



Dryden Presbyterian Church Newsletter

June 2023

Jottings for June

The first Sunday in June marks the one year anniversary of Mom and me coming to Dryden. It has been a wonderful year! The church family has been such a blessing to us. I've enjoyed working with both Session and the Deacons as we learn and grow together. The seasons are beautiful. I LOVE all the trees!!! And Mom and I are finally settling in to our wonderful home. Thanks be to God for all the blessings showered upon us all!



When I first came to Dryden, I asked people what they need to hear in sermons or to study in Bible studies as well as what they already learned. One answer stood out—"In all the years I have been here, I have never heard anything about spiritual gifts." So I've been waiting for the right time to do a sermon series on Spiritual Gifts—What are they? How do they work? What does the Bible say? Who has them? Where do they come from? When do you use them? Why do we avoid talking about them?

The time is now! Beginning with Pentecost Sunday (June 4), we will be discussing Spiritual Gifts for a 4-5 week sermon series. You might be surprised by your gift!



Have a beautiful, blessed month!

- Pastor Nancy

Don't Miss Sunday, June 4th!

New Name Tags

Pentecost—Wear red!

Communion

Welcome New Members

**Pastor's Coffee Hours
at Corner Cafe**

In June & August, Pastor Nancy
will be at the Corner Café on
Mondays from 9-11 am.
(Except 2nd Mondays)
Please stop by for a chat.

Happy 1st Anniversary, Pastor Nancy!



Pastor Nancy Didway came to Dryden with her mother, Hellon, on June 4, 2022, and preached her first sermon the next day. Can you believe it's been a whole year?

New Members!

Welcome new members!

On June 4, the First Presbyterian Church of Dryden will welcome two new members to the fold.

Will Merrill is engaged to Christi LaPlant and lives in Dryden. Will says this "feels like family" to him. Thank you, Christi, for introducing us to Will!"

Sue Barry says being office administrator has been the perfect opportunity to get to know the people and mission of the church, confirming that this is the church she wants to call home.

Blue Jean Saturday

Thank you to all who helped with the Spring Cleanup. Raking, planting, weeding, window washing, tree stump removal, storm window removal was all done! Thanks also to those who provided goodies.



Whether you helped before May 6th or came on May 6th your help is greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Dave Parsons for bringing all his equipment.

It makes the job much easier. The church looks great.



A note from Dottie

Thank you to my church family for the service acknowledging Jack's and my years of service to our church. It was such a lovely service and dinner and I truly appreciate all of it. I am going through the many notes and cards and feeling truly blessed. When I became a member many years ago, I struggled with finding a way to serve given my crazy schedule. The Treasurer position opened up and I realized that it would work; it didn't matter if I was cutting checks at 2:00 a.m. or delivering checks to the church at 6:00 in the morning! I feel truly honored to be entrusted with the position of Treasurer. THANK YOU! Blessings, Dottie

RESOURCE COMMITTEE REPORT

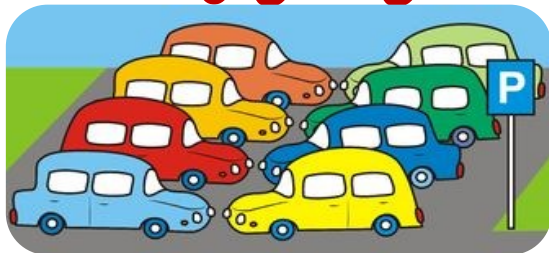
Thank you for continuing to keep your pledges up-to-date.

Please see the information below about the repairs and repaving that are needed to our driveway and parking lot. Your support is appreciated.

January through April Operating Results	2022 Actual (4 months)	2023 Actual (4 months)	2023 Budget (4 months)	2023 Budget (12 months)
<u>Operating Income</u>				
Pledge Receipts	\$ 35,671	\$ 35,359	\$ 35,800	\$ 107,400
Non-Pledge & Plate Contributions	4,245	4,683	3,333	10,000
Interest, Dividends & Misc Income	1,871	2,886	4,500	13,500
Expenses	(35,350)	(57,056)	(56,291)	(167,422)
To Capital, Copier and Piano & Organ Reserve Accounts	(1,200)	(1,200)	(1,200)	(3,600)
From Designated for Purchase of Stoves	-	1,423	-	-
From Insurance for Preliminary Repair of Water Damage	-	920	-	-
From Dave Smith Memorial for 1st Payment on Cellular Fire A	-	383	-	-
 Net Operating Income	 <u>\$ 5,238</u>	 <u>\$ (12,602)</u>	 <u>\$ (13,857)</u>	 <u>\$ (40,122)</u>

() Denotes reduction to Income.
Negative Net Income will be covered by the Session Discretionary Reserve.

