



Message from Rev. Hale

Last Sunday was a remarkable day in the life of this congregation. It began with a mini drama both written and enacted by our children, summing up their Sunday School year. The children then served us breakfast, before we gathered upstairs for worship. Our spirits were *full*, before worship even began!

Within worship, we thanked our Sunday School teachers for their dedication to this year's program. Hannah and Zack and Jess were recognized for their enthusiastic attendance this year; not missing a single scheduled Sunday School class! We ordained an elder, Coni Coletti, and installed Coni and Ray Carlson and Judy McClain to their call to serve on Session for the next three years. And Dave Dunbar brought all those *building blocks* the Worship Committee has presented one-by-one since October to a meaningful conclusion.

It was a *remarkable* day for worship, and the best was yet to come! It happened as we sang the last hymn. The words and music of "*Here I Am, Lord,*" always capture this congregation's enthusiastic voice! As we sang our hearts out, Hannah was dancing with hers. Waiting in the narthex to come tend to the candles, she danced with the candle lighter through every verse and chorus with pure delight—a manifestation of God's grace and joy to see!

Oh, that we all would dance! May the joy and love of God continue to *move* through your being!

Looking forward to more worship and more life together, now in the ease and beauty of our earlier summer hour,

Marilyn

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Lectionary for July and August 2011

July 3

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 24:34–38,42–
49,58–67

Psalms 45:10–17

Romans 7:15–25a

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

July 10

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 25:19–34

Psalms 119:105–112

Romans 8:1–11

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

July 17

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 28:10–19a

Psalms 139:1–12, 23–24

Romans 8:12–25

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

July 24

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 29:15–28

Psalms 105:1–11, 45b or

Psalms 128:1–6

Romans 8:26–39

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

July 31

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 32:22–31

Psalms 17:1–7, 15

Romans 9:1–5

Matthew 14:13–21

August 7

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

Psalms 105:1–6, 16–22,
45b

Romans 10:5–15

Matthew 14:22–33

August 14

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 45:1–15

Psalms 133:1–3

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

Matthew 15:(10–20) 21–28

August 21

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 1:8–2:10

Psalms 124:1–8

Romans 12:1–8

Matthew 16:13–20

August 28

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 3:1–15

Psalms 105:1–6, 23–26,
45c

Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 16:21–28

Mission Committee News

Cso Woodworth / Barb Fairbanks

Mission Committee Updates

As Co-Chair of the Mission Committee, I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Mission committee for their commitment to this committee. They are a tremendous group of people who con-

tribute greatly to the success of each mission opportunity provided for congregational participation.

A heart felt thank you to: Cyndy Kennedy, Karl Shuey, Shelly Pollock, Judy McClain, Stephanie Hill, Barb Fairbanks, Vicki Schmidt (the other co-chair), and Shirley

Longbothum. What a remarkable group to have as a team.

As a side note: Anyone is welcome to serve on the Mission Committee. Please contact Cso or Vicki about meeting days and times. If you can not serve on the committee but would like to

assist with any of the mission opportunities, that too would be welcomed.



Pentecost Offer-

ing:The final figures for the Pentecost Offering are in. Your gifts to the offering totaled \$849. As you may recall from the Minutes for Mission presented in worship during the Pentecost Campaign, the Mission Committee had recommend that our portion (40%) of the offering be sent to the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center. This means (if I did my math correctly and rounded up) the \$340 will go to the Advocacy Center. Thank you, Shirley, for coordinating this campaign for the Mission Committee. Your interpretation of the theme "So I send you" clearly helped in achieving and exceeding the offering goal of \$800 set by the Mission Committee.

Mission Trip 2012: – There is still plenty of time for anyone interested in going on the return trip to the Gulf Coast to contact

Stephanie and Joe Hill about getting more information. The dates for the mission trip is the week of February 5-11, 2012. The returning group will continue with the rebuilding efforts of the Lower Ninth Ward. Joe and Stephanie have rekindled the fire in many heart to continue with this mission opportunity.

Special Olympics Scarves

Project: – by Barb Fairbanks



The Mission Committee is offering to all of you in the congregation who knit and/or crochet an opportunity to reach out to our Special Olympians in NYS. The scarves we make will be distributed to the 2012 Special Olympic New York State Winter Games. The goal for NYS is 525 scarves (75 scarves for the western region) to provide our athletes, coaches, volunteers and supporters a symbol of handmade unity.

Please follow these guidelines to help maintain consistency and uniformity.

Yarn:

Red Heart Super Saver

Cherry Red 0319

Red Heart Super Saver Soft Navy 0387

Red Heart Soft Navy 4604

Red Heart Soft Really Red 9925

Each scarf must contain BOTH colors (red AND blue).

Yarn is available at church in the quilt room.

Pattern: Your choice!

