

The Vision

November 2021

The Monthly Newsletter of
Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Bergen, NY

From the Pastor

Well, our lives will change again drastically a few months from now. Marty and I are expecting Lydia Jane Hammack to join us in early February. I know that it will be wonderful, as she will bring so much joy in our lives, but after having three children. I know there will be times of exasperation. I know that during that first night of having Noah, we were ready to pull our hair out. However, the next day, I found this great invention called gas drops and we were able to get a few more hours of sleep. With the twins... well, they are twins. Marty and I don't remember hardly anything of the first six months due to lack of sleep. Of course, I know that with raising a girl, the exasperation will be different (probably not as many wrestling matches and sword fights).

This word exasperation, is something that every parent will understand. The word caught my attention when I saw it in the book *Gently and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund. It is the book that I will be basing my devotions on during Door of Hope, an outreach ministry of our church. In the book, Ortlund describes what Jesus meant when he described himself as "gentle":

Meek. Humble. Gentle. Jesus is not trigger-happy. Not harsh, reactionary, easily exasperated. He is the most understanding person in the universe. The posture most natural to him is not a pointed finger but open arms.

I don't know about you, but I deeply appreciate the open arms of Jesus. We all can look at our lives and see where

we have sinned in terrible fashion. There have also been times when we have done things that while not sinful, are not the smartest things, and Jesus still welcomes us as His own.

I honestly think that I had the best sermon illustration of this ever. When we went on vacation, we took the dog flying with us (Those who have heard the story are already shaking your heads.) I tried to give the dog some turkey with a sedative wrapped up in it, but she was not having any of it, so here I am trying to get everything else together (I didn't have my seatbelt on yet.), and what do

I do with this turkey? So, I shrugged my shoulders, and popped the turkey in my mouth ... with the dog sedative.

It was at this point that I wondered if Peter or Moses was somewhere up in heaven, asking an angel, "Are you sure this guy is on our team?"

Why did I feel that way? Because let's be honest, there are times in all of our lives where we just shake our heads and think that there is no way that God would not get tired of us, that he would not get frustrated and exasperated with us so much that he would cast us away.

However, when Jesus said he was gentle (A better translation would be meek.), He is telling us that his heart is so kind and compassionate, He accepts all who come to him in faith, even those of us who accidentally eat dog medicine.

Pastor Brandt

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:29 (NIV)



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Office Hours:
Monday & Wednesday
9:30 AM – noon

Pastor's Hours:
Tuesday – Thursday
9:30 -noon (flexible)

New Administrative Assistant

We are glad to welcome Susan Miller as our new Administrative Assistant. As a committee, we think that we have the best candidate for this position. She has over 20 years of experience in church administration and that was obvious during the interview process. Her first day will be on November 22nd, but she has been training on Mondays. We are very excited about her enabling us to better minister to the congregation and reach out to our community with the Gospel.

In Christ,
Seth, Chad, and Brandt

Harvest Dinner

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow..."

Happy Fall to all of you!

Please save the date for the Harvest Dinner! Sunday, November 14, 2021.

We have missed fellowshiping with all of you over the last year or so. So... this year we are having a potluck church family harvest dinner, following the church service, on Sunday November 14, 2021.

We will provide meat, rolls, and drinks. You are invited to bring a dish to pass or a dessert. There are sign-up sheets in the sanctuary foyer and on the bulletin board in the hall to the fellowship hall.

We will also offer takeout, if you know of someone that you would like to deliver a meal to. Please also sign up for takeout.

Many thanks to Marty and her 'crew' for the ladies' luncheon last month. Thank you to Pastor Brandt for bringing the message. It was a wonderful time of great food and fellowship.

Let us know if you have any ideas for other ways that we can begin again to get together and enjoy our church family

The Fellowship Team: Eunie Ely, Helen Hill, Diane White, Delores Seward, Marty Hammack, Kevin Hollenbeck, Pam Patmore, Sandy Partridge

CE Update

Did you know that our older children's Sunday School class has been meeting using Zoom? This has allowed the McNear family to join us remotely each week. Let Alden Snell or Chad Caccamise know if you are interested in possibly joining a class remotely.