Parking Lot Drive



The Church Parking Lot & Driveway are in need of repair and repaving.

Cost is expected to be up to **\$25,000**.

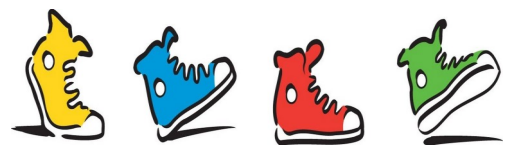
Session is requesting help from our church family in financing this project. Please give/pledge any contributions labeled "Parking Lot Drive" as soon as possible to facilitate financing decisions.

Any support you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Walking with God
Vacation Bible
School
VBS for Adults &
Kids!

July 12, 13, 14
at 5:30-7:30 pm

A special presentation will be given June 11th, during Christian Education's "Coat of Many Colors" Ice Cream Sundae Sunday for all interested volunteers & participants.



Mission Committee Notes



One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering was presented over 4 Sundays and culminated on Palm Sunday, April 2. For 2023, \$1126.00 was sent to PCUSA. This compares to \$840 in 2021 and \$1040 in 2022.

Thanks to all who were able to support this mission project that connects us with other churches in our denomination.

On May 7, Nic Brenner from Second Wind presented a Minute for Mission on a brief description of the new house being built by the organization on West Main Street as a place of refuge for homeless women.

Much progress has been made since its start with a new roof scheduled for the following week. He welcomes volunteers for the project and asked for our support and prayers.



Blanket Sunday, which provides blankets to those in need as a result of being homeless, refugees, or victims of disasters, is offered to the congregation as Minute for Mission on May 14 (Mother's Day) and May 21 for their participation in this Church World Service endeavor.



Fellowship Committee Notes

"Unity is strengthwhen there is teamwork and collaboration wonderful things can be achieved"

Mattie Stepanek

And we have achieved wonderful things! Our events calendar is full and without the help of all the volunteers: Joyce, Brenda, Dan, Gale, Peggy, Dave, Jeanine, Jack, Sue, Doug, Dottie, Bob, Joan, MJ, Chuck, Nancy and the many other behind-the-scenes helpers it wouldn't be possible. I want to thank you all for your time and kindness in making them come together. It is much appreciated! Cheryl

Worship/Praise Team

May 14, Mothers Day:

We enjoyed seeing the different "hats" in church, especially the conversation about them during coffee time. Thanks to Joan Watros for heading up the coffee hour with helpers Jeanine Scott, Fran Sincerbeaux, Will Merrill, Brenda Carpenter and Peggy Parsons.

May 21 Celebration of Service:

A luncheon was held following the service to honor the many years of dedication of service for Jack Scott as Clerk of Session and Dottie Slocum as Treasurer.

June 4: We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday by wearing red, and with communion. A coffee and treats reception will follow the service in Fellowship Hall

June 11: Christian Education Sunday; there will be a fun trivia game for the four little ones to play "Mama vs Llama"; special recognition for Peter Nydam and Emma Park-Miller; also recognizing others involved in Christian Education; we plan to have the traditional "Coat of Many Colors" ice cream sundae bar following the service.

June 18, Fathers Day! This is also the first Sunday of our summer hours and service will start at 10:00 a.m.; **we ask that all men of the church (fathers and those who have a father ☺) wear a plaid, button-up shirt (any color and any plaid pattern).** We'll enjoy a



coffee and donut celebration in Fellowship Hall following the service.

PLEASE sign up to usher, greet and be a liturgist; summer months get busy and we need you!

Just a Note, by Scott Miller

Messiah, Part III

A couple of months ago, I called part I “the happy part.” God loves us, He sent Jesus, and life looks good; part I is very cozy. It’s the part we understand best and requires nothing from us but to open the gift and say thank you.

Part II shows us just how cruel we are and that this was part of the plan all along. Just look at the texts used, we don’t see the New Testament until after “Christ’s Ascension.” God knew who he was trying to save and sent His Son anyway. Speaking for myself that’s a bit of a “guilt trip.” [Time out to say, “Thank You.”] This is not to say that part II is a complete “downer.” Christ wins, conquers death, ascends and the Gospel Word is spread to anyone who can hear. We end with the “Hallelujah Chorus” and if that doesn’t make you feel uplifted, nothing will.

Part III is quite short, about 1/6 of the entire work. For scripture references see <https://haventoday.org/blog/handels-messiah-lyrics-verse-references/> and scroll down about ½ way. We’re promised eternal life, warned of the judgement, sin is conquered, and the Messiah is acclaimed. The mood is happy, scary, promising, and challenging but in the end “Worthy is the Lamb.”

