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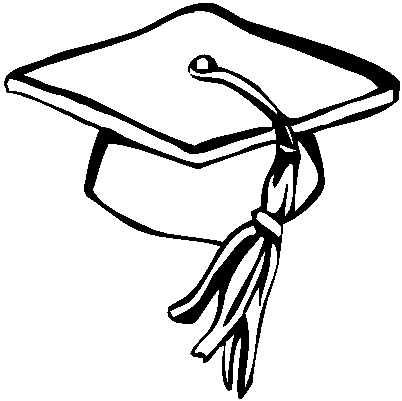
**JONAH D. ROSEL**, son of Steve and Chris Rosel, will graduate from Olean High School on June 29. Jonah is an active member at Olean First Baptist and has participated in Varsity Tennis, Orchestra, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Select Chorus, Bel Canto, Ski Club, and was elected to the National Honor Society at Olean High. His plans for the future include attending SUNY Fredonia with a major in music. His goal in life is “to become a professional musician and bring happiness to those around me.” Jonah describes his life purpose as follows: “When I felt my life slipping away, then, O LORD, I prayed to you, and in your holy Temple you heard me. Those who worship worthless idols have abandoned their loyalty to you. But I will sing praises to you; I will offer you a sacrifice and do what I have promised. Salvation comes from the LORD! Then the LORD ordered the fish to spit Jonah up on the beach, and it did.” Jonah 2:7-10

“For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29:11-13

**MICAH J. COLLINS,** son of Patrick and Janice (Thurston) Collins and grandson of Grace Thurston, will graduate in June from New Life Christian School. Micah participated in an Africa Mission trip, theater, and basketball – scoring over 1,000 points in his high school career. He was also awarded “The Most Coachable Player” award. Micah plans to attend Houghton College in the Fall to major in Business and Accounting. His ultimate goal in life is to share his faith and love of the Lord in his week and wherever his is. Micah says “It is important to be obedient to God rather than giving big sacrifices without meaning.”

**CHRISTOPHER J. SPILLER,** son of Tim and Elizabeth Spiller and grandson of Clarence and Gloria Spiller, graduated this spring from Jamestown Community College receiving an RN degree in Nursing. Chris is also the father of Coby and Casi Spiller. His plans for the future are to work in the community as an RN and continue his education to ultimately become an anesthetist. Chris believes “the Lord will provide.”

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**REMEMBER SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES**

**CAMP VICK** is located on Sandbank Road in Sandusky, NY. It is a rustic children’s camp utilizing both cabins and platform tents for sleeping quarters and providing all the adventures of a typical summer camp.

**PATHFINDER LODGE** is located on the shore of Otsego Lake near Cooperstown, NY, which allows for swimming, boating, sailing, crafts, hiking, and games mixed with Bible study and worship. The camp utilizes a variety of cabins for sleeping.

**It's not too late to sign up for camp! The Board of Christian Education is looking for interested campers. Any child just needs to submit a letter of interest to the board, fill out the registration form and have the registration fee.** For more information, pick up the 2013 camping guide on the table near the library.

The FBC Youth Group will once again host the annual Church Yard Sale this summer on **August 2nd. Donations will be accepted beginning June 16 during business hours (M-Th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.) Clothing will not be accepted.**

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Pastor Dan invites all retirees from FBC to lunch on **Monday, June 16, at noon**. Pastor Dan will be BBQ-ing the chicken…..you won’t want to miss this treat! We’ll have some burgers and hot dogs too!! We’ll also enjoy macaroni salad, baked beans, salad and dessert. He will offer some devotional thoughts as well as an opportunity for food and good fellowship. Transportation to this event is available for any who need it. There is no charge but donations will be gratefully accepted. Sign up on the bulletin insert or call the church office by Thursday, June 12, if you would like to attend…..Come and bring a friend!!

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Sharing is bedrock to being fully human and it brings incredible joy. We are invited to help people in aching need through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. By sharing our resources, combined with offerings from thousands of congregations in eight other denominations across the United States, we

* build homes, schools, medical clinics, and clean water and sewage facilities villages devastated by earthquakes, floods, and poverty.
* bring safety, shelter, and food to refugees after often violent circumstances have made their hometowns uninhabitable.
* nurture stronger futures and self-sufficiency through health care, education, job training, and tools for livelihoods.

Sharing because we have felt God's love aligns our lives with God's own life and work in our world. By sharing we are renewed and transformed. "Those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them"

(I John 4:16). Sharing our love for God through One Great Hour of Sharing, we offer ourselves to others as they need us, imitating Christ's offering of his life for us.

