



Shenendehowa UMC Connections

September, 2021

Pastor Lee Carlson

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“The Chosen”

An 8-Week Sermon Series & Small Group Study

“You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won’t spoil.”

John 15:15

When I was a boy, we played kickball or some other game during recess or gym class. The teacher would choose two captains, and then we would all line up for the captain of each team to choose his/her players. I remember both the feelings of relief when I was chosen (and how proud I felt when I was one of the first kids picked) and the feelings of rejection when I was one of the last kids to be picked. The rejection came either because I wasn’t one of the captain’s favorite friends, or I just wasn’t very good at the sport. It felt great to be wanted and chosen, but it never felt good to be unwanted and left till last.

This reflection reminds me of a conversation I had with one of my seminary friends who first introduced me to a new streaming television show in 2019 entitled, *The Chosen*. I was a bit skeptical when I first heard all the buzz about this show. If it wasn’t for his recommendation, I doubt I would have checked it out too quickly. I’d seen my share of cheesy, low-budget biblical movies and television shows. You, too? And yet, to my surprise, I found this new series on the life of Christ to be very good. Here is a bit about the development of the show:



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The Chosen is a streaming television series which made history as the very first, multi-season TV series ever made about Jesus. Many movies and miniseries have been created about Him over the years, but no multiple-season show has been attempted before.

Amazingly, the show rapidly became a worldwide phenomenon and has been downloaded and streamed in every country. It is currently being translated into more than 50 languages.

The Chosen is scheduled to last seven seasons with eight episodes in each season. The first two seasons are complete, and all sixteen episodes are available to watch for free online. Veteran filmmaker, Dallas Jenkins, son of renowned writer, Jerry Jenkins, (who is best known for the *Left Behind* book series), directs the television show. He said, “My original idea in making “*The Chosen*” in 2017 was simply to create a short film about the birth of Christ in a fresh way. As I shared it with friends, ministry leaders, and entertainment professionals, I kept getting the same response: ‘I want more.’ As a result, we decided to make an entire TV show about the life of Christ through the eyes of those who encountered Him.”

He added, “*The Chosen* is a narrative show, which means it’s not a documentary. It’s also not a church. It’s not a non-profit ministry. It’s not formally connected to a denomination or a faith tradition, and it’s absolutely not a replacement for Scripture. I believe the Bible is the Word of God and that it needs no improvement. (cont. on pg. 2)

September Kick Off! Join the Celebration!!!

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And the consultants I talked to and run things by also all believe the Bible is the Word of God and needs no improvement. This show is not a replacement for Scripture. We make that very clear upfront before episode one. And when we add historical or cultural or artistic context and backstory into the show, that changes nothing about the Bible itself. The Bible is the Bible, Scripture is Scripture."

So, starting September 19, I will be preaching/teaching from the Bible passages portrayed in each of the 8 episodes from season 1. Together, we will discover what it means to be chosen by Jesus. Author Amanda Jenkins says, *"Being chosen by Jesus has beautiful and far-reaching implications; although it says even more about the Chooser than those chosen. We are loved because He's love. We are saved because He's merciful. We belong to the family of God because Jesus is our ticket in, making Isaiah 43 and all its perks as true for us today as it was for God's chosen nation [Israel] back then. But what does it actually mean to be Chosen? To answer that question, we're going Old school—Testament that is. Which will lead us back to the New. Which will lead us directly to Jesus."*

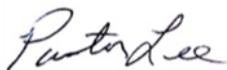
Below are the upcoming messages. Each of these are in alignment with our 8-session small group study based on *The Chosen* series which will begin the week of September 19. You may sign-up at the church following our worship services or by emailing dwalling@shenumc.org.

September 19: The Chosen: Chosen For Something That You Might Not Have Chosen For Yourself	September 26: The Chosen: You Are Called
October 3: The Chosen: You Rest	October 10: The Chosen: You Are Cherished
October 17: The Chosen: You Change Course	October 24: The Chosen: You Are a Witness
October 31: The Chosen: You Are Made New	November 7: The Chosen: You Are Established
November 14: The Chosen: You Are Carried	November 21: The Chosen: You Are A Vessel of Praise

Isn't it good to know God wants you and me on His team? That before the foundation of the world, God looked through time, and He saw you, and He saw me, and He said, *"I'll take him. I'll take her."* He didn't leave you and me till last. He chose us before we even lined up. What a relief to know that you and I didn't get in by accident. Jesus reminds us in **John 15:15**, ***"You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you..."*** Listen, God chose you! You've been selected as part of the team, and it's better than any earthly team could ever be.

