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May 2023

“United Flyer”

Upcoming May Events



Mon., May 1 6:30 – 9:00 AM- 127th Annual May Breakfast

Sat., May 6 11:00 AM- Castile Library's Annual Tea Party

(To be held at the Castile UCC)



Sun., May 14 10:00 AM- Mother's Day



Sun., May 21 10:00 AM- Remembrance Sunday

Mon., May 29 9:00 AM- Castile's Memorial Day Service



Talks With Tammy

'Two Babies Talk In the Womb'



In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: 'Do you believe in life after delivery?'

The other replied, 'Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later.'

'Nonsense' said the first. 'There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?'

The second said, 'I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now.'

The first replied, 'That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded.' The second insisted, 'Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore.'

The first replied, 'Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one has ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere.'

'Well, I don't know,' said the second, 'but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us.' The first replied 'Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?'

The second said, 'She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that

we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist.'

Said the first: 'Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist.'

To which the second replied, 'Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and you really listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above.'"

<https://www.godupdates.com/10-modern-day-parables>

Church Directory

Temporary Pastor: Tammy Lathan

Tammy's Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursdays: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wednesdays – By Appointment

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Church Moderator: Dennis Miller - 493-2743

Bd. of Elder Chair: Bonnie Miller - 237-3958

Bd. of Trustees Chair: Scott Chamberlain -752-3454

Custodian: Brooke VanEpps - 689-7473

Director of Music: Barb Meyer - 322-7396

Facebook Live



Most all of our worship services can be viewed on Castile UCC Facebook Live or you can view it anytime at your own leisure.

May Preaching Schedule

7 - Communion Sunday
14 - Mother's Day Celebration
21 - Remembrance Sunday
28 - Pentecost Sunday – WEAR RED!



Newsletter Deadline

All newsletter articles for the "United Flyer" are due by the 15th of each month and are at the discretion of the church office. We welcome your submissions.



May Altar Flowers

7- Jenifer Wallace
14- Tracy Miller
21- Bonnie Miller
28- Colleen Bean



Brunch

Sunday, May 21, 2023 – Provided by the Castile UCC Women's Fellowship



Clerks Record

Clarence Lathan (Ron Lathan's father) – March 20



Castile UCC Food Pantry

The Castile UCC Food Pantry is OPEN!

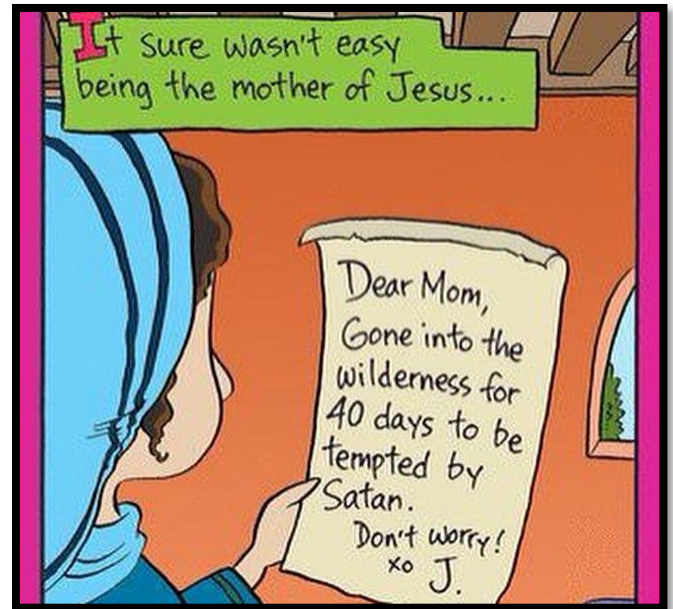
This Food Pantry is open to residence in the Town of Castile and **may be visited monthly.**

Christian Education News

Our Sunday School lessons are based on the weekly Children's messages taken from Sermons4Kids.com.

May 7 - 'Jesus Is the Way'
14 - 'Jesus Gives Us the Comforter'
21 - 'Up, Up and Away!'
28 - 'Filled With the Holy Spirit'

Last Sunday for Sunday School – June 11
'Education Sunday' – June 18



Thank you's

To **Jackie Swaby** for the beautiful Interpretive dance **and to Bonnie Miller & Shawn Strausbaug** for accompanying her.

To **Dennis Miller** for repairing one of our sanctuary pews.

To **Annette Adamczak, Suanne Redden, Tammy Lathan, Marlene Loomis & Sheri Brandes** for making our palm crosses for us.

To **all those who helped** with the Lenten & Easter Décor.

