

Scotch Church



July & August 2019



SCOTCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY



**AT A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019
1:00 PM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

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PARSON -TO- PERSON

"Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

It was the Saturday before Mother's Day when it happened. Rob, a first year student at Texas Christian University, was preparing to drive home to Tennessee and surprise his mother. While his car was being tuned up at the repair shop, a man came in to rob the store. He took Rob into the back room and shot him in the back. Rob died in the store manager's arms.

That Sunday morning the local paper carried the headlines in bold letters, "Happy Mother's Day" and almost directly under it a large picture of Rob. I am not sure how a family gets through such devastation or weakness. But I know that somehow, with the Spirit's help, something happens.

A year later, Rob's mother was preparing to travel to Fort Worth to attend the trial of Rob's killer. She stopped by the church on her way out of town to visit with her pastor. As he escorted her to her car, he said, "I know you will be needing some special prayers and I will keep you and your family in my prayers." She thanked him and pressed a slip of paper into his hand. She said, "Please have the church pray for him."

His response was, "Of course, we will. But who is this?"

She again said, "Please have the church pray for him."

The pastor said, "I will, but who is it?"

Finally, with a long sigh she answered, "It is the man who killed my Rob."

Some things can come only when the Spirit takes over and somehow we become what we never thought we could be, because the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. There are occasions when those sighs come to the surface and we know that God has taken our heart to places we did not know could exist.

How is it that in weakness all things work together for good? The only way is to let our weakness be put into the hands of the One who supplies strength from places we cannot discover on our own. It is now the time to open ourselves to the power that appears to be weakness, just as God chose to come in the form of a baby, without strength.

Peace, my friends,

Pastor Rich

A TRADITION — CHICKEN BARBECUE



Chipman Crew met recently to discuss plans for the 64th Chicken Barbecue. The Barbecue will be held on September 7, 2019, which is as usual, the Saturday following Labor Day.

Diana Fisher and Lesley Thompson will again serve as co-chairs.

Chairpeople for the various committees were confirmed. Tickets will be sold in two locations again this year—in the church just inside the sanctuary door for the Dining Room and in the Takeout Tent for those purchasing takeout.

Setup will begin on September 1st, the Sunday prior to the Barbecue, and will finish on Friday evening before the event.

Thank you to everyone who takes part in contributing to our annual Barbecue. We look forward to another successful event!



If you are making jams or jellies this summer, we would love to have a few jars to sell at the Country Kitchen. Any type of preserves are eagerly sought by our customers.

The Bake Sale will be included again this year.

If you have a special craft item to donate to the Country Kitchen & Bazaar, that adds interest to our sales and will be greatly appreciated.

Or, possibly an antique item that you wish to donate....all of these ideas will add interest and variety to our sale. Please call Mindy Fisher if you have an item to be picked up, and I will deliver it to the Church.



JULY CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate your special day !



AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate your special day !

HAPPY "July" BIRTHDAY to...

12.... Brent Patterson
27.... Hailey Quintavalle
27.... Holly Billings
27.... Claire Billings
27.... Mallory Fisher
30.... Nancy Avery

HAPPY "JULY" ANNIVERSARY to...

4.... Craig & Mallory Fisher
12.... David and Lou Anne King

Please call or email your dates to me to be added to the calendar so that we can recognize your family's special days. Or if you have a family member you'd like included....

~ Mindy Fisher 315-323-2642

Or email me at melindaf70@gmail.com

HAPPY "August" BIRTHDAY to...

2 Isabel Thexton
8 Jacob Barney
11 Sara Hargrave
10 Brenda Tracy
18 Phyllis Acres
27 Mardi Patterson
31 Abraham Shippee

HAPPY "August" ANNIVERSARY to...

1..... Michael & Meghan Fisher
6.... Pastor Carl & Rachel Pattison
7 Chris & Lisa Hargrave Landi
18..... Noel & Paula Allen
18..... Bill & Mindy Fisher
25 David & Ruth Hargrave Shippee



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bob and Brenda Tracy on the recent loss of their son, Rob. Our thoughts and prayers are with you every day.

PRAYERS.....addresses included for cards or notes.

