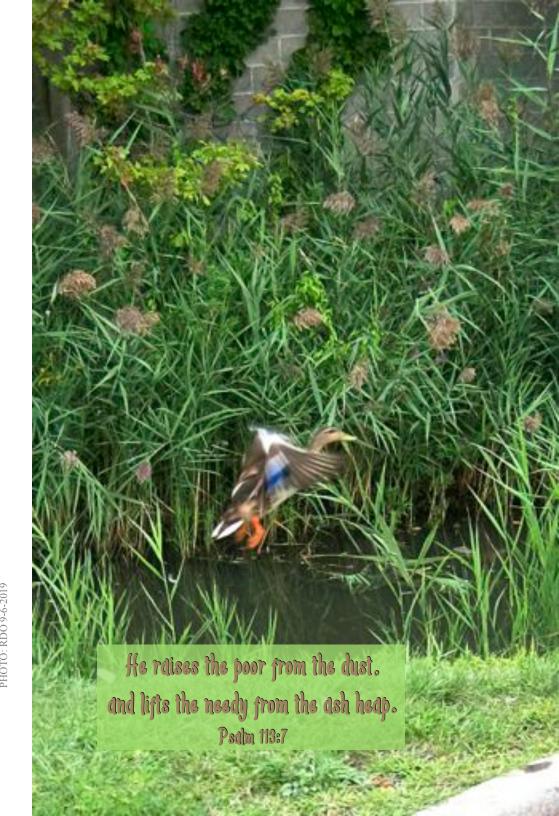
A man can never reach heaven unless he travels heavenwards, Zionwards, in the way that God has marked out for his people to walk in. It is a delusion to think that we are going to heaven unless we know something of divine teaching in the soul. But if we know anything of divine teaching, we know what it is to be poor and needy, we know what it is, more or less, to have our mouth in the dust. But many people do so mistake the way to heaven. The ordinary way is to set up a ladder to reach from earth to heaven, and progressively clambering up the different rungs, at last to climb up into the abode of God. But that is not the way of God"s people. They have to go down, down, down, that they may be raised up. It is not with them first "up, up, up," to scale the battlements of heaven. Every such step upwards in SELF is in reality only a step downwards; but, on the other hand, every step downwards in self, downwards into the depths of poverty, downwards into felt misery, downwards into soul-trouble and the real groanings of a broken heart—every such step downwards in self is, in fact, a step upwards in Christ.

Until we get to the very bottom there is no promise. "He raises up the poor out of the dust." But how? He does it in a moment. The Lord does not raise up his people rung by rung, enabling them to clamber and crawl with their hands and feet to him. But, when he lifts up the poor out of the dust, he gives them a smile which reaches, so to speak, to the very bottom of their hearts; and that smile has such a miraculous power, such a drawing efficacy, that it lifts them in a moment out of the dust into the very bosom of God. When, therefore, the Lord raises up the poor out of the dust, he does not lift them up by a gradual process, step by step as they went down. They were, perhaps, many years going down; but they are raised up in a moment. The God of all grace, by one word, or by one smile, lifts them up in a moment out of the lowest depths of felt degradation, "sets them among princes, and makes them inherit the throne of glory."



—J.C. Philpot 1802 – 1869

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Welcome to worship as brothers and sisters in faith.

Call To Worship

O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving! *We come in celebration and song.*

We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing. We hear the cry of the poor in the land,

We pray for their relief and blessing, in Jesus' name.

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— from Psalm 79, Jeremiah 8, Luke 16

Announcements

- Christmas Choir rehearsal after the evening service.
- **September 24-29** 7:30 p.m. Grand Gorge revival services. John Case is the speaker.
- It's time to start collecting for the Chirstmas Child shoeboxes! The collection box is in the foyer.

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m. — FRIDAY: Women's Fellowship 10:30 a.m.

Notes:

Other announcements & prayer requests

hope, and charity, & that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou does command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—BCP

ALMIGHTY & everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith,

Prayer Requests

- **This** week we are praying specifically for our sister church at Fostoria, OH. Isaac Clark is the pastor.
- Continue to pray for:
 - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Bernie A., Pam, Ron, Byron S., Keith A., Rowan S., and Steven H.
 - Christians in danger all over the world.
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
 - **Missionaries**: Nichole Barr, the Blackcalfs, the Billses, B. Fay, the Davises, the Himelicks, the Millses, R. Moulton, the Samborskis, the D. Shermans, J. Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
 - Our young people schoolwork, jobs, and life decisions
 - Bible Colleges GBSC, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
 - Safety and protection for our Armed Forces.
 - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical need requests:
 - Ron C., Randy Staggs, Terry M., Kaedin Vosburgh, Dale Sherman, Anita P., Paulette Fay, Sharon Major, Pat and Marie Rooney, Charles and Thelma Heckman, Elaine Bates, Greg Davis, Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
- From Early Woodland:
 - Steve, Hazel, Dan, Lindsay, Joyce, Jim, Todd, Renee.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
OT Isaiah 39:1-41: NT Ephesians 1:1-2 PSA Psalm 66:1-20 PROV Proverbs 23:25	Ephesians 2:1-22 Psalm 67;1-7	Isaiah 43:14-45:10 Ephesians 3:1-21 Psalm 68:1-18 Proverbs 24:1-2	Isaiah 45;11-48:11 Ephesians 4:1-16 Psalm 68:19-35 Proverbs 24:3-4
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Isaiah 48:12-50:11 Ephesians 4:17-32 Psalm 69:1-18 Proverbs 24:5-6	Isaiah 51:1-53:12 Ephesians 5:1-33 Psalm 69:19-36 Proverbs 24:7	Isaiah 54:1-57:14 Ephesians 6:1-24 Psalm 70:1-5 Proyerbs 24:8	Isaiah 57:15-59:21 Philippians 1:1-26 Psalm 71:1-24 Proverbs 24:9-10