



The Chautauqua Church Visitor
Hurlbut Memorial Community
United Methodist Church

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THE RETURN OF A REV...

Greetings in the name and spirit of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Many of you reading this may wonder why, after some years away, I have returned to live among you for the next year and a few months. You are not alone. I, too, have wondered the same. Well, it is about a list of "REs".

Quite frankly, I am persuaded this is not my idea but reflects a desire of God. We should, of course, be quite humble in assuming a directive we receive is from God. Thus, when the spirit first moved me I talked it over with Natalie and took your former District Superintendent, Larry Baird, into my confidence. (It was Larry who first brought me to Hurlbut in 2008). I shared with several others, as well with these questions: What do you think? Is this a good idea? Do you think I am spiritually and mentally up to this call to help this congregation refocus their life in this location? Most comments were generally positive, although one ministerial colleague said quite bluntly, "Not a good idea, you are too old!"

Nonetheless, here I am, out of mothballs as one described it.

Beloved of God, we do face a new world from the one that greeted us in 2008.

More and more people in our culture are distanced from religious bodies. Many of us are, quite frankly, older. COVID dealt us a serious blow. Religious needs and affiliations change and persons we care for go elsewhere to satisfy those needs. Old and recent wounds to the spirit have driven some away. We share, as well, in the divisions within our society where stresses and fractures in families and communities are serious and rupture long standing relationships. We just cannot depend on old and established ways of going about business to help us stay the course. As one Christian writer has said, "we face adaptive challenges".

My prayer life intensified as I pondered this call. One message from God was this, "I cannot guarantee you any results. But, I will be with you."

*So, I, and you all who share in a call to do the work of ministry, can at least take assurance that God's promise to be with us is not "fake news". Daily I pray for God's assistance and the wisdom on my part to discern God's will for my life in this time. With God, I share the passion to **RE**focus, **RE**new, **RE**shape, **RE**form, **RE**vitalize, **RE**concile, **RE**energize, **RE**orient, **RE**grow, and **RE**familiarize ourselves in the biblical witness that leads us to in faith and hope and love our community of faith.*

If you are one, even from a distance, who is led to share in our call to discipleship, we cherish your support.

If your call is elsewhere, we will give you our blessing and hold you in prayer, and ask you to pray for us.

One word... these days are going to be challenging. They are also going to be exciting.

*You see, God is calling us to **RE**birth!*

To God's glory. Amen.

Paul

Church School
something for
everyone.
It happens every
Sunday at
9:30 am,
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summer!**
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Oh, give thanks to
the Lord, for he is
good; His love and
his kindness go on
forever.
1 Chronicles
16:34



October Birthdays:

Birthday wishes to!

- 1 Jane Akin, Brenda Latimer
- 4 David Maleski
- 5 Mary Vail Marshaus
- 9 Meggie Clyde
- 10 Mark Speck
- 11 Luke Stephenson
- 11 Lisa Paulus, Barb Moore
- 13 Nicole Benjamin Garcia
- 14 Tina Cornell
- 15 John Gifford, Aric Akin,
- 15 Christine Peterson,
- 15 Tom Caruso
- 16 Doug Ireland
- 18 Nancy Swanson,
- 18 Curtis Hewes, Lillian Brown
- 18 Sadie D'Angelo
- 20 Olivia Alfa, Alyssa Brown
- 24 Tom Krueger,
- 24 Catherine Womack, John Brown
- 25 Patti Speck
- 26 Gary Chilcott, Don McCord
- 27 Olivia Maleski
- 28 Esquire Perze, Izzy Nohlquist
- 28 Leah Paulus
- 29 Carolyn Modisher
- 31 Butch Briggs, Chip Warner,
- 31 Marilyn Ward

November Anniversaries:

- 5 Jim/Rhonda Kister
- 17 Dena/Bill Ward
- 20 Courtney/Aaron Taylor

A wonderful opportunity to celebrate the ministers in the Hurlbut Family. Please let the church office know if we can add anyone to this on-going list.

