

The Hand of God at work in the Community



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Lectionary for November and December 2010

Nov. 7 - 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Haggai 1:15b - 2:9
Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Dec. 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7; 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Nov. 14 - 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Dec. 5 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11: 1-10
Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19
Romans 15: 4 -13
Matthew 3:1-12

Dec. 26 - 1st Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

Nov. 21 - Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Dec. 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146: 5-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11



Mission Committee News

Cso Woodworth, Barb Fairbanks, Stephanie Hill

The months of September and October were busy ones in the Mission life of our church.

We had 7 members of our congregation assist in the repainting of the Tonawanda Indian Church in Bassom, NY. On September 11 two carloads set off early in

the morning to reach our destination by 9:00 am. (Of course, there was the obligatory stop at Tim Horton's for our traditional "Mission Trip cup of brew". Many thanks to Shirley Scott, Jess Wyant, Barb Fairbanks, Judy McClain, Joe and Stephanie Hill, and Cso Woodworth for giving of

their time to this hands-on mission project. September 11th was a good day to give back and thank God for all the blessings in our lives.

September also saw the kickoff of the Peacemaking Offering Campaign for our congregation. The goal for the campaign was set at

\$600. Southern Tier Legal Services was again selected to receive our portion of the Peacemaking Offering. You gave generously to this offering. The total of your gifts was \$824, exceeding our goal by \$224. Using \$94 from Hunger Funds, our congregation donated \$300 to Southern Tier Legal Services. The Mission Committee thanks God for your generous and giving hearts in helping to make this

year's Peacemaking Offering another successful one.

The committee has been busy planning our next hand-on Mission project, our traditional Harvest Basket collection. Carly Woodhead has graciously agreed to chair this project. The Mission Committee has already lined up two families to receive the Thanksgiving dinner baskets that will be put together from the food

items that are brought in by Harvest Sunday (November 21).

Harvest Sunday will roll right into the start of yet another well-loved, hands-on Mission Project; our annual Gift Tree. Shelley Pollock and Barb Fairbanks have agreed to co-chair this event for our church. They will be providing us more information on November 21.

POCKET PRAYER CLOTHS

Can you knit or crochet? The mission committee is offering you an opportunity to participate in another "hands-on mission" project

by using up some of your scrap yarn to make POCKET PRAYER CLOTHS for the men and women in our armed forces and for the veterans at the VA hospital.

Several patterns are available in the quilt room at church or by calling or emailing Barb Fairbanks. (716-933-7540 / bmfairbanks@roadrunner.com)

Out of Chaos . . . Hope

Presbytery of Western New York is planning a return Mission trip to the New Orleans area to provide assistance with the continued rebuilding efforts five years after Hurricane Katrina. The dates of the mission trip is January 16 -22. Volunteers will be flying into New Or-

leans and staying at Olive Tree, a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance village that opened in October, 2007. Olive Tree is housed in the former Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East New Orleans. Work that volunteers might be doing range from sheet rock (hanging and "mudding" as we say in the north), framing , in-

stalling windows, doors and /or cabinets, laying flooring (stone or wood), installing cabinets or painting.

Registration deadline is November 12. The cost of the trip is \$575 per person and includes airfare, ground transportation, housing and most of the meals during

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the 7 day trip. A \$100 deposit is needed when you register. Volunteers will be working within 20 miles of the Olive Tree Village loca-

tion.

If you are interested in going on this Mission trip, please see Cso Woodworth

or Stephanie Hill for more information. There are mission funds available to help defray a portion of the expenses of the trip.

THE FOOD PANTRY . . . *from your grocery cart to our shelves!*

*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*

we share and our response of "thanks" giving. Your commitment to bringing a food item to church each week is part of that "harvest" and I am thankful for all you are doing to share the abundance to help meet the need in our community.

food items we will be collecting in November and December:

<u>The week of:</u>	<u>we will be collecting:</u>
11/07	canned pumpkin
11/14	stuffing mix
11/21	cranberry sauce
11/28	canned yams
12/05	cake mix
12/12	egg noodles
12/19	spaghetti
12/26	spaghetti sauce

At this time of year, I am reminded of the abundance

This following is the list of

Your support really **does** make a difference!

