



## Message from Rev. Hale

Last at night...first at light: how many of us think about the hand of the Lord upon us? Mark Hendrix spoke to all of us “children” one Sunday morning, sharing Russ’s influence upon him as he closed the day with prayer—opened the next the same way; each day with bookends; *God-thoughts* guiding our first awakening moments; God-thoughts setting the day to rest and present even through the “watches” of the night when we can’t sleep.

Last at night...first at light: sometimes in the settling darkness of night, a cardinal has been lifting its voice and boldly singing in the quiet woods. And again, there in the gray light of early, *early* morning, when you can just begin to sift the shape of the trees out of the darkness, there it is again, the cardinal’s own song—the first song of all the others that are soon to follow. For me, it is like prayer lifted in song; song that sends my own grateful prayer for that whistle of pure and joyous cheer sent off into the darkness. The thought of God is woven through our living, day and night; there to be heard and seen and touched; there to bring comfort and wonder; there to bring us close to our Creator.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”* Lamentations 3:22-24

Last at night...first at light...and all through the day! May the Spirit bless you with reminders of the ever-present, steadfast love of your Lord.

*Marilyn*

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## Lectionary for July and August 2009

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <p>July 5<br/>2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10<br/>Psalm 48<br/>2 Corinthians 12:2-10<br/>Mark 6:1-13</p>             | <p>July 26<br/>2 Samuel 11:1-15<br/>Psalm 14<br/>Ephesians 3:14-21<br/>John 6:1-21</p>                    | <p>August 16<br/>1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14<br/>Psalm 111<br/>Ephesians 5:15-20<br/>John 6: 51-58</p>                |
| <p>July 12<br/>2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19<br/>Psalm 24<br/>Ephesians 1<sup>st</sup> 3-14<br/>Mark 6:14-29</p> | <p>August 2<br/>2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a<br/>Psalm 51:1-12<br/>Ephesians 4:1-16<br/>John 6:24-35</p>         | <p>August 23<br/>1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43<br/>Psalm 84<br/>Ephesians 6:10-20<br/>John 6:56-69</p>                   |
| <p>July 19<br/>2 Samuel 7:1-14a<br/>Psalm 89:20-37<br/>Ephesians 2:11-22<br/>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</p>      | <p>August 9<br/>2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33<br/>Psalm 130<br/>Ephesians 4:25-5:2<br/>John 6: 35, 41-51</p> | <p>August 30<br/>Song of Solomon 2:8-13<br/>Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9<br/>James 1:17-27<br/>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</p> |

## Mission Committee News

Cso Woodworth

Our church's most recent campaign—the Pentecost Offering was a resounding success. Our goal of \$923 was once again met and exceeded by your generous donations. The Pentecost Offering total was \$950. Our portion of the Pentecost Offering, \$380, was sent to the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center for the

purchase of snacks that are available to children and their family members during their time at the Center.

Thank you for giving with your heart. Your dollars will make a difference in a child's life.

Two projects are in the

planning stages that you may want to keep your eyes and ears open for. . . first what would our summer's be like without a painting project! This summer we have volunteered to paint one of the main rooms for the new location the Medical Closet. Once details have been finalized we will be asking for some volunteers

to come help with this hands-on mission project. . . the second project that we are still working out the detail on is to provide flip flops and/or school

supplies to children in Cambodia via Vicki Schmidt's nephew who is serving in Cambodia. These are small projects that require just a few

hours of your time ( for painting) or a few dollars to spend on some much needed items for children in Cambodia.

**THE FOOD PANTRY**

*. . .from your grocery cart to our shelves!*

*by Stephanie Hill*

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have.*

Hebrews 13:16

You have shared a tremendous amount of food since we began collecting a spe-

cific food item each week back in September - it has really given the food pantry shelves a boost!

For the months of July and August, we are going to collect any (and all) of the food pantry staples: tuna, rice, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, canned vege-

tables, canned fruits, soups, pork and beans, mac and cheese, egg noodles. Please remember to bring in a food item each week!

And a special **Thank you!** to Barb Fairbanks for putting the sign out each week to remind us what to bring to church with us!

