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Council Updates

1. A huge THANK YOU to Paul Gatley and Frank Graichen, and Sue Gatley (their adviser and assistant !) for completing the job of cutting and removing the two large overgrown cedar trees from the front of the church. Luckily they were available on the one cooler day at the end of June! Next some pruning and shaping of the other bushes, removal of the two stumps, and added mulch will complete the job.
2. We approved a scholarship for Vincent Klepadlo for his spring semester at Utica College.
3. Congratulations to Roger Meyers for completing 8 years of study at a religious institution, and being recognized at a special ceremony in Utica for attaining his goal. We're proud of you!
4. We hope to see as many of you as possible participating with/on our wonderful float in the Honor America Days parade on Saturday, July 27th. Thank you Mike and Melody Milewski for their work updating and reassembling our float to match the city's theme each year. This year's theme is "Our Heritage". If you have any clothing to go with your own heritage, we encourage you to wear that. If not, we have Trinity t-shirts in all sizes, or American flag shirts. We eat lunch together at the church afterwards...a tradition May Klepadlo started a few years back!

As always, contact any Council member with suggestions, questions, or concerns!!

Enjoy a safe summer!

Kathy Wood, Sue Gatley, Dick Kekis, May Klepadlo, Danielle Klepadlo, Gerry Nelson, Sarah Barcomb

Upcoming Event



Sept. 7th- Honor America Day Parade

We will be doing a float again this year, looking for volunteers to help with the float and to be in the parade. Contact Melody if interested in being on the float.



August 25th-Annual Trinity Picnic

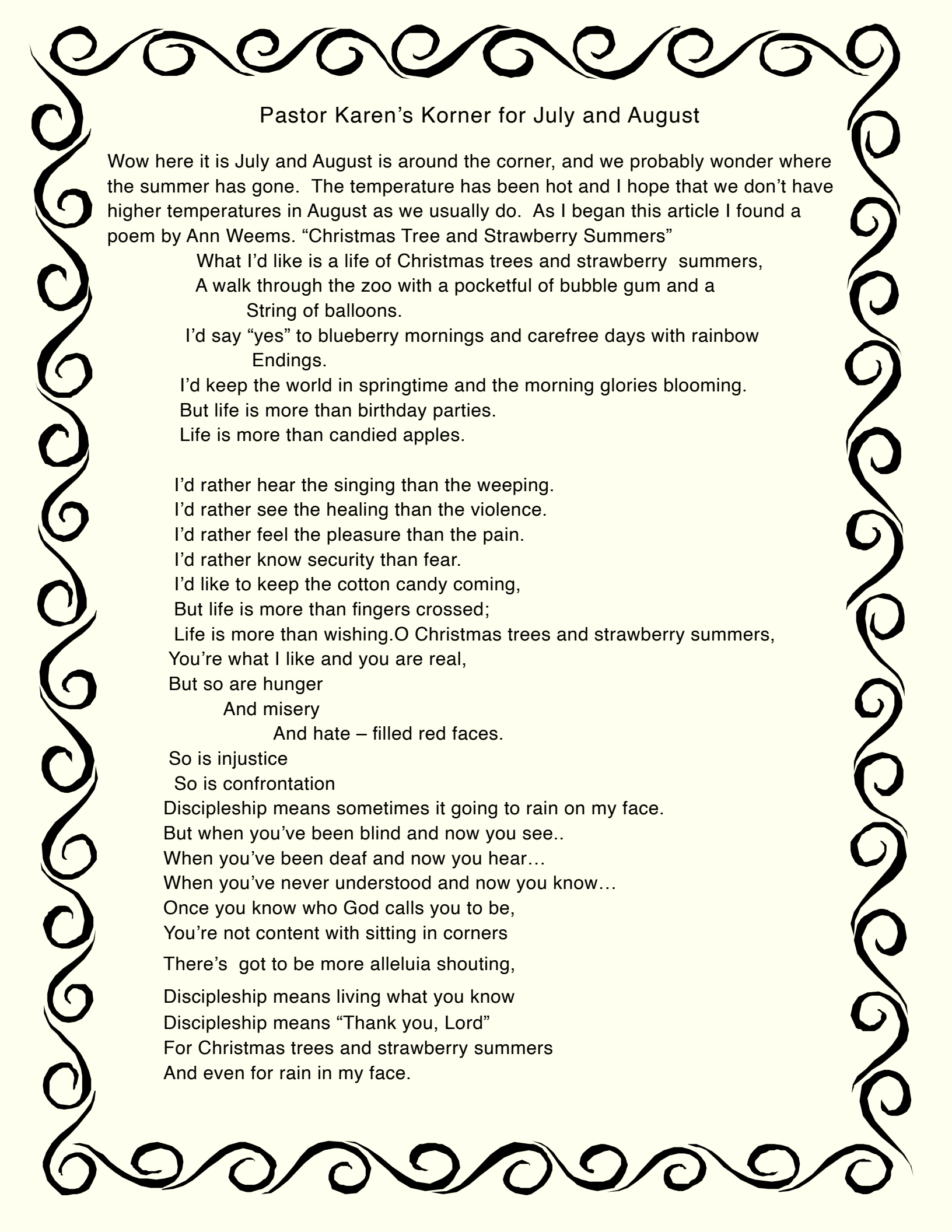
Following morning service, at Melody and Mike Milewski's home again this year. Come to enjoy the food, conversations, crafts and music.