We thank the following people for their service teaching Sunday School classes this fall:

- **Young Elementary:** Chris and Dave Wright, Ruth Morse, Julie Foeller
- **Upper Elementary/Young Teens:** Chad Caccamise, Brandt Hammack, Seth McNear (remotely).
- **Adults:** Rob Willhoft, Wendy Caccamise, and Faith Willhoft.

We are continuing to work through the Gospel Project curriculum looking at the book of Judges during November.



Help share the

GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY of THE GOSPEL

Through Samaritan's Purse, the Operation Christmas Child program is making Jesus' name known across the globe with each shoebox gift:

- Pick up a box at either church entry to take home and pack with love
- Boxes due back to church Sunday November 21
- Please remember to include \$9.00 for shipping OR you can use the FOLLOW YOUR BOX label and make your donation online. This option allows you to discover the country destination of your shoebox.

If you would like to donate items for shoeboxes there will be a bin in the foyer. Feel free to take items from this bin if you need to complete your box as well.

There is a lot of information re: OCC including videos on the Samaritan's Purse website – take a look ... you will be inspired!

Any questions?? See Julie Foeller or email bfoeller@frontiernet.net

Deacons

Twice a year the Deacons send some encouragement to our college students with a personal note and a small gift card. Please remember them in your prayers.

Emily Caccamise – Daemen College

- In her 3rd out of 5 years for the Physician's Assistant program.
- First time living off-campus.
- PRAY for her anxiousness over grades and that she would be able to get good rest.



Kyle Foeller – Genesee Community College

- Will soon complete an Associate Degree in Business Administration.
- On the men's soccer team – enjoys playing teams from many countries including Scotland, Germany, Portugal, Brazil, and Peru.
- PRAY for guidance as he applies to colleges to complete his Bachelor's Degree.



Hannah Catalino – Houghton College

- Sophomore with a major in Inclusive Childhood Education.
- Enjoys playing on the women's Volleyball team.
- PRAY that she will develop nurturing friendships and stay close to the Lord.



You CAN Make a Difference

Sunday, November 7, is our normal food collection Sunday for the Salvation Army. We want to make this a special drive – bring an inexpensive manual can opener instead of or with your normal food donation.



Here's why: Folks whose income was disrupted by Covid had protection from eviction from rental properties under special pandemic-related regulations. Those protections are disappearing and folks who can't pay their rent are being evicted. Many are now living in motels.

Instead of having a full kitchen, folks in motels are consuming food that can be cooked in a microwave. They often get canned goods, but many don't have a can opener. Salvation Army is collecting can openers to distribute. Look for simple, manual can openers at stores like Dollar Tree, Dollar General or Family Dollar.

The Salvation Army continues to have a need for non-perishable foods like peanut butter. However, they would especially welcome non-perishable foods that are in packaging that can be easily opened and cooked in the microwave. Please consider this when shopping for your donation

Children's Minister

We continue to search for a **Children's Minister** to outreach to children and families both in the church and in the community. Details can be found at:

<http://www.bergenepc.com/employment.html>

Eleanor meets everyone, but let's meet Eleanor!

One cannot stay a stranger long when coming to our church, thanks to our friendly ambassador, Eleanor Bater. She and her husband were married in this church over 55 years ago. They raised their two children in Byron, living there for 40 years, and Eleanor now has four grown grandchildren. She worked for Ragu Foods as an Executive Secretary for 22 years, as well as other office jobs in the Batavia area.

Now living in North Chili after her husband's death, she enjoys gardening and tending her lovely landscaping. She certainly misses not being able to golf anymore! We are grateful for this outgoing "people person" in our body of Christ.

Caring for Homeless Veterans

Veterans Day is November 11, one day each year, but for two members of our Evangelism & Mission Committee, it comes every month. Shirley Harris and Joan Dermody make monthly visits to Eagle Star Housing in East Pembroke.

Eagle Star Housing has been helping homeless veterans become self-sufficient in upstate New York since 2012. It maintains 11 transitional homes in WNY where veterans can find temporary housing as they move toward self-sufficiency. The East Pembroke facility can house up to 16 male veterans.

Each veteran at Eagle Star receives

- A bedroom, a bed (sheets and linens provided), a dresser, a nightstand, a lamp and a closet that locks for personal items
- A freshly prepared and nutritious dinner provided daily
- Healthy food options provided for independently prepared snacks, breakfast and lunch
- Medication storage and oversight
- Training in certain life skills, budgeting, relapse prevention and hygiene
- Assistance in housing and employment searches
- Transportation to medical, mental health and substance abuse treatment as needed.
- Collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs and other community organizations to locate stable and affordable long-term housing options

So what do they need that our church can provide? Socialization. The knowledge that someone cares for them as they work to get on their feet again. They're hungry for fellowship.

