

## Message from Our Minister

***“We know that in everything God works for good, with those who love him.”***  
 With that, I will say, it’s been quite a summer; quite a summer for us all! And before it becomes all about me; for me, it’s been all about YOU; all about the way you have jumped into the breach and carried on and taken care of all that keeps this Body of Christ “caring on” for one another.

You put worship together; led worship; welcomed little Anna and Emma into the family of Christ and thank God for Pastor Paula who flew from her flock to ours and baptized them. You took care of each other and you took care of me. You reached out as neighbors in various projects and together with the Lutherans painted a trailer. The food pantry served 58 families in July and I didn’t pack a single bundle of all the rush and bustle that must have been! The rummage sale filled the bosom of the church one day and was gone the next. You took care of the blood drive and many of you donated. (I received two units of blood in the hospital and cannot give now for at least three years because of the chemo. I was hoping the units I received were from Portville!)

The lawn stays beautifully mowed, the flowers tended, and the building cared for inside and out; fresh, yellow trim painted this summer by many. Session got itself organized there in August and I thank God that specific tasks can be placed in specific hands. It’s going to be that kind of a *rest-of-the-year* as I continue with the chemo. Thank you all who so enthusiastically came and put the pork b-b-q together and to Tom and Ronda for cooking that delicious pork! Within the mix of everything else, Pastor Paula has stepped in and picked up a couple of weddings for us as well.

***“We know that in everything, God works for good, with those who love him.”*** I continue to thank God for YOU; for the wealth of the Spirit within you and the Body that we are. Never doubt or underestimate what God does through you—*with* you! It’s forever humbling to know life goes on so well—and that’s a very *good* “humble!” At the same time, it is always an elating experience to see how much God loves you and cares to work for *good* with you! Caring-on; always *together....Marilyn*

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## Lectionary for September and October 2007

September 2  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 2:4–13; Psalm 81:1, 10–16  
Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16; Luke 14:1, 7–14

September 9  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 18:1–11; Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18  
Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–33

September 16  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28; Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:12–17; Luke 15:1–10

September 23  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 8:18–9:1; Psalm 79:1–9  
1 Timothy 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13

September 30  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15  
Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16

1 Timothy 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31

October 7  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Lamentations 1:1–6  
Lamentations 3:19–26 or Psalm 137  
2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke 17:5–10

October 14  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7; Psalm 66:1–12  
2 Timothy 2:8–15; Luke 17:11–19

October 21  
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 31:27–34; Psalm 119:97–104  
2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Luke 18:1–8

October 28  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Joel 2:23–32; Psalm 65  
2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18; Luke 18:9–14

## Mission Committee News

Stephanie Hill / Cso Woodworth/ Barb Fairbanks

### THE FOOD PANTRY from your shelves to ours!

*We are going to try a new thing! Beginning in September, we are going to collect a different food item each week. Hopefully this will help keep the food pantry on our minds - and on our grocery lists!*

*We have approximately 60 families from our community*

*visiting the food pantry. Our goal is to provide each family with enough food for three days. This adds up to over 1,000 meals each month! We give a similar food package to each family, but the quantity is based on the number of people in the household. For example, a family with 1-3 people would get one can of green beans while a family with 4-6 people would get two cans. That means we would need*

*about 70 cans of green beans! Hopefully collecting a specific food item each week will help us reach the quantity we need.*

The week of: we will be collecting:

09/02	green beans
09/09	canned tuna
09/16	spaghetti
09/23	canned peaches
09/30	pork and beans
10/07	corn
10/14	mac and cheese

10/21 rice  
10/28 fruit cocktail

Okay, now let's review! Green beans are listed for Sunday, 09/02. When you are shopping during the

week, buy a can of green beans (maybe a can for each member of your family) and bring it to church with you on 09/09. The food item for the week beginning 09/09 will be

tuna, and so forth. So the food item is listed on a Sunday and you have a week to include it in your shopping. Any questions? Please call Stephanie at 933-6150.

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**

This is the second year we have offered our Neighbors Helping Neighbors program to residents of the Portville School District. We had 19 volunteers sign up to help with projects and we have received 6 requests so far. The program runs through September 30. We still have several requests to be completed which include

exterior painting and cleaning interior light fixtures. If you can help, please contact Stephanie at 933-6150.

We also had a BLITZ DAY on July 28 at the home of Sue, Samantha and Stephen Kolivoski. Thank you to Barb Fairbanks, Vicki Schmidt, Stephanie and Joe Hill, Cso Woodworth, Ray Carlson and Judy McClain and all the Kolivoskis for their help in painting the

exterior of the home. We were also joined by volunteers from Bethel Lutheran Church - Pastor Paula Roulette, Linda Giberson and Art Shavalier.

