



Message from Rev. Hale

The first sound of the day was the call of a titmouse; a *tufted* titmouse throwing out that plaintive note it will repeat and repeat and repeat. And then a blue jay added something, and then a cardinal and a robin, and so the darkness of a night ended and gave “way” and all I could think about was Mary. . . Mary Magdalene there in the first grey *hint* of the light of a day coming, as if she could somehow *push* the light along into the darkness. “I have seen the Lord!” she would repeat and repeat and repeat, and the other disciples would add their bit, and then another bit and another, and slowly that first Easter day began to awaken and take shape and move with some purpose. And slowly my day began to take shape; unfolding in the strength of the hope Easter brings to every day of our lives.

I’m reading Barbara Brown Taylor’s *An Altar in the World*. It serves to heighten your awareness of your life and life around you and stir your spiritual “sense” about it. And it’s not just about tuning into nature and making spiritual connections. She exercises a wide variety of common practices and encounters from daily living as she works through the insights she shares; as she opens up more and more of God’s world to the soul. It’s a good read. And it’s not just a “chick” book! It’s a good read for all pilgrims on this journey—this faith-filled *expressway* we are taking through life.

There is so much more in our lives with God to connect to. Every single day is filled with opportunities to “sate” your soul; stay nourished in the midst of “it” all. For the health of your life; for the health of this Body together, may God bless us with a growing awareness of the Spirit’s “life” threaded through our own. Maybe a titmouse will not announce the “Risen Lord” for you, but our faithful God will give you your own story to tell; make your own connections, and fill you “full.”

May God bless you, Marilyn

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Lectionary for May / June 2010

<p>May 2 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelations 21:1-16 John 13:31-35</p>	<p>May 9 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 6:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelations 21:10; 21:22-22:5 John 5:1-9</p>	<p>May 16 7th Sunday of Easter Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20,21 John 17:20-26</p>
<p>May 23 Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 (25-27)</p>	<p>May 30 Trinity Sunday Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15</p>	<p>June 6 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time 1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24) Psalm 146 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17</p>
<p>June 13 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time 1 Kings 21:1-10 Psalm 5:1-8 Galatians 2:15-21 Luke 7:36-8:3</p>	<p>June 20 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time 1 Kings 19:1-4; 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39</p>	<p>June 27 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62</p>

Mission Committee News

Pentecost Offering — Coming to a Church Near You !



It's that time of year again; time to celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church.

Our church will again be participating in the Pente-

cost Offering. The offering will be received on May 23, 2010. Your giving to the offering is a direct way to help children at risk, youth and young adults.

Congregations often wonder what happens to the money that is collected for

the Pentecost Offering.

Forty percent of our offering is kept here for our church to support local needs of children at risk, youth and young adults.

Sixty percent goes towards supporting General Assembly programs that advocate for children and provide

leadership development opportunities for youth and young adults.

Our goal for this year's offering is \$923. This year our portion of the Pentecost Offering will be used to support the Summer Survivor Day Camp organized by the Council on Addiction Recovery Services,

Inc. Mike Kelley and Dottie Oakley will provide a Minute for Mission about the camp on May 9 during the worship service.

This year's theme for the Pentecost Offering is:

*"I will sing praises to my
God all my life long"*

Psalm 146:2

Look for the Pentecost Offering posters throughout the church. How many can you find? Shirley Longbothum has agreed to coordinate this Mission giving opportunity.

Please give generously to the Pentecost Offering.

School Supplies for Afghan Children

Our church received some great news regarding the collection of school supplies for Afghan children. The supplies were mailed to a local soldier serving in Kandahar in March. Our collection became part of the Backpacks for Afghanistan and were part of a denotation to a NATO refurbished school that is open to both girls and boys. The school serves 220 students who did not have a school before its re-

construction.

In her letter, First Lieutenant Shaela Bresnan, from Kandahar Air Field, said "Your support has helped us to succeed in our mission to supply these students with the basic supplies needed to further their education. Your contributions have greatly improved the students' ability to better their lives."

To date, enough school supplies have been collected to support 3000 students. While the goal of supporting 5000 students

has not been reached, Backpacks for Afghanistan has made an impact.

It is truly amazing how an idea the size of a mustard seed has the potential to change the lives of so many.

Thank you all, from the Sunday School classes to members of our congregation who so willingly purchased school supplies for this hands-on mission project. Your giving spirit has made a difference in the life of a child.



