

Get Into The Picture

New Church Directory

We've begun the work on the new church directory! Jill Ribich from Catskill Images is taking portraits of our church members and families on Sundays following worship. The next session is set for September 13. We would really like to get everyone in the directory, so please call Laura O'Brien to get on the schedule for that date. If that date does not work for you, please call Jill Ribich and set up an appointment in her studio. She will waive the sitting fee if you tell her this is for the church directory. All who have their pictures taken will receive a price list to order professionally produced photos.

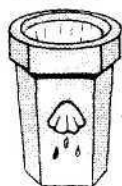
As part of the directory, we are also updating our church addresses. If you've had changes (i.e. telephone numbers, mailing address, e-mail address), we'd like to get the update included.

For more information, please call Laura O'Brien (326-7182) or Pastor Rich Dykstra (326-7101).

Masonry Repairs

We are blessed to have a beautiful stone church, but it is a challenge to keep it up. We've had a lot of new leaks in some of the mortar joints this past year and we have requested an estimate for repairs by a stone masonry company that we've used before.

When we've received the estimate, we'll be applying for repair funds from the O'Connor Foundation and others. As estimates and plans are made, we will share that with you.



Baptism

On August 9th, we celebrated the baptism of Lena Marie who was brought for baptism by her parents, Tiffany DuMond and Ivan Stoytchev.

Bible Studies

We are offering two Bible Study groups that might interest you:

On Wednesdays, we are working through the book of James, and studying how to better put our faith to work. We meet at 7 p.m. in the Carriage House. FMI: Call Steve Mattice or Pastor Rich.

Starting September 20, we will offer an after worship opportunity for in-depth discussion of the morning's scriptures. We have done this before and found that this is a great way to dig deeper and offer more than is in the sermon. FMI: Call Henry Blaufox or Pastor Rich.

"Kindness is the only language that the blind can see and the deaf can hear."

Engaging the World Forum

Do you have ideas for the Forum? We are looking for ideas and topics for our last Sunday-of-the-month afternoon forums that will be held in October, January, February, March and April.

This series asks the question, "Is there more than one way for Christians to see the world?" What if another Christian's thought differs from my own? Can I engage another person in meaningful dialogue if my faith view differs from theirs? Can we engage in healthy discussion and look at contrasting views without putting them down?

As we plan for this year's forums, we are looking for new topics and new leaders to help plan them.

Please contact Rich Dykstra (phone or e-mail), or Amie Brockway (845) 586-1689 with your ideas!

Other topics of interest:
