

Dear Families:

In class today, we again turned our attention to Philippians. Today, we read about how Paul advises his early church to work together. He wanted them to be united in one purpose: humility. He warns them to do nothing out of selfishness, and to always put others before themselves just as Jesus did. Jesus became a human, but acted like God. He suffered on the cross because He loves us so much that He put us before Himself. Paul wants the church to follow Jesus' model. Like Jesus, we are commanded to love others before ourselves. We are to always think of others first. This is a lot easier said than done, even for adults! This week, we all should practice showing humility. Sacrifice what we have for the good of others. Think of ways that we can show love for others this week!

This morning's lesson continued our theme of what it means to be part of a church family. There are many ways that this church involves our youth- we really feel like contributors to our church and to God's mission! We usually gather as a family once a month for a meal; starting in October it will be the 2nd Sunday of the month after worship. The students love to help prepare a treat for this dinner, so we could really use your help on those Sundays. The youth here do other things that contribute to the church as well: participate in communion (usually the first Sunday of the month), help collect money for the Olean Food Pantry with our Noisy Can loose change collection (every 4th Sunday), light candles before and after worship, and hold various fundraisers throughout the year. Currently, we have a mini-rummage sale set up in Fellowship Hall. It will feature fall items/holidays. If you have any items to donate, we would appreciate the help! We also assist with the congregation's other mission projects. All of these are great ways to show love towards our family in Christ!

Thank you for joining us today!

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