Local Churches Unite At ROC Service

By Susan LeDoux

While the Apostle Paul stressed unity in the early church, the Reformation permanently changed its landscape. Add ethnic and racial barriers to the mix of today's congregations, and we have what is called “the most segregated hour of the week” — 11 AM, Sunday morning.

For the last 11 years, Bishop Singleton of Ark of Jesus Ministries and Pastor Vince DiPaola of Lakeshore Community Church, have welcomed other congregations to unite for worship and lunch one Sunday each year. This year, Pastor George McKnight (New Way Christian Faith Center), Rabbi Jim Appel (Congregation Shirat Yisrael), Pastor Barbara Thomas (Victorious Living Christian Life Center), joined Singleton and DiPaola at Lakeshore Community Church on August 27th and desegregated that 11th hour.

“It’s time to come together to break down the walls,” Bishop Singleton said in an interview prior to the service. He added the church should demonstrate how to navigate the troubled waters of these times. Although the worship experience may be unique to each church, it is important to God we reach out and get together. When we do not do so, we minimize our abilities.

“There is severe racial tension. We need to address the spiritual element of true resolution... show uniformation through Jesus at the core. (We should) walk the talk and come together… experience different ways to worship.”

In that same interview, Pastor DiPaola reiterated the need to destroy barriers. America had just experienced a tornado in Texas and a killing in Charlottsville, Virginia and DiPaola suggested that, while those areas are associated with negative events, Rochester’s united churches could represent something positive. In the ROC service, participants offered a brief homily about Christian unity and shared their congregations’ unique musical worship.

- Pastor George McKnight repeated the prayer for unity Jesus prayed just before his passion and death (John 17:20-26, NIV). He added that, although we are not alike, and may continue on page 11

Brighton Presbyterian Church In Its 200th Year

By Susan LeDoux

If buildings could speak, Brighton Presbyterian Church at 1775 East Avenue would tell of its brave beginning in 1817, of growth, of loss, and renewal. On December 2, its historical Fellowship Hall will host the church’s bicentennial anniversary banquet for members and local dignitaries.

The Good News chatted with Rev. Tim Luddy about his congregation and the building that is home to Brighton Presbyterian Church, The Well Congregation, New Life Ethiopian Church, and the para-church ministry, Bethel Express.

According to Luddy, Lieutenant Solomon Allem of George Washington’s army accepted a post-war land grant in our area. Allen, a pioneer missionary as well, felt called to work with children, but soon the parents clambered for a church. And so, in 1817, Brighton Presbyterian Church was founded. After losing the first two church buildings to fires, the congregation built the current impressive stone building that still graces the corner of Winton Road and East Avenue in Rochester.

The building itself has been a factor in Brighton Presbyterian’s unique role in the city. Luddy told of the day in 2006 when the elders had gathered to discuss whether to close the church. "I’m so proud of our folks. They have had continued on page 12

Pastoral Transition At Pearce Memorial Church

By Susan LeDoux

This year, the congregation at Pearce Memorial Church bids adieu to their Lead Pastor, Wally Fleming. After serving ten years in the 157-year-old church, on the edge of Roberts Wesleyan College, Fleming is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, among other things.

Continued on page 18

Pastor Roger Haskins

“I’m going to have, for the first time in 38 years, evenings and weekends relatively free. I don’t know how I’m going to handle that! I’m going to do things like go to the grocery store with my wife – normal things!” he said.

Continued on page 11

What’s In A Name?
Hope For Those In Crisis
Care Net Pregnancy Care Center of the Finger Lakes changed name to Family Hope Center but retains its vision to help others

By Pat Shea

Family Hope Center of Geneva, New York, formerly known as the Care Net Pregnancy Care Center of the Finger Lakes for the past 14 years, is celebrating not only its first year with a new name, but it’s continued focus on those in need.

Doreen Teed

“Our previous name was just too long,” stated Doreen Teed, executive director for the center. “The Pregnancy Care Center continued on page 13

Reverend and Mrs. Peters on page 18

Rev. Tim Luddy of Brighton Presbyterian Church due to dramatic losses among the congregation. Just then, Pastor Peter Kim knocked on the door and asked if they had space to rent for his Korean Omouri Church.

“Everybody looked at each other. Maybe this was the way to keep the building open,” Luddy said. Pastor Pete and his congregation settled in, and soon another church rented space. Since then, welcoming other denominations to share worship space in this grand structure has led to many blessings, Luddy said, and like any home with a large family, people learn to accommodate.

“I’m so proud of our folks. They have had continued on page 12

Pastoral Transition At Pearce Memorial Church

By Susan LeDoux

This year, the congregation at Pearce Memorial Church bids adieu to their Lead Pastor, Wally Fleming. After serving ten years in the 157-year-old church, on the edge of Roberts Wesleyan College, Fleming is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, among other things.

Continued on page 18

Pastor Roger Haskins

“I’m going to have, for the first time in 38 years, evenings and weekends relatively free. I don’t know how I’m going to handle that! I’m going to do things like go to the grocery store with my wife – normal things!” he said.

Continued on page 11

What’s In A Name?
Hope For Those In Crisis
Care Net Pregnancy Care Center of the Finger Lakes changed name to Family Hope Center but retains its vision to help others

By Pat Shea

Family Hope Center of Geneva, New York, formerly known as the Care Net Pregnancy Care Center of the Finger Lakes for the past 14 years, is celebrating not only its first year with a new name, but it’s continued focus on those in need.

Doreen Teed

“Our previous name was just too long,” stated Doreen Teed, executive director for the center. “The Pregnancy Care Center continued on page 13

Reverend and Mrs. Peters on page 18

Rev. Tim Luddy of Brighton Presbyterian Church due to dramatic losses among the congregation. Just then, Pastor Peter Kim knocked on the door and asked if they had space to rent for his Korean Omouri Church.

“Everybody looked at each other. Maybe this was the way to keep the building open,” Luddy said. Pastor Pete and his congregation settled in, and soon another church rented space. Since then, welcoming other denominations to share worship space in this grand structure has led to many blessings, Luddy said, and like any home with a large family, people learn to accommodate.

“I’m so proud of our folks. They have had continued on page 12
The newspaper is also distributed to the general public at different high traffic areas. Estimated circulation is over 10,000 copies. It is on sale at 25 cents per copy.

We welcome submissions of press releases, personal testimonies, articles and news of interest to our readers. All submitted material is subject to space availability and to the approval of the Publisher.

Viewpoints expressed in The Good News are those of their respective writers and are not necessarily held by the Publisher or our advertisers. The Publisher does not necessarily review or reject, at any time, any advertisement, news report or an article that does not conform to the standards of the publication.

The Publisher is not liable for the damage caused by the advertisements and articles placed in this publication. The Publisher is not responsible for the content and accuracy of information provided by advertisers and contributing writers. Advertisers assume liability for factual content of their advertisements and advertising. The Publisher is not responsible for misprints or omissions or the consequences of these errors. AllMaterial, tips, and ideas are “Use at Your Own Risk.”

Material in this publication may not be reproduced in any form without written permission from the Publisher.

All contents are subject to Publisher’s approval and space availability.

Special Thanks To Our Sponsors!

If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Dr. Ralph Kerr at 585-271-4464 or email info@TGonews.com.
On September 25th New Hope Family Services hosted their yearly fundraising dinner at the Carnegie Conference Center at Driver’s Village in Cicero, New York. New Hope, a non-profit Christian organization with its main office at 3519 James Street in Syracuse, started over 50 years ago, has grown to the point where it now offers crisis pregnancy counseling, adoption services, ultrasound testing, abortion education, abortion recovery counseling, and many other related services to the Central New York area.

Lacey Leonard, Traffic Anchor/Reporter for Time Warner Cable and MT for the evening, warmly welcomed the assembly of the 290 people present, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance and an opening prayer by Pastor Scott Hallman from Westside Community Chapel. Attendees were then called by table to a buffet of meats, cheeses, and fruit, vegetables. Cheese cake was served later for dessert. Special music was provided by Nate Maxfield and the Missio Church Worship Band.

Martha Raub, Executive Director of New Hope, shared briefly on some changes at New Hope including her need to limit her own responsibilities due to serious health issues. Judy Geyer is now the “Acting Director.” Other changes included: Judy Ruch, the coordinator for Abstinence Education for the last 17 years, will be taking the position of Development Director while Christine Goldman will be replacing Ruch as Abstinence Education Coordinator; the office on East Genesee Street is now closed; and two satellite offices will be opened at 523 Charles Avenue and 1401 North Salina Street in Syracuse. The Charles Avenue location will be doing the ultrasound testing and the North Salina location is The Neighborhood Church building where crisis pregnancy counseling will be available.

Next up was a video of the recipient of this year’s “Life Choice Award,” which was the testimony of a young woman of Asian descent who had an unplanned pregnancy and chose life for her child. In the video she said she named her daughter Cherry Blossom, because it symbolized that though she, her mom, had made a mistake she would bloom again like the cherry blossom. After the video, Raub called the woman forward from the audience to receive her honorary plaque amidst an encouraging applause.

During the event, a power point presentation flashed some important statistics about the organization including: seven adoptions so far, this year; 52 ultrasound tests done; 1,566 counseling sessions given, 693 clients served, and 1,289 clients received items from the ‘care corner.’

The main speaker, Kirk Walden, a former director of a crisis pregnancy center and author of The Wall as well as an “Advancement Special- ist” with Heartbeat International (the world’s largest supporting organization for the pregnancy help community) spoke candidly about his life and long involvement with the pro-life movement dating back to 1980 when he was 19 years old. Walden said, “In 1980, there were 2600 abortion clinics in the U.S. and now there are only 786. There were only a couple hundred of crisis pregnancy centers then and now there are 2600. They are getting better.”

Walden also told the heartbreaking story of his wife taking a solo trip across country and never coming back. “She just told me she didn’t want to be a wife and mother anymore,” Walden said. “I became a single father of three small children, ages seven, five, and three, overnight. That was the bad news. The good news is what the family of God surrounds a broken person, no mat- ter what the situation, they can make that per- son whole again in ways you cannot imagine.” Walden then compared his experience to the pregnancy help centers reaching out to mothers in crisis circumstances and how powerful that can be in bringing healing and restoration. He gave an example of why he needed someone to talk to that stressful time in his life: “When you have a five-year-old daughter with long blond hair down to her waist and you have to put a gallon of that detangler stuff in her hair just to get her ready for kindergarten, you gotta have someone to vent to.” The audience erupted in laughter.

On a more serious note, Walden later recount- ed how God eventually linked him up with his current wife and how he had to deal with his own negative attitude in his mid-forties when she announced one day that she was pregnant.

“I needed to repent. I needed to change my way of thinking,” Walden said. “The Bible says that children are a blessing from the Lord and the Lord was telling me, ‘I’m trying to give you a gift.’” He went on to say that we, as Chris- tians, also need to repent of our unbelief that we are not going to win the fight against abortion. “Little seeds of doubt can easily come into our thinking,” he said. Overall, Walden’s message was one of perseverance and never giving up on the fight for the unborn and their parents.

In speaking with people at my table, I met two women from Liverpool, Tami Scott and Laura Oberlander, who had both adopted children. Scott, who works as a freelance writer, explained why she came and what she took away: “I get the newsletter and I think that New Hope is a wonderful organization. I thought it was a good way to support New Hope. It was a very nice event and the message was very encour- ageing and inspiring. It was probably the video testimonial though that moved me the most. Oberlander said: “My husband and I adopt- ed a child through New Hope and we’ve been involved for five years now. I’m glad I finally made it to the banquet.”

The evening closed with a prayer by Ron Oberlander, who had both adopted children. Oberlander said: “My husband and I adopt- ed a child through New Hope and we’ve been involved for five years now. I’m glad I finally made it to the banquet.”

Visit us online at www.TheGoodNewsNewYork.com
Calendar of Upcoming Christian Events

For current Christian events, visit online at www.TheGoodNewsNewYork.com

To advertise your Christian events, e-mail at info@TheGoodNewsNewYork.com or call (585) 271-4464 for rate information.

Upcoming Events in November, 2017

November 2, Thursday

November 3, Friday
Artist Series: Otis Murphy, saxophone. Friday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Houghton College Wesley Chapel. International soloist and clinician Otis Murphy, professor of saxophone at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, has gained wide recognition in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. Tickets required (available at door). 585.567.9210. www.houghton.edu/artist-series.

November 4, Saturday
PromiseLand Quartet Dinner/Concert. 5:30 PM at The Whittier Party House 88 Whittier Rd. Rochester, New York 14624. Ticket must be purchased by Oct 28th and are only $35 for Dinner and the concert. Send check or money order-along with a stamped self-addressed return envelope to Southern Gospel NY at 3250 Big Ridge Rd., Spencerport, NY 14559 or visit www.sngny.com, and order thru PayPal.

Join Family Life for a Thanksgiving concert in Bath on Nov. 4 from 7-9 p.m. The concert will feature a mass choir accompanied by an ensemble of live instruments. Hot beverages and fall desserts will top off the evening! Tickets are $10. Purchase tickets at www.fln.org/tickets or call 800-927-9083 or visit www.eventbrite.com/e/live2lead-tickets-37378223272?aff=es2. The only performance. Call 1.800.927.9083 for more information or visit www.fln.org/tickets.

November 5, Sunday
Crowder in Concert. Sunday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Houghton College Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex. Crowder comes to Houghton with featured guests Jimi Cravity and The Young Escape on Sunday, November 5, courtesy of Kingdom Bound Ministries. Tickets required; available at $20 and $75 levels via Tickets. 1.800.461.4485. https://www.tickets.com/events/308655.

November 8, Wednesday
The Healing Place. 6-8PM. The Healing Place is a safe, non-denominational place to come for Christ centered prayer for healing of all kinds. Physical, emotional, spiritual, PTSD, all are welcome. 288 Van Buren Street in Newark NY, in the High Mountain Prayer House. healingplace224@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/healingplace224.

November 10, Friday
Family Fun Nights: Families of all ages are invited to come have fun together at Pearce this holiday season: Friday, November 10, and Wednesday, December 27, from 7-8:30pm. Parents must stay with their children. Pearce Church, 4322 Buf falo Road, North Chili, NY 14514, www.pearcechurch.org.

