

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SENECA FALLS

September Newsletter 2012

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Leah Ntuala

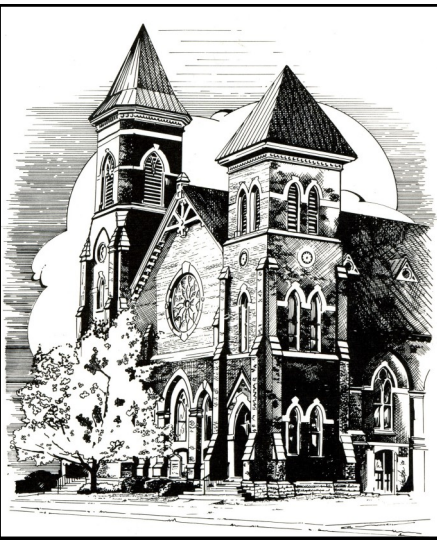
Fall is coming! Lake houses will begin to close, days are getting shorter and people are returning from their vacations and Hot Apple Cider and banana bread seem like great ideas. Fall also means our life at church begins to get busier again. Our programs begin again: Sunday School, Java and Justice, Drinks and Discourse, Movie Night, Book Discussion, Game Night, etc. Choir practices and Ministry Team meetings will begin again soon and Sunday and Wednesday Worship, Yoga and Bell Choir continue. We are a busy place! September 15th is a Rummage Sale, Bake Sale and Lunch. This September 16th will bring a Confirmation and a New Members Service. Invite your friends and family to join us as we celebrate the life of the church.

Fall is also a season of transition. As we see the leaves begin to change color and the temperatures drop at night we are reminded. Children and teachers return to school. Our routines change, our clothes change and our home décor may even change. A transition is a movement, passage, or change from one position, state, stage, subject, concept, etc., to another. We are in constant states of transitions, but there are moments when these transitions feel more profound. Fall is one of those times. God is constantly at work changing our lives and helping us to transition.

God is at work to transition our ability to love, making it broader and more accepting. God is at work transitioning our ability to hope, making us believe in possibilities we previously couldn't imagine. God is at work transitioning our work, giving us the ability to focus inwardly and outwardly at the same time. God is in all our transitions. May we welcome God into our lives and embrace the transitions we will be invited to be a part of with as much openness as we embrace the transition from summer to fall.



Peace, Pastor Leah



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SESSION BRIEFS

Respectfully submitted by Pastor Leah

Session met with confirmand, Ericka Walsh, who upon finishing confirmation this summer expressed her desire to join the First Presbyterian Church. She was examined by Session and voted unanimously accepted. Ericka's Confirmation will be held on Sunday, Sept 16th.

Jane Winters from Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and Elder Dee Anderson met with Session to discuss the partnership in ministry between Pastor Leah and the congregation. Session and Pastor Leah shared their thoughts and feelings about what is working and some of our stumbling blocks. We discovered some of the places, like Wednesday Worship, that we desire to keep growing. We also concluded that we all enjoy each other and working alongside each other in ministry.

Session has decided to begin purchasing our gas through Stand Energy in the hopes to decrease some of the rising gas prices. Stand Energy allows us the opportunity to purchase and store gas during the summer months when the price is lower and use the gas during the winter months when the prices are higher.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Donald Proctor-9/02
 Bobbi Chase-9/04
 Joy Novack-9/05
 Jessica Seem-Walsh-9/07
 Mike Day-9/10
 Georgeanne [Elyseev] Hauf-9/11
 David Gee-9/12
 Barry Porsch-9/12
 James Sinicropi-9/24
 John Allen-9/26
 John Becker II-9/30



***October Newsletter
 articles are due on
 September 20th
 It will be sent out
 On September 27th.***

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

The Women's Circle will meet Sept. 10th at 12:30 for the usual sandwich lunch. We will begin the study of the General Epistles: The lesser known letters in the Bible.

We will bring items for the personal Care kits. Prepare a complete kit or bring items: hand towel, wash cloth, toothpaste, tooth brush, comb, shampoo, deodorant, soap.

Everyone is welcome. Hope to see some new faces.

