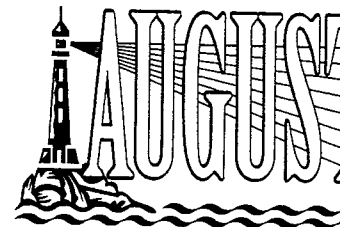
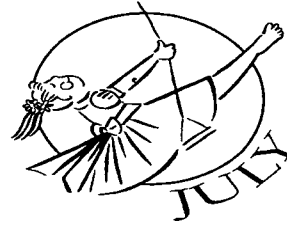




The Beacon



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2015

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

6/09/15

- The application to The New York Landmarks Conservancy, Sacred Sites and Consulting Grant, has been submitted and we should receive a decision in about a month relative to steeple repair.
- Accepted letter of resignation received from Lynn Prentice with regrets and gratitude for her service effective immediately due to job change and moving away.
- A luncheon honoring Lynn Prentice will be held at C & R Restaurant at a date to be determined.
- Thank you letter was written to anonymous donor of \$25,000.
- Anne Lachtrupp's daughter, Diane, will donate 25% of tuition for dance classes at her studio for Church members who take classes.
- Chicken Barbeque made \$2,540 profit and Rummage Sale made \$2,517.00 profit.
- Next fundraiser is Fish Fry on July 10.
- Linda McConchie has agreed to chair the Turkey Supper in September.
- Linda McConchie will also head the Backback Project for school children this year.
- Women's Association Dinner October 19, 2015 at 6:00 PM. Speaker - Susan Wells, founder of Stars For Our Troops
- Rev. Kathy Coombs of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Scotia will preach on Thank Offering Sunday, November 22, 2015.
- Beginning in January 2016, the two women's Circles will hold joint Bible Study meetings.
- Ann Vanderhorst, President of Women's Association, will be serving on the Steering Committee for the Presbytery Women's Association.
- There will be no Communion in July and August.
- Church will continue to be held in Sanctuary during the summer.
- Presbytery will allow the use of money in the Youth Grant Fund to pay for Pastor Tom's excess medical bills until Presbytery meets again in September at which time reimbursement will be approved by Presbytery from other funds.
- Approved cost up to \$2,500.00 of taking down trees which have become diseased and hazardous.
- Approved Schmidt & Schmidt proposal to repair steeple tower once we have received decision from Sacred Sites and Consulting Grant application. Grant received from Dockstader Trust will also be used to pay for repairs of steeple.

Pastoral Reflection—Summer Bible Story's that the reflection each Sunday will focus on:

7/5/15—Mark 6:7-13

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

7/12/15—2 Samuel 7:1-17

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I

will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever. In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

7/19/15—John 6:1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

72515—1 Peter 2:4-12

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 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.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Live as Servants of God Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

8/2/15—John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to

him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

8/9/15—John 6:36-59

But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven.'

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

8/16/15—Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no

faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

8/23—Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Peace in Christ,

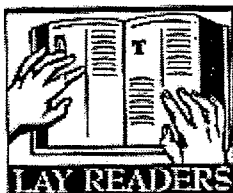
Pastor Tom

SEPTEMBER AND THE Turkey Dinner are fast approaching. Apple Crumb pies will be needed for the dinner and I'm trying to get a head start on the process and eliminate me calling you. If you are willing to purchase 2 pies (made by Selley Smith) for \$8.50 each please either give me a phone call (882-6516) or send a check made out to Holly McConchie, 2491 Northline Road, Galway, NY 12074. If I don't hear from you, then obviously you will hear from me with a phone call. Thank you in advance. Holly.

