



## Message from Our Minister

Where has the summer gone? Sometimes too hot; sometimes too wet; most of the time more to do than there is time for! And yet with all its imperfections, this is probably the season many of us would like to hold on to the longest—stretch it as far into the coming weeks as it can go!

So where did our summer go? It went to the lake; it went to the camp; it stayed right at home with feet up or firmly planted on a lawn mower kept busy week after week. It went to the doctor; spent time taking tests; for some there was time in the hospital and then more time getting their strength back. For some, the summer saw the passing of loved ones. For some, grandbabies were born or announced as promised in the months to come. We share the sadness; we share the joy and remain strong and hopeful together.

Summer found its way on vacation—many taken far away; others right here and maybe filled with hard work, doing projects around the house or helping out a friend. Wood has been cut; coal stockpiled; and the best price on wood pellets sought out. Families have gotten together; first for graduations; then weddings; a baptism; reunions—summer is always good for that! There were the fairs; there was camp for some; and there was the task of thinking about getting everyone ready and off to school. We've eaten our way along as well; squash and tomatoes and beans; corn still coming on strong. And we've watched the blossoms of summer come and go and even come again as the Chicory and Queen Anne's lost to the highway mowers have bounced back.—maybe shorter, but coming into blossom again!

One more week of earlier summer worship and then we'll all drift back; back into the routine; back into the pews a bit more steadily; back into Sunday School and Bible Study. Our summer schedule is over, even as the season pushes into September. I hope you've had a good summer with relaxing "time out!" And I hope you're ready to *come back—blossom again!* We'll share the joy of *this* family's reunion as we gather in communion; affirming the steadfast love of God in our lives!

*See you in September—just a day away!*  
Marilyn

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## Lectionary for September and October 2008

### September 7 (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 149:1-9  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

### September 14 (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 14:19-31  
Psalm 114:1-8  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

### September 21 (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 16:2-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

### September 28 (26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

### October 5 (27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Psalm 19:1-14  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

### October 12 (28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

### October 19 (29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 99:1-99  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

### October 26 (30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

## Mission Committee News

How many Presbyterians does it take to paint a house and a garage (in one day)? Read on to discover the answer.

We all managed to do it again . . . this time we painted the home of one of our own, Coni and Norma Coletti. Under the banner of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, members of our congregation volunteered on July 26th to scrape and paint Coni's home. Since the entire house was getting painted Coni opted to add some color to the house,

rather than paint it all white again. She picked out a very mellow sage color for the house and a pine green for trim work.

Drive by and take a look—it's the sharpest looking house on the block—just down the street from Gunther's Funeral Home in Olean.

Our thanks goes out to Barb Fairbanks for organizing the power wash, the crew and the food. Coffee and donuts arrived while most of the

crew was setting up to paint. Many thanks to Stephanie Hill, Eric and Sara Talbot, Judy and Randy McClain, Mark and Clara Hendrix, Dan, Norm, Rae Coletti, Connie and Shane Coletti, Marilyn Hale, Joan Vaine, Cso Woodworth and Barb Fairbanks volunteering their time to paint this home.

We called it a day by 1:30 pm. The house and garage were completely painted by then and we cleaned up to head back home. Thanks to Russ Downey for arriving at just the

right time to help with the packing up. Most of the crew was ready to call it a day and some of us had a to dig really

deep to find that extra bit of energy to pack supplies back into vehicles. With Russ's fresh energy packing was

completed in a short time. He also helped unpack ladders and supplies back at the church.

## Peacemaking Offering

Our congregation will again be participating in the Peacemaking Officering. The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings designated by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s

General Assembly.

We will be receiving the Offering on October 5, World Communion Sunday, but your donation can be given anytime in the next four weeks. Offering envelopes will be available in the pew racks for your convenience.

Each congregation keeps 25% of the funds collected to use for local ministries. Last year our portion of the funds collected (\$275.40)

went to the Southern Tier Military Support Group to assist with the mailing of care packages to local soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Mission Committee will be making a decision about which local agency / organization will receive our portion of the Peacemaking Offering.



*Break the Bread  
of New Creation*

## THE FOOD PANTRY . . .

*from your grocery cart to our shelves!*

*by Stephanie Hill*

*So don't get tired of doing what is good.  
Don't get discouraged and give up,  
for we will reap a harvest of blessing  
at the appropriate time.*

**Galatians 6:9**

Your commitment to bringing a food item to church each week has not wavered during the summer months! The food pantry basket in the narthex has been filled to overflowing every Sunday! Designating a specific food item for each week (with the reminder Barb puts by the curb) has worked so well that we will continue to operate in the same manner this year.

