



Message from Rev. Hale

What's in a name? On Tuesday, August 11th, when the Presbytery Office got a call asking for help in Gowanda, someone there suggested they call us—and they did, and then we called *you*, and managed to round up a crew of twelve people who could respond on such short notice; and at 8 a.m. the following day, we made our way to the Gowanda Presbyterian Church where we “mucked” out in their basement and shampooed carpets and hefted flood debris from the church grounds to the curb; all in the wake of the devastating flooding that occurred there on August 9th. *Call Portville...*and I thank God for all of you and the Spirit among us.

*Call Portville...*and I thank God for the welcome you gave a stranger—remember T. J.?

*Call Portville...*and I thank God for the embrace you gave Carmen's family and Vivian's family as they each gathered here for services.

*Call Portville...*and I thank God for the enthusiasm that has powered all the projects you have taken on this summer as we prepare to participate in the Catt. County Literacy Tour of Portville homes.

*Call Portville...*and I thank God for the care you give one another—the prayers and support as loss and illness and concerns are shared by this Body of Christ.

*Call Portville...*and I thank God for the willing spirit that continues to respond to the will of God among us—calling us all to “love kindness, to do justice, and to walk humbly with our Lord.”

“*A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches.*” [Proverbs 22:1] I thank God for the good name you have as together we seek to serve our Lord, and honor the good Name of Christ among us.

Call Portville...yes indeed!

May God bless you! *Marilyn*

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Lectionary for September and October 2009**September 6**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
 Psalm 125
 James 2:1-10, 14-17
 Mark 7:24-37

September 27

Esther 7:1-6, 9-19, 9:20-22
 Psalm 124
 James 5:13-20
 Mark 9:38-50

October 18

Job 38:1-7
 Psalm 104:1-9, 24,35c
 Hebrews 5:1-10
 Mark 10:35-45

September 13

Proverbs 1:20-33
 Psalm 19
 James 3:1-12
 Mark 8:27-38

October 4

Job 1:1; 2:1-10,
 Psalm 26
 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
 Mark 10:2-16

October 25

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
 Psalm 34:18
 Hebrews 7:23-28
 Mark 10:46-52

September 20

Proverbs 31:10-31
 Psalm 1
 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
 Mark 9:30-37

October 11

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
 Psalm 22:1-15
 Hebrews 4:12-16
 Mark 10:17-31

**It's Coming . . .
 October 4, 2009
 The Peacemaking
 Offering**

Mission Committee News by Cso Woodworth

On August 11, when the call came to our church to ask if our church could help with flood water clean up at the First Presbyterian Church of Gowanda, what could we do but respond.

Members of the congregation were lined up and supplies were purchased to help with the clean up work in Gowanda on the following day.

On Wednesday

morning a caravan of volunteers, (12 in all), left the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church in Portville and came to the aid of a church that was reeling from the devasta-

tion left behind by the torrent of rain that fell on western New York over a period of two days.

When the 12 arrived at the Presbyterian Church in Gowanda, the men worked outside cleaning up the debris left behind by the rushing waters. Asphalt laid in chunks ripped up by the rushing waters from road beds and strewn about on the church lawn.

Inside had plenty of clean up work as well to do; That old adage of many hands make for light work probably didn't apply in this situation. But those

many hands were moved by the spirit to offer to do what they could.

Many, many hands reached out to Gowanda and Silver Creek. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been in those two communities and working with the churches to facilitate some of the work that needs their expertise. The immediate needs of Silver Creek were met by an outpouring of donation from surrounding communities. Our church made a donation to the Silver Creek United Presbyterian Church to use for future

needs.

The Mission Committee will be scheduling work days to Gowanda to help with the continued clean up and restoration.

