

### Activities & Meetings

**Fillmore Chapel Administrative Council** - Meeting is Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> immediately following worship.

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

**Choir Rehearsal** - Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Ransomville.

**Youth Group** - Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Ransomville. Youth group is open to all youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Feel free to bring a friend.

**Bible Study** - Monday evenings at 7:00 PM starting October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**United Methodist Women** - Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

## Fillmore Chapel Trustee's Report

I have heard so many people say when they drive by our little church, how cute and well kept it is and they would like to see the inside. Well recently we have noticed more people coming to check us out on Sunday worship service. Some have stayed, some have left, but it is telling us our hard work is doing something, and they are coming. We have to keep going, keep improving Fillmore Chapel. We have come a long way and we still have a ways to go.

Our next step is the elevator. Hopefully we can get started soon; we are waiting on a few details from the company. Fillmore Chapel is more than a building; it is her people, and what we do best, working together. Watch the bulletin for ways you can help.

### *Remember in Prayer*

**Cindy Stewart, Ruth Stewart, Doug Ortiz, Mary Ruth Blanchard, Harold Barnes, Marge Jeffords, Ruth Schultz, Dorothy Lane, Janet Fedek, Rick Diez, Jim Williams, Gary Alger, Fred Lederhouse, Marilyn Horne, Jerry Cuddahae, Sharon York, Paul Manchester, Marge Rushton, David Bills, Doug Diez, Rita Hansen, Daryl Landers.**

Remember in prayer the men and women in our armed forces (Bruce Schultz, Timothy Truesdell, Jeff Kramer, Ian Zerby, Kurt Mieth, Chris Hamby, Mark Tupper, Christopher Smith & Benjamin Smith.) and the families of those who have lost their lives in this conflict.

## Ransomville United Methodist Women

The women met on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. They are continuing to share their memories of their early life. This month they enjoyed hearing from Emma DeWinter. At the November meeting, Liz Maacks will be sharing her story. Everyone is welcome to join. The meetings are the last Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM.

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

## Letters and Notes

Hello! The doctor, Dr. Victor Joseph, sends the following message to you and your congregation for the donations you sent for the hospital here in Ipara, Nigeria:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for everything you are doing here for our clinic. Since I have been open in this place last July I have been praying that our clinic will be able to develop with time. When Kate brought these donations to me it was like a prayer answered. I have been using the donation to buy a new generator to keep power for my patients during the night. Also, I have had a carpenter to built benches and a desk for my waiting area. In my rooms I have installed nets on the window, curtains, and fans to protect my patients from mosquitoes and help keep the temperature down for those with fever. I also use some of the money to buy more drugs for those patients that can't afford the cost. This donation you sent has let me make so many developments in my clinic as you can tell. God bless you friends for this help you have sent. Sincerely, Dr. Victor Joseph.

As you can see money can go a long way here! When I brought the doctor the first donation from Ransomville United Methodist Church he could not believe what I was telling him. Within ten minutes he had called in a carpenter to start measuring for the benches to place in his waiting area. Now the hospital looks like a whole new place! Before people had nowhere to sit as they were waiting to be seen, just had to stand by the wall until he could see them. Now there are nice new benches and a desk for the nurses to check people in. None of the patient's rooms had screens on the windows, so mosquitoes would bite the patients all night, even those who already had malaria! The patients with fever would be so miserable because there was often no power or fans to help keep their temperature down. The doctor has so many plans to develop the clinic, but it is really impossible for him because there just isn't the money to do it.

This is an excerpt from a letter from Katelin Kennedy.

## Youth News From Hap Skellen

The youth will be meeting on Thursday's in the youth room from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. We will be doing special events on the weekends. Our birds have flown south for the winter. Thank you for all who helped to make that a great time. Thank you for all whom helped to keep the birds flying around.

If you like food, you will love our new bible study we will be doing, as we make food dishes, and use them in the study, we will be eating what we make. We will be starting this study October 1<sup>st</sup>. We were invited to play football against Warrens Corners, which we lost, but we had fun trying. Rematch anybody?

We tried to go the corn maze last Sunday, but we got mudded out. There was 6 - 8 inches of mud. So we packed it up and went to Pizza Junction for dinner. Thank you Laurie and Ron for your help. We will be doing three weeks of Bible study and one week of fun activity. Our next fun activity will be a movie night.

We are working on a mystery overnigher, the gathering in Rochester in November, a workday at Camp Asbury in November, bowling and a swimming night, and much more. Come join us!!! If you need a ride to/from see Hap or call 791-3332. This is open to all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students up to a senior.

We will be attending leadership training sessions in Batavia. Come be part of the fun.

A big thanks you to all that have helped with this group, Mom York, Mom Skellen, Laurie & Ron. Thank you.