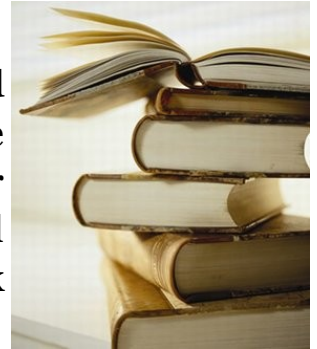


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SENECA FALLS

July/August Newsletter 2012

PASTOR'S CORNER

Well the summer has really begun and while it isn't less busy, it is a different type of busy. Summer is the time as a pastor for me to make plans for the year. What will our Advent Season and Lenten Season look like. What will we do for All Saint's Sunday? It is also a time for me to study.



Yes, just like in school, summer is the time for me to tackle a larger reading list. I wanted to share this list with you and invite you to tell me of any good books you will be reading this summer.

1. James Martin, SJ– *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*
2. Nicolas Kristof and Sherly WuDunn– *Half the Sky*
3. Peter Steinke– *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What*
4. Samuel Wells–*Speaking the Truth: Preaching in a Pluralistic Culture*
5. Walter Bruggeman– *Mandate to Difference: An Invitation to the Contemporary Church*
6. Amber Van Schooneveld- *Hope Lives– A Journey of Restoration*
7. Edited by Rebecca Todd Peters and Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty– *To Do Justice: A Guide for Progressive Christians*
8. Robert D. Lupton– *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It)*

I am sure these stories will appear as lessons in my sermons. I am sure these books will provide a deeper understanding of God and God's creation. I know they will give me a new lens and I look forward to seeing how these books will shape me. I hope you enjoy your summer reading too! Peace, Pastor Leah

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SESSION BRIEFS

Session Meeting was held at Parker's. We met at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and then the meeting after.

We want to let everyone know that if you want to purchase the Tops Gift Cards you can do so from any member of the Fund Raising Task Force, Carolyn Seem, Jim Clark, Mike Day or Elaine Ritter any Sunday while at church. You can also stop in the office on Tues, Wed, or Thurs from 7:30 till 12:30 and get them from Chris. We get 5% from each one of these cards that you purchase, so please help the church by buying and don't do like I did and forget you had them when you go shopping at Tops.

Vacation Bible School is looking for folks to help with the children and the projects, contact Marion Crull if interested in helping with any of the activities or food for the kids.

The "Bargain Basement" sale is September 15th in the Social Hall. Please donate anything except clothing for this sale. The Fund Raising Task Force is going to have some food for sale during this Bargain Basement sale We have not fully decided just what we are going to have yet, but it will be in the back parking lot. We will be accepting donations of salads and side dishes for this event. We will also have a Bake Sale that day. You will be getting further notices on this event and things, food, you can donate to this Fund Raising Event, etc..

The next Session meeting is August 27th at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Everyone have a great summer.

See you in church-Elaine G. Ritter - Clerk of Session



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Samual Rescorl-7/3
 Vivian Rescorl-7/11
 Lorienne Beals-7/12
 Eric Elyseev-7/13
 Howard Scutt-7/16
 Adam Sanderson-7/23
 Joyce Lohr-7/23
 Curtis Porsch-7/23
 Michelle Geraghty-7/25
 Kaitlin [Richardson] Parish-7/25
 Howard Van Kirk-7/25
 Ely Radtke-7/26
 Becky Jessop-7/26

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Marika Beals-Kraus-8/4
 Dorothy Dickieson-8/6
 Elizabeth Brown,-8/9
 Alicia Dalrymple-8/9
 Marion Crull-8/10
 Sabrina Hoster-8/14
 Paul Elyseev-8/22
 Cherie Clark-8/24
 Laura Lee Jordan-8/26
 Mason Ntuala-8/28
 Matt Crull-8/29



September
 Newsletter
 articles are due on
 Aug. 23rd
 It will be sent out
 On Aug 30th.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE



The Women's Circle Annual Luncheon was held at Abigail's on June 4th. This is an especially enjoyable time attended by many of the women in our church.

