



Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

#### August Featured Missions Project

On the second Sunday of every month, FCCM takes an offering for one of several mission projects we support. In August this offering will be for **SonSet Solutions**, which assists hundreds of Christian organizations that are reaching out to their neighborhoods, cities, and countries with God's message of hope. Many of them depend on technology to carry out their mission. But, they may not have their own engineer, IT specialist or troubleshooting technician. Every year, SonSet Solutions stands in the gap for more than 100 different ministries spread across the globe in dozens of countries.



#### Happenings In & Around Machias:

##### Machias Town Pool

Open every day 'til Aug 15, Noon-5pm.

##### Odosagih Bible Conference, 3204 Hazelmere Ave

**Free Concerts** - Saturdays, 6:30 pm.

Aug 7 – Bob & Darleen Puffer

Aug 14 – The Cassata Family

Aug 21 – Niah & Allisha Merrill

Aug 28 – The Dunnemans

Sept 4 – In Jest (Nels Ross)

Call 716-353-8555 to make reservations for dinner.

**King Memorial Library:** Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest Date: End of August, date TBA (716-353-9915)

##### Cattaraugus County Stone House Museum, 9824 Route 16

##### Summer at the Stone House: Patriotic Songs

Thu, Aug 12, 2021, 7 pm – 8 pm

##### Summer at the Stone House: The Oil Industry in WNY

Thu, Aug 26, 2021, 7 pm – 8 pm

**Freedom Baptist Church** is looking for volunteers in August to help with their renovation projects. Call Pastor Steve Hammond at 716-353-3686 to volunteer.

**C.H.O.I.C.E.S. Community Day**, Sat, Aug. 28, 11am-2 pm:

Bounce house, yard games, yard sale, free lunch, prize drawings



**"Church in the Machias Town Park," Sunday, Aug 8, 10:30 AM, followed by a Free Community Picnic!**

Contact Pastor Ross if you would like to be baptized that day.

## "First Christian Chatter!"

August 2021



## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Seeking to Know Jesus and Make Him Known

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### A Note from Pastor Ross

Many people take a vacation in the summer time, especially during the month of August. We need to have a break from our usual work or routine. It is good to get out of town, to get away to get a different viewpoint of life. We need a rest.

There is a rest that is better than just physical. There is a rest for your spirit, mind, and body. It is the rest that God gives:

#### Hebrews 4.6-7

“6 So God’s rest is there for people to enter, but those who first heard this good news failed to enter because they disobeyed God. 7 So God set another time for entering his rest, and that time is today.”

Only the people who believe in and trust God can enter God’s rest. If we don’t believe God’s Word, if we don’t trust and obey Him, we are in constant turmoil and upset. But for those who trust and obey the LORD, there is a rest that restores our souls from the divisions, sins, and hatred that fills the world today.

Jesus said that the Sabbath day was created for man, not man for the Sabbath. We need a rest on a regular basis. We need the peace that passes our ability to understand it. We all need God’s rest that He has designed for our good.

Are you resting in Jesus? You can. All who call upon the LORD will be saved and will then enter into the rest that is greater than just a needed vacation.



Have a prayer concern? Drop a note in the prayer box at church, or send Pastor Ross a text or email.



## The Clothing Exchange

Why shop if you can swop?

Drop-Off days are Tues, & Wed, Aug 24-25.

Selection days are Fri & Sat, Aug 27-28.

Volunteers need to help with set-up, sorting, Tues - Thurs & with take-down on Saturday afternoon.



### Meet Sebastian Slisz—Youth Group Member

A freshman at a Pioneer Central School, he joined the Youth group in Summer 2020. He helps in the sound booth and is also a junior firefighter with the Machias Volunteer Fire Department, along with his sister: his parents are senior members. He likes youth group because it gives him the opportunity to meet new people who have some of the same interests he has.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** on “Gifts of the Spirit” at 9:15 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall

**Worship Service** every Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

**Children’s Church & Nursery available during worship.**

Children’s Church is available for children 4 years old - 6th grade. They are dismissed after the singing time to learn about Jesus through Bible stories and concepts at appropriate age levels including fun activities.

Our nursery is adjacent to the sanctuary. It is available during Sunday morning service for ages 0-3. It is staffed by at least 1 adult and 1 helper.

**Free Food Give-Away every Sunday, 12-1:30 pm**

*No financial qualification needed*

August Dates: 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29

**The Lord’s Supper** -remembering what Jesus has done for us, during worship on Sunday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Prayer Gatherings:** Jesus said that His Father’s house is a house of prayer. Please join us for Prayer

Sundays – 8:00 A.M.

Tuesdays – 3:00 P.M.

Thursdays – 6:30 P.M.

**Worship Team practice** - Tuesday at 5:00 P.M.

**Midweek Bible Study** – Tuesday at 6:30 P.M.

**Youth Group** – Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.

**Women’s Bible Study & Prayer** – Wednesday, Aug 11, 1:00 P.M.

**Clothing Exchange Aug 24-28**

Check our Facebook page or Website for exact times for drop-off and selection.