You are invited to join me for *The Chosen* message series in September and get engaged in an 8-week small group where together, we will experience the truth found in **Ephesians 1:4**, ***"...just as [in His love] He chose us in Christ [actually selected us for Himself as His own] before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy [that is, consecrated, set apart for Him, purpose-driven] and blameless in His sight."***

I am honored to be your pastor!



"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

I Peter 2:9

As the lay leader for SUMC, I would like to thank all those who are currently serving on the Church Council for their dedication and hard work. As 2021 comes to a close, the current members of the Church Council will have their terms expire.

We are currently looking to fill these vacancies. I am praying that anyone reading this will consider whether God is leading him/her to serve as a member of the Church Council beginning in 2022.

I can assure you that becoming a church leader at this time will provide an opportunity to lead SUMC through some of its most dynamic and challenging times. Anyone serving the church will certainly be part of shaping the future for the church.

Normally, I would try to approach each and everyone of you during coffee hour; however, in these COVID times, this approach has not been practical for many of us. Please consider sharing your spiritual gifts with your church. Positions available cover all areas of expertise. No prior experience is allowed.

You can speak with Pastor Lee or contact me at 518-461-7805 / ray.cerrone@jefsi.com for more information on positions that may be of interest. I will continue to pray that God blesses SUMC with excellent leadership during this transition.

Church Gathering Updates ...

Masks on Sundays

The CDC and the Saratoga County Health Dept. have recently issued revised guidelines for in person gatherings due to the rapid spread of the Delta variant of the coronavirus.

These revised guidelines include the recommendation that vaccinated and unvaccinated persons in areas with high infection rates wear masks when gathering indoors. Because Saratoga County has a high infection rate at this time, we are going to move forward in compliance with their recommendations for the safety of everyone.

We are asking everyone (vaccinated and unvaccinated) to wear a mask at all times while in the building on Sundays. At the outdoor service, masks remain optional. We will modify the mask protocols according to the infection rates of Saratoga County.

Thank you ahead of time for your cooperation and love during this unprecedented time.

***Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine. Isa. 43:1***



What are the roles of Church Council and SPR?

A frequently asked question is “What does Church Council and Staff-Parish Relations (SPR) do?” Or, more simply, “How are decisions made?”

In our current structure, the Church Council consists of a dozen members of the congregation plus the Lead Pastor and the Executive Director. Church Council is further organized into four sub-teams, namely, SPR, Finance, Trustees, and Lay Leadership. The primary role of the Council and its sub-teams is *governance*. Now governance is not a concept most of us think about regularly, so at its core, governance is about setting policies, strategic directions, and staying engaged with the Pastor and Executive Director.

And while the last 18 months have been unusual to say the least, the basic role of Church Council has not changed. The Church Council has been engaged preparing budgets consistent with our Mission and current realities, advising the Executive Director on COVID protocols, discussing budgetary matters on a regular basis, supporting the church’s application for Payroll Protection Plan loan, maintaining a relationship with the church’s Preschool, offering feedback to the Trustees and the Building & Ground team on priorities, etc. Given the tactical realities of COVID and the need to meet virtually, strategic conversations have not been a priority.

The SPR sub-team is also focused on governance, but more specifically related to staffing. Its role is to establish, in collaboration with the Lead Pastor and Executive Director, what staff the church needs, i.e., what are roles, the job duties, and the hours required. The SPR sub-team also assists in the hiring process by participating in interviews. Over the last couple of years, there have been several staff transitions and we currently have open positions. Another important role of SPR is to advise the District Superintendent on our pastoral needs – this is broader than a simple statement of whether or not we wish to keep our current pastor.

If you have any question about the way Church Council or SPR works, or if you have some feedback on how things are going, please feel free to contact any of the current members.

Jim Miller	Church Council Chair
Shawn Mowry	Leader, SPR sub-team
Brian Nealon	Leader, Finance sub-team
John Orton	Leader, Board of Trustees
Ray Cerrone	Lay Leader
Brian Mitchell	Lay Member of Annual Conference
Roger Grout	SPR sub-team
Colleen Williams-Wright	SPR sub-team
<i>Open position</i>	Finance sub-team
Melany Putman	Trustee
Amy Pressley	Trustee
Beth Thayer	Member at large
<i>Open position</i>	Member at large
Sarah Schellinger	Council Secretary
Pastor Lee	Lead Pastor
Denise Gottung	Executive Director & Treasurer

Notes from a Methodist Monk...