November 10, Saturday
Live2Lead Simulcast, 8:30 AM-12:30 pm at Roberts Wesleyan College, Lake Auditorium 2301 Westside Dr. Rochester, New York 14624. Ticket must be purchased by Nov 6th. For ticket information click on the following link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/live2lead-tickets-37378223272?aff=es2

November 16, Thursday
Family Life’s Christmas Ladies Luncheon and Craft Bazaar is Nov 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at 7634 Campbell Creek Road, in Bath. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for browsing. The luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $15 and must be purchased by Nov. 10. Call 1-800-927-9083 or visit www.fln.org/tickets.

November 20, Monday
The Healing Place. 6-8PM. The Healing Place is a safe, non-denominational place to come for Christ centered prayer for healing of all kinds. Physical, emotional, spiritual, PTSD, all are welcome. 288 Van Buren Street in Newark NY, in the High Mountain Prayer House. healingplace224@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/healingplace224.

November 22, Wednesday

November 30, Thursday
Faculty Lecture: Prof. James Zoller. Writing. Thursday, November 30 at 4:25 p.m. in Houghton College Library, Room 323. Prof. James Zoller presents on the topic of “Ash and Embers.” 1.800.461.4485.

Valedictory Lecture: “Dangerous Arts: Reading and Imagination in a Post-Literate Era.” Thursday, November 30 at 4:25 p.m. in Houghton College Library, Room 323. Why is a liberal arts education – literary studies in particular – considered irrelevant yet, at the same time, dangerous? Join Dr. Linda Mills Wooley, professor of English at Houghton, as she explores this topic. 1.800.461.4485.

Upcoming Events in December, 2017

December 1, Friday
Celebrate the Christmas season with dinner and a show! Family Life is presenting “It’s a Wonderful Life” Dec. 1-3 and Dec. 7-9 at its auditorium in Bath. The performances will be given as four dinner shows, one dessert show, and one show-only performance. Call 1.800.927.9083 for more information or visit www.fln.org/tickets.

Houghton College Christmas Prism. Friday, December 1 at 8:00 p.m. in Houghton College Wesley Chapel. Join more than 200 performers for Houghton’s annual celebration and meditation upon the coming of Jesus Christ, featuring vocal and instrumental music as well as visual art, spoken word and Scripture. Tickets required (limited number available at door). 585.567.9210. http://www.houghton.edu/prism.

December 2, Saturday
Celebrate the Christmas season with dinner and a show! Family Life is presenting “It’s a Wonderful Life” Dec. 1-3 and Dec. 7-9 at its auditorium in Bath. The performances will be given as four dinner shows, one dessert show, and one show-only performance. Call 1.800.927.9083 for more information or visit www.fln.org/tickets.

Brighton Presbyterian Church is celebrating 200 years of Gospel-centered ministry! Join us for an anniversary banquet Dec. 2 with special guests and music. For more info & tickets, visit www.brighton-presby.org. Limited seating!

Visit us online at www.TheGoodNewsNewYork.com
December 3, Sunday
Celebrate the Christmas season with dinner and a show! Family Life is presenting “It’s a Wonderful Life” Dec. 1-3 and Dec. 7-9 at its auditorium in Bath. The performances will be given as four dinner shows, one dessert show, and one show-only performance. Call 1.800.927.9083 for more information or visit www.fln.org/tickets.

December 4, Monday
The Healing Place, 6-8PM. The Healing Place is a safe, non-denominational place to come for Christ centered prayer for healing of all kinds. Physical, emotional, spiritual, PTSD, all are welcome. 288 Van Buren Street in Newark NY, in the High Mountain Prayer House. healingplace224@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/healingplace224. 

December 7, Thursday
Celebrate the Christmas season with dinner and a show! Family Life is presenting “It’s a Wonderful Life” Dec. 1-3 and Dec. 7-9 at its auditorium in Bath. The performances will be given as four dinner shows, one dessert show, and one show-only performance. Call 1.800.927.9083 for more information or visit www.fln.org/tickets.

December 8, Friday
Christmas with The Needhams. 7pm. Ticket are $15 in advance and $18 at the door. You can get ticket by sending a check or money order along with a stamped self-addressed return envelope to Southern Gospel NY 3250 Big Ridge Road Spencerport, NY 14559 or visit www.sgny.net and order thru PayPal.

December 9, Saturday
Celebrate the Christmas season with dinner and a show! Family Life is presenting “It’s a Wonderful Life” Dec. 1-3 and Dec. 7-9 at its auditorium in Bath. The performances will be given as four dinner shows, one dessert show, and one show-only performance. Call 1.800.927.9083 for more information or visit www.fln.org/tickets.

Brothers McClurg at Pearce Church: Don’t miss the Brothers McClurg Christmas Concert at Pearce Church on December 8, at 7pm. Brothers McClurg is traveling version of your church’s worship team, with many players, each adding to what God is doing in times of worship. Pearce Church, 4322 Buffalo Road; North Chili, NY 14514, www.pearcechurch.org.

December 9, Saturday
Celebrate the Christmas season with dinner and a show! Family Life is presenting “It’s a Wonderful Life” Dec. 1-3 and Dec. 7-9 at its auditorium in Bath. The performances will be given as four dinner shows, one dessert show, and one show-only performance. Call 1.800.927.9083 for more information or visit www.fln.org/tickets.

December 18, Monday
The Healing Place, 6-8PM. The Healing Place is a safe, non-denominational place to come for Christ centered prayer for healing of all kinds. Physical, emotional, spiritual, PTSD, all are welcome. 288 Van Buren Street in Newark NY, in the High Mountain Prayer House. healingplace224@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/healingplace224.

December 24, Sunday
Christmas Eve Services: join us for this beautiful Christmas tradition! Candlelight services are held at 5 and 7pm. Pearce Church, 4322 Buffalo Road, North Chili, NY 14514, www.pearcechurch.org.

December 27, Wednesday
Family Fun Nights: Families of all ages are invited to come and enjoy family fun together at Pearce this holiday season: Friday, November 10, and Wednesday, December 27, from 7-8:30pm. Parents must stay with their children. Pearce Church, 4322 Buf- falo Road, North Chili, NY 14514, www. pearcechurch.org.

Upcoming Events in February, 2018
February 12, Monday
Singing at Sea Gospel Music Cruise..... February 12-17 2018. Cabins are going fast so if you are interested contact Joyce or Bob at Southern Gospel NY 585-329-3840. Come and enjoy 5 days of comedy, preaching, and Great Gospel Concerts in 4 different venues on the ship. This is the perfect vacation for a Christian family or for singles.

February 27, Saturday
Promise Island Quartet Returns For Dinner & Concert
By Joyce Spanner
For seven years now Bob and Joyce Spanner of Southern Gospel NY have been bringing in Gospel Concerts to the Rochester area. After many Great concerts they have found that people seem to love a Dinner/Concert Special.

In September 2016 they brought in a group from Virginia called Promised and Quartet. At the end of the concert there was one remark they heard over and over again, “When are you bringing them back?” Well they are returning to The Whittier Party House for a Dinner/Concert on November 4, 2017.

Promised Land Quartet was formed in January 2000 with a goal of touring (1) week-end per month. That lasted for about (3) months and the rest is history.

Traveling and working over 120 dates per year this group has won the hearts of thousands. Their off stage love, and accessibility, both too, and for the folks that come to their concerts, is one of the things that people seem to appreciate most. Their desire to provide the finest in music, quality while effecting a message in a manner that is entertaining yet not losing touch with the audience is the reason for the group’s longevity. Their style of ministry is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in a wide variety of music styles. They strive to present a message that is appropriate for all ages. The group is made up of Zachary, reside in Edinburg, VA. Along with their 3 sons, Chad, Trevor, and Zachary, reside in Edinburg, VA.

They will be singing on November 4th for a Dinner/Concert at The Whittier Party House located at 68 Whittier Road. Rochester, NY 14624. Ticket for the dinner and concert are only $35 each. Reserve a table of 8 and receive 1 free ticket. For more information call 585-329-3840.

February 27, Saturday
Promise Island Quartet Returns For Dinner & Concert
By Joyce Spanner
For seven years now Bob and Joyce Spanner of Southern Gospel NY have been bringing in Gospel Concerts to the Rochester area. After many Great concerts they have found that people seem to love a Dinner/Concert Special. Most recently the group has appeared on Christian TV via the Daystar Network, NRB Network, World Harvest, and Gospel Music Television, making multiple appearances on “Great American Gospel” & “Great American Gospel Onstage.” In 2015 Promised and Quartet was honored to appear on the Main Stage of the National Quartet Convention in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Gene Harmon is a founding member of Promised and Quartet and has been involved with Christian music for over 30-years. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, sports, and spending time with his family. Gene & his wife Amy have been married for almost 27-years. They, along with their 3 sons, Chad, Trevor, and Zachary, reside in Edinburg, VA.

They will be singing on November 4th for a Dinner/Concert at The Whittier Party House located at 68 Whittier Road, Rochester, NY 14624. Ticket for the dinner and concert are only $35 each. Reserve a table of 8 and receive 1 free ticket. For more information call 585-329-3840.
Local Churches Unite At ROC Service

Continued from page 1

not agree on everything about God, John Wes-
ley believed we can still get along and love one
another.

“Our problems exist because one generation
after another forgets to tell their children about
God. Unity leads to strength. Dissunity leads to
weakness — just what Satan likes.”

In an amazing, unaccompanied voice, Pastor
McKnight sang a beautiful hymn about needing
a word from the Lord to make the sun shine and
bring peace of mind.

● According to its website, Congregation Sh-
ema Yisrael is “a place where Jewish people can
worship the G-d of Israel and follow Yeshua (Je-
sus) as the Messiah while keeping the Jewish
identity.” However, Shema Yisrael is also spiri-
tual home for many gentiles.

“The barrier to Jesus for Jews is that they be-
lieve you can’t be Jewish and believe in Jesus
Christ,” Rabbi Jim Appel said.

Referring to Genesis 10:32 NIV, Rabbi App-
el cited the definition of “race” as a group of
persons connected by common descent/family
origin. Therefore, according to the Biblical story
doctrine, all humans are descended through No-
ah and his wife. He added that, ironically, sci-
entists have recently named the remains of one
woman “Eve,” as the genetic mother of every-
one, thus making us all cousins.

At the blowing of the shefaret, a ram’s horn,
de-mons are said to flee. Well, they fled, every one
of them, as we held hands and, under the guid-
ance of Ethel Chadwick, sang two lines of Psalm
33 in Hebrew.

● Referring to Acts 17:26, KJV and Leviticus
17:11, TEV, Bishop Singleton spoke of blood
being our common bond.

“We become one by the blood of Jesus. (Ac-
cording to the Bible) out of one blood, God made
all nations. We are all family, and should get
to know our family more often...We will be spend-
ning a long time together in heaven,” he said.

Singleton used a video to demonstrate the
need for us to respect all points of view. In the
video, Singleton sat on a chair and held a sign. People
standing in front of the sign would see only black
printing on a white background. Yet those standing
behind him, would see a picture of many people.
Therefore, depending on one’s point of view, one
person sees differently than another.

● Pastor Barbara Thomas stressed the need
to tear down barriers, those dividing walls of hos-
tility, as mentioned in Ephesians 2:14, NIV.

“We all come to the table as sinners and all
need to repent,” she said. Thomas described a
big family reunion, where familiar family mem-
bers tend to cluster together. Thomas advised that
we should not be introverts.

“Go into the city, highways, and gutters...We
have to come together (as) commanded by God.”

● Pastor Vince DiPaola chose Revelation 5:6-
10, NIV to give a glimpse of heaven, where the
Lamb is worthy to take the scroll and open its
seals because by his blood he purchased men
“from every tribe and language and people and
congregations.”

“Life on earth is practice for heaven, as in the
Lord’s prayer, ‘Thy Kingdom come, on earth as
it is in heaven,’” he said.

He added we should appreciate our differ-
cences, and the church must send the message
that Jesus brings us together the best. “We will
be witnesses of Christ in heaven because we did
not allow race on earth.” He challenged Rochester
to be a beacon of this love, unlike places of sorrow
in our nation.

In a later conversation, Bishop Singleton said
he hoped other church groups would gather to
worship together occasionally, noting, “Part
of our strength is our diversity.” Multiple small
groups would create many more connections,
creating greater impact within the church.

“If you want to see something different, do
something different. (It) can start at a prayer
gathering, which may lead to friendships, and
lead to changing together,” he concluded.

In the ROC service, participants offered a brief homily about Christian unity and
shared their congregations’ unique musical worship.

“We all come to the table as sinners and all
need to repent,” she said. Thomas described a
big family reunion, where familiar family mem-
bers tend to cluster together. Thomas advised that
we should not be introverts.

“Go into the city, highways, and gutters...We
have to come together (as) commanded by God.”

● Pastor Vince DiPaola chose Revelation 5:6-
10, NIV to give a glimpse of heaven, where the
Lamb is worthy to take the scroll and open its

By Rick Kern

When Joanne Clark discovered that the annual
Women of Faith conference wasn’t going to be
held in the Rochester area anymore her heart
was stirred to action. Her immediate response
was that there were a lot of women in the area
who would go up to Rochester for that event,
so why not bring Jesus Christ alive through the
gifts, talents, and fruit of the Spirit in her little
community as much as possible when developing the Move
conference.

“Move For Christ” Embraces God’s People, Reaches Out With Speakers And Worship

Joanne Clark

In a very unique approach, Joanne goes out of
her way to embrace the Body of Christ as com-
pletely as possible when developing the Move
for Christ conferences. “What I have been do-
ings is putting out on social media the desire to
have people participate from any denomina-
tion,” explains Clark. “I’m going to have some-
body helping me with the website to get a feel
of what people want to lend a hand and to share what
their gift and talent is and to see if I can incor-
porate that into the next one.”

Not only are there no denominational margins
for participants, but Clark has been able to hold
the events at churches with different affiliations.
“I did a conference in 2016 at the Presbyterian
Church,” she reflects. “I did a conference in 2017
just last month at a church called The
River of Grace, a non-denominational church in
Hornell.” She has been able to respect and unify
each and every different voice that wants to lift
the name of the Lord showing that the God we
have in common is greater than any theology
we don’t.

