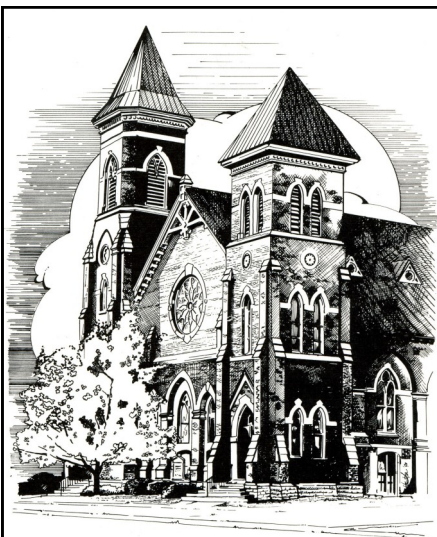


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SENECA FALLS

## June Newsletter 2013



### Camp Whitman

Camp Whitman has over 117 acres on the west side of Seneca Lake. Campers live in small cabins clustered in family groups around fire rings, and eat together in a large dining hall. Bathroom facilities include the main shower house with flush toilets, and outhouses throughout the camp. Many opportunities for exploring abound in the woods, ravines, meadows, Punnett's Pond, and lakefront. Organized recreation takes place on the playing field, in canoes and sailboats at the lakefront, and at the pool for the supervised swimming. **Visit their website to sign up for camp. We have camperships! [www.campwhitman.org](http://www.campwhitman.org)**

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#### Frequently asked questions:

**How many campers attend Camp Whitman?** We have 85-90 campers on site at one time. This includes 24 campers in our camp for youth and adults with developmental disabilities.

**What are the ages of the campers?** Our campers range in age from 8 to 18 years old. Our campers with developmental disabilities range in age from 11 to 70 years old.

**What should campers bring with them to Camp Whitman?** Campers should pack clothing that is comfortable and suitable to the activity in which they will be participating.

**Clothing:** Underwear (for at least 5 days), Socks (many pairs – they get wet!), Pajamas, Shirts, T-shirts, etc., Shorts (several pairs), Long pants (several pairs), Heavy sweater (1), Sweat shirts, Sweat pants, Warm jacket, Raincoat / Poncho, Sneakers (extra pair), Hard soled shoes (closed toe / sturdy construction e.g. Hiking boots), Swimming Suit (2), “Flip-flops” (for shower or pool), Extra pair of old sneakers / water shoes (for lake use), Sandals (optional), A white article of clothing (e.g. T-shirt) or a piece of white cloth for Tie-Dying.

**Other Essentials:** Soap & Soap dish, Toothbrush / Toothpaste, Deodorant (non-aerosol), Comb / Brush Plastic cup, Chapstick, Sunscreen, Writing material (stamps), Insect repellent (non-aerosol), Hat, Laundry bag, Flashlight with extra batteries, Backpack or book bag to carry articles to shower house, **All medications must be given to the camp nurse and cannot be left with the camper.**, sleeping bag or blankets for bed roll, pillow, extra blanket (for cool nights), towels including a beach towel and washcloths.

**Optional Articles** (depending upon campers interests and specific needs):, Pencil, paper, envelopes & stamps, Book (for possible quiet times), Musical instruments, Camera, Film, Boots, Bicycle / safety helmet

**What campers should not bring to Camp Whitman:** Any aerosol cans – bad for our environment, Radios, ipods, electronic games, etc., Cell or smart phones, Pocket knives (of any kind), Money (there is no camp store) There are T-shirts, sweatshirts, vests and postcards to buy at registration, but afterwards there is no other reason or opportunity to buy anything., Snack food, candy, pop, gum, cough drops (animals can sniff these out and enter your cabin for a treat!)

**Camp Whitman has a new logo:**



Old logo



New logo

## Session Briefs

With just enough Session members to have a quorum we did proceed to have a very short meeting.

