

**Pastor Greg Stein** was saved October 1980. Before becoming a pastor, Greg had a secular career as a Scientist at Bristol Myers Squibb for 37 years. As the Lord called him to pastor he retired from Bristol Myers and has served the church as pastor for 11 years. Pastor Greg serves with his wife, Marty, at Mallory Wesleyan Church. Pastor and Marty have been married 35 years and have 4 grown children, 78 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

**Pastor Jim Karins** is currently a Pastor at the Caughdenoy United Methodist Church, having been there almost three years, after being invited to preach for one day. Jim holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music and Music Education from Syracuse University, and a Master of Divinity Degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester NY. He and his lovely wife Nancy live in Lakeland NY and enjoy a small camp near Forestport, NY and a winter retreat in Zephyrhills, Florida. They have been blessed greatly by our Lord and faithfully share those blessings with others.

**Pastor Brent Culver** is the founding pastor of Life Church in W. Monroe. Brent was ordained in the ministry in 1984 by Elim Fellowship. He pastored in Utica, NY for 7 years followed by a couple years as a missionary to Congo, Africa. Upon returning to the US in 1989 he and his wife moved to the north shore. God has called them to serve in this region since that time. They have a heart to see the expansion of the Gospel, the strengthening of believers, and the unity of the church so that the Kingdom of God might be ever increasing.

**Father Christopher Celentano** is originally from Lyncourt, New York, where he was born in 1979. The youngest of 3 children, Father Chris was appointed pastor of St Agnes in Brewerton & St Michael in Central Square July 12, 2011. He serves a Catholic community that has over 670 households. Recently the two parishes merged under the title of Divine Mercy Parish and plan to build a new church starting in the Spring of 2016, which will be located in the Village of Central Square.

**Pastor Ralph Stamp** was raised in Catholicism and an encounter at a Full Gospel Business Men's meeting led him into a personal relationship with Christ. He responded to the call to ministry and graduated from Southeastern Bible College with a bachelor's degree in Pastoral ministries. He was licensed to preach with the Assemblies of God and was ordained in 1991. He accepted the pastorate in 1990 at Northshore A/G (later renamed Lighthouse Assembly) in Cleveland, NY. He founded New Horizons Family Ministry for the purpose of raising up the Body of Christ to fulfill its purpose as disciples according to Matthew 10:7-9. He teaches and demonstrates how to move in the gifts of the Holy Spirit to release the Kingdom of God and how to hear the voice of God in everyday life and release it to others according to 1Corinthians 14:1. Pastor Stamp transferred his ordination from the Assemblies of God to Global Awakening. The church in Cleveland was renamed Bethel Community Fellowship.

**Pastor Georgia Culver** was born in Kenya, E. Africa where her parents served as missionaries. After graduating from nursing school, she and Brent were married. Two children were born while in Utica, 1 in Congo and the last two in the Syracuse area. Georgia home schooled her children and assisted her husband in founding the church. She brings a missionary heart to the local church as well as joining her husband's passion to see the Church of God strong.

**Pastor Debbie Stamp** has been in ministry in Cleveland, NY with her husband Ralph since 1990. After realizing her dream to be a wife and stay-at-home mother, she returned to work as an administrative assistant to help support her family while they followed God's call to ministry. She took a step of faith and left her job to be beside her husband full time. She was recently licensed to preach with Global Awakening and has a heart to be the catalyst for others to have extreme intimate encounters with Jesus and His Kingdom as she has experienced herself. Whether it is in the ministry or the marketplace, her desire is to see the works of Jesus in operation to demonstrate the reality of a good, loving and faithful God.

***Mr. Adam Sterns*** passion for music and fervency to serve God through music began at a very young age. At thirteen years old, Adam began playing drums in his youth band, and by age sixteen, was serving on Sunday morning worship teams in his church. God has led Adam to serve and utilize his musical talents in a vast array of settings, such as Camp Harmony Youth Camp in Pennsylvania, Never the Same Camp and Hope Festival in Zambia, Refresh Family Camp at Houghton College (Western NY District of the Wesleyan Church), and in other local churches and venues. Adam has been serving at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church in Canandaigua, NY since 2006, and is a very integral part of the worship team. In addition to using his musical gifts, Adam has also served on the technical team at Crosswinds on several occasions. Adam currently holds a Doctorate in Physical Therapy and works with children with special needs at an agency in Rochester, NY. Adam is committed to life-long learning, and truly enjoys helping others. When he's not working or behind the drum kit, Adam enjoys photography, cooking, water gardening, music recording, and spending time with his family.

***Pastor Chris Stephens*** has been leading worship since he was eighteen years old, his journey beginning in Atlantic Canada as a member of Present Reality and Three Season Ant. Three Season Ant toured extensively throughout Canada & the United States, winning 4 GMA's and releasing two full length albums: *2 days After Yesterday & Redefined Logic*. He is currently serving as the Worship Pastor at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church in Canandaigua, NY with his wife Megan and two children Caleb and Myla. Chris' heart is to see Jesus be the center of our worship as we sing psalms, hymns, spiritual songs and most importantly in all that we do, in word or in deed, that we'd do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

## **2015 National Prayer:**

*By Dr. Jack Graham*

Heavenly Father,

We come to You in the Name that is above every name—Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Our hearts cry out to You.

Knowing that You are a prayer-answering, faithful God—the One we trust in times like these—we ask that You renew our spirits, revive our churches, and heal our land.

We repent of our sins and ask for Your grace and power to save us.

Hear our cry, oh God, and pour out Your Spirit upon us that we may walk in obedience to Your Word.

We are desperate for Your tender mercies. We are broken and humbled before You.

Forgive us, and in the power of Your great love, lift us up to live in Your righteousness.

We pray for our beloved nation. May we repent and return to You and be a light to the nations. And we pray for our leaders and ask that You give them wisdom and faith to follow You.

Preserve and protect us, for You are our refuge and only hope.

Deliver us from all fears except to fear You, and may we courageously stand in the Truth that sets us free.

We pray with expectant faith and grateful hearts.

In Jesus' name, our Savior.

Amen.