Each conference revolves around a theme that
scheduled speakers develop. For example, last
year’s conference was on the Armor of God
while this year’s focused on the Fruit of the
Spirit. “I will pick whatever topic I feel lead to
have the conference be around and then I’ll put
the complete schedule together,” he concluded.

Thus, in 2015 Move for Christ was launched to
unite members from local churches of all
denominations in the Finger Lakes, Southern
Tier, and Western New York. The name came to
Joanne some time ago with the word “move”
being an acronym for “May Our Voices En-
lighten.” And given the nature of the event it is
thoughtfully appropriate. Clark strives to encour-
age a varied spectrum of heaven borne gifts and call-
ings in a way that physically, emotionally, intel-
lectually, and spiritually resonate in praise to
God as it edifies His church.

By Joanne Clark

Joanne Clark

In a very unique approach, Joanne goes out of
her way to embrace the Body of Christ as com-
pletely as possible when developing the Move
for Christ conferences. “What I have been do-
ings is putting out on social media the desire to
have people participate from any denomina-
tion,” explains Clark. “I’m going to have some-
body helping me with the website to get a feel
of what people want to lend a hand and to share what
their gift and talent is and to see if I can incor-
porate that into the next one.”

Not only are there no denominational margins
for participants, but Clark has been able to hold
the events at churches with different affiliations.
“I did a conference in 2016 at the Presbyterian
Church,” she reflects. “I did a conference in 2017
just last month at a church called The
River of Grace, a non-denominational church in
Hornell.” She has been able to respect and unify
each and every different voice that wants to lift
the name of the Lord showing that the God we
have in common is greater than any theology
we don’t.

Essentially, Move for Christ is a forum for
various people to use their differing gifts and
talents to express their love for God, lift His
name, and strengthen the Body of Christ. When
thinking the coming year’s event, Joanne dis-
cerns the theme she feels is on the heart of God
and builds the rest of the conference around it.
She will approach potential contributors to see
if they want to participate in it, and if so, share
their part with them. “They just kind of all know
once they’ve been given their part in it, what it
is they’re to do,” says Clark. “I really don’t have
to do a lot of leading. Guess, I just pick the date
and the subject matter, the Bible part that we’re
Continued on page 21
Nine Ways To Be Involved In Your Local Public School

By Dr. Ralph Kerr

The mission of the Teaching and Learning Institute (TLI Inc) is to increase the number of candidates who are willing to run for a seat on their local school board. These candidates should be committed to family values based on a traditional Judeo-Christian belief system. For those who are not ready to make this major commitment at this time, here are Nine Ways To Be Involved In Your Local Public School.

1. Attend school board meetings in your community to find out what the Board is doing? (A telephone call to the District Clerk’s Office in the district will enable you to find out when and where the next meeting of the Board is to be held.)

2. Once you get a sense of the issues the Board is working on, request the opportunity to speak to the Board about the issues that are of interest to you, or that you have an opinion on. (The District Clerk can tell you the proper protocol to follow to speak to the Board.)

3. Shortly after the beginning of school the

Destiny Christian School Developing Christ-Centered Critical Thinkers

By Jennifer Lamey

Destiny Christian School in Brighton, NY is committed to providing a well-rounded education focused on Christ. As a Spirit-filled, non-denominational Christian school Destiny offers students from pre-K through 12th grade a sound education both academically and spiritually, equipping them for a fulfilled life.

Destiny’s rich heritage dates back to 1967 when it was known as Faith Temple Daycare and then expanding to K-12 grade as Faith Temple School in 1975. Today, under the leadership of Principal Lavonda Lofton, Destiny Christian School provides an exceptional education both academically and spiritually, developing spiritually sound students who are academically equipped through the Classical Christian model and Destiny boasts a 100% graduation rate!

“Our Academic Program provides a Classical Christian Education which uses a three-fold approach, known as the trivium, a Latin term meaning “where three roads meet”, and lays out the three stages of learning, grammar, dialectic (or logic), and rhetoric. The elementary grades enjoy memorizing facts and details, the middle school takes those facts and begins to challenge, argue, and understand how things relate, and the high school then articulates and persuades others of knowledge learned” said Principal Lofton. In addition to traditional classes such as algebra, earth science, and English, Destiny Christian School offers life skills classes such as Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace, College and Careers Prep, and Etiquette skills.

Students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities as well. Destiny Christian School is part of the Section V Sports Private and Parochial League which includes Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country, and Track & Field. Soccer is offered through the Christian Sports League. And Intramural sports include basketball, fencing, and lacrosse.

Private Instrumental lessons are available for piano, percussion, and guitar. Traditional clubs include yearbook, art, and drama club as well as worship ministry and debatent class.

Above all else, the school remains focused on their main goals. 1: Every child will learn how to pray and identify their highest potential academically. 2: Every child will learn how to defend their faith confidently. 3: Every child will learn how to defend their faith confidently.

Going into the future Principal Lofton and the faculty are excited to see more growth and more students growing in Christ. “More than anything, I would love to see Destiny continue to develop strong students who are academically trained through the Classical Christian model approach, creating thinkers; students who have a heart for helping others and experience regular mission trips both locally and globally and students who are not ashamed to represent the Kingdom of God in any situation or circumstance socially and/or professionally” said Principal Lofton.

To learn more about Destiny Christian School please visit them online at www.DestinySchool.com.
Are you writing a Christian book and need help? 5 Fold Media's professional team can help you, no matter what stage of your book you are at. From full publishing to individual services. One project under our care has now sold over 2 million copies! www.5foldmedia.com

Award-winning author Tim Bennett reviews albums and books with a different standard in mind at www.moviesandmemories.org.

Awesome Bible Exploration! Bible Study, Every Wednesday, 7:00pm; Liberty Temple Ministries, 141 W. Maple St., E. Rochester. All are welcome! You don’t want to miss this opportunity to learn. For additional information, 585-464-8467.

Bible Study at First Baptist Church of East Rochester, Every Tuesday, 1 PM. 119 W. Elm St., E. Rochester. 585-586-5287.

Bible Study at John Knox Presbyterian Church every Thursday at 7PM. 3233 West Ridge Rd. Rochester. Study is on “Seeing Christ in the Old and New Testa-

Brighton Presbyterian Church is celebrating 200 years of Gospel-centered ministry! Join us for an anniversary banquet this November with special guests and music. For more info & tickets, contact bridget1871@gmail.com. Limited seating!

Do you want to see your new Small Group plan? We have new ways for your group to come to a retreat at Lebanon Christian Center in the beautiful Finger Lakes. Call for details how we can serve you! 585-554-3400. Email Cheryl@Lccc.org.

Celebrate Recovery: Safe place for people with hurts, habits, and hang-ups to meet. Fridays 6:45pm – 8:30pm Lakeside Community Church 3651 Latta Rd. Call 392-5233 for more info or www.lakesidechurch.org

Christians Needed to Get Involved in Local School Districts. TLI says: “This is the time of year people should be thinking and praying about becoming a candidate for their local school board for.” For more information contact The Teaching and Learning Institute at tli@frontiernet.net, 585-567-2080. www.yrwin.org.

Christian Women on the Move for Jesus: Meeting 3rd Saturday each month, 2:00 pm, 1775 Clifford Ave. Meeting to encourage wom-

Church Facility for Rent - Sunday mornings for $250, Monday and Tuesday and Thurs-

day evenings for $325/week. Includes 200 seat sanctuary with equipment, classrooms, nursery, kitchen, 100 seat Fellowship hall, storage and parking. Winton Rd N. close to Empire Blvd and 590 exit. Please call 585-288-0670 or email shemaya@frontiernet.net or interested.

Church Facility for Rent in Webster - multi-
faceted, handicap accessible facility on State Road 750 Route 250. Sundays- available after 2 pm. Includes 250 seat sanctuary with equipment (audiovisual), nursery, kitchen, fellowship hall and parking. Other renting options available. Please contact the church at www.websterfrc.com or office@websterfrc.com for more information. Interested churches must have Tax Exempt documentation. MDM1

Courageous Servants! The WNJ Iron Sharpens-

Creative People Wanted: Noelle’s Studio 220 is opening its doors in Fairport, NY and looking for teachers of every variety! What do you love? Watercolor, mosaics, drawing? Whatever makes your heart beat a little faster, we’d love for you to build your platform here! Email about your-

Executive Director, Doreen Jansson 1875 Westmandy Ter. Tonawanda, NY 14151 716-353-8555 or healingplace@frontiernet.net

Oodsgah Bible Conference & Retreat Center Someone family camp on Lake Lakenia Nash County, Retreat Sept-June; years or more. Executive Director, Doreen Jansson Contact us at 716-353-8555 or healingplace@frontiernet.net or visit www.oodsgah.org

Peniel Bible Conference Welcome Christian and Vampire alike to come and enjoy our easy & comfortable model rooms. Rentals start at $80/night. We are conveniently located 25 miles from Gaza Mountain and 6 miles from West Mountain. Two-person rental & 6/12 pack trial. For more information or to make reservations call 585-833-4804. Email office@penielbibleconference.org Office: 716-848-4139

Are you ready? We’ve created new ways in order to get people in or move to the Harvest Field for the End Time Harvest. Call sign up and visit for this very special offer now. College starts in September. Don’t miss this special offer as we can only accept 40 at this price!

Enroll today, it’s right now! Your Spiritual journey is moving in a powerful way! We’re ready; how about You?

visit us online at www.TheGoodNewsNewYork.com
Goodell demonstrates how the abuser can use God’s Word to justify (at least in his own mind) his abuse of his wife or children. Contact at shaqicia@goodell.com or 315-776-6256.

New Christian Book Just Published! The Broken Road: Healing After Divorce, a journey of one woman’s recovery from divorce. It will be released just in time to anyone struggling with the reality of divorce. Order your copy at Amazon, Barnes & Noble or contact your local bookstores. To order the author email to cathy@777vgn.com.

New Christian Book Just Published! The Bible Can Be Proven by Vineo Latore. This book gives you solid answers to skeptics’ challenges to the reliability and divine inspiration of the Bible! To order your copy go to www.thebibi- lexplain.com/pr. To contact the author call 315-583-1135.


Now Aeroling Children Ages 6 Weeks - 12 Years! Rochester Christian Daycare has been a NYSCD licensed Daycare for the community for 46 years! Your children will love our indoor mat craving, active & innovative learning environment and enthusiastic teachers. 3177 Lys- ell Road Rochester, NY 14606. 587-245-4474.


Odosagih Bible Conference & Retreat Ce- nter, 3204 Hazelmere Ave, Machias, NY 14101. We have campsites available daily, weekly, monthly, seasonally. Please call 716.353.8555 for more information.

Odosagih Bible Conference & Retreat Ce- nter, 3204 Hazelmere Ave, Machias, NY 14101. Open Sept – June for your retreat/event. Call ahead to tour our facilities. 716.353.8555.

Part of a homeschooling group in need of art classes? Please contact me! Let’s work some- thing out in my Fairport studio. www.Noel- studios228.com or noeliekolowicz@gmail.com.

Pastoral Instruction: Every Friday, 7:00pm; Live broadcast. Single Ministries Radio. Rochester, NY 587-464-8677. All are welcome.

Pro-Life Questions? Please contact Rochester Area Right To Life at 675 Ling Road, Suite 3, Rochester, NY 14612 or e-mail at BARTL@ righttolife.org or by phone 585-361-4620. Visit at www.righttolife.org.


Rochester Christian Daycare and PreSchool – Accepting new enrollments for children 6 -12 weeks! RCDDC has been a NYS Li- censed Daycare since 1970, serving the com- munity for 46 years! We have the best rates and care around. Schedule a tour today or visit www.rcddc.org or call 585-247-4444 for more info.

Singing at Sea Gospel Music Cruise.— Feb- ruary 17-21, 2007. This cruise is for you if you are interested contact Joyce or Bob at Southern Gospel NY 585-329-5840. Come and enjoy 5 days of non-stop Great Gospel Concerts in 4 difference venues around the ship. This is the perfect vacation for a Christian family.

The Board of Directors of Holmes Presby- terian Camp and Conference Center has launched a search for its next Executive Director. The Board of Directors has been preparing for this transition to our next Execu- tive Director. After an 18 year term, the cur- rent Executive Director is retiring. The Board of Directors has appointed a Search Committee to seek and review applicants for this position. More information and application process can be found at www.holmescamp.org/executive-search/.


The City Church Sunday Services: Sunday 8:30 am & 10 am. 200 East Main St, Batavia, NY 14020. We do life together. Everyone is Welcome. For more call 585-343-6895. www. thecitychurch.com.

The Northeast Branch of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary is offering the Seminary Studies for Adults program for adults who would like to audit seminary classes. More information, please contact Molly St John at 585-355-4000 or stjohn@muquate.edu.

The Prayer and Healing Rooms of Greater Syracuse will be open every Thursday from 3 PM to 8 PM at 526 Old Liverpool Road in Liverpool NY. No appointment necessary. For information please call 355-9074 or visit our website at http://healingsyracuse.com.

Traveling Paint Party? Paint Parties are all the rage! We’ve done (and continue to do) church groups (up to 100), couples retreats, teen events, corpo- rate/ministry building, schools, private parties, showers, birthdays, (any celebration you can think up!). Email Noelleiekolowicz@gmail.com today for more information on what pack- age is right for your goal.


“Is Your Church or Ministry Hosting a Concert Conference or Special Christian Event? Advertise your Christian Event in THE GOOD NEWS! Get Thousands Know About It!“

Visit us online at www.TheGoodNewsNewYork.com
Author Maryann Berry’s Why Are You Sleeping?

A Spiritual Look at End Times Gives Readers a Roadmap for a Christ Centered Life

By Jennifer Laney

In her second book, author Maryann Berry takes an in-depth look to end times and what Christians should do to prepare, while still making the most of every moment.

Reverend Maryann Berry is the Dean and an instructor at Houghton Academy’s School of Biblical Studies in addition to pastoring at John 3:16 Christian Center with her husband Reverend Wayne Berry. She and her husband are both ordained ministers through the Association of Faith Churches and Ministries.