Free patterns can be found at the following website:

www.scarvesforspecialolympics.org.

Size:

Your scarf should be between 54" and 60" long and approximately 6" wide. Please include fringe or other adornments within these measurements.

All finished scarves need to be turned in to the church by January 15, 2012.

A special thank you to Peg for making us aware of this project; if you have any questions, contact Peg or Barb Fairbanks or Vicki Schmidt.

THE FOOD PANTRY . . .*from your grocery cart to our shelves!**by Stephanie Hill**Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."*

Clip this chart and post it on your fridge or put it in your wallet as a handy reference. Watch the weekly grocery ads so you can buy what we need when it is on sale!

Thank you to all who give so generously to help meet the food needs in our community!

FOR THE WEEK OF:	WE WILL BE COLLECTING:
07/03/11	PORK & BEANS
07/10/11	JELLO
07/17/11	CREAM SOUP
07/24/10	EGG NOODLES
07/31/11	CAKE MIX
08/07/10	PEAS
08/14/10	SPAGHETTI
08/21/10	SPAGHETTI SAUCE
08/28/10	GREEN BEANS

Christian Education News

Connie King

Summer is here at last! Everyone is trying to get projects completed and keeping busy. Sunday School has been busy, too. On June 19, Father's Day, special recognition was given to our graduates **Kristin Woodhead** and **Jess Wyant**. Congratulations and all our best wishes to these young ladies as they go to the next phase of their lives and attend college. You have been a joy to our church. Also, **Alex Woodhead**, **Adam Hellwig**, and **Hannah Tigh** graduated from college recently. Congratulations from your church family.

June 26 was the last day of Sunday School. This was celebrated with the entire class presenting an inspiring program at 10:15 a.m. in the dining room including a short skit. The theme was "God Chooses Us--We Choose God!" They had compiled a binder of everything they studied during this year. Refreshments of coffee cake, muffins, donuts, fruit salad, and juice were served to our church family by the class. Perfect attendance awards went to **Hannah Kloss (4th year)**, **Zach Kloss**, and **Jess Wyant**. Congratu-

lations to these young people in their efforts.

We have had a great year of fun, fellowship, and learning. Teacher recognition was June 26, also. Thank you to **Julie Pagett**, **Kari Kloss**, **Norm King**, **Sharon Hill-McLarney**, the **Christian Education committee**, **Rev. Hale** and to anyone who helped at Sunday School in any way this year. All the teachers' time and talents was certainly appreciated. See you at Sunday School in the fall for the youth class and the adult class. Watch the newsletter and church bulletins for a

beginning date. Have a relaxing and wonderful summer!

Just a reminder about our commitment to the

CFI fund. As of last Sunday there was a negative -\$13.50 balance. We are asking for your continued support over the summer months

We will need \$83.50 to meet our sponsorship pledge.



Our New Elders

Coni Coletti was ordained and installed as an elder on June 26. Judy McClain and Ray Carlson were installed as elders. Thank you all for agreeing to serve the congregation.



Welcoming

the Class

of 2014!

Worship Committee News

Imagine, if you will, a big banner hanging up here that reads: WARNING! GOD IS HERE! There are many that suggest such a banner should be displayed over the entrance to every place of Christian worship in the world. "Why?!", you may ask. Well, because our worship is not designed to be just about God, who is somewhere "out there," but perhaps even more importantly, to be a direct response to God, ever-present and at work in our lives – in the past, today, AND in the future. A very significant "line of communication", I would think, for all of us. For us, as Christians in the Presbyterian/ Reformed tradition, our worship is built upon these elements: Praise, Confession, Assurance, Illumination, The Word, Prayer, and Thanksgiving, leading ultimately to True Worship. What we have called our Building Blocks of Worship. As I describe each block, you can see where and how they are used in our weekly worship service, by looking in our Sunday Service Study Guide, where these various elements have been labeled.

Let's begin with:

PRAISE – As we gather

each week for worship, we are encouraged to focus our attention away from ourselves and toward God through Scripture and Music. This includes the music of the organ Preludes and the Meditative Reading at the beginning of our bulletin, as well as the various hymns, responses, and scripture readings throughout our service. By focusing on these things, we are reminded of God's faithfulness to us and therefore, we give ourselves to praising God.

The 2nd of the building blocks is **CONFESSION**. Like the prophet Isaiah, we cannot come into the presence of our God, without realizing our own sinfulness. When we humbly confess that sinfulness, we are doing so for ourselves and for the church as a whole.

The 3rd block is **ASSURANCE**, and as Scripture calls us to Confession, it also assures us of God's inestimable love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Each week we are assured of the Good News that "in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven."

