

THE BRANCH NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

“ I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”
John 15:5

WATCH OUR SERVICE ONLINE

You can watch our Sunday Morning Worship service on Facebook live each week at 11am at www.facebook.com/BvilleCWCChurch. You can also find the links to past services on our church website at www.BvilleCWC.com. Our church service is also aired on Spectrum Digital channel 98 and Verizon channel 30 at 5pm on Saturdays & Sundays.



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Men's Ministry: Paul Hernandez

Chick Chat: Dorothy Polmanteer



POTLUCK LUNCH:

Join us after church on **Sunday, May 3rd**, for a potluck lunch. The Fellowship & Outreach Committee will be providing beef and chicken taco meat and the toppings for a taco bar. Please bring a salad, appetizer, side dish or dessert to share and enjoy a meal with your church family. All are welcome. See Beth DeWeese for more information.



MOMS CONNECTING:

Moms, join us for our last get together of the school year on **Wednesday, May 6th**, from **6:30-7:45pm**. All Moms are welcome. This month we will discuss "Flexible Jobs and Hobbies" and doing a service project. There will be snacks and the chance to win a door prize. Free childcare available.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? If you have prayer needs you can submit your request on the church app or email it to communitywesleyanchurch.com@gmail.com anytime or you can call the church office at 315-635-3501 during office hours.

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NEW SERMON SERIES:

In our sermon series on discipleship, we have looked at the concept that true discipleship must incorporate both learning and doing. Discipleship is not just about gathering information about Jesus, the Bible, Christianity. Discipleship is also about putting what you have learned into practice. We also discussed 3 words that describe discipleship. Discipleship is transformational. Discipleship is relational. Discipleship is a life-long process.

In May, we will be focusing on the principal that discipleship is about becoming a disciple who makes disciples. Jesus poured into his disciples with the expectation that they would in turn be part of discipling others. Too many Christians miss this part of discipleship.

Join us this month as we continue to unpack what discipleship is all about.



ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING:

On **Thursday, May 21st**, at **6:30pm** will be the Annual Church Meeting. You are invited to come and participate in the meeting. During this time a church board will be elected as well as the election of some other positions. We will look at reports from the different ministries and celebrate what God did this past church year. Ministry leaders reports are due **Friday, May 8th**.

MAY CHURCHTIME VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

May 3rd: Kristin Diener
 May 10th: Stacey Hauswirth
 May 17th: Lynn Hannon
 May 24th: Kim Rice
 May 31st: Marian Morris

Toddler Class & Floater

May 3rd: Shane Diener
 May 10th: Kari Clark & Checka Palmisano
 May 17th: Christopher Knepp
 May 24th: Tracey Perez & Abby Demianenko
 May 31st: TBA

Pre-K/K Class & Security Person

May 3rd: Chris Sykes & Paul Hernandez
 May 10th: Rachel Coleman & Jason Coleman
 May 17th: Chris Sykes & Dave Lewis
 May 24th: Barb Good & Christopher Rawlins
 May 31st: Chris Sykes & Dave Abrams

CWKidz JAM

May 3rd: WKFM Barb Good & Patsy Sweeney
 May 10th: Dan Perez
 May 17th: Shane Diener
 May 24th: Jenn Lewis & Heather Knepp
 May 31st: Ticia Wicks & Kareem Morris

Greeters

May 3rd:
 - Susan Dyer & Laurel Didget (sanctuary)
 - Chermaks (front door) & Mike Hodell & Sam Wilmot (back door)

May 10th:
 - Sandy & Paul Hilliard (sanctuary)
 - Chermaks (front door) & Scott Spier (back door)

May 17th:
 - Lynn Hannon & Kari Ann Clark (sanctuary)
 - Chuck Abbott (front door) & Mark Chermak (back door)

May 24th:
 - Beth DeWeese & Sandy Hilliard (sanctuary)
 - Laurel Didget (front) & Paul Hilliard (back door)

May 31st:
 - Betty Barrett & Lynn Hannon (sanctuary)
 - Chermak (front) & Dennis DeWeese (back door)



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS:

Since the beginning of CWC in 1956, children and teen ministries have been a high priority for our church. 5 years after the beginning of the church, a bus was purchased from the B'Ville school district. This began a decades long bus ministry. In 1977 another two buses were purchased. Each week buses from the church would pick up kids and adults from areas like Seneca Knolls, Indian Springs, and Conifer. In 1979 the bus ministry averaged 84 people!



