



Dryden Presbyterian Church Newsletter-June 2021

Greetings,

I hope and pray that you are able to find some joy as we journey towards whatever the new normal will be. As we begin to be able to venture out, please remember that many of the precautions in place are to protect others. These ideas of caring for others can then be continued once we are back. We will try to keep everyone informed as the precautions change. We have sent everyone a revised safety plan (as of May 26). If you did not receive a copy, there are some in the church office or you can call Arlene to get one sent to you.

Worship is continuing with more in-person each week and many still on Zoom. Tim, Scott & Mike are doing a wonderful job of providing a meaningful worship environment for all of us. Rob keeps the building safe for us. Arlene continues to do a great job of keeping everything running well.

Covid is still with us. So, while in-person gatherings other than worship are limited; the session, deacons and various committees are still functioning. The session will be considering this policy each meeting, so please let session members know your ideas about how best to function in this strange time. We are looking at changes to our Covid building use policy to reflect where we now are. The ministry work of the congregation continues both locally and in the mission field. There are great needs around the world (check out the One Great Hour of Sharing information). Please continue to pray for those with needs and the folks ministering to those needs.

I will be completing my time here at the end of July and will be moving down to be near Peg at that time. I continue to be very grateful for the time I have spent together with all of you in ministry. These transition periods can be unsettling and I realize there will a bit more time to go as the PNC is beginning again with their search. My prayers are particularly with them as the search process proceeds.

Peg is back to a more normal condition in her assisted-living facility near Philadelphia, PA. The visiting restrictions are being eased and she was able to host me in her room one afternoon and to go out for lunch and shopping with the kids a few times. We appreciate all the prayers, cards, and gifts you have been offering for our family.

Shalom, Dale



June 20th -10:00 a.m.

We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and love our neighbors as ourselves.



Church Contacts

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

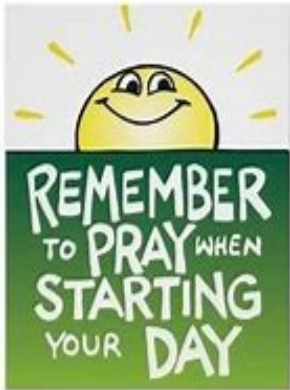
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Sermons on the DPC web site: Thanks to Tim Parsons you can listen to sermons on our website. Go to <http://www.drydenpres.com>; click on "Listen to Worship."



Federal privacy regulations prevent hospitals from giving out the names of people who have been admitted. That means that the Pastor may not be aware that someone in our church family is in the hospital and would like a visit. Please call the church office (844-8321) and let us know if a church member or friend been hospitalized.

Information for the
Ju/y/August newsletter
should be in the church office by
Monday June 21, 2021.



Sunrise of Blue Bell
Margaret Francis
Room 306
795 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Welcome to June

June 6 Communion

June 13 Christian Education Sunday

June 14 Flag Day

June 20 Happy Father's Day!
First Day of Summer
Time change for summer worship to 10:00 a.m.



Membership Celebration Sunday-May 30th

Our congregation recognizes those celebrating membership in five-year increments each May. Active support and participation from an historically talented, close-knit core group has allowed this church family to be basically self-sustaining over the 213 years of our existence with the blessings of our Lord.

We know we are not saved by our works but accept the responsibility of living lives that reflect His teachings to love one another.

The names listed below reflect services as Elders, Deacons, Sunday School teachers, choir participants, mission and financial support, legal expertise, community outreach, church employment, participation in Sunday morning services and house of worship maintenance. We thank each of you for your part in keeping us faithful to our purpose.

Mahlon Perkins	60	Merle Negus	45
Carol Robinson	30	Dawn Horner	20
Jay Engels	30	Molly Parker	15
Carol Engels	30	Tyler Engels	15
Robert Slocum	25	Matt Parsons	15
Daniel Carpenter	20	Frank and Michelle Brackin , after 30 years, moved recently to Maine.	
Bill Maddren	20		
Julie Maddren	20		
Nancy Couch	15		
Edward Couch	15		

Finance & Facilities Report

January through April Operating Results	2020 Actual	2021 vs 2020	2021 Actual	Actual vs Budget	2021 Budget
Contributions & Other Receipts	\$ 32,476	\$ 5,982	\$ 38,458	\$ (176)	\$ 38,633
Budgeted Operating Expenses	(37,088)	(233)	(37,321)	764	(38,085)
Non-Budgeted Expenses	(594)	562	(32)	(32)	-
To / From Reserve Accounts	(1,200)	(0)	(1,200)	-	(1,200)
Net Income	<u>\$ (6,406)</u>	\$ 6,310	<u>\$ (95)</u>	\$ 556	<u>\$ (651)</u>

() denotes reduction to Income.

