SonWest Roundup
July 15 - 8, 2013  5:30 - 8:00 p.m
Christ Episcopal Church
69 Fair Street, Cooperstown
(607) 547-9555

This year’s Vacation Bible School will be held at Christ Episcopal Church from July 15-19. The NEW TIME is 5:30-8 p.m. Y’all come for a rip-roaring good time with food, music, crafts, Bible stories, and games that point to Jesus! The program is for children in pre-school (ages 3-4) through grade 5. There is no cost; donations are welcome.

Father Mark Michael and Rev. Allison Michael will be directing VBS with the assistance of volunteers from other village churches. Children over 6th grade will be welcomed as youth volunteers.

This week-long family event starts each evening with a light meal for all -- no charge.

Registration forms are available at village churches or call Christ Church at 547-9555.

SUMMER WORSHIP
Morning worship services will be held at 9:30 a.m. June 23rd through September 2nd. There are no Christian Education classes.

PARKING FUNDRAISER
Baseball fans take advantage of our convenient parking behind the church for the Hall of Fame Induction Day on July 28th – you can too! Parking will start at 10 a.m.

WELCOME RECEPTION
A Welcome Reception for Pastor Bill and Regina Delia will be held after worship on July 14th. They will be moving into the parsonage on July 3rd and on Sunday, July 14th he will preach his first sermon.

CHICKEN BARBECUE
SAVE THE DATE!
Annual Hall of Fame Brooks’ Chicken Barbecue
Saturday, July 27th
3 – 7 p.m.
On the front lawn, under the tent!
Chair: Lona Smith 54605831
See inserts for important details.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY GARDEN
Through the generosity of Tim and Tamara Iverson, an 80’ x 60’ plot of land at 700 Beaver Meadow Road is being developed to provide fresh vegetables for the Cooperstown Food Pantry. The garden is sponsored by Growing Community, Cooperstown, a group of local volunteers committed to growing food locally, sharing knowledge, eating well, and building a sense of community. Volunteers are needed to plant, weed, water, and harvest. Donations of seeds, plants and cash are welcome. Contact growingcommunity@yahoo.com, visit the website at www.growing-community.org or mail Growing Community, P.O. Box 103, Cooperstown, NY 13326.
ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY
Thelma Sternberg’s new address is The Plains, 111 Heritage Circle #102A, Oneonta, NY 13820. She would love cards and visits from friends.

2013 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
Congratulations! Janelle B. Harter graduated with honors from Cooperstown Central School on June 23rd. She is a Regents scholar and was awarded a Clark Scholarship. Janelle plans to attend Ithaca College and major in biology. She is the daughter of Jason & Jeanine Harter, and the grand daughter of Bruce & Caroline Harter.

DEVOTIONAL READING
"Upper Room" (also large print copies), "Alive Now," "devozine" (for teens by teens) for July-August, and "Our Daily Bread" for June/July/August, are in the literature racks in the church entrance. Please help yourself to this devotional reading -- take a copy to a homebound church member.

IN GOOD COMPANY
The fellowship of Coffee Hour after the worship service continues throughout the summer. Iced tea, coffee or juice and a light snack are enjoyed. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Room.
The Chit Chat Club of church women continues to meet on Fridays at 10 a.m. at Batter’s Up (formerly T.J.’s).
The Men’s Breakfast Fellowship meets Fridays at 7:30 a.m. at Doubleday Café on Main Street.

Stewardship Report
2013 General Fund Budget $130,840
Budgeted through May $ 54,517
Offerings through May $ 39,531
Below Budget $( 14,986)
32 Pledges in the amount of $ 66,795

2013 Capital Fund Goal $ 10,000
Goal through May $  4,167
Offerings through May $  2,059
Below Goal $( 2,108)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JULY
Amanda Gelatt 01st
Matthew Phillips 03rd
Alan Dutton 05th
Doris Hill 10th
Janet Hayford 10th
Ariel Powers 11th
Shirley Banner 12th
Ray Hillhouse, Sr. 15th
Thomas Gus, Sr. 16th
Michael Otis 17th
Susan Malota 17th
Benjamin Otis 18th
Cal Larsen 18th
Bernice Key 20th
Scott Evans 23rd
Emily Bliss 26th
Carrie (Key) Offen 28th
Amanda Green 30th
Jessica Otis 31st
Donald Clark 31st