Summer camping season is just around the corner. Don't miss out on attending a Christian based summer camp. Apply now for a Summer Campership through the church. Applications for \$100 towards the cost of a camp are available in the Narthex. Please return the completed applications to the church office.

Mission Committee News

Stephanie Hill / Cso Woodworth

THE FOOD PANTRY . . .

*from your grocery cart to
our shelves!*

**Jesus said,
"Feed my sheep."**

Thank you for continuing to bring in a food item each week! Below is the list of food items we will be collecting in May and June:

The week of: we will be collecting:

05/02	rice
05/09	peas
05/16	tuna
05/23	canned tomatoes
05/30	egg noodles
06/06	mixed vegetables
06/13	mac and cheese
06/20	corn
06/27	jello

Mission Committee Updates:

Thank you all for your generous support of the One Great Hour of Sharing. The final total of your gifts was \$1076.

PCUSA will use these gifts from this offering to continue to support their missions (Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Presbyterian Hunger Program).

And a BIG thank you to Stephanie Hill for coordinating this campaign.

In addition to your support of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering campaign during the month of March, you also supported the Second Annual Wii Bowl-a-thon with extraordinary kind hearts. The \$760 that was raised during the bowl-a-thon was sent to the First Presbyterian Church of Gowanda to assist with the repairs to their basement from the damages resulting from the August 2009 flooding that affected the Gowanda area.

Christian Education Committee News

Connie King

Even though the end of this Sunday School year is rapidly approaching, there are still plenty of activities happening. We hope all the students will take advantage of these fun events.

Thank you to all those who participated in the following special activities:

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR AFGANISTAN (1/24-2/14)-- Kyle Wickenheiser from Olean is the serviceman we sent the supplies to at a

cost of \$22, and they will be given to children in the Kandahar area through a collection agency on base. Items collected were 10 boxes of 8 crayons, 1 box of 16 crayons, 8 boxes of 48 crayons, 70 pens, 390 pencils, 22 brick and 65 pencil top erasers, 16 pencil sharpeners, 5 rulers, 3 scissors, 6 boxes of chalk, 100 color pencils, 9 small legal pads, 8 large and 3 small notebooks, and 50

file folders. (See related story under Mission News.)
EASTER EGG HUNT (3/28)-- There were 15 kids who found 140 candy-filled eggs around the church dining room area on Palm Sunday. The Easter bunny left cookies and drinks for a special treat. Thank you to Jacquie and Barb and all those who helped that day;
"SOUP AND STUDY' LENTEN GATHERING (2/22)-3/22)-- "The Sign of Jonah" was led

Christian Education News cont.

by Rev. Hale with 25 signing up and 21 as an average attendance each session. The soups, breads, fun, fellowship, and learning about Jonah were great. Thank you to Marilyn for all your preparation and leading our discussions.

May 23 will be the last day of Sunday School. Planting flowers in the front and back of the church is the fun activity. Pansies will be planted out front and geraniums (purchased from Genesis House) will be out back. There will be a special snack made by Rachel as we rest up from our activity. Watching our plants bloom and keeping the summer colorful around the church will be worth our efforts. A note will be sent home to please dress your children appropriately for outdoors that Sunday. If there is time, there might be a story book read.

Also, May 23 is Pentecost and Teacher Recognition. This will be the day to wear

your red! Thank you to all our teachers this year: Julie, Christine, Kari, West, Russ, Marilyn, Sharon, and Norm. Your ministry, especially to the children in our church family, is so important. We appreciate all of your willingness, time, and talents to serve in this way.

Special congratulations go to HANNAH KLOSS for perfect attendance this year.

Also, congratulations to our graduating seniors: KELSEA GARDNER, EMILY LONG, AND ERICA SCHMIDT. We wish you all the best as you go out on your own life adventure.

Learning in Sunday School: Primary class read about what Jesus did for others and drew pictures of helping others. Look for a coloring poster hanging in the hallway soon. Intermediate class learned the Lord's prayer and did Books of the Bible puzzles. They talked about what they do in worship and to give and share. Youth class learned the genealogy of Abraham to Je-

sus, Noah to Jesus, and Adam to Noah. Confirmation class continued early church history. They have "planted" a tree of the Christian faith on the hallway upstairs with roots shared by Muslims and Jews. They traced basic Christian development right into Presbyterians leaving out. Adult class is still in Matthew and discussing our need of forgiveness. God wants us to see the good news of the kingdom and the necessity of the cross. Jesus must follow God's will rather than human desires. We must want divine things more than human things.

