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An Adventure of a Lifetime



Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Summer has come and almost gone and for many of us, we have done nothing relative to prior summer activities. For many of us, summer vacations used to mean highway miles in cars or minivans, 3-4-night's stay in beachside condominiums, family cruises, canoeing and rafting on the lake, and other thrilling outdoor activities. This year, many of us did not enjoy just sitting around; we wanted action and exhilaration; we wanted a combination of excitement and relaxation; and we reminisce about our favorite food and drinks on our vacations.

Notwithstanding, anyone who has lived in the age of COVID-19 has experienced an adventure of a lifetime. The aforementioned sentence assumes that many people with this experience have already passed, unfortunately. The adventure that I am thinking about entails experiencing symptoms of coronavirus, fear of being sick, living with fear of dying, social distancing, quarantines, job losses, inactivity, loneliness, dealing with personal adversities, coping with stress, experiencing changes and adaptation to changes. The only thing that is constant during this time is change itself.

Do you find yourself weighed down by your seemingly unfortunate lot in life? Or do you embrace the struggle? Life is demanding a "course change" from all of us. We do not control the world; we only control ourselves. Given the aforementioned realities, I share the following points with you: First, practice being ok with the present discomforts of life. As we prepare for General Elections this November, do all you can to calm your inner voice of fear or resentment. Since we live in a democracy with people being free to have differing opinions, watch your thoughts, your words, and your activities on social media. Tell yourself, that even if you are uncomfortable with differences, you have a moral obligation to respect people who share opinions that are different from yours. Maybe, some of us could use an adjustment of attitude.

Secondly, pray with dependence on God's sovereign grace. When so many things are uncertain, we are reminded how utterly dependent we are on God. Our starting point is God—the source of our being and the God who loves everyone. God so loved the world speaks to the scope of God's love—the whole world. He loves not just a nation; not just good people; not only people who love Him. He loves the unlovable and the unlovely. Pray for our political leader; pray for your pastor and church family; and pray for your family and local community.

Finally, after months of being unable to meet during this pandemic control measures, many churches have recently re-opened or are planning to re-open. It is understandable that a commitment to safety is necessary and a Christian duty. Undoubtedly, this virus is extremely contagious and as pastor I am hesitant to bring you back to church for congregational services. In short, I don't want anyone to contract or spread the virus at our church. That being said, we want to resume Bible Study and Sunday morning worship service in compliance with New York State COVID-19 restriction measures. People with comorbidities, preferably should not attend these services. We will continue to provide you with our worship service posted on our church website, YouTube and Facebook. You will also receive a hard copy of the sermon.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love!

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion, Pastor

The **symbolism** of **September** month focuses on refocusing our energies. In the Northern Hemisphere, it signals the beginning of autumn, while it kicks off the spring season in the South.



Like the other months, its name comes from the ancient Romans. It comes from the Latin septem, meaning "seven".

Dictionary.com

The Month of September, By [Vigdis Hocken](#)
Even though the name suggests it is the seventh month, September is the ninth month of the year.

September's birth flower is Forget-me-not.

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September is the ninth month of the year in the modern-day [Gregorian calendar](#) and its predecessor, the [Julian calendar](#). The month kept its original name from the [Roman calendar](#) where it was the seventh month. Septem means "seven" in Latin.

The month of September was named during a time when the calendar year began with March, which is why the name does not correspond with the placement in the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

Middle English – *septembre*, Latin name – *september mensis* - seventh month, Anglo-Saxons – *Gerst monath* - Barley month

In older versions of the Roman calendar, September was the seventh month and had 30 days. After January and February were added to the calendar, it eventually became the ninth month and was shortened to 29 days. The 30th day was added again as part of the Julian calendar reform in 153 [BCE](#).

September is a time when many students return to school after the summer holiday in the Northern Hemisphere. September starts on the same day of the week as December every year. It does not end on the same day of the week as any other month in the year.

For those born in September, the birth flowers are the forget-me-not, morning glory, and aster. The birthstone for September is the sapphire which symbolizes clear thinking.



