



Message from Our Minister

As usual, I put off writing my message for the newsletter. But then, not - as - usual, I got "caught!" I wound up in the hospital for tests this week which precluded any newsletter article! I will be having surgery and further treatment, so I will have **lots** of time to write my article for the September newsletter!

I keep remembering the Galatians text for this Sunday: "*It was for freedom that Christ set us free.*" (Galatians 5:1). For believers, that is freedom to be all that God hopes for us to be. We can find joy and purpose in that freedom. We can find community and relationship; we can find peace and love.

We are "free" as this community of faith as we place our trust in Christ - truly free to love and grow together. Together, we will support one another as we "grow" on. I covet your prayers in the days ahead. Our life together goes on - with the "freedom" we share in knowing Christ and living to honor his name among us.

"growing" on

Marilyn

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Lectionary for July and August 2007

July 1: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:13-25
Luke 9:51-62

August 5: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

July 8: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

August 12: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

July 15: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

August 19: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

July 22: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

August 26: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

July 29: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13

Mission Committee News

Stephanie Hill / Barb Fairbanks

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a joint mission project with Bethel Lutheran Church offering free services to individuals in the Portville School District who need help with small jobs around the house; i.e., painting, gardening, win-

dows, mending, etc. We already have a list of 18 volunteers ready to "be a neighbor!"

The project will run June 1 - September 30 and volunteers will be matched to job requests as they are received. If you would like to be a volunteer or request assistance, please call Stephanie Hill at 933-6150.

**NHN BLITZ DAY
JULY 28, 2007**

Where: at the home of Sue Kolivoski

Time: 8 a.m. to ?

What to bring: paint brush, scraper, ladder

We will be working, along with volunteers from Bethel Lutheran Church, at the home of Sue Kolivoski (who is Ray Carlson's daughter). New windows and a new front door will be installed by Sue and Ray, and some bathroom remodeling will also be done. Our primary

task will be to paint the exterior of her one-story home but may also include some carpentry work inside and window washing - whatever we can do to help out!

There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex for our **BLITZ DAY** activities, as well as a signup sheet to help provide a meal that day,

More NHN Volunteer Opportunities . . .

Even if you can't help with the physical work, you can still be a part of Neighbors Helping Neighbors "Blitz Day" (July 28) by providing food for the workers. The menu includes hot dogs, watermelon, potato salad, potato chips, vegetable platter, condiments, pasta salad, and dessert. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex or call Barb. Food should be delivered to the church by Friday night (July 27th). Iced tea/lemonade/bottled water

and coffee and donuts will be provided. Workers should bring their own lawn chair.

Pork Pull Dinner to Benefit Slidell Mission Trip

Tom and Ronda Pollock (and friends) will be organizing a pork pull dinner to benefit the Slidell Mission trip on Wednesday, **August 29th from 4 -7 p. m.** in conjunction with the Music in the Park concert series. The Bent Brass Classical Ensemble will be playing that evening in the park. More details will be published in future Sunday worship bulletins. Come and enjoy an evening of entertaining music and good food.

ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP NEWS

A group from our church will be leading a craft activity on **August 22** at RFKC near Allegany State Park.

A pre-camp workshop to stain and assemble the frames will be held at 7 p. m. on Tuesday, July 17th at the home of Barb Fairbanks. No particular skills or talents are necessary. (FYI- We have a rather social beagle named Sam and his older brother Farley, the better-behaved Bassett. Both are definitely people friendly. There's also a cat, Black Jack, who may wander out into the garage. Mostly telling you this in case you have allergies or an aversion to furry people.) So..... volunteers are needed for the assembling and/or to help out at the camp. Please let Barb know if you are interested in either.

Food for thought. . .

**I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything.
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do something I can do.**

- Edward Everett Hale

Worship and Christian Education Committee News

Summer Hours Reminder

On Sunday, May 27, we began our Summer Worship hours. Worship service starts at 10:00 am. We will return to our 11:00 worship hour on Sunday September 9. Sunday School classes

(children and adult classes) will resume on that date as well.

CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FUND

Just a reminder of our sponsorship of Reyna by our Sunday School students through Christian Children's

Fund. Reyna has graduated from high school but is continuing her education in hopes of becoming a nurse. Since sponsorship is year round, please consider putting a small donation in Simon the Pig (in the Narthex) to meet our monthly payment of \$30.