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July

- 5 Emma Heritage
- 12 Ray Greenhill
- 19 Holly McConchie
- 26 Praise Sunday



Augusst

- 2 Kevin Straut
- 9 Kathy Gregg
- 16 Sharon Bellamy
- 23 Chris Nelson
- 30 Praise Sunday

Greeters

July: Christine & Hume Donnan

August: Geralyn Minkler & Phyliss Ryan



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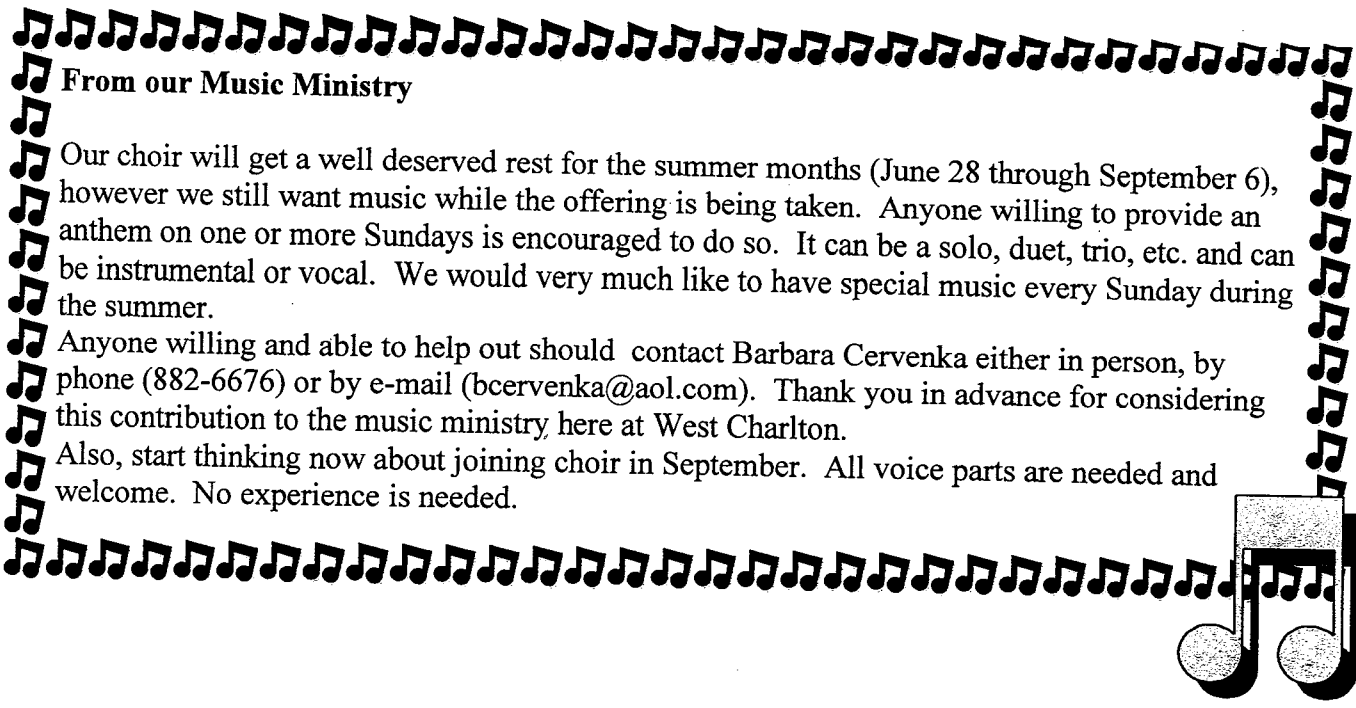
Contributors' names will appear next to their recipes.