In Why Are You Sleeping? A Spiritual Look at End Times Pastor Maryann looks at society through biblical lenses. She was prompted to write the book by the questions she received as a Pastor of John 3:16. She explains, “There are so many people who are constantly questioning, what’s going on, what’s happening in society? It seems like it’s escalating and people are living contrary to God’s way. The inspiration to write Why Are You Sleeping was to examine the time line of Jesus and the rapture answering questions like, are there real signs that these are the end times? What do we as disciples do? How is God expecting us to live a Christian life? How are we to pursue holiness without becoming fanatical? And ultimately, if the rapture is near, are we ready to go with Him when he returns.”

The book is structured to define the rapture, how to walk closely with Jesus, and what signs the Bible gives. Deliberately writing in an approachable way, the book clearly gives guidelines for a Christ centered life. “It’s in such a simple form, I’ve heard from many readers that they are feeling peace about what to do and how to live a Godly life” Pastor Maryann remarks.

As an author, Pastor Maryann hopes to reach more people with the truth of God’s love for them and His purpose for their lives just as someone once did for her. Pastor Maryann began her spiritual journey at a healing service. After the birth of her second child she became very ill and in desperation found herself outside of her comfort zone on an altar with strangers praying for her recovery. Pastor Maryann details her experience of miraculous healing in her first book, Answered Prayer. Since the Lord healed her she has lived for Him. “What I went through and seeing the power of God, my husband and I wanted to share the understanding of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through establishing a church that would teach the Word of God. I love teaching the Word. To get the Word of God out and for people to understand you can have a relationship with God without being perfect. God loves us. The heart [of the church] is to get people to know God on a personal basis.”

Pastor Maryann recalls starting the church in her basement. “It was just Wayne, my two kids, parents, and a woman I met at an outlet center who said, ‘You have a church?’ She has been with us for 26 years!” From that humble beginning in 1991 Pastor Maryann and her husband Wayne have continued to grow their church, established a school of biblical study, and Pastor Maryann has written two books all for the glory of God.

After reading Why Are You Sleeping, Pastor Maryann wants people to become serious and intentional about their walk with the Lord. Her hope and prayer is for “people to become more of what God wants them to be. God never ordained the Church to be a social club. Come back to the un-compromised Word of God.” She notes, “a lot of what we are seeing in the Church are watered down messages. We [as Christians] can’t pull pages out of the Bible. We’re a new generation, but the Bible says Jesus is the same yesterday as today. We can’t pull out verses that we want to live and throw out the ones we don’t agree with.”

Houghton Academy Starts 135th School Year

(Houghton, NY) - Houghton Academy began its 135th school year on August 28, 2017, welcoming 315 students in Grades 7-12. That number includes 55 international and North American boarding students joining day students from all over western New York.

“Growing in Character” is this year’s theme, and will serve to guide both faculty/staff and students as they interact not just in the classroom, but also in after-school co-curricular activities and Class Communities. The Class Communities will meet once a week to discuss spiritual topics, plan class activities and, identify, perform, and complete a class service project during the year.

Aligning with the school theme, and providing a renewed focus on spiritual formation, a new Discipleship Program has been established. Under the direction of two discipleship coordinators, the program will seek to develop clear-thinking, well-prepared young adults capable of defending their beliefs and willing to step out and confidently serve as committed representatives of the Savior.

The Academy will continue to develop its outdoor experiential education program, under the guidance of Houghton Academy alumnus Stephen Ries. Outdoor activities will include backpacking, rock wall climbing, canoeing, and usage of Houghton College’s ropes course. Athletics offerings include volleyball, soccer, basketball, golf, tennis, and track & field. Classroom electives include Understanding the Culture, Exploration into Servant Leadership, Photography, Computer Science, Introduction to Computers and Applications and Handbell choir.

Several new Faculty and Staff join the Academy this year.

• Mr. David Huizenga, Christian Studies Instructor
• Mr. Michael Burgett, Science Instructor
• Mr. Jerome Bell, Choral Music Instructor
• Mrs. Julia Newbrough, English Language Learning Instructor
• Mrs. Jeanne Daningburg, Writing and Literature Instructor
• Mr. Stephen Ries, Academic Support & Outdoor Program Coordinator
• Mr. Phil Nelson, Boy’s Dorm Head Resident
• Ms. Jessica Nelson, Athletics Coordinator
• Mrs. Judi Mollenkof, Principal

To learn more or to suggest community service opportunities for students, call Houghton Academy at (585) 567-8115. Houghton Academy is a Christian boarding and day school located in Houghton, New York. Houghton Academy offers a college preparatory education for students in grades 7-12.
Pastoral Transition At Pearce Memorial Church

Continued from page 1
to The Good News and added, “It’s been a rich week for me. I feel on the verge of tears all the time, because of God’s goodness, not sorrow.”

Fleming said he is learning what his retirement means. Wayne McIlvain, founding dean of Roberts Wesleyan College, meant when he warned that retirement is dynamic and active. Fleming already accepted a part-time position as Director of the College Chapel; certainly a good fit since he has taught at the college since 1998. Fleming also will be preaching at summer camps, and while he has not accepted a position as “supply” pastor, said he is “open to that if the opportunity seems right and if I could be helpful.”

Fleming shared a bit of wisdom he acquired over the years.

“I always tell those in ministry that we want to take God seriously and ourselves not too seri-
ously at all. Celebrate every moment and look to see what God is doing because God is always doing something.” All of us could benefit from his advice: “I need to find where God’s at work and join in with Him. It gives you a release from the pressure and gives you freedom.”

As Fleming adds moral support, Pastor Haskins brings years of experience to his role as Lead Pastor. When offered the position, he said it was unexpected. He told how he had led a church in Fairport where he and his wife were very happy. When he received the call to become Lead Pastor at Pearce, he said he felt God was calling them to go. He said that he “was presented with an unexpected and underserved privilege to pastor this church with such a rich heritage.”

“God’s voice was clear. I enter with a spirit of expectancy, waiting to see what God will do.”

Fleming and Haskins shared insights as they responded to questions from The Good News.

The Good News: The church in America is going through change, and it is often under at-
tack. What do you see as its greatest challenges, and what challenges face Pearce?

Fleming: “The church in America is going through lots of change in being effective in learning how to proclaim the Gospel in a post-
Christian culture. Some of the change is learn-
ing to adapt to speaking to this generation...That affects all kinds of things, from programming, what things you do at church, how worship is structured, and even preaching. I’ve learned to do better narrative preaching so I’m telling God’s story to an emerging generation that is not as familiar with it as past generations.”

Haskins: “The church is under attack, and so is the family. We must learn to take the timeless message (of the Gospel) and make it relevant to families. Church is caught in the busyness trap. We must keep it simple: love God and our neighbor.”

The Good News: What changes do you see in Pearce’s future?

Fleming: “Pearce is a heavily institutional church, and that brings a lot of blessings and whole set of challenges. Back in the ’50s, the heyday of institutional churches, when much was vested in facilities and staff, programming was surging. Now we need to manage resources more carefully, especially in a church like Pearce.”

Haskins: “The challenge for Pearce is to re-
discover what it is to look, live, and love like Jesus.” In concrete terms, Haskins sees three pillars:

- Worship
- Community relationships in the church (such as small groups)
- Leader relationship with others in the community.

Service – How can we give back?

The Good News: How do you see Pearce’s relationship with Roberts Wesleyan going for-
ward?

Fleming: “Pearce’s history has been entwined with Roberts Wesleyan since the college’s founding a few years after the church. Now we continue to try to partner in ministry with the college that is going through significant chang-
es in its own way.”

Haskins: “This excites me a great deal. It is an opportunity to share in the future of the college and seminary as it prepares pastors and church leaders.

As he steps down, Pastor Fleming shared a few thoughts:

“(We must) continue to remember the local church is God’s instrument for recreation this world and bringing the announcement of the Good News. I sometimes think we’re in an age where we’re increasingly cynical as a cultur-
ere, and somewhat ‘anti-affiliation.’ I want to encourage people to continue to love the local church, part of the Bride of Christ. Pray for your pastor, encourage your pastor, at every oppor-
tunity. Remind your pastor you are praying for him or her.”

Fleming: As Fleming adds moral support, Pastor Haskins brings years of experience to his role as Lead Pastor. When offered the position, he said it was unexpected. He told how he had led a church in Fairport where he and his wife were very happy. When he received the call to become Lead Pastor at Pearce, he said he felt God was calling them to go. He said that he “was presented with an unexpected and underserved privilege to pastor this church with such a rich heritage.”

“God’s voice was clear. I enter with a spirit of expectancy, waiting to see what God will do.”

Fleming and Haskins shared insights as they responded to questions from The Good News.

The Good News: The church in America is going through change, and it is often under attack. What do you see as its greatest challenges, and what challenges face Pearce?

Fleming: “The church in America is going through lots of change in being effective in learning how to proclaim the Gospel in a post-Christian culture. Some of the change is learning to adapt to speaking to this generation...That affects all kinds of things, from programming, what things you do at church, how worship is structured, and even preaching. I’ve learned to do better narrative preaching so I’m telling God’s story to an emerging generation that is not as familiar with it as past generations.”

Haskins: “The church is under attack, and so is the family. We must learn to take the timeless message (of the Gospel) and make it relevant to families. Church is caught in the busyness trap. We must keep it simple: love God and our neighbor.”

The Good News: What changes do you see in Pearce’s future?

Fleming: “Pearce is a heavily institutional church, and that brings a lot of blessings and whole set of challenges. Back in the ’50s, the heyday of institutional churches, when much was vested in facilities and staff, programming was surging. Now we need to manage resources more carefully, especially in a church like Pearce.”

Haskins: “The challenge for Pearce is to rediscover what it is to look, live, and love like Jesus.” In concrete terms, Haskins sees three pillars:

- Worship
- Community relationships in the church (such as small groups)
- Leader relationship with others in the community.

Service – How can we give back?

The Good News: How do you see Pearce’s relationship with Roberts Wesleyan going forward?

Fleming: “Pearce’s history has been entwined with Roberts Wesleyan since the college’s founding a few years after the church. Now we continue to try to partner in ministry with the college that is going through significant changes in its own way.”

Haskins: “This excites me a great deal. It is an opportunity to share in the future of the college and seminary as it prepares pastors and church leaders.

As he steps down, Pastor Fleming shared a few thoughts:

“(We must) continue to remember the local church is God’s instrument for recreating this world and bringing the announcement of the Good News. I sometimes think we’re in an age where we’re increasingly cynical as a culture, and somewhat ‘anti-affiliation.’ I want to encourage people to continue to love the local church, part of the Bride of Christ. Pray for your pastor, encourage your pastor, at every opportunity. Remind your pastor you are praying for him or her.”

Are You a Christian Author?
Did You Write a Christian Book? Advertise your New Book, in THE GOOD NEWS! Let Thousands Know About It!

*The article and the book as I ran really made a difference in promoting awareness of the material in the book. I have had good success doing some book signings. Thanks very much for all the assistance you gave this past year, the cord used it to help get the message of the book and the gospel out there.*

Vince Latorre, Author of “The Bible Can Be Proven”, Syracuse, NY

ASK US About Our Special Offers for Print & Online Advertising! *

E-mail: info@TheGoodNewsNewYork.com or Call (585) 271-4464 for rate information.

www.TheGoodNewsNewYork.com

THE GOOD NEWS, Your local Christian Newspaper in New York State
Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

PSALM 122:6

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself any graven images.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

Brighton Presbyterian Church In Its 200th Year

Continued from page 1

to learn how to share their building, by God’s grace.” Luddy chuckled when he said he believed his congregation probably has the earliest Presbyterian Sunday service in Rochester — shoehorned in at 9:15 AM. Besides a huge Thanksgiving meal, the congregations worship together four times a year.

Brighton Presbyterian’s unique use of its building matches Rev. Luddy’s interesting status as a bi-vocational pastor, which, Luddy said, has it blessings. He enjoys his work as Quality Assurance Manager for XLI Corporation, manufacturer of parts used by the Department of Defense and the medical industry, among other things. As an ordained minister, he said he approaches work with a different perspective.

“With my theological education, full and part time work in ministry, it’s interesting how I interact with co-workers. It’s been a real joy to be in there, working, and bearing witness to Christ,” he said being in the workplace often gives him ideas for sermons since issues that come up may relate to various texts in the Bible.

Besides helping the church and his family economically, Luddy said not being in the building full times allows others to fill in. His wife, Kenny, is invaluable as a trained counselor who also does community relations and manages the church’s web site.

Luddy praised the large para-church ministry, Bethel Express, run from Brighton Presbyterian. Headed by Michael and Julia Peace, Luddy described it as “God’s secret weapon in the city.” Because it reaches out to pre-teens whose parents are absent.

The congregation is currently exploring the idea of their own before and after school programs for children as a way to help moms and dads. They hope, after New York State gives its blessing, to begin the program by fall of 2018.

They currently offer a “parents night out” four times a year when they open the church in the evenings so parents can have time together while their children are cared for. “We’ll feed them, give them a Bible story — sort of a mini-VBS for a few hours,” Luddy said.

Houghton’s Sunshine Sullivan Published In Teacher Education Journal

(Houghton, NY) - Dr. Sunshine Sullivan, associate professor of education at Houghton College, was recently published in the International Christian Teacher Education Journal (ICTE) Fall 2017 journal edition.

In her piece titled “Cultivating Inclusive Learning Communities with Careful and Cautious Conjunctions,” Sullivan describes how she overcame challenges in her career and took time to evaluate her teaching and her connections with students and fellow faculty members.

This reflective practice supports her ongoing work to best prepare students to be empowered and empowering teachers themselves. She was inspired by Parker J. Palmer’s 1993 book, To Know as We Are Known: Education as a Spiritual Journey.

Sullivan was invited to present her personal journey in rediscovering her talents in teaching at the ICTE’s May 2016 conference.

The ICTE was built for scholarly exchange and fellowship between Christian educators and has existed since May of 2010. Sullivan says that the organization “has been an incredible space for [her] restoration as a teacher educator,” and that her article published by the organization’s journal is “evidence of the kind of space we create together.”

Houghton College is a liberal arts institution that challenges students to academic excellence in the context of a relevant Christian community and empowers them to enrich the world.

