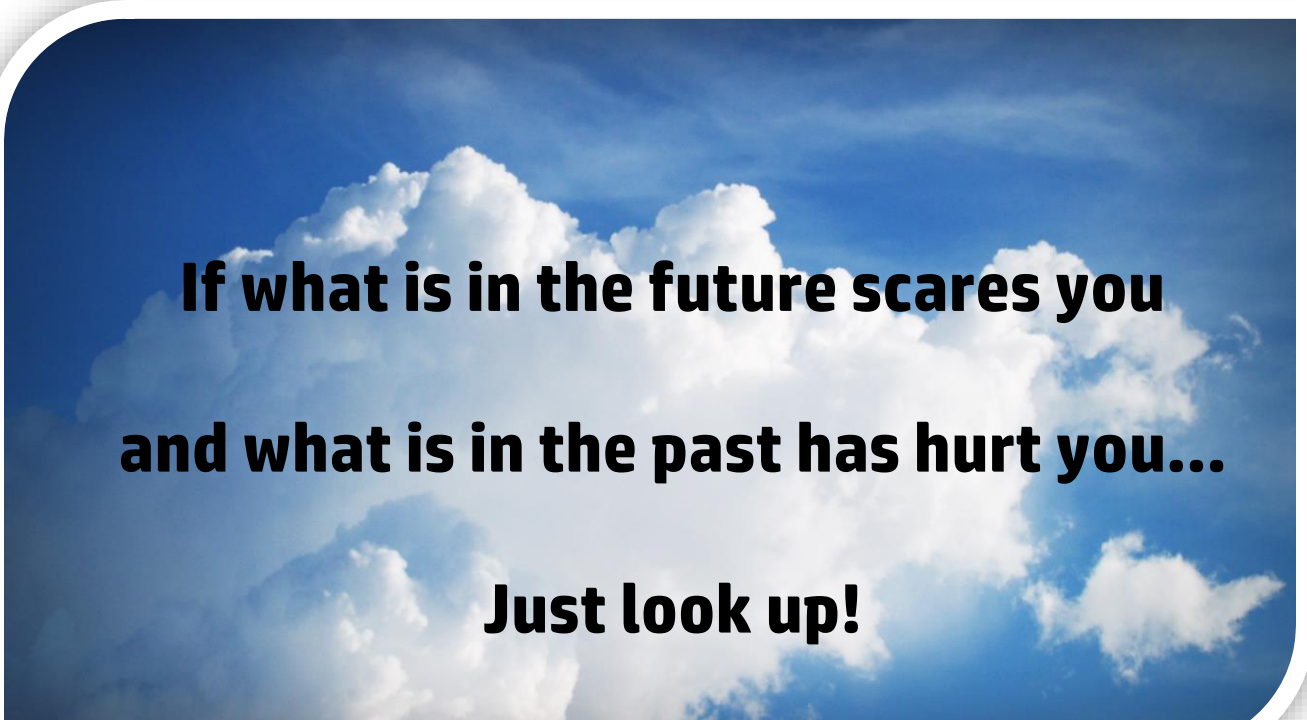


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**If what is in the future scares you  
and what is in the past has hurt you...  
Just look up!**

## Talks With Tammy



### Ignoring Warning Lights In Your Car

(PaulTripp.com OR Wednesday's Word | Paul Tripp)

It's happened to all of us at some point. It's maybe even happening right now to you: a warning light turns on in your car.

If you're old enough, like me, you once drove a vehicle that wasn't powered by a computer chip. Back then, the "warning lights" were warning sounds - a screech, a grind, a rumble, or a rattle. Today, you're alerted by a flashing light or mysterious icon or error code that pops up on the dash that you haven't seen before.

Immediately you know something is wrong. Fear and dismay set in. You grab the owner's manual and flip through the pages to discover what the hieroglyphics mean. Is it safe to finish this current journey? Is this the beginning of the end for this car? What's the cost going to be to fix whatever the problem is?

At the end of the journey, however, you arrive safely at your destination. The next day, the car turns on without a problem, and, despite the light flashing on again, you get from Point A to Point B again without any sense of danger.

Maybe it's just a computer glitch, you think to yourself. The car feels smooth to drive. It's probably not that big of a deal. Before long, the days turn to weeks, maybe even months, and you've trained your eye to no longer see the warning light that greets you every time you turn the car on.

