



Message from Rev. Hale

It's been a long and beautiful summer; a busy summer, it seems. The church has been painted, complete with all the worn shingles replaced. Grass has demanded a mowing every week. The gardens tended; watering attended and lately the inside of the building full of the activity of so many who signed on to clean a specific room or area to ready things for the Fall. So much of our life here comes together in the work we share—the physical work it takes to keep this “roof” over our heads. And then there's more; more work that we share.

The summer has been filled with work of another kind that we share as well; the work and labor of our hearts. For those who are ill; those who have been injured; for those who have lost loved ones; those who are recovering; those who are frail; we continue to come together and share each other's burdens. Somehow it lightens the load, even though the weight stays the same.

Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

So much of our life here comes together in the work we share—the physical work and the “work” we labor over in our hearts. May we ever find our strength and hope in all we're called to do in Christ—yoked in faith with him. And may we offer ourselves—all that we “do”—ever to the glory of God; fully, our joy in our life together.

*Gratefully yours,
Marilyn*

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Lectionary for September / October 2010

<p>September 5 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33</p>	<p>September 12 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10</p>	<p>September 19 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13</p>
<p>September 26 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31</p>	<p>October 3 World Communion Sunday Peacemaking Offering Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10</p>	<p>October 10 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19</p>
<p>October 17 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-18</p>	<p>October 24 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14</p>	<p>October 31 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10</p>

Mission Committee News

Cso Woodworth / Stephanie Hill

Official Kick off of Peacemaking Campaign

Our congregation will be participating in the Peacemaking Offering with a kickoff campaign on Sunday, September 12 during worship. The Mission Com-

mittee has set the goal for the Peacemaking Offering at \$600. The Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 3. your gifts to the Peacemaking Offering can be donated anytime prior to

World Communion Sunday. Here is a little snippet from the PCUSA website about the history of the Peacemaking Offering:

“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."

In 2009 Presbyterians donated more than \$2 million to the Peacemaking Offering.

Our congregation keeps 25 percent of the



Offering to use for local ministries. The remaining 75 percent of your gifts is divided between our pres-

bytery and synod (together they receive 25percent) and the General Assembly ministries (50 percent goes here) to be used for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

Our portion of your Peacemaking gifts will be donated to Southern Tier Legal Services.

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

As we begin a "new season," we are going to continue our "old way" of bringing a specific food item to church each week. Thank you to everyone who was able to bring food items during the summer months. We serve 40+

families with food needs each month and the items you bring in help to keep our pantry shelves stocked. Below is the list of food items we will be collecting in September and October:

The week of: we will be collecting:

- 09/05 spaghetti
- 09/12 macaroni

- and cheese
- 09/19 spaghetti sauce
- 09/26 egg noodles
- 10/03 tuna
- 10/10 cream soup
- 10/17 spaghetti
- 10/24 jello
- 10/31 cake mix

Your support really *does* make a difference!

On July 19th the Tonawanda Indian Presbyterian Church, located in Basom, NY suffered fire damage to the interior of the church and to some windows and doors. Among the items lost to the fire were: carpeting, some pews, their piano, liturgical cloths, and their cross.

The doors and windows are

being replaced soon and the interior of the church has been cleaned from the smoke and is ready for painting crews.

The Mission Committee is looking for volunteers that can assist with the repainting of this church. To reduce duplication of efforts our church is coordinating

with the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church. A date for painting the inside of the church has not been set yet but it is expected to be within the first 2 weeks of September. Orchard Park Presbyterian Church will notify us when a confirmed date is set with the Tonawanda Indian Church.

Mission Committee News

Stephanie Hill / Cso Woodworth

If you have a flexible schedule and / or can commit to this hands-on mission project with a day or

two notice then this is the project for you. Please add your name and phone number to the list found in the Narthex. Once a defi-

nite date is known a call will be made to the volunteers providing you with the details.

Our church recently learned of an opportunity to provide financial assistance to the residents of the Silver Creek and Gowanda areas that are still trying to rebuild after the flooding that occurred there in August of 2009.

Gowanda Love Inc. has started the 3000 Club.

They are asking for 3000 donations of \$50 each to help the tri-county area that was affected by the flooding.



Funds received will be used to help home owners purchase materials to repair their homes. If you would like to become a member

of this Club please contact the church office for more information on where your check can be sent.

It takes years to rebuild after a devastating flood. There are families in the tri-county area that are still struggling to put their lives back together.

Christian Education Committee News

Connie King

Welcome back from a very warm and restful summer. It is a season of changes that we bring into the fall. Our Sunday School is anticipating change, also. There is excitement in the air as we begin classes on Sunday, September 19, at 10 a.m.

The Christian Education Committee met several times in August to plan for the beginning of this year at church. Discussed were many challenges and how

we can achieve them successfully for our students. Our C. E. Committee this year is Stephanie Hill (CoChair), Rachel Boyer (CoChair), Marilyn Hale, Connie King, Kari Kloss, Julie Pagett, Diana Dunbar, and Eric Talbot.