We thank God for the blessing of our 12 volunteers who, moved by the Spirit, gave of themselves to comfort and help others in need. Our heartfelt thank you goes out to Marilyn Hale, Barb and Bob Fairbanks, Anita and Karl Shuey, Vicki Schmidt, Jacquie Hellwig, MaryAnn and Tom Clark, Judy McClain, Carly Woodhead and Josh Haines.



Christian Education Committee News by Connie King

Welcome back from the short "hot, rainy" summer to an exciting new Sunday School year. Our first day will be September 13! The time is 10 – 10:45 a.m.

Some changes in our staff have been made for this year, and team teaching will be going on again. Our staff will be: Christine Long/Julie Pagett (Younger Elementary Grades K–2); Kari Kloss/West Long (Older Elementary Grades 3–4); Russ Downey (Youth Grades 5–7); Rev. Hale (Confirmation Class); Sharon Hill-McLarney/Norm King (Adults). Thank you to this wonderful group of teachers for their talents and time. Also, thank you to Rachel Boyer and Shirley Longbothum for agreeing to be our substitute teachers.

The "We Believe" curriculum will be followed this year. The adult class will continue reading and discussing "Journey Through the Bible--Matthew". We will keep you

posted on what is happening in each class as the teachers tell us what they are studying.

The mission project of supporting Aidee from Bolivia through Child Fund International (formerly Christian Children's Fund) for \$35 per month will be continued. Our congregation can help us meet this goal; usually "the pink pig" is in the Narthex for your convenience to fill. Our classes are encouraged to give to this mission each week. Letters from Aidee from time to time let us know how she is doing and what is happening in her life. Her letters are always posted on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for you to read.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Ice Cream Sundae Sunday--September 13 (first day of Sunday School). We would like to welcome our classes back plus have a treat!! Everyone, including the parents and congregation, is invited to attend. The kids

will meet their teachers and see their classrooms. **CHECK OUT THE SCOOP ON SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

Pumpkin Party--October 25. The classes will be decorating pumpkins during Sunday School. The parents are encouraged to attend. More on this later so watch for information in the bulletins. Some fun projects are planned for this school year, so we hope you join in the learning and fun. Probably there will be some treats involved.

The rooms are all cleaned and ready to go. Thank you to those who cleaned the rooms and will continue throughout the year. Your time and effort in this task is very much appreciated. Everyone is welcome to stop in any of the rooms at any time and see what is taking place with our young people. All that is needed is you--see you September 13 for "Ice Cream Sundae Sunday" at 10 a.m.

Property Committee News by Judy McClain

WOW! Our Presbyterian Church is looking great! The past few months have been very, very busy and our church and grounds have had a lot of tender loving care. The improvements have been eagerly tackled by everyone. It has been a two-fold effort. Cattaraugus County Literacy Volunteers is sponsoring Tour of Homes and Churches in Portville on September 12. We are participating in that event. So, of course, when company is coming, it is time to spruce up and put a polish on. And of course, a lot of the projects are just things that needed to be done and annual "spring cleaning" during the summer when the church is not in as much use.

Projects that have been done or just about done:

- † New windows installed downstairs
- † Mulch spread in all the gardens
- † Plaster repairs

- † Painting in various areas
- † New window treatments in Sunday School rooms
- † New carpeting in high school Sunday School room
- † Pews polished
- † Maintenance room painted and new linoleum
- † All rooms/areas (walls, doors, windows, and furniture) of church scrubbed, dusted, polished and "de cob-webbed"
- † Rugs and runners shampooed
- † Back stairs in education wing sanded and refinished

"Thank you so very much" does not seem enough to say to express appreciation for all the work, time and effort that everyone has put in to make this all happen. Your support does not go unnoticed. Hopefully, you have enjoyed the time you have contributed to

this effort and to step back and feel proud of the shining results of your service to y(our) church and to be part of the team. It has been fun to see what has been done from one day/one week to the next as our "busy bees" have been coming in to do their special tasks. And it has even been more fun to keep checking things off the "TO DO" list as done as the "deadline" September 12 approaches.

