

Scotch Church

JUNE 2019



200th Anniversary of Scotch Church will be celebrated
on Sunday, July 21st at 1:00 PM.

PARSON -TO- PERSON

"And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them." (Acts 2:2-3)

Old farmers know that some burning is good for the plant and the soil. Some strategic burning, even some adversity, might be good for us, too. If only we could periodically burn away the weeds choking our virtues; if only we could periodically torch the harmful indulgences in the undergrowth of our hearts. Then might we be better Christians?

In the forest, friendly fires create appropriate fertilizer, strengthen root systems and remove debris that thwarts vigorous growth. Isn't that what we want in our faith? Is there something to create spiritual fertilizer with appropriate and helpful nutrients, strengthening our roots and removing debris that thwarts our vigorous growth?

What could there be?

Call it the friendly fire of the Holy Spirit, which came on Pentecost and remains alive and available to any and all. The Holy Spirit came that day to start the church, flames like tongues of fire alighting on the heads of men and women, illuminating their minds with the first great gift of speaking languages they did not know. The friendly fire of the Holy Spirit can burn away the undergrowth and debris of our lives, and allow new life to appear. We can have our souls renewed, our hope enlivened and our worship services made powerful, if only we allow this cleansing fire of God to burn with us.

We need the Holy Spirit to be healthy Christians, to be a healthy church — like our lands and forests need friendly fire. Deprived of fire, woodland landscapes such as New York's Adirondacks and the Redwoods of California have undergone dramatic changes: Once-grassy clearings are closed up with trees. Swamps are filled in with vegetation and have dried up. The open area under the tree canopy, known as the understory, is clogged with a thick mass of vegetation.

Our souls, too, may feel closed up, dried up and clogged. But it doesn't have to stay that way, because Christ sends to us the Holy Spirit. Right here and now. This Holy Presence, this gift, is a cleansing fire that changes lives. Maybe that's what stops us. Maybe fear of change stops us.

So.....take the risk. Jump into a new and dangerous faith. Get unsettled. Feel the fire. Let it burn. Leap blindly into God's friendly cleansing fire! This little adversity, this little challenge is good and healthy for every soul. Take the leap. Open your heart. Let the fire of God burn.

Peace, my friends,

Pastor Rich



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF CHIPMAN CHURCH

June 2 ... 7th Sunday of Easter,
Communion will be served

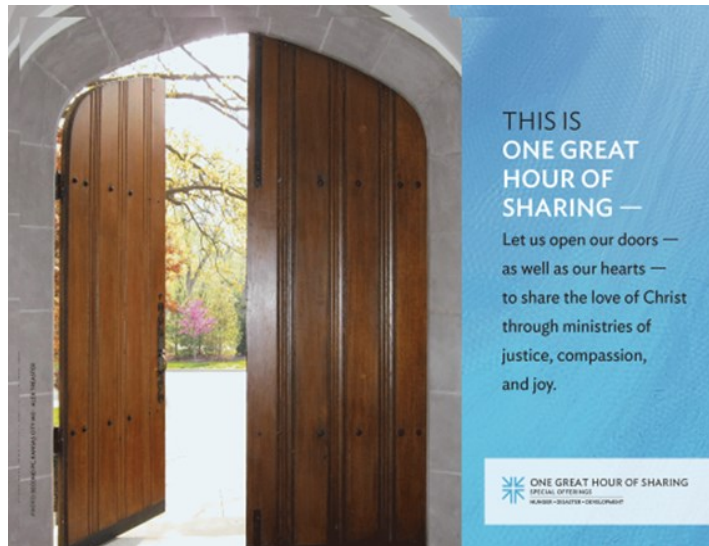
June 9 ... Pentecost Sunday
June 9 4:00 pm, Pastor Installa-
tion. Presbytery will participate
as Pastor Rich is installed.

June 13 ... 10:30 am PW meets in
Upper Room

June 16....Trinity Sunday ... Fa-
ther's Day / Graduate Sunday (*see
page 5 for more info*)

Sept 2.....Labor Day

Sept 7....64th Annual Chicken Bar-
becue



Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression and injustice in society.