As we look back, a great year of learning and special events were planned. Thank you to all those on the Christian Ed. committee, parents, teachers, and helpers. Have a nice, relaxing summer in the warm sun. See you in the fall when we begin a new session on September 12!



Property Committee News

Judy McClain

The organ

Do you hear what I hear? Do you see what I (don't) see? There is music, Peg is nowhere to be seen and Joe Hill is at the organ! What is going on!?!? Heritage Pipe Organ Inc. completed the organ repairs several months ago. There have been two occasions that Peg has not been able to be in worship on Sunday morning but we have not been without organ music. Peg has been able to record all the regular music and selected hymns for those Sundays with the new updated electronic features installed in the organ and Joe has been able to "play" these during worship. Joe is able to play with one finger! What talent! But seriously, this feature of the organ "update" makes it nice to keep our regular tempo of the worship service. And there have been times that we have not been able to schedule another organist in Peg's absence. There have been favorable re-

views of the worship services when the recorded music has been "played" by Joe in Peg's absence. Thanks to Peg and Joe for learning this new technique so that the congregation can enjoy the sounds of our beautiful organ. The organ renovation was funded with the Laura Jopling bequest.

The painting

The property committee has been working on a new project since January—painting the exterior of the church. The property committee felt that it was time to address the condition of the exterior of the church as it was last painted in 1996. Over the years, there have been touch ups done here and there that have certainly helped maintain the condition of our building. Overall though, the paint has faded and the condition of some of the shingles has deteriorated, especially on the bell tower. The property committee requested estimates for this work and session approved

the committee recommendation to contract with MJ Painting Inc of Olean, NY to wash the building, prime and paint the entire exterior, and replace the deteriorated shingles on the bell tower. Both the main shingled areas (brown) and trim (yellow) will be done. This work will be starting around the first week of May and is estimated to take about 8 weeks to complete, depending on the weather. It will be exciting to see this work going on over the next couple of months. This is important to keep our building in good condition and its beautiful appearance in our community. This project is being paid out of the Building Improvement and Preservation Fund and the Laura Jopling bequest.

The cleaning

Since September, the regularly scheduled cleaning has been maintained by the volunteers who faithfully support this project to keep our church clean and safe

for worship, fellowship, and community use. Thank you to everyone who honors their commitment to keep our building looking nice and save money in the budget.

The property committee is asking the congregation again this summer to volunteer to help with a thorough cleaning of all areas of the church. This is to "adopt" a room/area to wash walls, windows, polish furniture, scrub floors, shampoo carpets, etc. There will be a sign up list in the Narthex for you to be able to pick your special room to make it sparkle. The gardens will need to be weeded and edged periodically throughout the sum-

mer. Any one is welcome to do that whenever you see that it needs to be done. Please don't think or say, "Oh someone else can do that." Because they might be saying the same thing! Then nothing will get done. Thank you in advance for your support.

The shoveling and garbage

A special "Thanks!" to Barb Fairbanks for all the shoveling she does during the winter and spreading salt to take care of the ice. Barb sometimes almost beats the snowflakes from landing on the sidewalks! Another "Thanks Barb!" for taking out the garbage every week.

The lawn mowing
And, while our attention is on the exterior of the building, a special "Thanks!" to Ray Roulo for agreeing to mow the lawn again this summer. Ray has been doing this for several years now. His special attention to mowing, raking, etc. certainly makes the church grounds look beautiful week after week, all summer long.

The gardening
Stephanie Hill has already been at work cleaning up the gardens all around the church. The gardens were all ready to show off the beautiful daffodils and tulips that were already in bloom on that gorgeous Easter morning. "Thanks!" Stephanie.

Thank You My family and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers over the years for my Mother, Norma Coletti, as well as the heartfelt sympathy cards since her death. We would also like to thank all that were involved in the wonderful luncheon following her funeral....Coni Coletti

REV. HALE will be on study leave May 3-9, 2010

If a pastoral concern should arise during this time, please contact Stephanie Hill at 933-6150 or 933-6246.

