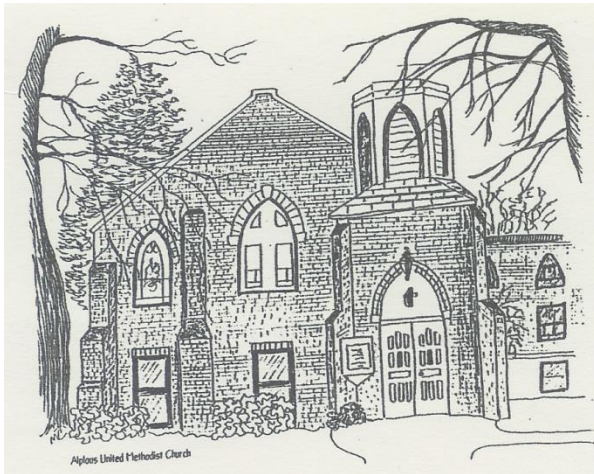




The Alplaus United Methodist Church Muse



The Alplaus United Methodist Church's Mission and Vision:

Our vision for the AUMC is to be a viable, active, open church that supports both individual members and the community with a loving, spiritual atmosphere.

Our mission is to worship, serve, pray, and play by connecting with the community and each other.

Pastoral Letters

"HELLO!"



I am very excited to be coming to your congregation in Alplaus. I understand that my first act in the community will be marching (or riding) in the parade on the 4th of July. I will have with me at the parade: Kylie, my 8 year old daughter, and Steve, my fiancé. If I don't see you on the fourth, perhaps we can meet on Sunday the 6th when I will be leading the worship service, preaching and celebrating Holy Communion with your congregation. With me on Sunday will be my daughter, Kylie and my husband, Steve. Yes, that's right, I'm getting married on the 5th! Steve will only be in town for the week of the wedding (no planned honeymoon). Right now, Steve is happily employed in Milwaukee, WI and he will eventually move to Alplaus when he finds the right position for his career. Until then, it will be just Kylie and myself in your lovely parsonage.

A little bit of background information about your new pastor: I first felt called to ministry at age 12, but I was too afraid to follow up on that call until after college. I grew up in faith as a member of MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) at the Shenendehowa UMC, through participation in work-camp and at Skye Farm Camp. After I grew up in years, I began volunteering at Skye Farm and was later on staff. I also volunteered as a MYF leader. Eventually, I could hide no more from this call to ministry. I graduated in '01 from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio with an M.Div and an award for creative worship leading, and have served in 4 other appointments since graduation with a couple periods of "family leave" for mothering. I have also helped to write two curriculums for use at Skye Farm. I have mainly served smaller congregations and have found each community to be a unique mix of faith-filled servants of the Lord. I love planning a service and have grown to love preaching as well. I work very hard to make Sunday mornings look effortless and rarely use notes for preaching. I have been known to burst into song without notice. I don't sing well, but I really enjoy the Methodist tradition of connecting theology to life through melody.

I do hope to sing in the choir and I am also looking forward to joining the group of knitters. I understand that this congregation supports various ministries in the region and hope to find a way to contribute to these opportunities of service. I hope to be active in the Glenclyff Elementary School where Kylie will be attending



and I hope that my participation at the school will also reflect the congregation's efforts to connect to our community.

I do not yet know what ½ time will mean for this appointment. I hope that we can work that out together. I will be available for phone calls, e-mails, texts and visits in your home, nursing home or hospital room. It looks like I will not be moving into the parsonage until 7/16 at the earliest. Until then, you may find me at: (518) 383-5434 (home), (518) 469-7764 (mobile), and revklvp@yahoo.com.

- Pastor Kristi

“THANK YOU!”

OMG! What an outpouring of love! And we assure you, the love flowed in both directions. The June 22 worship service, my last in the Alplaus sanctuary, was amazing. So many in attendance we thought we'd never manage to hug everyone, and we didn't. Jazz piano pieces played for the prelude and postlude by Janice had me singing and dancing in my seat. And the choir singing “I Thank My God for You” - time for tears. We know how to have fun in worship even while tugging at our heart strings.

Then there was the picnic across the street at the Trasks. Thank you, Dan and Barb, for opening your home to our church family. So much good food and special time with special people. And the gifts you gave us: that oh-so-comfortable bench for our deck, the gift card, the bird seed, and the maple syrup - all will make our new home a place with memories of you in it. All topped off with that cake! I have photos of it on my phone, on my computer, and posted on Facebook. Thank you, Tonya.

When we arrived home we sat together and read every word of every card and note. I started to tear up all over again. Thank you for all the wonderful things you said. I can understand how you'd feel that way about Johanne but I don't know how I managed to fool all of you for seven years.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Pastor Carl and Johanne

Church Directory Updates and Corrections:

We will be including changes for you to update in your own copy of the directory within each Muse as we learn of the changes. Please remember to let us know when you move or have a change of any kind.

Please change Pastor Carl's and Johanne's address to: 55 Evergreen Ave, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Home phone is now (518) 557-2829.