We will resume meeting in September- the second Monday since the first is Labor Day. Our study will be some other lesser Epistles. A great chance to learn from these most recent of The Epistles. Come join us...bring a sandwich.

Doreen Christopher will be leaving us. We've all enjoyed her contribution to our discussions and our projects. Enjoy your new home.

The 3rd Sunday House of Concern items are:

July: Cereal

August: Peanut butter/jelly

September: Canned fruits/vegetables

The entire congregation makes this project work. Thanks to you all. Have a great summer.

Jean Morris

YOGA CLASSES

We are offering 1/2 hour stretch classes for women of all ages! Come join us and bring a friend and your yoga mat. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00am in the basement of the church.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School

July 16-20, 2012

9am- Noon

Theme: DR. SEUSS and the Bible

Monday: Oh The Things You Can Think

Tuesday: The Lorax

Wednesday: Yertle the Turtle

Thursday: Horton Hatches an Egg

Friday: Oh The Places You'll Go

Vacation Bible School will be held from 9am-Noon beginning Monday, July 16th until Friday, July 20th. Your help is needed to make it successful. Please contact Marion Crull at 586.5918. We will need help with crafts, games, story time, music and snacks. On Friday, July 20th at Noon we will be serving lunch for all the families and having a short concert and showcase of the children's work. You are all invited to attend.

Registration is open now for children entering Kindergarten-6th grade.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Last night was the last Wednesday choir rehearsal for me, and I had the combination of different emotions as I headed home. Certainly, it is hard to believe that one active year with the chancel choir is coming to an end, and YES, the time has gone too fast for all of us.

As many have been already informed, I will be relocating myself in Illinois from August to complete my Doctoral study in music. It is hard to express how much I have been blessed to work with the leadership of this church. Thank you Pastor Leah, and those in the worship committee who have worked hard to build a strong momentum in music ministry for this year. Also, I deeply thank our congregation for sharing their love and support into our music ministry!

And, my biggest love and appreciation for the chancel choir, children's choir, and all of my organ fans!!! Especially, the Chancel Choir singers have worked so hard throughout the year, and I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to each singer! BRAVISSIMO!

It's a great feeling after running such a long race to glorify God and to serve the church. I will continue praying for the next music director who would continue this momentum and enthusiasm.

Thank you everyone who have prayed and supported our music ministry!

Mina



NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERY

A Summer of Fundraising Has Started! 3 Fun Ways to Give!

1. We Have A Microphone With Your Name On It!:

We have launched our first annual "Microphone Giving Campaign!" This Campaign's funds will help us purchase new sound equipment for Camp Whitman. Your generous contributions will allow Camp Whitman to continue our tradition of camp-wide talent shows and dances! Please consider being a part of this wonderful tradition by helping us purchase equipment to continue these popular events this summer!

For contributions of \$500 or more become a PLATINUM MICROPHONE CONTRIBUTOR

For contributions of \$100-\$499 become a GOLDEN MICROPHONE CONTRIBUTOR

For contributions of \$50-\$99 become a SILVER MICROPHONE CONTRIBUTOR

For contributions of \$1-\$49 become a BRONZE MICROPHONE CONTRIBUTOR

At the end of the summer, there will be a display of contributors that will be created to be down at Camp Whitman. For this summer, there are microphone certificates with the givers names on them hanging in our office until all are collected through the summer. For the Platinum contributors, they will be given or mailed a Camp Whitman T Shirt as well.

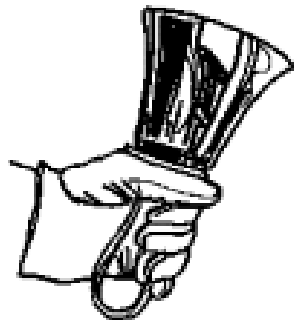
2. A Sweet Way to Give:

Our mission fundraiser from the local Whisper Chocolate shop kicked off at the Open House this weekend and will continue in our office throughout the summer. Whisper Chocolate is a community partner from Geneva, NY that creates wonderful fair trade and organic chocolate creations. We are running this small fundraiser in our lobby area of our office. Small bags of this delish treat are only \$3 and make for a perfect afternoon pick-me-up or meeting snack!

