

The Connection

Faith Sharing from The United Church of Warsaw

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The United Church of Warsaw

Serving God's People with Love.

Dear friends and members of our family of faith:

As the season of autumn flaunts her colors, God's peace to you and those whom you love.

In October, our faith community will: (1) continue our **"For Everything There Is a Season" sermon series**; (2) host our **"Room at the Table" Potluck Lunch**; (3) begin a **Scripture Book Study**; (4) present **"Storytelling by the Steeple"**; (5) commence our four-week **Commitment Season**; (6) sponsor a **seminar on death and dying**; and (7) crystallize plans for **"Go, Tell My People,"** a sacred drama presented by "Women of the Well," on November 12.

On the five Sundays of October, we will gather in the sanctuary to journey through the complex seasons of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3. On October 1, we will honor World Communion Sunday with the **Feast for All Sinners and Saints**, support our **Sharing-the-Light Food Collection** and gather for our monthly **Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall**. On October 8, we will **introduce and welcome Mrs. Reagan Phillippi**, our new Administrative Assistant. On October 10, we will start a six-week Scripture Book Study on ***The Daniel Plan***. On October 14, we will host **"Storytelling by the Steeple,"** a mini-festival of story and music. On October 15, **Rev. Bill Heller** will grace our pulpit. On October 22, we will begin our **Commitment Season**. On October 23, we will host a community-wide **Seminar on Death and Dying**, led by Mr. Joe Robinson.

This month, members of the **F.A.C.E. (Faith And Caring Encounter) Group** may earn Community Service hours during our **Autumn Clean-Up Day** on October 22.

For fourteen months, July 2016 through September 2017, the **Prayer Challenge** enabled members of our family of faith to participate in a week-long exercise in prayer.

Save the Date:

"Go, Tell My People," on Sunday, November 12, at 10 a.m. in our sanctuary, when "Women of the Well," a troupe of liturgical performers from Rochester, will present our Sunday message through scripture, music and drama.

Through third quarter of 2017, God's blessings and generosity within our faith community have shown themselves in a strong, steady level of **Committed Gifts and Free Offerings**. Our **"Fortify Our Food Pantry" Campaign** benefited from our **"Ten for the Pantry" Collection** during September, "Hunger Action Month." As we enter October and a new Season of Commitment, may you receive God's grace for your sharing in the past. May you feel God's empowerment for your giving in the future.

God be with you till we meet again.

Beside you in the journey of faith,
Rev. Dr. Barbara Therese



A Shove from the Dove

Meet Our New Church Administrative Assistant: Reagan Phillippi

In early August of 2017, the Commission learned that a shift in roles within our Church Staff and a re-alignment of responsibilities were necessary. In early September, through Commission-approved action, Mrs. Cindy Kiel was called to be Warsaw Food Pantry Coordinator and Church Financial Secretary. Thus, the position of Church Administrative Assistant became open.

Through a formal interview process, the Personnel Committee (Mr. Greg Myers and Mr. Kevin Miller) and Rev. Barbara Therese met with a candidate who came highly recommended. Based on the outcome of the interview as well as reference and background checks, the Personnel Committee recommended and the Commission approved calling Mrs. Reagan Phillippi to the position of Church Administrative Assistant to The United Church of Warsaw, effective September 12, 2017.

Reagan grew up in Warsaw, NY, and then lived elsewhere for several years. She returned to Warsaw where she has resided for more than twelve years. Reagan and her spouse Andrew (Andy) together have a son Andrew (age 5) and a daughter Evelyn (age 2). The family are active members of Valley Chapel Free Methodist Church in Warsaw, where Reagan serves as a Church School Assistant.

What brings Reagan joy are relationships and deeply connecting with other people, whether by bringing a smile to someone's face or supporting someone when they are in need. She describes her relationship with God as one which enables her to feel stronger within her life and her spirit. Moreover, prayer allows her to strengthen her relationship with God.

In serving as our Church Administrative Assistant, Reagan seeks to maintain "an open door policy" and looks forward to making healthy, helping connections with members of our faith community and the greater community.

We enthusiastically welcome Reagan Phillippi into the Church Staff of our family of faith. She will be introduced to our congregation at the beginning of worship on Sunday, October 8.

***Meet Reagan Phillippi, our new Administrative Assistant,
on Sunday, October 8, at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary!***

Testimony of Gratitude

Written by John Sheer

Dear United Church of Warsaw family of faith:

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers after my recent surgery. Your support and encouragement were truly appreciated.

Testimony of Thankfulness

Written by Grace Kunze

Dear United Church of Warsaw family,

Thank you very much for the scholarship you gave to me for my college education. It was useful for many of the college expenses.

