



July 8, 2020

**THIS SUNDAY**

**July 12, 2020**

**10:30 a.m. To Be At Peace**  
*The Rev. Lynn Ashley, Pulpit Guest*

**Click here** for instructions on how to join virtual worship on Sunday

### **CHURCH NEWS**

**July Newsletter:** If you missed the July Newsletter yesterday, you can find it **here**.

**Pastoral Care this summer:** As James mentioned in the newsletter, he will be away for vacation and study leave in July and August. If you have pastoral care needs, please reach out to our trained team leads: Helen Hutchinson from July 6-12 and Leo Burger from July 13-20 .

**Rachel Somers Grant Social Action Award:** Congratulations to Eileen Raymond, our 2020 recipient.

**Gender Resources:** Our pulpit guests from last Sunday have compiled a list of resources and helpful links for anyone who is interested in learning more. Check it out!

**Anti-Racism Resources:** Visit this post for ideas on how to start the work of anti-racism. We plan to add more resources as time goes on. If you would like to contribute to the resources with a book review or other suggestion, please **email** us.

**Soft Re-Opening:** Church Council recently approved a soft re-opening of the church building which allows members and staff to use the building on an individual basis if all safety precautions are followed and the use is pre-approved. Please **email** to arrange a time for quiet personal reflection in the sanctuary or to use the library.

**Grace House:** The pandemic has dramatically reduced the amount of donations they are receiving at Grace House, and they will soon have a full roster. If you are able to drop off donations, they are seeking twin bedding sets, towels, dressers, area rugs, and bookshelves. If you have questions, you can **email Sara** in the office.

**Campus Kitchens:** If you can help prepare or distribute the free to-go meals on Monday nights, please [sign up for a shift online](#). If you know someone who could use a free meal, please send them to the church parking lot at 5 p.m. on Monday nights.

**[Food Boxes Available!](#)** If you or someone you know is in need of food in these uncertain times, there will be a USDA food box distribution, open to all, is also happening at SUNY Potsdam. Call 315-267-2128 to find out when the next distribution will occur.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

*NOTE: The church building remains closed. All gatherings will take place virtually. Links and instructions to participate below.*

**Sunday, July 12**  
10:30 a.m., Worship

**Monday, July 13**  
Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

### FAITH ENGAGEMENT NEWS

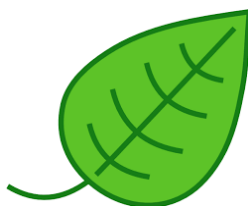
#### Faith Engagement at Home

This week's story and activity celebrates strawberries. In the Cherokee story "The First Strawberries" hear the legend of how the first strawberries came to be, as well as the moral of the story--be kind and loving to each other.

Then make strawberry wojapi and fry bread. Check it out on our [Facebook Event page](#) for all the details and links. You don't need a Facebook account to access it.

Jr High OWL youth and Youth group members will next meet Sunday, July 19. Check your email for details.

Faith Engagement Summer Fun in a Box (or Bag) Packages will be arriving to your home soon. We have been developing activity packages for children, youth and families to stay connected to their faith values. Look for an email and/or phone call soon about setting up a delivery time. If you want to know more, please [email](#) Carol.



### ***It's Easy Being Green!***

Remember when Kermit the Frog told us "It's Not Easy being Green"? Well, we know lots of ways to make it easier. Maybe he meant that it's not easy being treated differently than others for your color, religion, or nationality. If we treat the earth and her people and creatures as we would treat

ourselves, things such as fear, conflict, waste and wars might become things of the past. What do you think? Are we committed to this path in the times of plenty, convenience, disposable everything, oceans of plastic, and disappearing wilderness?

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