The college of 1,000 students is located in Western New York, just 65 miles from Buffalo and Rochester. For more information, please visit www.houghton.edu.
What To Do Immediately After A Motor Vehicle Accident

It’s very difficult to think clearly right after a motor vehicle accident. Even if you escape injury, your body has been jarred to some degree and you’re upset, shaken, scared, etc. I was in a car accident not too long ago and experienced some of these emotions. And even I – with all my experience representing injured individuals in auto accident cases – found it difficult to focus and take care of the essentials after the collision. Since most people will inevitably be involved in a motor vehicle accident at some point in their lives, this article should benefit most readers of the paper.

Here’s what you should do immediately after an accident (assuming you’re physically able to do so that is). First, take a deep breath, compose yourself, and think about what just happened. It’s critically important that you do this at the scene of the accident because you may never get another chance to capture these photos once the cars are towed away, particularly the other driver’s.

Second, if possible, take a photo showing where both vehicles came to rest, before they are moved. Do it from different angles showing where the vehicles are in relation to the roadway or intersection. These photos could end up being very important on the issue of who’s at fault.

Third, take photos of the damage to your vehicle and the damage to the other vehicle. Take them from multiple angles showing all damage. The angle of impact can help recreate what happened and who was at fault. It’s critically important that you do this at the scene of the accident because you may never get another chance to capture these photos once the cars are towed away, particularly the other driver’s.

Fourth, look around for witnesses. There’s nothing like the statement of an independent witness when it comes to proving who’s at fault. Fifth, make sure you get the name, address and phone number of any witness. This is much more important than you think, as many incorrectly assume that the police officer will put a witness’s name and contact info on the police accident report. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve obtained a police accident report in an accident involving an eye witness only to discover that the police officer did not put the witness’s contact info on the report. Consequently, in most of those cases, I was never able to find the witness.

Sixth, make sure you get the other driver’s contact info and the name of his/her insurance company. The police officer should give you what’s called an Accident Information Exchange Form which contains the other driver’s contact info and a three digit code which identifies his/her insurance company. It is critical that you get this code and confirm the other driver is insured, because if they aren’t, there are steps that need to be taken legally to protect your interests and not a lot of time to do them.

Hopefully, this article will be something you can think back on should you ever have the unfortunate experience of being involved in an auto accident.

About the Author: Christian attorney Mark F. Vienteck has over 25 years experience. He has developed a reputation as a voice people trust and a first point of contact for those looking for advice, direction, and the highest level of representation possible.

You can visit his website at www.christianinjuryattorney.net, and can reach him at (585) 419-8075 or via e-mail at mark@christianinjuryattorney.net. All articles that have appeared in Legal Corner are available on Mark’s website.
Operation Christmas Child Shifts Into Full Gear

By Susan LeDoux

This article is about Christmas—the real Christmas, not the oven-heated, oversold, materialistic cacophony that begins even as the first words in October. This is the season when Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an international relief organization, shifts into full gear. Packed among these shoeboxes are our children’s dreams and wishlists, nestled in shoeboxes for children in dev- astated areas in the world—-it is the message of God’s love. While our children find toys and clothes under decorated trees, these children receive the best of all Christmas gifts—the Good News of their redemption through Jesus Christ and an opportunity to take the Greatest News of their redemption through Jesus Christ and an opportunity to take the Greatest News of everything inside. Another young man in our country who received a wool scarf, of all things. Fortunately, he kept it and wears it during cold Buffalo winters in his military service. Maybe that is why volunteers like Karen Black testify, “I hear gasp-dropping stories about the positive impact of our charity. The children who open these shoeboxes have on people. Children and teens in third world countries, many who face unfathomable loss and trauma, are so puzzled and profoundly grateful that people in the U.S. would think about and pray for other believers. Info at www.SGNY.NET. 585-329-3840.

The Salvation Army of Greater Rochester.


20? 20 weeks? Baby, you’re halfway there!

The baby is halfway to birth. At this point he sucks his thumb, has dreams, and recognizes his mother’s voice. He can even get hiccups!

He can also feel pain. As a matter of fact, at this point his pain perception is likely to be more acute than a newborn or adult, because the pain-damping facilities do not begin to develop until a few weeks later.

The United States is one of only 7 countries or territories that permit abortion after this point. They are: Canada (no restriction in law), China (no restriction in law), Netherlands (24 weeks), North Korea (no restriction in law), Singapore (24 weeks), United States (viability), and Vietnam (no restriction in law).

Late abortions aren’t rare. In the U.S., a conservative estimate is that there are more than 11,000 abortions over 20 weeks every year. Furthermore, they are offered by at least 275 facilities in the U.S.

According to the abortionists, late abortions are mostly done on healthy mothers with healthy babies. There are other, better ways to help these women and children.

Questions? Feel free to call Rochester Area Right to Life at (585) 621-4690, e-mail RARTL@righttolifeoch.org, or visit our website at www.righttolifeoch.org

FAMILY LIFE’S 2017 CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRODUCTION:

It’s a Wonderful Life

Adapted by Keith Ferguson
Music by Bruce Greer

Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com)

ALL PERFORMANCES AT FAMILY LIFE • 7634 COUNTY RTE. 14 IN BATH, NY

FRIDAY, DEC. 1
DINNER SHOW
6:30 PM | $34.50

SATURDAY, DEC. 2
DINNER SHOW
5:30 PM | $34.50

SUNDAY, DEC. 3
DESSERT MATINEE
2:30 PM | $22

THURSDAY, DEC. 7
SHOW ONLY
7:30 PM | $35/$18 Door

FRIDAY, DEC. 8
DINNER SHOW
6:30 PM | $34.50

SATURDAY, DEC. 9
DINNER SHOW
5:30 PM | $34.50

Tickets for dessert and dinner shows MUST be purchased in advance. Call 800.927.9083 or visit fln.org/events.

Visit us online at www.TheGoodNewsNewYork.com
Christian Camps and Retreats

To advertise your Christian Camp or Retreat, e-mail us at info@TheGoodNewsNewYork.com or call (506) 271-4464 for rate information.


Bliss Summit Bible Camp. Affordable summer camps and retreat space. Reaching the lost, discipling believers, and exhorting to service. Serving all ages. Located in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains. Contact at (518) 548-322-9975. info@BlissSummit.com. Director: Dori Blond.


Camp Cherith WNY. Hunt. NY. 585-468-3850. Traditional resident camp, boys and girls ages 7-17. Counselor-led daily Bible study, background checked staff, wide variety of activities, ACA accredited. Great value! www.campcherithwny.org.


Camp Li-Lo-Li. Contact us at 716-945-4900 for more information. Visit our website at www.li-loli.org or contact us by e-mail, send an e-mail to info@TheGoodNewsNewYork.com or call (506) 271-4464 for rate information.

Camp Serenity. A year-round Camp & Retreat Center on Beautiful Canandaigua Lake. For more information contact us at 585-554-3400 or check us out on the web at www.letce.org.

Camp Tecka. Located at 4950 County Rd. 11, Rushville, NY 14544. For more details, call our office at 585-554-3400.

Camp Tecka is looking for volunteers. Bed Making, General Housekeeping, Kitchen, Dining Hall, Maintenance, Laundry...just to name a few of the tasks we are looking for help in. If you are interested in any of the volunteering positions, email Amy Jo Nelson, our Volunteer Coordinator, at amyjo@letce.org.


Odosagih Bible Conference & Retreat Center. Summer family camp on Lake In the Machias NY. Retreats Sept-June, yours or ours. Contact us at 716-353-8555 or odosagih@gmail.com. Visit online www.odosagih.org.


Volunteers are always needed at LeTourneau Christian Center! We need you in all areas! From our Kitchen, to Dining Hall, as well as Landscaping, Laundry, Housekeeping! Call the office at 555-554-3400 to talk to us about how you can volunteer here at LeTourneau Christian Center!

The Good News Page 17

Visit us online at www.TheGoodNewsNewYork.com

Do Not Miss Upcoming Christian Events!

To receive UPCOMING CHRISTIAN EVENTS by e-mail, send an e-mail to info@TheGoodNewsNewYork.com with your name and e-mail address and type SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.
What’s In A Name? Hope For Those In Crisis

Continued from page 1

sound like it was exclusively for women, but we do so much more here and not just for women, but for men and all members of the family. I approached the board to change the center’s name and we expected they would simply shorten it, but instead, they decided to change it completely. In fact, it was our clients who came up with our new name, and in October, 2016, we became the Family Hope Center, which encompasses more of who we are and what we do.

As the Family Hope Center, we are responsible for poverty? Some of the highest and much of the rest of the world are contemplating a rather bleak future as their fertility rates slip from dwindling.

We Like To Think We’re Logical

By Anne LeBlanc

We like to think we’re logical and sometimes we are.

For instance, using paper towels for small kitchen cleanups instead of fabric and sponges is a cost and convenience decision. The convenience is undeniable, the cost not so.

We could calculate the cost of each at the store, perhaps even digging into the manufacturing process, and the environmental implication for each. Or we could research just far and wide enough to justify what we wanted to do in the future. Been there, done that.

There’s an issue that we frequently seem to treat the same way: over-population. “We’re outstripping our resources. There’s not enough to justify what we wanted to do in the future on Monday nights.”

“What new group, Courageous Beauty, was started by a young staff member, Kylie Wolfe, who is 22. We are so excited she is working with us and out on her heart to reach out and help young women deal with all the pressures in the world today and realize who they are in God,” stated Teed.

“What makes this group especially exciting is the opportunity for Teed and her staff to reach out and educate young girls on what a healthy relationship is and what this can mean to their lives as they grow older. “We want to instill the message of self-worth now, so we don’t end up seeing these same girls later on in a more serious situation down the road,” explained Teed.

Along with the new classes and groups, Teed is excited with changes in the center’s hours of operation. “We’re now open five days a week from 10-4 and we look forward to opening even later in the future on Monday nights.”

Despite an impressive array of classes and services, Teed works only with a staff of four, and a volunteer crew of eight. “I am proud of this team and the work we are doing,” stated Teed.

“We have a variety of ages and personalities, but everyone plays an important role. It took a while, but we really function together as a team and we realize the difference others can make.

Working at the center is a commitment for both staff and volunteers. Each Family Hope Center staff member and volunteer goes through regular training courses so they can be at the ready to help clients.

“Our team goes through training once a month and also does training within the community,” explained Teed. “It’s important that in order to move forward, we stay educated and understand the challenges that the community is facing around us. That’s the best way we can help now, as well as in the future.”

For more information on the Family Hope Center, visit their website at http://www.familyhopecenter geneva.org.

Camp Cherith

WNY

Hunt, NY. 585-468-3850

Traditional resident camp; boys and girls ages 7-17. Staff, wide variety of activities, ACA accredited.

Camp Hickory Hill

* Exciting, Christ Centered Programs
* Groups by Gender
* Girls in August
* Retreats and Weekend Events - June

(585) 535-7832

www.campcerrithwny.org

SILVER BAY YMCA

Conference and Family Retreat Center on Lake George

FAMILY VACATIONS
FAMILY VALUES

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

87 Silver Bay Rd, Silver Bay, NY 12874
BBB 758-7229
www.SILVERBAY.ORG

NEVER A GREATER TIME

For a Christ-centered family vacation. Join us for a week this summer!

www.camp-of-the-woods.org

CAMP OF THE WOODS

A year-round Camp & Retreat Center on Beautiful Canandaigua Lake

For more information contact us at 585-554-3400 or check us out on the web at www.letiec.org.

Ontario Bible Camp

385 Lakelawn Road, Oswego, NY 13126

(315) 593-4684

“Praying & Teaching Bible since 1951 Children’s Camp, Cabin Rentals and Retreats

www.ontariobiblecamp.com

Hope Valley Camp

Call to plan your summer camp. (585) 683-4907

www.hopevalleycamp.com

Center on Beautiful Canandaigua Lake

Hunt, NY. 585-468-3850

Traditional resident camp; boys and girls ages 7-17. Staff, wide variety of activities, ACA accredited.

Call to plan your summer camp.

(585) 683-4907

www.hopevalleycamp.com

Doreen Teed and Kristal Swan

The new group currently has six full time members, but young girls between the ages of 11-14 come and go within the group as topics change. “I know this group is going to grow. Girls find out about it through word-of-mouth and we are also reaching out to the schools,” explained Teed. “This group has an open forum and they discuss different topics such as self-worth or the influence of music in their lives, but recently, Kylie put up a suggestion box and the girls put in their concerns such as how do they deal with ‘saucy girls in school’ or parents or to deal with talking about topics such as dealing with ‘saucy girls’ at schools, or with their parents, or concerns about boy-girl relationships. The boy-girl questions come up a lot,” stated Teed.

What makes this group especially exciting is the opportunity for Teed and her staff to reach out and educate young girls on what a healthy relationship is and what this can mean to their lives as they grow older. “We want to instill the message of self-worth now, so we don’t end up seeing these same girls later on in a more serious situation down the road,” explained Teed.

Along with the new classes and groups, Teed is excited with changes in the center’s hours of operation. “We’re now open five days a week from 10-4 and we look forward to opening even later in the future on Monday nights.”

Despite an impressive array of classes and services, Teed works only with a staff of four, and a volunteer crew of eight. “I am proud of this team and the work we are doing,” stated Teed.

“We have a variety of ages and personalities, but everyone plays an important role. It took a while, but we really function together as a team and we realize the difference others can make.

Working at the center is a commitment for both staff and volunteers. Each Family Hope Center staff member and volunteer goes through regular training courses so they can be at the ready to help clients.

“Our team goes through training once a month and also does training within the community,” explained Teed. “It’s important that in order to move forward, we stay educated and understand the challenges that the community is facing around us. That’s the best way we can help now, as well as in the future.”

For more information on the Family Hope Center, visit their website at http://www.familyhope center geneva.org.

We Like To Think We’re Logical

By Anne LeBlanc

We like to think we’re logical and sometimes we are.

For instance, using paper towels for small kitchen cleanups instead of fabric and sponges is a cost and convenience decision. The convenience is undeniable, the cost not so.

We could calculate the cost of each at the store, perhaps even digging into the manufacturing process and the environmental implication for each. Or we could research just far and wide enough to justify what we wanted to do in the future. Been there, done that.

There’s an issue that we frequently seem to treat the same way: over-population. “We’re outstripping our resources. There’s not enough food and people are starving. We have to have deep population control because there are too many poor people!”

