

# *The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost*

**July 11, 2021**

9:00 a.m. Worship in Yard (FH)

10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary



## **Announcements**

### **Prelude**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

## \*KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



*Refrain*  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**P** *Let us pray...* O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C** Amen

## Semicontinuous First Reading *2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19*

<sup>1</sup>David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup>David and all the people with him set out and went from Baalejudah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. <sup>3</sup>They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart <sup>4</sup>with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. <sup>5</sup>David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

<sup>12b</sup>So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom to the city of David with rejoicing; <sup>13</sup>and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. <sup>14</sup>David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup>So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

<sup>16</sup>As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

<sup>17</sup>They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. <sup>18</sup>When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, <sup>19</sup>and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ *Thanks be to God.*

## **PSALM 85:8-13** *(To be read responsively.)*

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

## SECOND LESSON *Ephesians 1:3-14*

Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel: Mark 6:14-29**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

<sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."

<sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

**☐** The Gospel of the Lord. **☩** *Praise to you, O Christ.*

**SERMON**

*Pastor Traci*



1 "How long, O God?" the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own,  
 2 The e - vil lurks with - in, with-out, it threat-ens to de - stroy  
 3 Your grace, O God, seems far a - way; will heal - ing ev - er come?  
 4 How can we hope? How can we sing? O God, set free our voice  
 5 "How long, O God?" the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own.



for we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, and far a - way from home.  
 the frag - ile cords that make us one, that bind our hearts in joy.  
 Our bro - ken lives lie bro - ken still; will night give way to dawn?  
 to name the sor - rows, name the pain, that we might yet re - joice.  
 Though we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, our God will lead us home.

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 Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional  
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\*CREED

**P** Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith. We remember those in this community who have recently died. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

The Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.



**P** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

**Communion Hymn**

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

ELW # 726



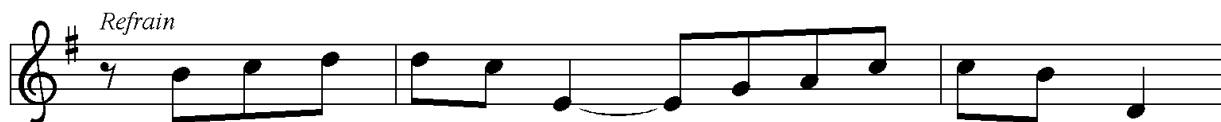
1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
loft, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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## Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

### \*SENDING SONG

### *Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW # 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## **Blessing**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Postlude**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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## **SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Beginning with July 4th there will be two worship services each Sunday. The 9:00 AM service will be outdoors and will be a sung service. The 10:30 AM service will be in the sanctuary and the service will be spoken. Pastor Ed will try to line up vocalists for the 9 A.M. services and instrumentalists for either services. On July 11th, Steve Oswalt will sing at the 9:00 service and on July 25th our chime ringers will provide music at both services. Pastor Ed will be contacting choir members to have them sing some Sundays at the 9:00 AM service. If you know of vocalists or instrumentalists who may want to share their talents with us, please pass their name on to Pastor Ed at 814-650-5584 or [pastorech@comcast.net](mailto:pastorech@comcast.net).

**Please be advised that worship services are recorded and/or  
live-streamed on social media.**

**Today's Altar Flowers** are placed to the Glory of God.

### **Serving God and Us**

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist/Organist – Dr. Adam Smith/Mary Nelson

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Bill Brown

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

**Second Quarter Ventures in Faith to “Youth & Camping”**

## **Office Hours This Week:**

- Pastor is at Camp all week  
Office Hours all week are 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Lori)

**This Week Events**    Tuesday, Council Meeting, Zoom 6:30 PM

## **Worship Schedule Change for July & August**

In July and August, we will offer two Sunday services each week.

**9AM Worship Outside**—Full Sung Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)  
In case of rain, the service will move to the Fellowship Hall and will be a spoken liturgy.

**10:30AM Worship in the Sanctuary**—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament  
(Communion)

This will be the recorded and live-streamed service.

**Inside or outside**, masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated and required for those who are not fully vaccinated.

## **Emergency Pastoral Care**

Pastor Traci will be serving as chaplain at Sequanota the week of July 11-17. Because guests at camp are being asked to remain on the property after COVID screening, she will be unable to travel back and forth during the week. You can reach Pastor Traci at camp on her cell (814-935-9267), but for in-person pastoral care needs that can't wait until the weekend, please call Pastor Drew or Pastor Amanda McCaffery (814-538-9036).

