

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

## *Foothills United Methodist Church*



### PASTOR'S CORNER September - October 2018

A successful man was asked the secret of his accomplishments. His reply was "Good judgment!" "Where did you learn good judgment?" he was asked. "From experience." "And from where did you gain your experience?" "Poor judgment!" What an ironical but right answer! If anyone wishes to end up their life with success, they need to keep this proverb in mind, particularly, in failure.

Even if the beginning of one's life is a series of failure and frustration, if God certainly lives in his heart, working with him, the most glorious part and delightful experience will be surely kept until the last chapter of his life. The Bible says in Job 8:6, "If you are pure and upright, surely then He will rouse himself for you and reward you with a rightful habitation. And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be great!"

Let's notice the sequence! The true prosperity, success, and achievement are the things we can hardly grasp in the beginning stage of life. They will be the precious rewards God allows us to enjoy in the final course of our race of life. And, the true success or victory is found in the life of a runner who can dash to the final lap of race with his best and end up his race in joy and honor.

Now we turn and we do so very gladly, to the energies and activities of our Lord Jesus. Over this past year Insouk and I've been feeling pretty positive you all belonging to the community of faith in Foothills UMC. Your hearts are filled with zeal for Christ Jesus and to serve our neighbors in need of his love. I see the string of your hearts tuned to God in our Sunday worship and also the endless list of our local and global mission activities during weekdays through various small groups.

As I've mentioned before Sunday morning, the best wine is kept until the end in your walk of faith wherever our Lord Jesus is working in your life. No matter what motive has made you join in our community of faith, when I see a great number of our Foothills church people serving the Lord with enthusiasm, it seems guaranteed for them to experience the most delightful and glorious moment which God has preserved yet not revealed until the end of their Christian pilgrimage.

As many of you do, I personally believe the paramount places in great music would be conceded by most to "Hallelujah" of Handel's Messiah and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. This last concluded with that magnificent choral ode to "Joy, Thou Heavenly Spark of Godhead," which to many of us represents the ultimate height which voices and orchestra can attain. The same is true of the sequence of all human history masterfully arranged by our God whom we worship.

It's inevitable to see the concluding part of all panoramic human history highlighted by the joyful and glorious sound of God's people in the very last book of the Bible – the Book of Revelation. That is a big different sequence between Christ and Devil. Devil's tomorrow is worse than his today. But the morrow of Christ Jesus for every believer is always better and brighter than his/her yesterday.

How many homes are there these days that know too well - everything is gradually becoming worse rather than better as time goes by? It is not unusual for people to experience their courtesy, joy, and excitement of its beginning gradually fading away. Nevertheless, in order to taste the best wine at the end of the banquet of life we Christians necessarily rearrange the program of the party in God's order. That means no matter how difficult, bitter and hopeless our current life may look, we should remember that God preserves the best wine for you and me to taste at the end of our journey of life.

Jesus gave the newly-wed couple the best wine at the right time which has led their feast to the wonderful finale. The same Jesus is now standing at the door of your heart. He wants to change the atmosphere of your feast, too, by making the same miracle. He wants to transform something from water into wine; something from the tasteless life to the tasteful; something from failure to victory. Therefore, have such a faith and apply it to your personal life from now on with your sincere heart and prayers! And put our problems in his mighty hands. He will surely rouse himself to make our life the most joyful and successful at the end.

*Rev. Moon Ho Kim*

## **Newsletter**

We are trying very hard to be good stewards of our finances and therefore will be mailing only a limited number of newsletters. If you have an e-mail, we will send you the newsletter that way. If you do not have e-mail, we will have a few copies at church to pick up. We will deliver newsletters to our shut-ins and nursing homes when we do our monthly visitations. Please see Isabelle or Cindy VanAllen for the preferred method of delivery.