Brother Paul McCue

To my sisters and brothers and everyone;

Most likely, there can come a time in all of our lives when we are not able to pray. This can be due to many different reasons; emotional difficulties, accidents or sickness, physical or mental disorders. But, we never need to feel abandoned. Why?

Even if we can't reach out to God, the LORD is always with us. The sacred and holy name of the Creator and Sustainer has been revealed, and it has the most powerful message. It tells us that God says "I am who I am or I am who I will be." It is found in the Bible over 300 times from Genesis 15:1 to Revelation 22:16. If this isn't enough; the statement "I am with you always" is made by the One who is transcendent, yet immanent in us and all of creation.

So, in the words of that great philosopher, Alfred E. Newman (ask someone of another generation for the reference), "What me worry?"

Thanks for letting me pray with and for you no matter what is happening.

God bless,

Brother Paul

Matthew 28:20 And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



Brother Paul

Staff Updates...

Thank you

On behalf of the ShenUMC congregation, the Staff-Parish Relations Team thanks John Russell for blessing us with his musical talents over the past year. John has decided to resign from his position, and we wish him all the best.

John stated, "I would like to express my appreciation to Pastor Lee, Denise, Lauri, the Leadership Team, and the wonderful people of the Church for the opportunity to be your music minister. Thank you for your confidence in and your support of my ministry. I will never forget you."

May John's music continue to be for the glory of God.

On behalf of the ShenUMC congregation, the Staff-Parish Relations Team thanks Elizabeth Wygel for her service as the Director of the ShenUMC Preschool. Elizabeth retired on August 2, 2021.

We are grateful for her many years of service as a preschool teacher prior to becoming the ShenUMC Preschool Director four years ago. She will be missed. We pray this next season of her life will be a true blessing.

Opportunities to Grow and Get involved...



The banner features the UMCOR logo (United Methodist Committee On Relief) in the top left. To the right, the text reads "Haiti Earthquake Relief Advance #982450" in red. Below the text are three images: a photograph of a destroyed building with a yellow excavator, a red circular logo with a white tornado and the text "Disaster Response and Recovery", and a photograph of a damaged road with people in the background.

Contact the church office for more details on how to give.

518-371-7964 or email at office@shenumc.org

Small Group Ministry ...

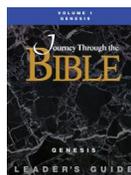


New small groups are forming. Groups that are following the sermon series, "The Chosen," will begin the week of September 19. Now is a great time to join a small group!

For help getting started, please contact Denise Walling dwalling@shenumc.org.



Journey Through the Bible



Have you longed to learn more about the Bible? A new **weekly** Bible study, "Journey Through the Bible," will begin Wednesday, **September 29**, with an orientation session at 9:30 AM.

Using curriculum, discussion, and of course, the Bible, each week we will take a closer look at Scripture and consider its impact on our lives.

Classes will be held in person in the church, CDC guidelines permitting, every Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:00.

With recesses for holidays, we plan to cover the first five books of the Bible between October and April. Bring your curiosity to the orientation session on **September 29**. If you can't make that day but are interested, please email your questions to Denise Walling dwalling@shenumc.org.

Connecting through Mission...



Sunday, September 12
Check in at 12:30 pm, walk at 1pm

Come and join us as we raise funds to build a well in Uganda.
Walk with us 1, 2 or 3 miles or just cheer on our community.

Registration for the event is \$15.00 for adults, \$10 for kids(which includes t-shirt)
Non-walkers may purchase t-shirt for \$8.00

Cash or checks can be mailed or dropped off to Shell Morizio at the church office.
Please make checks payable to Shenendehowa United Methodist Church.

Following the walk, there will be food, drinks, ice cream truck,
bounce house, carnival games, reverse tie-dye and much more!

If you have any questions, please contact Ashlee Girard
at ashleegirard@hotmail.com

If you can volunteer, please see Carrie Dooley
or sign up on Sign-up Genius



Live Well~Love Well Thirst No More Cups

We will be selling beautiful cups as a fundraiser for the Live Well-Love Well Mission.

Cups are \$15 each.

Contact the church office for details

To date: The Well Mission has raised over \$17,000!
Our fundraising project with Blaze Pizza brought in \$225.00

Thank you for all you are doing to support the mission!

Upcoming Events...

The **Over the Speed Limit** will hold a special covered dish luncheon on Thursday, **September 23** in Fellowship Hall. The OTSL is a group for SUMC members and their friends over the age of 55.

