

The Circuit Rider

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June Calendar

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| 7 | Freewill Dinner at 4:30 | 17 | N.O.W. meeting at 6:30 |
| 10 | SPPRC meeting at 11:30 | 19 | Juneteenth |
| | Trustee meeting at 1 | 21 | Father's Day |
| 13 | Fulton 1st/Trinity luncheon at noon | | Choir meets on Thursdays at 7pm |
| 15 | Bright and Cheerful at noon | | AA group meets on Friday evening |

Chancel Servants for June

Altar Guild: Pam Hill and Carrie Simmons

Communion Stewards: Diana McKenna and Connie LeBoeuf

Let's Break Bread Together!

Join us at Trinity on **June 13th at noon**, when we will celebrate fellowship with old and new friends from Trinity and Fulton 1st. Food will be provided, simple desserts are welcome. There will be a sign-up sheet on Sunday.

Women's Retreat

The Desens House is sponsoring a Women's Retreat at Camp Hollis, 40 Health Camp Road, Oswego Sat., **June 13th from 11 – 9**. You are welcome to stay all or any part of the day.

Bright and Cheerful

We will meet on the **15th 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!

Birthdays:

- 11 Lori Gibson, Celia Stone
- 12 Debbie Hough
- 20 Pastor Alan Kinney
- 25 Janice Costello
- 26 Larry Fuller, Walter Langlois
- 29 Angel Simmons

Anniversaries:

- 5 Rodger and Tammy Adydan



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

Daily Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers this month:

*Condolences to Alan Delong and his family
on the death of his brother, Rodney Delong, on May 4, 2026
and to the family of Cynthia LeFlore who died May 5, 2026.*

Parishioners, Friends, and Family:

Those with health concerns: Mary Seaton; Mark Powell; Lisa Langlois' brother David Stout and his family; Brenda Holliday; Lisa Bartholomew; Carrie Simmons; Dave Wadleigh; Angel Simmons and her niece Stephanie and cousin Michael; Mary Seaton's brothers Glen and John; Lori Gibson; Nancy Wadleigh; Linda Lamond; Bea Holliday; Jean Heagerty; Leah (Rebecca's sister); Rebecca's cousins Hannah and Benjamin; Ed Downs; Dan's former brother-in-law Bruce; Paula Nelson (Marge Zeller's sister-in-law); Bob (Mark Garlock's father-in-law); Wuxin Shen; Betty Holliday; Nancy Sawyer and family; Donna (Gail's sister); Those in assisted living: Ann Rockower; Judy Lake; Valerie Palmer; Cheryl Coe DeLoff; Zeke Seymour. Please pray for all those who are homeless; all caregivers; and the health and safety of our families and friends.

Community and World Concerns:

Please pray for democracy, and leaders to be merciful everywhere. Prayers for the residents of Country Haven Mobile Home Park, who are forced to live in unsafe conditions. We ask for forgiveness for the murderous actions taken by the United States at home and across the world, especially the unlawful attacks on Iran and Venezuela. Prayers that this genocide, and the elected officials who caused it will stop. Please pray for those living in fear, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine, as well as in areas of our country. Prayers for all those doing God's work in the world; an end to racism, and the coming of world peace! Prayers for Pastor Ruth in her ministry; and for Alan Kinney, Jeff Hodge, and Pope Leo XIV as they minister to others. Also, please pray for "Haven of Hope", as they reach out to the homeless in our neighborhood.

April 2026 Current Expense Report

Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$4,262.24
<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	\$2,495.26
<i>(This includes all utilities, multi-peril insurance, office supplies, and copier maintenance)</i>	
Conference Billing	\$1,070.18
<i>(This includes shared ministry and retiree premiums)</i>	
Total April Expenditures	\$7,827.68

Prepared 05/02/26 by Lisa Bartholomew

Reflects April 30 Paychecks

Pastor's Letter

June is Here! May the peace of the Lord continue to be with you, reminding you that “with God all things are possible!” (Matt. 19:26b). As for me, I am feeling very joyful and also very hopeful!

Attending Annual Conference, May 28-30, reminded me that God is in control of ALL things and desires to move and work with those with a “Here I am, Lord!” attitude of surrender and availability. The theme for Annual Conference this year was “Rise Up!”. Let us seek ways to **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, & Lead Courageously** (new UMC Vision) for the glory and honor of Jesus' name!