Linya Bell, the newly elected and installed Moderator for the Presbytery of NNY invites all Pastors, Clerks of Session, designated commissioners, guests and visitors to come to the **June Presbytery Meeting on Saturday June 8th in Plattsburgh, NY!** This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the scenery of the northeastern corner of our presbytery, and travel with no fears for snow! Come – the food will be lovely, the faces loving, and scenery on the ride glorious!! More information will be posted on our website at www.presbyteryofnorthernny.org.



**SUMMER 2019 SOLSTICE ARRIVES
JUNE 21ST AT 11:54 AM EASTERN**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

In the Christian liturgical year, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ as “tongues of fire” as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1–31. For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes described by some Christians today as the "Birthday of the Church".

As a way to visualize the “tongues of fire”, the liturgical color for Pentecost is **red**. Pentecost Sunday is June 9 this year, so everyone who attends worship that day is encouraged to wear **red**.



Please include the following friends and neighbors in your daily prayers For health and comfort as they face their individual health and life challenges.....

Jennifer Appleby

Marge Fisher

Carolyn Hinkle

Missy Evans

Bob Tracy

Grace Hargrave

Makenzie Sheffield

Curtis Rolfe

200th Anniversary of Scotch Church 1819—2019

**The Scotch Presbyterian Church will celebrate
the 200th Anniversary of its founding in 1819 at a
special church service at
1:00 pm on Sunday, July 21, 2019.**

**A reception will follow the service. We welcome
family and former members who live out of the area
as they return to join in our celebration!**

June CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate your special day !



HAPPY "June" BIRTHDAY to...

- 5... Emily Hargrave
- 6... Alexis Hargrave
- 9...Megan Barney
- 10... In memory of Betty Ellen McKnight
- 17...Kathy Acres Thexton Scott Barney
- 28... Christine Fisher Easterwood
- 29...Stephen McKnight



HAPPY "June" ANNIVERSARY

- 6...Christine & Jud Easterwood
- 9 ... Doug & Janet Hargrave Emmett
- 18... Jim & Grace Hargrave
Jeff & Cheryl Dominy
- 21 ... Mary Jane & Roger Thompson

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 fisher@potsdam.edu

PW BROOMS

Did your PW broom get used to sweep the sidewalk this winter? It is best to check to see if you need a new one for Spring cleaning. The cost of \$10 per broom is a bargain for these quality instruments!

Mindy Fisher (315-323-2642) will be glad to see that you receive one for your spring and summer cleaning chores!



Contacting the Pastor

Rev. Richard E. Hinkle
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preacherman1121@gmail.com

PASTOR RICH'S OFFICE HOURS AT CHURCH

1:00-4:00 pm Monday—Thursday

You are welcome to stop by for a visit or call to make an appointment (315-742-7561). Hours are: Monday – Thursday; 1 to 4 pm. (There are times when I am called away in the afternoon, so it is always best to call ahead of time).



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melmorgan@twcnny.rr.com

519 County Route 34
Canton NY 13617

Name: _____

Relationship to Scotch Church: _____

Level of graduation

____ - Kindergarten (Madrid-Waddington)

____ - 5th Grade (Madrid-Waddington)

____ - High School - _____

____ - College - _____

____ - Graduate/beyond - _____

Major/Favorite Subject –

Hobbies/Sports/Interests/Extracurricular Activities –


Chores/Work/Future Plans –

Any other information you would like to include.

Will you be in attendance on July 16th to participate in the graduation celebration during church? _____

June 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| 2 7th Sunday of Easter Communion | 3 | 4 | 5 Happy Birthday Emily Hargrave | 6 Happy Birthday Alexis Hargrave | 7 | 8 Presbytery meeting in Plattsburgh, NY |
| 9 Pentecost 4:00 PM Pastor Installation Service; dinner to follow | 10 Happy Birthday Megan Barney on June 9th | 11 | 12 | 13 PW will meet at 10:30 am | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Trinity Sunday Graduates recognized; Father's Day | 17 Happy Birthday Kathy Thexton and Scott Barney | 18 Happy Anniversary Jim & Grace Hargrave and Jeff & Cheryl Dominy | 19 | 20 | 21 Happy Anniversary Roger & Mary Jane Thompson | 22 |
| 23 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Session meeting | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Happy Birthday Christine Easterwood | 29 Happy Birthday Stephen McKnight |
| 30 3rd Sunday after Pentecost | | |  | | | |