We did decide that the June meeting will be a normal meeting in the Social Hall on June 24th at the regular time of 7 p.m.

Session members will be working on a Point People and Telephone List so that when issues arise concerning our church whomever needs to advise someone of a situation, rather than make decisions on their own, will know what procedure or who to notify depending on the various situations that do and will arise at times.

No Ministry Team news, due to very few meetings being held during the last two months. So we covered what was necessary and adjourned until next month.

Respectively submitted by the Clerk of Session-Elaine G. Ritter



### June Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> - Nancy Shuster  
 4<sup>th</sup> - Jannette Monterville  
 6<sup>th</sup> - Claire Damaske  
 7<sup>th</sup> - Wayne Lohr  
 8<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Richardson  
 11<sup>th</sup> - Bob Wright  
 15<sup>th</sup> - Andrea (Day) Silverman  
 19<sup>th</sup> - Marvin Lay  
 21<sup>st</sup> - Scott Jessop  
 26<sup>th</sup> - Sarah "Sally" Porsch



## Newsletter

**July/August**  
 Newsletter  
 articles are due on  
**June 20th**

Newsletters will be sent  
 On June 27th.

## Women's Circle



The Women's Circle met May 6 with 6 members present. The study of the General Epistles: 1 John, 2 John, 1 Peter, 2 Peter and Jude was completed. We've enjoyed this study. Next year's study will be based on Exodus and Deuteronomy, very appropriate in this time of so much talk about immigration.

The Spring Gathering of Presbytery Women at Camp Whitman, May 29 was announced.

\$50 was sent to The House of Concern while the matching fund drive was conducted. It was voted to send \$100 to The House of Concern for the summer youth Back Pack Program, \$100 to Camp Whitman for summer camping needs, \$100 to Church World Service for greatest need.

An afghan was sent through Family Counseling– Thanks Joy.

A discussion was held about the September Presbytery Women's meeting at our Church Sept. 28.

We will meet June 3 at 12:30 at Abigail's for a year end luncheon. All women are welcome– Notify Joyce Lohr– 568-9639 if you would like to join us for fellowship. Phone calls will be made.

### The 3rd Sunday donations for The House of Concern are:

The House of Concern



**June: peanut butter/jelly**

**July: cereal**

**August: pasta– any form**

Thanks to all who contribute!

Jean Morris

## Vacation Bible School

**July 15-19, 2013**

**Theme: Baobab Blast**

Vacation Bible School will be held 9am-Noon, from Monday, July 15th through Friday, July 19th. Your help is needed to make it successful. We will need help with crafts, games, story time, music and snacks. On Friday, July 19th 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. Vacation Bible School is free and for children K-6th. Please contact our Director: Sarah Walsh for ways that you can help!



## News From The Presbytery

### **Church World Services and Ecumenical Advocacy Days Experience**

By Virginia Champlin

I have just returned from a CCT (CCT = Churchwide Coordinating Team of PW) sponsored combination Mission and Justice-Peace trip. This trip took me to the Brethren Center in New Windsor, Maryland which houses the warehouse for Church World Services, IMA World Health, and SERRV. And then we were off to the Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Arlington, Virginia.

Seven of us worked in the Church World Services warehouse for two days. We processed 2000 health kits. We ask that when preparing kits, please only put into the kits the items on the list. There were so many well meaning items contributed to the kits that had to be removed. Some of the items on the NO-NO list were dental floss, tooth paste, Bible verses, notes, shampoo, conditioner, used and soiled towels. I cannot say enough – ONLY follow the list instructions.

The cost of the room and board for this volunteer experience is quite nominal. It took me 5 1/2 hours drive. One of the women that attended drove from Alabama and picked up health kits from her Synod (Living Waters) along the way. Her van was full of nearly 1000 kits. When she opened her van for us to unpack, the smell of bar soap was overwhelming.