**Property Committee News**

Judy McClain

We're making a list . . .  
Checking it twice . . .  
Company's coming so the church will be looking NICE!

The session accepted an invitation from Literacy Volunteers of Cattaraugus County to participate in the "Tour of Homes" in Portville on September 12. So, of course, when company is coming, it's time to spruce up and put a shine on. The property committee came up with a list of projects to

do. For the past couple of months, there has been a lot of activity around the church building and grounds. So far, the following projects have been completed:

- ✓ Pews are polished and cushions vacuumed
- ✓ Parking lot and driveway blacktopped
- ✓ Garden extended between front side stairs and lift entrance

- ✓ A hydrangea bush and dwarf Alberta spruce planted in new garden area to commemorate Mothers Day and Fathers Day respectively
- ✓ Shrub removed between the driveway and the neighbors, area cleared , and grass planted
- ✓ Both front stairs railings scraped, primed and painted

- √ Gutters cleaned and re-paired
- √ New handicap parking signs purchased
- √ Handrail on stairs from dining room up to Quilt Room refinished
- √ Grass/sod removed from new garden area replanted to back bare spots in back grass area by parking lot
- √ Door stop installed on exterior lift entrance door
- √ Water shut off installed inside to exterior front hose spigot
- √ Carbon monoxide detector installed downstairs

**WOW!** That is a great start on the **"TO DO"** list *but* there is more to do. Other projects that have been at least started and/or still need to be done are:

- † Paint radiator in upstairs lift room
- † Finish scraping and

painting exterior trim

- † Repair plaster areas
- † Remove spots and wax from carpets
- † New window treatments for Sunday school rooms
- † Wash windows
- † Thoroughly clean Sunday School rooms, kitchen, dining room, bathrooms—furniture, floors, etc
- † Lay paving stones next to cement by lift entrance
- † Door stop needs to be installed on downstairs interior lift entrance door
- † Replace closet door molding trim in downstairs lift room and alcove area off dining room by handicap bathroom
- † Refinish stairs by back

entrance

- † Weed gardens

- † Mulch gardens

The pews were polished and cushions vacuumed on May 18 and 20 by volunteers coordinated by Stephanie Hill. Polishers and "vacuumers" (Is that a word? Is now!) were Walt Atkinson, Betty Weed, Ronda Pollock, RJ Pollock, Julie Pagett, Christine Pagett, Jack Pagett, Megan Pagett, Sandy O'Brien, Vicki Schmidt, Joan Vaine, Barb Fairbanks, Marilyn Hale and Stephanie Hill. A special guest "polisher" was Janita Byar, Poet of Transformation from WNY Presbytery (she wanted to visit our church that day, so she pitched in to help!)

The Paint, Repair and More Festival was held on Saturday, May 30. Some exterior trim and stair railings scraped and painted, gutters cleaned and repaired, and new garden done – grass/sod removed and rototilled by 10 volunteers—Barb Fairbanks, Tom Clark,

MaryAnn Clark, Ray Roulo, Jim Boyer, Russ Downey, Walt Atkinson, Marilyn Hale, Joe Hill and Judy McClain. Much was accomplished and fun was had by all in about 4 hours that morning. Yummy refreshments were enjoyed during the "Presbyterian Union Workers" breaks as well! *"Thank you so much"* to all of you for helping. Your support is very much appreci-

ated.

Of additional interest, Heritage Pipe Organs, Inc. has been contracted to do repair and update work on our organ over the summer. A new schedule for cleaning the sanctuary July 2009 through June 2010 will be completed. If you have not done this in the past and would like to become involved in cleaning

the sanctuary please contact Judy McClain for details. Any time that you can offer will be greatly appreciated. We can customize the schedule to accommodate you!!

Please be sure to check weekly church bulletins for upcoming work days and updated information for projects and activities prior to and on September 12.