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Robert & Sandra Chase 04th
Alan & Sharon Dutton 15th
Clark & Sue Clapper 15th
Dick & Jane Hanson 22nd
Bill & Laurie Glockler 27th
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST
Nicholas Russo 01st
Aaron Gill 04th
Michael Reynolds 05th
Susan Gelatt 05th
Ryan Davine 05th
Merrilyn O’Connell 08th
Pamela (Gus) Macias 09th
Eliza Higgins 10th
Neil Dutton 10th
Bessie Dumond 10th
Anna Beth Becker 10th
Elizabeth Dunn 12th
Nicholas Steinbuck 14th
Bobie Graham 17th
Ron Jennings 18th
Jackie Folts 27th
Sandy Chase 27th
Judy Green 28th
Eulene Smith 30th
Benjamin Catchings 31st

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Joe & Mary Powers 03rd
Lynn & Judy Green 07th
Bruce & Carol Harter 07th
Dan & Kate Evans 13th
John & Brenda Alton 15th
John & Tara Santello 28th

you contribute by check make it payable to “United Methodist Women”.

Saturday, September 2nd—Nominations committee to meet to prepare list of new officers.

FOOD BANK
The need for donations of non-perishable food items continues through the summer. The number of people served has greatly increased. Food items (double bagged) may be left in the collection box in the back of the sanctuary or dropped off at the Food Bank located in the Presbyterian Parish House (back entrance, downstairs) on Church Street, M-F 10-12 and 2-4.

Cash donations are also appreciated and offering envelopes are available on the collection box. Checks may be made payable to Cooperstown Food Bank, mailed to 25 Church Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326, or placed in the offering plate and they will be delivered. To volunteer, call Ellen St. John at 547-9653.

SKY LAKE EVENTS
The Sky Lake Brochure announces camping opportunities for all ages. The 2012 Sky Lake Summer Camp Guide is now available by contacting the Sky Lake Office at (607) 467-2750 or www.skylakecenter.org.

If there is any child who is interested in attending Sky Lake, there is a scholarship which the UMW gives for children to attend. Info., Nancy Davis at 547-6137.

July 12th Music Camp Concert
July 26th Dramatic Arts Performance
Aug. 30th-Sept. 2nd Labor Day Weekend
MINISTRY PLANS
Ray Stees’ ministry, “Moving Our Community of Faith Into tomorrow,” will begin in our congregation in the fall. Dates will be established soon. Those who have pledged financial support should plan to provide donations by September 1st. Please note “Ray Stees Ministry” on your donation.

CHURCH PHOTO GALLERY
Family or individual pictures are needed to provide a picture directory for Pastor Bill. Please place photos in the SPPRC mailbox at the back of the sanctuary or mail to Jane Hanson, 167 Co. Hwy 53, Richfield Springs, NY 13439. Jane will also take digital photos of you and/or your family on Sundays after church.

FROM THE TRUSTEES
NEW STONE STEPS
The stone steps at the Bell Tower and Choir Room entrances have been completely rebuilt, and the covered steps repaired, by Phil Zenir Masonry. The refurbished railings were sandblasted and powder-coated, then reinstalled by Art Calhoun, assisted by Dick Hanson and Fred Wyckoff. The railings were originally made by Art Calhoun Sr. Eric Cernik will scrape and repaint the third set of railings.

CAPITAL FUND
The trustees have set a 2013 goal of $10,000 for funds to meet unanticipated expenses or matching funds for grants. $2,059 has been received to date. Continuing congregation support of capital projects has been most generous. Capital Fund envelopes are available in the pew racks or on the restoration bulletin board in the Fellowship Room.

PIES! PIES! PIES!
The pie sale will be held at the Labor Day Craft Fair at the Clark Gym, Saturday August 31 & Sunday, September 1, from 10 – 5. Help is needed to make and sell pies. Please make pies in disposable pie pans, and cover and label with significant ingredients. No cold storage is available, so no refrigerated pies or whipped cream please. Best sellers are fruit, berry, toll house cookie and pecan pies. Deliver to church before 9 AM on Saturday and Sunday, or bring to the site. Volunteers can contact co-chairs Susan Gelatt and Amanda Gellatt at 965-6727.

