

THE PATHFINDER

"Making disciples who make a difference."

October 2017

WORSHIP AT ARGYLE CENTRAL SCHOOL October 1 and 8!

Because of the pew replacement project going on in our sanctuary, we will be worshipping in the Cafetorium at Argyle Central School on Sundays, October 1 & 8. Here are some things to know about this.

- We will be parking in the west parking lot and using the Fishbowl Entrance. That is the big glass entrance that is the main entrance for the school off the main parking lot.
- The Nurseries and Children's Church will be using the school library down the hall from the Cafetorium.
- There will be no Sunday School these two weeks, but there will be an extended fellowship time after worship.
- The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on October 1.

THE VIEW FROM THE MANSE

You may be wondering why you have not heard anything about the Turkey Supper this year. That is because the Turkey Supper Committee has decided not to do a supper in 2017. Because of the energy being invested in the pew project and severe illnesses in some of the Committee members' families, we are just not going to be able to do a supper this year. Are you relieved or disappointed by that news? Your response will determine whether we have Turkey Suppers in the future. The Turkey Supper is a great tradition that has served our church well over the years in a number of ways, but it may be time to move on from it. Feel free to shoot me an email to let me know your thoughts.

Steve McLean, Pastor

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P.S. In October Bryan and I will be continuing our sermon series, "Implications of Our Life in Christ." We are looking at 4 primary implications identified by Richard Lovelace in his book, *Dynamics of the Spiritual Life*. He says that "in Christ"...

- We are loved
- We are delivered
- We are not alone
- We have authority



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TRIVIA NIGHT AT APC

The first time I saw Corinne was at a trivia night. It was a fundraiser for a couple seeking to go to Ireland as missionaries. That night was a huge success. Not only did those missionaries make it to Ireland as missionaries, but as a result of that night, I was introduced to my wife. I may not get a lot of the answers right, but trivia nights continue to hold a fond place in my heart.

We are going to be holding a trivia night in Fellowship Hall on October 21 to raise money for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. In case you have never been to a trivia night, the room is divided into teams by table and there are ten rounds of ten questions from various categories. Bragging rights go to the winner. This is a great way to spend time with old friends, make some new ones, have a few laughs, and make a donation to a worthy cause.

- The event will be held Saturday, October 21 at 7 p.m.
- The cost is either \$75 a table or \$10 a person. There can be 8 at a table. You can buy a table and fill it with your friends or you can come and be assigned to a table.
- Participants should be in high school or older.
- Food and drink is to be provided by the members of each table (no alcohol for this event please).

Please invite friends, neighbors, relatives, strangers, and anyone who will help you win.

Space is limited, so please make your reservations soon.

Bryan Fitzgerald, Associate Pastor

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TRUSTEE TALK

Another Busy Month

Sam Steinberg finished up our projects by painting around the church windows and uncovering septic tanks at the church and manse for pumping by Action. Again, a big THANK YOU to Sam for all of the work he has done at our three buildings. The whole place looks great.

The refrigerator at the Yellow House quit and was replaced by a donated refrigerator. Some fall cleaning was done there, as well.

Marty built three, beautiful, mobile bookshelves. They will hold bibles and hymnals at the front and back of the sanctuary and in the balcony. Anyone can pick up a Bible or

hymnal for worship and return it to the bookshelf after the service. Extra Bibles and hymnals will be on sale for \$5. Thank you, Marty!

Please mark your calendar for the Fall Work Day on Saturday, November 4th. It is a wonderful time for work, fellowship, and getting to know people better. There are a variety of jobs for all ages and skill levels. We begin at 8:00 and will finish by noon. There is a wonderful coffee break about 9:30. You will be blessed and will be a blessing, if you attend — guaranteed!

THANK YOU

Dear church family,

Thank you all for the love you have poured on Cody Jeremiah Johnson! We have been given us so many meals, mountains of diapers, and tons of adorable baby gifts. All of these acts of love have served our family, helping our household to run a little more smoothly in the midst of a new baby. Can you do it again next month? Ha ha, just kidding.

We are blessed. Thank you.

Sincerely, Carl, Gabe, Claudia, Catherine & Cody

This thank you may be overdue, but I sincerely appreciate all of your support during and following my recent surgery. Tony and I were grateful for the meals that you sent in. It was also especially nice to receive so many cards and calls with happy thoughts for healing. I felt covered in prayer during the days in the hospital and while I recovered over the summer. We have been blessed over and over by our church family. At my 3-month follow-up, my doctor was saying that the surgery appears to have been a success. Everything looks good. Praise God! I look forward to being back in worship with you soon.