Below is the list of food items we will be collecting in September and October:

<u>The week of:</u>	<u>we will be collecting:</u>
09/07	spaghetti sauce
09/14	macaroni and cheese
09/21	rice
09/28	egg noodles
10/05	pears
10/12	soup
10/19	canned tomatoes
10/26	carrots

We continue to serve approximately 50 families in our community each month. Your support really *does* make a difference!

## Congregational Care Committee News

Barb Fairbanks

As most of you know, the CCC offers support to our church family through prayers, cards, visits, rides, etc. We also host many of the coffee hours and special dinners throughout the year and each month committee members send a card/ note to our college kids to help them stay connected to our church family and let them know we are thinking about them.

We are very happy to announce that **Sara Talbot**

will be serving on this committee for the "new" year. Other committee members are: Rachel Boyer, Mary Ann Clark, Kathy Hendrix, Connie King, Barb Klingbeil, Judy (Nana) McClain and yours truly.

It's never too early to start your Christmas shopping! After our Fun Fleece Festival in June, it was decided that rather than exchanging gifts with each other at our annual **Ladies' Night Out** dinner in December, we are

asking each person who comes to the dinner to please purchase a **children's book**. (If you are unable to attend the dinner, you can still contribute a book, if you would like to!) These books will then be given to the **Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center** to distribute to families with whom they work.

We will host a **coffee hour** on **Sept. 7** after worship.

### COLLEGE KIDS' Addresses

The Congregational Care Committee will continue with its tradition of sending care packages, cards, and other items to our young Presbyterians attending college. Please feel free to send cards / words of encouragement / or other notes to our college students as well. Their address are listed here. (We have another "international" college student this year.)

#### Hannah Tigh

1671 Hampton Knoll Dr.  
Akron, OH 44313

#### Adam Hellwig

1767 Hampton Knoll Dr.  
Akron, OH 44313

#### Ali Tigh

Syracuse University Center  
in Spain  
Instituto Internacional en  
España  
Miguel Angel 8, Despacho  
203  
28010 Madrid Spain  
► 94¢ for a 1 oz. letter/

card

#### Alex Woodhead

525 Main St.  
Bradford, PA 16701

#### Heidi Hellwig

1013 Moore St.  
Box 216  
Bristol, VA 24201

#### Bizzy Woodhead

4400 Vestal Pkwy E  
Newing College  
Bingham Hall PO box  
08264  
Binghamton, NY 13902

## Christian Education Committee News by Barb Fairbanks

*Train children in the right way;  
and when old,  
they will not stray.*  
Proverbs 22:6

**Sunday School classes  
begin Sept. 7  
at 10:00 a.m.**

Thank you to those who are giving their time and talent to teach this year.

- + Vicki Schmidt, Christine and West Long: pre-K/primary group
- + Kari Kloss, Christine and West Long: intermediate level
- + Russ Downey: junior/senior high
- + Rev. Hale: confirmation class
- + Sharon Hill-McLarney and Norm King: adult class.
- + Rachel Boyer: substitute

The primary and intermediate groups will be using the **WE BELIEVE** curriculum created specifically for Presbyterians by Presbyterians, a curriculum that helps participants develop an understanding of how we as Presbyterians understand the Word of God and apply that understanding in our daily lives. The first two

groups will begin this fall learning about God's call to Moses to lead His people to freedom.

The junior/senior high class will continue to use the **Generation Why?** curriculum and explore issues facing youth in today's society. The confirmation class also uses the **WE BELIEVE** curriculum which will be focused on *confirmation!* The Adult class plans to study the New Testament using the series: *Journey Through the Bible*.

Christine and West Long will provide the snacks throughout the year; so, please alert them of any food allergies (716-378-1695)

Throughout the summer we have been collecting school supplies for needy students world-wide. Thank you to all who have contributed to this mission project. On Sept. 14, the Sunday School classes will be assembling the kits so they can be shipped to Church World

Service for distribution.

Please remember we will be collecting an offering in each class to help support our Christian Education program as well as an offering to support our Christian Children's Fund child, **Aidee** from Bolivia. Vicki Schmidt plans to present a "minute for mission" to the students on the first day so they will have a better understanding of what our CCF sponsorship is all about.