I am convinced that spiritually, this is precisely what happens to us as Christians living in a fallen world. Every day, we should see warning lights flashing. Things are not okay! Danger is imminent! Something needs to be fixed!

But instead, sin has become such a familiar daily sight that we have trained our eyes to glaze over it or look the other way. Life is relatively comfortable enough, and the journey has been safe enough so far that the realities of life in a fallen world have become acceptable or even ignored.

The result? We quit paying attention. We're not on high alert. We're not motivated to act.

Meanwhile, the Bible is explicitly honest and filled with warnings. Not only do you have historical stories that drip with blood and are stained with greed, betrayal, and perversion, but you also have diagnostic description passages like Ephesians 6:12 (New Life Version) 12 Our fight is not with people. It is against the leaders and the powers and the spirits of darkness in this world. It is against the demon world that works in the heavens.

Or Romans 3:10-18 *The Holy Writings say, "There is not one person who is right with God. No, not even one! There is not one who understands. There is not one who tries to find God." Everyone has turned away from God. They have all done wrong. Not one of them does what is good. No, not even one! Their mouth is like an open grave. They tell lies with their tongues. Whatever they say is like the poison of snakes. Their mouths speak bad things against God. They say bad things about other people. They are quick to hurt and kill people. Wherever they go, they destroy and make people suffer. They know nothing about peace. They do not honor God with love and fear."*

Have **you** grown so comfortable living in a fallen world that you are driving with the warning lights on without any sense of concern?

Things are not okay around us or inside us. What feels "normal" should assault our eyes, ears, and conscience. Living on high alert makes us much more likely to sense danger before it strikes, leap into action to help others, and seek the wisdom of the One who wrote the owner's manual for life.

God bless, Paul David Tripp

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## Facebook Live

Most of our worship services can be viewed on Castile UCC Facebook Live or you can view it anytime at your leisure for up to 30 days.



## Volunteers Needed:

For a Sunday Morning *Facebook* Team. If you are able to help out with recording our Sunday Morning worship, please contact Pastor Tammy.

The goal is to put together a monthly schedule of volunteers. Step by Step instructions make the job easy. Please consider helping with this amazing Ministry. Thank you!

## Preaching Schedule

**Sept.3 – Labor Day Sunday**

*(In honor of Labor Day, we are asking everyone to wear clothes that would represent your profession or job.)*

**Sept. 10 – Castile Village Park Service & Brunch**

**Sept. 17 – Guest Speaker, Bonnie Miller**

Also 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sunday School

**Sept. 24 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



## Newsletter Deadline

All newsletter articles for the “United Flyer” are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and are at the discretion of the church office. We welcome your submissions.



## September Altar Flowers

**Sept. 3 – Kathy Spencer**

*(In memory of Max & Dorothy Spencer)*

**10 – Sueanne Redden**

*(In memory of April Dawn Stocker)*

**17 – Marcy VanZandt**

**24 – Lisa Gunn**



## Clerk Records

**Deaths:**

**Timothy Lindsey** (July 30, 2023)

Son of Rose Anne & Theodore Lindsay

**Weddings:**

**Patrick Fontaine & Elizabeth Miller**

*(August 12, 2023)*

Parents: Steve & Tracy Miller

Grandparents: Greg & Connie VanSlyke



## Brunch:

Sun., September 10 in the Castile Village Park. The Brunch will be provided by Bd. of Elders. Please bring your own lawn chair.



## Thank you from Marlene

There are not words to express my appreciation to my family, Pastor Tammy, my church family and friends for all of the support during my recent pituitary surgery. Four hospital stays and recovery was a challenging time.



However, the bright spot in such a dark experience was the concern you showed to me, you may feel that the things you did were small, but you lifted my spirits, and you strengthened me and my family.

May the Lord bless you!  
Marlene Loomis



## Kindness...

"Be kind to people, you have no idea what they're going through."  
— Linda Greyman



## Castile UCC Food Pantry

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

Contact the church office at 493-2840 to set up an appointment.



## Thank You's

To **Beverly Edwards** for returning another \$124.45 in Pop Cans.

To **everyone who donated scrap metal and to Chuck Klein** for returning it in for the church. The latest amount was \$23.00.

