

# The Connection

## News from The United Church of Warsaw



### Who We Are:

The United Church of Warsaw is called by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus Christ through loving and serving God and all God's people.

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### *Reflections from 'The Rev'*

#### *One More Day*

The month of May, within our faith community and within our greater community, is polka-dotted with our church's annual May Breakfast, May flowers, Mother's Day and graduation days.

In our hurry-flurry in the business of busy-ness, our Divine Parent calls us to pause, to notice, to identify and to give thanks for simple gifts like...one more day.

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*Just for this morning,*

*I am going to smile when I see your face and laugh when I feel like crying.*

*Just for this morning,*

*I will let you choose what you want to wear, and smile and say how perfect it is.*

*Just for this morning,*

*I am going to step over the laundry and pick you up and take you to the park to play.*

*Just for this morning,*

*I will leave the dishes in the sink,*

*and let you teach me how to put together that puzzle of yours.*

*Just for this afternoon, I will turn off my cell phone and computer, and sit with you in the backyard and blow bubbles.*

*Just for this afternoon,*

*I will not yell once, not even a tiny grumble when you scream and whine for the ice cream truck, and I will buy you an ice cream, if the truck comes by.*

*Just for this afternoon,*

*I won't worry about what you are going to be when you grow up, or second guess every decision I have made where you are concerned.*



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## Reflections from 'The Rev' (Continued from Page 1)

*Just for this afternoon,  
I will let you help me bake cookies, and I won't stand over you and try to fix them.  
Just for this afternoon,  
I will take us to McDonald's and buy us both a Happy Meal so you can have both toys.*

*Just for this evening,  
I will hold you in my arms  
and tell you a story about how you were born and how much I love you.  
Just for this evening,  
I will let you splash in the tub and not get angry.  
Just for this evening,  
I will let you stay up late while we sit on the porch and count all the stars.  
Just for this evening,  
I will snuggle beside you for hours and miss my favorite TV program.*

*Just for this evening,  
when I run my finger through your hair as you pray,  
I will be grateful that God has given me the greatest gift ever given.*

*Just for this evening,  
I will think about mothers and fathers who are searching for their missing children.  
I will think about mothers and fathers who are visiting their children's graves,  
instead of their children's bedrooms.  
I will think about mothers and fathers who are in hospital rooms,  
and who are watching their children suffer senselessly.  
I will pray for those mothers and fathers and children.*

*When I kiss you goodnight, I will hold you a little tighter, a little longer.  
It is then that I will thank God for you, and ask God for nothing, except...  
one more day.*

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The source of these reflective words is a prose-poem originally written by Sally Meyer and entitled, "One More Day." In 1996, Sally penned and dedicated her words to her autistic son, Dhylan, when he was three years old.

Whether or not you are a parent, whether or not you have a young child, whether not your child suffers from autism, Sally's words remind us of an essential calling within each of us: Look for that which is precious and beautiful within each day.

In Psalm 118, verse 24, the psalmist extols:  
*This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

Upon noticing and identifying that which is precious and beautiful, may we give thanks for those precious and beautiful gifts.

Then, may we humbly pray and ask for...one more day.

Beside you in the journey of faith,  
*Rev. Barbara*

*This is the day the  
Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Psalm 118:24*

# Faith-Shaping Moments in the Month of May

Faith is a journey.

And each member of our family of faith is in a different season of her/his faith journey.

A faith journey is marked by faith-seeking opportunities, faith-building events and faith-shaping moments.

Our time of worship and of fellowship on Sunday mornings--at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary--mark a holy time and a holy space. At that time and in that space, we invite our God to shape our faith: to nurture, to stretch, to question, and to strengthen our faith.

In the month of May, Rev. Barbara continues her twelve-sermon series on the healings performed by Jesus, as recorded in the Gospel of Mark.

