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Family can be such a blessing. I enjoyed my week away to spend time with my family at my dad's double cousin reunion in Minneapolis. On the last day of the reunion, we gathered together, sang the songs of our faith, and shared memories of the faith that was instilled upon us by our grandparents and parents. I learned so much about my grandparents and great-grandparents that morning.

One of the cousins had arranged for me to lead a brief sermon and I talked about the inheritance that the Stowe/Rank clan received from their ancestors (the same brown eyes, etc) and the inheritance we receive as God's adopted children. My family tree has quite a few ministers in its branches and those who weren't ministers were actively involved in their local churches and were people of deep faith. It was important for my children to witness these two amazing inheritances we've received. So how will we share our inheritance with the next generation? How might

we instill the values that we cherish with our children and grandchildren and the other children who attend our church?

We have a wonderful opportunity this summer for kids to go to Vacation Bible School at surrounding churches. I am excited about the potential to offer a joint Confirmation Class (youth in grades 8-12) with First UMC, Schenectady in the fall as well as our traditional Sunday School offerings for elementary, middle and high schoolers. If you feel God nudging you to be a Sunday School teacher, helper or substitute, please let me know.

Pastor Megan

Office News

Pastor Megan will be on vacation beginning after worship on August 18th through September 2nd. During this time, Rev. David Smith (a retired minister) will be providing pastoral care in emergencies and leading worship. Pastor Megan is especially excited to have him lead worship because he was one of her predecessors at the Dannemora United Methodist Church in the Adirondacks. Cyndy will also be on vacation the week of August 19-23. You may reach Rev. Smith at [518-572-4051](tel:518-572-4051).

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7/7 Marcia Smith
7/14 Belinda Wagner
7/21 Scott Brady
7/28 Martha Hatt

8/4 Steve Wesley
8/11 Clarence Mosher
8/18 Stephen Long
8/25 Sue Sykes

7/7 Martha Hatt, Pat Knapp
7/14 Royann Rogerson, Sue Van Vorst
7/21 Fran Brown, Judy Matthews
7/28 Deb Elliott, Sally Dean

8/4 Volunteer Needed
8/11 Martha Hatt, Meredith V.V.
8/18 Sue Sykes, Addie Sykes
8/25 Volunteer Needed

7/7 & 8/4	Don Smith
7/14 & 8/11	Mark Cieslak
7/21 & 8/18	Dave Read
7/28 & 8/25	Bob Hatt

7/7 Judy Dudley, Clarence Mosher
7/14 Elsie Maddaus, Holly Russo
7/21 June Pelham, Holly Russo
7/28 Ken & Shirley Sebis

8/4, 8/11, 8/18 Frances Brown, Elsie Maddaus
8/25 Frances Brown, Sue Sykes, Addie Sykes

7/7 Mikaela Potter
7/14 Volunteer Needed
7/21 Marcia Smith
7/28 Judy Swain

7/7 Don & Marcia Smith
7/14 Judy Dudley, Geri Byam
7/21 Dave Read
7/28 Deb Elliott

8/4 Steve Long
8/11 Megan & Steve
8/18 Sue Sykes
8/25 Pat & Dick Knapp



SUMC IN MISSIONS

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES – Please contact Dick Knapp if you are available for either or both opportunities.

There is still space available to serve at the **SICM Summer Lunch Program** at Hillhurst Park in Schenectady. Our church is serving the week of July 22 – 26. We will be there from 12:15 until 2:15 each day. Please contact me if you wish to volunteer.

The students at Union College are preparing the food for a summer lunch program at Collins Park in Scotia. We are serving lunch the week of August 5 – 9.

Regional Food Bank – On the third Tuesday of each month everyone is invited to go to the Regional Food Bank to sort and repack products. We meet at the church to carpool at 2:00 and usually return around 4:30. Our next trips are TUESDAY, July 16th and August 20th. A good opportunity for fellowship with other church members and helpers from Bank of America.

Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry collections for food and cash, during service the **2nd and 4th Sundays each month**. Cash will help purchase fresh items locally and from the Food Bank and those items in short supply. Useful items: peanut butter, jellies, juices, pasta sauces, pasta.

Bottles for bread – Please place your clean **returnable** bottles in the red barrels. If you have a large quantity, pick-up can be arranged. All proceeds go to Scotia Food Pantry.

Box Tops for Education - Box tops for education can be found on some cereal boxes, yogurt containers and numerous other containers. If you are not giving yours to a school, please drop them off at church and we will donate them to local schools.

If you have any questions or want to sign up for any of the above, please contact Dick Knapp (393-5737) or knappster933@gmail.com or anyone on the Mission Team.

Anyone interested in knitting, crocheting or sewing is welcome to participate in the prayer shawl group. We have a good supply of yarn. Contact Pat Knapp 393-5737 or knappptyme@covad.net

Weekly Bible Studies will resume in September

Prayers & Celebrations

Continued prayers for Sue Peterson & Hazel Rumney.

Prayers for Judy Matthews and family on the death of her mother, Esther Taylor.

Prayers for the family of Charlotte Bulla, who died Sat. July 20th.

Congratulations once again to our 2013 high school seniors!

Mikaela Potter will be attending Roberts Wesleyan College with a pre-law major.

Chadd Spence will be attending Eastern College going into Athletic Training.

er Sykes will be working.

Spencer Wesley will be attending St. Rose.

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Thank you!

A big thank you to all who helped with the meal for the UM ARMY on July 18! It is always powerful to hear how God can work through a young person.

And a big thank you to Rev. Mark Chaffin from Baptist Health Center for leading worship while Pastor Megan was away on June 30. His message about a spiritual inheritance was well received.

Thank you to all who continue to give their donations and pledges through the summer months. We appreciate your faithfulness in giving.

Deadline for September newsletter – August 20th!

Greeters Position

We still need someone to take over the greeter's coordinator position. Elsie Maddaus has graciously served in that position the past several years and needs a break. What this job entails is signing two people up to greet those entering church prior to the service on Sundays and then passing the names to Cyndy so it can end up in the bulletin and newsletter.

Homecoming Sunday is September 8th. Sunday School will start again on September 15th.

Women's Group News

Our Woman's Group will kick off the fall with their Monday, September 9th meeting at 7:00 p.m. Irene Coburn will be our special speaker sharing pictures of her recent trip to Ireland with her husband, Chuck. Everyone is welcome - come join the fun & view Ireland from the comfort of our Fireside Room. Refreshments will be served.

Nursery School Open House

Mekeel Academy will be holding an Open House for their new endeavor, a Nursery School here at SUMC, starting at 5:30 p.m. on August 13th.

Enjoy the rest of July and the month of August!

