

# "A Joyful Word"

Welcome to the bi-Monthly newsletter from  
the Presbyterian United Church of Schaghticoke

**July & August 2025**



***The Year 2025- "Living Intentionally because  
God Is Intentional with Us".***

1 Thessalonians 5:11NRSV

<sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up  
each other, as indeed you are doing.

## Notes from Rev. Lynne Hardy

Summer arrived with some joy in the air, but the heat can be overwhelming, so stay hydrated, before going out, and again when you come back in. A cool shower can be refreshing and cooling as well.

Eating smaller meals. filled with veggies, fruits and good protein will also help keep you going all summer, and an occasional ice cream from Chrissy's or the Battenkill Dairy are always welcome.

These are things we do to care for ourselves and our family through the summer. I hope you are all well and enjoying family and vacation time, as well as the slower pace of the lazy days of summer.

## Something to Think About . . .

In our last newsletter, I wrote about the difference between knowing Jesus and knowing about Jesus. I'm still focusing on that conundrum and what kind of faith each produces.

A personal knowledge of Jesus, *and* a personal relationship because of faith, helps us to strive forth in answer of Jesus' call to us; to Love God and our neighbor, as God loves us, is the gift of knowing Jesus. It opens our hearts to generosity, mercy and compassion.

We are empathetic in all situations, but not a door mat. Rather we can calmly, and with love in our hearts, call others to know Jesus. We can stand together in a family of faith, ready and willing to use all we have been given; time, talent, and capital to work toward the kingdom, especially for those who are oppressed and overridden with the weight of a world against them.

I know in Schaghticoke, we are somewhat isolated from things that are experienced in other communities, so the challenge to serve, is not in our face every day, but I hope it is in your heart even so.

# Pastors Place

***Pentecost*** is a time of celebrating the history of the church,  
that we are descended from. Jesus' goal was to have his disciples  
go into the world and share stories and evidence of Christ to all the world.

Pentecost is the bookend to the Tower of Babel,  
when the people had decided to build a tower.

God, the three in one, however interfered in their plans, and confused  
their language so they could not band together in that way.  
It is not until the disciples are touched by the Holy Spirit fire, on Pentecost,  
that the language barrier drops if only for a brief time.

Then all could hear and understand in their own language.  
This is the door that opens to make way for the new way of Jesus,  
and a turn away from the temple practices of 613 laws and sacrifices.

Jesus became the perpetual sacrifice for all for all time.

The first Born; spotless and beautiful, sacrificed on the cross.  
The lesson for us has lead us to a review of the statements and affirmations  
of faith we speak, as well as to the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century writings  
and catechisms to understand how we are the church in the world.

We know and understand who we are in Christ;  
Children of God; and who we belong to.

We belong to God alone. Amen

# Work and Worship at Schaghticoke Presbyterian United Church

**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 am: 165 Main Street, Schaghticoke, NY  
Join us for uplifting worship and inspiring message from Rev. Lynne Hardy.

## **Note exceptions . . .**

**July 27** – worship at 9:30 – A Hymn Sing with Valley Falls  
United Methodist Church Family joining us in Schaghticoke.

**August 31** – No service in Schaghticoke; instead join area Protestant  
churches for worship at Schaghticoke Fairgrounds, 9 am

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Wednesdays 11- 12 noon in fellowship hall.  
We are currently studying the book of Psalms: a study on God's Song Book.  
All are welcome!

**Vacation Bible School-** "Magnify", Youth Vacation Bible School- Aug 11- 15;  
9am- 12 noon. Free time for parents, and free to attend.  
Snacks will be offered with age appropriate stories of Jesus and the Bible.  
Adult supervision is always present. Call if you and/or your child would like  
your child to attend. Call 518-753-6277, leave a message with contact  
information. Pre- registration is not required,  
but helpful for our planning for food and supplies.

## **Ministry Spotlight**

Our spotlight is always on, and this time around it stopped on Bert Lattimore.

Why are we focusing on her?