September

- 3 - Gretchen Young
- 4 - Jace Morse
- 5 - Rev. Clara White
- 8 - Zachary Dubois
- 12 - Isabella Goff
- 13 - Ellie Morse
- 17 - Connie Harper
- 19 - Erick Pires
- 22 - Laurel Heisig
- 27 - Dustin Pires



And attend!!

Prayer

9 a.m. Saturdays has resumed.

Bible Study

10 a.m. Wednesdays has resumed as of Sept. 9.

Worship in Sanctuary will start Sun., Oct. 4, 10 AM.

All are socially distanced & attendees must wear masks. The area will be sanitized before each event.

Link Inputs due to Sharon Scurlock Sept. 18



Lightening Fright

Shades of dawning lift to show
Golden streams to us below.
Father's Majesty, we know!

Following those gleaming streams
Are the brightest Rainbow beams!
When His beauty eases us....

Life is sometimes rough with fuss.
We must daily live with care
guardedly through Covid's scare
as that danger fills the air.

Use facemasks as we are told.
Throughout sneezing, coughs or colds....
Keep space around you in crowds
Covid's danger really roads!

Keep as clean as you can be,
Home alone, or companied.
Pray that soon we will be freed.
Father will end Covid's greed.

Prayers will see that we succeed.
We do have the greatest power
Helping us to stand, not fall!
Father answers every call!

ALLELUIA!

By Evely Lyn Shoots,
8/26/20



Please keep praying for: Our Church, Mark Heintz, Clara White, Mary Bailey, Loretta Hirschman, Betty, Dan Heisig, Alan & Josina, Della Van Doren, & all of our congregation we haven't seen in 6 months. Also, remember Marilyn Ward & Gretley Barrett from the Bible Study Group who are in Nursing Homes.

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"It's from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

Good News! Bible Study is resuming **Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 10 AM** in the Church Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own Bible and wear a mask. Everyone will be socially distanced, the area sanitized, and soap & sanitizer will be available. No food or beverages will be available.

Worship will resume in the Sanctuary on **October 4, 2020 at 10 AM** if all goes well. Everyone will be socially distanced, wearing masks, and using soap & sanitizers. There will be no Fellowship Hour, and the kitchen will be closed until further notice.

These announcements are made pending any further restrictions and/or impediments to the plan.

For our congregation: we need to clean and prepare the building beforehand and need your help, PLEASE! If you can help, please, contact either Ginny Chase at mizgingin@yahoo.com or call 455-9479 or Leanna Shirley at lshirley@rochester.rr.com or 334-7610. Also, we have to limit the number of people who can be in the sanctuary for worship, so please contact the above people if you plan on coming to worship Oct. 4th.

♥ **MISSIONS** ♥
Spreading God's Love

World Mission Offering

September is the month we traditionally take the "World Mission Offering." This year is a year with great need all over the world!

Please read this letter from the Executive Director of International Ministries, pray and give from your heart.

Dear Pastor or Mission Leader,

We all find ourselves this spring and summer living through very uncertain times. As followers of Jesus Christ, sometimes the best response we can give in the face of overwhelming unknowns is to take the time to remember how each of us has experienced and known God's faithfulness in the past.

As I think about International Ministries, the first thought that comes to my mind is how our 206 years of continued participation in the mission of God has only been possible because of God's faithfulness to us. God has been faithful in allowing us to serve him through two world wars, the Spanish Flu, the Great Depression, 9/11, the 2008 recession, and so many other times of distress, upheaval, and loss around the world.

In each of these crises, it was not always obvious what God was up to or where God's hand was at work. In John 11, when Jesus reaches the tomb of Lazarus and meets Mary and Martha after Lazarus' death, the sisters are both saddened by the fact that "if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Yet, even in this sad statement, there is a clear expression of trust and hope in Jesus.

My prayer is that this letter finds you in a place where you are able to trust Jesus to make clear in God's time the things that perplex you.