We are pleased that Dr. Dan McGregor, our former organist, will be in town. We will be entertained with Dr. Dan's piano playing and a sing-a-long time (revised if there are any COVID-19 restrictions). Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

RSVP to Barbara and Joe Mazurak at 518-289-5948 or joebarbmaz@nycap.rr.com by **September 21**.

The November Over the Speed Limit will be held on Thursday, **November 11**. Details in the October church newsletter.

Sunday Hike~ September 19

Come Join in the Fun!!

Grab a flyer at the Connecting Point in Fellowship Hall for directions and details.



All men of the church are invited to attend for a hearty breakfast at Cracker Barrel

in Clifton Park !

Thursday, **Sept. 30** at 7:00 am

Enjoy good food, good laughs and great fellowship!

The men's breakfast will be held on the last Thursday of each month.

Sept. Community Dinner

Tuesday, **Sept.28**, with our "drive-through" open from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Call for reservations: 518-371-7964

Menu: Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, fresh fruit and dessert

Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen beginning at 3:30 pm and to assemble meals and begin cleanup at 5pm. We also occasionally need grocery shoppers as well as drivers to deliver meals. Please contact Donna Rischbieter at drlirsch@nycap.rr.com or 518-877-0553, if you are available to lend a hand.

Thank you!



.....*Music, Music, Music!*

As September approaches, we are planning to resume choir rehearsals and live presentations at Sunday morning worship services. We currently have seven groups working to provide music in our 9:00 am traditional worship service, as well as our worship band, which provides music in the 10:45 am contemporary worship service. Below are the starting dates and times for each group and the age levels which they serve. Please feel free to contact *Lauri Nair* by email at choirdir@nycap.rr.com or text at 518-788-0059. You can always call too! For the

vocal groups or chimers you do not need to have a lot of experience or be able to read music. For the bell choirs, some music reading ability is needed. Please come and make a joyful noise to the Lord with all of us. Everyone is welcome.

Lauri Nair, Coordinator of Music Ministries

Coordinator of Music Ministries

Important! Resumption of our music program depends on what COVID guidelines are in place in the coming months. At this point, we are hoping for the best!

Vocal Choirs

Cherub Choir

This is our youngest group of singers, for children ages four (or almost 4 if their parents feel they already) through grade one. We will begin meeting a bit later in the fall. Watch for rehearsal dates in this newsletter, bulletin or on flyers. Rehearsals take place during coffee hour on Sundays, so parents can drop their kids off at the choir room enjoy Coffee Hour, and then come back and pick up the children. We sing several times throughout the year, with rehearsals 2 or 3 Sundays before singing in church.

Junior Choir

Open to all children in grades 2-5. Junior Choir sings in church approximately every 4-6 weeks & rehearses Thursdays from 6:30-7:00 pm. **The first rehearsal is on September 23.**

Youth Choir

Our choir for youth in grades 6-12 meets Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 7:40 pm. We also sing every 4 to 6 weeks in church. **The first rehearsal will be on September 21.**

Chancel Choir

This choir is for anyone post high school and older. We meet every Thursday night from 7:15 to 8:15 pm (sometimes longer for special events). We sing at the 9 am service every Sunday, and also at special services such as Christmas Eve, Lent and Holy Week. All voice parts are needed in this group. **The first rehearsal will be on Sept. 9.**



Handbell & Chime Choirs



Chime Choir

For children in grades 2 through 5, we practice every Thursday night at 6 pm just before Junior Choir, so that children may participate in both groups. They play in church approximately every 4 to 6 weeks. Start date for this group will also be on **September 23**. Please call or text *Michelle Geloso* at 518-573-5506 to let her know that your child wants to be a part of this group. She really needs to know how many to prepare for.

Youth Bells

The same age as our youth choir members, grades 6 through 12, this group meets on Tuesday nights from 6:15 to 7 pm. Again this is prior to Youth Choir, so that kids can participate in both groups. This group also plays in church every 4 to 6 weeks. You must pre-register for this group. Please call or text *Michelle Geloso* at 518-573-5506 to do so. **Starting date is September 21.**

Kasheweta Ringers

Our five octave adult bell choir rehearses on Sunday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 pm beginning on **September 19**. At the present time, all regular positions are full, but we do need substitutes. Substitutes will move on to full-time positions as they occur. Ability to read music is a must in this group.

Important !!