FREE WINDOWS As the windows were replaced, the old ones that were removed and saved for recycling. They are in the adult Sunday School class and are free for the taking, first come, first served for anyone who wants them. They will be removed from the Sunday School classroom before September 12 if there are any left and stored in the Boyer's garage for a short time. They will still be available to anyone after September 12. Please contact Jim

Boyer if you have any questions. The window installation was done by Bob Johnstone of Portville. It's great that the downstairs is looking so much brighter and has windows that can be opened for fresh air. Thank you, Jim, for coordinating the win-

dow replacement project. The weekly Sanctuary cleaning scheduled is being put together for the coming year and will be distributed soon. Thank you to everyone who participates in this. This really saves the congregation quite a bit of money in the

budget.

Also, "Thank you!" to Ray Roulo for mowing the lawn again this summer. You do a great job. The lawn always looks great! You've had a lot of raindrops to dodge this summer but you always got the lawn cut.

Batman makes appearance at Portville Presbyterian Church

Late one afternoon, in Portville, Judy and Barb were in the Presbyterian Church dining room to set up tables and chairs in preparation for Vivian Marsh memorial service luncheon.

As the two were checking the cupboard for tablecloths, Judy sees a bat flying behind Barb. Judy very calmly says to Barb, "There is a bat flying behind you." Barb quickly ducks down and heads for the kitchen where she gets the lid of the garbage can. Judy walks to the maintenance room for a broom.

By this time the bat has made its way to one of the front windows of the dining room and is hanging off the curtain rod.

Meanwhile, Barb and Judy have a strategy talk—is it lights on or off to get rid of bats? What should be done next? Call someone, anyone.

First call goes to Marilyn. No answer. Next call is to Jim Boyer. YES—he is home and answers the phone and our call for help. By this time, the bat has left hanging on the curtain rod and flies to the back door and is hanging off one of the window panes.

(What seemed an eternity,)

Jim finally arrives at

church with fishing nets in hand. (We didn't say it was a flying fish, we said it was a flying bat!) He approaches the back door. Judy and Barb quietly advise him that the bat is right on the inside of the door.

Jim, very calmly, reaches around the door with the net and places it over the bat. With bat in net, Jim releases it out on the back football field. From now on, we will be sure to call our own Batman, Jim "Bat" Boyer, for any future bat sightings in church.

Thanks, Jim. You saved the bat and the luncheon.

Look for it. . .it's coming!

Who? What? Where? When? How?




Several members of the congregation have agreed to help with "Annual Spring Cleaning" of all the areas of the church. A few of these areas are already done and look great. **"THANK YOU!"** to

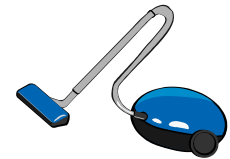
the people who have already scrubbed, dusted, swept, mopped, and polished their area. Time is growing short for those who still need to do their areas. These need to be done before the "Tour" on September 12. It's time to get your "Mr. Clean" and elbow grease out and

give your area a thorough cleaning. We want the church to sparkle and shine, not only for the Tour but just for general purposes of maintaining our building in good condition. Thanks for your anticipated time and effort!



TO DO LIST (before Sept. 1, 2009)

Kathy	Adult SS room	
Mark	Kindergarten Classroom	
Sharon and Julie	Nursery (sort toys, books, etc / discard as needed)	
Connie	Intermediate Classroom (1st room on 2nd floor)	
Rachel	High School Classroom (middle room 2nd floor)	
Barb F.	Confirmation Classroom (3rd room 2nd floor)	
Vicki	Upstairs bathrooms	
Coni	Downstairs bathrooms	
Norm	Downstairs lift room	
Mary Ann	Kitchen	
Jacquie	Quilt room /vacuum & shampoo carpeted stairs	
Emmy	Lounge by handicapped bathroom	
Marilyn	Dinning room / vacuum /shampoo red carpet runners	
Val	Back entry & downstairs hallways / vacuum/ shampoo gray runners	
Kari	Library & upstairs hallway	
Sara & Eric	Choir loft & pulpit area	
West	Narthex	
Sandy	Lift entry way (handicapped parking area)	
Christine	Choir room upstairs lift areas	



