JAIL MINISTRY OF OTSEGO AND SCHOHARIE COUNTIES

Helping troubled lives find hope and wholeness in the Christian walk

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There is a Redeemer

A Word from the Director

"We realize that crime and social pathologies will never be eliminated. But Christians believe that individuals and cultures can be redeemed, that individuals who break both the law and the community's peace can be Restored." *Charles "Chuck" Colson*

The above quote by the late Charles *Colson is the reason why for the last sixty four years in Otsego County and the last four years in Schoharie County we have been reaching out to the men and women housed in both facilities. It does not matter what choices these men and women have made, God still loves them*.

The following lyrics were written by Gospel singer Joseph Habedank. This is the message we bring week after week to the men and women housed in both county facilities.

I left my home, I came so far from where I was, to where you are. The bitter tears, the lonely ache the many ways a heart could break. And you were at the center of it all to free you from the prison of the fall

There was no hill too steep for me to climb. No road too long and hard to make you mine. I gave all I had to give and it was worth the cost to say I love you from an old rugged cross.

I took your guilt, I bore your shame and I would do it all again.
My open arms reached out in grace to pull you in to love's embrace. It's been spoken in a thousand different ways. Yet the cross said more than words could ever say.

Can you hear the echoes from that hill I loved you then and child, I love you still?

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Your prayers and financial giving is helping us bring the life transforming message of the Gospel into both facilities. Thank you.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son."

John 3:16

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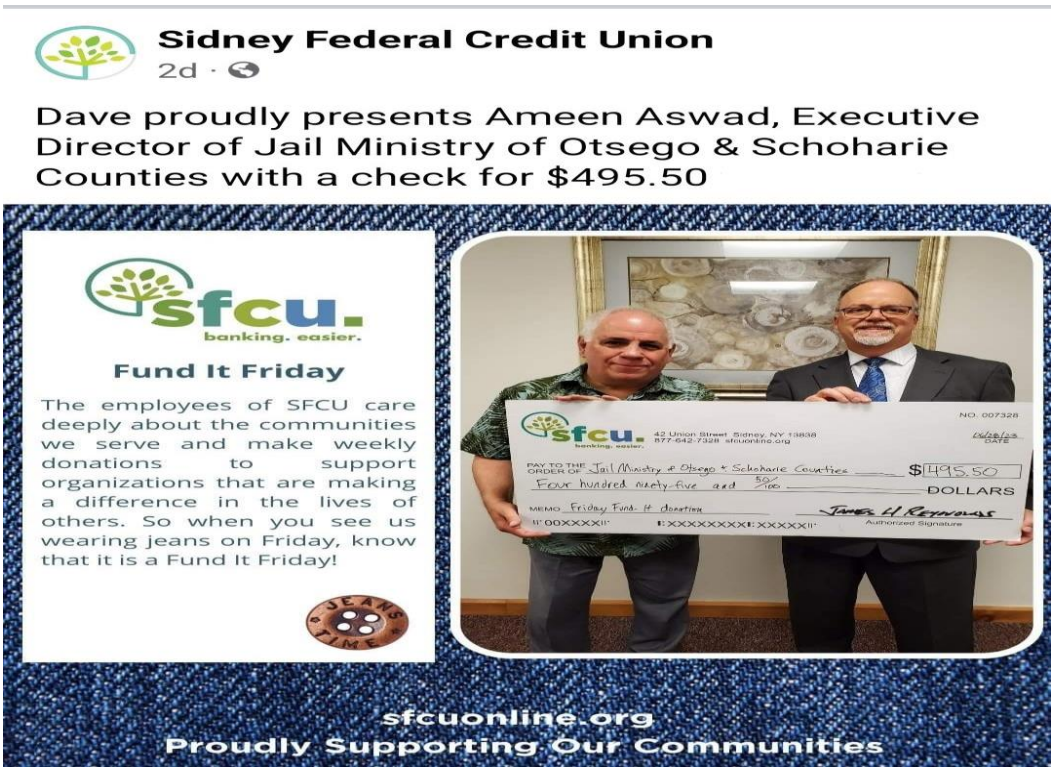

We want thank the employees of the Sidney Federal Credit Union for their generous donation of $495.50. Also, we want to thank the Outreach Committee of Christ Church Cooperstown for their grant of $2,500.00.

Introducing our New Aftercare Coordinator

Dawn Schuman

I live in Oneonta with my husband, Eric, and twin daughters, Sabonne and Simone. We operate a local moving and storage company as well as a farm. I am a member of New Life Oneonta (NLO) and am currently an License Ministry Candidate working through the ordination process. I currently oversee the outreach and prayer ministry at NLO. I am attending North Eastern Seminary for a Master's in Divinity and have a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from SUNY Oneonta. If I had to sum up what I feel God calling me to, it would be this found in Romans 10:14-15:

"14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? 15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" (NLT)

God is calling me to be a HOPE DEALER by sharing the love and transforming power found in Jesus Christ. That is the passion burning inside me.

November 28, 2023

Together we can

In times of uncertainty, there's a fundamental truth that gives us hope – that together we can do extraordinary things. Over the past year and a half, people worldwide have been uniting to stand up, help out, give back, and heal. Whether that's through donations to community organizations or assisting neighbors with everyday tasks, generosity has been making a positive impact on the world. Together, acts of kindness and compassion have been driving forces in overcoming challenges and fostering a sense of global unity.

The Jail Ministry of Otsego and Schoharie Counties is participating in Giving Tuesday today, the global day of unity and giving. As you know, our organization is helping troubled lives find peace and wholeness in the Christian walk.

But we can't do this without you!

Not only do we need your support, we need your help to spread the word. Please tell your friends and family why you believe in our work and encourage them to support us too!

Join the movement today! Here are ways you can help:

- Pray for our chaplains and the volunteers of the jail ministry.
- Provide financial support in a one-time gift.
- Provide a monthly pledge.
- Encourage the church you attend to add the Jail Ministry to their home mission budget.

You can give online by going to our website at www.jmoconline.org or make your check out to the Jail Ministry of Otsego and Schoharie County, P.O. Box 1023 Cooperstown, New York 13326.

Thank you for being a part of the Jail Ministry of Otsego and Schoharie County team. Together through your prayers and financial giving we can provide an opportunity for committed Christian Volunteers from the community to interact with inmates of Otsego and Schoharie County Correctional Facilities by sharing with them their faith in Jesus and His life-changing power.

UNWRAP THE JOY OF ANGEL TREE®

When mom or dad goes to prison, a child may feel lonely and forgotten,

Especially around the holidays.

Share the hope of Jesus with a hurting child in our community on behalf

of their parent in prison.

It starts with a gift and leads to restored lives.

Angel Tree Party

December 2nd 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Former St. Mary's School

39 Walnut Street

Oneonta, New York 13820

If you would like to adopt a child this Christmas or provide a gift of $75.00 so we can provide a complete Christmas dinner for each family please contact:

Otsego County: Susan Pinkey at 607-435-3361
Schoharie County: Rev. Cyd Collischonn at 518-657-9405