Portville Community News

Portville's Heritage Day July 14, 2007

Family, friends and alumni will be meeting up in Portville on Saturday, July 14, for Heritage Day. The day starts at 7 a.m. with an all-you-can eat pancake breakfast at the Masonic Temple sponsored by the Eastern Star. Across the street at the Portville Free Library join in the fun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. where you will find live music and entertainment throughout the day. Take a few minutes to look at Rick Buckles' hot air balloon tethered in the backyard. Many local artisans and craft vendors will set up booths on the library lawn. The Friends of the Library are offering you a chance to win a dell laptop computer with all proceeds to benefit the library's lift project. The Dell Dimension 1501 computer is currently on display at the library. Devour Friend's Texas Hots and enjoy the

V. F. W.'s cotton candy before checking out the book sale downstairs in the library. David Gardner, a P.C. S. graduate and author, will be on hand for book signing and juggling. Other local non-profit organization booths will be set up on the lawn. The Portville alumni are raffling an attractive gift basket. Dollars for Scholars will be set up to hand out scholarship information and the Portville Lions Club will be promoting their famed brooms. The Portville Historical and Preservation are planning to sell their publications, specialty items, raffles, and sharing knowledge of Portville.

Several local churches are planning to be part of the Heritage Day fun. If home baked pies are your favorite dessert, you are in luck. The Bethel Lutheran Church's homemade pie table is a very popular booth. The United Methodist Women are having a Strawberry

Shortcake Festival and bake sale on their church lawn. FREE popcorn will be handed out by members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Portville for Youth Carnival is located in the park runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Experience carnival rides for kids, children's games, entertainment, chicken barbecue and crafts. Our beautiful park will be alive with activities throughout the day.

Portville Alumni will have a chance to visit with their fellow graduates throughout the day then gather at the Old Library at 5 p.m. for fellowship and a beef and bird dinner at 6 p.m. sharp. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and \$3.00 for dues.

Sunday Mass at Pioneer Park at 12:30 with a church picnic lunch to follow is the perfect ending to Heritage Day weekend. Small town pleasures abound in Portville!

MUSIC IN THE PARK

On Wednesday evenings from July 11-Sept. 12, Portville for Youth sponsors a concert series in the park that is free and open to the public. As part of our "good neighbor policy", Portville Presbyterians will be offering free popcorn to those attending. Once

again, volunteers are needed to help with this activity.

ADOPT A MUSICIAN

The Southern Tier Symphony would like to house out of town musicians for the orchestra in private homes in an attempt to keep down the cost of tickets (and have a balanced

budget). There are three concert series per season (October 13/14, March 8/9 and May 3/ 4) and the only "requirements" are a spare bedroom and the availability of breakfast in your home. If you think you might be able to help out or wish more information, please call Barb Fairbanks for either event.

Duffield Celebration and Final Farewell

Calling all current and former Duffield campers, counselors, volunteers and everyone who loves Duffield!

Due to the recent Presbytery decision to sell the Camp Duffield property, this summer will be the final camping season at Duffield. Although many are saddened by this, there is also a desire to celebrate the history and accomplishments of the Duffield ministry, as well as appre-

ciate the wonderful, beautiful place of Duffield.

We invite **YOU** to join us one last time to say our goodbyes to this place so dearly loved by many. If you're interested in spending one last night at camp, mark your calendar for **August 10**. You must register to attend this overnight mini-camp. Please contact Laura at 835-8056 for details.

On **August 11**, come join your Duffield friends and family for one final day of "camp!" There will be food, reminiscing with old

friends, campfires for making s'mores, music, fun camp activities and an unforgettable final closing worship service to close out the camp.

In conjunction with these events, a Duffield memory book is currently being compiled. If you have a Duffield memory you would like to share, please send it to campduffield@aol.com. We would love to hear from people involved with Duffield throughout all the decades the camp has been in operation.

PORTVILLE HERITAGE DAY- July 14th

Our church will be providing FREE POPCORN throughout the day to those attending Heritage Day. If you would like to help out, please contact Barb Fairbanks who is coordinating this activity.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE -

Saturday, August 4th from 9 - 3

Workers are needed the day of the sale. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex or you can call Barb.



September 9, 2007
Sunday School classes
for ages 3 to adult
will meet at 9:45 a.m.

We will return to our worship time of 11 a.m.

