

bremen union church

The Good News August 2018

Morning Summer Worship 9:25 am

Kathleen M. Maclachlan, Pastor

"Go with God"

TSINGERS SINGING AS THEY APPROACH THE LIGHT...

Walking Beside Jesus

To close our Sabbath worship service we are asked to stand facing the center aisle. Our parting song is simple but memorable.

This is one of many ways to show our love to others, to share a blessing. As we sing the words below, acolytes come forth to light their taper before extinguishing candles burning on the altar.

Acting for us all they carry the light of Christ



“Go with God; go with God. As you leave this place, go with God. God will direct your way; God will light every day - As you leave this place, go with God.” Repeat.

Pastor's Pen



Dear Friends,

in the July edition of The Good News, our church newsletter, Editor Sal shared a summer memory from her early years and asked each of us to submit our earliest summer memories for this August edition.

So, here are a few of mine:



City heat, hot sidewalks, gooey bubbly tar (which we tried to pop with our toes), thunderstorms enjoyed from the screen porch with the occasional special treat of a root-beer float! Heat relief by running through the sprinkler and the very rare visits to the pool in Onondaga Park. Picnics, lake swimming, hikes, 4th of July parties with sparklers, all with church friends, who I only saw on Sundays the rest of the year because my school friends didn't attend my church in a different part of the city.

Frequent bike rides to the library. Passing out there in the heat once. Sitting in the pear tree, reading a book and eating pears.

First wasp sting in the same tree.

Amusing myself after finishing my "jobs" of dusting, polishing, and tidying up the sanctuary at the church, done while my mom worked as part-time secretary. I remember her typing on mimeograph paper and "running off" the church newsletters and bulletins. The distinctive smells of the correction fluid and the "new" ditto machine ink (purple) are still strong in my mind.



Scripture seems to say that we are to remember some things, but not become stuck in past, ungodly ways, since now we have been offered new life in Christ.

Things we're told to remember: how God has led the people [Deut. 8:2], the words of the Lord Jesus [Acts 20:35], from where we have fallen [Rev. 2:5], that God is the only true God [Isaiah 46:9]; and the Body broken and Blood shed for us [1 Cor. 11:24.] These are just a few examples.

Together with you in serving Christ,

Pastor Kathy

1963 photo from my Sunday school class /University Methodist Church, Syracuse NY - " 3 year old class. "

Summer memories

... from Francena Bennett...

“Going to my grandparents home for two weeks to see families of cousins aunts and uncles who we re also there and my three siblings who lived with my dad and stepmother. “



...from Donna Finneran

It wasn't until I was well into adulthood when I became aware of how lucky I was to have grown up on the ocean. We all learned to swim at a young age. It wasn't something done gently or sensitively, though we did have swimming instructors, you learned to swim because otherwise an older brother or neighborhood bully would throw you in. We were able to walk out our front door onto the beach; later we moved to another neighborhood a short distance away where we could walk to any beach.

We had fun,
we learned,
we took risks,
we made life-long friendships,
we made mischief
had injuries
but somehow we all survived.

As we got older, with siblings and friends, we swam and dove off the seawalls and jetties in Quincy Bay, across from Boston Harbor. These seawalls also contained caves we explored...we didn't think about rats then or the dangers of incoming tides. We inflated tire tubes, we built rafts, we made everything we needed.

What was extraordinary was that we didn't own a car, didn't go on "vacations" but our life was rich with the entertainment we created for ourselves. Once a year, the carnival would come to our neighborhood with the ferris wheel we could see from a mile away. This was a huge event for us kids, the rides, the games, cotton candy, the scratchy music and the smells.

MEMORIAL
SERVICE

for

Julie

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Bremen Union
CHURCH

FRIDAY
AUGUST 10
11am

MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 1 FOR OUR DEAR FRIEND

Donald Winship

HERE AT BREMEN UNION CHURCH

TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED



The Thing with Feathers

Tabith Arnold, Sr. Pastpr UCC Santa Fe NM



"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." - Hebrews 11:1

A rooster lives a few houses down from my house in Santa Fe. My subdivision isn't zoned for chickens, but he was apparently "grandfeathered" in.

This rooster thinks the sunrise is his sole responsibility. Long before there's a hint of light, he starts his morning crow. It may be dark as midnight, but he heralds the dawn.

"Hope is the thing with feathers," wrote Emily Dickinson, "that perches in the soul, and sings the tune without the words, And never stops at all." She probably had her own neighborhood rooster.

I think the author of the Letter to the Hebrews did, too. For the early Christians, life under the Roman Empire was as dark as a moonless Santa Fe night. Still the author proclaimed: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Like our neighborhood rooster, the author affirmed God's light, even when no one could see it.

As the rooster continues his song in the night, other birds join in, until an entire chorus of trills and warbles proclaim the blessing of a new day and new light. In the same way, the Letter to the Hebrews affirmed we are surrounded by "a great cloud of witnesses," people of faith who have awakened to God's call to new life and hope. When one person (or one rooster) proclaims the light that shines in the darkness, others find the courage to do the same.

Even in the darkest of times, God's light is coming. That's what the ancient Christian author promised. It's what the neighborhood rooster reminds me of every morning (whether I believe it or not)



Prayer

Thank you for early morning roosters and all the other ways you awaken us to new days and new hope.

Hungry for Baked Beans and Brats?