Giving changes so many things---for the receiver and for the giver. Please give generously through One Great Hour of Sharing. It's all about sharing---sharing resources, changing lives!

**ANNUAL FBC MUSICIAN APPRECIATION PICNIC**

**WHO:** Current participants & alumni of the Sr. Choir, Handbell Choir, Praise Team, Special Music providers and Audio-Visual Team

**WHAT:**   Fellowship picnic to thank those folks for sharing their time & talents throughout the year

Meat & table service provided –

please bring a dish to share!

**WHEN:**    Thursday, June 5 @ 6 PM

**WHERE:** Olean FBC Lobby

Sign up at rehearsal by Sunday, June 1st – or -

call the church office @ 372-5151

**The Family of God**

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to Bev Davis on the loss of her brother, Jim Chisholm, on April 29; and to Debbie Hall and her family on the loss of Ernest “Scott” Bish on May 16.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sue Neely VanBrunt on her 25 years at the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). Sue was recognized for her achievement at the annual BOCES dinner meeting on May 15.



**JUNE BOARD MEETINGS**

**Monday, June 2 @ 6 PM –**

**Board of Education**

**Tuesday, June 10:**

**4:30 p.m. Board of Christian Mission**

**6 pm Diaconate**

**7 pm - Trustees**

**2nd SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 7**

Come help with our second property and facilities clean-up this year Saturday, June 7th. Work will begin at 9AM.  If you’d like further information, please contact Dave Anderson who will be overseeing the event.  Drinks and refreshments will be made available for all who help with the clean-up efforts.  We welcome any help we can get, even if you can only stay for an hour or two.  Hope to see you on the 7th!!!



**www.oleanfirstbaptist.com**

**FATHER’S DAY WILL BE SPECIAL!**

We have a very special day planned during worship and the fellowship hour on June 15. Every dad will also get a gift PLUS we have **something special for every dad who brings a child, grandchild or foster child with them to worship!** Start talking to the kids (of any age) in your life now so they will plan to join you! In-laws count too!

**SUMMER OUTINGS**

**OPPORTUNITIES**

The results from the poll we took last month are in and here is our summer outing schedule this year:

* **FIRST SUNDAY PICNICS AND VESPERS** will be held June 1 at Rock City Park, July 6 at Allegany State Park and August 3 at Stoney Brook State Park.
* **BUFFALO BISONS GAMES** will be attended on Thursday June 26 (game starts at 1 pm) and on Friday, August 22 (game starts at 7 pm)
* **THE CORNING GLASS MUSEUM AND ROCKWELL MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART TOURS** will occur on Saturday, July 19.
* **PITTSBURGH PIRATES VS. NY METS** Game on Saturday, June 28 (game starts at 4 pm)
* **ODOSAGIH CONCERTS** on July 26 (The Skyline Boys Quartet) and on August 23 (Ryon and Friends Ventriloquist)

Sign up on the bulletin insert or call the church office to be included in the group from FBC.

**All-Church Picnic at War Vets Park on August 17.** We will meet in the pavilion at 11:30 for an intergenerational Sunday School lesson led by Pastor Dan followed by a picnic, games and the opportunity to go swimming at the city pool

**VBC SCHEDULED FOR**

**JUNE 30-JULY 2**

Mark your calendars now and spread the word! **Vacation Bible Camp** will run Monday through Wednesday from 8 am – 5 pm and it will have a NASCAR theme! Plan to join our “pit crew” and bring your kids, grandkids and neighbors for this exciting outreach!

***FROM THE PASTOR’S HEART….***

Former Buffalo Bills coach Marv Levy used to start games by gathering his players on the sideline and saying, “Where would you rather be than right here, right now?!!!”

As we head into June I find myself feeling the same kind of enthusiasm. It wasn’t all that long ago that we were shoveling snow and bracing against the frigid wind whenever we opened the doors to our home. Now that the snow shovels are back in the garage and the lawn mowers are back in use, we are approaching the season that many of us have been looking forward to ever since the leaves fell from the trees last fall.

That is why I put so much energy into planning a variety of summer outings every year. I plan some winter activities too (such as bowling and Sabres games) but I generally put extra energy into finding things for us to do together outdoors in the summer. I do so for two primary reasons.