A nine week session will run from September 19 to November 21 with no class on October 10. Julie Pagett and Kari Kloss have agreed to be teachers. Volunteers from the congregation will

be asked to assist them. After the nine week session a four week intergenerational session will run from November 28 to December 19 with emphasis on Advent (breakfast/lesson/craft).

A special curriculum to incorporate all of our ages is being pursued with certain Sundays of cooking in the kitchen using "Delicious Bible Stories" or "Milk and Honey Cooking School". In addition, there will be

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Christian music with a "boogie" beat that the kids will enjoy integrated with the lessons.

The adult class taught by

Sharon Hill-McLarney and Norm King will continue the study of The Book of Matthew. This class will meet and honor the same Sunday schedule as the students.

See you at Sunday School on September 19, and welcome to a new year of learning, fun, and fellowship. HAPPY FALL!!

Worship Committee News Shirley Longbothum

In the Book of Order we read that Christian worship joyfully gives all praise, honor and glory and power to the triune God. In Christian worship we acknowledge that God is present in our lives. As believers respond to the promise of eternal life through Jesus' sacrificial love, they are transformed and renewed. Through worship the faithful offer themselves to God to be used in God's service and through worship we are equipped to serve.

For Presbyterians in the reformed tradition, worship involves several elements. They are: the *Word, Praise, Confession, Assurance, Illumination* and *Prayer*. We began our summer focusing on the *Word* by offering devotional booklets for

your own individual devotions. If you would like one of these booklets, please call the church office.

As believers we are taught through Scripture in Deuteronomy 5:5: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength."* Verses 6-9 in the Living Bible tell us: *"you must think constantly about these commandments I am giving you today. You must teach them to your children and talk about them when you are at home or out for a walk; at bedtime and the first thing in the morning. Tie them on your finger, wear them on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house."*

One of the ways to keep God's word in our hearts, in our minds, and on our lips is through reading and studying the Bible. As summer began, we invited everyone to pick up the devotionals provided and encouraged us all to use them faithfully; to share with others what we've learned and possibly even concentrate on the content of some new verses. As September begins let us continue on with the daily devotional study and look for ways to share our faith with family, co-workers, classmates and business associates. May each of us pray for God to open opportunities for us to share his word, and to make notations of ideas we hope to carry out in living God's

Worship Committee News

Shirley Longbothum

word. Doing these things will help keep the commands God has for us in Deut. 6:5–9.

In our daily lives, God’s word can come to us in our devotions. In our worship services, the word of God can be known through the liturgy—the “form” our worship takes. When we slip into our pew, the meditative reading listed in

the bulletin is the first of the four lectionary readings for Sunday worship. The lectionary contains a reading from the Old Testament, from the Gospels, from the rest of the New Testament and a Psalm. Throughout the months of September and October, may we all concentrate on how God is speaking to us through these readings. You will find the list of lec-

tionary readings for these months in the newsletter. Reading them before Sunday worship and again after the service can be an enriching engagement of God’s word with your life.

May God bless us as we seek to know, love and serve him better through meaningful and prayerful worship. To God be the Glory!

Property Committee News

Judy McClain

“Thank you!” MJ Painting

MJ Painting of Olean NY completely painted the exterior of the church for approximately eight weeks during May and June. Mike John, Sr. (owner) oversaw the project. He would report each week as to progress of the project, any problems encountered and recommend solutions. Mike made several suggestions as to extra things that could be done (all without additional charge.)

Rick and Jay were our professional painters on the project. They did a fantastic job. Many of the old deteriorated shingles were replaced. There was a lot of attention paid to details. They cleaned the storm windows before reinstalling them on the stained glass windows. What a huge improvement.

A couple of the additional touches were that the inside of the bell tower (by the bell) and the ornamental caps on the bell tower turrets and cross and fleur-

de-lis on the roof peaks were also painted. The caps were painted in a metallic copper finish and add just the right accent to the building. All of this was accomplished with a professional and personable attitude and a minimum of disruption to the activities of the church.

The new look is beautiful and will help preserve our building for generations to come.

This painting project was funded by the Laura Jopling

bequest and the Building Improvement and Preservation Fund.

SUMMER 2010 “CLEAN TEAM”

A big “Thank you!” to all of the people who volunteered to do a thorough “Spring cleaning” of all the rooms and areas of the church this summer. Every summer this is done to scrub, dust and polish the building. This includes washing walls and windows, removing scuff marks, sweep, mop and wax floors, shampoo carpets, clean light fixtures, remove cobwebs, and dust furniture and fixtures. No nook or cranny is safe from this clean team. Marilyn said “It’s interesting to come into the church and smell the different scents

of cleaners, polishes, etc and see who is doing what.” All your time and effort is very much appreciated to maintain our church for worship and fellowship. Please make an opportunity to compliment these volunteers on a job well done.

The regular weekly cleaning schedule for September through June for the sanctuary is being created and will be posted in the Quilt room. Additionally, volunteers will be assigned to clean specific areas (bathrooms, dining room, kitchen, Sunday school rooms and hallways/ entrance areas of the church) weekly September through June.