Whether you regard yourself as a "faith infant" or a "faith veteran" or a "faith drop-out," you are invited to share in the following faith-shaping opportunities on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary:

- Sunday - May 3:**      **Sacred Story and Holy Communion**  
                                  **Sermon - *Bring What You Have to the Table***
- Sunday - May 10:**    **Mother's Day and Healing Sermon #2**  
                                  **Sermon - *11<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Love Your Mother-in-Law***
- Sunday - May 17:**    **Healing Sermon #3**  
                                  **Sermon - *Jesus as Demon-Buster***
- Sunday - May 24:**    **Healing Sermon #4**  
                                  **Sermon - *No Such Thing as Secret Joy***
- Sunday - May 31:**    **Sacrament of Baptism and Healing Sermon #5**  
                                  **Sermon - *Priorities, Priorities!***



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*Join your family of faith in faith-shaping moments  
 on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary at 10 a.m.*

Warsaw Area Clergy Council  
 invites all to share in:



***National Day of Prayer Ceremony***  
 on Thursday, May 7, 2015  
 at noon  
 on Wyoming County Courthouse Steps  
 Theme: *Lord, Hear Our Prayer* (1 Kings 8:28)

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Message to be given by Rev. Dr. Barbara Therese  
 Prayers to be offered by area clergy  
 Music to be provided by Warsaw Central School Choir



### ***F.A.C.E. Group: Faith Works***

*Let your light shine before others,  
so they may see your good **works**.*

Matthew 5: 16

In the Epistle of James, chapter 2, verse 14, we read: *What good is it if you say you have faith but do not have **works**?*

In multiple ways, throughout the past month, members of the F.A.C.E. Group (i.e., the **F**aith **A**nd **C**aring **E**ncounter Group) have demonstrated faith-filled **works** to confirm that faith **works** within them.

On Easter Sunday, Katie Fisher shared her live rabbit--Hidden Tesla--during the Children's Message to provide contrast to a stuffed rabbit and to show the "real life" meaning of Easter at **work**.

On Saturday, April 11, Joe Fisher, Jyssica Fisher, Katie Fisher, Emily Howard, Lauren Howard and Zach Perkins shared the **works** of their hands and hearts in bagging up and boxing up unsold items after our annual Rummage Sale.

On Sunday, April 19, Joe Fisher, Jyssica Fisher, Katie Fisher, Eman Garcia-Myers, Emily Howard, Lauren Howard, Taylor Howard, Mason Johnson and Ben Myers shared their physical **works** while setting up, serving and cleaning up during our annual Sunday School Brunch.

On Sunday mornings, Joe Fisher, Jyssica Fisher, Lauren Howard, Mason Johnson and Grace Miller shared the **works** of their time and their hands while serving as Acolytes during morning worship.

In significant ways, our youth manifest how faith **works** in their lives.

May we acknowledge their faith-filled **works**. And may we imitate their faithful **works**.

The members and families of the F.A.C.E. Group as well as Rev. Barbara deeply appreciate the prayerful and material support from members and friends of The United Church of Warsaw. Furthermore, they value the abundance of choices in which they may show how faith **works** within them.

### ***Clerk's Corner***

Notes from Clerk of Commission, Lance Bush  
Highlights from Commission Meeting of April 13, 2015



Rev. Dr. Barbara Therese will give the message for the local National Day of Prayer ceremony on Thursday, May 7, at 12 noon, on the outdoor steps of the Wyoming County Courthouse. Rev. Barbara will also serve as co-leader of the Warsaw Area Clergy Council for 2015-2016.

The Commission approved the baptism of Sydney Ann Flint for May 31, 2015. Sydney's parents are Jacob and Brianna Flint, and her grandparents are Doug and Cindy Flint.

Rev. Joy Bergfalk will present the sermon on Sunday, June 7. After the worship service, Rev. Bergfalk will also offer Fair Trade coffee for sale.



Written by Donna Mager

*And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude;  
and he was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.*

Matthew 14:14

The merry month of May brings us the flowers of April's showers to sneak onto neighbors' doorsteps on May Day, Mother's Day, college graduations, Memorial Day and...National Nurses Week.

National Nurses Week is May 6 to May 12 and corresponds with Florence Nightingale's birthday on May 12. This week includes National Nurse Day and School Nurse Day, which both fall on May 6 this year. Florence Nightingale founded the first Nursing School in 1860 and was known as "the lady with the lamp" as she often made her hospital rounds at night checking on patients by lamplight.

Let us remember to thank our nurses and our caregivers (professionals or family members) for taking care of us when we are ill, injured or recovering. Let us thank them not only for tending to our physical needs so that we can heal and rest but also for their comforting compassion that lightens our spirits with hope.