That's what Shirley and Joan provide. They bring homemade snacks to share with the men. They play bingo each month, and the men enjoy small prizes. Then they sit around and talk, like you might visit around the dining room table after a family meal.

Pastor Brandt has accompanied Shirley and Joan several times. Before they leave from a visit, they ask if they can pray with the men. "Everyone always stays for the prayers," Shirley said. "And hugs, too. We never leave without giving everyone a hug."

The bingo prizes are simple gifts the men enjoy, like toiletries, soap or socks. Every prize is accompanied by a handwritten card that has a scripture message of encouragement.

"The guys really appreciate your visits," said Kristin Danosos, the site manager.

Another BEPC mission that connects with these veterans is the bike ministry coordinated by Stu Freeman. Stu has visited the facility and offered bicycles that he has refurbished for the veterans. They have been especially welcomed by vets who are moving into more stable

housing in Batavia. Many of the Eagle Star residents have lost their driver's license, so the bike provides essential transportation to get around town.

Prayer needs for the Ministry to Homeless Veterans:

- That the men would sense the love of Jesus through visitation from Shirley and Joan.
- That others might feel called to join the visiting team.
- That simple gifts can be donated to take to the men.
- That those residents struggling with troubled pasts can find peace, stability and self-sufficiency.

Shirley and Joan invite everyone to join them on their visits. They would especially like some men to join them.

You can hear more about Eagle Star Housing on Sunday, November 21, when Tim Klose, the facility's assistant manager, is coming to speak to us.

"It's amazing how the men open up to us," said Joan.

"We're not really supposed to talk about religion," said Shirley, "but the men are very open to discussing spiritual issues."

Honoring our Veterans

Let's not forget our church family members who served. Several in our congregation are veterans and should be recognized during November.

They include:

- Jesse Craig, currently serving in the Air Force
- Bob Cosgrove
- Stu Freeman
- Fred Ely
- David Hahn
- Christie McAllister Komarek
- Keith Marshall
- Charlie McAdam
- Harvey Morse
- Paul Rider
- Rick Stacy

Son Risers

The Son Risers ministry enhances men's lives through God's Word, spiritual & emotional fellowship, and corporate & individual prayer.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20

How to characterize a Son Riser?

- Multi-generational group (ages 40 - 80+)
- Serious in spiritual disciplines but like to have a laugh or two.
- Compassionate, giving and caring
- Reaching for spiritual formation & Biblical knowledge. Taking the initiative in leadership when needed
- Honest about ourselves and willing to change
- Seeking to know GOD and be a disciple of Jesus.

During the last 18 months, The Son Risers ministry has been underground with no public activities – all the meetings were on the Zoom platform.

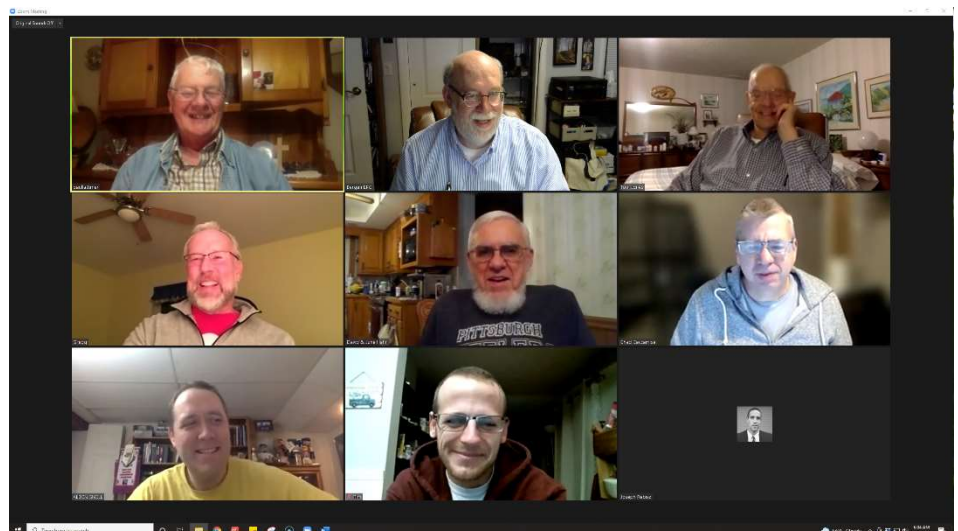
But the Son Risers Ministry has increased – meeting weekly rather than every other week, involving new participants, and allowing more time to study and discuss God's Word. The COVID pandemic may have been a negative factor for some churches, but the Son Risers Ministry has been an enhanced, positive presence of Christ through God's Word and in Christ's body, the church. The Son Risers Ministry has provided a way for our brothers to continue meeting together and encourage one another (Hebrews 10:25).