3. ThirtyOne Anyone?:

There's something for every member of your family available from this new fundraiser. Thirty One is a very popular company that has a variety of gifts to choose from that can even be personalized if you'd like! A portion of these sales will go toward the mission trip to Washington, D.C. over Columbus Day weekend. Please use the link below and our event is under Rhonda Everdyke's name, just click "shop now" from the event line. It will be shipped directly to your house! Please email Rhonda if you have any trouble! http://www.mythirtyone.com/forms/frm_event_my_events.aspx#





HANDBELL REPORT

Thanks to all the bell choir members who rehearse every Wednesday and perform once a month for church service. Their jobs and family responsibilities sometimes make it difficult to be at every rehearsal or to make a particular performance date, but we all have busy lives and I really appreciate their consideration.

Karen Beals, Claire and Dick Damaske, Joanne Elyseev, Hedra Harrison, Phil Plummer, Connie Richardson, Carolyn and Bob Seem, and Sarah Walsh.

Thanks to the children who were able to be a part of Sing & Ring and who sang so beautifully and rang bells so well. Mina and I both enjoyed our rehearsals with them and are so proud of their accomplishments.

Erica, Matt and Sean Walsh and Eleanor and Tess Levinway

Since we will have a 5-octave set of bells and chimes starting in September, and since we miss the former bell choir members who have left us with changes in their lives, I would like to extend an invitation to think about joining us. We do have a new bell choir member, Hedra Harrison and a potential new member who has been coming to rehearsals and ringing one bell to help Phil with the big bells, and another potential member who is the tuba player in the brass quintet. Bell ringing is a really enjoyable experience. The sound of bells ringing is so beautiful and practicing the techniques needed to make those sounds is so necessary that it makes rehearsals challenging and satisfying.

I am offering a workshop in ringing bells for anyone who would like to know more about bell ringing or for anyone who enjoys hearing bells and is curious about working with bells but might not necessarily want to perform. The workshop will be on July 25 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. I will demonstrate bell techniques and teach you how it is done. You will have the experience of ringing bells and a real appreciation of what it takes to be a bell ringer.

If you are interested in participating in this workshop you need to register so please contact me at 651-2409 by July 20.

Marge

STAMPIN' UP

Interested in Making Cards or Scrapbooking? Join us in the Church basement for a fun evening and learn this great craft!

Classes for July & August are:

July 12th & 26th, August 9th, 12th, and 23rd.

Registration is necessary prior to each class.

For details and more information,

Contact Debbie Sowards at 730-8078 or
email dsowards@rochester.rr.com.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

REMINDERELECTRONIC MAILING of the newsletter begins in September.

Beginning with the next newsletter, everyone who has email will receive the newsletter electronically. Please email the office at fpresf@verizon.net so we will have your updated email address. This way you won't miss the next newsletter! If you still **need** it mailed to you via "snail mail" because you don't have a computer with internet access, please call Chris and let her know so she can put your name on that list. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

- ◆ Spring Cleaning? Don't throw or give it away! Save your unwanted "stuff" for our "Bargains in the Basement" sale coming up on Saturday, September 15th from 9am-3pm. A great fund-raiser for our church! No shoes or clothing. You may start dropping your items off at the church beginning on Monday September 10th.



- ◆ Thank you to Wayne and Joyce Lohr for donating the Summer wreaths in the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Thank you to Marvin Lay, Jack LaValley and Don Ritter for replacing the window in the Sanctuary that was blown out during the storm.
- ◆ A Big THANK YOU to Kyle for replacing the light bulbs in the Sanctuary.