Christian Education News

Connie King

Don't miss out! Have you followed your footprints to your Sunday School class? It leads you to "Live B.I.G.-- Hear, See, and Live Your Belief in God." BIG means Believe In God. On the wall downstairs near the classroom, posters were drawn by the students on different things they like to do.

The teachers, Julie P. and Kari K., are excited about

this year's new curriculum. The lessons, videos, songs, music, and crafts are very interesting and fun for all. They are now learning about how God calls us to do His work and that even the children are called. Take a moment before or after church to check out the kid's posters, banners, art work, etc., on the wall downstairs. Also, thank you to Barb F. for the

informative bulletin boards in the downstairs hallways.

A 42-inch flat screen TV was donated by a member of our congregation, and Barb F. donated a DVD player for Sunday School use. Thank you for your generosity. They are getting used every Sunday for the class.

The season of Advent will

soon be upon us. All are invited to an Advent "Peace" Program Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, and Dec. 19. Mark your calendars! These four Sundays of Advent will run from 10 - 10:50 a.m. in our church dining room. This is intergenerational, and all are welcome to attend (young to young at heart). There will be breakfast, crafts, and thoughts

for Advent. So plan on attending and bring your family for food, fellowship, and fun. Listen for more information. This will be in place of our regular Sunday School classes on those four Sundays. Thank you to the Christian Ed. Committee and Rev. Hale for the planning. See you in the dining room!

Our new Sunday School format will incorporate the Christmas story during Children's Time in the weeks before Christmas. There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, DEC. 26.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, blessed Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year 2011!

Worship Committee News

Diana Dunbar

The worship committee has decided to focus on the building blocks of worship. Each month members of the committee will share information about the different parts of worship, how our service is structured around these, and what our role is as participants is.

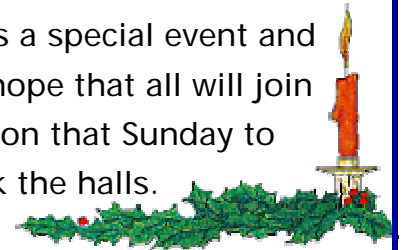
Cyndy Kennedy will be



scheduling special music for worship. If you or someone you know would like to do special music during worship, contact Cyndy at 585-968-1234.

Advent is fast approaching. We will enjoy the "Hanging of the Greens" Service on the first Sunday in Advent, November 28th. This is al-

ways a special event and we hope that all will join us on that Sunday to deck the halls.



Our Christmas Eve service will be Friday, December 24th at 11:00 p.m. Beautiful music, traditional scripture, family, friends, and the celebration of Christ's birth. This is always a great way to greet Christmas day.

Nursery Schedule

November		7st	Cindy Keeley	Clara Hendrix
		14th	Kari Kloss	Hannah Kloss
		21st	Sharon Hill-McLarney	Sophia Hendrix
		28th	Julie Pagett	Christine Pagett
December		5th	Julie Jones	Clara Hendrix
		12th	Cindy Keeley	Kristen Woodhead
		19th	Vickie Shields	Hannah Kloss
		26th	Emily Woodhead	Sophia Hendrix