Then it was off to Ecumenical Advocacy Days. We were joined by 750 other Christians, half were Presbyterian. The theme was “At God’s Table: Food Justice for a Healthy World.” We were seeking the abundance and equality of food and of inviting and feeding even the poorest in our midst and where the poorest were given a special place at the table. The event culminated with Lobby Day on Capitol Hill where Congress was urged to support a multi-year reauthorization of the Farm Bill.

It is being talked about CCT hosting this duo mission & justice/peace event again next year. Also, individuals and groups are welcome at the Brethren Center anytime to volunteer. I urge you to take this short road trip for this mission experience.

In addition, it was clear that feeding the hungry is always a challenge. And the global issues – wow! I did not realize that there were countries that are fighting the mining industry to keep their farm land!

It was great meeting up with so many Presbyterians from across the miles; reconnecting with old friends and making new ones along the way.





## Handbell/Handchime Choir

With the demands of retired people, and the demands of family, grandchildren, jobs and work schedules, our bell choir ringers have very, very busy lives. Keeping these demands in mind I had scheduled a performance on May 19 and also on June 2. There were 9 people available for May and 7 for June. The number of ringers available precludes the number of octaves we can use. For 7 people we can use two octaves and for 9 we can use 3 octaves of bells. Fortunately over the years we have built our files to include music for 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 octaves of bells and/or chimes and all levels of difficulty. There are many choices with some of the music being familiar, and some that were performed many years ago.

My goal for July and August is to work with the ringers who are available and would like to perform in bell ensembles. The ensembles can be duets, trios, quartets, quintets and sextets. We have, again over the years, built files for all types of ensembles. Ensemble ringing is a little more complex than performing as a bell choir in that each person is responsible for more than 2 bells. It is a bit challenging but the real enjoyment comes from actually being able to learn something new and fun! I also hope that we will be able to have the summer camp children perform on bells.

My goal for September is to perform with 13 or 14 ringers and use all 5 octaves of bells and chimes. This will require the bell choir to find a Sunday that is free for all of us and that the Wednesday rehearsals are well attended. Music for this is quite challenging and will need at least 5 rehearsal dates. I'm hoping that sometime in either October or early November this will be possible. We have a very fine bell choir and a beautiful 5-octave set of bells and chimes and the music written for 5 octaves is really musically beautiful.

I would like to ask the congregation for someone who has an interest in learning to play bells please consider joining us. We will teach you all you need to know and will help you as you are learning. I really need one more person so please consider taking the chance to be bell ringer. All you need is the interest in bells and we will take it from there.



*Marge*

## Church Family News



- **The Child Dedication service** for Atticus Ntuala was held during the May 12th (Mother's Day) service.
- **The winner of the KitchenAid stand mixer** was Barb Lohr's sister, Undine Bistany who lives in Buffalo, NY. This fundraiser netted \$327.25.
- **July/August Newsletter**– The next newsletter that will be sent out will be for 2 months. It will be the July/August newsletter and the articles will be due on Thursday, June 20th. There will not be a newsletter sent out in July.
- **An update on Ginny Konz**– Ginny was released from the nursing home on Friday, May 24th and is living at 22 Ridge Street in Seneca Falls. Her phone number is 712-4182
- **Tops Cards**- Everyone buys lots of groceries in the summer. Why not pick up a TOPS GIFT CARD from Chris in the church office? She has them in amounts of \$25, \$50, & \$100. Cards are good for all items sold at Tops and each card may be used until it is all spent. Stop in the office any day, Tues-Thurs until 12:30 OR pick up one or more cards from the table in the downstairs lobby on Sunday a.m. all through the summer. Membership & Parish Life committee will be there to serve you. This is a great way to help make money for our church. We receive 5% for each \$1 on the gift card [which doesn't sound like a lot, but adds up, quickly!]
- **Coffee Hour**- Coffee Hours are recessed until September. Our hearty THANKS to the folks who arranged for programs in Feb., March, April, & May: Pastor Leah, Seems, Beals, & Lohrs. Also thanked are those who hosted on the coffee hour Sundays and everyone who attended. Howard Van Kirk is thanked for his faithful service as coffee hour "Treasurer".
- **Volunteer Needed**– Marion has shared that she is no longer able to do the list of Greeters, Ushers, Nursery and Candle Lighters. If you would be able to make the list and send to Chris for the newsletter each month, please contact the Church office. It would only take a few minutes of your time each month. Chris will print out lists from prior months to help you get started. Thank you very much!
- **Church Family News**– If you have any news that you would like to share and add to the newsletter, let Chris know. We'd love to hear about births in your families, graduations, weddings, what's happening in your lives, etc. that you would like to share. You can email or call the church office or leave the information in Chris' box by the deadline and she'll be sure to include it!