Really? Over-population is the excuse used for forcing third-world countries to accept population control measures in return for US financial aid. It’s also been the reason given for why abortion needs to be available worldwide as a fundamental right so that women can keep their families small. So, is “over-population” really responsible for poverty? Some of the highest population densities contain the most per-capita wealth, like Singapore, wealth not shared by sparsely-populated countries like Yemen.

This is perhaps an area where, in general, people tend to decide whether over-population is a problem or not, and then gather the data that supports what we have already decided we prefer. If we favor abortion, then, we may decide that over-population justifies supplementing access to it or even mandating it, as the Chinese do.

However, under-population is a current and severe problem for many countries today. There are too few children. Countries in most of Europe and much of the rest of the world are contemplating a rather bleak future as their fertility rates slip below what is needed to keep their populations from dwindling.

Yes, the problem is not too many babies being born, but too few. Whether, individually, we favor abortion as a right or despise it as barbaric, let’s make sure that we don’t allow the use of bad data like over-population to be used to justify it.

If we can be of assistance on a pro-life issue, including providing referrals for help for women with pro-life options, please contact Rochester Area Right to Life by mail at our office 675 Ling Road, Suite 3, Rochester, NY 14612 or by e-mail at RARTL@righttoliferoch.org or by phone (585) 621-4690. You are welcome to visit our website www.righttoliferoch.org.
Angels Of Mercy A Beacon Of Hope... In The Valley Of The Shadow Of Death

By Rick Kern

Among the most disturbing criminal trends to find its way into the nation’s headlines, the heaviest hammer of human trafficking has swollen to epidemic proportion. It is regarded as a form of modern slavery and has become so pervasive that its human face has been turned into not only legal, but as well as national conversation. In fact, framing this abhorrent blight as emblematic of Jeremiah 17:9 is not only realistic, but it may well be a godly responsibility, “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?”

While striving to add enough defining features to the unthinkable to make it thought provoking, the broad strokes employed by statisticians, social engineers, politicians, and other “talking heads,” cannot really help one taste the salt in God’s tears for victims of human trafficking. Its victims often endure physical and psychological abuse at the hands of their captors, leading to health problems, mental illness, and addictions. Thus, the need for professional intervention and treatment among liberated victims is great. In other words, you can take the person out of the circumstances right away, but you can’t take the circumstances out of the person the same way.

Human trafficking was not readily acknowledged by federal and state governments from a legal standpoint until Congress enacted the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA). The TVPA stood as a landmark legal effort, making it the first comprehensive legislation to address human trafficking. The TVPA also specified enhanced penalties for human trafficking crimes and provided special service programs to provide assistance to victims. Since then there has been some serious forward motion as our nation begins to grapple with a cottage industry that has gone corporate seemingly overnight.

For example, in 2007 New York State passed its first law against human trafficking. In doing so it found itself among the steadily growing number of states that recognize “slavery” still exists in the land of the free through sex and labor trafficking. And though our legal and political progress is formidable, human trafficking remains a global problem. Some statistics advise that nearly 30 million people are victims of both sex and labor trafficking. Additionally, some data suggests that as many as 15,000 victims of human trafficking are brought into the United States each year.

And while members of Congress struggle to gain their political footing on “The Hill” in pursuit of legislative counterparts to human trafficking, there are others who war in the spiritual, as opposed to political, battlegrounds. Among those who find themselves on the spiritual side is a group called Angels of Mercy (AOM). Based in Rochester, New York, AOM is helmed by Mary Jo Colligan, its Founder and President, and her husband Joe, Co-Founder and Vice President.

The couple established AOM to extend unconditional love and help women and girls find hope while achieving freedom, dignity, and restoration. After much thought and prayer, and upon exploring several programs that help women who struggle with life-controlling issues, they created a Christian-based organization that would serve women and help them to overcome their individual struggles. Their “hands-on” model allows AOM to reach out to women of all ages who have experienced the consequences of life-controlling issues such as violence against women, drug, alcohol and sexual abuse, self-harm, and low self-esteem.

For Mary Jo the connection is up-close-and-personal, “In my 20’s, I knew I wanted to do something that would help women because I had been through some horrid things,” she recalls. “Beaten, thrown down the stairs; you name it. I had been through all that, so I knew back then, there was this seed in my heart and it was always there.”

Among their targeted, proactive initiatives to counter human trafficking among young girls is an aggressive threat to provide handmade dresses to little girls in the United States and developing countries who are at risk of being kidnapped, enslaved, and trafficked. Too many young girls have no one to care for them and are often targeted for abuse by employing predators. Given the moniker, “Dress A Girl Around the World,” by offering these young girls new, colorful dresses with a label on plain view on the outside, it sends a strong message indicating that an organization is looking after them — hopefully causing predators to pass them over.

“We make dresses to prevent human trafficking because when predators see little girls wearing torn and tattered clothes, they’re viewed as having no self-worth, like trash,” Colligan observes. “So they’re being taken into trafficking as young as two or three years of age.”

She caught the vision early on and rallied like-minded people who knew their way around a needle and thread. “I said, okay, let’s get a group together and let’s try to make 100 dresses. Now, almost six years later, we have sent out, with missionaries, over 425,000 dresses to 75 different countries. It’s our own country that have devastating or catastrophic problems and we also dress the Rochester city school kids and refugees,” she explains. “That part of our program has grown tremendously and it’s all with our wonderful volunteers, who have a heart.”

AOM does not stop there! They rally their volunteers to produce a number of events that both raise awareness and fund their programs. For example, in addition to human trafficking presentations, they are hoping to establish a fully staffed home that is autonomous and can help women develop life skills, grow closer to the Lord, and heal from the heartbreak of being enslaved and exploited. It is critical that women have some place to go to get away from their abusers. Additionally, they have a boutique that offers free clothing, healing re-treats, and numerous programs to teach lives skills with the love of God here and abroad. There are other events and programs along with vision for the future.

“People don’t realize how big it is and that it’s happening right in our own back yard. It’s one of my main focuses,” observes Colligan passionately. “It’s not just capturing women and taking them in,” she continues, “but it’s so interrelated to the drug population and so many things. Educate the paparazzi and educate the victims’ families, not just telling them what happened to them, but telling them what’s going to happen to them.”

Mary Jo Colligan (center), founder and President of Angels of Mercy

Mary Jo Colligan, its Founder and President, and her husband Joe, Co-Founder and Vice President.

AOM’s programs and office workers by calling (585) 730-4556 or visiting their website, www.angelsofmercy.org.

Do you have a Christian Camp or Retreat? Advertise your Christian Camp or Retreat in THE GOOD NEWS! Let Thousands Know About It!

“The GOOD NEWS is a wonderful media vehicle to reach our target audience. It’s timely, cost effective and has a broad reach with the added benefit of being a Christian based ministry, who could ask for more?”

Steve Tamm, Camp-of-the-Woods, NY
Are You in the Right Relationship with Your Creator?

Steps To Salvation

1. You Must Repent

You must repent of your sin and admit to God that you are a sinner. The Bible says: “...that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.” (Acts 26:20)

2. You Must Believe

You must believe with all your heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He died on the cross for your sins, was buried, and rose again. “...With the mouth confession of Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 10:10)

3. You Must Ask

You must pray and tell the Lord that you wish to receive the wonderful gift of eternal life. “...that they should repent and turn to God, and bring Christians together for the Kingdom of Christ our Lord.” (Acts 26:20)

4. You Must Receive

You must pray and tell the Lord that you wish to receive the wonderful gift of eternal life. “...that they should repent and turn to God, and bring Christians together for the Kingdom of Christ our Lord.” (Romans 10:10)

5. Turn in faith to Jesus Christ

Turn in faith to Jesus Christ by praying a prayer like this.

“My Heavenly Father, I come to You admitting that I am a sinner. I ask your forgiveness. I believe that Your Son, Jesus, died for my sins, and was resurrected on the third day. I repent in my sins and give my life to Jesus. I receive Jesus as my Savior and ask you to give me eternal life.”

Glasberger Insurance Services… It’s All About Relationships

By Rick Kern

Glasberger began his career teaching at school in Sabetha, a small town in central New York, and then transferred to New Jersey where he taught psychology. His vocation took a sharp turn when he went to work for the Marketing Division of Dun & Bradstreet selling business information. The venture laid the groundwork for a career move to an advertising agency which, in turn, led to Glasberger opening his own advertising outfit. He worked for the Yellow Pages for some eight-years in that capacity which he loved. Unfortunately, it was a travel-intensive position and did not mesh with his new marriage leading to yet another job that didn’t work out! “I’d work there, I’d work there, and I’d work there, and then I’d work there!”

“You could almost title that chapter in Terry’s life with the iconic opening line from Dicken’s masterpiece “A Tale of Two Cities,” “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” On the one hand his mother-in-law was living with and was struggling with Alzheimer’s. Complicating matters was the recent purchase of a second house prior to abruptly losing his job. Glasberger had purchased the second property under the assumption that he had a steady paycheck coming in to cover the mortgage. What made it the best times, however, was that he had faith in God and his faith was renewed and confirmed every single day. “I have a lot of friends that are buried right now,” continues he explains, “But I kind of managed the interview and told the guy he was going to hire me, but it was all the Lord,” he says. “I had nothing to do with it. That was a door that was open.” Continuing he recalls, “It was 2008 during that downturn. I was the last one hired and the first one out the door.” Going on he explains, “Basically, I started out with Aflac though I didn’t really know what it was, but fell in love with it at – the product. You know, it’s helping people and that’s what I like to do the most.” Helping people. Then someone introduced me to Medicare five-years ago and I fell in love with that and the rest is history.”

In many ways Terry has crafted “Team Glasberger’s” catalog of insurance products specifically to help those that are kind of down on their luck, are — following his heart for the downtrodden. “The Lord just gives me that peace to help these people. He’s given me this gift that I can talk to people, open up and trust me because I think they see the Lord in me.”

Glasberger continues, “They’ve become friends because they need someone who is going to care about them and a lot of times in the inner cities especially, they lack that love.”

“Let’s face it, love is what’s missing and they don’t want to go into the inner city. I love them there! That’s my home.” The wrap is priceless, “The Son don’t shine…” “You know, Jesus worked with the poor and the under-privileged. He went to the people there to do that same thing in my opinion. I have some passion for this ... if you couldn’t tell...”

Terry Glasberger (right), owner of Glasberger Insurance Services

Consider a brief overview: Life Insurance covers us if we die, Medical Insurance pays out when we are injured or ill, Renters or Homeowners Insurance backs up the plan in the event of a catastrophe such as fire or theft, and Auto Insurance handles cars accidents that can be life changing, and on and on.

By nature discussing insurance needs, with their vast spectrum of complex options, necessarily defaults to life’s grittier and more delicate topics and that includes the often uncontrollable afore-mentioned themes. And there is no one group people that has to deal with as many of these issues at once as Senior citizens — it just hits them from every direction.

Thus, while insurance can be confusing, frustrating, and even mysterious for anyone, it is especially challenging for seniors. To counter the daunting challenge of the multifaceted insurance universe, Glasberger takes the time with each prospective client to help them cut through the clutter and confusion of each plan they offer.

Additionally, Glasberger is well aware of the confusing nature and financial hardship created by Medicare and Medicaid programs. In response he has crafted his insurance practice to be largely senior driven. “My main focus is helping seniors with not only financial issues, but also the emotional issues, especially financially. I’m not a financial planner, but it’s all a part of it,” says Terry. “I work with what the client needs are; I don’t push my agenda on them.” Continuing he explains, “Basically, I’m writing small ticket insurance policies for people who just want enough to get themselves buried so they’re not a burden on their kids.”

During the Medicare enrollment period Terry puts in 60 to 70 hours a week due to the wide-spread interest, need, and confusion about the many programs that are offered. “I take a lot of time up front,” Glasberger explains, “I don’t go in and say, OK, we’re going to sell you this plan. No. It doesn’t work that way.” He goes on, “I sit down with a client. I figure I look at what their needs are, whether we talk about life insurance, or just strictly Medicare, after I have a relationship with them, then we talk about some of the other things. I’m a consultant. I try to advise them to do the best they can. If they’re happy, they’ve got a plan that’s working for them, I say fine, then you need to stay with that plan. But if you ever need to make a change, call me and then we can sit down.”

“IT’s a really cool existence,” reflects Terry Glasberger, “To me, this whole business has become a ministry, a ministry that pays pretty good!”

For more information or to contact Glasberger Insurance Service, visit their Website at www.glasbergersinsurance.com or call (585) 455-2356.
The Bridge Christian Church Brings Christ To Their Corner Of The World

By Cynthia A. Lovely

The picturesque wooden bridge stands out in the middle of a rough and tumble neighborhood inviting visitors to the The Bridge church property at 735 Crane St. It’s no toll bridge with an angel over it, but rather one where a person is free to experiment as much as the speakers, dancers, and other artists or ministers. “People can sell makeup, jewelry, I was hoping that one person was going to come that sells T-shirts,” she says. “Whatever they bring, you know if it’s part of their gift, and it’s part of their livelihood, they’re wanting to be a part of this, I certainly would welcome them.”

At this writing Joanne has begun to develop next year’s event and is looking toward mid-September, 2018. “It is her hope that interested parties will contact her, “Just to call me or get a hold of me, to know what your interest is and see if I can fit you in for our next conference,” she says hopefully.

God’s blessing seems to be resting upon Move for Christ and Joanne is earnestly seeking Him about the ministry as it is right now, it’s just a yearly conference. “Right now, I’m praying about what it is that God will want presented and looking for people to sign up, to call me,” she notes. “I need to know if they’re interested, if they want to speak, or if they have something they want to sell, or things they craft or sell.”

Continuing she says, “I’m just looking to put the same types of things together next year. I’ll be looking for the charitable organizations to participate as contributing to the ministry as it is right now because last month was this year’s conference.”

To learn more about Move for Christ call Joanne Clark at (607) 661-3413 or hit their website at www.moveforchristny.com.
Going Into All The World With Al Hauck Of Shepherd’s Heart Christian Fellowship

By Rick Kern

For Al Hauck, missionary work is as natural as breathing to his being before the Lord and as supernatural as interceding for the nations he visits. He is the quintessential “World Christian” and his focus reaches as far as it does near.