**Cleaning the gutters . . . a "higher" calling**



**Hum-m-m. . . wonder what they're looking for!**

**Sitting or kneeling . . . we get the job done!**



**No Presbyterian gathering is complete without food.**



**HELP WANTED**

**Great opportunities for everyone!**

**VOLUNTEERS FOR:**

- † cleaning sanctuary weekly (Ask for a week, 2 weeks , a month—whatever fits your schedule)
- † clean specific areas of church each week- Nursery, Sunday School rooms, kitchen, entryways, bathrooms or weed gardens regularly

*Please contact :*

*Judy McClain*

**716-933-6303**

## Dates to Remember: July 2009

|       |   |       |  |
|-------|---|-------|--|
| 07/02 | Mission Committee, 6 p.m.                 | 07/14 | PWNY Personnel Committee (MKH), noon   |
| 07/04 | Independence Day!                         |       |  |
| 07/05 | Worship Service and Communion, 9:30 a.m.  | 07/15 | Portville Ministerium, 8:30 a.m.       |
| 07/06 | Meeting, West Seneca (MKH), noon          |       | USDA foods delivered (Jacquie Hellwig) |
| 07/08 | Session, 7 p.m.                           | 07/17 | Wedding Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.           |
| 07/09 | Allegany PC Session (MKH), 7 p.m.         | 07/18 | Wedding, 1 p.m.                        |
| 07/10 | John Calvin's 500 <sup>th</sup> birthday! | 07/19 | Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.             |
| 07/12 | Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.                | 07/22 | Food Pantry open 10-12 and 6-8 p.m.    |
|       | Worship at The Pines (MKH), 2:30 p.m.     | 07/26 | Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.             |

## Dates to Remember: August 2009

|       |  |       |  |
|-------|--|-------|--|
| 08/02 | Worship Service and Communion, 9:30 a.m. | 08/23 | Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.               |
| 08/09 | Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.               | 08/26 | Food Pantry open 10-12 and 6-8 p.m.      |
| 08/11 | PWNY Personnel Committee (MKH), noon     | 08/28 | American Red Cross blood drive, 2-7 p.m. |
| 08/12 | Session, 7 p.m.                          | 08/30 | Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.               |
| 08/16 | Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.               |       |  |
| 08/19 | USDA foods delivered (Jacquie Hellwig)   |       |  |



September 13, 2009

Sunday School classes for ages 3 to adult  
will meet at **10 a.m.**

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

## Birthdates to Remember

### July Birthdays

- 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

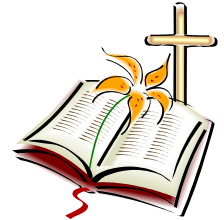


### August Birthdays

- 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



Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers for God's comfort to the family of Carmen Booth who died on June 20, 2009 .



### Volunteers for the month of: July 2009



| Date                | July 5                 | July 12                  | July 19              | July 26              |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Greeters and Ushers | Duncan Wormer          | Mary Ann and Verna Clark | The Pagett Family    | Sharon Hill-McLarney |
| Liturgist           | Barb Fairbanks         | Duncan Wormer            | Sharon Hill-McLarney | Cso Woodworth        |
| Acolyte             | Communion              |                          | Pagett Children      |                      |
| Prayer Family       | Carey & Vickie Shields | Karl & Anita Shuey       | Eric & Sara Talbot   | Hannah Tigh          |

Elder for the month:



## Volunteers for the month of August 2009



| Date                       | Aug. 2               | Aug. 9             | Aug. 16           | Aug. 23              | Aug. 30            |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Greeters and Ushers</b> | Barb Fairbanks       | Eric & Sara Talbot | The Pagett Family | Sharon Hill-McLarney | Karl & Anita Shuey |
| <b>Liturgist</b>           | Sharon Hill-McLarney |                    | Eric Talbot       |                      | Bob Fairbanks      |
| <b>Acolyte</b>             | Communion            | Sara Talbot        | Pagett Children   |                      |                    |
| <b>Prayer Family</b>       | Val Tigh             | Ali Tigh           | Dean & Eva Travis | Joan Vaine           | Alex Woodhead      |

Elder for the month

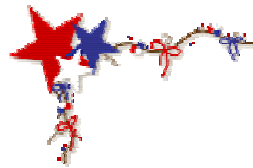


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Sunday School: 10:00 am  
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Worship Service: 11:00 am



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