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THE PARTY'S OVER, IT'S TIME TO CALL IT A DAY...

...Well, not quite. We (the entire Highlights staff) are calling it quits a week early, because experience has shown that when Labor Day is late, as it is this year, there really isn't much of anything to put in the paper. But there's still plenty of summer left, as you can see in the Date Book below.

We thank you all for your support, and hope that the Highlights remains a useful resource for the Hedding community. We'll see you in January with the mid-winter issue, and, Lord willing, next June 25th, when we kick off the 2027 season.

— Joe and Mary

The Date Book

Saturday, August 29, 9:00 a.m., the Studio.....HAA annual meeting
10:00 a.m., horseshoe pits.....Horseshoe and shuffleboard tournaments
11:00 a.m.....Bring your entries for the chili cook-off!
Sunday, August 30, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m.....Worship service
Rev. Russell Atkinson, UMC, preacher
Saturday, Sept. 5, 10:00 a.m., the Studio.....Religious Life meeting
3:00 p.m., the Studio.....**Trustees' meeting**
Sunday, Sept. 6, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m.....Worship service
Rev. Tom Bentum, UMC ret., preacher
Monday, Sept. 7, 10:00 a.m., the Studio.....Calendar Committee meeting

News deadline for the Midwinter Highlights is Friday, January 1, 2027. Please email news items to heddinghighlights@gmail.com.

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Around and About

The Epping Community Church will hold their Sunday morning service on September 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hedding Pool. Pastor Katie Barner invites all Heddingites to join them for this morning of worship and baptism service.

Please bring your chair and join the ECC community of faith. The service will be held rain or shine! If you have any questions and/or would consider being baptized at this service, please speak to Cynthia Nickerson (603-781-6182) or Pastor Katie at ECC, 603-679-5542.

— Cynthia Nickerson

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It is with great pleasure that Joanne and Paul Grimes let you know that our eldest son, Daniel, celebrated his wedding nuptials on Sunday August 23, 2026 in Boulder, Colorado. Hannah Foster, his new bride, is now his keeper, and we are pleased as punch that he's now her problem.

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Tanya and Joe Sheppard celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on August 29. Why, it seems like only yesterday....

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Thank you to all that volunteered for a shift in the Hedding Library this summer and to everyone who stopped in and visited! You are all appreciated. Don't forget the library if you're cleaning out your old bookshelves this off season. Keep reading!

—*Tracy Dwyer, Hedding Librarian*

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Staying at the Moran cottage this week have been Kevin and Martha Lee (Moran) Lowe. It has been a delight to spend a quiet week here. Earlier in the summer we got out to Colorado to visit son Steve and his wife Tiffany, and meet their first child, Ezra Jonathan Lowe, and visit daughter Elizabeth and Kyle Jones and their two girls. After church on Sunday, we will begin our trek to Alabama to visit

From the Trustees

As the season winds down, I wanted to take a few minutes to send out my appreciation to some folks.

- A special thanks to the Officers and Committee Chairs for such a successful and productive Annual Meeting.
- Thanks to Will Kenney for his assistance in sanding and painting the picnic benches.
- Thanks to Peter Wicks for pressure washing and staining the Rec Hall deck and the Community House ramp.
- Thanks to the Forestry Committee for coordinating such a great Forestry Presentation.
- Thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their continued support of projects on grounds.
- Thanks to Religious Life for a wonderful Camp Meeting Week.
- Thanks to Chautauqua Association and HAA for their efforts in providing great entertainment and fellowship throughout the season.
- Thanks to Alix Sheppard for her efforts in promoting donations to the historical spring fund.
- Thanks to Thomas Dwyer, Jr. for his continued support on the spring project, using his knowledge, equipment and mutable hours identifying the age-old piping system under the spring.
- Thanks to Ross Clark for all the work he does on maintaining our website.
- Thanks to Jeff Decoster and Mike Munley for their assistance in converting old files to digital media.
- Thanks to Steve Doherty for his continued support in monitoring the Trustees' on-line website requests.

There are so many that help out to keep our community thriving. I am sure I am forgetting some but know that your efforts are truly appreciated. The Trustees will continue to work on projects on grounds and we welcome our new Trustees to the team.

—*John Fuller, Trustees Chair*

son Timothy and Louellen and their three girls. Our son Seth, still also in New Jersey, brought some excitement to our family when he proposed to his girlfriend Erin. Quite a full summer, indeed. This respite week at Hedding has been very appreciated.

— *Martha Lee Lowe*

Religious LifeLines

The season is finally coming to an end. Our speaker last Sunday was Rev. Travis Bonnette-Kim of Melrose, who led us in song during his sermon. The greeters were Mike and Tori Munley. Flowers were given in memory of loved ones by John Peach and Diane Crowell, and in memory of loved ones by Peter and Anna Wicks.

This Sunday's service will be led by Rev. Russell Atkinson of Drexel Hill United Methodist Church in Pennsylvania. Greeters will be Steve and Lindy Doherty. The flowers this Sunday are given in memory of loved ones by Lou and Judi Powers. On Sunday, September 6, our Communion Service will be led by Rev. Tom Bentum, retired NEUMC. Our greeters will be Robyn, Aubrey, and Heidi Renzelman. Flowers are given by Michelle Jaques in memory of loved ones, Dottie Dwyer in memory of loved ones, and by the McGovern family in memory of loved ones.

