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# State Highway 161, Fultonville, NY 12072 in the hamlet of Glen, 4 miles south of Fultonville

August-September 2019





### Gearing Up for God

Above: On our closing night J'Mike Sowle brought his race car! He showed us how when something doesn't work on the car, he has to figure it out and fix it. That's the way it is when something goes wrong in our liveswe turn to God and get it fixed.

Right: Trying on our "safety" glasses—it's important to protect our eyes when we are working on gears!



**Left:** Together with our caring teachers, mentors, and VBS coordinator we all had an awesome week! Thank you Miss Debbie, Miss Jen, Miss Norma, Miss Katie, Miss Tammy, Miss Lynda, Miss Cindy, and VBS coordinator Miss Sue. Also thanks to our presenters Miss Fallon & J'Mike.

Special thanks for our t-shirts!



### A Few Moments with Thomas ...

The "fragrance," the "aroma" of life. How many times have I walked outside this summer and smelled the aroma of someone cooking a barbeque in the neighborhood? Or the fragrance of fresh cut grass, or that first smell of coffee in the morning. All good smells. Brings to mind good memories. Yet, not all aromas are sweet smelling. The skunk crossing

the road we try to avoid. Fresh liquid fertilizer on the farmers field. Yuck! Shut the window, quick!

You know, the word of God talks about aromas and fragrance. Sometimes we are so busy we forget about that, don't we? So, just for a moment let's refresh our memories. There's about 19 Bible verses on aromas. One of my favorites is 2 Corinthians 2: 14-17,

"14 But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him. 15 For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; 16 to the one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not peddlers of God's word like so many; [a]but in Christ we speak as persons of sincerity, as persons sent from God and standing in his presence."

Why is this so important? Because we are Ambassadors of Christ and we have all been called to share, in some way, Jesus' victory on the cross. In words, deeds, actions, and prayer, spreading the gospel of Christ produces an aroma. To those who receive and believe, the aroma is pleasing, comforting, and reassuring. To those who do not receive or believe, there is an odor of defeat and death.

The point is, regardless of who is on the receiving end, the truth of our testimonies produce a powerful fragrance which God delights in. Nothing smells more pleasing to our God than when we glorify his Son. Mmmmm, it smells so good. Just breathe.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the campfire series on Wednesday nights in August and when summer comes to an end, smelling the good aroma of September Sundays' morning services.

The joy in serving Him,

Pastor Tom

# MISSIONS

Our mission of collecting monetary donations concluded with Vacation Bible School. We collected \$96 during the week of VBS. We thank everyone for their generous donations. After all of the donations are tallied, gift cards will be purchased and sent to the Veterans Hospital in Albany for their arts and crafts department.



So on to our next mission project...City Mission of Schenectady, founded in 1906, is dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in

word and deed.

According to their website... "Our goal is to provide not only HELP for today, but HOPE for tomorrow." Rev. Tom Crossan, who is very involved in the Mission, has preached at our church on several occasions. The missions committee will be in touch with the City Mission to get an idea of exactly what their needs are so watch for more info.

As always if anyone has any ideas for missions please contact Judy Kelly or Sue Summerfield.

-by Sue Summerfield

# Sunday School Mission Project



Some Sunday School students participated in helping to make heart-shaped pillows. Students traced the hearts and cut out the fabric hearts. Edith Bowdish and Olive Taylor sewed the pillows along with the help of Laura Bailey, activities director, and residents of the Marchand Manor Nursing Home in Sharon Springs.

The pillows were delivered to Amy Karas to be included in her gift bags for cancer patients at the New York Oncology Hematology, Amsterdam. Jen Wilmot, Sunday School superintendent, reported that the nursing home residents loved helping with the project and that the students were excited about participating in this mission for local cancer patients.