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Shirley Perkins, P.O. Box 29, Colton, NY 13625

Bob & Brenda Tracy, 3421 County Route 14, Madrid, NY 13660

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The story of shortbread begins with the medieval “biscuit bread”. Any leftover dough from bread making was dried out in a low oven until it hardened into a type of rusk: the word “biscuit” means “twice cooked”. Gradually the yeast in the bread was replaced by butter, and biscuit bread developed into shortbread.



Shortbread was an expensive luxury and for ordinary people, shortbread was a special treat reserved just for special occasions such as weddings, Christmas and New Year. In Shetland it was traditional to break a decorated shortbread cake over the head of a new bride on the threshold of her new home. The custom of eating shortbread at New Year has its origins in the ancient pagan Yule Cakes which symbolised the sun. In Scotland it is still traditionally offered to “first footers” (the first person to enter a household, on New Year’s Day).

Shortbread has been attributed to Mary, Queen of Scots, who in the mid-16th century was said to be very fond of Petticoat Tails, a thin, crisp, buttery shortbread originally flavoured with caraway seeds.

There are two theories regarding the name of these biscuits. It has been suggested that the name “petticoat tail” may be a corruption of the French *petites gâtelles* (“little cakes”).

However traditional Scottish shortbread biscuits may in fact date back beyond the 12th century. The triangles fit together into a circle and echo the shape of the pieces of fabric used to make a full-gored petticoat during the reign of Elizabeth I. The theory here is that the name may have come from the word for the pattern which was ‘tally’, and so the biscuits became known as ‘petticoat tallis’.

Shortbread is traditionally formed into one of three shapes: one large circle divided into segments (“Petticoat Tails”); individual round biscuits (“Shortbread Rounds”); or a thick rectangular slab cut into “fingers.”

~ Submitted by Pastor Rich

NOTE: In our family, a shortbread recipe has been handed down through the generations; and my mother, Erma Porteous Carkner, has provided lessons on mixing and rolling out the dough, which according to her mother, Helen Fife Porteous, had to be followed very closely! There has always been a certain mystique surrounding the preparation and baking of shortbread, as it traditionally only happened at Christmas in our family. My father always insisted on testing each batch that came out of the oven to be sure it was edible; and always exclaimed that he didn’t understand why we had to wait for the holidays to have shortbread. Mom uses an old 12” wooden ruler, which was passed down to her by her mother, to cut the short bread dough into diamond shapes. It was a matter of pride that the diamonds were uniform in size and shape!



I also recall sitting on a tall wooden stool beside my Grandma Porteous as she mixed cookies on the counter of her Hoosier, always a special treat to watch and anxiously waited for the finished product to come out of the oven. Wonderful, warm memories!

~ Mindy Fisher

On June 9th, Pastor Rich was formally installed as Scotch Church's Pastor in a lovely service in which members of Presbytery participated. The Church was filled with their voices as hymns were sung and Reverend Laurena Wickham Will delivered the message, which I have reprinted below. Please take a moment to read what she shared with us.



Ephesians 4:1-16

“Gifts and Unity”

June 9, 2019

At the Installation of the Reverend Richard Hinkle
as Pastor of Scotch Presbyterian Church in Madrid, NY

Written by the Reverend Laurena Marie Wickham Will

...Therefore, our passage begins with “Therefore...” so what came before matters and has brought us to this point. Important to note, I chose not to read the first 3 chapters of Ephesians this afternoon, I'm getting right to what comes next, the *Therefore* part.

In the life of the church what came before matters, it brought us to this point. However, we also have to get right into the *therefore*. This is where we are now and while the past, the history of a people and a journey of 200 years matters and informs who we are, it isn't the *therefore* part we have to get on with.

Professor Sarah Henrich points out that, “In *the sixteen verses considered here, believers are called to a unity that is created by and grows in love. The unity is based not in similarity of gifts, but in connections created by the Spirit given and shared in baptism.*”

All too often we are looking for our sameness of gift and the point is lost. Let me read it again only slower, “***believers are called to a unity that is created by and grows in love. The unity is based not in similarity of gifts but in connections created by the spirit and shared in baptism.***”

We are called together because of our differences! These are what make us stronger, more faith filled and also help us understand and grow in love.

