

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 9 11th Sunday after Pentecost <i>New Members Service</i>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Upper Patio/ FH	Worship Service Lemonade on the Lawn
Monday, August 10	7:00 pm	Pastor's Office	Mission & Service Committee
Tuesday, August 11	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lounge Lounge	Bible Study Women's Fellowship
Wednesday, August 12	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Off site Lounge	Search Committee Meeting Consistory
Sunday, August 16 12th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Upper Patio/ FH	Worship Service Lemonade on the Lawn



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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

NRC Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a family of people seeking to be of help to each other and to our world through the encouragement of God's Spirit and the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To that end, we offer opportunities for worship, friendship, personal growth and service.

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

August 9, 2015

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please remember to turn off cell phones or put on airplane mode,
if cell phones remain on, they interfere with the sound system.*

Let the first note of the prelude be a call to quietly prepare for the significance of the experience that is before you.

Announcements

Personal Reflection

Many times, O Lord, we are confused by the way people express their faith and how they expect me to respond. Some are so emotional about what they believe and want me to do the same. Others are very intellectual about their faith and frown upon those who get too excited about you. What do you expect of me, O Lord? How am I to witness to others? Is it right or wrong to prefer a calm, quiet and subdued faith? Is an emotional response more acceptable in your sight? Lead me, Lord, in the way that I should go. Amen.

Prelude *Ecossaise* Schubert

Votum David Snyder

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

*The Salutation and the Peoples' Amen

Grace, mercy and peace be unto you from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith (Please stand)

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

- The general offering for last week was \$3,555. This is 29% **more** than last year's offering on this same date of \$2,762.
- The Mission & Service Committee will be collecting school supplies in August. The back to school list in the back of the narthex. Supplies can be placed in the "Food Baskets" located in the narthex of the church and on the 1st floor of the Education Building of Fellowship Hall.
- **DATE CHANGE:** Mark your calendars- Brooks BBQ is coming again— **Tuesday, September 1st** from 3:00pm until sold out. Chicken and take out only. We need many volunteers. Call Sharon Thompson @ 785-3706 or Pam Kane @ 356-0780. Volunteers are needed to bake brownies (no nuts) cut 3 x 3 and individually wrapped. Support this great **FUNDRAISER!**
- The Mission & Service Committee is meeting tomorrow, August 10th @ 7pm in the Lounge. Please join us!

TODAY

Visitors to our worship service are always welcome. May this time of praising God and learning of his plan for our lives be helpful to one and all.

- Please help us to get to know you by introducing yourself at the door and signing our guest book. Visitors, please help yourself to a copy of our church brochure available in the narthex.
- Parents with infants and small children are reminded of the room behind the balcony with an audio system to hear the worship service. There is infant and toddler care in room 102 of the Education Bldg.
- Our greeters today: Ron & Barb Valenti.
- There is a handicap entrance for wheel chairs on the right hand side of the building.
- Today the Personnel Committee will give a presentation on their committee.
- The flowers on the Communion table are in memory of the Rev. Robert N. Peterson by his family.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to Melanie Ambrose, Rena Bradt, Emily Flores & David Guest, Jr.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **August 16** are; Ushers: Jack Faddegan, Elaine O'Connell, Paul Pzakats & Linda Matt; Counters: Paul Sullivan, Kim Cerone & Monica Tryon; Greeters: Eleanor Van Pelt; Coffee: Choir/ Sharon Rice-Herbst.
- There will be a graveside service for Joy Bull on August 30th, immediately following the service on worship. If any church members know of friends or family that we should reach out to inform them of our service, please contact Pastor Paul or Ellen.
- Our bible study group meets every Tuesday at noon. Bring a bag lunch and please join us! We are studying the parables.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church.,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Hymn

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Insert

The Prayer of Confession

Our Father, we confess unto you that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly against the injustice we see and slow in declaring your vision for this world. We confess our reluctance to receive our calling as your people, created by you and chosen to witness to your dream of justice and joy. Remind us, O Lord, that we were made for your service and strengthen and prepare us with your Word. Renew us, O God, and grant us the courage to live out your way of peace and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen. (continue in silent reflection)

The Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Anthem

On Eagle's Wings
Peggy Breese, soloist

Joncas

The Reverend Paul C. Ferenczy

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Words of Scripture
The Presentation of New Members

Ralph Lembo
Cindy Nous
Zach Roth
Grant Sacca
Lauren Van Buren

The Vows of the New Members
*The Vows of the Congregation
*The Prayer
The Words of the Pastor
The Declaration
The Blessing

THE WORD OF GOD

The Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**O Lord, our God, your Word is the light and guide upon our way.
Grant us your blessing so that we may receive your truth in faith
and love, that we may be obedient to your will, and that we may
lead lives that bring you the glory and praise. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Dueteronomy 6: 1-9 Bible page 163 OT

Epistle Lesson Acts 8: 26-31 Bible page 127 NT

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Gospel Lesson Luke 10: 22-28 Bible pages 71 NT

This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

*Hymn ***In the Midst of New Dimensions*** Insert

Sermon "The World Needs A Faith That Can Be Understood "

Silence

The Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Offering

The Offertory *Surely The Presence* *Schrader*
Peggy Breese, soloist

*The Doxology **544** and Prayer of Consecration

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.***

*Hymn *I, the Lord of Sea of Sky* 69

*The Benediction

*The Postlude *Scherzo* *Haydn*

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.