Operating Results...

As of the end of April, contributions toward the operating budget are 7% behind last year and 23% below the budget. The entire shortfall from budget is in pledges. Non-Pledge is behind last year but 28% ahead of budget. Plate is about the same as last year and 20% ahead of budget. Expenses are in line with the budget.

Proceeds from the Sale of the Florida Property...

Last month, Session approved transferring the net proceeds from the sale of the Florida property to the Capital Reserve however the transfer has been delayed because cash in the operating account has gone down due to the lag in pledge receipts. We will make the transfer at the end of the year if there is enough cash.

Spring Clean-Up...

Spring Clean-up went very well. The day started off cold with a little snow but it was sunny. The crew got a lot done in short order. Dottie Slocum made coffee AND a coffee cake and got the donuts. Dave Parsons brought his tractor and placed 3 large bins in the work areas which made a huge difference in transferring & loading the Village truck. Thanks everyone. It was fun getting together again.

Other Facilities...

Sue Bahny and Marsha Smith did a tremendous job cleaning the north side of the Administrative Building. They bleached, power washed and applied "Wet and Forget". Chuck Uttech built a new ramp at the entrance of the utility shed. Thanks Sue, Marsha and Chuck! Thanks also to everyone else who sneaks in to clean & fix things that we might not hear about.

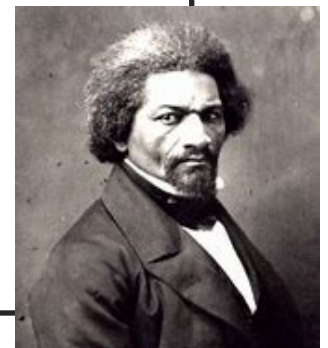
Emancipation Day in Dryden (a first annual)

Come and hear the man himself - Frederick Douglass enacting his 1880 Elmira,
New York Emancipation Day speech.

Remembering the tragedy of American slavery.

Saturday, June 19, 2021 - noon- at the Dryden Village Foundation.

The public is invited to attend the speech at noon and a reception in
Dryden's Fire Hall directly following.



Dryden Presbyterian Church

COVID Safety Plan

(5/20/21)

“We had a good friendship and walked together to God’s Temple.”
Psalm 55:14

We welcome and encourage individuals to come and worship with us in-person.

The COVID Safety Plan has been approved by Session.

- If anyone does not feel well or has any COVID symptoms, they will worship with us on zoom.
- We will return to a one-hour service on Sunday, May 30.
- Attendance is limited to the number of individuals in compliance with current CDC and Tompkins County Health Dept. guidelines; currently 6’ of distance between non-related individuals is recommended.
- Every other pew will remain identified as “not for use”.
- An identified usher will keep attendance. This will be used for contact tracing if necessary.
- Individuals will use hand sanitizer (stations provided) upon entering and leaving the church.
- Face masks will be worn by everyone when entering and moving about the church; fully vaccinated individuals can remove their mask when seated in the sanctuary and while singing.
- The choir will return! Members will distance themselves as much as possible; fully vaccinated members will not need to wear masks when singing. Unvaccinated individuals will sing with masks on.
- Social distancing of 6’ will be required at all times.
- Coffee hours will resume on May 30; watch the bulletin and newsletters for future dates:

the coffee and snack table will be set up in Fellowship Hall
chairs will be set up outside on the lawn (weather permitting) for people to gather and socialize.

disposable tableware will be used
individuals must maintain social distancing of 6 feet while socializing
all food will be touchless self-serve
table tops will be sprayed and wiped down **after** use

- Spray bottles are provided in the bathrooms; hard surfaces, including door handles, counters, toilet seats, faucet handles are to be sprayed/wiped down after use.
- Masks will be worn by all individuals entering the church through the office area and while moving about; fully vaccinated individuals may remove their masks when alone in the office or sitting.
- This safety plan will be revised as policies and recommendations from CDC and Tompkins County Health Department change.
- Simply be safe. While God is in control, we all can take steps to be happy and healthy and to keep our fellow church family members safe. Thank you.

