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“Belong, Believe and Become all that God Promises”

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“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they are?” Matthew 6:26.

A few days ago, our dog Sonny found a baby bird in our back yard, a beautiful blue jay. When I saw it up close, something was wrong with the bird. It struggled to move around and there was no reaction when I tried to feed and give it some water. The bird did not want anything more than to stay put. At the same time, we heard other birds around. When I looked up, it was a blue jay, the same type of bird that Sonny found.

The next day I saw the baby bird’s parents again. They took it to safety. We don’t see any of them anymore, but I am positive and hopeful that the baby bird got better and was able to fly with its loved ones.

Our Father God is amazing. He did not forget about the animals and with much more reason He takes care of us. He promised never to leave us and always take care of us just like He gives birds their food and beautiful feathers.

Pastor Emilce Erato





The following need your prayers...

Chuck Albers, Ursula B., Stephanie Baio, Howie Block, Tina Bugalia, Bill Ciampa, Gray Collingwood, Jimmy E., Elsie, Sylvia Erato, Brian and Dylan Gasperetti, Hunter George, Andrea Graham, Kathryn Graven, Virginia Heinsch, Angela Herber, Joe, Michael Kelly, Joanne Kempel, Cynthia Listort, Bill and Fran McGowan, Chuck Miata, Nicki, John Pisarri, Schneider family, Moira Sheldon, Donna Slyman, Robert Smith, Court Stevenson, Peter Stevenson, Kevin Sullivan, Miriam Valder, Griselda Vega, Teri Ventimiglia, Deanna Ventura, Eleanore Wagner, and James Wheeler.



Guenther Betz 6/10
Aidan Graham 6/19
Dylan Gasperetti 6/26



Thank you to everyone who supported our April Food Drive for the New Life Center. Caren and Helmut Prill delivered 57 pounds of food.

JUNE SCHEDULE

Mondays

11-12 p.m. Brew Crew-AA

Tuesdays

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Council 10 a.m. 6/18

3:30-5 p.m. Girl Scouts

6-8:30 p.m. Power Up-Tae Kwon Do

Wednesdays

11-12 p.m. New Life-AA

Road to Recovery 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Thursdays

6-7:30 p.m. Power Up-Tae Kwon Do

Fridays

11-12 p.m. New Life-AA

Saturdays

9-11:15 a.m. Road to Recovery-AA

Sundays

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



Property Fraud Alert

Property Fraud Alert is an electronic notification service that alerts a registered user via email every time a land records document is recorded in the Nassau County NY County Clerk office with a requested alert name and/or alert property description. This Property Fraud Alert Service is offered as a FREE service by the Nassau County Clerk.

SCAMS

Be advised that there are numerous scams circulating in our area. It may be a “representative” from PSEGLI saying your power will be cut off because of an unpaid bill or a person claiming you won a prize and asks you to confirm personal information. The brightest people on the planet have been fooled so it pays to question anything that doesn’t seem “quite right”.

JUNE OUTREACH



Our mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Our vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Our principles

1. Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ.
2. Focus on shelter.
3. Advocate for affordable housing.
4. Promote dignity and hope.
5. Support sustainable and transformative development.

Who we are

Habitat for Humanity partners with people in your community, and all over the world, to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families. Through our 2020 Strategic Plan, Habitat for Humanity will serve more people than ever before through decent and affordable housing.

Non-proselytizing policy

Habitat for Humanity and its affiliate organizations will not proselytize. Nor will Habitat work with entities or individuals who insist on proselytizing as part of their work with Habitat. This means that Habitat will not offer assistance on the expressed or implied condition that people must adhere to or convert to a particular faith or listen and respond to messaging designed to induce conversion to a particular faith.



SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

11:45 AM

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Join in the celebration of the opening of our newly renovated kitchen!

Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served.

After a year of reconstruction, our new kitchen is back up and running. Pastor looks forward to seeing you on June 23 and hopes for more fellowship hours come September.

If you plan on attending, please let Lois Altvater or Pastor Erato know. You may email the office as well.



SUMMER WITH GOD

For some, *summer* is a verb. As in “Where do you summer?” The question assumes a certain level of wealth and leisure. Of course, not everyone can afford a lake house or country home, let alone an extended stay away from the pressures of daily life. But we can all summer with God.

Want to enjoy a season of spiritual warmth, growth and renewal? Pick from among the following six suggestions, which form the acrostic *summer*. Or even try them all!

Slow down.

Summer brings a change of pace—vacation, holidays, travel. Why not take advantage of that change and invite God into it? Take a break, whether it’s a beach vacation or a weekend away, and listen for God’s voice. Pause for prayer on a walk or hike. Arrive early at church, or linger a little longer in God’s presence.

Unload a burden.

We dress lighter in summer: No heavy coats, scarves or sweaters. But is something still weighing you down? A grudge? Regret? A bad habit? An unrealistic expectation? This summer, ask God to help you let go of whatever’s cluttering your spirit.

Move prayer practice outside.

Take your morning coffee-and-prayer time to the backyard. Or find a spot in the park to pray and read your Bible or an inspirational book. A favorite memory of mine is from a backpacking trip I took with my teenage son. We stopped by a mountain stream, kicked off our shoes and read *In His Steps* while dangling our feet in the cool water.

Mingle seasonal pleasures with prayer.

Stop to smell the roses—literally—and give thanks for the fragrance of summer. Share a tall glass of lemonade or slice of melon with your prayer partner. Drop by a Little League game or neighborhood playground to savor the sounds of the season, and let God prompt a few fond memories from your childhood—or your children’s.

Enjoy an outdoor worship experience.

Do any churches in your area host concerts or worship services in the park or at the beach? Some churches even hold periodic “holy hikes,” blending worship and low-impact walking. Check out a nearby prayer labyrinth. Or simply find a flower-filled meadow and sing a hymn of praise to God.

Reflect and recharge.

When you look back on these summer months, how would you like your spiritual life to be different? Refreshed? Rejuvenated? What moments might produce such a result in you and for you?

You might spend an hour reflecting on the first half of this year and asking for God’s blessing on the second half to come. Or you might renew a practice you’ve let slide, such as attending church or singing in the choir. Or you might rekindle a friendship and pray together over the phone.

Summer is an easy season to love. You’ll love it even more if you include God in your plans and summer with him. —Guidepost website 2024