First (and foremost) I find that these informal opportunities for fellowship provide ways for those of us who may not know one another very well to get better acquainted and to learn to appreciate one another more. Church unity is not the product of lock-step agreement on all issues, it is a consequence of love and respect for one another as people. Jesus and the Apostle Paul spoke long and hard about the need for unity in the church yet we know that there were many disagreements among the Apostles. They didn’t let those disagreements divide them because they gave one another the time and respect that prevented disagreements from becoming disagreeable.

Obviously we spend important time together in worship and in Bible study as well as music rehearsals and meetings of boards and committees. Those are and ought to be our highest priorities for obvious reasons. But I think there was a reason that Jesus and the disciples were together 24/7 and this is how the second chapter of acts describes the early church:

“***42They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer… 44All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:42-47)***

Every time I have read that passage it impresses me with an ideal for closeness and unity that the church should constantly strive for. Ball games, picnics and museum tours are not particularly spiritual endeavors but they are good, clean ways to spend time together without expectations or concerns that someone might get put on the spot to answer a question they are not prepared for. These are good “bridges” (church growth experts call them “side doors”) for entry into the mainstream life of the church. It is easier to invite an unchurched friend to attend a ball game than a bible study isn’t it? When that friend discovers that your church friends aren’t as stiff and “holier than thou” that church folks are often stereotyped to be, the possibility of deeper spiritual activities can seem more attractive.

So invite your friends, neighbors, kids and grandkids to the outings we are planning this summer! They don’t have to go to church here (yet) to attend these things! And make the time to do some of these things so others will have the opportunity to get to know you! You are the Holy Spirit’s vessel and He can work through you in ways he can’t work through anyone else!

But there is also a second reason I believe these summer outings are so important. Perhaps this is the result of the approach of my 55th birthday or maybe it is a reflection on the deaths in my family recently but I am much more cognizant these days that life on this planet is short. We only have so many summers days to enjoy and so much time with those we can enjoy them with. Nights are longer in the winter (and many don’t like to drive after dark) not to mention the perils of walking and driving on icy roads, parking lots, etc. Summer brings opportunities we just don’t have at other times of year due to those restrictions.

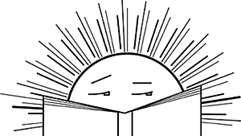
I imagine that your life is like mine. There are plenty of things to attend to. There are household chores and yard work that need to be done, and relationships with your kids and other relatives that deserve your attention. Some of those things don’t happen unless I put them on my calendar and make room for them. The same is true with my church family. I encourage you to set aside the first Sunday night of June, July and August for our vespers programs in the parks. Join us for a picnic, ball game, museum outing or concert at Odosagih Bible Conference. You will be blessed and may even be a blessing!

~**Pastor Dan**

******Last month we invited you to share the title of a hymn, gospel chorus or praise song that you might want to sing or hear during the summer.  If you forgot to submit your ideas, make sure to leave those titles this week.  We will do our best to schedule those as we praise the Lord together through singing!!

Another highlight of summer worship is the special music selections presented by musicians from our own congregation and a variety of community guests.  This year, summer music begins on June 29th when we will be treated to the wonderful voice of **Erin Arsenault** as she shares a couple of songs. On July 6th,  **Casey DeGroff**shares her vocal talents as she sings "How Beautiful".

A complete schedule will be available soon.  You won't want to miss a single Sunday!!

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***READ ANY***

***GOOD BOOKS LATELY??***

We’re refreshing our family reading table and need donations of inspirational reading material. If you’ve read something that touched, motivated, or otherwise impressed you, please share it with your church family. If you would like to provide a paragraph or two about why you liked the book, we would be happy to share that as well. Please bring your books to the church office and we’ll take care of placing them on the table in the lobby.

Be sure to stop by and check out the new reading selections. Just fill out the pink slip in each book that you borrow and place it in the box on the table. Also, try to return books in a timely manner so that others can have a chance to read them.

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**OUR DEVOTION TO GOD**

3*And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. 4And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen”* (Gen. 4:3-6)

Sin had entered into the world and man could not fellowship with God as he had in the garden. Therefore they came to a set place at a set time to offer their gifts and worship. Religious worship of god is no novel invention, but an ancient institution.

We find here that the children had been well taught in the importance of worship so that now as they became adults they were capable to acting for themselves and of their own accord to bring on offering to God. We find that we should all be honoring God with that which we have. We are to give as we have been prospered.

Cain however, has a heart problem. He goes through the motions. He brings his offering first. Though man sees only the actions of a man, God’s looks upon the heart. A hypocrite may possibly hear as many sermons, say as many prayers, and give as much money as a good Christian and yet, for want of sincerity, come short of acceptance with God.