Congratulations to our Graduates:
High School :
Kelsey Gardner, Emily Long, Erica Schmidt
Post Graduate Degrees:
Lerin Hill and Carly Woodhead



May 2010 Dates to Remember

05/02 Sunday School, 10 a.m.	Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Worship Service and Communion, 11 a.m.	05/17 Bible Study, 10 a.m.
Bent Brass Concert, honoring Dave Dunbar, 2 p.m.	05/18 PWNV Personnel Committee, noon
05/03 Bible Study canceled	05/19 USDA foods delivered
05/04 American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m.	05/20 Mission Committee, 7 p.m.
05/09 Sunday School, 10 a.m.	05/23 Sunday School, 10 a.m. (last day until fall)
Worship Service, 11 a.m.	Worship Service, Pentecost, 11 a.m.
Rev. Paula Roulette, guest minister	SS Teacher Recognition
Happy Mother's Day	Pentecost Offering
05/10 Bible Study, 10 a.m.	05/24 Bible Study, 10 a.m.
05/11 Session, 7 p.m.	05/25 Special Meeting of Presbytery, 7 p.m.
05/15 Annual Rummage Sale	05/26 Food Pantry open 10-12 and 6-8 p.m.
05/16 Sunday School, 10 a.m.	05/30 Worship Service, 11 a.m.
	05/31 Bible Study canceled

June 2010 Dates to Remember

06/01 Small Church Group, PWNV, 12:30 p.m.	06/16 USDA foods delivered
06/03 Pfeiffer Nature Center, prep for Woods Walk in dining room and kitchen, 9 a.m.	06/17 Mission Committee, 7 p.m.
06/05 PNC Annual Woods Walk	06/20 Worship Service, 11 a.m.
06/06 Worship Service and Communion, 11 a.m.	Happy Father's Day
06/07 Bible Study, 10 a.m.	06/21 Bible Study, 10 a.m.
06/08 Session, 7 p.m.	06/23 Food Pantry open 10-12 and 6-8 p.m.
06/13 Worship Service, 11 a.m.	06/27 Worship Service, <u>9:30 a.m.</u>
Graduate Recognition	Info due for July/August newsletter
06/14 Bible Study, 10 a.m.	06/28 Bible Study, 10 a.m. (last day until fall)
06/15 PWNV Personnel Committee, noon	06/29 American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m.

May / June Birthdates to Remember

May 2010

5/4 Lerin Hill
 5/7 Erica Schmidt
 5/16 Heidi Hellwig
 5/23 Bizzy Woodhead
 5/25 Chris Jones
 5/29 Ivan Harrison
 5/31 Coni Coletti



June 2010

6/1 Vickie Shields
 6/4 Wilda Hill
 6/9 Walt Atkinson
 6/10 RJ Pollock
 6/13 Joan Vaine
 6/14 Christine Long
 6/19 Diana First
 6/27 Kevin Dunbar
 6/29 Zackary Kloss

Annual Rummage



Saturday may 15 - from 9 to 3 -



Volunteers for the month of: May 2010



Date	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Greeters and Ushers	Rachel & Jim Boyer	Jess Wyant / Shirley Longbothum	Kari Kloss	Sara and Eric Talbot	Kari Kloss
Liturgist	Shirley Longbothum	Barb Fairbanks	Eric Talbot	Stephanie Hill	Faith on the Fifth
Acolyte	Communion Sunday		Hannah Kloss		
Nursery	Hannah & Kari Kloss	Sharon McLarney Christine Pagett	Christine Long Sophia Hendrix	Nicole Coletti Kristin Woodhead	Cindy Keeley Clara Hendrix
Prayer	Stephanie & Joe Hill	Lerin Hill	Wilda Hill	The Jones Family	The Keeley Family

Elder for the month: Stephanie Hill

*Happy
Father's
Day!***Volunteers for the month of June 2010***Happy
Father's
Day!*

Date	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Greeters and Ushers		Coni Coletti	Joan Vaine / Cso Woodworth	
Liturgist	Jesse Wyant	Shirley Longbothum	Dave Dunbar	Cso Woodworth
Acolyte	Communion Sunday		Hannah Kloss	
Nursery	Julie Jones Hannah Kloss	Cindy Keeley Kristin Woodhead	Christine Long Emily Long	Emily Woodhead Sophia Hendrix
Prayer Family	Cyndy Kennedy	Norm & Connie King	Barb Klingbeil	The Kloss Family
Elder for the month: Judy McClain				

**Worship will be at 9:30 a.m.****June 27 – September 5**

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