Dates to Remember: September 2009

09/03	Mission Committee, 7 pm	09/20	Sunday School, 10 am
09/04	Worship Service and Communion , 9:30 am	09/21	Worship Service, 11 am
09/08	PWNY Personnel Committee, noon (MKH) Session, 7 pm	09/22	Bible Study , 10 am
09/12	Portville Tour of Interesting Homes and Churches 11 am -5 pm	09/23	Presbytery – Orchard Park PC– 4 pm
09/13	Sunday School 10 am Worship Service, 11 am	09/27	Food Pantry open 10-12 and 6-8 p pm
09/16	USDA foods delivered (Jacquie Hellwig)	09/28	Sunday School, 10 am Worship Service, 11 am
			Bible Study, 10 am

Dates to Remember: October 2009

10/01	Mission Committee, 7 pm		Session, 7 pm
10/04	Sunday School 10 am Worship Service and Communion, 11 am World Communion Sunday Peacemaking Offering	10/18	Sunday School, 10 am Worship Services, 11 am
10/05	Bible Study, 10 am Christian Ed. Committee, 7 pm	10/19	Bible Study, 10 am Presbyterian Women Board Meeting , 3 pm
10/06	Finance Committee, 7 pm	10/21	USDA foods delivered (Jacquie Hellwig)
10/07	Portville Community Food Pantry Committee, 6 pm	10/25	Sunday School, 10 am Worship Service, 11 am
10/13	PWNY Personnel Committee, noon (MKH)	10/28	Pumpkin Sunday Food Pantry open 10-12 and 6-8 p pm

Congratulations to our Luella Marsh Scholarship Winners:

- † Lucas Hellwig -will be attending Ohio State University
- † Courtney Schmidt—will be attending SUNY Fredonia
- † Lerin Hill—is attending Graduate School at SUNY Albany

Birthdates to Remember

September 2009

- 6 Betty Cornelius
- 7 Sara Talbot
- 7 Stephanie (Sue) Morris
- 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 2009

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



**to new
members . . .**

**Anita and Karl Shuey
Earl and Stephanie (Sue) Morris
Jo Dunbar**



Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers for God's comfort
to the family of Vivian Marsh
who passed away on August 1, 2009



Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers for God's comfort
to Connie King and family on the death of
Connie's mother, Eileen Tanner, on August 19, 2009



Nursery Schedule from September to December 2009

Month	Day	Attendant	Assistant
September	13th	Kari Kloss	Hannah Kloss
	20th	Sharon Hill McLarney	Christine Pagett
	27th	Christine Long	Emily Long
October	4th	Vickie Shields	Clara Hendrix
	11th	Emily Woodhead	Hannah Kloss
	18th	Christine Long	Emily Long
	25th	Julie Shields	Kristen Woodhead
November	1st	Cindy Keeley	Clara Hendrix
	8th	Kari Kloss	Hannah Kloss
	15th	Sharon Hill-McLarney	Sophia Hendrix
	22nd	Julie Pagett	Christine Pagett
	29th	Christine Long	Emily Long
December	6th	Julie Shields	Clara Hendrix
	13th	Cindy Keeley	Kristen Woodhead
	20th	Julie Pagett	Christine Pagett
	27th	Emily Woodhead	Sophia Hendrix

FREE
 Used windows
 Removed from
 downstairs areas
 First come
 first served.
 Windows are in the
 Adult Sunday School
 classroom until
 Sept. 12
 After Sept. 12 in
 Boyer's garage
 Questions? Contact
 Jim Boyer
 933-8690

“Justice and peace shall kiss”

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