## CROWD FUNDING CONTINUES ITS WORK

For me, when it comes to the days of summer, it reminds me of the musical line: "Summertime and the livin' is easy." Some may not know that it was an aria composed in 1934 by George Gershwin for the 1935 opera "Porgy and Bess." It means vacation, relaxation, restoration and renewal for some, but for the Crowd Funding Committee of the church, it means we have a lot of work to do and we need keep at it! We are working in a wide variety of areas to help make our new Worship and Mission Center a reality.

1. Boosts for Facebook: According to Terry's niece, (who does Facebook work for Proctor's Theater) boosts are very worthwhile and should be considered. We will continue to try and make this a reality. We also encourage those people who have Facebook accounts to continue to often repost our Crowd Funding effort, so it doesn't get buried at the bottom of the list.
2. Develop Our Own Facebook page: The church has a Facebook page, but it might be interesting if this Committee developed one as well. We are looking for volunteers who might be able to assist us in this endeavor.
3. A Resurrection Story: Is a new release of our "journey" and is under 1,000 words. We sent this revised presentation to Vicki Brown, who works at the UMCOM news desk, which does stories and publications for churches on a national level. It is being reviewed by them as I write this article.
4. Development of additional \$\$\$ streams: Through our work getting approval by Pay Pal for the Crowd Funding effort, we also have been approved by Guidestar and the Pay Pal Giving Fund, as well as smile.Amazon. The first two approvals make us eligible for special giving from interested parties and the smile.Amazon site gives a portion of whatever you order there to the church, if a person has designated the church as their preferred charity. If you shop at Amazon, the same password and username is used at smile.Amazon, choose the church for the charity.....and every time you shop there, the church gets a portion of your order. It can mean hundreds of dollars over the course of a year.
5. John Wesley Letter: A number of years ago, a letter written by John Wesley on April 22, 1775 (almost 2 ½ centuries old) was given to the church. We are going to see if this has any value at an auction. An archives expert in NJ has been contacted and he indicated he'd be happy to look into it. Stay tuned on this one!
6. Government Grants Application: This is especially for businesses and we have downloaded the form for this and we will review if this is feasible for us and if we qualify.
7. Appeal to Conference Churches: Another avenue we are exploring is to obtain the emails and/or addresses of all the churches in the Upper NY Conference and send them information about our Crowd Funding and how they might participate, no matter how large or small. After all, we're a "connectional church" aren't we? A sub-committee would need to be developed to work on this.
8. Fall Festival Preparation: At the church's fall festival on Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, the Crowd Funding Committee will have a booth to provide information about the new Worship and Mission Center. ( Please Note: The emphasis is on ministry, not just a building) We will have 200 information packets available to be handed out to those who desire one and answer questions. Packet will contain brief history, ministries available, Crowd Funding contact, new center diagram and a promotional pen.

To quote another song (by the Carpenters) -- "We've Only Just Begun." God will bless us in our endeavors. For "With God All Things Are Possible."

Dick Sears

Crowd Funding Chair

## **Knitting and Crocheting**

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Jane Heal, a friend and a special lady who lives in Florida and knits beautiful teddy bear sweaters and send them to us for the children at the Paul Newman Camp ( Double H Ranch) in Lake Luzerne, New York. Jane, in her 90's, has made thme for us for a number of years. Thank you, Jane. They are greatly appreciated.

Our knitting and crocheting group recently went on a mystery ride and luncheon. Thanks to Margaret Wemple for her excellent job of keeping track of our trips pon her calendars. We started the mystery ride in 2014 when we went to Amsterdam Muni. Then in 2015 we went to the Mayfield Café. In 2016, the House of Pizza. We rode to Bleecker and turned around at the Saw Dust Cage then came back down the mountain and finally rode through McDonald's then to our final destination. In 2017 it was Sport Island Pub and this year we ended up at Northampton Diner. Each year we have reservations and the restaurants are set up and ready for us. Unless I change my mind, I have next year's place picked out. It is always so much fun! Anyone can join us.

The Nathan Littauer Hospital Nursery nurses raved over our baby blankets. Thirteen were taken there to be given out to the new mothers. Eleven prayer shawls and 7 lapghans were taken to Mountain Valley Hospice. They were graciously received.

