

# Lyndonville United Methodist News



## Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs July—August 2023

### July

July 2	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
<b>**Shared Service With Presbyterian Church**</b>		
July 4	<b>**Happy Independence Day!!**</b>	
July 9	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
July 11	Ad Council Meeting	6:30PM
July 16	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
July 23	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
July 30	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM

### August

Aug 6	Worship Service @ Presbyterian Church	10AM
<b>** Shared Service AT Presbyterian Church**</b>		
Aug 7	Hope Resale Meeting	6PM
Aug 13	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Aug 15	Ad Council Meeting	6:30PM
Aug 20	Worship Service—Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Aug 27	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM



### Summer Hope Resales Hours

Wednesday 10AM—1PM  
Thursday 5PM-8PM  
Friday & Saturday 10AM-1PM

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#### Service Times

Sunday School 9:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary &  
Online 10:00 am

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# Birthday List

## JULY

2—Terry Woodworth  
3—Louann Manning  
7—Tony Fiasco  
16—Robin Boyle  
26—Scott Goetze



## August

5—Ed Urbanik  
9—Cari Wass  
11—Alexis Strickland  
16—Doug Pratt  
20—Tony Trupo  
22—Anne Hyndman  
24—Marcie Boyce  
26—Denise Adams  
28—James Flint  
31—Marcia Clark

## JULY

3

Rick & Robin Boyle

7

Brian & Patti Gawnne

21

Don & Kathy Goldsmith



HAPPY Anniversary

## August

12

Lee Sr. & Marcie Boyce

31

Calvin & Kristin Wadford



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING!!!!**

**“Remember whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” 2 Corinthians 9:6**

**Let us continue practicing “Extravagant Generosity.”**

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**P.O. Box 483 Lyndonville NY 14098, or online through Tithe.ly**



*The Vast Multitude*

Living in a small town, as many of us do, allows for isolation from those who think, live, play, and worship differently than we personally do. A Lyndonville resident

can go for days—or weeks—without encountering a person of color, for instance.

When I left our fifty-two-acre homestead on Ridge Road following high school graduation, my world began to expand in greater ways. First at a Bible school with students from many backgrounds, then spending a school year in New York City, followed by years at both public and private educational institutions. My first ministry post was in the arts community of Buffalo and later in a largely Hispanic neighborhood. My small life has been expanded and enriched by all those experiences.

Jesus was scorned due to his associations. He did not stay close to his hometown and synagogue and only associate with his kind. Think of the story of Jesus conversing with the woman at the well.

Something I have learned in life is that your opinions of others change when you enter their world and they enter yours. If you are white and happen to make friends with a black person, that is formative. If you have never gotten to know a rich person—if you are poor—you may be stuck with learned prejudices. A pastor friend recently shared with me his evolution of theology, as we conversed while eating ice-cream,

and I told him that I had previously “figured him out” and had stereotyped him, only to be wrong.

When possible, reach out to someone who is different than you are. God did not choose to make everyone just like you and me (thankfully!). Heaven will not be the dwelling place of one race, one political party, or those of one geographical area. Revelation 7.9 reads, “there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.”

As children we sang, “Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.”

One step towards understanding those of other backgrounds is to read books that expand your horizon. I remember reading the book, *Black Boy*, while riding the bus back and forth to a job in Atlantic City. I’ve enjoyed the fiction of Jewish author, Chaim Potok, in learning about the family and social lives of Orthodox Jews. Not being raised Catholic, I feel more familiar with Catholicism since reading the memoirs of Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day.

Expand your horizon! There’s a bigger, more interesting world out there, and a new world of diversity to come.



*Pastor Tim Schultz*  
*Schultz*



## Who's in Center?

I love it when I can weave baseball into a message.... I was never an outfielder. Oh, I played it... rarely, usually for fun or in an emergency. Outfielders need depth perception, a decent arm, a good glove and range. I was an infielder... where the positions were better suited to my iffy throwing mechanics and my hockey goalie approach to fielding.

Olga's lament during her time with us was "God is doing a new thing," and she was right. The simple truth is that as we walk God's path, He is always doing a new thing on us, in us and through us. It is part of our becoming... becoming the people that we are meant to be in Christ. It's a simple process but not necessarily easy. It involves surrender, refinement, transformation, purging, forgiveness, sanctification, acceptance, obedience and hope. Not necessarily in that order.