To **Patrick & Cindy Feroletto** for cleaning and reorganizing the Sunday School Classroom



## St. Pauly's Shed

**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.



## Missions News

### **Scrap Metal Mission**

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

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

**Contact Chuck Klein at 567-8204 for pick up.**



## SERRV

Bangladesh - Since 1981, SERRV International has partnered with artisans in Bangladesh. Your SERRV purchase provides artisans in Bangladesh employment, a fair wage, and freedom from exploitation.

Through sales of their products, these artisans also gain access to business training, awareness of women's rights, health and nutrition programs, and education for their children.

Artisans also help to improve their local environment, investing in deep wells for fresh drinking water and, sanitary toilets in homes.

## Church Rental Fees:

### **Wedding Showers? Family Reunions?**

We would like to remind you that the Embling Dining Hall is available for rent.

Member fee is \$50.00 and non-members \$100.00. This includes use of the church dining room, kitchen, handicap accessible bathroom, handicap lift, several refrigerators for food, 10 burner stove with two large ovens, Bunn coffee maker and AIR CONDITIONING!

**NOTE: As we no longer have trash service at the church. You will need to take your trash home with you. Thank you!**



## Christian Education News

**Sunday School resume on Sun., September 17.**  
We will be using *Sermons4kids as our curriculum again this year.*

*September 3 – Moses & the Burning Bush*

*September 10 – The First Passover*

*September 17 – Parting of the Red Sea*

*September 24 – God Provides Manna*



## Singing to the Lord...

The Castile UCC Adult Choir resumes on **Sun., September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM!**

***“Make a Joyful noise to the Lord, all the Earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing!” (Psalm 100)***

The Choir is grateful for the support of the Elders, Trustees and congregation as we strive to bring you meaningful, musical messages each Sunday. As our numbers have decreased, our anthems are now more accessible for many voices. Won't you consider joining us for as much of the season as possible?

**Thank you,  
Barb**

## September Birthdays

1 - Braydon Miller  
1 - Keaton King  
2 - Emma Ikeler  
3 - Charles Klein  
5 - Gidget Tallman  
6 - Timothy McMullen  
6 - Kelly McLaughlin  
10 - Bonita Stenshorn  
16 - Marcia McMullen  
18 - James Loomis  
18 - Bonnie Miller  
18 - Sandra Sickles  
21 - Daniel Brandes  
21 - Andrew Klein  
23 - Rachel Schumacher  
26 - Melissa Dake  
26 - Mark Miller



## September Anniversaries

7 - Paul & Abbey Scott  
9 - Mark & Kathleen Donlon Miller  
27 - Jim & Linda Little  
29 - Chris & Lynn McNamara



## Single Mom's "Breaking Bread" Club

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

**September 10 5:30 – 7:30 PM  
24 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Breezeway Barn  
141 North Center Street in  
Perry, NY**

Contact Jen Hall at [jenhall@hiridge.gmail.com](mailto:jenhall@hiridge.gmail.com)





## Casual Walk Through Matthew's Gospel

BAPTISM OF JESUS      MATTHEW 3:13-17

John evidently was taken aback! Jesus came to him, and asked John to baptize him. Hundreds of pages have been written about why Jesus went to be baptized by John. The concern and unending discussion is "why?" Why did Jesus, being sinless, need to be baptized for the remission of sins? The answer is, of course, he didn't!

For our casual walk through the Gospel of Matthew, that theological discussion is not all that important. What we need to grasp is that Jesus requested John to baptize him. When John was hesitant, Jesus said, "Let's just do it, for it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness. The "New Century" Bible reads: "Let it be, for now, we should do all things that are God's Will."

Here we can see what is true for us everyday, and often several times in any day, we come upon a "fork" in the road. A time when we have to choose to take the road dictated by our faith OR the road leading to personal ambitions in opposition to God's Will.

Robert Frost wrote one of my most treasured poems: "The Road Not Taken". The poem ends with these words: "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference".

Jesus, as always, chose the right road and it did in fact, "make all the difference." Jesus' baptism was very important for the public. It (A) gave authenticity to John's ministry; (B) revealed Jesus' acceptance of Divine Grace; (C) signaled the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

Jesus, as always, took the right road when he met a fork in the road. And God announced Jesus' Sonship once again with the words, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

In our daily walk down the road of life, no matter how old we may be, or how young, (if old enough to travel alone) we need to realize that when two roads diverge, we can not take both! We need to be sure we take the one Jesus would take.