Last Call for Recipes! Please submit to Chris Nelson by **June 14th**

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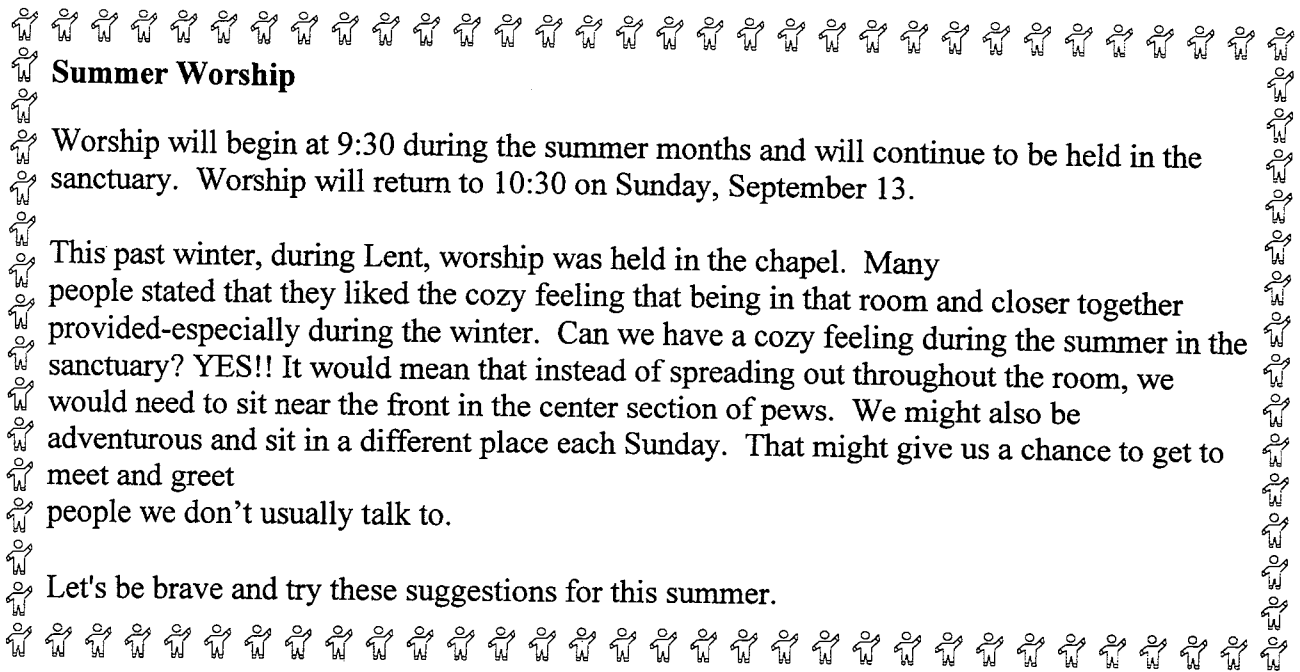
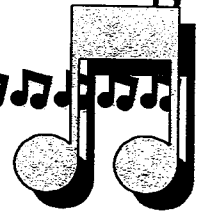


From our Music Ministry

Our choir will get a well deserved rest for the summer months (June 28 through September 6), however we still want music while the offering is being taken. Anyone willing to provide an anthem on one or more Sundays is encouraged to do so. It can be a solo, duet, trio, etc. and can be instrumental or vocal. We would very much like to have special music every Sunday during the summer.

Anyone willing and able to help out should contact Barbara Cervenka either in person, by phone (882-6676) or by e-mail (bcervenka@aol.com). Thank you in advance for considering this contribution to the music ministry here at West Charlton.

Also, start thinking now about joining choir in September. All voice parts are needed and welcome. No experience is needed.



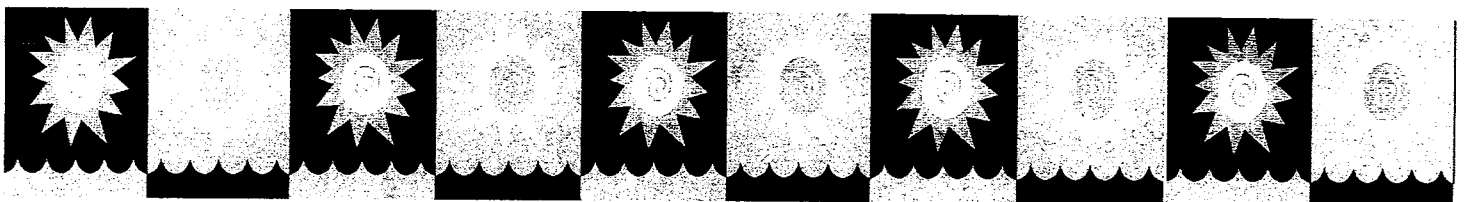
Summer Worship

Worship will begin at 9:30 during the summer months and will continue to be held in the sanctuary. Worship will return to 10:30 on Sunday, September 13.

This past winter, during Lent, worship was held in the chapel. Many people stated that they liked the cozy feeling that being in that room and closer together provided-especially during the winter. Can we have a cozy feeling during the summer in the sanctuary? YES!! It would mean that instead of spreading out throughout the room, we would need to sit near the front in the center section of pews. We might also be adventurous and sit in a different place each Sunday. That might give us a chance to get to meet and greet people we don't usually talk to.