This year's World Mission Offering theme is "I once was blind, but now I see." We are seeing God at work in so many hopeful and encouraging ways through our global servants and global partners. And we are sharing some of those stories with you and your church this September and October through videos, bulletin inserts, and other resources so you can see the impact you are having on global mission. Your participation now more than ever will help global servants and partners rebuild and re-establish ministries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and crisis.

When confronted with uncertainty, we as Christians have the opportunity to respond with faith in Jesus. I urge you to consider prayerfully how your faithful giving and prayers could be used by God at this moment to impact the lives of many in need of him around the world today... until it is on earth as it is in heaven.

Gratefully,

Sharon Koh Executive Director / CEO

Your Mission Committee

Send donations to our Church Financial Secretary, 67 Parkview Dr., Avon, NY, 14414 & put OGHS on the memo line of checks.

NEWS FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP & DEALING WITH THE PANDEMIC

Flo & Jim Braker have a new puppy. Please meet Amber, and see the happy smiles.



Thoughts & Suggestions from Patti Hook:

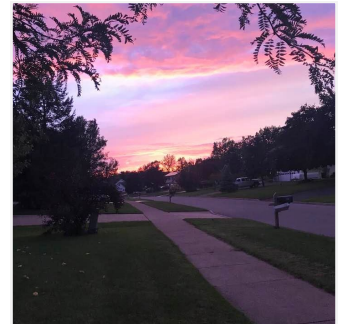
"Remember the good ole days of television news with Walter Cronkite. It was short, concise and told to us like an abstract. We listened and formed our own opinions. Now we get everyone else's opinions first and are left with a flurry of negative, depressing news that leaves us nervous and overwhelmed. Certainly God does not want us to fill our minds with negative thought and Satan loves it. I have decided to not watch the news or at least really limit. Since getting around is a bit more difficult now, we could use Zoom....a wonderful way to get together online to take a class in sewing, music, cooking or to learn other fun hobbies. I do it and those blues just melt away. If you have a hobby that you want to teach, reach out and do it with Zoom."

Amen, says the editor.

At an extended Cabinet Meeting, 9/3, Dan Scurlock went over our financial health. Our congregation has been faithful, and at the moment, we are in the black. Keep in mind though our expenses are low since we are not using the building very much. Also, we were given a grant of \$7,900 as part of the "Cares" Act (COVID related) to assist with Pastoral expense and utilities which has helped greatly. There is a chance the grant will have to be repaid, but the likelihood of it is low & well into the future. Mission giving has been lower than usual; the One Great Hour of Sharing offering was \$100.

Thank you for your faithfulness, and please continue to send your offerings to Laurel Heisig, 67 Parkview Drive, Avon, NY 14414.

Reopening in-person Worship/Bible Study was discussed. Pastor announced that the Sacred Sites grant we applied for has not officially replied with how they can help, but he heard verbally they will help with the roof & building repairs, but not the painting. The need for capital fundraising was discussed. Ideas of how to start working toward funding building repairs/painting are welcome and needed. Give them to the Trustees or Moderator (Leanna) please.



Pretty Skies by Valerie Bandemer

Rush-Henrietta Community News

Due to COVID-19: Preregistration

**E-RECYCLING
EVENT 10.3.20**

Rush Henrietta Central School District
1133 Lehigh Station Rd.
Henrietta, NY 14457
8:30am - Noon

SUNN KING

*Limit of 4 CRT TVs or monitors per vehicle

*Preregistration is REQUIRED

is **REQUIRED**: (registration closes at 4 p.m. the day prior). Please STAY in your vehicle, DRIVE-through, and Sunnking team members will

UNLOAD your items. REMEMBER to neatly pack your recyclables in the back of your vehicle for easy unloading. Limit of four CRT (tube) monitors or televisions per vehicle. Go to <https://www.sunnking.com/events/henrietta-08-03-20> for a list of items they accept and to preregister.

For those in our congregation who need Gluten-free baked goods, Donna Marie's is moving to 900 Jefferson Rd. (inside The Regional Market). The plan is for the bakery to open around Oct. 1.



Closing
Thought:
Chinese
Fortune
Cookie

We must overcome difficulties rather than being overcome by difficulties.