*Please remember that if you choose to join a chime or bell choir, you are making a commitment to attend all rehearsals and playing dates. Schedules will be available by the end of September. If you need to be absent for a good reason, you **must** let Michelle or Lauri know well in advance.*



Do you love to sing or play an instrument?

The Worship Band is looking to expand! If you are interested in learning more about the band and how your musical talents could contribute, please contact Pastor Lee at pastorlee@shenumc.org or Jazzy Gold at worshipleader@shenumc.org



Welcome to our new Preschool Director... Erin O'Meara

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we announce that Erin O'Meara has happily accepted the position of Preschool Director of SUMC Preschool. She will be transitioning into the role in the weeks to come.

Ms. O'Meara has been a part of the Preschool family for several years, as all four of her children attending SUMC Preschool. She volunteered to become a Parent Representative on the SUMC Preschool Board in 2017, later being elected as Co-Chairperson, was the Lead Teacher for the Preschool's STEAM Imagineers class offering, and the Teacher for the virtual option last school year. Prior to joining the SUMC Preschool team, Erin found her passion working with children early in her career as a 1st grade Teacher and quickly was promoted to the Extended Year Program Principal at Brighter Choice Charter School for Girls. She then became the Director of Curriculum and Instruction at Hyde Leadership Charter in the Bronx. She spent most of her Education career in a Leadership role as the Principal at Albany Preparatory Charter School. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Brighter Choice Foundation.

Erin is a learned professional with unmatched experience, and we are highly honored to have her as Preschool Director and look forward to her contribution in the growth, enrichment and continued success of SUMC Preschool. Erin and her husband, Rick, live in Rexford with their four children; all of their children attended our preschool program!

Please join us in welcoming Erin into her new position. We are looking forward to the commencement of the school year and are looking forward to seeing you all soon!

With Gratitude,

Sarah Stout

SUMC Preschool Board Chairperson

SUMC Preschool is thrilled to continue our mission of providing high-quality Christian education, helping children thrive academically, socially, physically and spiritually for the 2021- 2022 school year. We will be starting our new year in mid-September and will be welcoming over 100 students to our preschool. The children and their families are eager to be returning! COVID precautions remain in place but while maintaining the warm and welcoming environment children need during their earliest learning experiences. The health and safety of our staff, students and our church family are a top priority as we use guidance from the NYS Department of Health and the CDC. Please keep us in your prayers for another healthy and successful school year.

There are still openings available for the Fall!

For more information about enrollment or about our preschool, please contact our new Preschool Director, Erin O'Meara, at preschoolboard@shenumc.org.



Youth Program...Upcoming Events

Parent Party!

Join other parents in the Youth Room for coffee or tea while the children are in Choir and Bells practice.

See Anna for details!



The pumpkins are coming!

September 25!

Watch for more details!



September 18 5:00 pm—8pm



Kids' Connections...



ShenKids @ Home & In-Person Options

ShenKids @ Home (online option) is offered every week via the ShenKids' email. Please use the resources in the ShenKids' email to have your own ShenKids at home at your leisure!

ShenKids at Home weekly email that includes worship videos, lesson, scripture, video & discussion questions, memory verse, prayer, and other activities to do together as a family!

ShenKids In Person: Lesson, videos, games, crafts, prayer, memory verse, and fellowship with one another in person. We are currently offering two class options: Preschool-1st Grade and 2nd-5th Grade. We ask that you please register your children for ShenKids in Person via the link sent out in the ShenKids' emails. Please be sure to do this as we are limited in the amount of seating in each room due to

ensuring social distancing. All students and volunteers are required to wear their masks throughout their time at ShenKids In Person.

Upon entering and leaving their classroom, students and volunteers will also be asked to use hand sanitizer. Once in the classroom, students and volunteers will sit socially distanced and there will also be individual class supply boxes for each child (crayons, markers, glue, scissors, etc.). These supplies get cleaned after each class. When you arrive to church on Sunday, you will all enter through Door F (Fellowship Hall door), have your temperature taken and go through the Covid/health questionnaire screening process together as a family. You and your children will be escorted to your seats in either the sanctuary or fellowship hall. Your children will be sitting with you for part of the worship service in the sanctuary or in fellowship hall. They will then be dismissed during the offertory music and walked to their classroom with their teachers/helpers. The children will then be dismissed back to you in the sanctuary at the end of the service.

If you are not receiving the ShenKids email and would like to or have any questions, please email Anna Savino at asavino@shenumc.org



Shen Lighthouse

Wednesdays 6:30pm-8pm

Middle School & High School Students

Friends are always welcome!