The future of the Son Risers Ministry is hopeful and shining. On Thursday, November 4 at 6 AM the Son Risers will meet at the Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall for breakfast, devotions and prayer. We will alternate between meeting at church for breakfast and meeting just on Zoom.

We will meet for breakfast every other week (11/18, 12/2, 12/16, and 12/30. Zoom will be available every week for others to join who can't come in person.

The Son Riser Ministry has increased our impact throughout Monroe and Genesee Counties by using Zoom. Some of the Son Risers cannot attend the face-to-face Son Risers meeting in the Fellowship Hall because of time factors or distance.

The Son Risers will continue to invite brothers to join us to seek God, to know His Word and to pray. Join us! If you need more information concerning the Son Risers ministry contact Rob Willhoft at willhoft@gmail.com or Paul Lattimer (585) 494-6057 or pklattimer@gmail.com.



<https://zoom.us/j/174329619?pwd=a3gya3dqampudG9zR3JGdGcrM3R2Zz09>

Organ Update

As our church continues its pledge campaign for renovating the organ, many have asked for more information about the instrument, including more detail about its problems. This is the third of three newsletter updates highlighting the instrument's primary problems.

The third thing our organ needs is for the wind pressure air regulators to be replaced. The air regulation system is the lungs of the instrument. When the instrument is turned on (this is the only non-mechanical part of the organ), a motor in the basement forces air into chests at the bottom of the instrument. As stops are pulled and keys are pressed, the air is released from the chest, passing through the pipes, making the instrument sound. Currently, there is air leakage throughout the system, which leads to uneven sound when playing the instrument. This part of the project involves two steps. First, the pump in the basement and the connecting sleeve to the instrument need to be replaced. Second, several adjustments need to be made inside the air chests in the instrument: many screws and other pieces of hardware have slipped over the years. With new lungs, the instrument will be ready to lead congregational singing for many years to come.

Next month, we will share a short comparison of life between 1907, when the instrument was installed, and 2021. Please continue to spread the word about the organ restoration pledge drive, and let Fred Ely, Tom Jones, Alden Snell, or Rob Willhoft know if you have any questions.

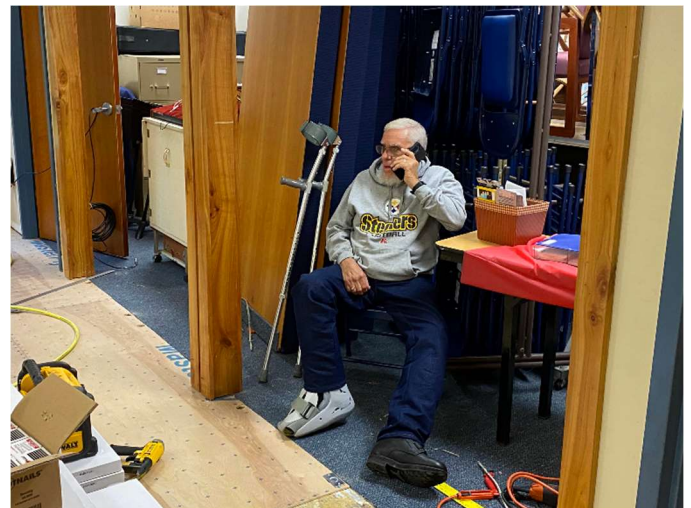


\$85,000

\$40,250

New Flooring

The fellowship hall has a wonderful new floor. We don't have an article about the work, but we have some pictures that Tom Jones took during the work.