Over the 70 years there have been a number of midweek children's programs. The name you are familiar with for the midweek program likely depends on the years that you or your children attended CWC. Pioneer Girls and Boys Brigade were one of the early children's ministries at CWC. Some of you may remember the days of CYC (Christian Youth Crusaders).



There was also Promiseland, Clubhouse and High Point. Now our mid-week Children's program is called CWKizd Club. Over the years the name of the program has changed, but the focus hasn't. CWC is about helping boys and girls come to know Jesus as their Savior and to grow in that relationship. Missions has been another key component of CWC's children's ministries. In the beginning it was called YMWB. Do you remember what those initials stood for? Young Missionaries Workers Band.

Then the name changed, but the focus was the same - Wesleyan Kids for Missions (WKFM).

There was a season where our church reached out to the Van Buren Elementary School and did a Release Time program. This was a ministry that took place during the school day where kids came to CWC for faith-based lessons.

Not to be outdone. The youth ministry of CWC has flourished over the years. Early on, the teens had a competitive and successful Bible Quizzing Team. In 1966 the team from CWC won the National Wesleyan Quiz Competition. Over the years, teens have done many service projects and participated in events like Kingdom Bound, Spring Fling, 30 Hour Famine, Chambers Camp, National Wesleyan Youth Conventions, Youth Retreats, Syracuse Area events, all-nighters and many other events. Over the years, the teen ministry has "occupied" various spaces in the church building. Currently teen ministry has its own building, where they meet both Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings.



Summarizing 70 years of children and teen ministries is impossible to do in a short article. But it is safe to say that 1000's of children and teens heard the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ as a result of attending the ministries of CWC. Also thank you to the countless number of volunteers who poured into the children and teens who came to these ministries. Thank you to those who are currently ministering to our children and teens. Only heaven will reveal the true impact of your service.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES SPRING QUARTER

Classes Meet Weekly from 9:45-10:45am.



#1. 1 & 2 Thessalonians - Wesley Press

Paul wrote two letters to the young believers in the city of Thessalonica. These letters focus on the 2nd coming of Christ and the judgment that the 2nd coming will bring upon the wicked. Paul urges them to live holy lives, & to remain steady in their faith, emphasizing the importance of having perseverance and living responsible Christian lives while waiting for Christ's return.

Teacher: Ticia Wicks Location: Board Room

#2. Faith Foundations

Whether you've been a Christian for years, discovered faith in Jesus recently, or are still wondering what it is all about, we all share similar questions about why and how to live out our faith. We wonder: What are we made for? What does it look like to know God deeply? Why are we called to reflect His light to those around us and how do we do that? Together we will examine foundational truths for becoming mature disciples of Christ. Some topics include: Why You are Here, What is God's Will for Your Life and The Discipline of Prayer.

Teacher: Pastor Carl Chapman

Location: Fellowship Hall, Far Side

#3. Men's Bible Study (2 Books)

"Unstuck" - Learn the 7 steps to break free and live courageously. This book is a collection of stories & reflections meant to help you begin the journey of getting unstuck through God's power within you.

"Battle Cry" - This book aims to help men with internal battles to live more fully, become better husbands, fathers and leaders. The author looks at redefining what it means to be a man, teaching you to master your emotions, improve your relationships and heal trauma.

Teacher: Paul Hernandez

Location: Upstairs Corner Room

#4. Think Ahead

This study gives us 7 life-defining pre-decisions that provide a foundation for success. Every choice you make, as well as the ones you choose not to make, cast a vote towards who & what controls your life. Regardless of where you are, you probably would like to change the way you've been making decisions in your life or continue making good choices in a more consistent way. Join us in learning how to make decisions that glorify God.

Various Teachers

Location: Fellowship Hall, Kitchen Side



9:45AM SUNDAY CWKIDZ CONNECT:

Children Age 2-5: Led by Chris Sykes

Children 1st-5th Grade

- May 3rd: "WKFM Hour 1" with Barb Good
- May 10th: "Kidz Serve" with Jenn Lewis
- May 17th: "Bible Wrap Up" with Susan Dyer
- May 24th: "Connect Time" with Shane Diener
- May 31st: "Connect Time" with Lynn Hannon



BEAUTIFUL MESS MINISTRIES

BEAUTIFUL MESS WEEKEND

This month's Beautiful Mess Worship Night will be on **Friday, May 1st**, at **7pm** at Faith Chapel (4113 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse). Pop up market is **Saturday, May 2nd**, at Providence House Apartments. Meet at Casa de Paz, 907 Butternut St. at **10am** for prayer and to carpool to the market location. ?s see Pastor Carl or Cindy.

