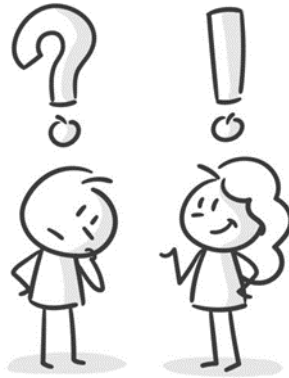




# Scotch Presbyterian Church

*JUNE 2022*



## **Re-Thinking Pastoral Leadership**

Over the first three Tuesday afternoons in May I was enrolled in a seminar with the above title. It was offered through a movement out of the U.K., that is now in the U.S., known as Fresh Expressions. It's a new way of doing and thinking about what church is and the way it functions, while also honoring a church and its traditions. How do we share the gospel message and develop disciples of Jesus in our present time? What is it the church needs to unlearn in order to follow the Spirit and the calling of God to be engaged in ministry where the church is called to go? How does the church engage in the functions and yet vision new potential ministries? What does the church expect of its pastor and how does it partner in mission and ministry to prevent pastor burn-out? Does the church see its challenges as opportunities? Is the church observing from the balcony what is occurring in the life of the church or down on the dance floor and in denial about what is happening to it?

It's scary, no doubt, to think through any one of the questions I've just shared with you. It's hard to unlearn something that may be so ingrained into us that it's part of our being. The very words "unlearn" or "change" may cause you to veer away from my article this month, but please stay with me.

If we look at the Bible, God was not only creating, but re-creating people from Eden to Israel, and to the Gentiles, in and through Jesus and by the work of the Spirit. God's plan of salvation has taken on many twists and turns, yet always the same goal: salvation to all people, those whom God calls by name. God's gift of grace found in Jesus is there, but not all will accept the gift.

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Likewise, our church has a presence in this area for all to gather and partake of God's gift of grace as well, the gift of salvation, but not all will partake. We can program away, offer various styles of music and worship to "attract people", but is that really the solution for people not looking for church or its worship? Here's an example from my seminar: A Methodist church in Florida decided to reach people with a fall festival. Originally small and attracting most of its church members, over a couple of years it swelled to 3,000 and then 6,000 guests. Yet as the church kept track of the attendees, they found  $\frac{1}{2}$  were from their own church (churched) and its families,  $\frac{1}{4}$  from other churches (churched), and finally the last  $\frac{1}{4}$  were un-churched. So  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the attendees were indeed already being churched. They cancelled it after that finding. Does the area need another program, festival or event, and for who is this? What is the goal or purpose of any event?

Over time we will be wrestling as Scotch Presbyterian Church with some of these tough questions. It's my hope we are honest in our learning's and findings, discussions and communications, that we not avoid the questions that challenge us or leave us frustrated and maybe with no answers. We will do some research and create a concrete action plan and follow up.

In all that we do, may we be in prayer, growing and learning together, and be filled with joy in where and what God is calling us to do as together. We joyfully seek God's will for this God's church here in Chipman. To God be the glory!

With you on the journey,  
Pastor Betsy



## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF CHIPMAN CHURCH**

**June 7 ... Session meeting, 7:00  
p.m. at the church**

**June 19 ... Father's Day and Recognition of our graduates**

**June 25 ... 5:00-7:00 pm Stop by  
for ice cream sundaes on the front  
lawn. Bring neighbors or friends!**

**June 26 ... Worship will be at :00  
pm as the Installation Service for  
Rev. Betsy Westman with a picnic  
"on the lawn" to immediately follow  
the service. The 3:00 service will  
take the place of morning worship  
on this date.**



**SUMMER SOLSTICE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022**



I recently received an email from the RCA, the denomination of my ordination, with some resources. One resource is creating Prayer Doves of Peace for the Ukraine. You can fully read the resource, be inspired, and get the prayer dove template on the enclosed link below or our church website ([greensteeple.org](http://greensteeple.org)); clicking on the ***Prayer Doves of Peace*** banner.

Together across all ages in our church throughout the month of June, we'll create prayer doves, collect them and hang them up as they come in. June 5 is the first Sunday of Pentecost and the dove is the symbol of this six month season of the Holy Spirit and so we too will actively participate to create, pray, and live in the work of the Spirit during this season. Here's how this will work:

1) Either download and print the doves from your home computer onto cardstock weight paper for sturdiness in hanging or pick up a dove from the basket located on the bookcase near the sanctuary door.