Lifted Up in Prayer

Please remember the following people in our conversations with God:

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|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mary Ellen Anderson | Donna Barr | Renee Beardsley | Gena Bedrosian |
| Betty Jane Berdine | Beth/Jim Boyle | David Brown | Carboni Family |
| Case Foster | Eliana | Chris | Nikita Gasiorowski |
| Cady Gleason | Martha Gleason | MacKenzie Hewes | Doug Ireland |
| Ingraham/Sleggs Family | John/Juanita Jackson | Shirley Kocker | Mitzi/Debbie Kristy |
| Carolyn Latta | Marcia Limberg | Laurie Lindquist | Amber Ludwig |
| Katie/Trent MacEwan | Irene Maxwell | Family of Patty Morton | Joan Peacock |
| Sandra Perez | Lucille Piper | Dennis Roberts | San George/Ramirez Family |
| Ken San George | Mitch Silkotch | Kim Spencer | Sprague Family |
| Robb Stenman | Ethan Taylor | Sarah Thorndike | Jeff Travers |

- Marilyn Ward
- Project Chacocente
- Hope Flowers School
- Jail Ministry
- Ashville, Mayville, Westfield Food Pantries
- Gov Leadership
- Westfield Community Kitchen
- Literacy Volunteers
- Faithful Discipleship
- Spiritual Growth
- Hurlbut Families
- Dunkirk Willow Mission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Chaut Co Rural Ministries

Lord, every morning you hear my voice. Every morning, I tell you what I need, and I wait for your answer. Psalm 5:3

Father, we confess that sometimes prayer isn't very easy. We don't see you, and we don't see you hearing our words, but we have so many experiences in our own lives where prayers have been answered by faith that we continue coming before you, opening our hearts to you through prayer.

Walking with the Savior Max Lucado

November Birthdays

Birthday wishes to!

- 1 Carl Swanson
- 3 Bonnie Bisbee
- 3 Nicola Caruso
- 4 Jenna Foster Bell
- 5 Luke Marshaus
- 6 David Foster
- 6 Greg Evans
- 6 Cady Gleason
- 6 Aric Gleason
- 8 Justin Brown
- 9 Betsy Smith
- 11 Jill Trusso
- 13 Sue Benjamin
- 15 Beverly Wightman
- 15 Diane Reese
- 15 Anna Womack
- 17 Beverly Hazen
- 18 Ben Stahlsmith
- 19 Regan Gifford
- 20 Denise Nohlquist
- 21 Emilie Gifford
- 21 Nathan Perry
- 24 Mike Corey
- 25 Stephen Foster
- 30 Eunice Baldwin
- 30 Charlie Smith

November Anniversaries:

- 28 Lois/George Cornell
- 29 Kathie/Billy Clyde

December Birthdays

- 1 Nadia Perry
- 4 Kate Reese
- 4 Matthew Benjamin
- 5 Justin Benjamin
- 6 Chris Briggs
- 6 Nickalis Jacobson
- 9 Paul Womack
- 13 Noel Anderson
- 13 Debbie Kristy
- 18 Bille Ward
- 18 Vanessa Swanson
- 19 Justin Latimer
- 19 Rachel Graham
- 19 Bill Peterson
- 21 Dennis Speck
- 22 Sara Graham
- 25 Jesus Christ
- 25 Bob Ludwig
- 25 Christine Shephard Turecki
- 28 Grant Stephenson
- 30 Josh Trusso,
- 30 Mark Dougherty
- 31 Nancy Waasdorp

Anniversaries

- 3 Janet/Dale Weatherlow
- 28 Cindy/Gary Chilcott

All the days planned for me were written in your book before I was one day old. Psalm 139:16



With Sympathy to all the families who lost loved ones during the summer and fall.

Cynthianne Calhoun of Winter Haven, FL formerly of Wahmeda at Chautauqua NY passed away on July 19, 2021 at the age of 99. She had a degree in social work. Cynthianne was a probation officer for the juvenile court and a counselor for under privileged children. She was also a lifelong helper to her husband while he pastored. She was such an amazing woman and will be missed.