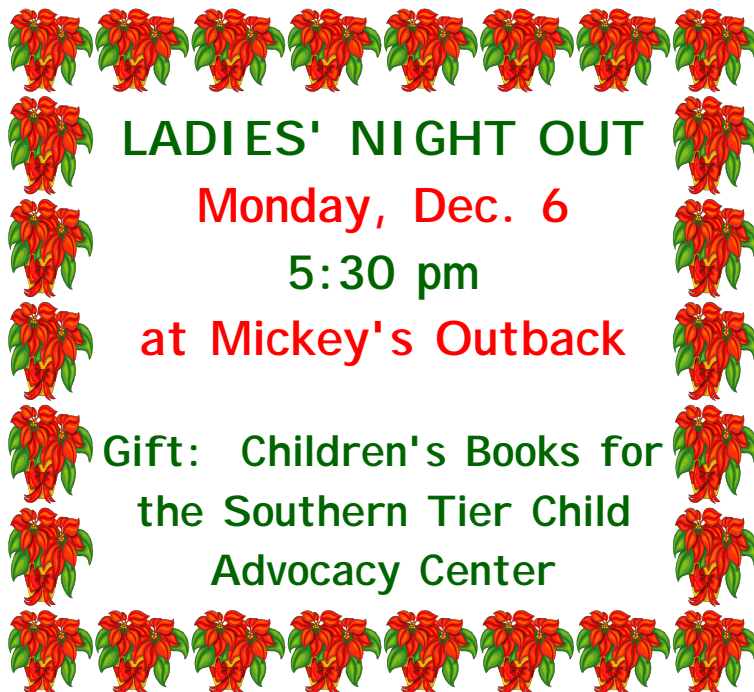
Our heartfelt sympathies to the families of
Tom and Mary Ann Clark on the death of
Tom's mother, Verna Louise Clark,
who died September 17, 2010.



Our heartfelt sympathies to the families of
Joyce and Ray Roulo and Marie Hildebrand
on the death of Joyce's and Marie's sister,
Frances J. "Frannie" Champlin,
who died September 18, 2010.



Our heartfelt sympathies to the family of
Russ Burton on the death of his wife,
Rosalie A. Burton,
who died October 7, 2010.



LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Monday, Dec. 6

5:30 pm

at Mickey's Outback

Gift: Children's Books for
the Southern Tier Child
Advocacy Center

A note of thanks. . .

Dear Church Family

Thank you for awarding me the
Louella Marsh Scholarship.

The scholarship money will truly help
to finance my college education.

Sincerely,

Erica Schmidt
SUNY Geneseo

Nov. 7 Daylight Saving Time ends.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

**ADVENT:
A Journey of Peace**

**November 28
December 5, 12, and 19**

**10 – 10:50 a.m.
Church Dining Room**

Don't miss the fun, food and Fellowship as we celebrate this special season of Advent.

Activities will include crafts, breakfast and "thoughts" to guide you along the journey.



**Oh Come
All Ye Faithful . . .**



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Services**

11:00 p. m.




**Come . . .
Celebrate . . .
the birth of Christ**



November 2010 Dates to Remember

11/01	Bible Study canceled. Rev. Hale on vacation through 11/03	5-6:30 p.m.	
11/07	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service and Communion, 11 a.m. Daylight Saving Time ends	11/18	Mission Committee, 6 p.m. Rev. Hale on study leave through 11/24
11/08	Bible Study canceled Advent Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m.	11/20	Presbytery, Niagara Falls PC, 10 a.m.
11/09	Session, 7 p.m.	11/21	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, Harvest Sunday, 11 a.m.
11/14	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, Dedication Sunday, 11 a.m.	1/22	Bible Study canceled
11/15	Bible Study, 10 a.m.	11/25	Happy Thanksgiving! 
11/16	PWNY Personnel Committee, 12:30 p.m.	11/27	Worship Committee, 9 a.m.
11/17	USDA foods delivered Food Pantry open 10-12 and	11/28	ADVENT: A Journey of Peace, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. 1 st Sunday of Advent, Hanging of the Greens
		11/29	Bible Study, 10 a.m.