The next building block is **ILLUMINATION**, given to us through the Holy Spirit and enabling our ears to hear and

our hearts to receive and know what God says to us through the **WORD** and its interpretation. The **WORD** is the Living Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and made known to us through many forms of communication, including speech (as in Marilyn's Sermons), or drama, music, dance, or even visual and graphic arts.

One of our most important responses to the Living Word is Spirit-inspired **PRAYER**, our most intimate "conversations with God." Whether unison prayers such as the "Lord's Prayer," or prayers from need, concern, joy, or Thanksgiving, we communicate our love for, and commitment to God through them.

THANKSGIVING is the 7th building block and is exemplified by our sharing Holy Communion with Christ and each other and by the offering of our lives and the fruits of our labors as gifts of Thanksgiving to God.

These 7 Building Blocks lead us each week to **TRUE WORSHIP**. All of the knowledge and understanding about our relationship with God that we gain from our weekly worship

teaches us that True Worship is intentionally living each day in prayer, mission, and service – at home – at work – in everything we do. It's the GPS that guides the "Walk of Faith" that we each live every day.

So . . .Praise, Confession, Assurance, Illumination, The Word, Prayer, Thanksgiving, equaling True Worship; quite a significant formula.

I introduced the Worship Committee's plan to show the significance of how our collective worship is organized back in October by asking everyone why they were here and then I read the lyrics to a song entitled "Love Grows Here." I

would like to finish our presentation with those same words. So, if you would please allow me, I'll recite them once again.

"Take a look around you;
tell me what you see.

People here to worship the Lord, just like you and me. Some have come with gladness, some have come with fear,

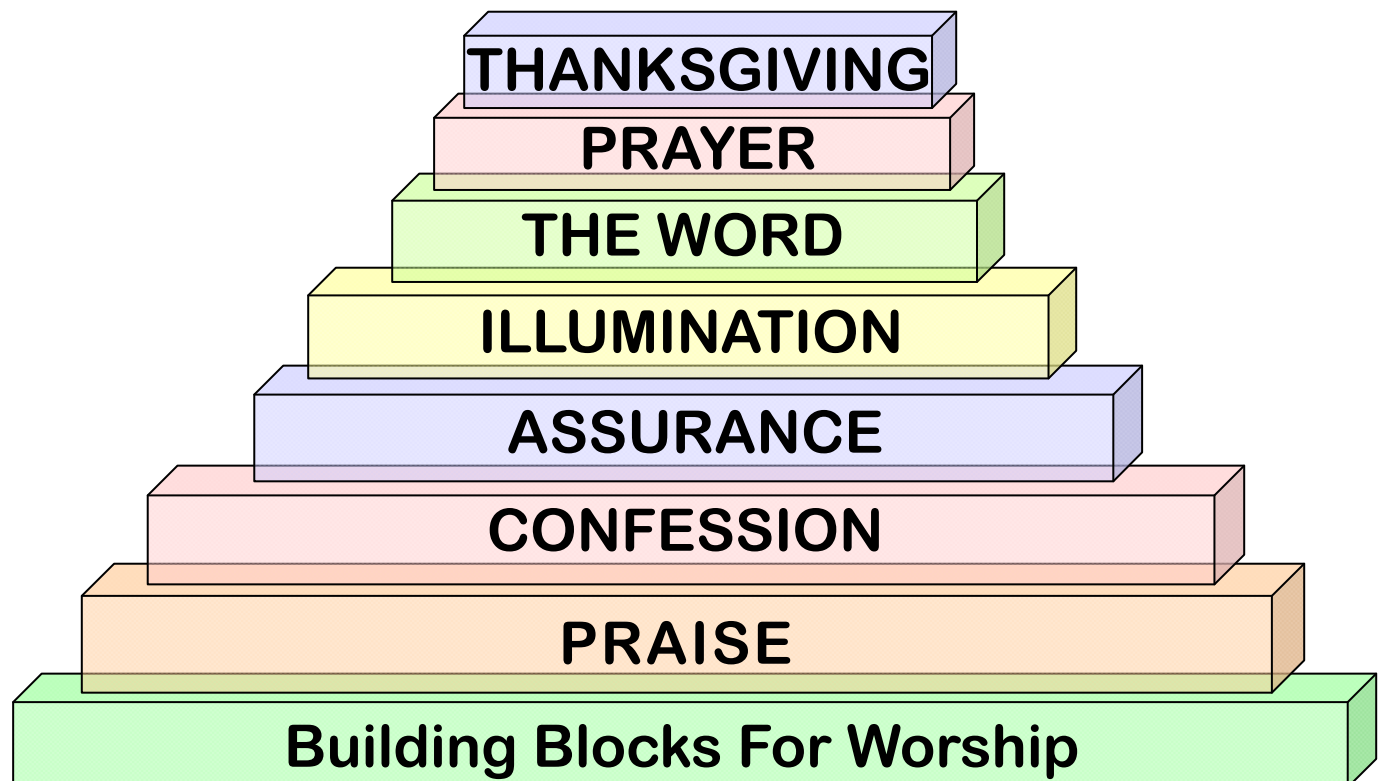
But all have come because they know that Love grows here.