Coleman "Cole" Piper a lifetime resident of Knoxville TN and a summer Chautauqua resident passed away on August 26, 2021 in an accident. He was 74 years old. Cole served on the Maryville College Board of Directors as chair of the advancement committee. He was active in numerous businesses, organizations and causes in East TN.

Ed Kurtz passed away on August 30, 2021 he was the uncle to Deanne Manzella. Prayers are with the Manzella Family.

Richard Ingraham from Bemus Point NY passed away on October 4, 2021 at the age of 91. He was an educator and talented musician. Dick served as a corporal in the US Army and as a Chaplain's Assistant. He was a high school guidance counselor at Maple Grove in Bemus Point and Ripley Central School. After retiring he served on the school board at Maple Grove District. Dick was Mark Sleggs step father. Our thought and prayers are with the Slegg/Marshaus Family.

Wilma Dopler passed away on October 6 2021 she was Trevor San George's grandmother. Are prayers are with Alena Ramirez and Trevor San George's family.

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee; Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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A Summer Note

This was a copy of a letter we received this summer. It was written by Evelyn Waldron from Evergreen Colorado and mailed to the District Office.

August 29, 2021

I am writing to you today about community. Chautauqua has been my family destination for the past forty -five summers. We spent weeks there as a family, my parents and sister, then my son and then just my mother and me and now only me. Over the years we made friends with other summer families and I consider them my Chautauqua Family.

The Hurlbut Church has long been a part of our summers at Chautauqua. We often attended the Shabbat morning services and the Sunday evening lectures that the church hosted for the Jewish community. One Saturday morning I picked up the prayer book and found it was dedicated to the mother of my mother's closest friend from Colorado. Her name was Augusta Steinhardt, she was a teacher from Brooklyn. There are so many connections at Chautauqua. Of course, we all took yoga classes and opera appreciation classes hosted at Hurlbut through the Special Studies program. Sometimes I just sit in the sanctuary and remember all those people, so important in my life who are gone.

Today I am at home in Colorado. I have a turkey in the oven because I feel the need to have turkey salad a la Hurlbut to take to work for my lunches this week. While at Chautauqua this summer, it came to my attention that there is some discussion about eliminating the Hurlbut Church Summer Lunch and Thursday dinner program. I can not believe that is true. The lunches in the community room of the church are an important part of the fabric of Chautauqua. It is really the only friendly, quiet place for people of all backgrounds to gather enjoy a healthy affordable meal and discuss the matters of the day. Following the morning worship and lecture in the amphitheater is perfect for encouraging thoughtful discussion about the topic of the week. What is the point of coming to Chautauqua if not to share time together as a community and the best way to do that is to share meals together!

I encourage you to ensure that this important ministry is supported. I look forward to your thoughts about this important program.

Peace,
Evelyn Waldron

Do to others what you would want them to do to you...Then you will have a great reward, and you will be children of the Most High God.

Luke 6:31, 35



Summer Meal Note

Rev Robert Close lives in Purcellville VA he and his wife come every year to Chautauqua. While here they come to Hurlbut for lunch.

We are still thinking of Chautauqua and lunch at your church. I had 10 chickpea and sunflower veggie wraps. Alena, who made them, was nice enough to print out the recipe and gave it to my wife Nina with special preparation directions.

At least once a week I get one of those special wraps (heated) and it reminds us of Chautauqua and your church which has a special energy at Chautauqua. A great community of love and service.
Robert Close and Nina Frost

On behalf of the Hebrew Congregation of Chautauqua, I would like to thank you and the staff of Hurlbut Church for the use of your sanctuary and lower level for our Saturday morning Shabbat services. It was a pleasure working with all of you!
Warm Regards Esther Northman President of Hebrew Congregation

Hurlbut's Custodian Retires.....