Come to Bremen Union Church on Saturday Aug 25 from 4:30 to 6:30

Local cooks will treat you to a delicious meal of baked beans, barbeque beans, hot dogs, brats and a delicious casserole or two. Enjoy coffee or juice with your slice of homemade pie for dessert. All for a \$8 donation for adults and \$5 for preteen kids. We hope you will come support BUC.

Thanks, Ernie

Celebration Page



Baked Corn

RECIPE TRIED AND ENJOYED

from Charlene

TESTED AT THE PARTY

TO MEET HENRY

1 qt frozen corn, thawed.

3 Tbsp Corn Starch

3/4 cup sugar

2 eggs neaten

1 can Eagle brand milk

1 can cream corn optional

1/4 c melted butter

Completely thaw corn in a bowl

Stir in all ingredients

'til well mixed

Put in casserole dish and pour

melted butter over all

Bake 45 min. In 350 oven

Until brown on top



We had a fine supper and hosted guests Jenny Banakos and her fiancé Henry, who are to be married come the end of summer. Best wishes to the happy couple!



4 – Irene Straghan

9 -Ava Keene

20—Marie Ferrin

25 – Luke Carter

RosieKate Adams

29 Lilly Mae Awamleh



August Special Days

7 - Joan & Dick Hill

17 –Heidi Straghan & Michael Riley

19 - Kathleen & Steve Maclachlan



Richard Keene would have been right at home at his memorial lawn party held July 14. The celebration of his life was well attended, the Maine day was perfect, and the flag folding service very special. Pictured here is the flag being presented to his wife Ava Keene with her family at her side.

Photo by John Tutton.

Hi Sally, from John Tutton... Our mid week VBS story...

We had an adult VBS with a theme of Baseball. For our dinner we had hot dogs cooked by Cook Steve along with popcorn & potato chips. We read together Romans 12: 9-21. We then had discussion about Paul's Do's & Don'ts that is evils to stay away from and good things we can hold on to. For Game time, each adult had a paper baseball diamond and we played baseball using pennies for base markers and I ask Bible questions to be answered to advance the bases. We had a good time and it was enjoyed by all. I led the group with singing songs: I Got Joy & Whisper a Prayer. We then read the Athlete's Prayer together.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Granddaughter Ashley, mother of two, shares on face book

"The thing about transformation is, we don't notice it while it's happening. It often manifests in the midst of chasing dreams, in the form of disappointments, life's ups and downs, lessons learned (sometimes the hard way), risks taken, tough decisions, leaving comfort zones, falling (then getting back up again), keeping faith, leaning on friends and family, having trust in yourself. All of which have brought me to where I am today and shaped me into the individual I've become. Cheers to an imperfect life. To being human. To being real. To meeting myself right where I am. Living. Breathing. Exactly where I'm meant to be"

Ashley Spencer finds a butterfly bench in Oregon



From the Trustees

15 July 2018\

A letter from Trustee Chairperson Steve

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to cut the lawn, and trim the edges this summer. It is gratifying to see so many helping hands involved in keeping the grounds neat and clean. We still have a couple of openings for late summer/early fall – if you haven't volunteered yet, please consider doing so, and giving those who have done so much already a break.

Our propane costs for heat will increase in the 2018-19 year. While far lower than years ago, the price has jumped by 20 cents per gallon-this adds another \$120 per year in costs that we cannot avoid. As with electricity and snowplow costs, we can't tell beyond a "best guess" based on past usage what we will need for funds. So while the fixed costs to keep our church open require us to be prudent with our money, we cannot control the snowfall or temperature.

Remember this when you decide on your giving for the year.

A final note. Donald Winship was a powerful spokesman for the Food Pantry baskets. All of us recall the numerous times during Sunday announcements when Don would rise and remind us of our duty to those in need. You always met his challenge, and there is no more fitting way to honor Don and Penny and their contributions to us than to make sure we keep the donations flowing to those who are less fortunate.

For the Trustees,

Steve Maclachlan

From Mariei Tysinger...This financial report was added to today's order of worship bulletin at the recommendation of our Church Council because this is OUR church and we all need to know where we stand. Our fiscal year ends August 31. Our budget has remained nearly the same for three years, but income, especially offerings have decreased. So this information is important to know as we begin to prayerfully plan for the 2018-2019 year.



Financial Report to the Congregation

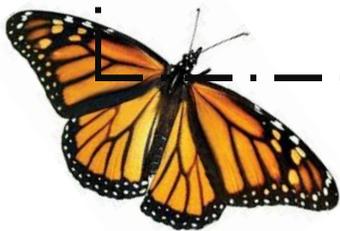
Monthly income for June 2018	\$3518.
Required to meet budget	\$4170.
	(\$ 652.)
Income Year-to-Date	\$37,700.
<i>Required to meet budget</i>	<i>\$41,698</i>
	<i>(\$ 3,998)</i>

Flea Market Day Aug. 18



Only \$10 table
Rain or shine
Call Ava Keenen
207 529 5534
To reserve your table
Good donations for
Church's table
Welcome
No large or heavy
pieces

**Save September 9 for the
KIRKIN O' THE TARTAN &
our annual church family picnic!**



We hope you enjoyed reading your

August 2018 Newsetter

We appreciate your contributions this month, and encourage you to send September issue copy by mid August to Editor Sal
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