To **Tom Reagan** for hanging all of the Maundy Thursday & Easter Sunday cloths.

To **A. David Hurd** for continuing to wind the bell tower clock.

Board of Elders News

Hello to our Christian family and friends!



The Board of Elders has been busy with the special worship services of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday and Easter. With each service we endeavor to present a faith-based service that inspires and empowers you for the week ahead.

After these services, we will review them at the BOE meeting to assess what we might improve and what was a success. Our next special service is May 21st our Remembrance Service. As always, we look forward to your comments, suggestions and questions. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 4th.

See you at His house on Sunday morning.

Blessings,
Bonnie Miller Chairperson BOE



Board of Trustees News

Trustee's Items:

Fire Alarm System is an ongoing project

AED machine will be discussed at the next church council meeting.

“Spring Clean Up”

Parking Lot: 6-7 ton of crushed stone for the church parking lot from Genesee LeRoy Stone.

Church Painting: Brian Walton plans on painting the church trim.

Bell Tower Windows: The stained glass will be replaced with blue acrylic, as re-leading the windows is cost prohibitive.

St. Pauly's Used Clothing Drop-off Box

What to Donate: Used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, linens, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.

What NOT to Donate: Furniture, electronics, household items, books, toys, rags, pillows or fabric scraps. **Our latest check was \$142.13.**

Church Rental Fees:

Start planning for those Summer parties. The Embling Dining Hall is available for rent. It seats 100 people and is air conditioned.

The fee is \$50.00 for members and \$100.00 for non-members.



May Birthdays

- 6 - Logan Diver
- 8 - Lindsay Buckel
- 9 - Janet Smith
- 9 - Jacqueline Gelser
- 10 - Amie Feroletto
- 11 - Clyde Embling – Happy 90th Birthday!**
- 11 - Melissa Beardsley
- 12 - Donald Spencer
- 13 - Chyra Bowles
- 13 - Bonnie Scott
- 14 - Joyce Everingham
- 15 - Tammy Andrews
- 16 - Cindy Barber
- 16 - Abigail Hill
- 16 - Ayden Miller
- 20 - Angela Griswold
- 21 - Riley Mucher
- 25 - Mary Reagan
- 25 - Clair Beeman
- 26 - Meghan Soto
- 26 - Matthew Spencer
- 26 - Greg VanSlyke
- 28 - Dominik McLaughlin
- 28 - Quinn Bannister
- 29 - Marlene Loomis
- 30 - Aiden Salzler



May Anniversaries

- 29 - Rev. Dr. Clyde & Audrey Embling

Missions News

Scrap Metal Mission

- cast iron • copper • stainless steel • steel • brass
- aluminum • lawn mowers • electric motors • old machinery • power tools • hand tools • batteries

Please, NO: T.V.'s, computers, air conditioners, freezer, refrigerators (nothing with Freon in it.)

Contact Chuck Klein at 567-8204 for pick up.

SERRV

Fighting global poverty through fair and ethical trade since 1949.

Our Mission is to: "Empower small scale global artisans and farmers with long-term trading partnerships, helping our partners build sustainable employment, resources, rights, and hope in their communities."



Remembrance Sunday

On **Sunday, May 21** during our 10:00 AM Worship Service we will be holding our annual Remembrance Sunday.

If you would like to add a loved one who has passed in the last year, please contact the office.

The following is our current list:

Harlan Allen	Clarence Lathan
Mary Ellen Allen	Sandy Larson
Butch Beaumont	Joyce Sagar
Carol Casselberry	Rev. Sharon Schaus
Curtiss Chase	Mike Swyers
Patricia Corl	Clair "Dub" Swyers
Marjorie Hance Cowie	Thomas Swyers
William Embling	David Tallman
Audrey Evangelist	Sheri Tallman
Norma Fischer	Jenifer Watson
Marcia Horton	Kristen Weltzer
Minnie Jennings	Lettie Yates

"The Lord hath done great things for us."

Psalm 126:3a

Casual Walk-Through Matthew's Gospel

What Voice to Obey

Please read: Matthew 2:9-12

The Wise men heard King Herod and then they went on to accomplish their original goal. There is more to this, than a mere casual reading is ready to display. Just think about it. King Herod was an important figure at the time. He was a strong king who wielded a lot of power. To be invited to have an audience with him was no small potatoes. It was an honor given to very few.

To put it in perspective, just suppose the President of our country requested your presence. You are told he wants to discuss with you, your plans to accomplish some particular goal. Wow! It would be pretty easy to accept the President's request! After all, the President's interest in your endeavor is pretty special, and also to befriend such a person may very well have rewards for years to come! But these wise men did not go back to see Herod as Herod had requested. They heard two sides of the story; ONE SIDE WAS KING HEROD'S and they also heard in a dream not to go back to see Herod. They could have analyzed the whole picture and determined that after all, the decision they had to make was to obey a dream or obey the King of the country.

I wonder what we might do in such a situation. The wise men kept their title "wise men" because they obeyed the right voice. They did not allow the temptation to experience a brief grandeur to alter their overall goals in life. They knew what was the important message and what was the correct response, and they acted accordingly.

We have the same choice to make day in and day out. We are forever being tempted to set aside our primary goals in life. One after another "voice" seeks to throw us off course. We hear whispers that come to our ears and the excitingly shrewd or apparitional visions displayed before our eyes.

For real, we have the satanic influences circling around us like an airplane orbiting an airport waiting for permission to land! The tower at

airports grant permission for planes to land; we, by our decisions and actions, allow the base forces of evil to land upon and/or in us. Like Herod, who threw a curve at the wisemen seeking a strike out to cause the Wise Men to alter their journey, so we too have persistent temptations seeking to make us take detours in our journey that would derail our progress as disciples of Jesus. From all this we should be reminded that we are indeed called to be FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

When we fail in our efforts by changing whose voice we follow, we not only fail ourselves but we fail others! We become less of an example for Jesus when we draw a curtain over the role our Lord would have us display for others to follow.

From all we know, the wise men returned to their homeland in peace. They had read the stars correctly and joyfully; they had seen the child who was "born King of the Jews" (Matthew 2:26). You and I need to do as they did. Think about it. Thankfully, we have a whole lot more than the wise men had when they found the newborn child. We have the ministry of the newborn whom the wise men traveled to visit. Yes, we should be keenly aware that God's Spirit is forever with us, offering a source of strength and guiding wisdom.

As it was with the wise men, so it is with us. We have the same choice to make everyday: "Whose Voice Will I follow?" Be wise, be faithful, follow the path that God has planned for you to travel. The more you do that, the more your journey will be filled with joy and peace. There is no doubt about it!

Love to all, Clyde



Women's Fellowship

Our Mission Statement:

"Through the belief in our Living God, our mission is to reach out and support families and individuals in need, by sharing ideas and creativity, using our time and talents to strengthen ties in the community."

2023 Co-Chairs: Dawn Miller & Judy Goodneow

Co-Sec.: Mary Reagan & Marlene Loomis

Correspondence: Carol Becker

Treasurer: Cindy Feroletto

Next Women's Fellowship Meeting
Monday, May 8, 2023 – 11:00 AM

ALL Women are INVITED!!

'Meals & Missions'



Next meeting:

Thur., May 18
at 12:00 PM

May Modern Parable: 'A
Glass Of Water Changes A
Judgmental Woman'

The Castile UCC

127th Annual

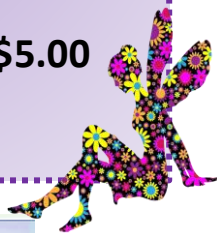
May Breakfast

Monday, May 1, 2023
from 6:30 -9:00 AM!

Ham, Sausage, Pancakes,
Scrambled Eggs, Baked Oatmeal,
Sweet rolls, Coffee, Tea & Juices.

AND... REAL MAPLE SYRUP

Adults: \$10.00 Children: \$5.00
Pre-school – Free



LIGHT HOUSE STATION



Mother's Day "Bottles for
Change" fundraiser. Bottles need to be

returned by Mother's Day Baby Bottle Campaign,
May 12, 2023. **The Castile UCC Women's**
Fellowship will match what the congregation
collects up to \$250.00!

Single Mom's "Breaking Bread" Club

Are you a single mom? Join us for free dinners & fun programs for Moms & Kids.

The group meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month 5:30 – 7:30 PM at

Breezeway Barn

141 North Center Street in Perry, NY

contact Jen Hall at jenhall@hiridge.com



Castile Library's Tea Party

Saturday, May 6, 2023

at 11:00 AM

Held at the Castile United Church of Christ

Tickets are \$15.00 each and are available at the Castile Library.



2023 American Girl of the Year Doll is "KAVI".

Whether it's music or dance, Kavi loves performing. She even choreographs a Bollywood routine with her friends for their school revue.



Kindness...

"Reach out and help others. If you have the power to make someone happy, do it. Be a vessel, be the change, be the difference, or be the inspiration. Shine your light as an example. The world needs more of that."

Military Personal Addresses

No address at this time, *but please keep them in your prayers.*

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