We would like to help Sue and her children remodel the bathroom and are looking for someone with plumbing skills. If you can help with that part of the project, please contact Stephanie.

**Peacemaking Offering**

*"And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of all nations"*

Revelations 22:2

Each year the General Assembly of PCUSA offers churches an opportunity to participate in 4 special offerings/collections - Pentecost - the Joy Offering - One Great Hour of Sharing and Peacemaking. Our congregation participates in 3 of these special offerings - Peacemaking is one of them.



This year's Peacemaking Offering theme is taken from a verse in the book of Revelation. The verse is part of a larger description of John's vision of the new Jerusalem. One of the images John uses is the tree of life, with its twelve kinds of fruit and leaves that are to be used for the healing of all the nations of the world. It is an image of a world at peace, with enough for everyone to eat and the "medicine" to heal all the wounds and illnesses of humankind.

We live in the hope of that vision of peace and well-being expressed so vividly in the tree of life. The Peacemaking Offering is a tool of our efforts to live and work within that hope.

(The above text was taken from the following website: [www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering/](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering/))

The Mission Committee invites you to be a part of the work for peace in our world and remember that as you make your Peacemaking Offering, it is one way to work toward peace.

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## Mission Committee News

The Mission Committee is challenging this congregation to help reach our goal of \$586 for this year's Peacemaking Offering. This is only \$10 more than you so generously gave last year. I know that with your help we can meet this challenge. Our church keeps 25% of the money collected to support Peacemaking on the local level.

In previous years we have purchased books for the school and public libraries centered on the theme of

families and peace; adopted a tree at Pfeiffer Nature Center as a symbol of our desire to keep peace with mother earth; sent Erica Schmidt to Peace Camp (using our 2005 Peacemaking Offering) during the summer of 2006 at Camp Duffield and donated our portion of the 2006 Peacemaking Offering to Camp Duffield. The Mission Committee will be determining where our portion of this year's Peacemaking Offering will go. If you have any ideas on how our church

can make the best use of our portion of the Peacemaking Offering, please pass on your idea to Cso Woodworth. The Peacemaking Offering will be taken on October 7, World Communion Sunday.

In keeping with the vision of world peace, **September 21** has been designated as International Peace Day by the United Nations General Assembly. This is a day when people all over the world are encouraged to honor a global cease fire and nonviolence.

### ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP

On Wednesday, August 22, four members of our church family (Diana Dunbar, Barb Fairbanks, Connie King and Vicki Schmidt), traveled to Camp Li-Lo-Li in Steamburg to offer a craft for the campers at Royal Family Kids Camp. We made "all natu-

ral" picture frames which included an on-the-site photo of each camper, thanks to Diana and her digital camera and photo printer. Thank you, also, to Jim Boyer who designed and cut out the frames.

Volunteering at this camp was definitely an eye-opener for the four of us.

Even though we are, or were, all part of the teaching profession, we realized that it takes a very special individual to be a counselor at this type of camp. All of these children have been identified by Social Services and are victims of some kind of abuse or neglect. Please keep these children and the counselors in your

### SLIDELL OR BUST

Our Pork BBQ was a sell-out! The "Son" was shining on us for sure.

Thanks to the many individuals who made this event such a success. A special thank you to local merchants who contributed to the dinner: Miller's Farm Market, Sprague's, the

Service Store and Subway.

We were able to raise \$1122 toward our mission trip to Slidell on October 20.

Right now There are 9 members of our congregation signed up to return to Slidell, LA to continue with the rebuilding efforts 2 years after Katrina hit the

gulf region. But there is always room for more!

This mission trip to Slidell will be our third church sponsored trip. Did you know 3 members of the returning crew (Judy McClain, Joe and Stephanie Hill) will have made all three trips to Slidell. Shelley Pollock will also be making her third trip to Slidell but

Shelley took a different route to be in the “company of threes”. You see, Shelley, Ron and Josh spent a week of Spring break in Slidell helping to rebuild homes in that area. That also makes her a member of the “company of threes”. . (Does that mean that I need to call them the 4 company of

threes?”).

The “Katrina Crew” will leave Portville on Saturday, October 20 and will be returning on Sunday, October 28.