Our group starts up again on Wednesday, September 12th at 1 pm in the lounge. Come and get to know us.

Wishing you God's blessings,

Joyce

## **Trustees**

The trustees have been busy this summer. We have had two work party's. Unfortunately we have asked the congregation for help both times and no takers. Got the doors rebuilt on shed outside,

The men's bathroom stalls are sanded and will be painted soon along with the walls. A new outdoor faucet at parsonage was installed since that was leaking. To meet certification on the boilers, there had to be changes made to the pipes. Our fire inspection passed. We will be steam cleaning carpets down stairs late this summer. A group of parishioners are working on getting the kitchen organized and cleaned up. The front steps at church are falling apart and we are talking big dollars to repair. The quick fix for now is rope them off and add plant boxes.

Bob Suits

Trustee Chairperson

## Missions and Outreach

A charity I would like our church to support is the Heifer Project. This has been on our team's future project list for a number of years. It is a project that helps to end hunger and poverty. Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs or more. Animal donations can provide families access to food, medicines, school and sustainable livelihood.

For example: if we were to donate enough to provide a sheep for \$120 to a family, they would be able to sell the wool to help better their circumstances. Figuring on \$80 from our congregation, that would equate to \$1.50 for each of us for about the price of coffee. There are many options to consider. We could provide a number of animals or purchase a share toward an animal. Their catalog has goats, heifers, water buffalo, alpacas, llamas, pigs, fish fingerlings, rabbits, honeybees, a flock of ducks, chicks or geese besides sheep. I would like to hear positive feedback from our congregation. We can also choose one of 25 different countries. Thanks in advance.

Thank you, once again, to our friends Don and Carol Fisher for dropping off another load of stuffed animals and children's books to me for the "Bright Red Bookshelf". They have helped us out for a number of years.

We continue to collect for homeless teens and needy teens. Hygiene items are always needed, as well as new socks. The animal annex is in need of old blankets and towels. Can tabs are still being collected as are empty pill bottles. Don't forget our collection for school kits. You can put a kit together or bring in any of the items listed on the collection box in the Adirondack Room. These collection items are on going.

On Tuesday, September 18 at 10 am our group starts up again. If you would like to be a part of our team, you are most welcome to join us. No need to notify me in advance, just come on the 18th and we will be happy to welcome you..

In His Name,  
Joyce

## **Worship and Music Team**

On Sunday, September 9 we will re turn to our two services. The first Praise Service will be held at 9 am in the Chapel and the second Traditional Service will be held at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Rev. Dick Sears will preach on this first Sunday.

On Sunday, September 16 our service will be held at the building site on S. Kingsboro Ave. at 10 a.m. This will be held under a tent as a continuation of our Fall Festival.

Once again we will return to our two services on September 23.

On October 21 we will have Laity Sunday with Gerald McAuliffe as our preacher.

Advent will begin on Sunday, Dec. 2.

## **Bible Study**

Pastor Kim has a Bible study held on Wednesday mornings at 10:30. They are presently studying the Book of Acts.

Cindy VanAllen is offering the Disciple I Bible Study at 1:30 on Monday afternoons.

## **Sunday School**

Our Sunday school will begin on Sunday, Sept. 9th following the Children's time during the second service. Our teachers this year are Sandy Sacerio with Sandy Watson assisting (Pre-K-1st), Linda String (2nd - 4th grades) and Cassie Favalle (5th-?). We look forward to everyone returning for a fun and educational experience.

## **Youth Group**

The Youth Group this year will be under new leadership. Sharon Diefendorf has decided to step down from her numerous years of leading the youth. THANK YOU Sharon and Dick for your many years of developing our youth into fine adults. The new schedule and ideas will be available sometime early in September.