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Ed and Bobbi Chase	1 Leland Drive, Seneca Falls NY 13148
Doreen Christopher	c/o The Homestead 418 N. Main Street, Room 126, Penn Yan NY 14527
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
Ginny Konz	22 Ridge Street, Seneca Falls NY 13148
Liza Merriam	114 Ashton Court, 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	c/o Parr's Springhurst Pines Box 215B 3001 N Hurstbourne, Louisville KY 40241

## Greeters, Ushers, Nursery and Candle Lighters

### June 2nd– Communion



Greeters: Jannette Monterville and Betty Geraghty  
 Ushers: Matt Walsh and Sean Walsh  
 Nursery: Neil Walsh  
 Candle Lighter: Carrie Jessop

### June 9th

Greeters: Dick and Claire Damaske  
 Ushers: Wayne and Joyce Lohr  
 Nursery: Susan Derr  
 Candle Lighter: Ben Jessop

### June 16th

Greeters: **The rest of this information was not available at the**  
 Ushers: **time of printing. I will post this information as soon**  
 Nursery: **as I receive it. Sorry for the inconvenience.**  
 Candle Lighter:

### June 23rd

Greeters:  
 Ushers:  
 Nursery:  
 Candle Lighter:

### June 30th

Greeters:  
 Ushers:  
 Nursery:  
 Candle Lighter:

### July 7th– Communion



Greeters:  
 Ushers:  
 Nursery:  
 Candle Lighter:

## Prayer List

**Know someone ill or hospitalized?** This month, please call: Susan Derr: 568-1918

**Pastor Leah's Mother, Jo Ann Mason** has recently been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

**To Keep in our prayers:** Johnny Boyd, Alice Burgdorf, Bobbi and Ed Chase, Doreen Christopher, Reverend Scott Cupp, Keith Davis, Sam Dickieson, Bob Didsbury, Joanna Fuller, Cindy Granger, Margaret Greene, Mary Headley, Ben Heckman, Charlene Hooper, Crystal Jones, Ginny Konz, Cindy Lenard, Jo Ann Mason, Liza Merriam, Tyler Morgan, Helena Peacock, Sally Porsch, Don Proctor, Ann Ritter Rayner, Alberta Stuck, Dorothy Tuthill, Fran Webb, Loraine Worthington, Robert Wright and Margaret Yells. Please let Chris know if a name needs to be added or removed from this list.



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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  
Chris Sweet- Office Manager  
Karen Beals-Treasurer  
Kyle Bruzda- Sexton  
J. Carl Vollbracht- Director of Music & Organist  
Marjorie Fahrenholz- Handbell Choir Director  
Elaine Ritter-Clerk of Session



*Session meetings are on the 4th Monday of each month at 7pm.*

Presently serving Elders: Jim Clark, Marion Crull, Richard Damaske, Scott Jessop, Jannette Monterville, Paul Richardson, Don Ritter, Bob Seem, Carolyn Seem, Nancy Shuster and Neil Walsh  
Elaine Ritter, Clerk of Session and Rev. Leah Ntuala, Moderator.

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