In the Fall, there will many new activities. Stay tuned for updates and enjoy your Summer.

Removal of the two cedar trees from the front of the church. Thanks to the tree removal crew, Frank Graichen, Sue and Paul Gatley.

Paul and Sue Gatley, also came back to cut up and remove the pine tree that dropped into our side yard, by the shed. Debris from the tornado.





Pastor Karen's Korner for July and August

Wow here it is July and August is around the corner, and we probably wonder where the summer has gone. The temperature has been hot and I hope that we don't have higher temperatures in August as we usually do. As I began this article I found a poem by Ann Weems. "Christmas Tree and Strawberry Summers"

What I'd like is a life of Christmas trees and strawberry summers,
A walk through the zoo with a pocketful of bubble gum and a
String of balloons.

I'd say "yes" to blueberry mornings and carefree days with rainbow
Endings.

I'd keep the world in springtime and the morning glories blooming.
But life is more than birthday parties.
Life is more than candied apples.

I'd rather hear the singing than the weeping.
I'd rather see the healing than the violence.
I'd rather feel the pleasure than the pain.
I'd rather know security than fear.
I'd like to keep the cotton candy coming,
But life is more than fingers crossed;
Life is more than wishing. O Christmas trees and strawberry summers,
You're what I like and you are real,
But so are hunger
And misery
And hate – filled red faces.

So is injustice

So is confrontation

Discipleship means sometimes it going to rain on my face.

But when you've been blind and now you see..

When you've been deaf and now you hear...

When you've never understood and now you know...