Yes, love grows here; and all of us can share

The wonder and joy that it can bring.

For God is here, teaching us to care
And showing our hearts how to sing."

What you have seen and heard these past months about our building blocks and now, as you see how they've been organized in our weekly worship services, you get , I hope, a better understanding that GOD IS HERE and because of that "Love (does) Grow Here" and thanks be to God for it.



July / August Dates to Remember

July 2011

- 07/03 Worship Service and Communion, **9:30 a.m.**
- 07/09 Heritage Day, Portville Library, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 07/10 Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
- 07/12 Session, 7 p.m.
- 07/17 Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
- 07/19 PWNYPersonnel Committee, 12:30 p.m.
- 07/20 USDA foods delivered
- 07/22 American Red Cross blood drive, 1–6 p.m.
- 07/24 Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
- 07/27 Food Pantry open 10–12 and 5–6:30 p.m.
- 07/31 Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.

August 2011

- 08/04 Worship Committee, 6 p.m.
- 08/07 Worship Service and Communion, 9:30 a.m.
- 08/09 Session, 7 p.m.
- 08/14 Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
- 08/16 PWNYPersonnel Committee, 12:30 p.m.
- 08/17 USDA foods delivered
- 08/18 Mission Committee, 6 p.m.
- 08/21 Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
- 08/24 Food Pantry open 10–12 and 5–6:30 p.m.
- 08/28 Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
Info due for Sept/Oct newsletter

Thank You, Prayers, Celebrations



from Coni and Shane : "We would like to thank Barb and Marilyn for helping us get ready for the grand opening of our new studio. We would also like to thank the church for the lovely plant they gave us."

from Ken Foust: Carrie has done well with her follow-up testing and is spending the summer at camp. We are very appreciative of all the prayers for her. Please pray that there is no recurrence.

Please continue to keep Joe Matthews, Betty Cornelius, Wilda Hill, Jo Dunbar, Dick Wurster and Margaret First in your prayers.

from Connie and Norm King: Annette (King) and Jason Payne celebrated their 10-year anniversary with a trip June 20–26 to Yosemite National Park and a 12-hour hike to the top of Half Dome. To get ready for this, they have run in some races in and outside of Atlanta including the Peachtree Road Race. They live in Duluth, GA, with their children Lauren (2) and Andrew (1). Yosemite is one of Rev. Hale's favorite places. She married Annette and Jason on June 30, 2001, at First Presbyterian Church in Portville.

Birthdates to Remember

July

7/5 Julie Pagett
 7/5 Anita Shuey
 7/7 Ainslie Gardner
 7/7 Cyndy Kennedy
 7/11 Kathleen Hendrix
 7/14 Vicki Schmidt
 7/16 Eva Travis
 7/20 Michael Long
 7/23 Karl Shuey
 7/28 Ronda Pollock
 7/30 Sandy O'Brien



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

8/2 Sharon McLarney
 8/2 Julie Shields Jones
 8/4 West Long
 8/5 Abby Hendrix
 8/5 Hannah Kloss
 8/9 Dean Travis
 8/11 Dennis Dorman
 8/13 Hannah Tigh
 8/14 Garrett Shields
 8/24 Joe Hill

My Native Land Sunday, July 10 at 2pm

Cutco Theatre
 Jamestown Community College
 Olean, NY

Come celebrate Independence Day week with an inspiring program of American music. Mezzo-soprano and hometown girl, **dawn pierce** sings folk tunes, art

song, operatic arias, spirituals, jazz and musical theatre with Charis Dimaris at the piano.

Please see http://dawnpierce.com/my_native_land.php for full program details.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the JCC box Office @ 376.7514



Volunteers for the month of July 2011



Date	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Greeters and Ushers		Craig Roulo	Mary Ann Clark	Norm & Connie King	
Liturgist	Cso Woodworth	Jim Boyer	Stephanie Hill	Eric Talbot	Craig Roulo
Prayer Family	Marilyn Hale	The Harrison's	Adam Hellwig	Heidi Hellwig	Jacque & Ed Hellwig

Elder for the month: Barb Fairbanks



Volunteers for the month of August 2011



	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Greeters and Ushers	Coni Coletti		Jess Wyant	
Liturgist	Craig Roulo	Ray Carlson	Joe Hill	Jess Wyant
Nursery				
Prayer Family	Abby Hendrix	The Hendrix Family	Stephanie & Joe Hill	Lerin Hill
Elder for the month				

**LOOK
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**Worship will be at 9:30 a.m.
July 3 – September 4**

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Worship Service: 11:00 am

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