All summer long as you've driven by the church you've probably noticed the beautiful flowers in the planter underneath the church sign. Many of those flowers came from the seeds that the kids planted at our Easter party. Thank you to Rachel Boyer for nurturing the seedlings 'til they could be planted outdoors.

Looking ahead,  
mark your calendar for  
**Sunday, October 19**  
**PIZZA LUNCH for**  
**EVERYONE**  
*prepared and served by the*  
*Sunday School classes.*

## Property Committee News Judy McClain

The seasons are changing and so is the appearance of the church and church yard. The property committee has had session approval on a few recommendations. MJ (Mike John) Painting has been contracted to repair damaged plaster and paint the sanctuary, narthex and quilt room. They are tentatively scheduled to start work during the week of September 22. It will take approximately two weeks to complete the job. They will do the work to keep the disruption to a minimum for worship service on Sundays. This project is being funded through the Building Preservation and Improvement Fund.

It was suggested to remove the shrubs at the front of the church. The shrubs were old and difficult to trim. It was also hard to reach the water faucet through the shrubs and to maintain the painting, etc at the front of the church building. Session approved this work to be done at the

July meeting. "Thank you!" to Mark Hendrix for cutting down the shrubs, to Joe and Stephanie Hill for removing the roots and to Barb Fairbanks for painting the trim with a fresh coat of paint by the front stairs and along the front.

A Garden Committee has been formed to propose how to replant this area. Committee members are Judy McClain, Eva Travis, Kathy Hendrix, Barb Fairbanks, and Stephanie Hill. The Garden Committee will meet Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 PM. Please see a committee member if you have any questions or suggestions.

James Clancy of Portville has been hired to replace an old sewer drain pipe from the church to the village lines. This is at the Manor side of the church and runs back towards the football fields. This pipe has been causing problems due to tree roots that have grown into it. Water backs

up into the downstairs bathroom area whenever it rains hard. We are waiting to hear from Mr. Clancy as to when this work can be done.

The sanctuary cleaning schedule is done and distributed to all the volunteers. A copy is posted in the Quilt Room also.

"Thank you!" to Coni Coletti, Stephanie Hill, Norm and Connie King, Jacquie Hellwig, Christine Long, Cso Woodworth, Dean and Eva Travis, Barb Klingbeil, Diana Dunbar, Mary Ann Clark, Kari Kloss, Dan and Vicki Schmidt, Julie Pagett, Sharon McLarney for once again volunteering your time to serve our church this way and to Peg Dunbar for sending weekly reminders to everyone. In addition, "Thank you!" to Norm and Connie King, Joan Vaine and Ray Carlson and Rachel Boyer for committing to weekly cleaning of the Sunday school classrooms, bathrooms and entryway

areas throughout the year. Marilyn Hale, Stephanie Hill making sure garbage is col-  
 One more "Thank you!" to and Barb Fairbanks for all lected and the trashcan at  
 Joe Hill for cleaning the the many little things you the curb Wednesday morn-  
 gutters this summer. just see and do all the time ing for garbage pickup  
 A special "THANK YOU!" to and to Barb Fairbanks for

## Notes of Thanks

**I would like to thank everyone involved with the painting of our house this summer. It looks great and was much needed. It also was a wonderful experience working with my son, my brother, sister in law, nephew and church family. My mother also appreciates it and comments how much she likes the color every time we drive in the driveway. Again thank you so much for all your hard work and for the donation of the paint.**

*Coni Coletti*  
 Thank You

from Mark and Kathy Hendrix:

Thank you for helping Clara and Sophia attend summer camp at Miracle Mountain Ranch this year. As a Christian camp, they minister to young people through the use of horses and horseback riding, both are things our girls truly love.

The camp counselors do a wonderful job explaining how God attempts to lead us throughout our lives but we need to trust God enough to follow God's lead. . .

Miracle Mountain Ranch has been quite a blessing to our family.

## *Thank You*

from **The Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center:**

Thank you so much for the generous donation of fleece blankets. . . Every child that comes to the Advocacy Center receives a beanie baby and a blanket to help provide comfort during a very difficult time. Your donation will help us in our efforts to begin the healing for child victims of abuse. The day after you dropped off the blankets three blankets were given to children who came to the Center.

Please know that your efforts have already had a huge impact on the lives of child victims of abuse.