Sewing With a Purpose

Three Teddy Bears were delivered to the YWCA for the **Domestic Violence Safe House**. When a mom arrives with her children, each child is given a teddy to cuddle with for security.



To make these treasures it takes 4 people. Here is the SWP Teddy Bear Team:



- June Hahn -- cuts each teddy bear from fleece
- Debbie McAllister -- embroiders each face and heart
- Pam Patmore - stitches each teddy on the sewing machine
- Sandy Partridge stuffs each teddy and hand sews the opening closed.

Gleaning Ministry

Over the past few months, our gleaning team has sorted through a total of three trailer loads of potatoes. This October they picked butternut squash two times out of fields close to Lake Ontario. Currently our team is busy removing the outer leaves from donated cabbages.

Our October vegetable washes were a success! On October 9th, the veggie wash team cleaned a half ton of potatoes and quite a few butternut squash. On October 23rd, the team cleaned almost a full ton of potatoes.

A huge thank you to our gleaning and veggie wash teams. Your hard work is appreciated! The vegetables are donated to local organizations throughout the winter season to help those in need.

FoodLink

Thank you to the intrepid volunteers who spent a few hours in the rain on Tuesday in order to distribute food to our neighbors from our church parking lot. Here are some statistics about the drive and its impact on the community:

We served 117 families. Several of the folks who come are picking up food for multiple families, so we didn't have 117 actual people coming, but that is how many families were registered as recipients.

Those families represent 86 senior citizens, 195 adults, 126 children.

People were cheerful and thankful for the food that was given to them.

At the end of the distribution, remaining food is picked up by a variety of local food pantries that will use it for further distribution or groups that prepare free community meals, like the Methodist Church across the street. The local pantries include locations in Batavia, Pavilion, Oakfield, the Byron-Bergen Backpack program, Brockport, Churchville and some others. Special thanks to Jennifer White who coordinates this important final distribution.

We had 28 volunteers, including several first-timers who came when we sent a plea because several of our regulars were unable to come. This included seven teens who were a special help moving and carrying heavy boxes. Thanks to all who came out on a wet afternoon!

Because our distribution is outside, I had been praying that the heavy rain of the morning would stop at 3 pm when we begin to unload the FoodLink truck. While it didn't stop completely, the rain diminished considerably at that point and remained light during the distribution. As I was waiting for the final organizations that were picking up the remaining food, the rain increased considerably to a level that would have really soaked us if it had been like that for the previous two hours. God is good!

Our last food distribution for the year is November 23. Same time frame. The truck will unload beginning at 3 pm. We will be outside, so please dress appropriately. We hope you will consider volunteering.

Homeschool Co-op



The Bergen Area Homeschool Co-op is enjoying their meetings at Bergen Presbyterian. Each week we gather on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings. We meet in the Fellowship Hall, where we begin our day with exercises, scripture memory, singing, and devotions. We then split into age groups for math and language arts, heading to various classrooms downstairs. Each class is taught by a parent or a volunteer. Right now we have a nursery class, primary class, middle school class, and high school class. We also enjoy our music, art, and gym classes each week. At the end of the day, we meet back in the Fellowship Hall for share time, prayer, and dismissal. We had a great visit from the South Byron Volunteer Fire Department during Fire Prevention Month. The kids love their time learning, playing, and talking with friends.

Meet David Snell

Many in our church will remember David Snell, now 14, as an infant, being passed up and down the row of women in choir rehearsals both during the weekly rehearsal and also on Sunday morning before the service. He's now a high school freshman and is home-schooled along with his younger siblings. He enjoys participating in TAG, helping Chad Caccamise with Sunday School, and has become part of the technology team.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began and we were running our services remotely, Rob Willhoft needed some technical help. David Snell agreed to help, first by operating the phone recording our Facebook Live feed. As we transitioned to streaming our services on YouTube, David began helping with both sound and video upstairs in the back of the sanctuary. He is not only one of several persons in the church rotating on a monthly basis to run sound, project slides, and manage the video feed; but he has also become a leader involved in training others. Thank you, David!