In His Love, Lisa White

Thank you for the beautiful roses and notes from the children. I am praying that the right person is found to fill the position that I have enjoyed for several years. May God continue to bless you all.

Joh Benson

PEW PROJECT

The Final Phase

By the time you read this, the main floor of the sanctuary will be empty. Thank you to everyone who helped, prayed, and contributed to this project. Thanks to Joyce Durkee and crew for lunch on the 30th.

Thanks to Roy, Rick, Jim, Ken and crew for figuring out the best method for pew removal and doing it!

We now have a little more than \$4000 to go for our goal of \$25,000. Thank you for your generosity.

October's schedule:

- 1) On October 2nd, the floor refinishing starts and continues for the week. We will not have access to the sanctuary. Pray for good drying weather for the finish.

- 2) Service Master will clean the sanctuary on 10/9, remove the air scrubbers and plastic covers from the balcony and organ.
- 3) New Holland's installation crew starts work on 10/10 or 11. It will take three days to complete the installation of the new pews. Mike Pollock will install the carpet in the choir loft and on the platform during this week, which will not interfere with New Holland's crew. Concurrently, ARTECH will be upholstering the pews in the balcony.
- 4) On Saturday, 10/14, we will need a few people to help bring the essentials into the sanctuary for worship on Sunday.
- 5) The week of October 16th, Mike will complete the carpet installation on the main floor and in the balcony. The project is then completed! **A few folks will be needed to return everything to its proper place on 10/21.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE

The family of Doris Smith has invited everyone to an Open House Celebration of her 80th Birthday on Sunday, October 8th, 2-4 p.m. @ Ft Hudson Nursing Center. We are asking for no cards or gifts. We will instead have a poster for everyone to sign and put well wished on that we can then hang in her room.

COOKS WANTED!

Do you have a heart for high school kids and want to help out the Young Life leaders? We need cooks for Campaigners on Sunday evenings. We feed 20-30 kids and leaders during Campaigners. This is a great time to get to know some kids in our community. If you are interested, please give me a call for more details. 638-8650 - Karen Lohret

MISSIONS CORNER

You are always invited to join us on Tuesday mornings from 6:30-7 a.m. at the McLean's for Missions' Prayer. We share updates from and pray for our missionaries. Here are some updates from the field:

- Please continue to pray for the release of Andrew Brunson from jail in Turkey.
- Katie McWhorter & Pierre Graessel were married on September 23 in Albertville, France.
- The Open Door has begun the public phase of their fundraising campaign to refurbish their new building it time to host this year's Code Blue Shelter. You can find out more by going to their website - <http://www.opendoor-ny.org>. We will be taking a Christmas offering for this effort.

- Young Life has been accepted as an official club at SUNY Adirondack. Kyle Esposito leads a Bible study during lunch on Mondays and works with students as a “finishing coach” and in the adventure sports program.
- Dan McA continues to teach English in East Africa. This is a skill that is in great demand which gives him the opportunity to meet people and talk with them about Jesus.
- Rob Antonucci spent some time in Central Asia this summer working for the release of a kidnapped missionary. He and Iris return there in October to coach the team they oversee. Iris is working on the Puk translation of the Gospel of Matthew.

THOUGHTS ON PERSONAL BIBLE READING

What has been your experience in reading the Bible? I have asked that question to several people and will be sharing their responses over the next few months. I would love to hear your answers to that question. Send them to steve@argylepresbyterian.org.

Steve

I always struggled with consistent Bible reading until I discovered the New Living Translation. When I started using that, I found myself not wanting to put the Bible down. I think that using different translations (with the caveat that some are better than others) is a good way to keep things "fresh". Another thing that has helped me has been listening to the Daily Audio Bible podcast. I really enjoy that.

Brian Wells

I think the New Living Bible was the first I read cover to cover. Setting that goal for myself seemed like a grown-up/college kind of thing to do.

Kim McLean

Since I was a kid I have always struggled with being able to sit down, focus and read out of a book. Devotionals have really helped me with breaking down stories, where and when to stop and reflect on what I just read. It has really helped me to be able to digest so to speak, and be able to take away important knowledge and lessons. I believe this study method has taught me "how" to read the Bible which in turn has made it more rewarding.