Karen Hill



from  
 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Thank you for your gift for Myanmar/ Burma Relief. Without your gift and thousands of others just like it, there would be no National Response Team and no way to support the ongoing work of the presbyteries recovery efforts following the storms.

. . . see the progress of recovery by going to the PDA website: [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda). As information becomes available we will share the reports. . .

John A. Robinson Jr.

# Bible Trivia

by Barb Fairbanks

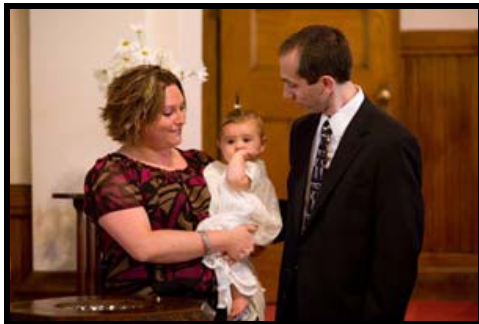
If you're a trivia fan, and even if you're not, check out the *Bible trivia question of the week* on the bulletin board in the education wing (on the second floor at the top of the back entrance steps). Each Sunday, a new question will appear with its Biblical reference. Open to all age groups. No contest, no prizes, no rules (except NOT to peek at the answer 'til you've ventured a guess). A fun way to keep our minds Biblically active

# Summer Events . . .

## a fleece festival



## . . . a Baptism



## . . . and a house painting





...some painting



...great food!



final result ... beautiful!



## September 2008 Dates to Remember

09/04	Mission Committee, 6 p.m.	09/20	Boyer/Tambasco wedding, Glenville NY
09/07	Sunday School classes begin, 10 a.m. Worship Service and Communion, 11 a.m. Coffee hour following worship	09/21	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Rev. Paula Roulette, Guest Minister
09/09	Garden Committee, 7 p.m.	09/22	Bible Study, 10 a.m.
09/10	Session, 7 p.m.	09/23	Presbytery Meeting, Jamestown, 4 p.m.
09/14	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.	09/24	Food Pantry open 10-12 and 6-8 p.m.
09/15	Bible Study begins, 10 a.m.	09/28	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.
09/16	Worship Committee, TBA	09/29	Bible Study, 10 a.m.
09/17	USDA foods delivered (Jacquie Hellwig)		

### September 7, 2008

Sunday School classes for ages 4 to adult will meet at 10 a.m.

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

Refreshments will be served in the Quilt Room following worship.

## October 2008 Dates to Remember

10/01	Portville Community Food Pantry Committee, 6 p.m.	10/15	Bible Study canceled USDA foods delivered (Jacquie Hellwig)
10/02	Mission Committee, 7 p.m.	10/19	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Pizza lunch following worship, served by our Sunday School students
10/05	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service and Communion, 11 a.m. World Communion Sunday Peacemaking Offering	10/20	Bible Study, 10 a.m.
10/06	Bible Study, 10 a.m.	10/22	Food Pantry open 10-12 and 6-8 p.m.
10/08	Session, 7 p.m.	10/26	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.
10/12	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.		
10/13	Columbus Day observed		

## Birthdates to Remember

### September 2008

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



### October 2008

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 2008



Date	Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28
Greeters and Ushers	Mary Ann Clark	Ray Carlson	The Hendrix Family	The Pagett Family
Liturgist	Dave Dunbar	Eric Talbot	Ray Carlson	Rachel Boyer
Acolyte	Communion	Pagett Children		Mary Ann Clark
Flowers	Mary Ann Clark		The Boyers: In celebration of the marriage of Luke and Lisa	
Prayer Family	Ruth and Rollie Bray	Anna Burdick	Ray Carlson	Mary Ann / Tom Clark

Elder for the month: Shirley Longbothum



## Volunteers for the month of October 2008



Date	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Sandy O'Brien	Ray Carlson	Rachel / Jim Boyer	Barb /Bob Fairbanks
<b>Liturgist</b>	Barb Fairbanks	Bob Fairbanks	Ray Carlson	Kathy Hendrix
<b>Acolyte</b>	World Communion Sunday	Pagett Children	Coni Coletti	
<b>Prayer Family</b>	Verna Clark	Norma /Coni Coletti	Betty Cornelius	Denny / Ginny Dorman
<b>Elder for the month: Barb Fairbanks</b>				



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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.

**Website:**

[www.portville-presbyterian.org](http://www.portville-presbyterian.org)