After 16 years of service here at Hurlbut Church Cindy Peacock retired as our custodian on September 30. She and Guy worked so hard inside and outside of the church keeping our building and lawn looking nice. Along with the cleaning, they changed light bulbs and batteries, fixed toilets, moved furniture, mowed lawns, removed snow, the list is endless. We will sadly miss working with Cindy she was a great custodian. Her dedication and caring for this church was reflected in how wonderful and inviting the church has always looked to others who have dropped in. Cindy and Guy will still be a part of this church family she will just be concentrating on her other two very busy jobs. Thank you again Cindy and Guy for everything that you have done for Hurlbut over the years!!!!

Hurlbut has a new Custodian

Beginning October 1 Hurlbut has a new custodian Alena Ramirez. We all know Alena from the summer meal ministry, she has been our summer meal coordinator for the past seven years. Alena, Trevor, and the girls Bella and Giada live in Westfield. We have seen how much Alena cares about this church through her hard work and dedication to the summer meal ministry and we know that caring will be there for her new job. She will make a wonderful custodian. We welcome her as our newest staff member.

We know that we live in God and he lives in us because he gave us his Spirit....
1 John 4:13

Hurlbut Men's Breakfast

This group meets every month at the Bemus Point Inn. The group meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 am to share in a time of fellowship, good food, and conversation.

The next breakfast is on Wednesday November 17 and December 15, 2021.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Nurture News *All your children will be taught by the Lord, and they will have much peace. Isaiah 54:13*

December Senior Luncheon Our December Senior Luncheon will be held on Thursday December 9th at noon. Our guest speaker will be Melanie Ricketts from Catholic Charities. She will talk about the services that Catholic Charities offer.

Our first Senior Lunch was held in October and was very attended. Mike Ricketts from Chautauqua County Habitat for Humanity was our guest speaker. We learned a lot of interesting things about Habitat.

The November Senior Lunch had two guest speakers. We heard from Jean McCausland from the Westfield Community Kitchen and Louise Quick from the Westfield Food Pantry.

We hope that you will join us in December for a nice lunch, great fellowship time, and an interesting speaker. Please let Debbie know if you plan attending. It helps with food preparation.

Weenie Wednesday Please join us as we continue to have **Weenie Wednesday at Hurlbut!** We gather each Wednesday at about 5:30 and eat around 6. Hot dogs and beverages are provided. Please bring a dish to pass and a board game if you wish, we may be doing some special Christmas crafts. Instruments are also welcome if you would like to share your musical talent after eating. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Christmas Tea Ladies of Hurlbut are invited to a Christmas Tea. Bring a friend and join us on Sunday, December 12, 2021 from 4-6 pm for tea, treats, and a short program. Please join us as we celebrate this joyous season.

Again we will invite the wonderful men of the church to help us out with set-up and clean-up.

Contact the Church office for more information or if you'd like to help out ...and to register for this event.

Registrations can be made by calling the church office or signing up on the bulletin board by the Scott Street door later in November.

Christmas Pageant Our children's Christmas pageant will be on Sunday, December 19 during the worship service. We would love to have all of our children participate in the pageant, they could bring their friends as well.



Nursery During Worship Each week Alena Ramirez welcomes our children to the nursery for supervised care during the worship service.

Children's Sunday School Continues each Sunday with our multi-age children's Sunday school class at 9:30 am.

Adults The Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:30 a.m. in Truesdale, it is facilitated by Valerie Foster. The current study is "You Were Made for this Moment - Courage for Today and Hope for Tomorrow" by Max Lucado. This is a book and video based study on the book of Esther. We hope you are able to join us for this time of learning and fellowship!

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring, the Word is our promise always, forever, we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love. This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day! When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise. UM Hymnal page 87

Before you know it, it will be that time of year again and we are looking forward to ushering in the birth of our Lord this year at Hurlbut Church in a variety of ways!

Worship

Advent Prayer Vigil Advent is the season of waiting and preparing for the coming of Christ. The first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of our Christian year, occurs on November 28, 2021.

