

# ODYSSEY

A Special Journey



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## **MEET OUR REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE!**

Early each Sunday morning, you will find Dick and Jane Godfrey putting tables together in preparation for our fellowship time at Odyssey. Shortly after they begin, Emerson and Anne Miller join them and the preparations begin in earnest. Tables are covered with cloths and an arrangement or decoration is added. Cookies are put on plates, cups and drinks set out along with napkins and any additional food donations received that day. Careful attention is paid to providing low sugar choices for those on restricted diets.

Refreshment time is an important part of the Odyssey worship experience because it encourages interaction and conversation. Greetings are exchanged, friendships are made, and our tummies get a nice treat!



## **MORE ABOUT THESE SPECIAL PEOPLE:**

**Dick and Jane** will be married for 60 years in December! They both grew up in Middletown, NY and met in high school. Jane went to South College to study biology for teaching and Dick went north to obtain a degree in electrical engineering. Dick worked at IBM for many years and Jane worked in the kitchen at Sharpe Reservation. They have been blessed with three daughters and 8 grandchildren. Their eldest daughter Marylee helps with refreshments most Sundays making it a family affair. The Godfreys have been with Odyssey since its beginning and it has become a big part of their lives. They enjoy the energetic music and the messages that are to the point. They are grateful for the friendships they have made through Odyssey.

**Emerson and Anne** have lived in the Hudson Valley for 53 years. Emerson was a business education teacher at Ketcham High School for 28 years. He has been an active volunteer with the Arc of Dutchess. They have two children - a son, Chris and daughter, Maryanne. Chris is a resident of the Van Kirk group home with Greystone. He and his house mates attend Odyssey every Sunday. Anne shares that it is a joy to see the faces of all who come to Odyssey. "Their faces reflect God's love". The Millers have also been helping with refreshments since Odyssey began. Sadly for their friends at Odyssey, Emerson and Anne will be moving to the Syracuse area in August. We have been blessed with their presence and friendship and will miss them dearly. We wish them much happiness in their new home. They will be living closer to their daughter and her family.



## **A Message from our pastor, Steve Dambra...**

**T**he summer is just flying by! Doesn't it feel that way? By the time you receive this newsletter we will already be in the month of August! Where is the time going? If you're like me, you hate to see the summer end! I try to find any excuse to be outdoors for as long as I can! I love to feel the warmth of the sunshine on my face instead of the cold wind of winter blowing, so I try to soak up as much of it as I can before it starts to cool down. I wish there was some way to make the warmth I feel in my body now last through the winter!

I'm so glad I don't have to worry about that when it comes to how much God loves me! You see, God's love for us never grows cold! God's love for us never fades away! God's love for us is always the same! We can't do anything to make God love us more and we can't do anything to make God love us less. God loves us!!

Let's always remember to celebrate that blessing. Unlike the things of this world that will fade away and change, we worship a God who loves us more than we can ever imagine.. AND He always will!

Hope to see you sundays!!

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Steve*

### **LOOKING AHEAD...**

ODYSSEY FUN NIGHTS 6:30 – 8:00 ARC WORKSHOP

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

ODYSSEY BIBLE STUDY 6:30 – 7:30 ARC WORKSHOP

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**AT THE END OF EVERY ODYSSEY WORSHIP SERVICE, WE SAY THESE WORDS:**

**REJOICE IN HOPE, BE PATIENT IN TROUBLE,**

**AND... KEEP ON PRAYING!**

*This verse is found in the New Testament – Romans 12:12*