TAG - Teens After God

REVERB

God is great and continues to work in the lives and hearts of our teens! The annual REVERB (formerly "Superbowl") youth event takes place in Rochester on the 5th and 6th of November. It is an all-night event that includes a Christian Teen Rally, awesome group activities and games, a phenomenal message given by a nationally known evangelist, all you can eat pizza, all night Total Sports Experience athletic events, go-carts, mini-golf, free arcade gaming, etc. This year we have over 30 teens attending with our youth group and even had to charter our own bus! Many of the teens coming do not attend a church and have never heard the gospel. Please keep our entire group in your prayers that weekend, and more specifically, that God will touch the hearts of some of our unsaved teens.

Our regular TAG youth group has been meeting on Sunday nights from 6:00-8:00PM. We may be changing the day/time to better align with the busy schedules many of our teens have. Stay tuned! Please keep all the teens of our group, and in Bergen, in your prayers.



Harvest Festival



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

The Harvest Fest was a joyful evening of fellowship and shining God's light in a dark world. The Catalino and Rebisz families enjoyed planning and preparing for the celebration. Treat bags were packed with candy and gospel tracts, games were set up, face painting skills practiced, firewood gathered, and many prayers prayed for the community folks who would attend. On October 31, volunteers gathered to warm up the cider, build the fires, and serve the donuts. At 6 PM our first guests arrived, warming themselves by the fire, listening to the live worship music, and enjoying the games, cider, donuts, candy, and face painting. Hundreds of people gathered inside and out for fellowship and cheer. The Light of the World was shining brightly to a world lost in darkness through the church's hospitality, generosity, and love. Thank you to all who helped gather all the things- fire pits, candy, cider, and donuts. Thank you to those who showed up to get the work done. And a special thank you to all who prayed that God's love would be at work in the hearts and lives of all who enjoyed the Harvest Fest. Prayer is where the action is!

Jocelyn Rebisz





The Harvest Festival was held from 6 to 8 on Sunday evening, October 31, 2021. David Catalino and Jocelyn Rebisz coordinated the event. There were fire pits outside, but most of the activities were inside this year. There was face-painting by Jocelyn and games run by Sonya and David, and several young Hammack boys. Marty, with Sonya's assistance was staffing the kitchen. Bill Engle provided music and Joe and Pastor Brandt greeted people and handed out goodie bags. And of course, there was lots of candy, donuts, and hot and cold cider.



A Peek at the Church Calendar

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, 11/7 – Food Collection for Salvation Army

Tuesday, 11/23, 3 PM – Last FoodLink of the year

Weekly

Sunday, 9:15-10:15 – Sunday School

Sunday, 10:30-11:45 – Morning Worship

Communion on first Sunday of the month

Sunday, 6:00-8:00 – TAG (see article)

Thursday, 6:00-7:00 AM – Son Risers (see article)

Other meetings

Sunday, 11/7, noon – Fellowship & Worship Committees

Wednesday, 11/10, 7 PM – Session Meeting

Sunday, 11/14, noon – Harvest Dinner (see article)

Sunday, 11/21, noon – E&M

Thursday & Friday, 11/25-26 – Office closed

Saturday, 11/27 – Door of Hope

Saturday, 12/4 – Community Christmas Concert

Office Hours

Watch for new office hours. Susan will be working on Monday to Friday in the afternoon, most likely about 12:30 to 4:00.

Community Events

Wednesday night community dinners have resumed at the Bergen Methodist Church. Please call the Methodist church office at 494-1312 to sign up. Take-outs and deliveries start at 5pm. Dine-in begins at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome. If interested in helping make dessert on Wednesday mornings, please contact Dawn at 356-6024.

The LeRoy Rotary Community Kitchen is offering free community meals every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, from 4:30-5:45pm, at the Catholic church on Route 19 in LeRoy. They serve a hot meal and provide a second, take-home meal to all who attend. Everyone is welcome.

The Fancher-Hulberton-Murray Firehall is having a Turkey party on Nov. 7th, at 3353 Hulberton Rd. in Fancher. They will be serving a spaghetti dinner and beverages from noon - 4pm. Tickets are \$2/person. Everyone is welcome.

Door of Hope



A Coffeehouse Ministry
of
Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church

November 27th at 6 PM

38 South Lake Ave, Bergen, NY

Young Lives

Young Lives is a ministry of Young Life. It is a ministry for teen moms through mentorship, community, and a life with Christ.

We are looking for childcare volunteers for a once-a-month evening meeting in Batavia (with the moms and their babies).

You must be at least 14 years of age. The meetings will last about an hour. Transportation can be provided.