The Religious Life Committee would like to thank everyone for their help this past season, especially the behind-the-scenes volunteers who help out every Sunday and Camp Meeting Week. We appreciate any input for next season, so please join us on Saturday, September 5 at 10:00 am in the Studio for our final meeting. All are welcome!

We hope that you have a safe and healthy winter. And God be with you 'til we meet again.

— Cheryl McGovern, RLC Secretary
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Good news for Hedding

This message is for you fellow believers here in Hedding. All of us share the deepest of all possible bonds: we have God the Holy Spirit living in us. As it is written in Romans 8:9-11, "But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them are not Christians at all.) Since Christ lives within you even though your body will die because of sin, your spirit is alive because you have been made right with God. The spirit of God who raised Christ from the dead lives in you. And just as he raised Christ from the dead, he will give life to your mortal body by this same Spirit living within you."

Good news indeed! This same Spirit aids us and brings God's word alive in our hearts and minds as we study the Bible. If you are one of those who has no home church when you are not at Hedding, search for one that preaches the Gospel and uses God's word as his revelation to us of who He is and what He wants for us, his children.

— In Christ's love, Will Kenney
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Ladies' Auxiliary

Fourteen ladies had a wonderful time at The Old Salt restaurant in Hampton on Tuesday, August 18. The lunch specials were delicious and of course many had the wonderful desserts.

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi was the book chosen to read and discuss for Summer 2027. Ladies have some exciting ideas for next summer, such a chair caning workshop, craft night, sourdough class and learning Mahjong and Mexican Train. See you all next summer!

— Lindy Wicks Doherty

Chautauqua

We had a great turnout last weekend for ChauNachos and the fabulous Fluesy. Thank you to everyone who supported our event.

This Saturday, the 29th, we are joining with HAA during their annual horseshoe/shuffleboard tournament to sponsor a **Chili Cook-Off**. Many people have signed up to make their fabulous chili recipes. Please bring your chili to Chautauqua Hall at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to label your chili with a creative name! Those who would like to taste and judge the entries should arrive at 12:00 noon. The cost for sampling is \$5.00 for all ages. Prizes will be given for first place and runner-up. Good luck!

The **Calendar Planning Meeting** will be held on Monday, September 7 at 10:00 am in the Studio. This meeting is open to the public, and *all committees should be represented*.

Chautauqua would like to thank the editors of the Highlights for keeping our community informed each week during the summer. Thank you, Joe and Mary!

— Donna Crowell, Chautauqua secretary
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We want to thank all who have paid their Chautauqua dues. The dues help Chautauqua to bring events like Chau-Nachos and Fluesy, as well as the Highlights and helping keep up the website. Ladies: Paying your dues also gives you automatic membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary.

New members this week:

Annmarie Langlois	Anne Kinney
Susan Laycock	Dani Dwyer
Xia Ouyang	Will Pecoraro
Alan MacDonald	

Thank you all! Until we meet again, May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

— Lisa Blackburn, Treasurer

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

The Old Home Day program in 1931 included an exhibition of horseshoe pitching by the Maine state champion, Charles Gerrish of Kittery Point. Two courts were laid out on the baseball diamond and the bleachers were filled with spectators ready to learn different turns and grips of the shoes. Mr. Gerrish participated in contests with five players, including two games at the same time on adjoining courts, Mr. Gerrish using one shoe on each court against the other two players. The stunts included "throwing ringers between the feet of a man standing beside the stake, throwing ringers on stakes covered by blankets, lighting matches set against a stake with one ringer and snuffing them out with the next, throwing ringers over cigarettes stuck in the dirt, and throwing ringers over separate stakes at various distances as spectators called the shots."

Diane's Cottage Salon

Men, women and children

8 Cass Avenue

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Religious LifeLines, cont.

In last week's Highlights was a list of donors to the Booster fund that was from 8-18-2019! I must have put a future year in my email to Joe. My apologies.

Donations received over the last two weeks:

May and John Steinruck

Kris and David Stone

Barbara Roche

Xia Ouyang and Alan MacDonald

See you in church!

— Jenni

It's back to school time, so we thought we'd share some of these high-school essay "gems," compiled by various teachers. (Spelling is the original.) Our thanks to Phil Conti for sending them to us. — Ed.

The World According to Student Bloopers

The inhabitants of Egypt were called mummies, and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation. The Egyptians built the Pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube. The Pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.

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The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, asked "Am I my brother's son?" God asked Abraham to sacrifice Issac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, son of Issac, stole his brother's birthmark. Jacob was a partiarch who brought up his twelve sons to be partiarchs, but they did not take to it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.

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Pharaoh forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

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The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns — Corinthian, Doric and Ionic — and built the Apocalypse. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth. One myth says that the mother of Achilles dipped him in the River Styx until he became intolerable. Achilles appears in "The Illiad", by Homer. Homer also wrote the "Oddity", in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

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Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.