

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 23 13th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Upper Patio/ FH	Worship Service Lemonade on the Lawn
Monday, August 24	7 pm	Pastor's Office	Gratitude Circle
Tuesday, August 25	12:00 pm 6:30 pm	Lounge Lounge	Bible Study Membership Committee
Wednesday, August 26	6:30 pm	Offsite	Search Committee
Sunday, August 30 14th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Cemetery (across the street) Upper Patio/ FH	Worship Service Joy Bull's graveside 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

13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

August 23, 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

My heavenly Father, I need to grow up spiritually. At times I feel so unprepared, uninformed and uncommitted to the way of life to which you call me. As difficult as it may be, help me to grow in faith, in knowledge of your word, in the awareness of your presence and in my willingness to commit my life and my all to the task of being a follower of Jesus. Let this hour of worship be for me a “growing-up” time. In Jesus’ name and for his sake I ask. Amen.

Prelude *Sonata No. 3, First Movement* Handel

Votum Mary Ivey

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

The Call to Worship

Lord, we believe in you.

Help Thou our unbelief.

Lord, we love you.

Help us to love you with all our hearts.

Lord, we praise you.

Help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

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. Prices are: \$11 for a complete dinner and \$7 for 1/2 chicken. Support this great FUNDRAISER!

- Take time to join us in the Fellowship Hall for “Lemonade on the Lawn”. It is a great way to connect with one another!
- Sunday September 13 is a special day! Plan to join us after worship at the coffee hour. You will be able to learn more about the work of NRC and offer to use your special gifts in our work. Our many ministries will be on display and you will have an opportunity to interact with those involved with them. Join us, for a special time and some delightful snacks as well.

- 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: John & Karen Moak.
- Today the Stephen Ministry will give a presentation on their committee.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No youth birthdays this week!
- We are in need of Sunday school teachers for 4-5th and middle school. If you are interested and able to help please email: Maureen Rizzi @ maureenrizzi@gmail.com or Tony Pechulis @ tonydianep@gmail.com.
- It is that time of year again. We need everyone to sign up for Sunday school so we can get ready for this upcoming year. There are forms in the Education Building or contact Maureen or Tony and they can get them to you. We are also working on getting them put on the website so check it out. Please put them directly into the Christian Education box in the church office. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **August 30** are; Ushers: Jeff Rivenburg, Dug Jackson, Brian Maclutsky & Lauren Groudine; Counters: David Snyder, Nancy Lindsay & Paul Alois; Greeters: Norma Lovell; Coffee: Parish Life.
- There will be a graveside service for Joy Bull next **Sunday, August 30th**, immediately following the service on worship.
- Our bible study group meets every Tuesday at noon. Bring a bag lunch and please join us! We are studying the parables.
- The general offering for last week was \$4,034. This is 49% **more** than last year's offering on this same date of \$2,698.
- **DATE CHANGE:** Mark your calendars- Brooks BBQ is coming again— **Tuesday, September 1st** from 3:00pm until sold out. Chicken and take

*Hymn *Let the Whole Creation Cry* **Insert**

*The Salutation and the Peoples' Amen

Grace is receiving a second chance. Mercy is kindness towards one who is undeserving. Peace is freedom from anxiety and oppressive emotions. May the grace, mercy and peace of God, be with us all. **Amen.**

*The Prayer of Confession

We have sinned this week, O God, in word, thought, and deed. We said things we ought not to have said and withheld praise when it should have been given. We had thoughts that were unkind, unholy, and unprofitable, and we failed to think thoughts of love, peace, and righteousness that your Spirit would have given us. We were busy with many things that should not have occupied our time and we neglected to do those things that would have served others and would have been pleasing to you. We humble ourselves before you now, asking you to forgive our sins, to heal our brokenness, and to strengthen us so that we may return to ways that are acceptable within your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (continue in silent reflection)

The Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

The first question of the Heidelberg Catechism is this: "What is your only comfort in life and in death?" Hear these words in answer to that question: "We are not our own, but belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all our sins with his precious blood, and has set us free from the tyranny of the devil. He watches over us in such a way that not a hair can fall from our head without the will of our Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for our salvation. Because we belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live unto him.

The Law of God

And here is how we can live the forgiven life: As God’s children, we will love Him with an intensity such as no substitute will suffice. The very mention of his name will be precious to us. We will resolve to use sacred times to worship Him. We will respect the wisdom of our elders. We will protect the lives and reputations of those around us. We will cherish the relationships entrusted to us. We will not take what is not ours. We will learn the value of enough. **Amen.**

*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Anthem *Fairest Lord Jesus* Whitman
Guest Saxophonist, Gregory Danis

THE WORD OF GOD

The Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

O Lord, who made the blind to see, the lame to walk and who set the prisoners free, now let your Word come to us to deliver us from our blindness, from evil habits, from fear and from every bondage in which we have been taken, so that we may be free to walk in the way of your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 82: 1-5 Bible page 542 OT

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 5:11-6:12 Bible page 220-221 NT

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Lesson John 6: 60-64 Bible pages 99 NT

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

*Hymn ***Open My Eyes, that I May See*** 390

Sermon “Things I Wish Jesus Hadn’t Said!”
The Reverend Paul C. Ferenczy

The Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

THE RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

The Offering

The Offertory *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* Lowry
Guest Saxophonist, Gregory Danis

*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 Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* 280

*The Benediction

*The Postlude *Sonata No. 3, Third Movement* Handel

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.

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.