“In Acts 1:8,” says Hauck, “the words of Jesus tell us, that you start in Jerusalem, your own heart. You start in Jesus, your own family! Then you go to Samaria, your community and finally you go to the outermost parts of the earth.” He continues, “And if you’re not doing first, you’re not going to be effective at the fourth. So we work to try and get every believer to a mutual place where they are free to be wherever the Lord created them to be and express His love to those that are closest to them and then go to the places where He’s called you.”

It is a biblical perspective and way of life that has found a home in the hearts of everyone at Shepherd’s Heart Christian Fellowship (SHCF). Hauck explains, “So we send believers every week, the youth, back into their mission field — which is typically the schools and the colleges, and most of the adults in the places where they work and fellowship and shop and some people, to other states and other nations. If this has a twelve or a twenty-year run, a believer will return to Shepherd’s Heart. We’ve had partnership with ministries that go over to Haiti and people who go to Columbia and people that go to Honduras. We also went to Uganda just recently. We went to Vietnam, Israel and Honduras earlier in the year...”

SHCF was born in the Hauck’s living room on October 31, 1993 and as might be expected, they are a group given to radical faith and are led by Hauck and express the heart of the Great Shepherd. “We really believe that the purpose of a local fellowship is to equip every believer to do the work of the ministry, and start by reaching up — it’s part of our motto,” Hauck explains. “And then reaching out to extend His love to others — that’s the Shepherd’s Heart, He’s the one that loved us.”

While SHCF is a beautiful expression of the life of Christ in the conventional sense, Al Hauck’s ministry and role in the fellowship defies convention yet remains compellingly biblical! For while he skillfully handles the Word of God, he also walks in some extraordinary ways. “I provide apostolic prophetic oversight for the local church as well as all of our outreachers,” he explains. “So, we teach, equip, and train them. We put together ministry teams and travel...”

His gifts and calling has had move him deeply to put legs on his prayers and share the love of God in very practical ways. “I travel extensively under another ministry so that it’s not about the local church,” he says. “We also do community work. We helped sponsor and establish a halfway house for women that has been open for six years now.” Continuing he notes, “I’m part of the apostolic leadership in the Rochester area. So we work with other Kingdom-minded fellowships and congregations in furthering the Kingdom of God and pursuing the Lord for transformation of heaven through the speakers and those of the nations is telling and moves him to action. “In Acts 1:8,” says Hauck, “we’re asked to come back and teach at a conference for one-hundred pastors and help equip those believers from around all of Columbia and in part of Venezuela to be more effective at equipping their local congregations to do the work and ministry of the Gospel.”

Piggybacking on the trip to South America was a rather large hop across the ocean to Uganda, a landlocked country in East Africa with a population of 39.5 million. Its varied landscape includes the snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains and the enormous, breathtaking Lake Victoria.

“In Uganda, the focus was a little bit different,” explains Al. “My wife and I have been going there for, I think this is our sixth trip in the last eight-years and we work with an apostolic leader there.” He goes on, “We spoke at three conferences. The main purpose of our going was to give the complementation to the first graduating class of an apostolic school. It’s a two-year program that they go through to learn how to carry the gift of Christ into the different spheres of life.” To minister in this way, they brought in Christian leaders moving in these various mind-molding spheres of culture. “There were people from the education mountain, Hauck observes, “there were people from the business mountain, and there were people from the government mountain that had completed the two year program.”

It was a significant time of ministry that helped shape the destiny of the nation. “At the conference, we got to spend a lot of time with various pastoral leaders and apostolic leaders from different parts of Uganda and work with them,” Hauck explains. “We also got the opportunity to minister to some people that were there at the conference who were from Australia, so it was a very successful time. We were invited back next year, and also invited to Kenya. We’ve been asked to go several times but also hope to go to Tanzania and Zambia if we can arrange a time when we’re in Uganda again.”

Al’s take on the church of Jesus Christ among the nations is telling and moves him to action. “The focus of the church is that in almost every place we travel outside the U.S., they are hungry for the gift of the Lord and the person who is coming. So their faith literally pulls the anointing of heaven through the speakers and those that are doing the work,” he observes. He continues, “It takes a while to get there, but it is beautiful and they are experiencing probably the beginning of awakening as the churches are working together across their denomina-

tional lines and beginning to work with busi-

ness and government leaders to try and impact their community for the Lord. Though we didn’t get to meet the king of the area, he has about a million-and-a-half people in his region and he has signed a proclamation declaring that Christ is the King of his kingdom.”

For Hauck, the focus is all about living up to the light God has given him — it’s not broken and he has no intention of fixing it! “My wife and I have been called to the nations and my son until he is 18, and we are both looking to December to Honduras. Then in early December, we’re going back to Bogota to work with the pastors there and we’re lining up next winter, we’ve been invited to Vietnam and East Malaysia so we’re trying to figure out how we’re going to go to those places and what the timing is around their holidays.”

For more information about Al Hauck or SHCF, visit their website at www.shcfellowship.org, or call (585) 225-4090.
By Rick Kern

As it looks toward the celebration of its 30th anniversary next September, Elim Gospel Church (EGC) is celebrating the installation of its new pastor at this writing. Jared Ruddy was formally welcomed aboard and took the helm of the 700-member fellowship on October 1, 2017. A “PK” (Preacher’s Kid), Ruddy is joined by his wife, Erin, their newborn son, Landon, and a baby girl, Quinn, who is due January 10, 2018.

He assumes the stewardship of a unique, spirit-filled congregation characterized by a deeply faith-driven, biblical heritage. EGC was established in 1988 by Pastor Mike Chapman and his wife, Charlene, with a vision to reach Rochester, Monroe, and Ontario counties with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In 2009, Pastor Joshua Finley became the Lead Pastor and recently handed the reins over to Pastor Jared. While EGC has much in common with other Bible-believing churches, it is also set apart by a number of principles among them two unique rate locations and its affiliation with Elim Bible Institute and College. “We’re one church that has two locations,” Ruddy explains. “One in Lima and one in Henrietta at this point with our Lima church right on the campus.” He continues, “You know, the Elim Bible Institute has a worldwide missionary organization that sends missionar- ies and also provides covering for churches and ministries in the U.S. as well. I believe and the church originally started to really serve as a base for the families that were connected to the college and to the fellowship.”

While Ruddy oversees both locations as EGC’s lead pastor, the day-to-day ministry at the Henrietta location is handled by another pastor. “I get to mentor and guide our church as our church in two locations, so the lead pastor would have primary responsibilities in Lima campus,” he explains. “We just do have a campus pastor at the Henrietta location. He does the pastoral work, if you will, on the ground of what it really requires.”

Like the author of Luke’s Gospel, the man on the ground at the Henrietta fellowship, Tim Chapman, is a physician who wonders uncompro- misingly to the Great Healer. A medical doctor and a professor and taught at the University of Rochester, Chapman left his research posi- tion and actually came on full time with EGC. “He’s just amazing,” declares Ruddy, “though contrary to human wisdom for sure… We leading us to transition that over,” he said. “It was just kind of a wild thing.” He lived it really became personal for me at that point and that’s where I look at the Genesis of my spiritual life.”

Jared walked in an unconventional, unprejudiced kind of faith that saw promises and possibilities instead of problems and predicaments. He racked up a couple of years at a ministry school then did an online tour that included course work in business and a number of different dis- ciplines as he stretched through his destiny. And then it hit — an enduring moment of clarity that resounded from eternity through time! “I felt like I was called to plant a church!” he pro- claimed. He teamed up with eight other people who all caught the vision. They were drawn from North Carolina, Maryland, and Penn- sylvania and all uprooted, moving to Scran- ton, Pennsylvania to start a fellowship. “I was 20-years old at the time,” Ruddy recalls, “so it was kind of a wild thing.”

Whether it was the perfect zeal of God or the not-so-perfect zeal of youth, he did not feel intimidated into doing things like he was reading a church’s denomination even though it meant declining a matching funds offer that would have made the church plant much easier. “So we actually ended up turning down the match- ing funds and everything, and planted with no money, no people, rented out a storefront. It was just kind of a wild thing!” he lived there for some five-and-a-half years as God blessed the church and its ranks swelled. “We ended up buying a house along with the church which we turned into that man’s discipleship home,” said Ruddy “then ultimately, we were able to go full time with the church.”

“After that, it felt like the Holy Spirit was leading us to transition that over,” he said. “It was contrary to human wisdom for sure… We felt like we were supposed to pass on it and felt like it was time for me to go back to what I was into prior to planting the church.”

He continues, “I definitely have an uncon- ventional story. Traveling and speaking and I do writing and writing with other churches and ministries. So we moved to Buffalo, that’s where my wife’s family is from.” Ruddy’s min- istry took an itinerant turn that led him both across the country and across the globe. As far as the Scranton church plant, Jared’s best friend is pastoring it providing a treasured, long-term connection.

For the Ruddys, their hearts became eager to drop anchor in pastoral waters. However, as doors opened, Erin’s, whose gift of discernment provided a calming voice of heavenly reason, just didn’t feel right about the opportunities that presented themselves. Ruddy noted, “My wife would be like, ‘Jared, that’s not what God has for us.’ You know, every time we would pray about something, it wouldn’t take off at all.” That all changed when EGC contacted them.

“When Elim Gospel approached us saying that their elders wanted to consider us along with a handful of other candidates as a possibility, I brought home the job description to my wife” explained Jared. “I read it out to her and she was like, ‘Jared, that’s you. That fits. That’s us.’”

The family went through months of interviews with the search committee then interviewed with the executive team until ultimately they extended the call to the Ruddys.

Whether it was the perfect zeal of God or the not-so-perfect zeal of youth, he did not feel intimidated into doing things like he was reading a church’s denomination even though it meant declining a matching funds offer that would have made the church plant much easier. “So we actually ended up turning down the match- ing funds and everything, and planted with no money, no people, rented out a storefront. It was just kind of a wild thing!” he lived there for some five-and-a-half years as God blessed the church and its ranks swelled. “We ended up buying a house along with the church which we turned into that man’s discipleship home,” said Ruddy “then ultimately, we were able to go full time with the church.”

They extended the call to the Ruddys. Though their ministry had just begun and relationships can only deepen and grow more meaningful, Jared’s first impressions are inspir- ing. “I would say that we are a church com- mitted to prayer and missions,” he observes. “I think that’s just really the two, people that love Jesus that is what that is worked out is just a com- mitment to prayer.” Continuing he says, “I have not actually been connected to Elim long term. I’ve had friends, but actually that’s with people in the church, I’ve only been here six weeks but there’s a clear evident love for Jesus that’s displayed through prayer and just a passion for global missions.”

To be sure, having two locations presents its share of challenges, but his vision for EGC is to stay with it what works. “Our philosophy is to keep things pretty simple and pretty focused so we really try to channel a lot through our small group ministry,” says Ruddy. “So while we do have a women’s ministry and a men’s breakfast and other types of things that go, we really try to focus primarily through our small groups. We do the Sunday morning small groups and then we have various outreachs.”

Their service times are a little bit different be- cause the Lima location currently meets at 10 AM however, November 5th they are planning to tone things down a bit with a service called the EGC Chapel which is going to be a little bit more subdued. “Our present Sunday morn-ing service is very Latin American worship — very engaging,” Ruddy explains. Thus, EGC hopes to minister to those who are more com- fortable worshipping in a somewhat mellower context.

You can find out more about Elim Gospel Church by calling (585) 624-5560 or visiting www.elimgospel.org. And as you do, you can discover the reality behind Pastor Jared’s words, “I guess my philosophy of my ministry in short, is helping people discover the power of Christ inside of them.”
Christian Business Directory

To advertise in the Christian Business Directory, contact us by e-mail at info@TheGoodNewsNewYork.com or call (585) 271-4464 for rate information.


Art Studio

Audio Equipment

Auto Service

Attorney

Bookstores


Camps


Bliss Summit Bible Camp. Affordable summer camps and retreat space. Reaching the lost, discipling believers, and exhorting to service. Serving and loving Western NY since 1877. 585-322-0975. www.blisssummit.com. Contact: Director@BlissSummit.com.


Camp Cherith WNY. Hunt, NY. 558-468-3885. Traditional resident camp: boys and girls ages 7-17. Counselor-led daily Bible study, background checked staff, wide variety of activities, ACA accredited. Great value! www.campcherithwny.org.

Camp Hickory Hill. Summer Camp Programs for Boys in July & Girls in August; Family Camps also available. Retreats & Weekend Events Sept-June. More information at www.camphickoryhill.org. (585) 555-7832. Sam@CampHickoryHill.org.


Cornerstone Christian Church. Full auto repair on most makes and models, both foreign and domestic. - Automatic Transmission repair & rebuilding. - Quality parts and brand name products. - NYS Inspections / Oil changes.

Maranatha Plumbing

Delta Lake Bible Conference Center. A four season retreat and conference center with summer youth camps. For more information, check our website: www.deltalake.org. 315-336-7210.


LeTourneau Christian Camp. A year-round Camp & Retreat Center on Beautiful Canadaguia Lake. For more information contact us at 585-555-3400 or check us out on the web at www.letcc.org.

Odosagib Bible Conference & Retreat Center. Summer family camp on Lime Lake in Machia NY. Retreats Sept-June, yours or ours. Contact us at 716-255-8535 or odosagib@gmail.com. Visit online www.odosagib.org.

Onondaga Bible Conference & Retreat Center. Summer camp at a nearby family camp on Lime Lake in Machia NY. Retreats Sept-June, yours or ours. Contact us at 716-255-8535 or odosagib@gmail.com. Visit online www.odosagib.org.


Concerts
Southern Gospel NY brings Southern Gospel Music groups to the area to encourage and bring Christians together for fellowship with other believers. Info at www.SGRNY.NET. 585-329-3840.

Robert's Cultural Life Center – Celebrating the Power of the Art! 2301 Westside Drive Rochester, NY 14624 - for tickets or more info – www.roberts.org/uk or 888-222-1048.

Education

Engineering

Financial Services

Fitness Center

Graphic Design

Health
Interdenominational Health Ministry Coalition (IMHC). PO Box 11144, Rochester, NY 14606. Email: hmcsec@gmail.com (585) 436-9397. www.imhcorc.org.

Ice Skating
Bill Gray's Iceplex is Rochester's home for family friendly fun, all year long! Registration for all Fall and Winter activities is now open. Visit www.billgrayiceplex.com to learn more.