Reason number one, Bert has been a lifetime member of our church family.

She has been singing in the choir for most of that time.

And reason number two is because Bert needed knee surgery  
and as frightened of it as she was, she marshaled up her  
faith and trust in the Lord, (and the surgeon), and had  
it done! Recovery has been hard for her, as the pain  
seemed unmanageable. But with time and medications,  
and physical therapy, but Bert's own strength and  
determination, she's recovered to 80%.

She was even able to be in church on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Welcome back Bert!**



## **Prayer Requests**

We have an active prayer circle, and often lift people up in prayer in worship. We also have a list of folks we are always praying for each Sunday.

If you have a prayer request, a joy, a concern, please reach out to Pastor Hardy with a name and a need, but please keep it general so we protect people's privacy. You may also leave a prayer request in the offering plates at the back of the church. If you are in worship, we encourage you to speak the needs aloud when we are setting up for Prayers of the people.

If you need a visit from the pastor or a member of the congregation, please contact Pastor Hardy, 518-753-6277. Leave your message for a return call.

## **A Ministry opportunity**

Sylvia Bunk, our retired organist, has moved to assisted living and could use regular visits, and cards, and calls 518-450-1016.

She is at 26 Rockrose Way, Apt 222, Ballston Spa, NY 12020;

Kay VanWie is now unable to drive, as her eyesight has diminished; She can no longer attend church as she once did, but would enjoy a visit from you.

These two women have been mainstays of this church, and they could use the ministry of visits or calls on a regular basis.

Let's set up a process and share the work.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

We are always looking for volunteers to help with various church activities, including cleaning the sanctuary, making goodies for bake sales and making soup for soup sales. If you have an idea for anything – classes, work to do;

***Speak up and share!*** We are always willing to try something new.

If interested in serving, call Rev. Hardy, 207-319-5307

or email- [lenhardyny@gmail.com](mailto:lenhardyny@gmail.com).

Rev. Hardy is away until August 8<sup>th</sup>, but can receive phone calls and emails.

## **Calendar of Coming Events**

**Next Session meeting** is September 14, 2025. Session meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every other month after worship, in fellowship hall.

**Holy Communion** or The Lord's Supper- or the Sacrament of Communion occurs during worship on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday of every month.

**Bible Study** Every Wednesday Dining Room 11- 12 noon.

**Indoor Walking Club** Monday's 11- 12 in the dining room.

**Sewing Club**- Tuesday 11-2 pm in the dining room.

**Tai Chi Club**- Saturday 9-10 in dining room

**Monday Evening Yoga** w/Kelsey Richards; 6:30; \$10 per class

Starting again in September – stay tuned for fall classes.

**Wednesday Morning Yoga** w/Sharon Gavitt; 10am \$10 per class.

On Hiatus for the summer – stay tuned for fall classes.

**Living with Cancer Support Group** with Ted Wright- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month call 240-595-4511 to contact.

**Community Meal** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of months from October through December, and March through May at 5 pm. Meals are prepared by volunteer groups from the community. All are welcome to attend.

If you have a group that would like to volunteer to prepare and serve a meal - email – ebaker50@yahoo.com

**Christmas Around the Corner** – date to be determined – stay tuned!

## **Upcoming Events Around our Community**

**Diver Library and Valley Falls Library** are active in the summer.

They initiated a joint calendar of events . . . . Valley Falls Library/ Diver Library Joint Community Calendar: [valleyfallslibrary.org](http://valleyfallslibrary.org)

**Victor Lodge** summer season is in full swing- with breakfasts and BBQ's. Check out their new electronic sign! Upcoming BBQ's – Aug 16, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Donnie Barton to reserve your ticket, 518-368-7228/ Their Breakfasts are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.  
Open to the public- 7:30- 10: 30 am.

## **Closing Blessing**

*May God's grace and peace be with you this month.  
We look forward to seeing you at our services and events!*

*God be with you until we meet again!  
Reverend Lynne Hardy.*

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