

July 2021

The Nimmonsburg Witness

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

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Sitting on a Rock



Several years ago, I was speaking at a retreat in California. Since my interior clock never seemed to adjust to west coast time, I would get up early, find a beautiful place to sit outside, and call home. One particular morning, Dave answered the phone and asked, “*What are you doing?*” I replied, “*Sitting on a rock.*” That phrase soon became our name for stepping away from life and spending time with God. Everyone needs to “*sit on a rock*” now and then.

Psalm 18:1-2 says, “*I love you, LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold (NIV).*” I have found that it does not matter how much I say this, if I do not take time to “*sit on a rock*” and spend time with God, it will not help. I cannot take hold of the strength of God; I cannot be anchored to God; or take comfort under the refuge and shield of God; if I do not sit in that space when life is good. When times are hard and I am tired or afraid, I will not easily find the rock of my salvation.

I am (of course) writing this before I go away in June and you will read this after I return. This time, for me, is a time to “*sit on a rock.*” After several difficult school semesters and the added stress of Covid, and before we make the shift to full-time ministry at Nimmonsburg, I need to take my own advice and “*sit on a rock.*” I need to spend some intentional and intense time with God to refresh and renew my spirit. Feel free to hold me accountable and ask how I did at “*sitting on a rock*” while I was away.

I challenge you to find a rock to sit on. Your rock may look like a comfy chair or a corner of your house. It may look like your patio or your garden. Whatever your rock looks like, take some time just sitting on your rock today - each day.

Pastor Jenni





**CONGRATULATIONS
FREYA RANDALL**

Congratulations to Freya Randall who graduated from high school, and will be attending Finger Lakes Community College/Arnot Hospital in their paramedic program in the Fall.

Best of luck Freya!



**Nimmonsburg
Church Picnic**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Church Picnic! We can finally all get together and enjoy this fun time!

Sunday, July 11th at 11:15 am

We are planning to hold the picnic behind the Church. The Church will supply all of the meat and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass (*sign-up sheet is in the church entryway*) and a camp chair. We will have tables set up for everyone. If you have some fun yard games, please bring those along too!



Our July Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

- 7/6 - Patti Derr
Jacob Shoemaker
- 7/7 - Philip Kocan
- 7/9 - Jacob Rueffer
- 7/12 - Ellie Minett
- 7/18 - Lynne Ruth
- 7/19 - Judy Sanaeko
- 7/21 - Zach Moyer
David Wolcott
- 7/22 - Myrnie Ferro
- 7/23 - Marie Thornton
- 7/28 - Mini Daub
Audrey Finch
Justin Hagerman
Gordon Justice
David Morgan
- 7/31 - Deaven Rought



ANNIVERSARIES:

- 7/2 - Amy & Dan Morgan
- 7/7 - Kathy & Christopher Nabinger
- 7/10 - Madeline & Richard Nemcek
Judy & William Poit
- 7/19 - Deborah & David Hagerman

*Did we miss your special day?
If so, please let us know so we can
celebrate with you!*



SOLVING PROBLEMS

When God solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities. When God doesn't solve your problem, HE has faith in YOUR abilities.

Favorite Hymns



Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn	There Shall be Showers of Blessing
Contractor's Hymn	The Church's One Foundation
Tailor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
Golfer's Hymn	There is a Green Hill Far Away
Politician's Hymn	Standing on the Promises
Optometrist's Hymn	Open My Eyes That I May See
IRS Agent's Hymn	I Surrender All
Gossip's Hymn	Pass It On
Electrician's Hymn	Send the Light
Shopper's Hymn	In the Sweet By and By
Realtor's Hymn	I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop
Pilot's Hymn	I'll Fly Away
Paramedic's Hymn	Revive Us Again
Judge's Hymn	Almost Persuaded
Psychiatrist's Hymn	Just a Little Talk with Jesus
Librarian's Hymn	Whispering Hope
Architect's Hymn	How Firm a Foundation
Zookeeper's Hymn	All Creatures of Our God and King
Postal Worker's Hymn	So Send I You
Waiter's/Waitress' Hymn	Fill My Cup, Lord
Gardener's Hymn	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Lifeguard's Hymn	Rescue the Perishing
Criminal's Hymn	Search Me, O God
Baker's Hymn	When the Roll is Called Up Yonder
Shoe Repairer's Hymn	It is Well with My Soul
Travel Agent's Hymn	Anywhere with Jesus
Geologist's Hymn	Rock of Ages
Hematologist's Hymn	Are You Washed in the Blood?
Men's Wear Clerk's Hymn	Blest be the Tie
Umpire's Hymn	I Need No Other Argument

GARDEN TOUR

July 10th

10 am to 3 pm

\$20/person

The Garden Tour is presented by Lyceum affiliated with Binghamton University, the Naturalists Club of Broome County, and the United Methodist Women of Central UMC. Ten beautiful gardens in Endicott, Owego and Berkshire will be open for touring.