Thank you to Cindy Kiel for all she does! On April 9, we celebrated Cindy's third year with us here at the United Church of Warsaw.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

For comfort, healing, peace and strength: Jeannette and Willis Allen, Eloise Colter, Marian Fisher, Sarah Ford, Barbara Hardin, Bill and Heubusch, Howard Klopfer, Andy Murray, Austin and Laura Saxton, Rich Saxton, Ruth Stevenson, Howard Wood

Residents at The Cloisters, 171 N. Maple St. Warsaw: Barb Conger, Flora Parmelee, Hope Rase

Residents at Eastside Nursing Home, 62 Prospect St., Warsaw: Arlene Baker, Lucille Carlson, Jane Ferguson, Betty Mayle, Doris Montgomery, Judy Plowe, Verna Schneckenburger

Resident at WCCH Skilled Nursing Facility, 400 N. Main St., Warsaw: Jack Kibler

Resident at Batavia Nursing Home, 257 State St., Batavia, NY 14020: Jack Spencer



**Thank You, One and All**  
*May the Lord, the God of Israel,  
under whose wings you have  
come to take refuge, reward you  
fully for what you have done.*

Ruth 2:12

Thank you for all the prayers,  
support, love, kind words, cards

and blessings you all have given me through my  
health journey. They will never be forgotten.

With much gratitude, appreciation, love and hugs,

Tammy Pickard



Once again, I am riding in the "Ride for Roswell" on Saturday, June 27. My goal is \$2,000. Donations can be sent to me at: 317 Wyoming Street, Warsaw.

You may donate online at:

<http://RideforRoswell2015.kintera.org/laxton>.

Or you may hand your donation to me in church, and I will take care of it.

Thanks,  
Lynn Saxton

### *Warsaw Food Pantry*

We helped 141 families in March. There were 197 adults, 112 children and 39 seniors for a total of 348. There were 14 new families.



#### Food donations were received from the following:

Our United Church of Warsaw congregation	First United Methodist Church
St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church	Warsaw Central High School
Immanuel United Methodist Church	Warsaw Walmart
Valley Chapel Free Methodist Church	Red Hat Ladies
Warsaw Central Elementary Student Council	Dorothy Keenan
Sue Schell	Marie Holmes
Gary and Chris Willey	Gary Carlsen
Warsaw Veterans Club	

#### Monetary donations totaling \$640 were received from the following:

Family Life Church	Orah Andalora
Fred Heller	Dennis and Lucy Krajewski
In memory of Howard Miller	

Thank you, everyone, for your continued support of the pantry.

Respectfully,  
Joyce Neeley



#### **Free Meal at St. Michael's Parish Hall**

**Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

The United Church of

Warsaw is the host church for the Free Meal at St. Michael's Parish Hall on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. We need 12 volunteers to each make a casserole to feed 12 people.

Set-up and clean-up volunteers are also needed. If you can help in any way, please contact coordinator Anne Weidman at 585-786-5786.

### *Words*

We need to watch every word that comes out of our mouths.

Words create the world.

Words are the bricks that the next generation uses to build.



## Greetings from Starburst!



What a delight that springtime weather is actually here! We have been enjoying the weather by playing outside on our playground.

The end of the year is upon us. What a busy year this has been!

We are completing year-end evaluations and finishing on-going projects. With the arrival of warmer weather, we look to spend more time outside on the playground and at the Warsaw Village Park.

We hope you enjoyed the Art Exhibit in the Connection of our church. We are very proud of our students and their creative spirit. We hope that their creativity brought you some joy as you passed through the hallway. Their talents remind us of new life.

In these weeks after Easter, we recall the words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 6:5: *For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

We are very thankful for those in our church who were generous with their time and resources in April by: providing Wish List items, attending our Easter program, selling and buying Chicken Barbecue tickets and helping with our various needs. Our appreciation goes to Rev. Barbara,

Cindy Kiel, Jeff and Linda Thomas, Jean Bassett, Ted LaWall, and Jim Carter who came to visit with his salamanders and frogs on the first day of our "Frog Unit."

Happy spring! God bless you!

Larene



- 5-ounce clear, plastic cups
- Frozen lemonade
- 6"-7" white, paper plates
- Snack crackers
- Yellow paper napkins
- Water balloons
- Yellow, plastic tablecloths (108" rectangular)

Thanks so much!



### ***Just Say "Yes" to Fruits and Vegetables***

April Miller, Nutrition Educator with Foodlink, will present a free class on "Easy, Nutritious Meal Planning" on Friday, May 15, 2015 at 10 a.m. in the East Room.

A simple recipe will also be prepared. All participants receive a free gift! Everyone is welcome!

NOTE: This class was postponed from its original date of April 17, 2015.



### ***The United Church of Warsaw Scholarship Applications***

Scholarship applications are now available in the Church Office for any high school senior graduating in June, 2015.