Several years ago it was decided that to save on the operating expenses of the church the congregation

would clean the church rather than hire a sexton or cleaning service. This has also given the congregation a greater a sense of ownership and involvement to serving their church. Thank you to all for your commitment to (y)our church.

If you would like to help out with the cleaning/ maintenance in another way, the church would welcome the purchase paper towels, toilet paper or cleaning supplies (window cleaner, all-purpose cleaner/disinfectant, furniture polish, bathroom/ kitchen cleaners, etc.) to donate to the church or you can contribute financially to purchase these items. Please write a check to the church and put cleaning supplies/paper products on the memo line.



Our heart felt condolences to the family of
Ronald Sprague who died on August 16, 2010.



Our heart felt condolences to the family of
Virginia “Ginny” Dorman who died on August 19, 2010.



September 2010 Dates to Remember

09/02	PWNY Personnel Committee, 12:30 p.m.	09/19	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.
09/05	Worship Service and Communion, 9:30 a.m. Memorial Service, Virginia Dorman, 2 p.m.	09/20	Bible Study, 10 a.m.
09/12	Welcome Back!" Coffee Hour, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.	09/21	PWNY Personnel Committee, 12:30 p.m.
09/14	Session, 7 p.m.	09/22	Food Pantry open 10-12 and 5- 6:30 p.m.
09/15	USDA food pick-up at Olean Food Pantry	09/26	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.
09/16	Mission Committee, 7 p.m.	09/27	Bible Study, 10 a.m.
		09/28	Presbytery Meeting, Clarence FPC, 4 p.m.

October 2010 Dates to Remember

10/03	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service and Communion, 11 a.m. World Communion Sunday Peacemaking Offering		Worship Service, 11 a.m.
10/04	Bible Study, 10 a.m.	10/18	Bible Study, 10 a.m.
10/06	Portville Community Food Pantry Committee, 6 p.m.	10/19	PWNY Personnel Committee, 12:30 p.m.
10/10	No Sunday School Worship Service, 11 a.m.	10/20	USDA food pick-up at Olean Food Pantry
10/11	Columbus Day observed Bible Study canceled	10/21	Mission Committee, 7 p.m.
10/12	Session, 7 p.m.	10/24	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.
10/17	Sunday School, 10 a.m.	10/25	Bible Study, 10 a.m.
		10/27	Food Pantry open 10-12 and 5- 6:30 p.m.
		10/31	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.

REMEMBER: September 19, 2010

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



September / October Birthdates to Remember

9/2 Barb Klingbeil
 9/6 Betty Cornelius
 9/7 Stephanie Morris
 9/7 Sara Talbot
 9/11 Bob Fairbanks
 9/11 Chris Hellwig
 9/13 Russ Downey
 9/23 Duncan Deschler
 9/23 Sean Gardner
 9/24 Lindsay Gardner
 9/26 Randy McClain
 9/27 Eric Talbot
 9/27 Caroline Woodhead
 9/28 Jacquie Hellwig



10/2 Carey Shields
 10/2 Kristin Woodhead
 10/6 Cindy Keeley
 10/7 Kelsea Gardner
 10/9 David Dunbar, Jr.
 10/10 Ron Pollock
 10/11 Betty Weed
 10/22 Val Tigh
 10/24 David Dunbar
 10/25 Barb Bliven
 10/30 Shirley Longbothum




 Please plan on coming early on September 19
 to a "Welcome Back" coffee hour.
 Coffee hour will begin at 10 am.




Volunteers for the month of: September 2010



Date	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26
Greeters and Ushers	Anita & Karl Shuey	Sara & Eric Talbot	Coni Coletti Jess Wyant	Barb & Bob Fairbanks
Liturgist	Barb Fairbanks	Stephanie Hill	Eric Talbot	Ray Carlson
Acolyte	Communion Sunday		Coni Coletti	
Nursery	Last Sunday of summer hours	Kari and Hannah Kloss	Sharon McLarney Christine Pagett	Nicole Coletti Sophia Hendrix
Prayer	The Pagett Family	Lila Pollock	Ronda / Tom Pollock	Shelley / Ron Pollock

Elder for the month: Barb Fairbanks



Volunteers for the month of October 2010



Date	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 31
Greeters and Ushers	Joan Vaine Cso Woodworth	Stephanie & Joe Hill	Barb 7 Bob Fairbanks	Jess Wyany S. Longbothum	Ronda & R.J. Pollock
Liturgist	Kathy Hendrix	Ronda Pollock	Ray Carlson	Ray Roulo	Jess Wyant
Acolyte	Communion Sunday				
Nursery	Vickie Shields Clara Hendrix	E. Woodhead Hannah Kloss	Julie/Christine Pagett	Julie Jones K. Woodhead	Nicole Coletti Hannah Kloss
Prayer Family	Ray / Joyce Roulo	Courtney Schmidt	Erica Schmidt	Vicki / Dan Schmidt	Carey / Vickie Shields

Elder for the month: Shirley Longbothum

Sunday Worship time will return to
11:00 am starting September 12.

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