Safety Plan

JUST A NOTE

Well, the news is that after a 62 Sunday vacation the choir came back on Sunday May 30! The vaccine and shrinking numbers of COVID-19 cases have finally allowed us to take a step back toward normal. We've reacquainted ourselves with all those little black dots and dived back into making music once more. It feels good, thank God!

Hymns, yup there's more that can be said. I'll try really hard to talk about something different next month but I didn't want to leave today's topic untouched – Meter.

Meter, in music typically refers to the number of beats in a measure

Beat: a steady pulse that the music is built upon – if you're tapping your foot to the music, you're probably doing it to the beat.

Measure: music is divided into measures by vertical lines placed throughout the music.

Each measure holds the same number of beats – usually.

Meter: The Meter Signature (Time Signature) defines how many beats will be in each measure. Common Meter Signatures are:

4	3	2
4	4	2

It's the top number that tells us how many beats, the bottom number indicates what kind of note is worth one beat but that's another article for another month.

Meter is also a term used in poetry and refers to the arrangement of strong and weak stresses in the syllables of the words. In the hymnal, both of these uses come together.

At the bottom of the first page of each hymn are 4 pieces of information:

- Who wrote the text
- Who wrote the music
- The name of the tune
- And – The Meter

This Meter indication tells us how many syllables are in each line of the text. Hymns with the same Meter indication are interchangeable.

Let's take an example, Amazing Grace, Hymn 202. The Meter here is marked as C.M. which stands for Common Meter. Common Meter is 8.6.8.6. If we go ahead and count syllables, that's exactly what we come up with. Now, go to page 687 in the hymnal, the "Metrical Index of Tunes" and we see Amazing Grace listed first under Common Meter. Following are all the tunes in the Hymnal that Amazing Grace could be sung to, twelve in all.

Go ahead, check it out.
- - - Scott Miller



FATHER'S DAY

WORD SEARCH

P V G E O N M D E T O V E D S K
R J U N E U A L U F K N A H T G
G L P W T K M L S G U H U O U N
J O A R A N A F C R G H L N V I
O F T B R H E A R T H R U O L V
K A I U B H O T S Y T E B R E O
E E E N E S R H S O E T R L L L
S T N D L T T E D R N H A P P Y
P C T M E M O R I E S G V T S O
E E E Y C R R E O H N U E E U R
C T Y D D A D R E N L A R S N I
F O R E V E R E O G G D Y L D E
A R S U S L O I R E T H G U A L
L P E O L O V E N N V O W N Y S
T C E P S E R A T G E I T A P T

FATHER
MEMORIES
CELEBRATE
CARING
JUNE
HEART

DADDY
JOKES
LOVING
DAUGHTER
FOREVER
HAPPY

STRONG
DEVOTED
PROTECT
BRAVERY
LOVE
HONOR

PATIENT
RESPECT
SUNDAY
LAUGHTER
SON
THANKFUL



Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee

The grapevine at our church is alive and well and a lot of people were aware that the PNC was very close to calling a new pastor. We had found someone who we thought was “the one,” we had offered her the terms of call, she had come to visit us with her family and had met with our Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry. Everything looked like we were finally reaching the end of a very long and frustrating search process. We fully expected to present her to the congregation this month and offer the call. Then we received a message from her that, after much prayer and discernment, she felt she was “not called to serve in our church.” It has been devastating to the members of the committee and will be terribly disappointing to the members of our church family. Up until the time we had found this one pastor, we had usually been meeting weekly, sometimes more often, to interview candidates. Now we have to start that process all over again. The good news is that this is the time of year when we get the most candidates and we know that somewhere there is a pastor out there who God wants to be ours.

Please pray for the PNC. It would be very easy to get discouraged after all of the time and effort that has been invested in this search. Please pray also for our congregation that we all have the patience to wait out this slow process. And pray that God will soon introduce us to the pastor who is meant to be ours. Please keep in mind that it is not the pastor who makes up a church, it is the members and, as members, we have been weathering this difficult period of time very well. We trust in God to sustain us.