Just in case you’re not sure, I’ll come right out and say it, “I like the Messiah, a lot!” It’s a complete “Intro to the New Covenant” course. I have many favorites in this work but if I had to pick one – I’d be hard put to do it. I get down to two, the “Hallelujah Chorus” and “Worthy Is the Lamb.”

“Hallelujah Chorus” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUZEtvbJT5c>

“Worthy Is the Lamb” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCcGqMHndxo>

A common legend is that *Messiah* was completed in 2 weeks, but that isn’t quite true; 24 days is the actual length of time. At the end of the manuscript Handel wrote “SDG” – “Soli Deo Gloria” or “To God alone be the glory.”

Handel made several revisions during his lifetime to fit the resources of the performers. This includes the 1742 Dublin Premier. It is thought that *Messiah*, as originally written, was not performed during Handel’s lifetime.

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Handel’s plan for the premier was for a charity concert to benefit the “prisoners’ debt relief,” “Mercer’s Hospital” and the “Charitable Infirmary.” The concert raised £400, today’s value converted to dollars would be \$101,597.71. Very generous.

In order to accommodate the largest possible audience, gentlemen were asked to remove their swords and ladies were asked not to wear hoops in their dresses.

Sources:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Messiah_\(Handel\)#](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Messiah_(Handel)#); <https://haventoday.org/blog/handels-messiah-lyrics-verse-references/> <https://www.uwyo.edu/numimage/currency.htm>

Kitchen Cupboard and Clothing Shed:

Mon. & Fri. 11 a.m. to noon; Wed. 5 to 6 p.m.
Last Sat. of each month 11a.m.—noon.



WEB Items for collection in June:

Boxed macaroni & cheese

Flowers

Providing flowers for the sanctuary during the worship service is another way to celebrate happy times or to honor/ remember a loved one. If your flowers mark a special occasion that you wish to share with your church family, be sure to note that down on the flower calendar. Artificial flowers are a nice choice that can be used for more than one



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Session	Deacons	Staff
DiscipleshipDan Carpenter	Phyllis Byrn	Clerk of SessionJohn Scott
FellowshipCheryl Nemecek	Evan Carpenter	Office Admin. Susan Barry
HarmonyJeanine Scott	Christi LaPlant	TreasurerDottie Slocum
Missions Chuck Nydam	Fran Sincerbeaux	Financial Secy. Jay Engels
Property Dave Parsons	Dottie Slocum	Organist Michael Singbusch
Resources Joyce Day	MJ Uttech	Music Director.....Scott Miller
..... Brad Perkins	Connie Walker	Custodian Rob White
Worship Doug Barton		Librarian Gretchen Young
..... Brenda Carpenter		

Word Search from John 15:12-15

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 F N B A A O E V J W N X G D
 R L E D S R I R J G M T N J
 I N E M V T E N R N S Y B P
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COMMANDMENT LIFE
 LOVE FRIENDS
 ONE CALL
 ANOTHER SERVANTS
 GREATER MASTER
 SOMEONE DOING
 LAY MADE
 DOWN KNOWN

“This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 PrayerShawl 1pm	2 KitCupb 11-12	3
4 Pentecost(obs) Communion Choir 915/1130 Coffee Hr Welcome New Members	5 KitCupb 11- 12	6	7 Bulletin Deadline KitCupb 5-6	8	9 KitCupb 11-12	10 Dairy Day Brownie Booth
11	12 KitCupb 11- 12	13 Motions Due Quilters 10 am Finance Team930	14 Bulletin Deadline KitCupb 5-6	15 Reports Due PrayerShawl 1pm	16 KitCupb 11-12	17
18 Father's Day WORSHIP TIME CHANGE - 10AM Coff Hr: Donuts Choir 9	19 KitCupb 11- 12	20 Deacons 615pm Session 7 pm	21 Bulletin Deadline KitCupb 5-6	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 KitCupb 11-12	24 KitCupb 11-12
25 Senior Day (70+) Reception	26 KitCupb 11- 12	27 Quilters 10 am	28 Bulletin Deadline KitCupb 5-6	29	30 KitCupb 11-12	1

June birthdays

June Anniversaries

Gale Conway	6	Tim Parsons	11	Marty & Shelly Taylor	3
Robert Slocum	7	Millie Tull	13	Bill and Julie Maddren	6
Kathy Barton	10	Joan Van Vranken	23	Steve and Darcy Riggs	27
Courtney Armitage	11	Jane Schenck	26		

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BEGINS JUNE 18, 2023

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Join us as we worship
the Lord

Worship — Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Beginning June 18

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