God gifts us all differently yet we are called to one baptism. Kind of the fun part of what God does, right. We drive one another nuts! I know that this morning people left the church I serve irritated and annoyed with one another as we did not agree on several, truth be told, petty things today but sometimes they are what seem to be bigger things.

Interestingly we generally don't get as mad about the big stuff as we do the little stuff. Also truth be told, we left knowing that we will figure it out and jump in and face one another again and work out or accept our differences because we are called to be one.

This is what it means to be the church. We are different, we have different gifts and different ways about us and still we are one. Created by God, trained in our tradition, nurtured by the Holy Spirit and baptized in the Spirit. The only way we can get to understanding and knowing God better is to be joined to one another and that doesn't necessarily mean joined as in we all work and think the same. This means we have to listen to one another and find our way in all growing together in the Spirit. New insights from one another, new patience, honest, trust and faith building the love of God in this community.

This relationship of church to pastor is a little like an arranged marriage only you both had a bit of a peek into the other as you join together for the journey. As you travel carefully listening and openly sharing with each other you learn from one another and grow in the Spirit. You will sometimes be the one sharing and sometimes with one listening, you will sometimes be the one frustrated and sometimes the one antagonizing the frustration. This is how we all grow and answers the call of our baptism. Pastor, pastor's family, friends of the church and members, you are one. In your unity may your love grow, in your unity may the flames of the spirit be ignited. And may you bring God's love and grace to this place as you minister together.

"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."



~ Reverend Laurena Wickham Will



July 2019



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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  INDEPENDENCE DAY | 5 | 6 |
| 7 4th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship w/ Communion | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 PW Meets at 10:30 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 5th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Historical Commit- | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 1:00 pm 200th anniversary Worship Service & reception to follow. (NO Morning Wor- | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Waddington Con- cert Series, 6:30 pm, "The Briga- doons" | 27 |
| 28 7th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Session Meeting | 29 | 30 Pastor Rich & Carolyn on Vacat- ion through Au- | 31 | | | |

August 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| There is no Session meeting scheduled for August. | | | | <i>1</i> Pastor Rich on vacation thru Aug 13. Please contact the Clerk, Mindy | <i>2</i> | <i>3</i> |
| <i>4</i> No Worship Service at Scotch Church | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>9</i> | <i>10</i> |
| <i>11</i> No Worship Service at Scotch Church | <i>12</i> | <i>13</i> | <i>14</i> | <i>15</i> PW Meets at 10:30 am | <i>16</i> | <i>17</i> |
| <i>18</i> 10th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship | <i>19</i> | <i>20</i> | <i>21</i> | <i>22</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>24</i> |
| <i>25</i> 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship | <i>26</i> | <i>27</i> | <i>28</i> | <i>29</i> | <i>30</i> | <i>31</i> |



Check out Waddington Concert Series on Friday evenings throughout the summer at the Island View Park on the St. Lawrence River. 6:30 pm start time.

Brick Church and horse barns built in 1864 on the present site of Scotch Church.



Per Capita means "by the head." Strange as that may sound, it means that the mission and ministry efforts of Northern New York Presbytery, the Synod of the Northeast, and the General Assembly are partially funded according to a formula based on the total number of Presbyterian "heads." In our church we have 71 heads or, people who are members. The per capita amount for the year 2019 is \$25.00 per person. That amounts to a total of \$1,775.00 for Scotch Presbyterian Church to remit.

Per capita is the means by which "the tie that binds" is funded throughout the Presbyterian Church (USA). Because of per capita funds, we are able to: Train persons to become better ruling elders, deacons, and ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Support the efforts of Presbyterians as we come together to discern God's will for the church.

Bring Presbyterians from across the globe together to serve on General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery committees and commissions as they do the work of the church.

So, if you wish to help pay our church's per capita for 2019, please drop your check for \$25.00 in the offering plate or mail it to the church....Just mark the check with the words "per capita" or even "by the head," if you like! You could even give more than your share to help those who cannot afford to. And thank you!