An invitation for the month of June: Let us immerse in God's Word together, with daily readings and reflection – see below. These are ONE VERSE scripture focuses that we could [a] read in full context (full chapter); [b] write on index cards or a notebook (to review as needed); and [c] apply in our day to day and our spiritual journey!

The theme for our upcoming sermon series is: “Forming a Family and Preparing a People”.

June Sermon Series

June 7 “To Be a Blessing” Genesis 12:1-9

June 21 “Hearing the Voice” Genesis 21:8-21

June 14 “A Miracle Called Laughter” Genesis 18:1-15

June 28 “God Will Provide” Genesis 22:1-14

Other opportunities to collaborate below...

1] Final Planning Meeting with Potluck for “Freedom Festival” 7/7/26 at Fulton First UMC Pavilion on Friday 6/5/26 at 6 pm

2] “Praise Event” in the Fulton Community 6/6/26 at Bullhead Point Pavilion Fulton 1 pm – 8 pm

3] Fulton First “Baptism Classes” Fridays June/July at 9 am. Call Fulton church office if interested. Evening class can be arranged as needed (585) 615-1729

4] **“Getting to Know You” Luncheon with Fulton First at Trinity, Saturday, 6/13 at Noon**

Reminder: Every FIRST SUNDAY of the month Dan and I plan to share the Communion elements with people unable to be in-person.

Blessings, *Pastor Ruth Warner*

“What Would Jesus Do?”

Day 1: Matthew 22:39

Day 11: 2 Corinthians 9:7

Day 21: John 15:5

Day 2: Matthew 22:27

Day 12: Galatians 6:9

Day 22: Galatians 5:22-23

Day 3: James: 4:6

Day 13: James 1:22

Day 23: Galatians 6:9

Day 4: Proverbs: 10:9

Day 14: James 4:10

Day 24: 1 Corinthians 10:31

Day 5: Proverbs: 3:6

Day 15: 2 Corinthians 5:7

Day 25: Mark 10:45

Day 6: Ephesians: 4:32

Day 16: 1 Thess. 5:17

Day 26: Philippians 4:6

Day 7: Proverbs: 3:5

Day 17: Proverbs 15:1

Day 27: Joshua 1:9

Day 8: James: 1:5

Day 18: Proverbs 4:23

Day 28: Philippians 4:8

Day 9: Colossians 3:23

Day 19: 1 Thess. 5:18

Day 29: 1 Corinthians 10:13

Day 10: Deuteronomy 31:6

Day 20: Proverbs 12:22

Day 30: Matthew 5:9

Bishop’s Message from Annual Conference 2026

On Friday, May 29th Bishop Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez began his address to the 800 members at Annual Conference, by celebrating the ministry of the laity, the 70th anniversary of women’s ordination, the work of deacons, the growing collaboration between Upper New York and Susquehanna leadership, and God’s love present across Upper New York. Other celebrations included: The conference’s 100-percent contribution to United Methodist shared giving in 2025, 15 new faith communities, giving more than \$750,000 to Advance projects—the highest in the Northeastern Jurisdiction, the hiring of a part-time Creation Care Coordinator, the first conference-wide confirmation rally with 75 youth and an upcoming conference youth event. The bishop shared that over the past four years nearly 200 churches have grown in worship attendance, baptisms, and professions of faith. “This is extraordinary,” Bishop Burgos said. “In a time when the wider narrative talks about decline, your ministries are telling a very different story.” The address named Upper New York’s resilience, innovation, and generosity, a body deeply committed to its mission growing more creative in its witness and more courageous in leadership. While there are no “quick fixes” to declining numbers, the bishop said, it doesn’t diminish what God is doing through us. “God works powerfully through churches of any size who are intentional about loving God, loving neighbor, and inviting others to join in the journey,” he said. “Resurrection isn’t just a story we tell but a power we live.” Real hope looks reality in the eye and still proclaims that God’s love can redeem, restore, resurrect anything and anyone. There is no limit to that power when God’s people rise to the moment, follow the Spirit, and trust that God is not finished with us yet. “God is inviting us to join in what the Spirit is already doing. It’s a choice we make. I hope we continue to choose to join God.”(For more writings and videos from this year’s Annual Conference, go to <https://www.unyumc.org/>)

A Hymn Mix-Up With a Message



C. Gray Norsworthy, a pastor in Atlanta, once shared a story about the woman who prepared his worship bulletin. She was faithful in her work but didn’t have much background in church hymns. One week, Pastor Norsworthy handed her a draft of the service and hoped she could decipher his handwriting.

