

RAQUETTE LAKE CHAPEL



3Q2022 PASTORAL LETTER

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Bits & Pieces

COVID-19 UPDATE: yes, it's still around! The Chapel will follow best practices for people attending church as recommended by the CDC and Hamilton Co. Health Dept. We are free to wear masks, though not required to. In the past the Chapel has had its COVID precautions well supported by the members and community!

"Sunday Blasts" will start again for next Sunday. We will continue our look at "Biblical Wisdom" and also explore the underlying sources for what we call "contemporary wisdom" and its relationship to Biblical Wisdom (if any). Your continued input on this topic is welcome!

WHAT IS CHURCH LIKE DURING THE SUMMER?

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Raquette Lake Chapel services in the summer are unique. Many churches (we've all been to at some point) change dramatically during the summer. They reduce the number of services, or change the time of services, or begin meeting outside, and so forth. Two factors affect houses of worship during the summer: one, attendance usually drops during the summer; and the other, people are tired of being inside all the time and want to have outside services, especially in Northern climates with long winters.

Those two summer dynamics affect Raquette Lake Chapel differently. Raquette Lake Chapel services are seasonal: only during the summer months (July – beginning of September) does the Chapel hold regular services. On a Sunday summer morning, in addition to the year-round Raquette Lake residents, many summer visitors come to the Chapel. And for those who seek to be outdoors, visitors to the area discover that being in nature in the open air is a way of life in Raquette Lake.

If my arithmetic is correct, 2022 is the Chapel's 94th anniversary, the Chapel having been dedicated the winter of 1927-28. This summer is a time for us to give thanks for, not just the Chapel's past, but for the blessings it continues to offer its corner of the Adirondacks. The Chapel is indeed a treasure...and it is the faithful members of the Chapel who continue to make that happen.

Have a blessed summer! - Vance

Pastor's Summer Wish List!

- Musicians, singers...
- Readers for scripture reading during services
- Spare Bibles to give away for people to take to their camps

If you know of someone interested, they can contact me directly!
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