

Community Life

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From Pastor Stephanie

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Almost three months! Can you believe it? On May 5th we will be making this official with the service of installation at 3pm. I hope you can be here to celebrate.

As I think about what lies ahead, I think of a favorite song of mine, "Thrive", recorded by Casting Crowns. A portion of the lyrics reads;

*Just to know You and to make You known
We lift Your name on High
Shine like the sun made darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more
Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive*

None of us know what plans God has for us in the days, weeks, months and years ahead; however, I do know our Lord desires for us to flourish. What fun it has been to see the many gifts of this congregation unwrapped before me. I can't wait to see how our Lord will continue to surprise us as God walks this journey with us.

Thank you for the very warm welcome I have received. You made this transition much easier because of the love and care you have given me.

Blessings!

Pastor Stephanie



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OFFICE SCHEDULE

Monday–Friday 9am - 2pm

REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 11AM
Fellowship 12PM

Communion Services are the first Sunday of each month.



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Sally Siemoens, Nominating

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Meetings & Activities

MONTHLY MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

05/01	Deacons	4:30 pm (AL)
05/03	Installation Service	3:00 pm (S)
05/07	Congregational Life	2:00 pm (AL)
05/12	Blood Pressure Check	12 pm (APR)
05/15	Breakfast Club	9:30 am (FOD)
05/19	Mission	1:00 pm (AL)
05/20	Dave's Cookin'	12:00 pm (FH)
05/21	Worship & Music	2:00 pm (AL)
05/22	Finance	6:30 pm (AL)
05/26	Blood Pressure Check	12 pm (APR)
05/27	OFFICE CLOSED	Memorial Day
05/28	Session	6:30 pm (AL)

WEEKLY MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Worship	11 am (S)
Sunday	Fellowship	12 am (FH)
Monday	Bible Study	1:30 pm (AL)
Wednesday	Quilting	1pm-3pm (QR)
Thursday	Choir	7:15pm (S)

Please Join Us!

The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse
and
Robinson Elmwood United Church
cordially invite everyone to
the installation of

The Reverend Stephanie J. Weaver

as
Pastor of Robinson Elmwood United Church

on
Sunday May 5, 2019

at
3:00 PM
Robinson Elmwood United Church

A light reception will follow in Fellowship Hall

Pastors, please wear your robes and stoles, and
gather at 2:45 in our Adult Lounge.

Minute for Mission

The Mission Committee offers opportunities for anyone to pitch in and help those who are homeless, hungry or in need. We are a fired-up, dynamic committee and hold meetings each month. We welcome new members anytime!

Our Ongoing Missions include:

- ◆ **Blessings in a Backpack** is a national campaign to assist with feeding needy school children on the weekends. Our local program through Bellevue Heights UMC is partnered with the Delaware School on South Geddes St. Just \$100 will feed a child on the weekends for the entire school year, but any donation is gladly accepted.
- ◆ **Communion Fund: Missio Church** benefits from non-perishable food items and communion donations on the *first Sunday of every month*. They took over the area food pantry from Isaiah's Table.

Mission Update:

- ◆ Thanks to the congregation for the support in March of **Exodus 3 Ministries**. We collected over \$200 as well as goods for their outreach event and clothing and make-up giveaway in May.

Save the Date



Our delicious chicken and/or ribs dinners are back with a summery twist! We'll have hand-made crafts including table runners, mug rugs, banners and more!

Eat in or take out. VISA, Master Card, cash and checks accepted! Garage sale in the morning and have a great lunch with us!



MEET OUR COMMITTEES

Have you given a thought to what makes Robinson Elmwood tick? Much of what is done is handled through one of our committees. For the next few months, we'll be going through our committees. Maybe you'd like to join one!

NOMINATING

Have you ever wondered how people get to be on the Board of Deacons or Elders on Session? The process goes through the **Nominating Committee**.

Before our Annual Meeting in January, our **Nominating Committee** searches out members of our congregation who are willing and able to serve as either *Elders* or *Deacons*. Both roles come with a three-year commitment.

The **Nominating Committee** does not have regular monthly meetings, but people on the committee should have a good knowledge of the congregation and who has the skills to be a good Elder or Deacon.

If you want to make the committee's job easier, find the chairperson, Sally Siemoens, and let her know that you would be willing to serve as an Elder or Deacon.

If this sounds like a committee for you, contact Sally Siemoens, chair of the Nominating Committee.



