

"If the Son has set you free,
you are free indeed!" – John 8:36

Foothills Worship Center

JUNE 2023 CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Remembering Flag Day June 14

Flag Day is an appropriate time to recall the story of one of the most reproduced photographs; the famous flag-raising at the battle for Iwo Jima in World War II.

Joe Rosenthal, an Associated Press photographer, captured the scene on Feb 23, 1945, after being told that a patrol was headed up a nearby hill with an American flag. He and other photographers had to navigate through mine fields and run for cover six times as U.S. Marines bombed Japanese forces hiding in caves.

By noon, they had reached the summit in time to see six men straining to erect a 20-foot iron pipe bearing a huge American flag. Rosenthal made a pile of sandbags and rocks to get an elevated view and took the photograph for which he received a Pulitzer Prize.

Three of the men in the photograph were killed before the battle was over. Nearly 7,000 other soldiers died in action on Iwo Jima out of more than 20,000 American casualties

"In a way, it is a picture of a miracle," Rosenthal said. "No man who survived that beach can tell you how he did it. It was like walking through rain and not getting wet."

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. --2 Corinthians 3:17 **REMEMBER!**



Sunday June 18th

HAPPY ★★★★★

**Father's
DAY**

***"He will turn the hearts
of the fathers to their
children, and the hearts
of the children to their
fathers."*** Malachi 4:6

Hey Everyone— Let's Go Bowling!

**Sunday June 11th starting at 1:00pm
at Perry Lanes in Johnstown, NY**

We are very excited about this Foothills Fundraiser that will take place this month. There have been sooo many great prizes collected from area businesses & donated from members, that we now have over 25 different baskets for the raffle with a value of over \$2,500! **Get your presale tickets!**

We need more bowlers & teams signed up!

\$25 per bowler includes games and shoes. **Come join the fun & support the church!**



Some June Jollies

What do you call a snowman in June?

A puddle

If April showers bring May flowers,
what do May flowers bring?

June bugs

What did May tell June when
they were fighting?

Don't July to me!

**YARD
SALE**

**FUNDRAISER COLLECTS \$550
BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE
WHO HELPED TO MAKE THIS
EVENT SUCCESSFUL!**

Few people realize the behind-the-scenes work it takes to make FWC the amazing church that it is. I just want to Thank all of you who are volunteering every week. The amount of work you accomplish in Jesus' name is just amazing. We are so grateful and appreciate you all dedicating your time, energy & talents to keep our ministries running smoothly and FWC looking so great!

**WE THANK YOU
for supporting this
church with your
prayers, presence,
gifts, service and
witness. Well Done!**



Happy Birthday!

Aiden Sacerio, 6/2

Leo VanAllen, 6/4

James Baxter 6/6

Lynné Chesebro, 6/6

Tom Green, 6/11

Dick Diefendorf, 6/12

Cameron Roten 6/15 Audrey Fischer 6/15

Linda Bronk, 6/16

Deb Soltner, 6/16

Frances Lyons, 6/22

Bette Vincent 6/25

Betty Twardy, 6/26

Celebrating Anniversaries!

Margaret and Arthur Schrum 6/02

Sandy and Gustavo Sacerio 6/05

Cynthia and Leo VanAllen 6/22

Church Membership



There is nothing quite as wonderful as the warmth of fellowship in a church where you feel the love of God, as well as people around you who are in unity worshiping the Lord together. It is a beautiful experience.

If you have been coming to FWC for a while then you know that we rarely mention membership in the church. We know of course, it is far more important to be in God's family which happens at Salvation. Yet, there is no doubt that a local Church Membership is also very important to the ongoing function and health of the church.

We are inviting many of our FWC faithful attendees who are not yet members to officially join our church membership family.

Membership certainly has many privileges. It does show the level of care and concern a person has for the church they attend. In addition, members can officially vote at our important upcoming church conference.

Pastor Brad is offering Membership classes every Thursday during the month of June Afternoons 1-2pm & Evenings 6:30-7:30pm.

If you are interested in joining FWC Church please call or email the office to sign up for one of the membership classes so you can officially join the church & vote on June 25!



The Ability to be Truly Free

Do you remember the famous escape artist, Harry Houdini? Houdini had often boasted that he could escape easily from any jail cell in the country. Frequently, he would demonstrate his ability to do just that, but once something went very wrong.

Houdini had been placed in a prison cell that had a large padlock on the door.

When the heavy door clanged shut, Houdini pulled out a piece of thin metal that had been concealed in his belt and started to pick the lock. For thirty minutes, he worked on the lock, but couldn't get it open. An hour passed, he was bathed in sweat, but still couldn't pick the lock.

Two hours went by and he finally collapsed in frustration against the door he could not open. But when he fell against the door, it swung open. It had never been locked! In his mind it was locked, and that's all it took to keep him "locked" in and frustrated.



The bondage and imprisonment resulting from our sin isn't the same as Houdini's jail cell, but it is very much like imprisonment of the mind. Jesus knew there is something about the truth that is freeing. His concern was specifically freedom from sin, and the truth about himself.

Jesus frees people from sin, opening the door to true freedom and joyful & abundant life. Today, decide to rid yourself of the shackles of sin and receive by faith the cleansing, forgiving blood of God's Beloved Son. Today declare your dependence on the Lord Jesus and come boldly to the throne of grace to find His mercy and love.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Shirley Davenpeck

Joni and Calvin Dennie

Richard & Sharon Diefendorf

Skylhar Duval

Nila Edwards

John & Em Elithorpe

Elmendorf Residence

Jewel & Clayton Ernst

John Fagan and family

Joseph & Lori Farnham

Kay Fassett

Janet Findlay

Audrey Fischer

David & Linda Fisher

Floyd Family

Gerald Frisbie

Dear Lord, I pray that every family will always be united in love. I pray that they will be strong in facing challenges and problems, that they will continue to support each other all the time. I ask that you prevent them from any form of division. May they find comfort and strength from each other in times of need.

In Jesus' name, Amen

The FWC Food Pantry does always need financial support and will gladly accept donations of food. They are open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 11:30 am.



UNYUMC Annual Conference Meetings Scheduled

After three years of meeting virtually due to the COVID pandemic, churches from across New York State will be gathering in-person for the 2023 Annual Conference at Onondaga Community College's SRC Arena in Syracuse, NY from Thursday till Sat. on June 1-3, 2023.

Pastor Brad will be attending the conference and will bring back lots of updates & reports. Please be in prayer for the decisions that will be made and that God will be glorified in all.

The current UM News' count of how many church disaffiliations have been approved by annual conferences is 3,933. The tally comes from a UM News review of U.S. annual conference reports, publicly available journals and the reports of the annual conference sessions held in 2022 and 2023. There are still 31 conferences yet to meet plus 50+ special sessions scheduled to take place this year,