As I get older, although maybe not so much wiser... one of the things that I am both convinced of and greatly relieved by is that I don't have to know all the answers. I have come to believe that real grace (received offered, and applied) is less about knowing the right answers and so much more about learning to ask the right questions. How does this apply to God doing a new thing in our lives and playing center field? What would the question to ask be? I think we might be inclined to ask "What is God doing?" or "What does God expect from me?" or maybe even "Why me?" The problem with these questions is that they all start from an "I need to know before I go" mindset. When I think of these responses... and I have certainly thought them.... I remember God's response to Job ... "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge?" "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?" If you've read the Book of Job you know that God doesn't answer Job's questions, he reminds Job of who God is. God typically won't tell us what He is doing, or why... He usually answers such self-serving inquiries by telling us who he is... and who we are in Him. And, I don't mean the "I'm big and you are small" take on that. I mean the "I Am... and you are my beloved child" version.

Perhaps a question to carry on our hearts would be: "How can I be prepared for the next thing God brings me?" This is a question rooted in the knowledge that God will indeed bring to us a new thing. It's a question rooted in anticipation rather than consideration. It's proactive rather than reactive.

The answer to this question comes by letting Jesus play centerfield. A team's centerfielder is typically the outfielder with the best glove, can cover the most ground, and the best overall ability. Just like a manager writes out his lineup card for every game we should be just as deliberate by putting Jesus at center in our lives every day. We must be intentional in our relationships - especially with Jesus. Putting Jesus at the center improves our perspective, our disposition, our service, our gratitude and our worship. If worship for us is only about what we get out of it and rarely about what we put into it... it will always be less than it could be, and should be. Jesus always desires what is best for us and does not want us to settle for less than His best ... why are we so willing to do just that by making Jesus sit on the bench in our lives.

God is always doing a new thing. Asking Jesus to play center field in our lives puts everything else in order. Only Jesus has the strength, range, and vision to see the whole field, to anticipate every development, every foul ball, every curve, every nuance, every little (or not so little) thing. Our response to His leading should be more proactive than reactive. We must remember that it's not about having all the answers but learning to ask the right questions. What questions will you ask? It's quite possible that the most appropriate question to ask would be.... "What's next?"

Faithfully,

- Anne Hyndman



# ***Summer Service Swap***

## **Sunday July 2, 2023**

LYNDONVILLE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH WILL BE HOSTING THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY  
WITH SERVICE STARTING AT  
10:00AM

*\*\*Coffee Hour Immediately Following Service\*\**

## **Sunday August 6, 2023**

LYNDONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH WILL BE HOSTING THE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FAMILY WITH  
SERVICE STARTING AT 10:00AM



Laurie Bradley will be setting up at  
10am Saturday Morning (7/1)  
please Come help if you are free!!

**If you are willing to help bring cookies, fruit, cheese/crackers please let Laurie Bradley know. Store-bought or homemade are fine!**

# Two Ways to Pray (as you head to church)

*(This is the ending of an article written by UK pastor, Sam Allberry)*

So, here are two ways to pray as you head to church, regardless of how indifferent or even fearful you might feel about going.

First, pray that at least one thing would be a significant encouragement to you. Be *open* to being encouraged. Look for encouragement. It might be a lyric from one of the songs you sing. It might be someone's prayer, or a line from a sermon. It might be something someone says to you before the service begins or after it ends. Ask God for this. He means to encourage you.

Second, pray that you would be a significant encouragement to at least one other person. It might be what you say to them. It might simply be seeing you there, faithfully attending even when you don't fully feel like it. Stick around long enough to have one meaningful conversation. I'm shy — I don't like moving into a crowded coffee space after church not knowing whom to talk to. But I love lingering in the pew talking to whoever's around me.

God has designed us to be mutually encouraged by meeting together regularly as his people. To seek it is to go exactly with the grain of what God wants to do for us. These are prayers God means to answer. Trust him as you walk into church again.



Sam Allberry (@SamAllberry) is a pastor, apologist, and speaker. He is the author of *Why Does God Care Who I Sleep With?*



**From 9:00 AM until Food is Gone**

<b>FRIDAY JULY</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>FRIDAY JULY</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>FRIDAY AUGUST</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>FRIDAY AUGUST</b>	<b>18</b>

Praise the  
Lord from  
the Earth you  
creatures of  
the ocean  
depths.

Psalms 148:7



# July 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Hope Resales 10am-1pm
2 WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM 	3	4 	5 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	6 Hope Resales 5PM-8PM	7 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	8 Hope Resales 10am-1pm
9 WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM	10	11 <i>AD Council Meeting @6:30PM</i>	12 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	13 Hope Resales 5PM-8PM	14 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	15 Hope Resales 10am-1pm
16 WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM	17	18	19 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	20 Hope Resales 5PM-8PM	21 Hope Resales 10am-1pm	22 Hope Resales 10am-1pm
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THIS IS THE DAY  
THAT THE LORD  
HAS MADE; LET US

*rejoice*  
& BE GLAD IN IT.

PSALM 118:24 ESV