If you are looking for a way to snuggle with babies and help teen moms, please call Sandy Partridge, Young Lives childcare coordinator at 585-414-4593.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

November Anniversaries

27 – Brian & Julie Foeller 28 yrs

December Anniversaries

21 – Tom & Cindy Jones 49 yrs

November Birthdays

3 – Garry Hutchurson 15 – Hannah Berggren
 5 – Richard Stacy 19 – Kevin Hollenbeck
 7 – Fred Ely 27 – Seth McNear
 11 – Loretta Miller

October Birthdays

1 – Brandt Hammack 19 – Rena Wilson
 3 – Isaac Buckland 19 – Rena Wilson
 4 – Donna Lacey 20 – David Brownell
 4 – Bethany Salvia 21 – Cindy Baker
 11 – Wesley McNear 23 – Wendy Caccamise
 11 – Sandy Partridge 30 – Peyton Goodenbery
 16 – Joe Rebisz 31 – Bev Wooton

Prayer

Those serving as Missionaries:

- Sarah Speer at the Kimia Center for Lepers in the Congo
- Jose Ulinov "Uli" Fernandez in Mexico
- Arber "Berti" Berhami with Campus Crusade in Albania
- Jesse vonBergen ministry to the Middle East through Arabic Bible Outreach Ministry
- Teachers in Sierra Leone with EduNations
- Tim Riley with Genesee County Young Life

Those fighting cancer:

- Dan Forno
- Stacy Cline
- Elaine Malkani - Cyndy Jones' sister
- Corky's friend, Sharon, fighting colon cancer
- Rosemary Utz - friend of McAllisters
- vonBergen's grandson - Joe

Continued healing

- Helen Hill's sister-in-law Dorcas Arbach
- June Hahn's niece Ann Crone
- Joan Miller

Those with ongoing challenges and needs:

- Henry and Diane Hammack (Pastor Brandt's parents)
- Aggie Redinger
- Delores Seward
- David Hahn
- Bob and Kathy Cosgrove
- Nancy Alfes
- Susan Brownell's grandmother - Hazel Newsom - and her caretakers - Susan's parents
- Paul and Sandy Harris
- Melanie Glucksman
- Evelyn Pangrazio - friend of Tom and Cyndy Jones
- Rusty Breton

Those who have lost loved ones:

- the family of Steve Baker
- the family of Max Jessop
- the Coxeter family
- the Slavin family

Our Church

- Our Session & Deacons
- Youth Leader, Joe Rebisz, and the youth of our church and our community
- Worship Leader, Christin Snell and those who minister in music each Sunday
- Christian Education, Evangelism & Missions, Finance, Nominating, Personnel, and Property Committees
- Pray for the other local churches in our area (and your area too!)
- The Servicemen & Women of the United States, as well as our Veterans and their families
- Our country's leaders and their advisors

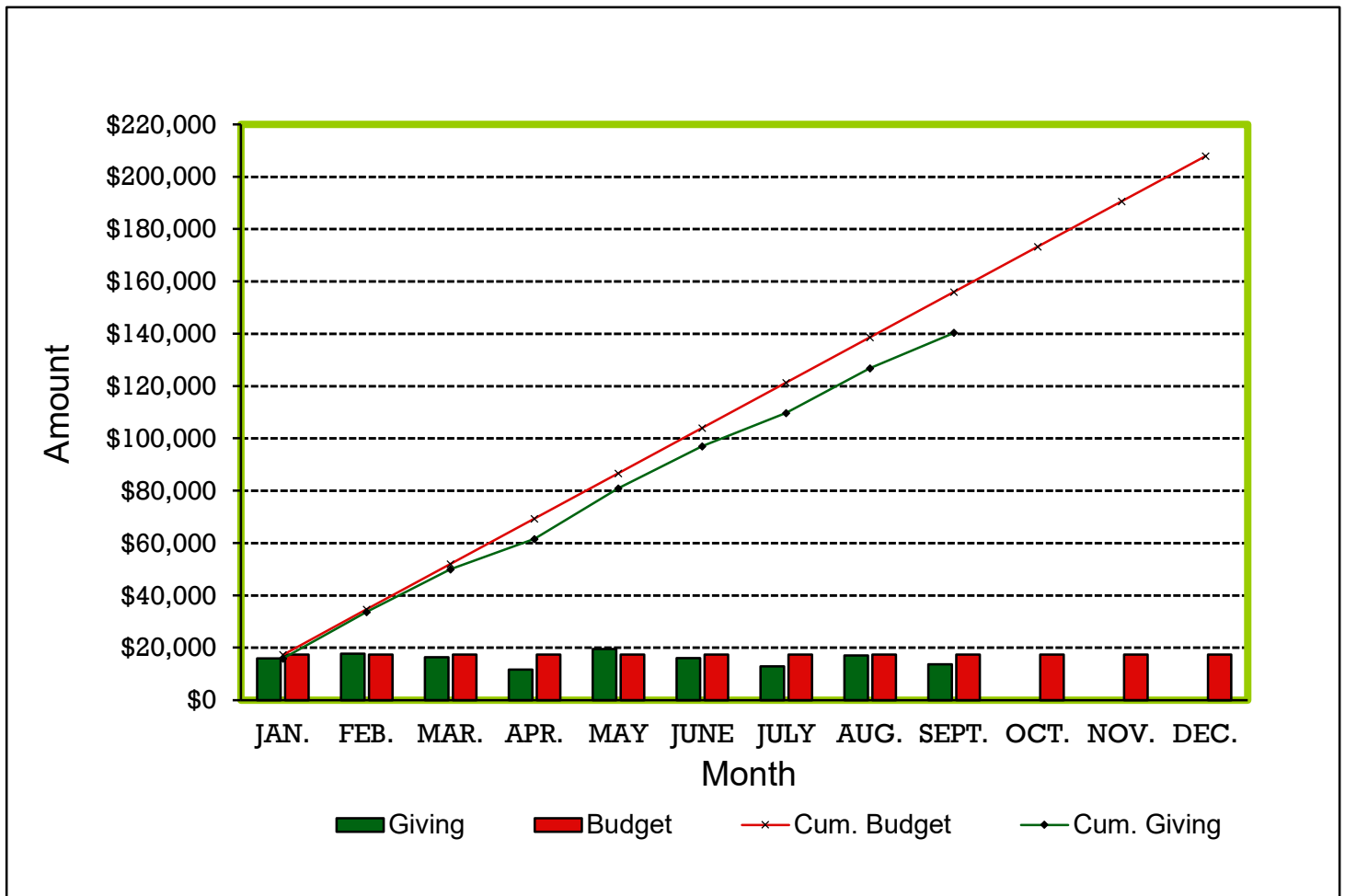
Church Finances

September 2021

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. [...] Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you."

1 Chron. 29:14,16

September was one of those months that commonly follow a month with good giving; namely, a month of poorer income. The total was \$13,593 and \$3,500 less than the giving for August. With September being the end of the 3rd quarter, our expenses were quite high, \$18,332; therefore, to pay the bills an extra \$4,600 had to be withdrawn from the accumulated income in the AIF.



MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2021
OPERATING FUND**Income**

Sunday offering:	\$9,138.50
Net Online Offering:	\$1,554.73
<i>*note – online offering reflects \$28.14 fee taken from gross donations from the vendor before deposit</i>	
Amortized one time gifts:	\$2,900.00

<i>Total New Receipts</i>	\$13,593.23
<i>Opening Balance (from previous month)</i>	\$449.05
Total Funds Available (opening balance + new receipts)	\$14,042.28

Expenses

Gross Expenditures for the month	\$18,331.57
Line Item Paybacks received this month that reduce expenses	
• None	\$0.00

Net Expenditures for the Month	\$18,331.57
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Accumulated Income Fund Transfer Needed to cover Expenditures	\$2,900.00
Extra Monthly Amortized Gift Overdrawn from the AIF	\$4,600.00
Monthly Amortized Gift Left in Accumulated Income Fund	\$0.00

OPERATING FUND BALANCE **\$310.71**

DESIGNATED FUND

Opening Balance (from previous month)	\$15,368.49
New Designated Receipts	\$1,008.55
Total Designated Expenditures	\$35.92

DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE **\$16,341.12**

TOTAL CHECKBOOK BALANCE (Operating Fund + Designated Fund) **\$16,651.83**

OTHER FUND ACTIVITY**Accumulated Income Fund**

• For September expenses	\$7,500.00
Current Balance (9/30/2021)	\$