We mark the beginning of the Christian year with the Hurlbut Advent prayer vigil in the Sanctuary, beginning Friday, December 3, 2021 at 3:00 PM and continuing non-stop until 3:00 PM on Saturday, December 4. If you have not experienced the Advent prayer vigil in the past we encourage you to participate this year. It is a very powerful and meaning time to sit in the sanctuary and pray for an hour within the 24 hour time period. We invite Hurlbut family members to sign up for various time slots on the sign-up sheet posted by the Scott St Door for this purpose, or please call the church office if you are able to assist!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

Lighting the Advent Candle With the new year comes once again the lighting of the Advent candles. As we light the way into the new year, each week we emphasize the importance of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love in our world. Please contact Debbie or Paul if you are interested in serving as Advent Candle lighters this year. The Sundays are 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, and Christmas Eve 12/24/21.

Christmas Eve Services (7:00 pm) Believe in the true meaning of Christmas and join us for our Christmas Eve candle light service.

Church Charge Conference Save the Date..... Our Church Charge Conference will be held on Wednesday December 8 at 6:00 pm at Hurlbut Church with Natalie Hanson leading it. This church conference will be just for our Hurlbut congregation. Please join us for a meal for Weenie Wednesday followed by the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Hanging of the Greens Join us from 4-7:30 PM on Saturday, December 4 2021 for Hanging of the Greens. We invite everyone to come and help us decorate the church! Then stay and share a meal together if you would like to bring a Christmas dessert or cookies that is appreciated!. Come join us as we work together to bring the holiday spirit to the church!

The Unhanging of the Greens Will happen on Saturday January 8, 2021 beginning at 9:00 am. Many hands help to make the work go quickly, please join us by helping to unhang the greens

Thanksgiving Dinner Invitation from the Womack's

Paul and Natalie are inviting the community to Thanksgiving Dinner here at Hurlbut Church on November 25, 2021. If you would like to join them dinner will be around 4:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Paul and Natalie will be furnishing the turkey and drinks.

Please let the church office know if you plan on attending and what you will be bringing. If alone or your family is distant, don't be alone, come join us! Everyone is invited to attend. We will have a good time!



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Our-reach through outreach *You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O savings Lord, the bread of life to eat. You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.*

UM Hymnal 629

CLCS National Honor Society Christmas Outreach Hurlbut will be participating in the Chautauqua Lake Central School Christmas Outreach this year. Last year we were able to purchase gifts for 9 children from CLCS. We hope to be able to do that again this year.

We are asking for monetary gifts so that the Outreach Committee can do the shopping for all of the children. We are hoping to have these donations around Thanksgiving.

The holidays are here.....help to make them holy by remembering someone in need.

Ashville Food Pantry Please drop off your **unopened nonperishable** foods at the Scott Avenue entrance. The Ashville Food pantry is always in need of food to replenish their shelves.

If you would like to make a cash donation the check can be made payable to Hurlbut Church with a notation in the memo line for Ashville Food Pantry and given to the church office. We will make sure that it gets to them.

Mayville Thrift Shop The Mayville Thrift Shop and Food Pantry is located near St Paul's Episcopal Church. The Thrift Shop is always in need of donations of small household items, toys, and clean usable clothing for men, women, and children. These items are then sold to the public for a small monetary donation. The shop is operated by an all volunteer staff.

The money they receive is given to worthy causes in the community. In the past money has been given for a scholarship to CLCS senior's who participates in community services activities, CLCS drug/alcohol free after graduation party, Hospice, the library, Westfield Foundation, and local churches discretionary funds. The Thrift Shop is open all year Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00 am – 12:30 pm. Donations are accepted whenever the shop is open.

Rev J Paul Womack Christmas Basket Fund

As we start the season of chill in the air along with the beauty of fall, we reflect on the warmth that has been brought to hundreds of our community seniors over the years through the Office for the Aging Santa for Seniors program!!

With YOUR help, we will be putting together baskets filled with food for 150 needy elderly households in Chautauqua County for Christmas! It is not too early to donate to the Rev J Paul Womack Christmas Basket Fund at Hurlbut Church.

We are joined by First Baptist Church of Mayville. They will be coordinating the gift bag portion of the Santa for Seniors program this year. It is so wonderful to continue our community partnerships!!

