



The Visitor

Schoharie Reformed Church

June 2019

Pastor Mike & Pastor Sherri



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*July Newsletter Deadline
June 24th*



A Spirit of Adventure!

"It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by God's own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

-Acts 1:7-8

"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails."

-Thomas S. Monson

I (Pastor Mike) don't have a lot of experience with sailboats, but growing up on Lake Michigan as a kid we had some family friends who were sailors and they would often invite us out for a ride on the lake during the warm and breezy months of summer.

It is a very invigorating feeling when you feel the sails catch the wind, the sheet fills, the lines go taut, and you can feel the whole boat pick up speed as it gets taken by the wind and bounces along the waves. It can really be an exciting ride. But if you don't know what you are doing you can also spend a lot of time going nowhere, as I learned one summer when I took Sun Fish lessons (a sun fish is a small one to two-person sailboat). The hardest part I could never seem to get straight was remembering how I needed to adjust my sails in order to catch the wind.

I think God did something wonderful when the coming of the Holy Spirit was described as wind. Because like the wind, we don't usually "see" the Spirit, we often just see the evidence of the Spirit, when we are attuned to the presence. The Spirit is blowing all around us, but the reality is we won't be moved by it in our hearts and lives unless we are willing to adjust our sails. So how do we do that? Like those early disciples we need to be willing to adjust the sails of some of our preconceived understandings of how God works. The verses shared above are Jesus' response to the question of the disciples, "Lord are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Jerusalem?" Their sails were up and they were ready to direct the wind to Jerusalem, but the wind was going much, much further, and in order to catch it, they were in need of adjusting their sails!

What adjustments do your sails need to better catch the wind of God's Spirit in this season of your life? What needs to change or be adjusted to better connect with the movement of God's Spirit in your home, or where your work, with your friends, neighbors, or family? What old understandings are being challenged, and how will you be able to better listen, look, and learn from God's Spirit, and what does it mean for you to be a witness to it? How can you be intentional about being in tune with the presence of God and the movement of the Spirit wherever you are?

Life in the community of faith (the church) can be a great place for us to wrestle with all these questions, as well as the place where we can better look, listen, and learn as the Spirit continues to blow throughout our world. In this season of summer and in every season, we as the community of faith at the Schoharie Reformed Church are continually seeking to be a people who aren't directing the wind, nor missing it but are adjusting our sails and inviting others along for the ride!

Setting sail in the adventure of the Spirit,

Pastor Mike and Pastor Sherri



Please join us for a very special
Pentecost Worship Service



Sunday, June 9th

You are invited to wear red in celebration of *Pentecost*. The service will include a special testimony by *Brian Tollisen* who served as a part of our engineering and design team with Clemens McGiver during our rebuilding.



We also look forward to celebrating the *sacrament of baptism*, and the recognition of graduating senior *Vanessa Lawyer*.



We look forward to see you there!



Thank yous

Thank you for the wonderful support you've given me in cards, prayers and phone calls. You've helped me to remember that I'm never alone. The Lord is always with us. When I'm weak he makes me strong. His love never gives up on us. His word/Peter 5:7 "Last all your care upon him for he careth for you". I feel "you as God's people care for me as well. Thank you so much! Prayers are working every day in our lives. I'm home now and improving every day! God Bless you & Keep You.
Tom & Bonnie Davis P.S. thank you Schoharie Reformed Church.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the Schoharie Food Pantry both financially & with volunteers. Also thank you for the monetary donation through the Regional Food Bank for the Pantry's use. God has blessed us and the community for this cooperative effort.
Sincerely, Ethel Robinson



Baccalaureate Service

will be held on
Thursday, June 27th
at 7pm
at

Schoharie United Presbyterian Church

All are welcome!



*Baccalaureate
Service*



Schoharie Valley Community Camp



**July 15 – 19,
2019**

I can help make Day Camp Great!

- I will pray for Day Camp.
- I can help with Maintenance – set up, during camp time or after hours.
- I can help with Snacks – people are needed to solicit donations, pick up items, work on food prep during camp times.
- I can help with Administration – needed areas are data entry, working at the registration table, writing letters to campers, writing thank you notes, etc.
- I can help with Traffic Control – people needed for beginning and end of each camp day (7:45 – 9:00 or 3:30-4:30).
- I can be a Counselor or Junior Counselor – be with the kids and assist or lead activities – need to fill out application form!
- I can help with Arts and Crafts, Music, or Nature.
- I can be Camp Photographer for the week – can come and go from camp as needed.
- I can help with Recreation – need to fill out an application form!
- I can help organize Friday's all camp lunch!
- I can make a financial contribution to help camp.
- I can be Camp Nurse for one or more days of camp – must be physically present for full day.

Who: Morning Camp: Children age 4 thru entering grade 2
Day Camp: Children entering grades 3-8
When: July 15-19, 2019
Morning Camp: 8:30 to Noon
Day Camp: 8:30AM to 4PM
Friday, July 19: both camps end with closing program at 12 noon, family picnic immediately following.

Where: Schoharie United Presbyterian Church
314 Main Street, Schoharie, NY 12157

Price: \$50 for first child (either camp)
\$90 maximum per family

Scholarships available, call or email for more info

Registration Deadline: June 30, 2019 (space permitting)

Online Registration Now Available!

www.schohariereformedchurch.org/camp/day_camp_registration.cfm

Aftercare: Limited slots for child care from 4-5:30pm at no extra charge.

For info, call Pastor Colleen Quirion at 295-8102.