Members and Friends who are shut-in or in special need:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Luanna Day	2705 Lower Lake Road, Seneca Falls, NY 13148
Al and Ruth Ferrel	c/o Stephen Ferrel, 62 Valley View Drive, Brockport NY 14420
Dr. Paul Foote	40 Cayuga Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148
Jean Loar	Seneca Nursing Home, Rm 104 A, 200 Douglas Drive Waterloo NY 13165
Margaret Marsh	114 Ashton Ct, Clifton Springs, NY 14432
Robert and Jean Stenlake	18 Carol Avenue, Seneca Falls, NY 13148
Alberta Stuck	2999 Williamson Road, Seneca Falls, NY 13148
Dorothy Tuthill	1901 Gravel Road, Seneca Falls, NY 13148
Fran Webb (This is a new address)	c/o Springhurst Health & Rehab, 3101 N Hurstbourne Parkway Louisville, KY 40241
Robert & Phebe Wright	2691 Lake Road, Seneca Falls NY 13148

PRAYER LIST

Know someone ill or hospitalized? For July and August, please call: Joyce Lohr, 568-9639

To keep in our prayers: Alice Burgdorf, Bobbie and Ed Chase, Keith Davis, Bob Didsbury, Paul Foote, Margaret Greene, Mary Headley, Charlene Hooper, Crystal Jones, Jean Loar, Margaret Marsh, Liza Merriam, Joan Olmstead, Sally Porsch, Don Proctor, Mickey Schaertl, Nancy Shuster, Joyce Sinicropi, Duane Snyder, Peter Snyder, Sarah Snyder, Alberta Stuck, Dorothy Tuttle, Cpl. Geoffrey Tyler, Cathy Van Vechten, Fran Webb, Loraine Worthington, and Margaret Yells.

Please let Chris know if a name needs to be added or removed from this list.

GREETERS, USHERS and NURSERY

July 1st– Communion

Greeters: Elaine Ritter and Sarah Walsh

Ushers: Bob and Carolyn Seem

Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Barb Lohr



July 8th

Greeters: Diana and Jeb Becker

Ushers: Iva and Marvin Lay

Nursery: Matt Crull and Susan Derr

July 15th

Greeters: Joyce and Wayne Lohr

Ushers: Becky and Scott Jessop

Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Marion Crull

July 22nd

Greeters: Jannette Monterville and Betty Geraghty

Ushers: Kathy Gee and Lindsey Gee

Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Dick Damaske

July 29th

Greeters: Jack LaValley and Jan Owen

Ushers: Matt Crull and Marion Crull

Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Carolyn Seem

August 5th– Communion

Greeters: Andrew and Betty Batty

Ushers: Mike and Jan Day

Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Kathy Gee



August 12th

Greeters: Liza Merriam and Barb Van Kirk

Ushers: Jim and Cherie Clark

Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Barb Van Kirk

August 19th

Greeters: Marion Crull and Susan Derr

Ushers: Jerry Gray and Matt Crull

Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Marion Crull

August 26th

Greeters: Dick and Claire Damaske

Ushers: Marion Crull and Elaine Ritter

Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Susan Derr

September 2nd– Communion

Greeters: Sarah Walsh and Ericka Walsh

Ushers: Marion Crull and Matt Crull

Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Elaine Ritter



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Sunday Worship at 10am. Nursery Care available. Sunday School 10:15am.

Rev. Leah Ntuala-Pastor
Rev. Dr. Peter J. Crego-Pastor Emeritus
Mina Choi- Director of Music & Organist
Elaine Ritter-Clerk of Session
Karen Beals-Treasurer
Marjorie Fahrenholz- Hand Bell Choir Director
Kyle Bruzda- Sexton
Chris Sweet- Office Manager

Session meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7pm.

Presently serving Elders: Jeb Becker, Jim Clark, Richard Damaske, Susan Derr, Scott Jessop, Karen Kelley, Barbara Lohr, Jannette Monterville, Paul Richardson, Bob Seem, Carolyn Seem, Elaine Ritter, Clerk of Session and Rev. Leah Ntuala, Moderator.

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