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"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:13 (NLT)

Waterloo, New York, is widely recognized as the birthplace of Memorial Day as a state and federal holiday. The purpose was to honor the sacrifices made to preserve the freedom, peace, and future of this nation. The tradition keeps the memory of thousands more that have made the ultimate sacrifice. There are thousands of heroic stories that can be shared on this day. These are stories of lives cut short and families losing spouses, siblings, children, and parents. The losses have been enormous, and the freedom that has been preserved is priceless. One must wonder how we can best remember those who have given their lives for our continued freedom. Jesus said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). How can we honor the sacrifices that continue to be made? Our freedom has come at so high a price we dare not squander it by seeking only to serve our own interests. We are free to live at liberty and pursue the happiness found in seeking to do the will of Almighty God. We can use our freedom as an opportunity to bless and serve others rather than using it to gratify our own desires.

The freedom we enjoy was not purchased with gold or silver but with the blood, sweat, and tears of the ones that we honor today. They died so that we might live! There was one who came down from Heaven. The God, who put on human flesh, became one of us and gave His life for all of us. While we were dead in our sins and trespasses, He gave His life for us. He was without sin, and He took the judgment of God on our behalf. Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly. We are no longer enslaved to sin, but we are servants of God who have been set free to live lives that honor Him and bring peace with God to the world. It was the shedding of the blood of Jesus that won our salvation and His resurrection that sealed our pardon from sin, giving us hope for the life to come! Indeed, there is no greater love than sacrificial love. Therefore, it is suitable to honor our loved ones and their sacrifice. So may we use the freedom that they bought to proclaim the love of God that is found in Christ Jesus!

As you remember the lives of those, who sacrificed for your freedom, ask God how you can be an instrument of His love. The Bible says in James 1:5, "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking." God wants to give us guidance in our life. So, let's humbly ask for his direction and commit to following Him in the power of the Holy Spirit. He will provide us with the instructions we need, one step at a time.

K-LOVE Pastors

NEWS & NOTES

Wed. Night Bible Study via zoom -7pm

Ladies mid week Bible Study-5/30 & 6/16 @ 9:30 am via zoom **June 11 -Pot Luck & Secret Sister**reveal right after service- sign up for something to bring

Barnabas Project if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475) 529-5751

Vacation Bible School - July 22 10am-2pm

Kent Men's Retreat - June 16 & 17

Tidal River Christian

Camp-flyers on the back table. If able to help out with camp contact Pat Keller, also donation of bags of potato chips and cookies are appreciated.

Spooner House is in dire need of nonperishable items.

- *Pray for Dennis Turner's father, Donald Chaffin who is Is a life threatening situation and will need surgery soon. *Prav for *Mike Fernandes*, his wife Terri passed away. recently. Prayers for Ray & Leah.
- *Pray for *Daniel Ruiz* and his girlfriend *Bella*, they are going through a difficult time.
- .*Pray for Karen Rzasa as she completes her 2nd Master's Degree.
- *Pray for Michelle Wilson's friend, Amina Smith who is having a difficult time dealing with her mother's death. *Pray for *Nadine's mother* 's health she has high blood
- .*Pray for Kimberly Diaz, she is having preliminary problem with her liver.
- *Pray for *Tom Byer*, the minister of South Road Church of Christ who has throat cancer and is undergoing chemo and Radiation treatments.
- *Pray for adult children to develop a relationship with God.
- *Pray for all our students finishing school soon.

- *Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- Judith Gomez, David Fritzinger, Cohen (Ron's friend), Sarah (Angela's niece *Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.
- *Pray for our country & our leaders in government, first responders and health care
- *Pray for families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that they may turn to the Lord. Special prayers for our church leaders. Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia
- *Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses: Jeremy Sazone, Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomez, Mildred, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes., Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Cyrus (Zach's friend) dad who has brain cancer, Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.
- *Anyone interested in helping with World Bible School- contact Ron
- *Opportunities to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the Spooner House - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you

Wednesday Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m canceled til further notice, participate online via Zoom

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Bible class 10 am, Worship service 11 am Online bible class and worship service Go to our website: trumbullchurchofchrist.org

> Week of 05/28//23 Song Leader:Bruce Pancoast **Lord's Table:Wiley Mullins Closing Prayer: Derin Wilson Usher:Andrew Langalis** Week of 04/23-5/13/23 average **Donations: \$3158 Expenses: \$7962**