Checks should be made payable to Hurlbut Church with a notation that it is for the Basket Fund in the memo line. Please mail donations to Hurlbut Church P. O. Box 33 Chautauqua NY 14722. We thank you for your generous support and kindness. We will be filling the bags of food here at Hurlbut if you would like to help. People are also needed to delivery these bags to the clients around the county. Talk to the church office for more details about how you can help.

“Life can only be understood by looking backward, but it must be lived by looking forward!”



Adopt A Highway Adopt-A-Highway fall pickup day happened on Saturday October 2, 2021. We met at the church at 8:30 am to begin. This is always a great way to discover all the interesting things you can find along the highway. Many hands always make the job go quicker. Our cleanup team was made up of Sandy Brown, David Brown, Nic Caruso, Debbie Caruso, Jill Trusso, Matt Trusso.

Volunteers Are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts. They offer the gift of their time to teach, to listen, to help, to inspire, to build, to grow, to learn. They expect no pay, yet the value of their work knows no limit. They've known the unexpected joy of a simple hug. They've planted tiny seeds of love in countless lives. Volunteers are just ordinary people who reach out and take a hand and together make a difference that lasts a lifetime.



Prayer Shawls and Hats for Soldiers The Prayer Shawl Ministry was started here at Hurlbut Church in 2007. The knitting ministry was expanded to include Hats for Soldiers in 2008.

During 2021 we have given out 3 prayer shawls and 66 hats. The total number of prayer shawls given to individuals since 2007 is 100. Since the Hats for Soldiers began in 2008 Hurlbut has sent 1,187 hats to our soldiers serving in the military. This total for the hats is through 2021. Before the hats and shawls leave the church our Prayer Group prays over them, and a special blessing card is attached to each one.

Several members of our congregation and other people outside of this church have very lovingly spent endless hours knitting these hats and shawls. There have been so many individuals who have participated in this ministry a few have since passed away. When Carolyn Latta first started knitting hats for the soldiers she set a personal goal for herself of making 500 hats, here in 2021 she has now reached a total of 886. Through this ministry Hurlbut's congregation is helping to spread to others a feeling of God's loving care with their generosity of love and warmth.

We are inviting new knitters to join others here at Hurlbut with this very special ministry. If you do not knit but would like to contribute to this ministry, donations are willing accepted to help purchase yarn for our knitters. Or if you would like to learn more about this ministry, how to knit, or have questions please feel free to contact Carolyn Latta or the church office.

THANK YOU!!!!



Summer Meal Ministry.....

Every summer zips by during the 9 weeks in the Hurlbut Kitchen. The weather was hot and humid but the Hurlbut Kitchen was the place to be! We were so busy each day but having Alena back for her seventh year made things run so smoothly. We also hired an assistant meal coordinator Wendy Marlinski this summer. It helped so much having Wendy and James each day to give meal support and do the local shopping they were amazing. We also had some pretty fantastic volunteers and customers who came back day after day, week after week. When our repeat customers come back each year it is like seeing old friends, I think they feel the same about us!

The meal numbers this summer were down compared to other years. People were still concerned about COVID, the numbers were down on the grounds, and the afternoon lectures were being held at 1:00 instead of 2:00 like in previous years. On an average we served about 350 lunches each week in the past it was 497. In 2019 we totaled 4,477 lunches for the entire summer, this year it was 3,153. That was lower than 2019 by 1,324. The dinner numbers averaged 113 per week, in 2019 it was 185 so we were down about 72 people per week. We made the decision prior to the summer not to have the lemonade stand this year. It would have been very difficult to have run the lemonade stand especially when our volunteers were down each day during the week.

Our customers were gracious and appreciative for the great service and good food they received from us every day. They were happy to be back at Chautauqua and to know that we were still here at Hurlbut offering meals. This could not have happened without the daily volunteers for each meal. This year we had 90 volunteers for the season, everyone served from their heart. Our volunteers consisted of ages from 4 years old to 91 years old. Everyone was amazing who helped, from the youngest to the oldest You are all the best!!!! We could not have been so successful without all of your help and our continued faithfulness to make each day work no matter what.....

