

# THE CHURCH CANDLE

## JUNE 2026

A Newsletter of the Sayre Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



### June 7<sup>th</sup> ...

Is "Food Pantry Sunday." Each family is asked to bring a non-perishable food item.

For the month of May, thirty-three (33) food items were donated to the "Feed My Sheep" Food Pantry at the Athens United Methodist Church. A note from them ... "Dear Sayre Christian Church, Thank you for your generosity! First, in donating all that toilet paper and now more food items! In His Service, AUM Church FMS Food Pantry"

The Outreach Team would like to thank the congregation for their continual support.

*Thank my God in all my remembrance of you.  
Philippians 1:3*

***On Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> we are pleased to announce that***

***Daryl Mosley***

will be back in Concert at 7 p.m.

All are welcome



### ***SEED FAITH DINNER-OUT ...***

We will gather for dinner on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Park View Restaurant (145 Front Street in Owego). Meet at the church parking lot to carpool at 5:30 p.m., so we can gather at the restaurant at 6 p.m. (Take note of different times, to allow everyone more time to travel.) Please Contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-596-4008, if you plan to go.



To Howard Sinsabaugh, upon the loss of his cousin, Karen Maguire, who passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2026.



***Please welcome back the Needhams in Concert on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.***



***Both Concerts are free and open to the public.***

***We will collect a love-offering to help the performers with their travel expenses.***



**PAULA'S PAGE**

Dear Church,



Grace and peace to you through our Lord Jesus Christ – I pray that summer brings you many blessings. I need to let the church know that I plan to retire in May 2027. I informed the board and our regional minister to start the search for my replacement – I will leave sooner if a new minister is found before the year is out, and if no one is found I will continue to preach only on Sunday mornings. Joe and I would like to stay through the year and then move closer to his physicians in Binghamton next spring. Through the next eleven months, the church will work out details for transitioning.

Things will proceed as usual through the summer. Bible Study and Sunday School will continue through June and then break until September. I will be going to camp Laurelview during the week of June 14<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup> to assist the camp directors with some special needs teenagers. This summer we have scheduled two concerts. The Needhams will perform on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and, Daryl Mosley will perform on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Both concerts are free although we will collect a love-offering to help with the performers' travel expenses. Finally, look for information about our planned Intergenerational VBS in July. The Valley United Presbyterian church is the host this year and we are looking for activities that an older generation can enjoy.

Have a blessed Summer and come to church to see what's new!

Pastor Paula Kraus



**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
and

*Vacation Bible School*

**Dates are: Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.  
Hosted by the Valley United Presbyterian Church ...**



There is no age limitation, there will be activities for "ALL AGES" including adults.

Registration information and times will be announced at a later date.

Answer to Trivia (from a previous page) ... "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Mat-

## GIVING REPORT FOR

April 2026:

The following income for our church came from the weekly offering on Sunday and payments from the groups who use our building weekly:

April 2026	
For Current Expenses	\$4,706.00
Designated	\$3,713.00
World Outreach	\$300.00
Local Outreach	\$300.00
Building Fund	\$2,363.00



**Celebration Sunday** will be held on **June 28<sup>th</sup>** following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a Birthday in June will be honored. Please bring a snack to share.

### **MARTHA'S MISSION BIN ...**

For the month of June, the Outreach Team is asking for donations of Shampoo. Donations will be given to Eldercare, a ministry of The Bridge, which serves residents of the local nursing homes. Items can be placed in the bin underneath the table at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for your donations!

### **Guthrie Hospice Butterfly Release and Memorial Service ...**

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** at Mt. Pisgah State Park, 28 Entrance Road, Troy, PA at the Lakeside Pavilion at 2 p.m. The service is held to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed. For a memorial donation of \$12.50, we will release a live butterfly in your loved one's memory.

(Please see Margo in the Church Office for a Memorial Donation Form.)

### **June Birthdays ...**

17 ~ Beth Madison  
22 ~ Reed Hurd  
24 ~ Toni Shaw  
28 ~ Sandy Campbell



### **LET US PRAY ...**

Ric Rava  
Bonnie Beley  
Anthony and Jean Stella  
Susie Kasson  
Bob Felt  
Melanie Setzer  
Brett Lattimer  
Mike Spencer



### **A LITTLE**

(See answer on another page in the Newsletter)



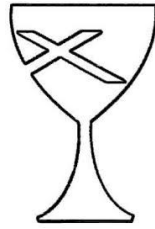
According to Matthew, what were Jesus' last words to his disciples?

### **COINS FOR A CAUSE ~ BABY BOTTLES CAMPAIGN FOR HOPEGATE ...**

In June, the "Coins for Cause" program will continue to collect donations for Hopegate (formerly the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center). Baby bottles are still available, if you would like to take one home and fill it with change, a check, or dollars.

Please return bottles by Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is invited to bring your loose change to church and place in the jar located in the Sanctuary.





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## **UPCOMING DATES FOR JUNE ...**

Wednesdays, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> - Bible Study Group - 1:00 p.m.  
Sundays, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. / Worship - 10 a.m.  
Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time / Food Pantry Sunday  
Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time / Worship Service at Elderwood - 12 Noon  
Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> thru June 20<sup>th</sup>, Paula out of town at Camp Laurelview in Somerset, PA  
Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> - Seed Faith Dinner-Out - 6:00 p.m. at Parkview Restaurant in Owego  
Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time / Father's Day / First Day of Summer  
Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time / Celebration Sunday / Worship Service at Athens Healthcare - 1:30 p.m.

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**Please note:** The Church Office will be closed on Mondays (until further notice).



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