Once you know who God calls you to be,

You're not content with sitting in corners

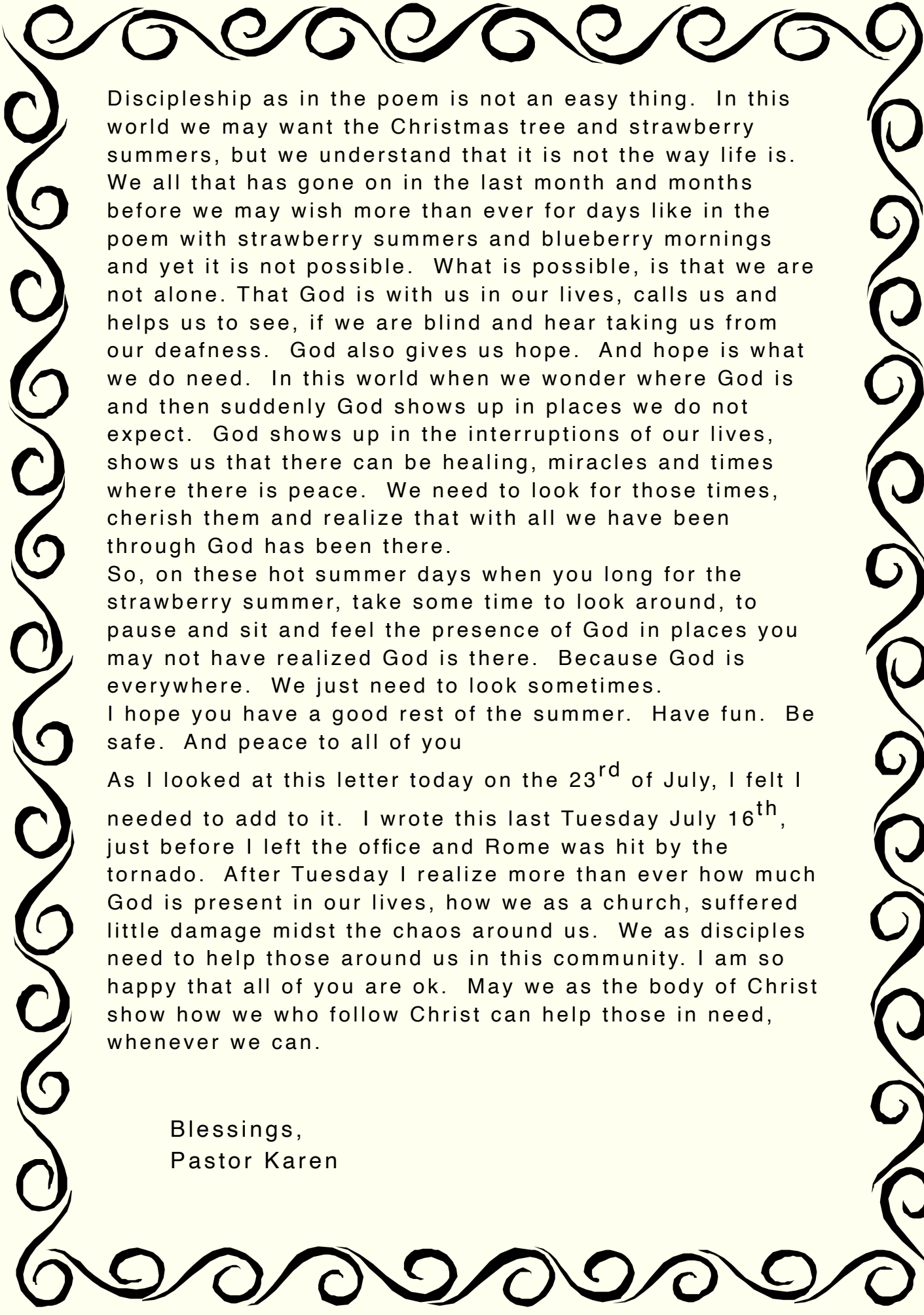
There's got to be more alleluia shouting,

Discipleship means living what you know

Discipleship means "Thank you, Lord"

For Christmas trees and strawberry summers

And even for rain in my face.

A decorative border of black scrollwork surrounds the text. The scrollwork consists of a series of interconnected loops and swirls that form a rectangular frame around the central text.

Discipleship as in the poem is not an easy thing. In this world we may want the Christmas tree and strawberry summers, but we understand that it is not the way life is. We all that has gone on in the last month and months before we may wish more than ever for days like in the poem with strawberry summers and blueberry mornings and yet it is not possible. What is possible, is that we are not alone. That God is with us in our lives, calls us and helps us to see, if we are blind and hear taking us from our deafness. God also gives us hope. And hope is what we do need. In this world when we wonder where God is and then suddenly God shows up in places we do not expect. God shows up in the interruptions of our lives, shows us that there can be healing, miracles and times where there is peace. We need to look for those times, cherish them and realize that with all we have been through God has been there.

So, on these hot summer days when you long for the strawberry summer, take some time to look around, to pause and sit and feel the presence of God in places you may not have realized God is there. Because God is everywhere. We just need to look sometimes.

I hope you have a good rest of the summer. Have fun. Be safe. And peace to all of you

As I looked at this letter today on the 23rd of July, I felt I needed to add to it. I wrote this last Tuesday July 16th, just before I left the office and Rome was hit by the tornado. After Tuesday I realize more than ever how much God is present in our lives, how we as a church, suffered little damage midst the chaos around us. We as disciples need to help those around us in this community. I am so happy that all of you are ok. May we as the body of Christ show how we who follow Christ can help those in need, whenever we can.

Blessings,
Pastor Karen