Meeting in person in Fellowship Hall and Youth Room

Games, Fun, Fellowship & Devotional

Please contact Anna at asavino@shenumc.org with any questions.

Follow Lighthouse on Instagram@ [shenlighthouse](https://www.instagram.com/shenlighthouse) to keep up to date and see all the fun things we have planned!

SUMC Friends and Family...



Sympathy to:

Dr. Connie Glasgow & her family on the death of her husband, Dr. Twitty Styles, who passed away on Aug 19.

We also think of Dr. James Craig's family. Dr. Craig passed away peacefully at his home on August 11, 2021.

And, Rev. Dr. Alan C. Rhodes' family. Dr. Rhodes died on July 24, 2021 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

In the News...

NewsChannel 13 saluted Army PFC **Allan Atwell** of Clifton Park. August 3 was his 96th birthday!

He served in World War II, and was part of the Battle of the Bulge.

Thank you for your service.

<https://wnyt.com/military-veterans/we-salute-you-allan-atwell/6189814/?cat=13240>



Creative Hands



The Creative Hands ministry is a friendly gathering of women who have been meeting since the 1990's. Jean Atkinson started this group as a way to provide prayer shawls and other knitted or crocheted items to those in need. Over the years, they have given hundreds of prayer shawls to people with illnesses, breast cancer warriors, and those who are going through hard times. They have also provided scarves, hats and lap blankets to those less fortunate through the Veteran centers, homeless shelters, and domestic violence shelters in our area.

In the past, some of the shawls have been distributed through Work Camp. Because of Covid restrictions, the ladies decided to expand their talents to include other items and ways of ministering. Most recently, they have been creating soap holders which have been given to Veteran centers and homeless shelters. They also have made dish towels and dish cloths which have been sold to support the Live Well~Love Well Mission.

The group would be delighted to receive new members. If you would like to join the ladies in this ministry, please reach out to the church office. They gather every Monday at 1pm-3pm. During fair weather, you can find them sitting together under the portico at Door F. In inclement weather, they meet in Fellowship Hall.



Also, if you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl (or hat, scarf, et al), please contact the church office.

We are so very grateful for this ministry of love and prayer. Thank you, ladies!

SUMC Friends and Family...

Phil 4:13

Did you ever get to a point where you didn't know what to do next? You were not sure which way was up? You were in a real "funk"? Well, before I sat down to write something, that was where I was. I had reached the end of a short rope and was not sure I could say anything that might be of any help to anyone. I was not sure I could help myself. What else could I do but to go to my source of help, my Bible and my God?

Since I was a member of the Catholic Church for most of my life, in times like this, I turn in prayer to Jesus, who walks with me and to Mother Mary. As a child, I always could rely on my earthly mother for comfort, guidance, love and food to die for. In times of trouble, and when I needed heavenly help, I always went to my heavenly mother, Mary. Honestly, I still do.

Jesus has been at my side through many difficult times in my life. I have felt His presence. That is why I always go to Him. But for "special motherly" love, I still turn to Mary. As the song says, "In times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me. Speaking words of wisdom, let it be."

When you find yourself in "times of trouble", go to whom will give you comfort. Your God will never let you down.

Remember, God loves you and so do we at SUMC.

Bob Atkinson



Joe & Claudia Allison
Bob & Jean Atkinson
Barbara Bombard
Joan & Dale Brown
Laurie Cerrone
Jim & Joanne Chambers
The Dahoda family
Sheila Dempsey

Larry Devoe
Jeanne Harrington
Harvey & Carol Hayner
Phyllis Holzhauer
Bill & Claire Kohler
Mary Jane LaPorta
Paul and Maxene Mills
Mary Newell

Janice Ostrom
Mary Predel
Bob & Linda Rice
Lucille Sicko
Russell & Joyce Smith
Styles family
Bill & Joyce Vaughn
Carl & Shirley VanTine

Prayer requests may be sent to prayerrequest@shenumc.org

ShenUMC Connections

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SUMC Online
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SHENENDEHOWA UMC SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. Blended Service (Traditional & Contemporary Music)

PASTORS & STAFF

Pastor, *Rev. Leland Carlson* - pastorlee@shenumc.org

Visitation Minister, *Brother Paul McCue* - brotherpaul@shenumc.org

Deaconess, *Denise Walling* - dwalling@shenumc.org

Executive Director, *Denise Gottung* - dgottung@shenumc.org

Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries, *Anna Savino* –
asavino@shenumc.org

Office Administrator, *Shell Morizio* -secretary@shenumc.org

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