As in the past our homemade soups are always one of the best selling choice even with our very hot summer weather, 651 soup plates were sold plus 57 extra soups were purchased. The second choice of our regular daily options at 456 was the turkey salad plate. The top two choices were the same as last year. Alena and her creative veggie wraps were popular again this summer selling 442. Fruit plates are another daily choice selling 172. Our daily specials always go over well the 1,415 totals for those items were taco salads 631. Our other two choices quiche 393 and crab salads 391 a 4th of July special hot dog, pasta salad, and pickle that was 17. Some other meal facts we served 3,427 cookies this was counting lunches, extra cookies sold at lunch, special cookie orders, and volunteers. This is always a lot of cookie dough that was made!!!! That was a lot of cookies that were baked!!!!

The meal ministry is very important to Hurlbut Church. As we all know the proceeds help to continue supporting the church missions and ministries throughout the entire year. Without the help and commitment of the Hurlbut congregation and Hurlbut's many friends who give of their time serving meals or making desserts, coming here to eat a meal and just passing the word to others that we are here and to come and try us out, we would not be able to be so successful with our summer meal ministry. We are thankful that we are able to serve so many people who return year after year to Hurlbut for their meals. We provide a very important service to the community. But this service also helps this church so much. Without the Summer Meal Ministry our church would not be able to continue to operate.

So many of you went truly above and beyond what ever was asked of you this summer. Thank you to our turkey slicing team who slice the dinner turkeys every Wednesday afternoon, that was always a time of many laughs. We never had a lack of desserts and that was because of the generous people who baked every week. Thank you to our wonderful dessert cutters who came every week. Thank you to the Marlinski's who did our local shopping every day. Many thanks to everyone who took home and washed all the dish towels every day. Thank you to those of you who were just there for an uplifting word, prayers, hugs, or those who just came and supported the meal program by enjoying our delicious meals.

We were so fortunate to have our Meal Coordinator Alena Ramirez return for her seventh year. She worked so hard in the kitchen making sure that we had enough food each day and that things were ready on time, welcomed all the many volunteers with her kindness and her calming personality. It is hard work being the Summer Meal Coordinator it is a tiring job with long hours it takes a special person.... we have always been fortunate to have good, caring, hardworking people as our Meal Coordinators. Alena is one of those special people and we can't thank her enough for all the time, patience, leadership, creativity, and heart she put into doing her job. Thank you again Alena, we hope that your summer at Hurlbut was an enjoyable experience for you... as it was for the rest of us working with you! We were also so fortunate to have Wendy and James Marlinski working for us this summer. It helped so much to have consistent, friendly, caring, helpful people who were here every day helping.

**“Whatever you do, work at it with all our heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.
It is the Lord, Christ you are serving”. Colossians 3:23**

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Greetings from your Finance Committee! As we gather during the coming holidays with our Hurlbut family and our own families, may the Lord bless and keep you all in His love.

As you know, the past few years have been monetarily very challenging here at Hurlbut. The Pandemic, for many months, prevented us from worshipping together. With Chautauqua Institution virtually closed during the summer of 2020, we lost our meal ministry income as well as other funds received for use of church facilities. This past summer saw Chautauqua return to perhaps half of its normal season, and this was reflected in our meal ministry, which brought in about half of what we had earned in 2019.

The return of Pastor Paul Womack, with wonderful assistance from Rev. Natalie Hanson and Rev. John Jackson, has brought a renewed vitality to the church, both in attendance numbers and enthusiasm.

In November we are having Stewardship moments during our Sunday services, reminding us of the commitments we all need to make as members of Hurlbut and disciples of Jesus Christ. These include prayer, presence, gifts and service. We all must give as we are able, not just financially, but in all manner of utilizing our gifts.

The Finance Committee has built a very conservative budget for 2022, but in order to achieve our goal of breaking even, we need everyone's support. Please consider increasing your financial giving if possible. Hurlbut is looking forward to increased programming, going out into the community more and growing in faith and numbers!