December 2010 Dates to Remember

12/05	Advent: A Journey of Peace, 10 a.m. Worship Service and Communion, 11 a.m. 2 nd Sunday of Advent	p.m.	
12/06	Bible Study, 10 a.m. Annual Christmas Ladies' Night Out, Mickey's Restaurant, Olean, 5:30 p.m.	12/16	Mission Committee, 6 p.m.
12/12	Advent :A Journey of Peace, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. 3 rd Sunday of Advent	12/19	Advent: A Journey of Peace, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.
12/13	Bible Study, 10 a.m.	12/20	Bible Study, 10 a.m.
12/14	Session, 7 p.m.	12/22	Food Pantry open 10-12 and 5-6:30 p.m.
12/15	USDA foods delivered PWNY Personnel Committee, 12	12/24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 11 p.m. 
		12/25	Merry Christmas!
		12/26	Sunday School classes canceled Worship Service, 11 a.m. Deadline for Jan/Feb newsletter info

Birthdates to Remember

November Birthdays

11/3 Megan Pagett
 11/10 Tim Kloss
 11/10 Anna Keeley
 11/10 Emma Keeley
 11/14 Mary Ann Clark
 11/17 Connie King
 11/18 Mark Hendrix
 11/21 Joyce Roulo
 11/24 Tom Clark
 11/24 Randy Sprague
 11/25 Jess Wyant



December Birthdays

12/5 Peg Dunbar
 12/6 Rachel Boyer
 12/6 Clara Hendrix
 12/7 Diana Dunbar
 12/7 Ron Longbothum
 12/10 McKenzie Gardner
 12/10 Cso Woodworth
 12/13 Norm King
 12/14 Duncan Wormer
 12/16 Sophia Hendrix
 12/18 Emily Long
 12/21 Kari Kloss
 12/21 Arlo Wurster
 12/25 Margaret First
 12/26 Lois Atkinson
 12/27 Anna Burdick



Volunteers for the month of: November 2010



Date	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Nov. 21	Nov. 28
Greeters and Ushers	Connie & Norm King	Duncan Wormer	Kari & Hannah Kloss	Dean & Eva Travis
Liturgist	Bob Fairbanks	Ray Carlson	Jess Wyant	Sharon McLarney
Acolyte	Communion Sunday	Christine Pagett	Christine Pagett	Christine Pagett
Children's Time	Rachel Boyer	Shirley Longbothum	Barb Fairbanks	Hanging of the Greens
Prayer Family	Anita & Karl Shuey	Sara & Eric Talbot	Ali Tigh	Hannah Tigh

Elder for the month: Norm King

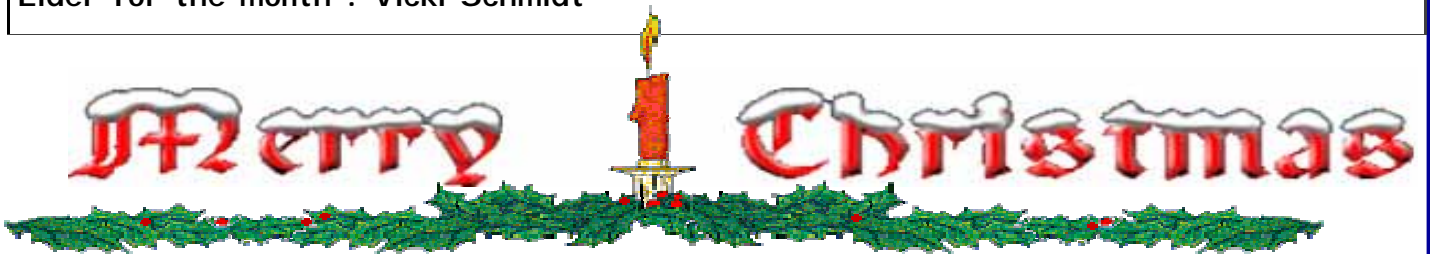


Volunteers for the month of December 2010



Date	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 19	Dec. 26
Greeters and Ushers	Jess Wyant	Coni Coletti	Sharon McLarney	Jess Wyant
Liturgist	Norn King	Stephanie Hill	Lila Pollock	Barb fairbanks
Acolyte	Advent Wreath Lighting	Advent Wreath Lighting	Advent Wreath Lighting	
Prayer Family	Val Tigh	Eva & Dean Travis	Joan Vaine	Betty Weed

Elder for the month : Vicki Schmidt



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