In Christ,
Your Pastor Nominating Committee

Flag Day— June 14th



Flag Day takes place every year on June 14, in honor of the adoption of the American flag in 1777. Flag Day is a non-federal holiday in the United States that honors the history and meaning of the American Flag. To celebrate Flag Day, get a high-quality American flag and display it in a prominent location outside of your home. Raise the flag at sunrise and lower it at sunset to adhere to the U.S. Flag Code. On Flag Day, honor the meaning of the holiday by visiting a memorial or history museum to learn more about American history. You can also celebrate with your family by attending a Flag Day parade or hosting a dinner party for your friends and family. The first celebration of the U.S. Flag's birthday was held in 1877 on the 100th anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777.

Dryden Library

Southworth Library invites you to join the conversation to discuss how to move forward in a post-pandemic environment. Both virtual and in-person sessions available. Registration is available on the website www.southworthlibrary.org. Please notice the poster that is in the church office and on the bulletin board in the link for further information.

Church Clean-up Day

Thank You!

Thank you to Marsha and Sue!
They scrubbed and cleaned
the north side of the
administrative building. The
moss is gone!



Thank you to all who
worked to help make our
church
building and yard look
wonderful!

Ramp building

Thank you Chuck Uttech for building a new
ramp for the utility shed.

A big thank you to Chuck and Linda
Nydham. The administrative
entrance is newly painted and it
looks great!

Also, spend a moment and look at
the picture of Jesus that has been
donated by Lynne White. It is
hanging in the administrative
entrance.

Church Library

Take a look in the church library at the
scrapbooks that are spread out on the tables.
There are a lot of pictures and articles
documenting the history of the church. These
were brought in by Nancy Wilson.





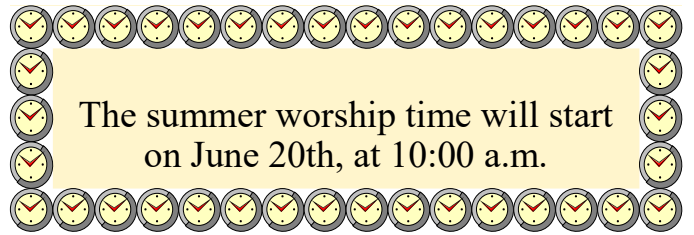
Celebrating Their Anniversaries

June 3rd:
Marty and Shelly Taylor

June 6th:
Sara and Kevin Ashman

June 9, 1972:
Bill and Julie Maddren

June 27, 1998:
Steve and Darcy Riggs



The summer worship time will start on June 20th, at 10:00 a.m.



Gale Conway	6th
Robert Slocum	7th
Kathy Barton	10th
Courtney Armitage	11th
Tim Parsons	11th
Steve White	11th
Millie Tull	13th
Matthew McHerron	15th
Joan Van Vranken	23rd
Jane Schenck	26th



Sympathy



Prayers for Camilla Clough's family. Camilla passed on April 25, 2021.

Prayers for Dave Parsons and family on the passing of his mother.

Nothing so rare as a day in June!

Nothing so rare as a day in June,
the air so fine and the blossoms all bloom.

The weather just perfect, the skies never gray
The bugs always buzzing and the tree's seem to sway.



The sun beats so warmly on the tenderness of
my skin, and the birds....they fly, far away in the wind.

June is the month that carries a tune,
it's beautiful melody floats like a balloon.

Danielle Owens



Communion June 6th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	3 Prayer Shawl Knitters 1:00 Choir 7:00	4 Church office closed KC 11-12	5
6 Worship 10:30 In-person church service. or join us on Zoom Communion	7 KC 11-12	8 Quilters 10:00 Finance 7:00	9 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	10 Choir 7:00	11 Church office closed KC 11-12	12
13 Worship 10:30 In-person church service. or join us on Zoom Christian Education Sunday	14  KC 11-12 	15 Session 6:30 Deacons 7:00 In-person	16 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	17 Prayer Shawl Knitters 1:00	18 Church office closed KC 11-12	19
20 Service Time Change Worship 10:00 In-person church service. or join us on Zoom First Day of Summer HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	21 Newsletter articles due for July/August issue KC 11-12	22 Quilters 10:00	23 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	24 Choir 7:00	25 Church office closed KC 11-12	26 KC 11-12
27 Worship 10:00 In-person church service. or join us on Zoom	28 KC 11-12	29	30 Bulletin items due KC 5-6			



Worship Time Change June 20th 10:00 a.m.

KC=Kitchen Cupboard