Wouldn't it be great to send them off Saturday morning with as many shiny, happy

faces that could venture out of bed by 7:00 a.m. (Well not really 7:00 because the train leaves at 7:00 so you'll have to arrive at the church about 6:45!) But don't let that discourage you from trying to be the “send off crew”. Bring a smile and a warm hug to send them off!

## Christian Education Committee News

Julie Pagett

### A New Year of Christian Education

We will begin a new year of Christian Education on September 9th. Sunday School starts at 9:45 am. Please remember we will be collecting offering in each classroom, both for Christian Ed as well as for our CCF sponsored child, Reyna.

We would like to recognize those special individuals who give so freely of their time and talents to help guide others.

The Pre-K - 1st grade and 2nd - 5th grade classes will be focusing their lessons on how God's people follow

### Class

Pre-K—1st grade

2nd - 5th grade

6th - 12th grade

Adult Class

God's directions and live lives that reflect their **faith in God**. They will explore, for example, the stories of Noah and Joseph, people who followed God's unexpected plan.

Using a new curriculum entitled “**Generation Why?**”, the 6th - 12th grade class will look into Bible-based explorations of issues facing youth today. An example of one of the titles that will be

### Teacher

Vicki Schmidt

Kari Kloss

Russ Downey

Norm King / Sharon Hill-McLarney

used by this age group is , “How To Be A True Friend.”

The Adult class will continue their work reading and discussing “The Life You've Always Wanted”. Anyone interested in joining the class is more than welcome to stop on in!

We look forward to another exciting year and hope to see you all Sunday mornings!

“And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations”  
(Revelation 22:2)

## Nursery Schedule for September/October

*Thank you to all our volunteers! We appreciate your time and willingness to serve the children of our church family. Please remember it is **your** responsibility to find someone to cover for you in the event you are unable to fulfill your duties.*

Month	Week	Attendant	Assistant
September	9th	Diana Dunbar	Kelsea Gardner
	16th	Sharon Hill-McLarney	Clara Hendrix
	23rd	Barb Klingbeil	Sophia Hendrix
	30th	Kari Kloss	Emily Long
October	7th	Christine Long	Courtney Schmidt
	14th	Judy McClain	Erica Schmidt
	21st	Julie Pagett	Bizzy Woodhead
	28th	Julie Shields	Kristen Woodhead

# Save the Date . . . Oct. 11

**Mission Challenge 2007**



**Save the Date :  
October. 11, 2007**



**Who: Doug Tilton, Presbyterian Missionary,  
presenting a short program on  
Presbyterian Missionary Work/ Support**

**What: Pot Luck Supper - bring a dish to pass**

**Where: First Presbyterian Church in Portville, NY**

**All are invited to come and hear Doug Tilton's message.  
More details to follow!**





## September 2007 Dates to Remember



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| <p>09/02 Worship Service and Communion,<br/><b>10 a.m.</b><br/>September/October newsletter<br/>distributed</p> <p>09/03 Labor Day – Church office closed</p> <p>09/06 Mission Committee, 7 p.m.</p> <p>09/09 Sunday School classes are offered for<br/>children ages 3 – grade 12, as well as<br/>an adult class, 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service, <b>11 a.m.</b><br/>Commission Sunday School teachers</p> <p>09/12 Session, 7 p.m.</p> <p>09/16 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service, 11 a.m.<br/>Install elders for the Class of 2010:<br/>Jacquie Hellwig and Judy McClain<br/>Welcome new members:<br/>Ray Carlson and Duncan Wormer</p> | <p>09/17 Bible Study at Jo Dunbar's house,<br/>10 a.m.</p> <p>09/19 USDA foods delivered (Jacquie Hellwig)</p> <p>09/21 Wedding rehearsal<br/>International Peace Day</p> <p>09/22 Wedding for Shanna Miller and<br/>Aaron Clark,<br/>Rev. Paula Roulette officiating, 5 p.m.</p> <p>09/23 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> <p>09/24 Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p> <p>09/25 Presbytery Meeting, Lancaster PC,<br/>4 p.m.</p> <p>09/26 Food Pantry open 10-12 and 6-8 p.m.</p> <p>09/30 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> |
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## October 2007 Dates to Remember