Lectionary

These are listed with the idea that you might care to read the scriptures before attending church each week, especially if you will be the liturgist and especially the psalms, which we seldom read in worship.

	<u>Hebrew Scripture</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
July 6	Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67	Psalm 45:10–17 or Psalm 72	Romans 7:15–25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 13	Genesis 25:19–34	Psalm 119:105–112 or Psalm 25	Romans 8:1–11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 20	Genesis 28:10–19a	Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24	Romans 8:12–25	Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43
July 27	Genesis 29:15–28	Psalm 105:1–11, 45b	Romans 8:26–39	Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52



Prayer List

Anne and Deontae Kwiatkowski	Ginny Smith	Dorothy Ziegler
Lu Diel	Terry Gleason	Rev. Dr. Brolin Parker
Claudia Lewis	Alice Lewis	Janice's family
Bill Broland	Betsy Hyatt	Jack Leveille
Marci Kraut	Family of Bernard Paparella and Harriet Wells	
Gordon Neufeld and family	all victims of disasters and violence	

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

3 Richard Flanders	7 Lisa Beretz	16 Amanda C. Smith-Lucier
18 Esther Miller	22 Hope Meehan	27 Loren White

Anniversaries

14 John & Tamara Lewis '83	26 Richard & Nancy Flanders '69	27 Robin & Dave Bowman
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Fulfilling our Promises - our presence and our presents

	<u>Our Presence</u>	<u>Our Gifts</u>
May 4	28	\$1,425
May 11	26	\$852
May 18	37	\$540
May 25	19	\$530

Comparison of expenses and income

	For May	Actual year to date	Expected year to date (budgeted)
Expenses	\$4,554	\$29,892	\$30,666.67
Income	\$3,347	\$20,334	\$20,833.33

Our income continues to fall behind our spending for the year, although both are at our deficit budget projected levels. And yet in this same month we gave \$1,720 to the Hope for the Homebound program in Schoharie, \$212 to the Stop Hunger Now program at Conference and \$275 to other Conference appeals and benevolences.

United Methodist Women

There will be no meetings during the summer. We will start again in October. Those who attended the luncheon in June had a great time. See you in the fall!

Community Luncheon

Summer is here! We welcome back those who were lucky enough to spend the winter in warmer climates. Now some are off to their summer camps. So we hope to see those of you who are around here at our luncheon July 8th which is the second Tuesday. Come & bring a friend and a dish to share if you can.

**Lay Leader****A Message by George Carlin (his wife had recently died):**

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just throw it away...Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. If you don't share this with other people....Who cares? *George Carlin*

Isn't it amazing that George Carlin - comedian of the 70's and 80's - could write something so very eloquent...and so very appropriate.

Blessings,

Lisa Beretz, Lay Leader

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Warm Welcome

As you can see, the SPRC announced that Pastor Kristi Van Patten has been appointed to serve our church starting July 1, 2014 as a ½ time pastor. She is planning to live in the parsonage with her family and will be moving in as soon as arrangements can be made with a mover.

We ask that you keep Pastor Kristi and her family in your prayers as she prepares to make the transition to our church, and that you welcome her with open hearts and arms.



Kids pages

Go in Jesus' Name

"However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 10:1-10, 16-20



A V H B P E N A C S R D D C N
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HEAVEN	HARVEST	JOY	LISTENS	REJECTS
WRITTEN	PLENTIFUL	FIELD	HARM	AUTHORITY
REJOICE	WORKERS	SEND	KINGDOM	NAME



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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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1. 10-15-25 _____

2. 19-5-14-4 _____

3. 8-5-1-22-5-14 _____

4. 18-5-10-15-9-3-5 _____

5. 6-9-5-12-4 _____

6. 23-18-9-20-20-5-14 _____

7. 14-1-13-5 _____

8. 23-15-18-11-5-18-19 _____

REJOICE	WORKERS	NAME	HEAVEN
FIELD	JOY	WRITTEN	SEND

Alplaus United Methodist Church – July 2014 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7pm Scouts	3 1– 3pm Knitting Group Mtg 3-5pm Alplaus Children’s carnival 6-8pm fire skills competition 8-12pm block party	4 Independence Day, Alplaus Parade at 11am, float line up starts at 10am. 6:30 pm Bridge	5 Pastor Kristi Van Patten’s wedding day.
6 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Church Communion Worship Service Summer Worship time change!	7 7pm Church Council Meeting	8 Noon – Community Luncheon	9 7pm Scouts	10 1– 3pm Knitting Group	11 6:30pm Bridge	12
13 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Church Worship Service SICM Food Collection Day	14	15 5pm Serving at City Mission	16 7pm Scouts	17 1 - 3pm Knitting Group	18 6:30pm Bridge	19 Muse article deadline!
20 6 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Church Worship Service	21	22	23 7 pm Scouts	24 1 - 3pm Knitting Group	25 6:30pm Bridge	26
27 7 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Church Worship Service	28	29	30 7 pm Scouts	31 1 - 3pm Knitting Group		

Pastor Kristi’s schedule – To be determined

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Articles for the August newsletter must be submitted to alplausmuse@gmail.com
no later than **July 19th**.
Thank you!

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