Ray Monroe

Due to the encouragement of Steve and others at APC, I began my daily, committed Bible reading. Typically, Gordy and I have gone to work at different times, which left me alone for breakfast. So, I have breakfast with Jesus. I have a study Bible and recently upgraded to a study and life application Bible. I read a chapter or so every morning, as well as the study/life application notes. I don't even know how many times I have read through the entire Bible this way. But, I do know that having breakfast with Christ is the very best way to start your day!

Eileen Jackson

re/engage

It's not too late to sign up for *re/engage*! We begin on Wednesday, October 4 at 7 p.m. and will continue for 16 weeks. Contact the office if you are interested.

(*re/engage* is a workshop for couples who want to invest in the marriages)

NEWS OF NOTE

- Call the office to sign up for a flu shot sponsored by Rite Aid on Tuesday, October 3 from 8-11 a.m.

ANNUAL YOUNG LIFE BANQUET

November 2

This year Young Life is returning to a banquet format for our annual fundraiser. It will be on Thursday, November 2 at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls. If you would like to hear about how God is at work in the ministry of Young Life in contact Steve McLean or one of the Young Life or WyldLife leaders.

CARRY-IN SUPPER TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

November 11

Our congregation is blessed with many veterans of our armed forces. We are going to honor our veterans this year with a Carry-in Supper on Saturday, November 11 at 5 p.m. Veterans and their families are excused from bringing food. The rest of us will bring a little larger dish to pass to honor you. Please put this date on your calendars.

Argyle Presbyterian Church Women's Ministry presents...
**A series of Short & Sweet opportunities to be
together!**

Choose an opportunity that fit your schedule.

Come hear a testimony and stay for the discussion.

*Something on your heart? Share your story and start the
conversation!*

Thursday Mocktails

*Potluck finger foods & discussion on the front lawn at 6:30pm

OCTOBER 12

Monday coffee @ Dunkin Donuts at 9am

OCTOBER 16 (Greenwich)

Tuesday lunch @ the church picnic table

*Brisk walk around the block at 11:40, BYO lunch & discussion at noon.

OCTOBER 24

Lunch on the 4JFarrm at noon, BYO lunch

*Trail rides at 10am or 1:30.

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BYO lunch & discussion at noon.

NOVEMBER 9

Tuesday dinner @ Panera in Wilton 6pm

*Optional Christmas shopping afterward

NOVEMBER 14

Saturday bonfire (on the church basketball court)

*BYO camp chair for hot cider & s'mores at 7pm

NOVEMBER 18

Monday coffee @ Dunkin Donuts at 9am

NOVEMBER 27 (Greenwich)

DEACONS CORNER

After a short break over the summer, the deacons are planning for a busy fall. We encourage the members of our congregation to come on board with these projects, some old, and one new. All are great ways to share the love of Jesus with different groups of people. We hope you will come alongside of us.

We are bringing back the "new neighbor packets". These folders will be left on the counter in fellowship hall for you to pick up to give to someone new to your neighborhood/community. They are packed with helpful information about local services (as well as tips about fire safety), to try to help them get acclimated as they settle into their new home. When you welcome someone new to your area, introduce yourself and share one of these packets.

The deacons have been trying to brainstorm ways that we can reach out to single parents in our area to see how we might be able to give them some support. We have come up with a brief questionnaire that we are hoping to get some responses from in order to give these families some practical assistance. We will include the questionnaire in our bulletins in the near future, and we hope that you will fill it out if it applies to you, or perhaps pass it along to someone you know who is a single parent.

The deacons are asking for a good amount of support for one of our exciting new projects. We are planning to participate in Operation Christmas Child, which is a project sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. The gist of it is that we will fill shoeboxes with small gifts for a child, who could be living anywhere in the world, possibly in an orphanage or a refugee camp. These boxes, which are geared specifically towards either a girl or a boy within a particular age range, should contain practical items like personal hygiene and school supplies, as well as something special such as a t-shirt, small toys, musical instruments, etc. (Liquids, food/candy, toothpaste, breakables, and any items related to war such as guns, toy tanks, etc. are not allowed.) While we will pack them and send them out in mid-November, they are delivered throughout the season by workers from Samaritan's Purse who add a Bible story book and share the gospel with the children. We will be collecting items over several weeks to be added to the shoeboxes. We could also use monetary donations to cover the cost of shipping. In addition, we would like to have a group of people assist in packing the shoeboxes on the morning of Saturday, November 11th. More information will be presented during worship services.

For more information on any of these projects, please contact Lisa White at 518-638-8479.

Thank you for your continued support of all of the deacons' projects!