The goal of all worship is acceptance of God. God had clearly let Cain know that he was not right with God probably by the sending of fire to accept Abel’s offering. Cain who was carrying anger at God and hatred toward his brother could not find that acceptance. Rather than being wroth, he needed to be repentant, willing to look upon his heart and say to God “What must I do to be saved”… Just as the Philippian jailor was willing to say.

So as we gather to worship, may we come with that same desire. May we give in praise, gifts and prayer that will be acceptable to God. Let us come with pure heart and motivated only by our love for the Savior, casting aside any bitterness or malice that we may have long before we bow in worship that we may be found acceptable in His sight.

~***Pastor Millard***

The Ladies of First Baptist Church are invited to a ***Pink Lemonade Party*** on Saturday, July 12, at 10 a.m. Sarah Harnisch, Morning News Anchor at Family Life Network will be joining us again as our guest speaker. Sarah and her family have had quite a year-- Her testimony will be interesting and inspiring!! We’ll have time to enjoy each other as we share some fellowship, food and fun!

At the April Tea Party, twenty-four of us enjoyed hearing from Heather Schultz about her plans to develop a new women’s ministry in the Olean area. It was a joy to hear how God is working in Heather’s life to bring much needed services to the women in our community.

Sign up on the bulletin insert during Sunday worship or call the church office at 372-5151 by July 6. A love offering will be collected to thank Sarah for her time with us.

**INTRODUCING THE GOAC**

The Greater Olean Association of Churches (GOAC) is an organization of dozens of churches and more than 18 organizations from the greater Olean area.  New members in both categories are encouraged.  The financial basis is from dues assessed each church according to the active church membership.  Each church may have two voting members, the pastor and a lay member.  Our own Pastor Dan served as President for several years before stepping down last spring.  The general board are held on the second Tuesdays of September, November, January, March and May.

The chief objective is the development of interdenominational, co-operative community programs and activities for youth, the elderly, the infirm and disadvantaged.  To be accepted as a member, the organization must be a Christ centered charity.  The organizations are as varied as Canticle Farms and the Southern Tier Pregnancy Care Center.    The ministries provided or supported include all the food pantries, The Warming House (soon to be Houses as a Men's House is in process.), The Bridge, all the holiday dinners (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), a Coat Giveaway, Toys for Tots, the Walk of the Cross, The Hunger Walk, and others.

The meetings are informational as well as sharing.  By co-operating together, great things are accomplished in our area, truly effecting Matthew 25:  " I was hungry, and you fed me.  I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink.  I was a stranger, and you took me in........

For more information see their web page at [www.Greater](http://www.greater/) Olean Association of Churches.org

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – FIND OUT WHAT YOU’RE MISSING!!!**

If you aren’t attending Sunday School, you are missing a wonderful opportunity to:

* study God’s word;
* learn how others apply God’s word in your daily life;
* share experiences, praises, and concerns; and
* be in fellowship with other Christians who also happen to be members of your church family.

Currently, we have two adult Sunday School classes that meet regularly: The Builders and the Seekers. **The Builders** meet in the boardroom and will be starting a new curriculum on June 1 called "Bible Study for Life/Life Ventures”. It features Bible study that is relevant for retired adults and includes two six-week studies ("Beyond Belief: Exploring the Character of God" and "Resilient Faith: Standing Strong in the Midst of Suffering") and a two-week study ("And It Was Good") that engage the senior adult both during the group and during the week. It's a time of reflection upon life, but most importantly it's a time to look forward to all God has planned for retired adults now. The Personal Study Guide seeks to equip, encourage, and minister to those in their retirement years, motivating them to share their valuable experiences with younger generations. On June 30, **The Seekers** **Class** will be starting a new Chip Ingram study called “Miracle of Life Change: God’s Process of Transformation.”

Newcomers are certainly welcome and encouraged to attend even if you cannot make it every week.  The life applications discussions can be of interest even if you don’t participate every week!

Both groups are always willing to accept new members or guests into their classes. There are no qualifications, age limits, or entrance exams and you certainly do not need to be a Bible expert to participate. In fact, if you simply want to sit quietly and listen to the discussions, that is perfectly fine. No one will call on you to read those peculiar Old Testament names or ask you some deep theological question. You can participate as much or as little as you choose. And think about the potential benefits you’d derive from attending… the ideas… the sharing… the caring… the fellowship!! It would be the perfect extension to your Sunday worship.

So why not give it a try this coming Sunday. Who knows? You might actually like it!!! If you have any questions about the Sunday School classes, please contact Dave Torrey, Jim Sorokes, Pastor Dan, or any member of the Seekers and Builders classes.