Questions: Call 295-8177 (Schoharie Reformed)
Or 295-8931 (Schoharie United Presbyterian)

e-mail: schoharievalleycommunitycamp@gmail.com

website: www.schohariereformedchurch.org/camp/

If you are able to help with any of the task please visit:

www.schohariereformedchurch.org/camp/_or

email:

schoharievalleycommunitycamp@gmail.com



Schoharie Valley Community Camp



Is seeking donations of
toilet paper and paper towels
to be used during Camp.

Any unused donations will be passed on to the Food Pantry. If you would like to contribute, please put them in the box by **Sunday, June 9th** and they will be delivered to Camp. Thank you for your donation.

**If you missed June 9th, you may bring them any time before July 1st.*



Schoharie Valley Community Camp

Did you miss the Schoharie parade?

Well here are the children from the After School Program that joined the Schoharie Valley Community Camp float on May 23rd, 2019. These children will also attend camp. They looked amazing in their safari and jungle attire!



We will see you at Camp on July 15-19, 2019 and get ready to get you ROAR!

Family Retreat 3.0



August 23-25, 2019



Our church family invites yours for a relaxing time of fellowship in a setting that can't be beat.

Check-in starts at 5:00pm on Friday the 23rd. We leave after lunch on Sunday the 25th.

In between you will enjoy:



Group games
Waterfront activities including swimming,
fishing, canoeing & kayaking
Hiking
Crafts
Campfires with stories and singing



Many opportunities to **Be Still and Know that our God is Great!**

The total cost of the camp is \$3,500.

A fee of:

\$150 for a family or

\$75 for an individual, this covers your room for two nights and meals.

There are two choices for accommodation. Please let us know if you would prefer:

Cabin - rustic camping, no heat, 1/2 bath in cabin, shower house separately or

Chi Rho - motel style, full bath in room.

Light snack is provided on Friday evening. Please eat before arriving.

There is room for 50 reservations.

To registration visit: www.schohariereformedchurch.org

If you have any questions please contact the church office at 518-295-8177

We hope to see you at Camp!



A



Praise on the Mountain

Glory Day Event

Great Escape



Sunday, August 10, 2019

Get Ready for the Most Thrilling Christian Family Day

This special, fun-filled day provides a great opportunity for fellowship with your friends and family, while also enjoying uplifting music and riding world-class coasters. The area's favorite Christian bands and performers come together to bring the park to life with music in this spiritually exciting event. This year's lineup will have a variety of genres offering up something for everyone in the group.

A Day Full of Great Entertainment!

Included with your admission, enjoy performances from local Christian bands throughout the day at select locations in the theme park. Be uplifted with encouraging songs and beautiful melodies. Get to know new bands, take some photos and leave with lasting memories.

Praise on The Mountain Packages & Pricing:

Admission = \$41.00 - Includes: Theme Park Admission, FREE Parking and LIVE Christian bands throughout the Park.



Praise on The Mountain Add-ons include:

an all-you-can-eat buffet (\$14.00 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm), chicken tenders, mac & cheese, tossed salad, pickle spears, potato chips, ice cream, and Coca-Cola Beverages.

Commemorative T-Shirt - \$8.00



For additional information about Praise on The Mountain or to purchase tickets please visit:

www.praiseonthemountain.org



Announcements

SRC Fund Raising Committee-will meet on Tuesday, June 4th at 6:30pm in the Heritage House.

SRC Christian Ed Committee-will meet on Wednesday, June 5th at 6:30pm in the Heritage House.

Consistory-will meet on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:30pm in the Heritage House.

Worship Service-as we welcome summer, Worship Service will begin at 9:30am Sunday, July 7th thru Sunday, August 18th. Our Sunday Worship Service on August 25th will be at Camp Fowler during our Family Retreat 3.0. If you are not able to attend worship at Camp Fowler please feel free to attend Worship service at a church of your choice.

Prayer for Healing-another Prayer for Healing Service is being planned for September 11, 2019. All are invited to attend.

Worship Service-starting Sunday, July 7th, Worship Service will be held at 9:30am and will be held each Sunday at 9:30am thru Sunday, August 18th. On Sunday, August 25th Worship Service will be held at Camp Fowler during the Family Retreat 3.0. If you are not able to attend worship at Camp Fowler please feel free to attend Worship service at a church of your choice.

Camp Fowler –is currently accepting summer camp registrations. Please visit: www.campfowler.org for complete information and registration. The church will be offering scholarships for children who would like to attend camp but due to financial restrictions would not be able. Scholarship forms are available in the Narthex or you may obtain one from the church office. This is separate from the Camp Fowler registration. Any questions please call the church at 518-295-8177.

Lily Festival-will be held on Saturday, July 13th at the Lily Park, Fort Rd., Schoharie, NY.

Testimonies - We would like to celebrate the work God is doing in the life of our congregation. If you are feeling led to share a brief testimony about what God is doing in your life, please speak with one of the Pastors.

Aluminum Tabs-Please continue to bring can tabs to the church and you may leave them in the Narthex. The tabs will then be processed, proceeds will be used to offset patient cost.

Technical Support Volunteers-we are in need of volunteers to assist with the technical support of our church sound board and the church website. If you would like to volunteer for one or both of these task please talk with Vince Smith or Jim Callahan. This is a great way to learn and offer assistance to your church family.

Electronics Recycling Continues - Please continue to bring in printer cartridges and cell phones for recycling. The collection box is in the secretary's office.

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