WORSHIP SERVICES & LEADERS

May 5

Readings: Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19
Liturgist: C Goodison
Trustees: M Browne, J Novado
Ushers: D Reeve, P Reeve
Communion Servers:
M Smith, A Stafford, TBD, TBD, TBD

May 12 Mother's Day

Readings: Acts 9:36-43
John 10:22-30
Liturgist: F Hunter
Trustees: J Monnell, S Siemoens
Ushers: M Sapka, J Dulmage

May 19

Readings: John 12:31-35
Revelation 21:1-6
Liturgist: J Monnell
Trustees: D Valenza, C Goodison
Ushers: J Dulmage, S Britt





May 26

Readings: Joshua 4:1-19
Liturgist: J Brown
Trustees: K Salisbury, C Clift
Ushers: J Hughes, E Hughes

THANK YOU CONGREGATIONAL
LIFE COMMITTEE!

Do you enjoy the treats after Worship? Having coffee, tea, and water available? If so, take a moment and thank the people who volunteer their time each Sunday to make sure something is available for Fellowship after Worship. It's a different crew each week, but always volunteers. Thank you for your hard work!

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Room Codes AL: Adult Lounge APR: All-Purpose Room C: Chapel FH: Fellowship Hall QR: Quilting Room S: Sanctuary			1 12pm Worship 1pm-3p Quilting 4:30pm Deacons
5	6	7	8
9am FCC Worship (S) 11am RE Worship (S) 12pm Fellowship (FH) 3 pm <i>Installation (S)</i> 	1:30pm Bible Study (AL) 7pm NA (FH)	9:45am PCS COM (AL) 12 pm PCS Clergy (APR) 2pm Cong. Life (AL)	1pm-3p Quilting
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15
9am FCC Worship (S) 10 am FCC Fellowship(FH) 11am RE Worship (S) 12pm Fellowship (FH) BP Checks (APR) 	1:30pm Bible Study (AL) 7pm NA (FH)	1 pm Line Dancing I (FH) 2pm Line Dancing II (FH)	9:30am Breakfast (Finally) 1pm-3p Quilting
19	20	21	22
9am FCC Worship (S) 11am RE Worship (S) 12pm Fellowship (FH) 1pm Mission (AL) 	12pm Dave's Cookin' (FH) 1:30pm Bible Study (AL) 7pm NA (FH)	11am FCC Women (C) 1 pm Line Dancing I (FH) 2 pm W&M (AL) Line Dancing II (FH)	1pm-3p Quilting 6 pm Finance
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29
9am FCC Worship (S) 11am RE Worship (S) 12pm Fellowship (FH) BP Checks (APR)	OFFICE CLOSED 7pm NA (FH) 	12:30 pm PCS Women 1 pm Line Dancing I (FH) 2pm Line Dancing II (FH) 6:30 pm Session (AL)	1pm-3p Quilting 6pm SAME (FH)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	4
(S) om (QR) (AL)	1pm FCC Recovery (APR) 7:15pm Choir (S)	7pm NA (FH) Nar-Anon (AL)	
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om (QR)	1pm FCC Recovery (APR) 7:15pm Choir (S)	7pm NA (FH) Nar-Anon (AL)	
	16	17	18
st Club Ours Diner) om (QR)	1pm FCC Recovery (APR) 7:15pm Choir (S)	7pm NA (FH) Nar-Anon (AL)	
	23	24	25
om (QR) (AL)	5 pm Geddes Seniors (FH) 1pm FCC Recovery (APR) 5pm PCS L'ship (AL) 7:15pm Choir (S)	7pm NA (FH) Nar-Anon (AL)	
	30	31	June 1
om (QR) (H)	10 am Book Club (APR) 7:15pm Choir (S)	7pm NA (FH) Nar-Anon (AL)	



BIRTHDAYS

- 5/4 John Gehan
- 5/12 Beverly Campbell
- 5/12 Karen O'Donnell
- 5/15 Betty Green
- 5/19 Barbara Wachob
- 5/23 Patrick Gehan
- 5/25 Debbie Gehan
- 5/29 Demetri Ascioti

Is your birthday missing from the list, and you want it on? Contact Liz in the office at 315-468-2509 or RobinsonElmwood@gmail.com to get your name on our birthday list! Don't worry, we won't tell the year.



MISSION & DEACONS FUND

The May Fund and the Pentecost Fund will support “**I Support the Girls**”, a organization that collects and distributes donations of new and gently used bras, and individually sealed tampons and maxi pads to women and girls nationally and internationally. Whether they be homeless, refugees, in transitional housing, or fleeing domestic violence, women and girls should never have to compromise on dignity. **I Support the Girls** has a partnership in Syracuse, one of three in New York State. **Learn more on Page 7!**



DAVE'S COOKIN'

We host a monthly luncheon with speakers when we can get them and socialization when we can't. Generally, it's on the **third Monday of the month at noon** in Fellowship Hall (except when that Monday is a holiday). **Only \$6.00 per meal!**

Next lunch: May 20

Program: *Green Bag Lady*—an international program to reduce plastic bags!