**The Art of Confrontation Part 2**

Mary Southerland

**Today’s Truth**: *Faithful are the wounds of a friend* (Proverbs 27:6).

**Friend to Friend**

The highest goal for every relationship is unity at some level. The apostle Paul was committed to unity and peace, no matter how impossible it might seem. It was a commitment rising out of the love he found in his personal relationship with God. And it is out of this love that he writes a letter to the church at Philippi, a church that he established. His heart and life were there and his closest friends and deepest relationships were with these people. It caused him great pain to discover that there was division among them, and is writing the letter both as an encouragement to confront the ones causing the division and as his own letter of confrontation as well.

In his letter, Paul describes the unity God expects to be exemplified in relationships.  “Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose” (Philippians 2:2). Impossible! It is impossible to meet these standards in every relationship. To be like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and in purpose are the characteristics of deep, abiding relationships forged through layers of time, shared experiences and habitual choices. Exactly! God calls us to never be satisfied with anything less than these standards when it comes to the way we love each other. It is a calling that can only be realized through the power of God at work in our hearts, and requires a complete and total surrender of our personal agenda for every relationship we have.

Before Dan and I were married, I noticed several rough edges that needed to be sanded away and felt like I was just the one who could do it. After all, that’s what wives are for, right? I decided to lay low for a few months, giving him a chance to make the changes on his own before I stepped in with my well-thought-out plan for his life. The only problem was that my plan did not line up with his plan. He seemed oblivious to the character flaws that were blatantly obvious to me.

After a few months of marital bliss, during which I was fine-tuning my “Fix Dan Plan,” a seed of discontent took root and began to grow. The strength I had so admired in Dan now looked a whole lot like stubbornness.His ability to take a complicated issue, dissect it, and boil it down to a three-step-plan now seemed patronizing and sometimes even meddlesome.

What I had once embraced as his devotion to me now seemed like his need to be in control of me. It was time for the execution of my foolproof plan of transforming my husband into the man God and I thought he should be. It goes without saying that unity was the last thing on my mind or on my list of changes to be made. Looking back, I am certain I fit the bill of a sandpaper person deluxe! The results were painfully disastrous.

Arguments over insignificant issues ensued as we battled each other for control of the relationship. Dan fielded each attack, confused and bewildered by the mysterious change in his wife. Every area of our marriage suffered, and we were both miserable.  Thankfully, my husband was committed to me, I was committed to him, and we were both committed God and our marriage.

I will never forget the afternoon he confronted me in love and with amazing patience. I don’t remember much of the conversation, but I do remember the words that broke my heart and saved our marriage. “Honey, I’m not sure what is going on between us. But I do know that I want to love you like you need to be loved,” he gently explained. And there you have not only the recipe for a successful marriage, but for unity in relationships as well.

I loved Dan like I thought he should be loved, with my requirements and my human expectations, hoping that he would have to do all of the changing while I did all of the controlling. I had a lot to learn about the art of confrontation and how it brings unity, peace, and joy to any relationship where it is invited to work.

Many people love a good fight and often mistake combat for confrontation. The two are not the same thing. Combat slowly corrodes and splinters while confrontation is an art that – when done correctly – improves and strengthens relationships. It is our responsibility to bring Godly confrontation into every relationship. There is a right way and a wrong way to confront. The success of any confrontation depends upon understanding the difference between the two.

Confrontation is a gift we bring to every relationship, and the truth is, if you love, you level. Being willing and able to confront in love is a mark of maturity and stability in the Christian life.

**Let’s Pray**

Father, I confess that I often fail when it comes to being a true friend. Teach me how to nurture the relationships in my life through healthy confrontation. May the friendships in my life honor and please You.

In Jesus’ name,

Amen.

**BDAY32**

3 Larry Selph III

4 Hilary Faulds

5 James Walker

7 June Wallace

9 Bob Faulds

15 Jason Peck

16 June Hill

20 Becky Peck

22 Matthew Ketchner

Christine VanBrunt

25 Donny Martin IV

28 Bonnie Kettle

Brad Mitchell

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6 Mike & Sandy Schultz-50

8 Randy & Carrie Samuelson

17 Lenny & Brenda Brown

23 Bob & Sheila Faulds - 30

27 Mike & Valerie Kane

28 Clarence & Gloria Spiller

We inadvertently missed an anniversary in May……

Francis and Becky Peck celebrated their anniversary on May 21…..we hope your special day was richly blessed!!

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