When he reviewed the finished bulletin, he noticed the final hymn was titled “Just As I Am, Without a Clue.”

Whether it’s “without a clue” or “without a plea,” the truth remains the same: we all come to Jesus just as we are — and we all need him.

Administrative Council Minutes May 20, 2026

Present: Marge Zeller, Sheila Buske, Pam Hill, Mike Lund, Diana McKenna.

Excused: Connie LeBoeuf, Lisa Bartholomew, Pastor Ruth Warner, LaDonna Tucker.

Marge opened the meeting with scripture (1 Cor 12:4-6) and prayer at 6:40pm. The minutes from March 18th were reviewed. Pam moved to accept, approved.

The Current Expense report through April 30th was presented:

Income:

••Received for budget:	\$23,538.00
••Local mission:	\$1,418.00
••Conference mission:	\$4,873.00
••Total income:	\$29,829.00
••Checking acct. balance:	\$33,564.08

Expenses:

••Personnel:	\$17,678.97
••Program:	\$313.00
••Operations:	\$8,629.50
••Conference:	\$4,280.72
••Total expenses:	\$30,902.68

All expenses have gone up. We spent over \$1,000.00 more than we received. Sheila moved to accept, approved.

Mike presented the Trustee treasurer report:

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| ••Trustee income: \$1,867.00 | ••Total income: \$1,867.00 |
| ••Restoration income: \$0.00 | ••Total expenses: \$9,500.80 |
| ••Memorials: \$0.00 | ••Balance of all accounts: \$129,863.15 |

Half of the amount for Burger Construction has been paid. Sheila moved to accept, approved.

Trustee Report

- 4 leaded glass door panels were removed by Brennan Stained Glass on March 26th, and plexiglass was temporarily installed. They have been repaired and replaced, and the check was sent yesterday.
- Parfumi has done the yearly fire extinguisher inspection. 2 will need to be replaced next year.
- A special meeting was held on March 29th to review 2 bids for the basement floor job. The vote was unanimous to accept the bid of \$18,393.40 from Burger Construction. Work will begin on May 25th.
- On March 30th, Mike Lund, Mark Powell, and Pam raked and leveled the parking area, and installed a post and chain fence on our back border. We voted to meet every other month.
- We need to hire a surveyor to replace the post at the back SW corner that has been removed by Mr. Pauldine, and to mark the front NE corner. Marge will contact some one that she knows.

Pastor Report

- Pastor Ruth has completed 4 district and conference online classes. She is leading a weekly prayer class, and is visiting and sending cards to congregants. She has also done 4 recent funerals.
- We are concerned that she may be doing too much between the 2 churches.

Nurture

- The Lenten study, "Final Words", by Adam Hamilton was enjoyed by 15 participants. Thanks to Sheila for leading us!
- Bible King continues to meet weekly with 4-6 participants, and discipleship prayers are sent twice a week.
- Bright and Cheerful meets monthly. 29 Easter cards were sent to the congregation.
- Pastor Ruth has asked that we host a luncheon for the leadership members of Fulton 1st and Trinity on June 13th at noon. More info. under New Business.

Outreach

- The May freewill dinner had 11 workers and served 28. No dinner was offered in April because of Easter.
- The Spring Nu2U sale made \$1,257.00, and 9 people worked. \$126.00 was given to Haven of Hope. Sheila provided paper bags to use instead of plastic, and they worked well. Many thanks to all our volunteers!

Witness

- The signboard presently says "love your neighbor as yourself", and will continue to display "Jesus said..." messages.
- Our first 2026 T-shirt outing will be on May 23rd at 9 at Maria's. We plan to meet on July 11th at 1pm at Bev's for ice cream.
- Our Conference mission giving so far in 2026 includes \$1,523.00 for UMCOR, and \$1,516.00 for Native American ministries. We will receive offerings for Peace with Justice on May 31st and June 7th.

••The Worship Committee met on April 15th, with discussions about worship and Communion procedures. Pastor Ruth asked to have bread and cup placed on the altar to be blessed. The next meeting will be May 27th at 11:30, with discussions on worship music.

Finance

••The committee needs to meet soon to adjust the budget to account for higher expenses.
••Mike reported that the Restoration CD is maturing on the 28th. It has over \$24,000, presently at .15% interest. He would like to renew at a higher percentage rate. Approved.