Tickets are now available at Central United Methodist Church in Endicott. Their office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Call the Church Office at 607-754-6060 for more information.

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

(Not from NUMC!)

- * Don't let worry kill you off—let the Church help.
- * We are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- * Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- * Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to new members and the deterioration of some older ones.
- * Miss Charlene sang *"I Will Not Pass This Way Again"*, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Time of Refreshing

Theme: Acts 3:19
"Repent, then, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

September 26th—1:00 to 4:00 pm
Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall

Worship, Prayer, Teaching and More

Everyone Welcome
Reservations Appreciated but Not Necessary

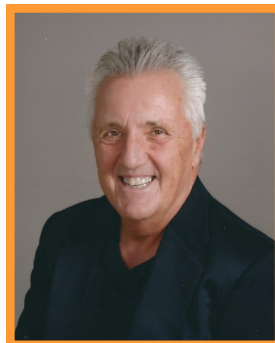


Sky Lake

Sky Lake is now open and registering campers for summer programs. They also have a critical need for staffing and are encouraging volunteers to jump back in — for small, medium and large projects or for a week or more filling key summer staff position. Visit the website at www.skylakecenter.org or call (607) 467-2750 for information.

George Miller at NUMC

George Miller will be doing a **FREE CONCERT** on Saturday, **September 12th**, at **6:00 pm** here at Nimmonsburg UMC and everyone is welcome! Many of you may remember his amazing and powerful voice filling our sanctuary, and his message of the Gospel filling our hearts.



George has been serving the Lord for many years in mission work around the world with his beautiful deep baritone voice. From contemporary music to well-known favorites, George blesses us with music that is uplifting, and to let us know that God is able to help us through anything.



George Miller will also be here on Sunday morning to sing with us, and for us during Worship. Don't miss this special worship service!

Congratulations Pastor Jenni

On June 19th, as part of the 2021 Upper New York Annual Conference Service of Ordination and Commissioning, our own Pastor Jenni was commissioned to the work of an elder by Rev. Heather Williams, UNY Co-Chair of the Order of Elders. *(This service was by invitation only due to COVID concerns.)*



Once commissioned, Pastor Jenni was

welcomed with open arms by a crowd of vaccinated members of the UNY Conference. Full coverage of the Service is available at: <https://bit.ly/AC2021CommissioningandOrdinationArticle>, or at <https://bit.ly/AC2021CommissioningandOrdinationVideo>.



Congratulations to Pastor Jenni from all of us!!



Nimmonsburg Church Cookbooks

This recipe sounds so good that I am going to try it this weekend. It was submitted by Gloria Hider and is on page 40 in our Cookbook.

The Nimmonsburg Church Cookbooks are \$10 each and are available in the Church Office or from Jim Tregaskis.



Cocoa Bread

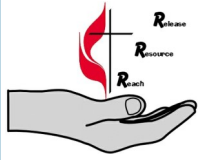
Ingredients:

2/3 cup milk	1/2 cup warm water
1 pkg. yeast	1/3 c. soft butter
1/2 cup dark brown sugar	1 t. salt
4 T. cocoa	2 1/2 cups flour
2/3 cup broken walnuts	

Directions:

- ① Scald milk and set aside to cool to lukewarm. Mix warm water with the warm milk, and add yeast to soften.
- ② Cream together butter, sugar, salt and cocoa. Add yeast mixture and mix well. Gradually add flour until you have a soft dough just firm enough to knead. Knead in the walnuts.
- ③ Place in greased bowl, cover and allow to double in bulk. Turn out, punch down and place in a greased 5 x 8 inch loaf pan. Let rise to double again.
- ④ Bake at 350° for 50-60 minutes.

Cocoa Bread is best toasted and spread with cream cheese. Yum!



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