LUNCH BUNCH:

Lunch Bunch is a group for all ladies to eat and fellowship with other ladies. We meet monthly at **noon** at LongHorn Steakhouse on Route 31 in Liverpool. Please RSVP to Marilyn Palermo for our **May 21st** get together at 315-420-8099.



Ladies Lunch & Fellowship

CHICK CHAT:

All ladies are invited to this month's Chick Chat on **Sunday, May 24th**, from **1-3pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a great afternoon of food and fellowship together. Please bring a dish to pass.

MISSIONARY Spotlight

Chris & Melissa George, Missionaries in Australia with Global Partners



Prayer Requests and Praises from our Missionaries in Australia, Chris & Melissa George:

- 1). Easter jam was a great success. We saw 80 people visit for church on Palm Sunday. Pray for us as we follow up with these families and invite them to an alpha course and invite them to be a part of our various ministries.
- 2). Pray for Australia as prices are getting quite high due to us not being able to get enough stock in Western Australia due to ships not arriving. Almost everything comes to Perth by ship. Petrol is 2X what it normally is and many things have been missing on the shelves at grocery stores.
3. Pray for our Next interns who will be coming for June and July as they raise support to come here.
4. Pray for Renee who is a member of our church. She has a cerebral fluid leak.
5. Pray for Chris and Makayla as they are away at Nationals for baseball. Pray for them to get to witness to Makayla's teammates and coaches.
- 6 We would like to praise God for his healing work with Melissa's displaced and dislocated toe! We decided to not have surgery and it is healing quite well.
7. We would like to give praise for a great start to the school year. All of our ministries are up and running. We serve two breakfast clubs and together we feed 1200 students! So, pray for us as we continue to reach families through the school system.
8. Pray for our support to continue to come in! We have had a slow month of giving...so pray for us to continue to bring in our financial support for each month.

You can follow the George's in their Facebook Group: Chris and Melissa George-Perth Australia



SHARE THE BURDEN :

On Sunday, May 24th, at 4pm, we will be having our next "Share the Burden" gathering. Join others that afternoon at church for a time of listening and discussion. Galatians 6:2 says "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." See Tim Polmanteer for more information or with any questions.

CHAMBERS CAMP:

Upcoming camps and retreats at our district church camp.



Save the dates:

- Quilter's Retreat: May 14-16
- Young Adult Retreat: June 12-14
- Family Camp: June 26-July 5
- Teen Camp: July 13-18
- Kid's Camp: July 21-25
- Little Campers: Jul. 31- Aug. 1
- Discipleship Camp: August 2-6
- Best Years Fellowship: Sept. 18-19
- Quilter's Retreat: Sept 10-12
- Penn York Ladies Retreat: Sept. 25-27

Information and registration for each camp:
chamberscamp.com

114 Campground Road, Beaver Dams, NY 14812
Phone (607) 542-0992

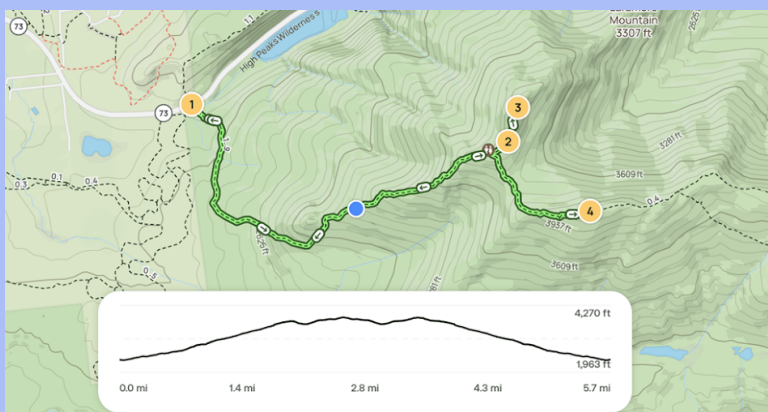


MEN'S HIKING TRIP:

CWC Men is planning a hiking trip on **Saturday, May 2nd**, to two of the High Peaks: Cascade Mountain and Porter Mountain. These two are widely considered the two easiest of the high peaks in the Adirondacks. They are often hiked together from Route 73 in roughly 4-6 hours, providing a 5.6 to 6.2 mile round trip with significant, but manageable, elevation gain and rewarding 360-degree views. RSVP by **April 30th** to Paul Hernandez at Hernandez.paul357@gmail.com. Packing list is comfortable clothing and hiking shoes, rain gear, water, lunch and snacks. Hiking posts if you have them. It will be a "Thunder Run", up and back in one day.