SPPRC

We will meet on June 10th at 11:30am.

OLD BUSINESS

••We need to hire a surveyor ASAP to establish our boundary, as Mr. Pauldine has been encroaching on our property.
••Pastor Ruth has rearranged the furniture in her office to meet her needs.
••Pastor Jeff Hodge will be ordained as an elder on May 29th at 7pm at the ONCENTER.

NEW BUSINESS

••Discussion was held about the Fulton/Trinity lunch on June 13th from 12-2. Sheila made the motion that we provide food, to be paid from the hospitality budget line. Pam seconded, approved. We will ask for people to sign up to attend. Sheila will look for icebreakers, and we can share what our churches are doing.
••A Lay Leadership committee meeting is scheduled for September 2nd at 1pm.

Next meeting is July 15th at 6:30. Marge closed in prayer at 7:52pm.



First, Do No Harm! Second, Do Good! Third, Stay in Love with God!

These General Rules of John Wesley apply to creation justice in a myriad of ways, beginning with how we think—

First, do no harm!

- Stop using Styrofoam. This single-use “convenience” has its raw materials extracted from the earth, leaches harmful chemicals into hot food or drink, adds to the volume of methane from landfills, and exposes production workers to permanent nervous system damage. Switch to reusable containers for food and drink.
- Fossil-fuel-based fabrics (polyester, nylon, acrylic, spandex, lycra) when washed release microplastics into water systems and then the food chain, harming sea creatures and ultimately humans. Choose natural-fibers clothing (organic cotton, linen, wool, silk, hemp, bamboo). Wash what you have less frequently and more gently.
- Nix the balloons. They are not biodegradable, and they consequently harm birds and marine life. Also, helium is a nonrenewable gas needed in welding, rocket propulsion, and even scuba diving. Wasting helium in the momentary fun of balloons jeopardizes the other uses. Instead, add sparkle and fun to an event with tissue-paper pom poms, garlands from upcycled materials from home, fabric bunting, streamers made from recycled paper, or bubbles.



Have you ever thought of the “R’s” as a spiritual practice? Reduce is a spiritual practice. (Do I need this? Is it harmful in any way?) Reuse also challenges us spiritually. (God is a creator. How can I avoid being a “waster”?) Recycle is important too. (What creative ways can I find to give something a second life?) Reduce, reuse, recycle—John Wesley would be proud of you.

Second, Do Good!

- Spread the ban. Banning single-use bottles and bags prevents millions of tons of plastic from entering the waste stream, forces companies to innovate, and helps shift consumers’ mindset as people recognize the harm. Contact your employer, city council, and state lawmakers to say, “No more!” Make it official.
- Clean up the harm at a beach or waterway near you. Organize. Pick a date and time. Get any needed permissions. Spread the word. Make cleanup a crusade with photos of pollution and harmed marine life. Figure out the logistics for salvaging recyclables and only trashing trash. Bring supplies. Make the job fun! Or just start and lead by example.

Start your creation justice efforts with John Wesley’s General Rules: Do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. It’s easy to see things to do for the first two. But even if health or other circumstances limit your ability to act, consider the third: **Stay in love with God through prayer for the healing of God’s creation and for justice for all.**

Yes, One Person Can Make a Difference!



What is a father?

Being a male species does not make a man a father, for a dad is a special blend of hero; disciplinarian; a friend; someone to look up to; someone to model ... someone with a touch of the “mother” in him; someone who is big enough to say, “The fault was mine” ... someone who lives the kind of life that makes you want to say, “I, too, shall follow him!” ~Alton Kaul

Celebrating Juneteenth



Recently, the Rev. Dr. Zan W. Holmes wrote on our site that “Juneteenth is the best known and one of the oldest American holidays that celebrates the end of slavery in the United States.” We, the Worship Team at Discipleship Ministries, concur with that statement, but also declare that where Juneteenth is not known and/or not celebrated, it needs to be.

Juneteenth ought not be a celebration only for those in the Africana tradition, but for all of God’s people. In this era of debate about what should and should not be taught about our history of racial strife, this is history that needs to be remembered and celebrated. We encourage all worshipping communities to not only acknowledge this event in our history, but to celebrate the ongoing struggle for emancipation that continues to this day. As a part of the denominational efforts toward dismantling racism, Juneteenth can be an observance of solidarity and hope for God’s people and a sign of unity within the body of Christ. For further information visit:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/celebrating-juneteenth-2021>.



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