


Orchard Park United Methodist Church

WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

James 1:17-18

devotion by Jeremy Sells

Everything God gives and allows is designed for your good. He gives wisdom to those who ask in faith. He allows trials as a testing of your faith in order to build endurance and spiritual maturity. He promises eternal life to those who endure. He never tempts anyone with sin. As Paul wrote to the Romans "God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

God uses trials to increase our faith, but that is not the only tool at His disposal. God gives good and perfect gifts and these gifts reveal His kindness and mercy. God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. God does not arbitrarily give gifts. God's gifts are good in that they are beneficial and helpful. They are perfect in that they are given through Jesus and meet our needs. Therefore, they are intentional and designed to lead us to Christ. Paul puts it this way in Romans 2:4, "do you despise the riches of his kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?" God is rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love. God's kindness is extended so that you would repent.

God is good and He is good all the time! Everything God gives and allows is designed for our good. Knowing this helps us to count it all joy when we face various trials. Knowing this helps us to avoid thinking that God is unfair to us when we are facing difficult times.

June 13 Worship Participants

Children's Day

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Pastor: Deacon Sue Russell

Music Director: Meiko Reigelman

Liturgist: Carolyn Wrinn

A/V Operator: Margot Ip

Guest Speakers

June 13: Deacon Sue Russell

June 20: Rev. Vic Metivier

June 27: UMW



We will be distributing Harlan Ball scholarships on Sunday to the following college students:

Alex Kaforey

Binghamton University, Computer Science

Allison Russell

SUNY Fredonia, Music and Social Sciences

Thomas Stamm

Erie Community College, Environmental Science



Prayer Requests

- Pray for *Pastor Jennifer* as she is out on medical leave.
- Pray for *Kim Townsend*, Jessica Schoonen's mother in law, who had surgery due to spinal infection that did a lot of damage.
- Pray for the health of Donna Kroh's friend *Linda* whose cancer has returned.
- Pray for *Marie Gorman*, who is recovering from a fall.
- Pray for the health of *Joan Zimmerman*.
- Pray for the health of Dan and Shannon's friend, *Christy*.
- Pray for Candy and Joe's neighbor, *Scott*, who is getting stronger each day after his stem cell transplant.
- Pray for Candy and Joe's neighbor, *Roger*, as he continues his fight with cancer.
- Pray for *Lurly Hunsberger*.

Upcoming Events

June 13 @ 10:30 AM:

Sunday worship

June 14, 9:30 AM-1 PM:

Sewing Circle

June 17-19: **UNY Annual Conference**

June 20: **Father's Day**

June Birthdays

Marilyn Henning (6/20)

Weston Marcus (6/20)

Donna Varney (6/26)

Scott Pugh (6/29)



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Have a prayer request you'd like to share? Has God answered your prayer? Email opumc@verizon.net. We will include your prayer request or praise report in next week's NewsFlash.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
James 5:16

Thank you to this month's St. Pauly's Clothing Shed volunteers!

Linda Carroll (6/6), George Slocum (6/13),

Dan Liggett (6/20), Mike Waters (6/27)

Orchard Park United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation.

We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

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