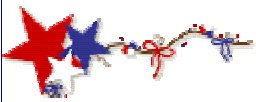
The Pantry Shelf

For the month of **July / August**
the Portville Community Food Pantry
will be collecting

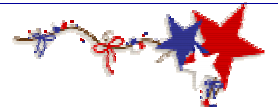
Spaghetti and Sauce
Macaroni & Cheese
Pork & Beans
Soup, canned fruits & vegetables
Tuna, rice, pastas

Please leave your food
donations in the basket
located in the Narthex.





July 2007 Dates to Remember



07/01	Worship Service and Communion, 10 a.m. July/August newsletter distributed	07/15	Worship Service, 10 a.m.
07/03	Committee on Ministry, 10 a.m. (MKH)	07/18	USDA foods delivered (Jacquie Hellwig)
07/04	Independence Day!	07/19	Franklinville Session (MKH, moderator)
07/05	Neighbors Helping Neighbors, 4 p.m. Mission Committee, 5 p.m.	07/22	Worship Service, 10 a.m.
07/07	Burton/Witter Wedding, 3 p.m.	07/24	Presbytery Meeting at Duffield, 1:30 p.m.
07/08	Worship Service, 10 a.m. Olean Chapter of Barbershoppers	07/25	Food Pantry open 10-12 and 6-8 p.m.
07/10	Finance Committee, 7 p.m.	07/28	Neighbors Helping Neighbors Blitz Day
07/11	Session, 7 p.m.	07/29	Worship Service, 10 a.m. Katrina Crew mission trip presentation at the Springville Presbyterian Church, 10 a.m.
07/14	Portville Heritage Day at the Library, 10-3		

August 2007 Dates to Remember

08/04	Annual Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	08/17	American Red Cross Blood Drive, 2-7 p.m.
08/05	Worship Service and Communion, 10 a.m.	08/19	Worship Service, 10 a.m.
08/07	Committee on Ministry, 10 a.m. (MKH)	08/22	Food Pantry open 10-12 and 6-8 p.m.
08/08	Session, 7 p.m.	08/26	Worship Service, 10 a.m.
08/10	Camp Duffield Reunion / Final Farewell	08/29	Pork Pull to benefit Slidell Trip #3
08/12	Worship Service, 10 a.m.	September . . .	
08/15	USDA foods delivered (Jacquie Hellwig)	09/02	Worship Service and Communion, 10 a.m.
08/16	Franklinville Session (MKH, moderator)		

Birthdates to Remember


July Birthdates

- 5 Julie McLarney Pagett
- 7 Ainslie Gardner
- 11 Kathy Hendrix
- 14 Vicki Schmidt
- 16 Eva Travis
- 20 Michael Long
- 28 Ronda Pollock
- 30 Sandy O'Brien



August Birthdates

- 2 Sharon Hill McLarney
- 2 Julie Shields
- 4 West Long
- 5 Abby Hendrix
- 5 Hannah Kloss
- 9 Hannah Tigh
- 9 Garrett Shields
- 20 Rita Fischer
- 24 Joe Hill



\$780

The amount you donated to our Pentecost Offering.
Thank you for your generosity

Flowers in the outdoor planter were given by Lone Fairbanks in loving memory of her husband, Robert D. Fairbanks. Special thank you to Sophia and Clara Hendrix for helping to plant the begonias in the planter.



Volunteers for the month of: July 2007



Date	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Greeters and Ushers	Cso Woodworth	Verna and Mary Ann Clark	Norm and Connie King	Barb and Bob Fairbanks	The Hendrix Family
Liturgist	Joe Hill	Shirley Longbothum	Barb Fairbanks	Judy McClain	Norm King
Acolyte	Communion	Sign	ups	cheerfully	accepted!
Prayer Family	Duncan Wormer	The Wurster's	The Atkinson's	Julie Bixby	Barb Bliven

Elder for the month: Joe Hill



Volunteers for the month of: August 2007



Date	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Greeters and Ushers	Judy and Randy McClain	Joe and Stephanie Hill	Shirley Longbothum / Sharon Hill-McLarney	Diana Dunbar
Liturgist	Sharon Hill-McLarney	Mark Hendrix	Diana Dunbar	Shirley Longbothum
Acolyte	Communion	Is your name	missing from Worship	volunteers?
Prayer Family	Carmen Booth	The Boyer's	The Bray's	Anna Burdick

Elder for the month: Cso Woodworth



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Normal Worship hours begin September 10th

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. - ages 3 to adult
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

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