Let's be brave and try these suggestions for this summer.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!!



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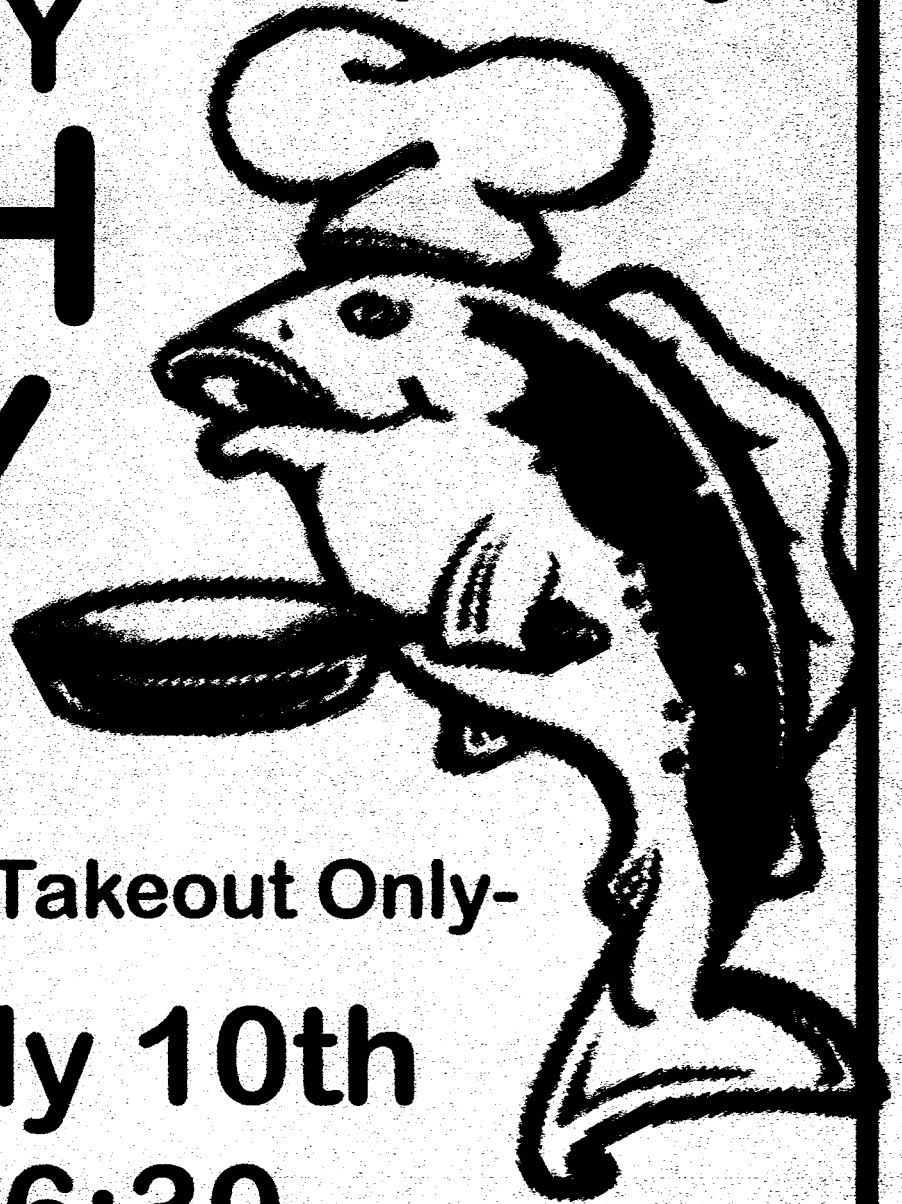
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19 9:30 AM Worship Fellowship Flowers: Betty Denison	20	21	22	23	24	25
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By Bill's Dugout

FRIDAY FISH FRY \$12



-Drive Thru, Takeout Only-

Fri., July 10th
3:30-6:30

- Fish fry
- Roll
- Coleslaw
- Potatoes

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