## **Home Communion Visits**

Pastor Traci is available for home communion visits, either inside for those fully vaccinated or outside for those not fully vaccinated. To schedule, please call the office or cell (814-935-9267).

## **RSVP Requested—Catechism Camping Trip**

Catechism students (those entering Grade 6 and up who have not yet been confirmed) will be camping in Ohiopyle, PA then biking and rafting on the Middle Yough River, Wednesday, July 28—Thursday, July 29. The whole family is invited (younger siblings must be at least 8 to participate in the rafting part of the trip). Please contact Pastor Traci for more information.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Donna Gearhart, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, Audrey Hite, Ruth Johnson, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Joy Williams.

**Prayer Concerns:** Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Cindy Barnes, Randy Barrett, Diane Cappel, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, George Gilbert Sr., Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Justin Karol, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Anna Klepser, Darren Kreutzer, Theo Lardieri, Dave Lehman, Karrie McCall & Family, Chuck McGeary, Marjorie Marriott, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

**Our college students:** Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orzeck.

**Those Serving in the Army Overseas:** Nathan Smith (Germany)

### **Flower Committee Announcement**

Worship and Music Committee agreed with a recommendation from the Flower Committee that when worship is scheduled in the sanctuary, flowers will be placed on the altar as usual. If you would like to sponsor flowers as a memorial or honorarium, please contact Margie Smith. The price for (2) Altar Vase flowers is \$40. You can share the expense with a friend so each pay \$20.

Donors are reminded to pay for the flowers in a timely manner, preferably on/or before the date of the memorial. Payment may be made in cash or check made payable to **St. Matthew Flower Fund**. You can place the payment in the appropriate mailbox in the hallway outside the church office.

### **FOOD PANTRY**

If you harvest more vegetables in your garden than you can use, please share with the Food Pantry, 133 E. Allegheny St. in Martinsburg on Thursdays, July 1 and July 15 between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. It will be open for food distribution on these dates between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Volunteers from Brethren in Christ Church will be helping besides the regular volunteers.

**Items most needed for July:** Canned Fruit, Tomato Sauce, Pancake Mix, Syrup/Honey, Tuna/Hamburger Helper.

Again, we will be collecting school supplies, which can be placed in the school box in the Narthex. *Many thanks, Linda Smith*

### **From the Evangelism Committee:**

With a new chair, the committee's main focus will be just to think about evangelism, so you may not see any overt action from the committee for a while.

If you think about all the support that St. Matthew provides, you will see that, as a congregation, we actually do well with evangelism. However, my observation is that, while we donate and support willingly, we each have a general tendency towards a lack of a personal connection with evangelism.

For example, I am personally willing and glad to donate to ALSM, On Eagles Wings, Sequanota, and our other support areas, plus I am glad we open our church to the Boy Scouts & other groups, but that is the general extent of my evangelism at St. Matthew.

We all need to get to that personal touch, like the ones in our congregation that do meals on wheels, bringing others to church, visitation, etc. I believe the touch of the Holy Spirit comes more often to those who touch others in their personal evangelism, whatever form that takes.

*Regards,*

*Mike Lamborn*

### **Readings for the Week:**

**Monday** (commemoration of Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, 1931) Psalm 142. **Tuesday** Amos 9:1-4. **Wednesday** Luke 7:31-35. **Thursday** Psalm 23. **Friday** Jeremiah 10:17-25. **Saturday** (commemoration of Batolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, 1566) Luke 18:35-43. **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.

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**2020 Funds Disbursed in 2021**  
**\$5,437.16 EARNED IN 2020**

<b><u>Requested For</u></b>	<b><u>Submitted By</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Disbursed</u></b>
CAMP KESEM	LORI TREMMEL	\$500
OLIVIA DAY		\$1000
JACOB ORCZECK	JANE FAGANS	\$250
AARON REYNOLDS	ALLEN KUSTER	\$237
CAMP SEQUANOTA	JANE FAGANS & PASTOR ED	\$1250
JEREMY SMITH FAMILY	PEGGY FREYER	\$1200
JACOB ORCZECK		\$1000
FOOD PANTRY	DAVE LEHMAN	0
<b>TOTAL -----&gt;</b>		<b>\$5,437</b>