

The Circuit Rider

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3 rd	Freewill Dinner at 4:30pm	17 th	SAGE Group meets at 2pm
9 th	Indivisible Meeting at 2pm	18 th	Bright and Cheerful at noon
12 th -26 th	Pastor Ruth's Vacation	20 th	N.O.W. meeting at 6:30pm
13 th	Trustee Meeting at 6:30pm		AA group meets on Friday evening

Choir rehearsals are 7pm on Thursdays. All are welcome!

Chancel Servants for August

Altar Guild: Brenda Holliday and Linda Lamond

Communion Stewards: Sheila Buske and Lori Gibson



The Human Concerns food pantry is in need of non-perishable food items, especially tuna, peanut butter, and boxed mac and cheese. Just bring your items to church, and they will be delivered. Thanks!!



Hi folks! Please start saving items and baking for our next Nu2U and Bake Sale, which will be held September 12th, 13th, and 20th. As always, we need many helpers to set up and to help at the sale. More information will be in the September newsletter 🍪.



Our theme for this year is “Believe, and see the Glory of God!” It comes from the Bible, John 11:1-45. You are encouraged to read the entire passage, but this theme comes from verse 40. Martha is told by Jesus to roll away the stone in front of her brother Lazarus’ tomb after he had been dead for four days. Only then, did Jesus bring Lazarus back from the dead. The Bishop made it clear; “We need to trust God, and put our faith into **action**. We are standing in front of the tombs of our times”.

How can Oswego Trinity put our faith into action? The Bishop made these suggestions:

- First, it involves “Claity” – the combination of laity (us) working with clergy (our pastor) to move the stones of the world so that God can do miracles.
- Second, Jesus was a JEDI – He fought for **J**ustice, **E**quity, **D**iversity, and **I**nclusion. So did our founder, John Wesley. So can we.
- Third, the Bishop urged us to **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously!**

May we together, **believe, and see the Glory of God!**

Birthdays:

- 1 Judith Lake, Willow-Su Knapp
- 12 Margaret Butler
- 17 Jean Heagerty
- 18 Steve Eddy
- 22 Martha Lyon
- 26 Adam Pittenger, Gail Draper
- 31 Allison Heft



If you would like other new dates added,
please just send an email to the church office. 😊😊😊

☀️ **Bright and Cheerful** ☀️

We will meet on the 18th at noon to enjoy lunch and fellowship, as we write cards to our friends of Trinity. We would love to have more people join this wonderful ministry! 🌻

✉️ **Secret Siblings** 📧

Please remember your 'Siblings' with daily prayers, monthly cards, and a small birthday gift!

🙏 **Daily Prayers** 🙏

Please keep the following in your prayers this month:

Parishioners, Friends, and Family:

Those with health concerns: Bea Holliday; Debbie Downs; Mary Seaton; Connie LeBoeuf; Judy Lake; Zeke Seymour; J.R. Simmons; Dave Wadleigh; Nancy Wadleigh; Mark Garlock's father-in-law (Bob); Ed Downs; Will Abare; Nancy Sawyer; Wuxin Shen; Gerrick (Brenda's nephew); Betty Holliday; Cindy Abare; Donna (Gail's sister); Valerie Palmer; Kelly and Alana (Nancy Sawyer's nieces). Those in nursing homes: Ann Rockower; Grace Truell; Cheryl Coe DeLoff; Chuck Himes; Barbara Buske. Please pray for those who are struggling with difficult life choices and uncertainty; Aubrey and Liam Linn and their parents, as well as Rocco Saya. May they discern God's will for them. Those suffering from cancer; those who are homeless; all caregivers; and the health and safety of our families and friends.

Community and World Concerns:

Please pray for democracy, those who have been illegally deported and imprisoned, and leaders to be merciful everywhere. Pray also for all victims of natural disasters, including the recent floods and wildfires. Please pray for those living in fear; especially in Ukraine, Iran, and Israel, as well as in our country. Prayers for all those doing God's work in the world; an end to racism, and the coming of world peace!

Prayers also for Pastor Ruth in her ministry, for Alan Kinney, and Pope Leo XIV.

❤️ **Thank You** ❤️

We express our gratitude for your recent donation of \$87.00 and kind message of appreciation for our work. Your continued generosity has an immediate impact in the lives of our community members who face hunger.

With sincere gratitude, *Board of Directors of Human Concerns, Inc.*

Pastor's Page August 2025

Greetings, siblings in Christ! I pray and trust you have been enjoying our lovely sunny days and have been keeping those who have been affected by the high temperatures in our prayers.

As we enter into the month of August, we are invited to dive into discerning what the words "I Will Call Upon the Lord" refer to. Emphasis will be given to the titles: "God Knows My Name"; "Our Hope is in the Lord"; and "For His Glory" in addition to our guest speaker focus on August 17th and 24th, as Dan and I will be in Puerto Rico.

Your prayers and support are always appreciated!

Our Facebook Live Devotions will continue to be at 8 am and at 8 pm. Please, connect into my personal page (Ruth Rosa Warner) or follow through the Fulton First United Methodist Church page.