**September's 3rd Sunday House of Concern items are:
Canned fruit or vegetables.**



Jean Morris

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We had a very successful and fun summer with Vacation Bible School, thanks to all who helped. Please mark your calendars for next summer, July 15th-19th.

Sunday School is beginning again on **Sept 9th**. We will be passing out the 3rd grade bibles to Ben J. and Sean W.

Sunday School has an exciting year planned beginning with pumpkin Sunday on October 28th. Come and decorate a pumpkin! We will also be making Advent Calendars this year. These calendars will have lots of fun activities for us to do as we prepare for Christmas. We will also have our Annual Valentine's Sunday on February 10th. Finally, we will have our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd, the week before Holy Week, so we don't compete with other community egg hunts. We hope you will be able to join us for all these exciting activities.



NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERY

Another Amazing Year at Camp Whitman. Our regular summer season ended at Camp Whitman on Friday. It was an amazing season. We heard wonderful feedback from new and returning campers, staff, and parents! We want to give a huge thank you to all who supported, attended, volunteered, or worked at Camp Whitman this summer. We also delivered all the food, books, and toiletries that were collected at Camp for the Bradford Food Pantry. The grounds will be used by user groups and for friends and family camping over Labor Day weekend. We still have room for Labor Day camping, so bring the family for the day or stay the weekend! See you at Camp!

- ◆ If you are interested in coming to Camp over Labor Day weekend, please contact Darwin, Camp Whitman's Property Manager, at [315.759.4465](tel:315.759.4465).
- ◆ You can also read more about Camp Whitman's season at the [Camp's blog!](http://thecampwhitmanexperience.blogspot.com/) Link below.
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Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Geneva invite you to the

### ***Day of Inspiration/Fall Gathering AT CAMP WHITMAN***

On Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 19th

Registration begins at 9:00 A.M.

Speaker: Rhonda Everdyke

Worship Leader: Leah Ntuala

BRING:

\$1 for registration, \$\$ for “shopping”

Your own sandwich; soup, beverage and dessert provided.

Gently-used devotional/spiritual books for the book-sharing table.

Completed CWS school kits (or other kits or items for kits)

and \$ to cover shipping/handling costs

Items for Camp Whitman to say “thank you” for being there

Ideas and “samples” of local mission projects.



## HANDBELL REPORT

This will be an exciting year for the Handbell Choir as we will be officially a 5-octave handbell choir with a 5-octave set of handchimes!!!! The big bells add a depth to a piece of music and the little bells add the sparkle. Most music written for bells is for 3 to 5 octaves of music and several composers have written music with the combination of handchimes and handbells. We will offer an introduction to handchimes during a coffee hour sometime in the fall to listen to the unique sounds that handchimes produce.

Because we have more bells to use we will need more ringers to ring them. I did offer a workshop this summer and had 4 people who were interested in how to play bells. One of these people is Neil Walsh who has decided to join the bell choir as a bass bell ringer. His debut was on August 26 with Sarah and the children playing in a handbell ensemble. I arranged a medley of two hymns to be played by 5 ringers and the family spent several rehearsals preparing for that Sunday.

Bell Choir will begin rehearsing starting on September 5 at 7:15 – 8:15 in the bell room. The schedule for the rest of 2012 is as follows:

*September 16*

*October 7*

*November 11 (Veterans Day)*

*December 9 (Advent)*

*December 24 (Christmas)*

I will be contacting bell choir ringers by the end of August. If there is anyone who would like to be a part of a second bell workshop, I will be offering that early in September.

*Marge*

## FUNDRAISING TASKFORCE

On Saturday, September 15th there will be a "Bargains in the Basement" along with a Bake Sale at the church and we, the Fund Raising Task Force, will have "FOOD" for sale. We will have Pulled Pork, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and a variety of Salads, both Macaroni and Potato-your choice. We will also will have bottled water and Lemonade to complete your meal.

We are looking for volunteers to help us serve this food and also anyone who wants to bring a salad. You can sign up at church. There are sign up sheets in several areas and in the office.

Thank you all for your continued support of the First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



◆ **Thank you to the United Way of Seneca County for the donation of games, yoga mats, arts & crafts supplies and more**

◆ Thanks to the financial support of Sam and Dorothy Dickieson, right after Labor Day there will be a restroom in the upstairs section of the church. As long as they can get the plumbing up there to accommodate this restroom, this will become a reality!