2013 FUNDRAISING CALENDAR
July 27th Church Chicken Bar-be-que, Lona Smith, Chair

July 28th Hall Of Fame Induction Fundraising Church Parking, Rena Lull

August 31 and Sept. 1st Labor Day Weekend Pie Sale, Clark Sports Center, Susan and Amanda Gelatt, chairpersons

October 26th SATURDAY’S BREAD, Rena Lull

November 16th, HARVEST DINNER, Linda Smirk, chair

LITURGISTS NEEDED
Liturgists are needed for the 9:30 AM summer worship services. Please check your calendars and call Alice Stiles, 547-9008, if you can serve.

GREETERS/USHERS NEEDED
A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Room or call Joan Ackerman 965-8778 to volunteer.
Meet Our Pastor

William H. “Bill” Delia

Pastor Bill begins his appointment at The United Methodist Church of Cooperstown on July 1, 2013, having served the Broadalbin and Edinburg United Methodist Churches for eight years. He and his wife Regina have two adult children. Daughter Jennifer and her husband Brian live in Ballston Spa. Son Michael and his wife Megan and daughter Roslyn live in Broadalbin.

Ministry of a Different Kind
Called to ministry as a teenager, Pastor Bill entered seminary after graduation in 1970 from California State College at Sonoma with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. Working two jobs to fund his education, he fell behind and did not earn a degree. His work during those years led to a long career in human services which he came to understand as ministry of a different kind. He counseled people with addictions, ran a group home for delinquent teens, and then spent nearly thirty years as an executive with the American Red Cross.

Return to Ministry
Always active in church, Pastor Bill filled various leadership roles and assisted in worship and music ministry. In 2005 he returned to ministry as a licensed local pastor serving two churches in team ministry while resuming seminary. He received a Master of Divinity degree in 2009 and was ordained as Elder in 2012.

Pastoral Ministry
His experience over the past eight years in ministry affirmed his calling. Despite a 30+ year detour through the non-profit world, he believes pastoral ministry is where he was meant to be. Pastor Bill feels he has been “blessed with a rich life including education and experiences that resonate with the gifts God created in me and gave me a sense of God’s purpose for my life. I have a heart for pastoral ministry. It is the call that I first felt as a teenager, the call that God continued to place before me, and the call that took me a Biblical 40 years to answer. I am living proof of God’s patience and persistence…”

Education
Bachelor of Arts, 1970, California State College at Sonoma; Psychology
Master of Divinity, 2009, Andover Newton Theological School
Certificate Programs: Yale University Drug Dependence Institute; Olsson School of Ethics at University of Virginia; Kennedy School of Government at Harvard

Experience
American Red Cross, 1977 - 2006: Department Head (Albany), Assistant Administrator (Atlanta), CEO (Albany)
United Methodist Church, 1970 -73, Youth Pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church (New Britain, CT)
United Methodist Church, 2005 – present, Pastor, Broadalbin UMC and Edinburg UMC, Upper New York Annual Conference
"God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good." Genesis 31a

Dear Members and Friends:

We know how busy summer can be, especially in Cooperstown. But there is something important ALL of us need to do. On one of these summer days, when the whole world comes alive, take a moment and look around – really look – at God’s amazing creation. Let your eyes drink in the colors of the world – the different shades of green in the trees, the blues of sky and lake, the browns of the earth and the yellows, reds and oranges in the blooming flowers. And don’t just look – use all your senses. Listen to the sounds of life – wind in the trees, water running over a stony riverbed, voices of children. Smell the fragrance of the honeysuckle, the clean smell of the pines, and breathe deep the freshness in the air after a summer shower. Relish the tastes of summer like ice cream and sweet corn. Revel in the textures of life revealed in newly mown grass working between your toes and the tenderness of a friend’s hand. Take it all in - we are surrounded by the wonders of God’s creation and, as the Bible says, it is good.

We human beings have a very special role in that creation. God made us in God’s own image and put us here, in God’s garden to “till and keep it” (Genesis 2:15). How well are we tending God’s garden? As we admire God’s handiwork this summer, we need to think anew about what more we can do to care for all of God’s creation. How can we make the world more like the living garden that God intended? How can we care for God’s creation and nurture new growth in God’s garden? And how can we care for one another – the people of God, the body of Christ and most importantly those whom Jesus called “the least of these” among us?

We have been richly blessed by our God and with those blessings come responsibilities. The Gospel of Luke tells us: “from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” (Luke 12:48) As we admire this wonderful world that God has entrusted to us, we must also consider what God is asking of us and how we can, together, be the people God hopes for us to be. It’s a noble thought for a summer’s day.

Have a blessed and wonderful summer! Regina and I look forward to sharing this season with you.

Bill
Pastor Bill Delia