## September Birthdays

John Longhenry	9/3	Reanna Stewart	9/21
Joan Gifford	9/6	Robert Bronk	9/23
Peter Cirillo	9/9	Vivienne Cirillo	9/26
Sharon Diefendorf	9/15	Sandy Watson	9/26
Sandy Harrington	9/16	Ginny Baker	9/27
Kathy Baxter	9/17	Velice Decker	9/28

## October Birthdays

Sandy Sacerio	10/3	Marion Simonds	10/14
Clayt Ernst	10/5	Linda Flint	10/26
Glenna Fremont	10/7	Janet Findlay	10/27
Isabelle Connor	10/10		

## Anniversaries

### September

Bob & Linda Suits	9/4
Steve & Linda String	9/20

### October

Velice & Lew Decker	10/8
Mark & Patti Roten	10/8

# **Our Church Activities**

## **UMW**

Our first meeting for the 2018-2019 year will be on Monday, Sept. 24th @ 6 pm. This will be a dessert meeting. Come and enjoy a great evening of faith and fellowship. Our yearly schedule will be handed out at the first meeting.

## **MOPS**

Mothers of Pre-Schoolers meets on the first and third Thursdays of from Sept. to June at 10:00-11:30 am. Our first meeting will be on Sept. 6th. There is child care provided as the leaders meet with the mothers to promote and understand motherhood. We also do a craft activity. We provide adult conversation for the moms. If you know anyone with pre-schoolers and could use some time with other moms, please contact the church office.

## **1 Stroke Painting**

Painting will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. We will meet on Sept. 20th. If you have any questions please speak to Sandy Harrington.

## **Adult Coloring**

Adult coloring meets on Wednesdays at 11:30 am following the Bible Study. It is a very relaxing and creative time of fellowship. We will meet on Sept. 12th.

## **Koinonia Krafters**

Krafters are meeting on Monday mornings from 10-noon. We are preparing items to sell at the Craft Fair at the Johnstown Moose Club in November. This is a fun and learning experience. Come share your gifts and talents with us or learn a new craft to do. We will meet on Sept. 10th.





## **Our Ministry Of Prayer**

*If you know of someone hospitalized or needing prayer care, please call the church office.)*

Wells House: Audrey Baird, Joan Gifford, Robert Sweet

Nathan Littauer Nursing Home: Marie Fisher, Marion Loux, Dorothy Coons, Roger Edwards

Pine View Commons: Iona Farrar, Shirley Davenpeck, Betty Kested

Capstone Nursing Home: Ron Blowers

Willing Helpers Women's Home: Bev Lowenthal, Edie Thompson

Shut-ins: Bev Andrews, Virginia (Ginny) Baker, Elsie Brownell

### **Church Families to Pray For:**

Here are ten families to lift up for each month. Please pray for these families throughout your prayer time. Thank you in advance from the Nurture team

#### **September**

Bev. Lowenthal  
Carol Lowery  
Fran Lyons  
Bob Marsh  
Betty Myers  
Harriet Nellis  
Chuck Novell  
Toby Ortell  
Lucy Ostrander

#### **October**

Kathy Peck & Charles Samon  
Sue Robbins  
Mark, Patti, & Cameron Roten  
Cathy Rubscha & family  
Gus & Sandy Sacerio  
Sue Sanders  
Gloria Santa Maria & family  
M/M Phil Santangelo  
Gene Satterlee

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**MINISTRY STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Moon Ho Kim

The Rev. Dick Sears, Pastor Emeritus

Administrative Assistant: Isabelle Connor

Music Ministry: Vivienne Cirillo and Ed Goodemote

Maintenance Engineer: Garfield Burlett

Please call the office for prayer requests or if you are homebound and would like to receive a visit and/or communion from our Pastoral Ministry Team

**Praise Service—9:00 in the Chapel**  
**Traditional Service—10:30 in the Sanctuary**

**Vision Statement**

"Foothills is a community committed to worshipping God and sharing his love." Adopted April 6, 2011

**Mission Statement**

"Our mission is to promote spiritual growth and to provide multi-generational ministries in Christ's name." Adopted September 7, 2011