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Our team of nurses will check your blood pressure the **second and fourth Sunday of each month at 12 noon** in our All-Purpose Room.

Next checks: May

FREE LINE DANCING

Line dancing is back on Tuesdays!

We'll be returning Tuesday May 14 and following Tuesdays. 1PM for Beginners, and 2PM for more-experienced dancers!

ELMWOOD QUILTERS

Our quilting guild meets **Wednesdays from 1pm to 3 pm in our dedicated Quilting Room** (off of Fellowship Hall). For beginners or experienced quilters alike—we have everything you need to get started. You can also bring other crafts and be social.

FAIRMOUNT BOOK CLUB

Fairmount Community Church (UCC) hosts a monthly book club in our All Purpose Room the **last Thursday of each month at 10AM**. Contact Lindy Black at 315-488-9685 for information.

Next Meeting: May 30

Reading: To be Determined

FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS
Contact Liz at 315-468-2509

Sharing Our Gratitude

- ♥ To **Jayson Dusse, Demetri Ascioti, and Rev Gary Ferner** who put a coat of paint in Memorial Hall! Did you notice the fresh color?
- ♥ To **Martha Smith** for once again coordinating the Easter Flower sale.
- ♥ To the **Newsletter-collating angels** who remind Liz that they will come in on short notice to help!

A Minute More for Mission

A woman shouldn't have to choose between feeding herself and her personal health. *I Support the Girls* collects and distributes donations of new and gently used bras, and individually sealed tampons and maxi pads to women and girls.

Whether they are homeless, refugees, in transitional housing, or fleeing domestic violence, **women and girls should never have to worry about finding bras, much less proper menstrual products.** Yet they wear the same bra for years, potentially causing health problems, and each month have to make a choice between paying for meals or buying a box of tampons.

To date, *I Support the Girls* has helped more than 320,000 people retain their dignity by collecting 500,000 bras and 2,500,000 menstrual products and distributing them worldwide to 500 vetted shelters and organizations. *I Support the Girls* has a local partnership in Syracuse (one of three in partnerships in New York State).

The Mission Committee is inviting a representative come to Robinson Elmwood to share more about the organization. In the meantime, **we will have a bra collection in May for new and gently used bras.** Collection bins will be labeled outside the sanctuary.

I Support the Girls is our designated fund for the May Deacons' Fund as well as our local share of the Pentecost offering (in June).

Thank you to Jane M. for sharing this mission with us!

Special Prayers

THOSE IN NEED OF STRENGTH & HEALING

Fred Banks
Gail Banks
Michelle Bigg's Aunt
(recovery)
Michelle Bigg's Uncle
(cancer)
Mary Ellen Brzozowski
Helen Campolito
Jesse Chatfield
Nicholas Cupp (recovery)
Kevin (Marge Sapka's son)
Kathy Davis (cards, please)
Raymond Demperio (friend
of Charlotte Tooley)
Joan Dulmage's brother
Kathy & Tony Eisele (Judy
Lincoln's friend)s
Charlotte Goodison's sister
Gordon Goodison
Beryl Hammarstrom
Jean Harrison (fell)
Dan Hooge
Janice Horn (Turissa
Campbell's Sister)
Linda Jaquay (fell)
Jimmy (Allie Brink's friend)
Diana Jones's sister-in-law
Judy Lincoln (cards and
calls)
Bill Martin (of Syracuse)
Virginia McClemens (fell)
Ruth Melchior (at home)
Martha Parry (Liz Martin's
grandmother)
Carol Olson
Linda Pierce (Janet
Brown's friend—Cancer)
Chris Pitts
Darlene Pyer
Kathy S (friend of Carol
Olson)
Lynn Morgan Schuster
(friend of Kathy Salisbury)
Jim Smith (Dorene Smith's
son)
Karen V (Carol Olson's
friend) who has bladder
cancer

Rita Valenza
Barb Wachob
Jean Yale
Maureen Young

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES

**The Family of Paul, Susan
Scott's Father**, who
passed away April 17.
The Family of Ruth Britt
(Harry Britt's mother, Sue
Britt's mother-in-law)
who passed away
February 20

THOSE AWAY AT SCHOOL

James Biggs
Morgan Glielmi
Jacob Jones
Sarah Jones
Nick Paganelli
Maddy Smith
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*Please contact us if you
would like your address
printed for cards.*

*Please contact the office at RobinsonElmwood@gmail.com
or 315-468-2509 to add or remove someone from the
prayer list.*



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