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| <p>10/01 Bible Study at Jo Dunbar's, 10 a.m.<br/>Neighbors Helping Neighbors, 7 p.m.</p> <p>10/03 Portville Community Food Pantry<br/>Committee, 6 p.m.</p> <p>10/04 Mission Committee, 7 p.m.</p> <p>10/07 09/16 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service and Communion,<br/>11 a.m. Peacemaking Offering</p> <p>10/08 Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p> <p>10/10 Session, 7 p.m.</p> <p>10/11 Pot Luck Dinner—Mission Challenge 07</p> <p>10/14 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>10/15 Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p> <p>10/16 American Red Cross Blood Drive,<br/>2-7 p.m.</p> <p>10/17 USDA foods delivered (Jacquie Hellwig)</p> <p>10/20 Katrina Crew leaves Portville for our<br/>third mission trip to Slidell LA</p> <p>10/21 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> <p>10/22 Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p> <p>10/24 Food Pantry open 10-12 and 6-8 p.m.</p> <p>10/28 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service, 11 a.m.<br/>Katrina Crew returns to Portville!</p> <p>10/29 Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p> |
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# Birthdates to Remember

## September

- 6 Betty Cornelius
- 11 Tim Fairbanks
- 11 Bob Fairbanks, Jr.
- 11 Christopher Hellwig
- 17 Ron Sprague
- 23 Duncan Deschler
- 24 Lindsay Gardner
- 26 Randy McClain
- 27 Carly Woodhead
- 30 Bev Hirt-Shoff



## October

- 2 Kristin Woodhead
- 2 Carey Shields
- 7 Kelsea Gardner
- 9 David Dunbar
- 10 Ron Pollock
- 15 Lucas Boyer
- 22 Val Tigh
- 25 Dave Dunbar
- 30 Shirley Longbothum



Volunteers for the month of: September 2007

Date	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Coni Coletti / Ruth Bray	Mary Lou Harrison / Duncan Wormer	Barb and Bob Fairbanks	Diana Dunbar Shirley Longbothum	Cso Woodworth
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ray Roulo	Joe Hill	Stephanie Hill	Bob Fairbanks	Sharon Hill McLarney
<b>Acolyte</b>	Communion	Clara Hendrix	Lindsey Gardner	Sean O'Brien	Ronda Pollock
<b>Prayer Family</b>	Mary Ann & Tom Clark	Verna Clark	Norma & Coni Coletti	Betty Cornelius	Russ Downey
<b>Elder for the month: Barb Fairbanks</b>					

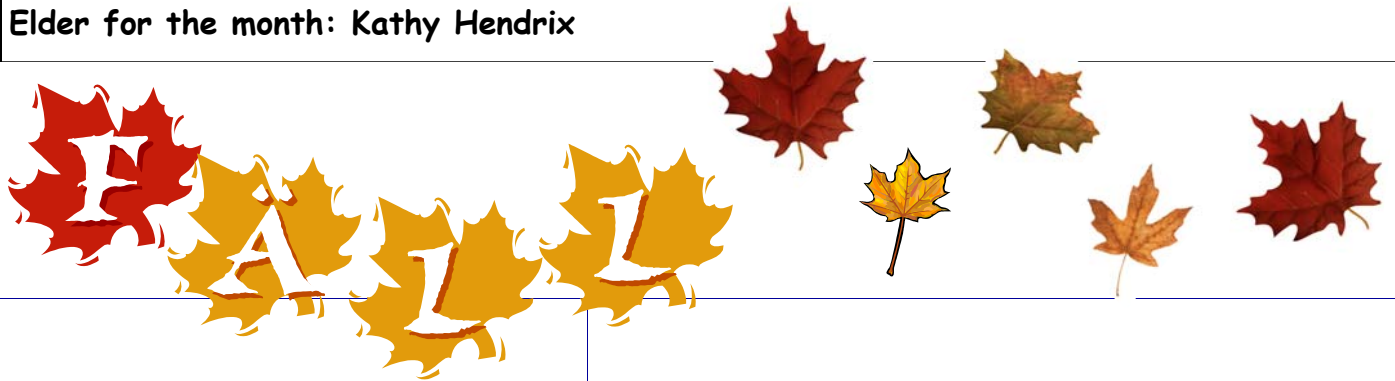


# Volunteers for the month of October 2007



Date	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Joan Vaine / Ruth Bray	Stephanie and Joe Hill	Connie and Norm King	Sharon Hill McLarney
<b>Liturgist</b>	Barb Fairbanks	Shirley Longbothum	Diana Dunbar	Kathy Hendrix
<b>Acolyte</b>	Communion	Sophia Hendrix	Kelsea Gardner	Vickie Shields
<b>Prayer Family</b>	Diana Dunbar	David Dunbar Jr.	Peg & Dave Dunbar	Barb & Bob Fairbanks

**Elder for the month: Kathy Hendrix**



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

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