Jesus would take, the same one where the Spirit calls us to travel. Let the Spirit of God guide your feet that your travels will be an ongoing blessing granting you with a joy and peace beyond all comprehension and a life that has no end.

Peace & Love - 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 Goodenow

**Co-Sec.:** Mary Reagan & Marlene Loomis

**Correspondence:** Carol Becker

**Treasurer:** Cindy Feroletto

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING – ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!**

**Mon., September 11, 2023 At 11:00 AM**

**BAKE SALE**



**BAKED FOOD SALE - Sat., Sept 2 at 9:00 AM  
at Woodstream Campground**

**ALL Baked Food Donations SHOULD BE AT  
CHURCH by 9:00 am ON Friday Sept. 1**

## SAVE THE DATE

Women's Fellowship Prayer Brunch  
Sat., October 28., 2023  
10:00 AM

Theme is: "A Bead and a Prayer"

Host Church: Castile UCC

Presenter: Pastor Tammy Lathan



## 'Meals & Missions'



## 3rd TUESDAY Of Each Month

Next meeting:  
Tues., September 19  
at 12:00 PM

*You are invited to join us  
and to bring a dish to  
pass if able.*

September Modern Parable: "Do You Matter?"



## Castile Silver & Gold

Silver & Gold is for residents in the Town of Castile and Gainesville, including Silver Springs that are 55 and older.

**They meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month  
at the Castile UCC at 6:00 PM.**

Everyone BRINGS a dish to pass and after the meal, enjoy a program with interesting speakers. Dues are \$10.00 a year. It is a fun way to socialize, and they go on occasional bus trips.

**Contact: Linda Little – 493-2992**

**Marcia Maines – 322-3844**

**Sharon Willis – 237-3460**

## Castile Historical Society

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of March, June, Sept.  
& Dec.

**NEXT MEETING: Thur., September 7, 2023  
6:00 PM at Castile UCC**



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in your thoughts and prayers.**

**Nathan Scott**

**Brianna Miller**

**Daniel Scott**

**Christopher Meyer**

**Tyler Smith**

## *It's Why I Bake*

### **And It Has Nothing To Do With Food...Well Not Exactly**



One of the most valuable things I've learned about baking has nothing to do with food. It has to do with my mental health.

Spring, with all the fun things to look forward to, can be stressful especially if you have children in school with all the end of the year papers and projects.

There is a reason people bake when they are stressed. It can really help. personally when I needed an outlet.

The thing about baking for stress relief is that there is no age limit. People young and old have found serenity in the process of baking.

So yes, one of the most valuable things I have learned in my baking journey, is how therapeutic it can be. Here's why:

**Direction:** There is a direction from the beginning to the end. The recipe tells you exactly what to do step by step. You are not required to make decisions. In a world where you are constantly wondering what to do, you are told exactly what to do.

**Working with your Hands:** With technology's ever growing presence in our daily lives, many of us subconsciously long to work with our hands to complete a task just as our ancestors have. Working with your hands can allow your thinking mind to check out for a moment. You deserve a break.

**Consciousness in the Present:** When we are stressed or anxious, it is easy to start borrowing tomorrow's troubles. Baking requires your attention to be in the present. It forces you to slow down, be present, and focus on the task at hand.

**Triggering 5 Senses:** The smell of the ingredients, the feel of the dough, the sound of Dough, Whisk scraping against the side of the bowl, the sight of the separate ingredients combining into one, and the taste of the end product. Baking can be so captivating that it has the potential power to melt away stressors, even if it is just for a minute.

**Accomplishment:** At the end of the baking process you have a tangible item to be proud of. You have successfully accomplished your task at hand and you can close your cookbook feeling content.

The power of baking goes far past the tasty results at the end.

Submitted by Bonnie Miller



### **WHEN TO BE SILENT**

**Be silent** - in the heat of anger.

**Be silent** - when you don't have all the facts.

**Be silent** - when you haven't verified the story.

**Be silent** - if your words will offend a weaker person.

**Be silent** - when it is time to listen.

**Be silent** - when you are tempted to joke about sin.

**Be silent** - if you would be ashamed of your word later.

**Be silent** - if the issue is none of your business.

**Be silent** - if your words will damage someone else's reputation.

**Be silent** - if your words will damage a friendship.

**Be silent** - when you are feeling critical.

**Be silent** - if you can't say it without screaming.

**Be silent** - if you have already said it more than one time.

Submitted by Jen Griesbaum