



Clifton Springs United Methodist Church

A Loving Church for a Living Lord!

Rev. Brian Fellows – Pastor

1 East Main Street, Clifton Springs, NY 14432

June 2023 Newsletter

***Our mission: To make Disciples for the
Transformation of the World***

Thank you for your hard work. I am excited about the ways we are loving, learning, and leading people in and beyond our faith community. Many of you are stepping into roles you never thought you would, doing things you are uncomfortable doing and yet believe need to be done; thank you, thank you, thank you!

A couple of weeks ago, I named Dan McIntyre and Steve Strub in worship as two people that have stepped into places that have challenged them. Dan has stepped into a new role, again, as

*the point person for the newsletter in addition to the bulletin. Steve is rapidly learning the technological challenges of the programs and integrations for live streaming our worship services. I am grateful for their leadership and willingness to serve. They are two of many who are venturing beyond their comfort zone to love, learn, and lead. We need everyone to participate in mission and ministry. There is a place for everyone in our community to share their **time, treasure, and talent.***

My study and learnings of Pentecost are still in my recent memory as I write this. What is your fire, what is it that burns within your heart, what is your passion that you want and need to share with the community? What is the language God has given you to speak about God's love?

We all have a tongue of fire that represents who we are, and the language God has given us to speak. Combine that image of a tongue of fire with the image of "This Little Light of Mine." The song speaks of hiding the light under a basket, and don't let evil blow it out; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Newer versions talk from a different point of view, languages of peace and harmony.

It is easy to become ashamed of what we are passionate about. It takes much courage to tell others your passion because it is a place of vulnerability. When someone makes fun of our passion, we might hide our flame under a basket. When our passion bumps up against power and privilege, we might confront evil and question our passion and the time and effort to realize what we hope for. I pray that we continue to do the hard work of helping each other share the language God has given us to tell of God's love.

Creator, you bring order from chaos, you always know what is best for us and tolerate the tangents and stumbling blocks we place in our own way even as our hearts desire to serve you.

May our first place in creating be to come alongside You and to seek You in all that we do.

May we never take for granted your love.

Fill us with mercy and forgiveness alongside knowledge of your teaching so we can work for your kingdom to be realized.

May we be aware of your blessings in our lives and share those blessings liberally with those we journey with.

Amen

Pastor Brian

Let us know what school they are graduating from and their plans following graduation so that we may celebrate them as part of our worship service on June 18

Staff Parish Relations Team

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Hi Friends, It has been challenging to adjust to church life without David and Jean Hamilton. They did so much to keep our congregation functioning at peak performance! The Leadership Team is managing but we need more assistance to avoid burnout! Listed below are the tasks that we need help with. Please consider taking on one of these needs and/or find a buddy and share the task!

1) Church Calendar Management – approximately 1 hour/month.
Computer skills required.

Maintain the calendar and scheduling on the computer (can be done from home), including signed building use forms. Coordinate outside group use of the church and coordinate building use with OCP (daycare).

2) Produce the Monthly Church Newsletter – approximately 6 hours/month.

Computer skills required (can be done from home).

Copy and paste into newsletter format the articles emailed to you by the Team Leaders and Pastor.

Send out via email list and print 75 hard copies to be put in the Sanctuary.

3) Oversee Development and Distribution of Flyers and Advertisements for Church Events

Computer skills required (can be done from home). Approximately 2 hours/month as needed.

4) Order and Manage Church Office Supplies – Approximately 1 hour/month. Thanks for your consideration!

Gail Conners, SPR Chairperson

News From Finance

We appreciate your generosity and commitment to the stewardship of our faith community. Because of our stewardship responsibility, we want to be fully transparent with you about the financial health of the community. Since the beginning of the year, we have fallen behind in the budget. Although the pace we are falling behind is slowing, we are \$7,700 behind in our budget. We expect some income in the next few weeks that will help to catch us up. The Committee on Ministry team remains optimistic about future of our church. We also know that treasure is only part of stewardship. In addition to treasure is time and talent. Please pray for our church. All of our endeavors should begin with prayer. Pray that we will have available the treasure to pay our bills and support mission and ministry. Pray that our leaders grow in their ability to lead and that they do not grow weary. Pray that the next leaders are trained well by our current leaders and the challenges they face. Pray for where your gifts and graces may be used to glorify God within our faith community, and pray that we may grow. When God answers your prayers, revealing a calling in your life, please answer the call. Matthew 6:21 reminds us that where our treasure is, our heart will follow. My we invest our resources in ways that reveal God's love.



Sun.	June 4th	9:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday Worship*
Wed.	June 7	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Trustees Meeting
Sun.	June 11	9:30 - 10:30 am	Worship – sanctuary
Tue.	June 13	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Finance Meeting
Thurs	June 15	5:00-7:00 pm	Food Pantry
Sun.	June 18	9:30 – 10:30 am	Worship Service – sanctuary
Tue.	June 20	6:30 - 8:00	COM Meeting

Sun. June 25 9:30 -
Worship -
sanctuary

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