◆ **Bargains in the Basement**– We will be having a “bargains in the basement” sale on Saturday Sept. 15th from 9am-3pm. There will also be a pulled-pork bbq and bake sale during that time. If you would like to donate items for this bargain sale, please bring them to the church beginning Monday, Sept 10th and place them on or near the stage area of the social room. Suggested items are:

- ◆ Xmas & other Seasonal decorations
- ◆ Bedding & Curtains
- ◆ Curios
- ◆ Tableware
- ◆ Toys, Books, Puzzles
- ◆ Furniture
- ◆ Small household appliances
- ◆ Luggage & Backpacks
- ◆ Baby supplies
- ◆ Tools
- ◆ Musical instruments
- ◆ NO CLOTHING OR SHOES, please.



**Bake sale items would be appreciated too.** If you could donate a bake sale item, please bring it to the church the morning of the sale. Leave your name and suggested price on items. Suggested items are: Pies, Cookies, Breads, Candies. Please label w/gluten-free, sugarless, nuts ...if any of these apply. Thank you! **Look for clip-boards to sign up for a work shift. Available in church beginning Sunday, Sept. 2nd !**

- ◆ **Game Night**– Because of Labor Day and the Rummage Sale, the first game night will be held on **Friday, Sept 21st**. The remaining game nights will be held at their usual night on the first Friday of the month.
- ◆ **A Memorial Service for Alice Robinson** (Claire Damaske’s Mother) will be held at 2:30 on October 13th at the Norton Chapel at Keuka College. All are welcome to come help celebrate her life.
- ◆ **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                                                  |
| Duane Snyder             | c/o Seneca Lake Terrace 3670 Pre Emption Rd, Geneva, NY 14456                             |
| 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                | c/o Parr’s Springhurst Pines Box 215B, 3101 N Hurstbourne Parkway<br>Louisville, KY 40241 |
| Bob and Phebe Wright     | 2691 Lower Lake Road, Seneca Falls NY 13148                                               |

## GREETERS, USHERS and NURSERY

### September 2nd– Communion

Greeters: Sarah Walsh and Ericka Walsh  
 Ushers: Mike and Jan Day  
 Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Elaine Ritter



### September 9th

Greeters: Elaine Ritter and Sarah Walsh  
 Ushers: Bob and Carolyn Seem  
 Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Elaine Ritter

### September 16th

Greeters: Diana and Jeb Becker  
 Ushers: Iva and Marvin Lay  
 Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Becky Jessop

### September 23rd

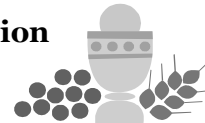
Greeters: Joyce and Wayne Lohr  
 Ushers: Becky and Scott Jessop  
 Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Susan Derr

### September 30th

Greeters: Jannette Monterville and Betty Geraghty  
 Ushers: Kathy Gee and Lindsey Gee  
 Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Marion Crull

### October 7th– Communion

Greeters: Jack LaValley and Jan Owen  
 Ushers: Matt Crull and Marion Crull  
 Nursery: Jo Ann Mason and Barb Van Kirk



## COFFEE HOUR AND PRAYER LIST

**Sept. 9th:** Getting Together Again. Host– Dorothy Dickieson

**Sept. 16th:** Ring Those Bells– Marge Fahrenholz

**Sept. 23rd:** TBA

**Sept. 30th:** Seneca Falls Stories– Walt Gable



**Know someone ill or hospitalized?** This month, please call: Elaine Ritter 568-6724

**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, Carol Millis, Helena Peacock, Sally Porsch, Don Proctor, Joyce Sinicropi, Duane Snyder, Peter Snyder, Sarah Snyder, Alberta Stuck, Dorothy Tuttle, Cpl. Geoffrey Tyler, Fran Webb, Loraine Worthington, and Margaret Yells.

*Please contact Chris with any changes to this list.*



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Website: [www.fpresf.com](http://www.fpresf.com)

**Sunday Worship at 10am. Nursery Care available. Sunday School 10:15am.  
Coffee Hour in Eastman Hall following worship.**

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

*Session meets of 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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