I appreciate the love and support and prayers you have given me through my life. I am fortunate to be part of such a wonderful church family.

Testimony of Thanks to Congregation

Written by Stephen Heller

Dear United Church of Warsaw:

Sincere "thanks" to everyone who contributed food and shared their time and energy to make the celebration of Uncle Fred and Aunt Loretta's lives very special!

Clerk's Corner

Notes from Clerk of Commission, Lance Bush
Highlights of Commission Meeting of September 11, 2017

- Maintaining momentum from the previous eight months, our monthly **Financial Report** indicates good health in Committed Gifts and Offerings and good progress toward year-end budget goals.
- A **Bible/Book Study** on Tuesday evenings, at 6:30 p.m., will begin October 10. Sherry Cousins is organizing and leading the study on *The Daniel Plan*.
- Rousing **thanks to Mrs. Tammy Pickard and Five Star Bank Corporate Office** for naming the Warsaw **Food Pantry as the benefactor** for their monthly charity event and for giving large boxes of food and a check in the month of September.
- Heart-felt **thanks to all who donated school supplies** on Homecoming Sunday. The supplies will be distributed to area educational centers in need.
- Meet the **newest member of our Church Ministry Team!** As Mrs. Cindy Kiel now serves as Coordinator of the Warsaw Food Pantry, **Mrs. Reagan Phillippi** now serves as **our new Administrative Assistant**. On weekdays, come into the Church Office, introduce yourself and **welcome Reagan** to our Church Ministry family!
- If you want **to receive *The Connection* by e-mail**—rather than by mail--please call the Church Office (585-786-3878), email the church (ucwarsaw@frontiernet.net) or personally stop into the Church Office, and **advise Reagan** that you want to receive our monthly newsletter electronically.

Mark these important dates and times:

October 14, Saturday, 7 p.m. - "Storytelling by the Steeple"—An evening of stories (performers: Mary Conable, Weston Kirsch, Evelyn LaWall, Maggie Robinson, Rev. Dr. Barbara Therese) and sacred music (flutists: Windsong Ensemble)

October 23, Monday, 7 p.m. - "Death and Dying" seminar led by Joe Robinson

November 12, Sunday, 10 a.m. - "Go, Tell My People" - A sacred drama presented by "Women of the Well," a troupe of liturgical performers from Pittsford, NY

November 19, Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal – Coming soon are Sign-Ups for meal items and for set-up, serve-up and clean-up teams.

December 17, Sunday, 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. - Sunday School Christmas Pageant and Annual Congregational Meeting

Invitation to Join Our Newest Book Study: *The Daniel Plan*

All are invited to...

...a six-week Bible/Book Study on *The Daniel Plan: Forty Days to a Healthier Life* to begin on Tuesday, October 10, and conclude on Tuesday, November 14. The scripture-based study will be held on six consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the East Room. Cost of the book is \$8. A sign-up sheet for interested participants is available on Sundays on the Connection table and on weekdays in the Church Office.

For more information, call or text the Study Leader, Sherry Cousins, at: 585-322-5128.

Valuable Seminar: *Death and Dying*

*All church members and community members are invited to:
Seminar on Death and Dying*

WHEN: Monday, October 23, at 7 p.m.

WHERE: East Room of The United Church of Warsaw

SPEAKER: Mr. Joe Robinson, Director of Robinson & Hackemer Funeral Home

TOPICS: Traditional funeral charges; pre-arrangements; pre-financing plans; issues related to coping and dealing with death

WHAT: Question-and-answer time to follow informational presentation

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October 2017 Acolyte Schedule

October 1	Evelyn LaWall
October 8	Russell Broughton
October 15	Lauren Howard
October 22	Charlotte Kirsch
October 29	Joe Fisher

October Events at The United Church of Warsaw

October 1 at 10 a.m.	“For Everything There Is a Season” Sermon #4 Feast for All; Sharing-the-Light Food Collection Potluck Lunch – Bring a dish to pass; in Fellowship Hall
At 11:30 a.m.	
October 8 at 10 a.m.	“For Everything There Is a Season” Sermon #5
October 9 at 6:30 p.m.	Commission Meeting in East Room
October 10 at 6:30 p.m.	“The Daniel Plan” Book Study begins in East Room
October 14 at 7 p.m.	Storytelling by the Steeple – Stories and music in sanctuary
October 15 at 10 a.m.	“For Everything There Is a Season” Sermon #6
October 22 at 10 a.m.	“For Everything There Is a Season” Sermon #7
October 23 at 7 p.m.	Seminar on Death and Dying in East Room
October 29 at 10 a.m.	“For Everything There Is a Season” Sermon #8