\*\* If you have access to, and enjoy origami, please feel free to use this medium for creating peace cranes.

2) Color, cut, and decorate (any art medium is great, the more creative the better!) as many prayer doves as you wish and write a brief prayer for the country of Ukraine on one side of each dove you decorate.

3) Bring your dove to church and place it in the collection basket also located on the bookcase near the sanctuary door.

4) Doves will be strung and hung from the ceiling in the chapel area. This will be our prayer dove space so we are reminded each time we come and go from the church to be in prayer for peace for the country of Ukraine. Let's colorfully fill the chapel!

<https://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com/2022/03/prayer-doves-for-peace-prayerful-art.html?fbclid=IwAR3O7SSdDXj3qnJEd2zhz9Q-ibM8mICSX-iPa6kxqA6MSRuiKnM8ki5vRV4>

With you on the journey,  
Pastor Betsy

INSTALLATION & WORSHIP SERVICE

REVEREND BETSY WESTMAN

Sunday, June 26, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Picnic to follow at 4:30 p.m.

Tent and seating

Hamburgers, hot dogs, salads !  
Come celebrate this joyous occasion

RSVP requested (for planning of the meal)

315-323-2642

melindaf70@gmail.com

*Please note...this 3:00 Installation will be our service  
for this date.*



Sundaes on Saturday

“On the Lawn”

June 25, 2022

Stop by the church on Saturday, June 25

5:00—7:00 p.m. to enjoy an ice cream sundae !

Bring a friend or neighbor to share conversation

and an ice cream treat.

A tent will be set up for Pastor Betsy’s installation the following  
day, so shade and seating will be available.

See Pastor Betsy or Mindy Fisher if you would like to help dish ice  
cream or help in some other way.

Hope to see you then!

**June CELEBRATIONS**  
We celebrate your special day !

**HAPPY "June" BIRTHDAY to...**

5... Emily Hargrave  
6... Alexis Hargrave  
9... Megan Peebles  
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  
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 [melindaf70@gmail.com](mailto:melindaf70@gmail.com)



Pastor Betsy keeps office hours Monday  
thru Thursday, 9:30—1:30 pm

Feel free to stop at the church, or call to  
schedule an appointment to meet.

Please contact Pastor Betsy if you, or  
someone you know, is in need of visitation.

**Rev. Betsy Westman**

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
9:30 am-1:30 pm; or by appointment

Phone: (518) 260-2744

Email: [pastorbetsyw@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbetsyw@gmail.com)



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Scotch Presbyterian Church will recognize the 2022 graduates in our church community during the worship service on June 19, 2022. If you graduated, are graduating, or have someone in your family that you would like recognized, please forward the information below to Melanie Morgan **by June 12th**. You may email or print the form and mail it (contact info below).

**Please provide a photograph of the graduate!**

**melmorgan@twcny.rr.com**

**Mail to: Melanie Morgan  
519 County Route 34  
Canton, NY 13167**

Name of graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Scotch Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of graduation:

\_\_\_\_\_ Kindergarten \_\_\_\_\_ school's name

\_\_\_\_\_ 5th grade \_\_\_\_\_ school's name

\_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_ school's name

\_\_\_\_\_ Technical School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite subject/Major/Degree

Hobbies/Sports/Interests/Extracurricular activities

Chores/Work/Future Plans

Any other information you would like to include:

*Will your graduate be in attendance on Sunday, June 19th?* \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no



# June 2022



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5 Day of Pentecost Happy Birthday Emily Hargrave	6 Happy Birthday Alexis Hargrave Happy Anniversary Christine & Jud Easterwood	7 Session Meets 7:00 pm at the church	8	9 Happy Anniversary Cheryl & Jeff Dominy Happy Birthday Megan Peebles	10 June 9th Happy Anniversary Doug & Janet H. Emmett	11
12 Trinity Sunday	13	14	15	16	17 Happy Birthday Kathy Thexton and Scott Barney	18
19 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day Recognition of	20	21 Happy Anniversary Roger & Mary Jane Thompson	22	23	24	25 Ice Cream Sundaes on the church lawn 5-7:00 pm
26 Worship today will be the Installation Service	27	28 Happy Birthday Christine F. Easterwood	29 Happy Birthday Stephen McKnight	30		