Tentative Timeline:

- Depart CWC 6am
- Travel 3hr 43 min
- Arrive approximately 10am
- Hike 5-6 hours
- Depart approximately 4pm
- Travel 3hr 43 min
- Return approximately 8pm





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY THANKS:

“At the end of the church year we take time to formally thank all the ministers who have helped our ministries grow in the past year. There will be notes and gifts and celebrations. This is one of those. Thank you!



If you have sat in a room with a baby, watched a toddler on a busy Sunday, helped families check into an event, taught a class, changed a diaper, cleaned a room, brought a snack, or any other action you have given a great gift to the Kingdom of God. Thank you!

This past church year we have seen children be born, grow and learn. You are a part of that. Ministry is not just teaching. Ministry is the work of helping others become more like Jesus and be a part of God's plan. You have helped Win, Build, and Send. Our children are closer to God today than a year ago thanks to your ministry no matter how much you think you contributed. Even a cup of cold water in Jesus' name is worthy of a reward. Someday we will know the impact of your work. And today we say, “Thank you.”

I look forward to ministering alongside you for another year.”

~ Pastor Shane Diener
Children's Ministry Director

CWKIDZ VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION LUNCH:

All who have served in Children's Ministry over this past church year are invited to an appreciation lunch after church on **Sunday, May 17th**.



CW KIDZ & YOUTH GROUP:
Wednesday, May 13th, will be the last meeting of CW Kidz Club & Youth for the school year.



At **6:30pm** CWKidz Club will be hosting a Family Picnic with hot dogs, snacks, games, Bible stories and awards. All CWKidz Club families are invited. Teens will join in the picnic meal followed by an end of year party that night at the youth house.

WKFM:
APRIL'S WKFM was a wonderful, blessed time! At the end of the SS Easter breakfast we showed “The Easter Story” by Hanna-Barbera.



Though 4 adults & 6 children only saw the last 10 minutes, it was the best part! WKFM at 11am: We sang “He is Lord” and “Praise the Name of Jesus” and learned that our missionaries and people around the world were celebrating Easter. They put on their costumes and did a play using Matthew 28 as their script. They did an excellent job! Last, they took turns opening 12 Resurrection Easter eggs, reading about the contents of each egg. Each child received a Russell Stover cross candy and one Resurrection Egg Carton per family to take home.

MAY 3rd WKFM: During Connect time at 9:45am we will be showing the movie “The George Muller Story” by the Torchlighters. We will recite Bible verses and do a chapter in our devotional before snack time. During churchtime at 11am we will feature our missionaries Chris & Melissa George (Australia) and Jim & Karen Pickett (Mozambique). Our new Memory Verses are Philippians 4:6-7. Please pray the children will have a heart for missions!

~ Barb Good and Team



MEN'S BREAKFAST

On **Saturday, May 9th**, join us for our monthly men's breakfast from **8-9am**. Bring your sons, a neighbor, friend or co-worker. Come and enjoy a breakfast that is made by men for men! You can register on the CWC App to help us plan how much food to prepare.



VBS 2026:

Mark your calendars! This year's Vacation Bible School will be **Monday, August 3rd**, through **Thursday, August 6th**, from **9:30am- Noon**. FREE to attend. Our theme this year is "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God". Kids will learn what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their safe place in life's storms. This year we will also have a special VBX program for kids going into 6th & 7th Grade. Contact Shane Diener to volunteer to help with our annual summer outreach program for children. Please also be praying for VBS plans & preparations.



Each month in the Branch we like to feature news from our extended church family. If you have news you would like to share (i.e. births, deaths, marriages, engagements, graduations, accomplishments, promotions, etc.) please submit them in writing to Jenn Lewis at jennlewis@communitywesleyanchurch.com by the 20th of the month for the next month's newsletter.

ENGAGEMENT:

Anderson Donaghey (daughter of Peggy Link) and **Kyle Ouimet** were recently engaged. An October 2028 wedding is planned. Anderson and Kyle are currently living and working in the Albany area,



GRADUATION:

Rachel Hannon will be getting her Masters in Special Education from SUNY Oswego this month.



HELPERS NEEDED:

We are in need of volunteers on Sunday mornings in

the nursery and toddler rooms this Spring and Summer to cover vacations and other volunteer leaves. Please contact Shane Diener if you can take a week or two to help keep these rooms staffed or see the sign up sheet in the church foyer.