-by Jen Wilmot

### SUNDAY SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School was a success! We had 23 students. Thank you to Sue Summerfield and everyone who helped out for your hard work. The Sunday School's visit to Marchand Manor Nursing Home for Adults will take place in August. The home is located on Route 10 in Sharon Springs. It is a green building, the next house after the library on the right. We will sing for the residents. Please come and join us! Sunday school will resume on Sunday, September 8th. All children and teens are welcome and encouraged to attend.

-by Tammy Moran

## August & September Calendar Clip, save & post at home.

### Worship Schedule for August

Date	Greeter	Lay Reader
August 4 Holy Communion	Allan Taylor	Kim Flander
August 11	Allan Taylor	Kim Flander
August 18* *See Below	Cheryl Rohling	Kim Flander
August 25	Allan Taylor	Kim Flander

\*On August 18th Glen Reformed will enjoy a joint worship service, including communion, at 10:30 a.m. at the historic Indian Castle Church, State Highway 5s between Fort Plain and St. Johnsville. The church is located in a beautiful country setting and established an important presence of early Christianity in the Mohawk Valley. All are welcome to worship there on this special occasion. There will be no services held in Glen that day.

### Worship Schedule for September

Date	Greeter	Lay Reader
September 1 Holy Communion	Greeter Needed	Reader Needed
September 8 Sunday school resumes	Allan Taylor	Bernie Kirk Jr.
September 15	Marlene Douglas	Karen Kosinski
September 22	Cheryl Rohling	Ron Burch
September 29	Allan Taylor	Judy Kelly



### **August**

- 8 Brady Melius
- 9 Marlene Douglass
- 30 Ryan Summerfield 30 Jonathan Wright

### **September**

- 5 Bernie Kirk, Jr.
- 14 Danielle Flander
- 18 Charlie Yurkewecz
- 23 Katie Sheldon
- 24 Harriet Lane
- 25 Jonathan Flander
- 26 Christopher Gamble
- 30 Mikhala Houser

Is someone's birthday missing? Please contact Karen Kosinski or Lynda Russell.



Be aware. Stay awake. Be present in the Lord.

We never know when we are in the presence of angels.



We are the body of Christ and each one of us is part of it.\* We must allow Christ to live in us and work through us.

\*Ref. 1 Corinthians 12:27

### Our Church Family Tree Is Growing!

On Sunday, July 21st Glen Reformed Church welcomed into membership six new members. Bethany Nacco, Susan Nacco, Tom and Courtney Nacco, Katie Sheldon and Stepheon Sheldon have been worshiping with us for a while and we are blessed to have them formally join us as members. Please take a moment to welcome them and if you have not met them, please introduce yourself to them.



Preaching Elder Tom Flander and Vice-President Olive Taylor preside over the reception of new members during worship on July 21, 2019.

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# Campfire WORSHIP

Join us for blessings on the lawn!



### Wednesdays in August

6:30 pm fellowship & camp food 7:30 pm worship on the lawn

Come to a casual worship service around the campfire on the lawn behind **Glen Reformed Church.** Guest speakers and guest musicians will share messages of the "Fruit of the Spirit". Casual attire, campfire food, and good fellowship. Bring the whole family, your neighbors & friends. Please share this info, too!

In case of rain fellowship & worship will take place downstairs in the church.

Questions? Call 518-853-3088 or 518-922-6624. Glen Reformed Church, 1526 State Highway 161 in the hamlet of Glen



<u>Aug. 7</u>—6:30 p.m. Baked Potato Bar; 7:30 p.m. Preaching Elders Sharon & Ken Palmer with Sharon on keyboard;

<u>Aug. 14</u>—6:30 p.m. S'mores & watermelon; 7:30 p.m. Rev. Peggy Traester with musicians Sue Casler & Ron Burch

<u>Aug. 21</u>—6:30 p.m. Make Your Own Sundae Bar; 7:30 p.m. Rev. Bert Mayne with his guitar;

<u>Aug. 28</u>—6:30 p.m. Hot dogs & rolls and S'mores; **7:30 p.m.** Preaching Elder Kay Turnbull

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