Please, consider collaborating for the following:

Bible King studies – Oswego Burger King Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Worship Band practice – Fulton First 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7 pm

Choir Rehearsal – Oswego Trinity Thursdays at 7 pm

Thursday Bible study - Fulton First Friendship room at 5 pm

May the words of the apostle Paul serve as a focus and reminder for this month: "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*" Phil. 4:6-7

Blessings, *Pastor Ruth*



June 2025 Current Expense Report

Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$3,274.72
<i>(This includes cash paid; plus Trinity's portion of SS & Medicare taxes, & some insurances)</i>	
Program Expenses	\$0.00
<i>(This includes Cash used to further our mission as a worshipping community)</i>	
Operations Expenses	\$1,365.35
<i>(This includes all utilities, multi-peril insurance, office supplies, and copier maintenance)</i>	
Conference Billing	\$1,066.32
<i>(This includes shared ministry and retiree premiums)</i>	
Total June Expenditures	\$5,706.39

*Prepared 07/05/25 by Lisa Bartholomew
Reflects June 30 Paychecks*

Doing Your Part

Climate change is a sure thing in our present and our future. Sometimes we think that there is nothing we can do, but there are many small things each day that can have a big effect, if we all do them together! Here are a few examples:

- Reuse/recycle plastic items, such as takeout containers, beverage bottles, and plastic food packages. Reduce your use of plastic dishes and utensils.
- Save energy and water by running full dishwashers and washing machines.
- If possible, compost food scraps to reduce garbage waste...it's good for your gardens!
- Recycle paper, cardboard, and food boxes.
- Switch to energy-saving LED bulbs.
- Close windows and curtains on hot days, open them on cool nights.
- Run AC units at 70° or above, and only as needed to keep you comfortable.
- Help our pollinators by leaving wildflowers in your gardens and lawns. Remember....if we don't feed the bees and butterflies, they can't pollinate our food plants!
- Mow your lawn less frequently to save gas and watering.

There are many more things we can do to reduce our energy needs and help to create a better world for future generations. Let's save God's beautiful creation one step at a time!

Administrative Council Minutes July 16, 2025

Present: Pastor Ruth Rosa Warner, Sheila Buske, Mike Lund, Pam Hill, Diana McKenna.

Excused: Lisa Bartholomew, LaDonna Tucker, Marge Zeller, Connie LeBoeuf.

Sheila opened the meeting with scripture (1 Peter 4:11-13) and prayer at 6:45. The minutes of May 21st were reviewed. Pam moved to accept, Diana seconded, approved.

CE Treasurer report through June 30th:

Income:

- Received for budget: \$31,737.00
- Local mission: \$569.00
- Conference mission: \$4,518.00
- Total income: \$36,824.00
- Checking account balance: \$44,071.56

Expenses:

- Personnel: \$19,606.65
- Program: \$99.29
- Operations: \$8,516.09
- Conference: \$6,397.92
- Total expenses: \$34,619.95

Mike moved to accept, Pam seconded, approved.

Trustee treasurer report through June 30th:

- Trustee income: \$3,300.00
- Restoration income: \$266.00
- Memorial/misc. income: \$510.00
- Total income: \$4,076.00
- Total expenses: \$618.00
- Balance of all accounts: \$127,775.75

Sheila moved, Pam seconded, approved.

Trustee Report

- Mike installed the office AC unit, and turned on the outside water and the cellar exhaust fan. He will create a transition 'ramp' for the sanctuary/chapel doorway to make it more accessible.
 - Art Jones should do the work in the basement in the next couple weeks. Mike will ask him about adding more attic insulation, and rehang the doors in order to be able to add weatherstripping.
 - Pam has talked with Scott from Brennan Glass about repairing the leaded glass door panels, and has sent pictures.
 - The chain and some stakes are here for the perimeter fence...it will be installed in the fall.
 - We will schedule a free energy audit when the weather is colder.
- Pam moved, Sheila seconded, approved.

Pastor Report

Pastor Ruth is blessed to be serving her brothers and sisters in Christ at Trinity, and we are blessed by her spirituality and enthusiasm. She will be away for 2 weeks in August, and has asked Marge to cover the 17th and 24th.

Nurture

- Pastor Alan led studies on Lectio Divina and "The Jew Named Jesus" after worship in May and June. We celebrated his last day with us with gifts and a luncheon, and blessed his appointment in Auburn.
- Sheila will be happy to lead a book study this fall.
- We continue to send monthly Hometouch and twice-weekly Discipleship prayers, and Bright and Cheerful meets each month for fellowship and sending cards.
- We received a thank you from Conference for sharing 'Imagine No Racism' prayers.
- Bible King has been meeting again with new members. They are learning about other world religions and how they compare with Christianity.
- We will have a Spiritual Renewal walk at Sterling Nature Center in the fall.

Outreach

- Free will dinners have been averaging 15-25 attendees, and welcome some new faces.
- We will have another Nu2U sale in September, with the proceeds benefitting the Human Concerns Center.
- Our Peace With Justice Conference offering in June raised \$1,505.
- We will host a Winterwear Giveaway in October.

Witness

- We are again taking orders for United Methodist T-shirts, and have included Fulton First.
- We will continue to display "Jesus said..." sayings on the signboard.

Finance

- We will meet on Sunday to adjust the budget for Pastor Ruth.
- The Inventory pages will be updated when the church is cooler.

Altar Guild

Members met in June to make new artificial flower arrangements for the altar. We all had a good time letting our creative gifts shine!

SPRC

- Pastor Ruth would like Communion done differently. Elements will be placed on the altar, and the congregants will receive them, return to their seats, and take them together.
- We discussed the order of worship, and how to make it flow better.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chicken Barbecue was successful! We sold out in 2 hours, and made \$873. \$87 was given to the Human Concerns food pantry. We may have another BBQ, since we have found a good 'cooker'!

Next meeting is September 17th at 6:30 pm. Pastor Ruth closed with prayer at 7:38 pm.



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Go into the World With the Power of the Holy Spirit.”***

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