Insurance


Pizza
Galleria Pizza. Eat in or Take out. Free Delivery...
Houghton College Opens Utica Extension Site

(Houghton, NY) - Houghton College officially opened its Utica extension site on Monday, October 2.

Houghton College Utica is a non-residential cohort program offering courses leading to an Associate of Arts degree. It is aimed at students with barriers to higher education – particularly resettled refugees, immigrants, and other new Americans. The curriculum is designed to create involved, active graduates well-versed in the sciences, humanities, and social sciences, readying them for further education or the kind of employment that will allow them to be successful community-builders and flourishing citizens. Houghton College Utica began this fall with a cohort of 16 students all hailing from Burma.

The site is modeled after Houghton College Buffalo, a similar two-year program which launched in 2014 and has had a graduation rate of 85 percent – well above the national average.

City of Utica Mayor Robert Palmieri welcomed Houghton College to the area and expressed his gratitude to all those involved. He noted how, over the city’s 100-year involvement with refugee populations, these individuals have become part of the fabric of Utica. “We understand this is the future of our great city, and it is in their hands,” Palmieri remarked. “And now that we have a college that’s going to be able to accommodate and help the very people who are going to help us — it just bodes well for Utica.”

Houghton College President Shirley A. Muliken highlighted Utica’s historic commitment to global engagement, noting that the Tabernacle Baptist Church which is now home to a large Burmese Karen population, became involved in the original missionary work of Adoniram Judson in Burma in the early 19th century. She noted that Houghton’s sponsoring denomination, The Wesleyan Church, had its origin in Utica in 1842 as a church supporting abolition and women’s rights. She emphasized the appropriateness of Houghton Utica bringing together the city and college’s commitment to global engagement and social justice.

Are You a Christian Business Owner? Advertise your Business in the GOOD NEWS! Let Thousands Know About It!

“The article and the book I am reading really made a difference in promoting awareness of the material in the book. I have had good success doing some book signings, thanks very much for all the assistance you gave this past year, the board used it to help get the message of the book and the gospel out there.”

Vincent Latorre, Author of “The Bible Can Be Proven”, Syracuse, NY

Send Us Your Christian News! Press Releases, praise reports, testimonies, general Christian articles may be submitted by e-mail at info@TheGoodNewsNewYork.com

We do not accept submissions by mail or by fax. All submissions must be submitted only by e-mail and include submitter’s full name, mailing address and a phone for verification. Submitted material is published at our discretion. Subject to Publisher’s approval. Certain restrictions apply.

Visit us online at www.TheGoodNewsNewYork.com
Marya Fancey

Fancey’s award will allow her to travel to Poland and conduct musicalological and performance-practice research for her doctoral project titled “Performance Practice in Sacred Organ Music from the Jan of Lublin Tablature (1537–48).” The Jan of Lublin Tablature is the largest collection of European organ music from the first half of the 16th century, with hundreds of compositions by multiple composers. The goal of Fancey’s research is to gain insight into the organ’s role in Catholic worship in Poland during that time.

Additionally, she will incorporate her public concerts of selections from the tablature at the Church of the Holy Cross in Krakow. Fancey will be affiliated with the Academy of Music in Krakow and the Institute of Art of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. “Polish musicologists and organists are generous and supportive,” said Fancey. “I look forward to learning from them and expanding the original manuscript firsthand. The results of my research will contribute to the understanding of the development of keyboard music into its own art form.”

Fancey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with music and philosophy majors while at Houghton. She continued her education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in organ performance.

The Fulbright Program is an international educational exchange program sponsored by the United States government. Merit-based scholarships are awarded to individuals whose work will increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and those of other countries. Among the 370,000 alumni are 57 Nobel Prize recipients, 82 Pulitzer Prize winners, and 37 heads of state or government. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers approximately 1,900 research teaching, and study opportunities annually, encompassing all fields and enabling students to study in 140 countries.

To learn more about Marya Fancey’s Fulbright grant and project, visit http://fulbright.ed.gov/current-program/current-american-grants/fulbright.grant.

Bill Gray’s Iceplex Is Fun For Everyone

By Jennifer Laney

Bill Gray’s Iceplex offers fun-filled activities everyone will love. The 170,000 square foot, participatory sports facility is centrally located on the campus of Monroe Community College, in Rochester N.Y. “We are one of two facilities in the state that have 4 NHL size ice rinks. The facility is one of North America’s premier large-scale tournament venues, hosting numerous hockey events throughout the calendar year with teams competing from all over North America,” says Frank Carnevale, Program Manager. “We get 1.7 million annual visitors, which is the highest traffic of any venue in the greater Rochester area.”

But they’re not just for tournaments and events, “The Bill Gray’s Iceplex is a participatory facility as well, meaning people who come here aren’t always spectators. People come to participate in a variety of programs and events that promote healthy and active lifestyles. On rink 4 we have a state-of-the-art custom LED lighting system. The ice is the only one of its kind, and has a color lighting feature that can be synchronized to the music we have playing during public skates, skating events, and any special events we have,” Carnevale stated.

The Iceplex also offers a lineup of classes in skating, figure skating, and hockey where students learn from expert instructors. “Our instructors are highly trained and certified. Since we have coaches that can work with kids well,” Carnevale said. Our Hockey 101 instructors have tons of background in the game of Hockey, and do a great job of keeping the kids engaged for the amount of time they are on the ice. Our Skiing 101 course, headed by Alissa Calandra, also runs very well. She makes sure to break up the kids into groups based on their skating ability, and assigns coaches to each group in order to make sure the kids are as strong on the ice as they can be. Carnevale said.

For adults that are ready to get out there and play too, the Never Ever League is ideal. This league “is for the adult who has never ever played hockey before. It combines off ice instructor with on ice skills sessions (80%), and instructional game time (20%). The program is co-ed, non-checking, for people over 18 years of age is set in an insured positive, judgment free atmosphere. No ice skating or hockey experience is required in order to participate. Over the course of the 11 week program, participants will learn the fundamental skills of ice hockey, make new friends and learn the greatest game on Earth. During the end first few classes, instruction is focused on developing ice skating skills of all participants. In the following weeks, instruction shifts to teaching participants individual playing skills (stick handling, shooting, passing), before shifting into team skills and game play (offense, defense, power play, penalty kill). The final week would be their first Never Ever League Cup game. Families will be in attendance, the National Anthem will be played, and it is a great event to showcase the skills that have been learned over the 11 week session.” Carnevale explained.

Bill Gray’s Iceplex also hosts recreational and competitive hockey and bocce ball leagues for all ages and skill levels.

The venue is great for large and small groups offering everything a group or event could need with meeting rooms that can accommodate 50 to 100 people, the possibility for expos, trade shows, and other large events on the rink’s smooth concrete floor. They also have a full concert flooring system and turf that can be used year round as well as audiovisual equipment. The on-site Bill Gray’s Restaurant and Tap Room is able to cater events of any size.

This venue is like no other. See for yourself at the 4th annual New Year’s Eve celebration, “First Night Rochester.” This year they will have three themed ice rinks for skating, a holiday rink with music and decor, and a “decades” rink playing the music of a different decade. “The final rink is for families with young children and the fourth ice rink will be covered in a turf floor with bounce houses, music, and games. “We are anticipating 3,000 people at this event, and are very excited to continue this annual family experience,” Carnevale said. Families can learn more about the party at www.FirstNightRochester.com.

To learn more about Bill Gray’s Iceplex visit them online at www.BillGrayIceplex.com or in person at 2700 Brighton Henrietta Towanda Rd. Rochester, NY 14623. (585) 424-4625.

Houghton College Building New Equestrian Arena

(Houghton, NY) - A $2.4 million anonymous lead gift will enable Houghton College to construct a 36,400 square foot building which will house a 100’ x 200’ indoor riding arena. In addition to the arena, the project will feature 12 horse stalls, a welcome center, classroom, and concessions stand, as well as bleachers and viewing areas.

“We are grateful for this transformational gift to Houghton’s equestrian program,” said President Shirley A. Mullen. “It is a tribute to the vision of both the donor and to those in our own community, like Professor Jo-Anne Young, who imagined Houghton could be a leader in this area of study.”

In conjunction with the public launch on October 7, 2017, of its $70 million comprehensive campaign titled “IMPACT: The Campaign for Greater Houghton,” Houghton College will unveil the details of a $3.5 million Equestrian Center campaign. In addition to the construction of the new arena, the campaign will seek to fund upgrades to existing facilities, provide ample event parking, and establish an endowment fund for ongoing maintenance and operational costs for the facility.

The Kinley Corporation (Allegany, NY), in conjunction with project architects Clark Patterson Lee (Olean, NY), is slated to break ground during Houghton’s Homecoming festivities on Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 AM, with completion anticipated prior to the 2018-2019 academic year.

“The gift will expand our capacity to accommodate the growing number of students from across the nation who come to the college specifically for this program, as well as to serve more extensively the equestrian community of Western New York,” said Larissa (Strapellaro ’98) Reis, instructor and equestrian program director.

This expansion will further enhance the Houghton College Equestrian Center (HCEC), which was listed as one of the 20 Most Amazing College Equestrian Centers in the country by Best Value Schools this year, alongside major universities such as Michigan State, Penn State, Stanford, and Kentucky. Nearly 100 students and approximately 400 visitors used the center in the 2016-2017 academic year. In addition to hosting numerous college and high school teams, the arena, that number is expected to increase. While continuing partnerships with the United States Equestrian Foundation (USEF) and the Western New York Dressage Association, the HCEC looks forward to building new partnerships and expanding its services to a greater number of students and visitors.

Houghton’s equestrian studies program is known for academic excellence, professionalism, and experiential learning. The idyllic rural setting provides an ideal training ground for students to learn and train under Certificated Horsemanship Association (CHA) certified professors and Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) level clinicians. Graduates go on to careers as coaches, trainers, equestrian facility managers, college and university professors, directors of year-round riding programs at lesson barns and campconference centers, equine enterprises, and other related occupations.

To learn more about Houghton College’s Equestrian Center (HCEC), visit www.houghton.edu.

Visit us online at www.TheGoodNewsNewYork.com
The Needhams are comprised of Dave Needham, his sister Diane, and her husband Steve. The story begins a generation earlier with Dave Needham’s father, Patriarch David Needham, spent his early years singing with a local country group, The Genesee Sweethearts and continue to work behind the scenes in the Northeast. David and Eileen moved to Rochester County in New York. The couple was part of a local country group, The Genesee Sweethearts. God called them to Christian music, and they moved to the city of Rochester. By the age of 12, his parents asked him to add his voice to the pristine family harmony.

Steve Mummert is a Pennsylvania native who toured the Mid-Atlantic region extensively. He pursued a music career in New England playing with the likes of Lefty Frizzell and Marty Robbins before marrying his wife Eileen and moving to Genesee County in New York. The couple was part of a local country group, The Genesee Sweethearts. God called them to Christian music, and they moved to the city of Rochester. By the age of 12, his parents asked him to add his voice to the pristine family harmony.

Diane met David in 1992 at a music conference in Western New York. They began a whirlwind romance found her added to his stories about Dave. Diane was introduced to audiences at the age of 2 in LeRoy, NY, theater. Harmony was natural for the siblings, and adding Diane as drummer to The Needhams band framed out the band with David and Eileen playing guitars. Diane attended Roberts Wesleyan College in North Chili, New York, and met drummer Steve Mummert in Pennsylvania, where they moved after they wed. Diane honed her vocal skills and played guitar with Steve’s group un- til the couple joined The Needhams. A prolific songwriter, Steve pens songs for The Needhams and other artists, and adds her mandolin and vocal to the pristine family harmony. "

Daughter Diane was interviewed on audiences at the age of 2 in LeRoy, NY, theater. Harmony was natural for the siblings, and adding Diane as drummer to The Needhams band framed out the band with David and Eileen playing guitars. Diane attended Roberts Wesleyan College in North Chili, New York, and met drummer Steve Mummert in Pennsylvania, where they moved after they wed. Diane honed her vocal skills and played guitar with Steve’s group until the couple joined The Needhams. A prolific songwriter, Steve pens songs for The Needhams and other artists, and adds her mandolin and vocal to the pristine family harmony.

Steve Mummert is a Pennsylvania native who began drumming for his family’s group at the age of 12. His parents asked him to add his voice to the group when he turned 18, and the band toured the Mid-Atlantic region extensively. He met Diane at a music conference in 1992 and their whirlwind romance found her added to the family by the middle of 1993. In 1999, Steve approached Dave about joining The Needhams, and now Steve is the road manager for the band as well as drummer and vocalist.

Continuing a tradition of heartfelt music, The Needhams have released their latest work Fearless, which is already a favorite among Needhams fans. Fearless is comprised of ten original songs and features the family band, drummer Steve, but also David, Eileen, and Dave’s wife Diane.

A rich history of family harmony and their personal faith in Jesus Christ have brought The Needhams to where they are today. Ultimately, it is their goal to glorify God, encourage fellow believers, and share the Gospel.
DISCOVER SOME OF THE BEST CAMP & RETREAT CENTERS IN NEW YORK STATE

With 6 locations, we’re ready to serve you, just a short drive from Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Binghamton and Jamestown and everywhere in between.

Perfect for summer camps, youth or adult retreats, business meetings, training events, and so much more. Our team would love to help you make your next event a huge success.

ALDERSGATE
Camp & Retreat Center in the Adirondacks
ALDERSGATENY.ORG

CASOWASCO
Camp & Retreat Center in the Adirondacks
CASOWASCO.ORG

SKYE FARM
Camp & Retreat Center in the Adirondacks
SKYEFAARM.ORG

SKYE LAKE
Camp & Retreat Center on Taconic Mountain
SKYLEAKECENTERS.ORG

ASBURY
Camp & Retreat Center on Skaneateles Lake
ASBURYNY.ORG

FINDLEY
Camp & Retreat Center on Findley Lake
CAMPFINDLEY.ORG

UPPER NY CAMP & RETREAT MINISTRIES
UPPER NY ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
campsandretreats.org

CONTACT INFO
groups@campsandretreats.org
844-788-2485

PREPARE TO LEARN
PREPARE TO GROW
PREPARE TO SERVE

NYACK, NY
800-33-NYACK
WWW.NYACK.EDU

Visit us online at www.TheGoodNewsNewYork.com