

## Dear Families:

This week, we read a passage from the Gospel of John. In the first chapter, John the Baptist is questioned about why he is baptizing people. John tells the skeptical leaders that he is the voice crying in the wilderness, as the prophet Isaiah foretold; he baptizes with water, but one is among them right now who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. When Jesus arrives, John identifies Him as the Son of God. Upon hearing John's shouts, two of John's friends began to follow Jesus. Jesus noticed them following Him and asked them, "What do you seek?" They asked Jesus where He was staying. "Come and see," said Jesus. The men followed Jesus and stayed the night with Him- and never left Him until the end of His time on Earth!

You never know where God is going to lead you. We should all be looking for Him like these men were. They listened to John, they knew He was coming. When they found Him, Jesus said "come!-" and they were ready to go! How exciting would it be to hear Jesus say "Come with me! We have things to do!" Be looking, be ready, be prepared, repent- you never know when you'll turn around one day and see Jesus asking you to "come and see!"

The weekly hot chocolate sales are back as of today! For \$1 per cup, you can enjoy some gourmet hot chocolate and support Literacy of Love. We will be selling hot chocolate after church every Sunday that there isn't a potluck luncheon until warm weather returns.

You can support the youth in other ways as well! There is an ongoing mini-rummage sale in Fellowship Hall. You can continue to bring in bottle slips. And the donation boxes in Fellowship Hall are always there. The bin that supports our church Blessing Box is always in need of items. Let's make this year the year that Christ is felt here in Olean!

Looking ahead, we will have the annual congregational meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Souper Bowl of Caring will be held on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. The following week, we will celebrate Scout Sunday with our Scouting friends on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for being with us today!

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