When you receive a pledge card, please fill it out and return to the church promptly. If you don't get one, contact the office, or just feel free to give as you are able.

Best Wishes in Christ, Mike Corey, Finance Chair

	<u>2021 Financial Status</u>		
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Net</u>
9/30/21	11,239.46	9,116.77	2,122.69
YTD	124,214.66	114,781.41	9,433.25

For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give—large or small—will be used to measure what is given back to you.” Luke : 6:38

We find ourselves each fall season in a state of awe and wonder at our church, our church family and the impact Hurlbut Church has beyond its walls to the greater community and far beyond. Giving to others, sharing with others and serving with others has been an integral part of our church life. We are touched by the testimonials of visitors who serve with us during summer meals, who attend our services and who use our building for their needs.

Thank you to all of you for your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service to make Hurlbut Church, a place that means so much to so many people.....even to more people than we know.

From all of the committees here at Hurlbut Church.... As we look to the days ahead, we hope and pray for all of Hurlbut's ministers. Consider trying to do something new in loving service for our Church as we gather together in this sacred place. Sign up for any of our ministry opportunities available each Sunday, join the Choir, invite a neighbor, friend or coworker to Sunday Worship. Even if it is just for one Sunday, you can make a wonderful and lasting impact on the life of our Church.

Thank you for all you do, both seen and unseen, for God surely sees and rejoices in all that Hurlbut Church does.

You should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Thank You from the Finance Committee

Thank you for all the volunteers who worked countless hours with our Meal Coordinator serving God with your servant-like attitude making Hurlbut a part of your very busy summer activities. All of you graciously served the public for nine weeks baking desserts for Thursday dinner, working inside the church prepping food, serving, and cleaning up for lunches and dinners.

Running a summer meal program is not an easy endeavor it takes a lot of people and commitments to make this a success for the Church. We had a decent summer after a COVID year. Financially our earnings ended in the black but they were down about half from previous years. But the income we did receive will help to aid the Missions and Ministries of this church.

Words can not begin to describe our gratitude to the Chautauqua Community and this congregation for supporting Hurlbut church by eating your meals here this summer and volunteering to help us serve others. The Finance Committee

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us, teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.

Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become. UM Hymnal 560

Stewardship Preaching and Teaching Scripture

- Exodus 25:2 Giving with willing heart
- Exodus 36:2-7 Giving to the Lord in overabundance
- 1 Chronicles 29:3-4 Personal treasures given to temple
- 1 Chronicles 29:14 Giving back to God what God has given to us
- Psalms 37:21,26 Giving generously
- Psalms 50:23 Value of sacrifice and offering
- Psalms 54:6-7 Giving out of gratitude for deliverance
- Psalms 112:5 Blessings on generous people
- Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the Lord with one's wealth
- Proverb 22:9 Blessing for generous man
- Malachi 3:8-10 Stealing from God
- Matthew 5:23-24 Giving with clean heart
- Matthew 6:2-4 Private stewardship
- Matthew 6:19-21 Treasures on earth and treasures in heaven
- Matthew 23:23 Fullest measure of giving
- Mark 4:24-25 Those given much and those given little
- Mark 12:13-17 Paying taxes to government
- Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4 Widow's small offering
- Luke 3:11 Sharing with others
- Luke 6:38 Abundance repays those who give.
- Luke 12:33-34 Selling one's possessions for the poor
- Acts 10:2 Devout centurion
- 1 Corinthians 4:2 Need to prove faithful
- 1 Corinthians 16:2 Giving on first day of week
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Persecution brings overflowing joy and generosity
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 Sowing and reaping
- 2 Corinthians 9:10 God rewards givers
- Galatians 6:6 Student sharing with teacher
- Hebrews 13:16 Share with others
- 1 Peter 4:10 Using one's gifts for the good of others

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THE MISSION

*To share Christ with the community and the world
by being a center for Christian worship, education,
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Serving our community with an ecumenical outlook.

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