The Church Office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The scholarship application deadline is Friday, May 22, 2015.



Crossroads House is a comfort-care home for those who suffer a terminal illness and who have been medically determined to be in the last three months of life.

### Wish List

- ◆ Rolls of Forever stamps, postcard stamps
- ◆ Cases of white copy paper 8 1/2" x 11"
- ◆ Plastic sheet protectors
- ◆ Colored copy paper: Ivory and pastel colors 8 1/2" x 11"
- ◆ Letter-size file folders
- ◆ Mailing labels (Avery 5260/8160)
- ◆ Labeler tape for Brother Labeler (size M)
- ◆ Brita filters
- ◆ Regular and decaf coffee
- ◆ Coffee creamer and Half 'n Half
- ◆ Brownie mixes
- ◆ Canned soups
- ◆ Ginger ale and Gatorade
- ◆ Individual applesauce and fruit cups
- ◆ Antibacterial cleaning wipes
- ◆ Alcohol-free mouthwash (Biotene)
- ◆ Gift cards to: Office Max, Walmart, Tops, Home Depot, Aldi's
- ◆ Gift certificates to: fast food restaurants/ pizza/sub shops (for visiting families)

You may bring your donations to church to give to Betty James. Thank you.



Our acolytes for May 2015  
are listed below:

May 3	Lauren Howard
May 10	Grace Miller
May 17	Mason Johnson
May 24	Joe Fisher
May 31	Eman Garcia-Myers

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### 2015 Commission

#### Pastor

Rev. Dr. Barbara Therese

#### Clerk of Commission

Lance Bush

#### Congregational Care

George Ann Carter and Donna Mager

#### Education Committee

Jim Carter and Jean Bassett

#### Facilities Committee

Brian Howard and Steve Perkins

#### Ministry Committee

Sherry Cousins and Steve McCabe

#### Mission Committee

Linda Thomas and Linda Demers

#### Personnel Committee

Cindy (Fisher) Flint and Mark Pickard

### ***Sunday Morning Ministries***

Sign-up Sheets for Sunday Ministry for May are on the tables in the East Room. Following Worship and during Fellowship Time, please add your name to the lists for Greeters, Scripture Readers, Ushers, Communion Servers and Refreshment Providers.

*“Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present.”*

—Albert Camus

### *When God Created Mothers*

When God was creating mothers, God was into a sixth day of “overtime.” An angel appeared and said, “God, you’re doing a lot of fiddling around on this one.”



And God said, “Have you read the specs on this order?  
 She has to be completely washable, but not plastic.  
 She must have 180 moveable parts, all replaceable.  
 She must run on black coffee and leftovers.  
 She must have a lap that disappears when she stands up.  
 She must have a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair.  
 And she must have six pairs of hands.”

The angel exclaimed, “Six pairs of hands? No way!”

God replied, “It’s not the hands that are causing problems. It’s the three pairs of eyes that a mother must have.”

The angel asked, “Is this on a standard model?”

God nodded. “One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, ‘What are you kids doing in there?’ when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn’t but what she has to know. Of course, the ones here in front must look at a child when she or he goofs up and say, ‘I understand and I love you’ without so much as uttering a word.”

The angel said softly, “God, take a break from this hard work.”

God answered, “I can’t. I’m so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger, and can get a nine year-old to stand under a shower.”

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly and sighed, “She’s too soft.”

God interjected, “But tough! You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure.”

The angel inquired, “Can she think?”

God smiled. “Not only can she think, but she can also reason and compromise.”

Finally, the angel ran a finger across the cheek of the mother model. The angel announced, “There is a leak. I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model.”

God whispered, “It’s not a leak. It’s a tear.”

The angel looked quizzical. “What’s it for?”

God answered, “It’s for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride.”

The angel beamed. “You are a genius!”

God paused and said, “I didn’t put it there.”

## May Birthdays

- 1 Thomas Frederick James  
 3 Lucille Carlson  
 Jim Carter  
 4 Debbie Kaufman  
 5 Lucas Eley  
 Benjamin Flint  
 6 Virginia Winter  
 8 Brad Flint  
 9 Benjamin Ghise  
 10 Christopher Flint  
 11 Jean Bassett  
 14 Ann Cousins  
 15 Ethan Schafer  
 16 Robin LaWall  
 18 Marian Fisher  
 21 Jerry Schneckenburger  
 25 Priscilla Ten Hagen  
 26 Steve Perkins  
 27 Carolyn Klopfer  
 30 Rich Saxton



## May Anniversaries



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|----|---------------------------|------|
| 2  | Marilyn and Jack Kibler   | 1975 |
| 3  | Ann and Gary Cousins      | 1969 |
| 17 | Rev. John and Anne Mair   | 1946 |
| 22 | David and Cindy Kiel      | 1976 |
| 24 | Jennifer and Brian Howard | 1997 |

## Snackpaks for Kids

Food items needed include:  
 peanut butter (plastic jar), jelly (plastic jar), breakfast bars, instant oatmeal, cereals (in small packages), fruit cups, pudding cups, cheese and crackers, peanut butter crackers, juice boxes, spaghettios, soups, macaroni and cheese, granola bars, graham crackers, healthy treats, and travel-size hygiene items.  
 The donation box is located in the Connection.



Thank you to all who have generously donated.

## What's Happening?



Each week, check out the bulletin boards in The Connection to learn what's happening in our area churches and in our community.

## June Newsletter Deadline

The June 2015 Newsletter  
 deadline is Friday, May 15, 2015.



If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please accept our apologies. Kindly advise the Church Office (in writing or by email) of your birthday or your anniversary and wedding year, and we will add your information to our data-base.  
 Thank you!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<sup>1</sup> 103rd Annual May Breakfast 6:15—9:15 a.m. Food Pantry 9-11 a.m.	<sup>2</sup> Spring Clean-Up 9 a.m. to noon
Choir Practice <sup>3</sup> 9 a.m. Prayer Group 9:45 a.m. Worship, Communion, Sharing- the-Light Food Collection 10 a.m.	<sup>4</sup> Food Pantry 9-11 a.m.	<sup>5</sup> Weight Watchers 8:00-10:30 a.m. Food Pantry 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<sup>6</sup> Choir Practice 7 p.m.	<sup>7</sup> Food Pantry 9-11 a.m. National Day of Prayer 12 noon at Wyo. Co. Courthouse Weight Watchers 5:00-7:30 p.m.	<sup>8</sup> Food Pantry 9-11 a.m.	<sup>9</sup>
 <sup>10</sup> Choir Practice 9 a.m. Prayer Group 9:45 a.m. Worship Service <sup>10</sup>	<sup>11</sup> Food Pantry 9-11 a.m. Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<sup>12</sup> Weight Watchers 8:00-10:30 a.m. Food Pantry 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<sup>13</sup> Choir Practice 7 p.m.	<sup>14</sup> Food Pantry 9-11 a.m. Weight Watchers 5:00-7:30 p.m.	<sup>15</sup> Food Pantry 9-11 a.m. June Newsletter Deadline Free Meal Planning Class 10 a.m.	<sup>16</sup>
<sup>17</sup> Choir Practice 9 a.m. Prayer Group 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m.	<sup>18</sup> Food Pantry 9-11 a.m.	<sup>19</sup> Weight Watchers 8:00-10:30 a.m. Food Pantry 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<sup>20</sup> Starburst Board Meeting 1 p.m.  Choir Practice 7 p.m.	<sup>21</sup> Food Pantry 9-11 a.m.  Weight Watchers 5:00-7:30 p.m.	<sup>22</sup> Food Pantry 9-11 a.m. Senior Scholarship application deadline at noon	<sup>23</sup>
<sup>24</sup> Choir Practice 9 a.m. Prayer Group 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m.	 <sup>25</sup> Church Office and Food Pantry closed	<sup>26</sup> Weight Watchers 8:00-10:30 a.m. Food Pantry 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<sup>27</sup> Choir Practice 7 p.m.	<sup>28</sup> Food Pantry 9-11 a.m.  Weight Watchers 5:00-7:30 p.m.	<sup>29</sup> Food Pantry 9-11 a.m.	<sup>30</sup>
<sup>31</sup> Choir Practice 9 a.m. Prayer Group 9:45 a.m. Worship Service and Baptism 10 a.m.						

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***Double-Decker May Events  
 at  
 The United Church of Warsaw***

**103<sup>rd</sup> Annual May Breakfast  
 Friday, May 1,  
 6:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.  
 in Fellowship Hall**

**Come to set-up, come to cook, come to serve,  
 come to eat, come to share!**

**and**

**Church Spring Clean-Up  
 Saturday, May 2,  
 9 a.m. to Noon  
 in facility and on church grounds  
 Come to clean, come to shine, come to weed,  
 come to prune, come to share!**

