



## Message from Rev. Hale

For fourteen years now, we have celebrated one of the most intimate services we keep together every year but one, on top of Chestnut Hill. On that “one,” we still celebrated; just not on top of the hill! That year was an early Easter on the calendar. The cemetery gates were not opened for the season because of snow; and we parked outside the gates and gathered on the lower grounds—*on the snow covered lawn!*

It was beginning to sprinkle this year as we gathered on top; but suddenly the rain stopped. The sky in the east where those two hills dip together began turning an intense pink, and so we focused our attention there. For about 20 seconds, we saw it—the sun; a speck of gold and pink shining bright and clear, and then it was gone; pushed up behind the heavy cloud cover. But we saw that beautiful sunrise together. We listened to the many birds “talking,” together. We spoke the familiar words, one more year, *he is risen*; and *together*, the grace of God’s love and welcome embraced us all.

*“Without having seen him, Peter said, you love him;  
though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice  
with unutterable and exalted joy.” [1 Peter 1:8]*

And so the Easter celebration goes on in our hearts alive with Christ’s abiding presence; loving him; believing in him; finding our eternal peace in him; and *unutterable joy*, as together we follow him.

*A Blessed and Happy Easter, all year long,  
Marilyn*

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## Lectionary for May and June 2011

### May 1

2nd Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:1-14a; 22-23  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

### May 8

3rd Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:114a; 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4; 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

### May 15

4th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

### May 22

5th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5; 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

### May 29

6th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

### June 5

7th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68: 1-10; 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

### June 12

Day of Pentecost  
Act 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34  
1 Corinthians 12:3b- 13  
John 7:37-39

### June 19

Trinity Sunday  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

### June 26

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6: 12:23  
Matthew 10: 40-42

## Mission Committee News Cso Woodworth

### One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering

Thanks to your generous and giving hearts, the goal for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was surpassed again. The \$1000 goal was exceeded by \$155. Thank you for sharing your gifts with those who will benefit from the monies collected through the One Great Hour of Sharing cam-

paign. As you have heard, funds through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance ( one of the recipients of funds for OGHS) were sent to Japan to begin the work of providing for the people of that country.

### Geranium Sale

For the twelfth consecutive year, the fundraising committee of Genesis House is holding its annual geranium

sale. An order form is enclosed in the newsletter for your convenience or you can use one of the order forms found on the table in the Quilt Room. Please note that Barb Fairbanks needs your **order forms AND money by May 8th.** Checks should be made out to GENESIS HOUSE. Flowers will be **delivered to the church on May 19th.**

## CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Mission Committee is happy to announce that, once again, camp scholarships to Christian Summer Camps will be offered through the Jack Shepard Memorial Mission Fund.

If you are interested in attending a Christian summer camp please take advantage of this opportunity. Brochures are in the Quilt Room are for Duffield Camp and Retreat Center (just one of the Christian camps that the camperships can be applied to). The applications for camping scholarships are available on the table in the Quilt Room as well. Application deadline is June 1 to allow the Mission Committee to review them. If you have any questions, concerns or special circumstances, please direct them to Cso Woodworth, co-chairperson of the Mission Committee.



**Pentecost  
Offering  
June 12**

On Pentecost Sunday, we

celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, the transforming power of God in our lives and all creation. Our congregation will again participate in the Pentecost Offering. Through our participation in the Pentecost Offering, we send forth God's powerful, curative love to children at risk, youth, and young adults.

The Pentecost Offering is a tangible way to demonstrate that Spirit within us! It gives us the opportunity to use 40 percent of the amount we receive to minister in our own community on behalf of children at risk.

Through General Assembly ministries, the Pentecost Offering supports, guides, and nurtures the faith of Presbyterian young people, calls forth a new generation of church leadership, and advocates for children at risk on a national level.

Thank you for your support of the **Pentecost Offering on June 12**. Your gifts will have an impact now and in the generations to come.

## Return Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast Feb. 6, 2012

Nearly 6 years after Hurricane Katrina, there is still a lot of rebuilding to do in the Gulf Coast region. Therefore the Mission Committee is planning a return mission trip to the Gulf Coast to continue with the rebuilding efforts there.

The trip is being planned for the week of February 5. Members of the mission trip will be flying to New Orleans on February 5 and returning to Buffalo on the following Saturday (Feb. 11) or Sunday (Feb. 12). The group is planning to stay at Olive Tree Volunteer Village in New Orleans, LA.

If you are able to go on this trip, please contact Stephanie Hill, who has, once again, agreed to be our coordinator (and she excels at doing this!) for our church's fifth trip to work in this area.

Stay tuned for more information on the trip and how you can help.

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

by Stephanie Hill

*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:

<u>The week</u> <u>of:</u>	<u>we will be</u> <u>collecting:</u>
05/01	carrots
05/08	spaghetti
05/15	mixed vegetables
05/22	spaghetti sauce
05/29	pork and beans
06/05	corn
06/12	egg noodles
06/19	spaghetti
06/26	green beans



## Christian Education News

Connie King

April has had its share of showers to bring our May flowers! Our creeks are full. The birds are singing early in the mornings to start our days. The trees on the hillsides are changing from winter drab to spring-time beauty.

Thank you to all who participated in the "Soup & Study" from March 14 to April 11 on Monday evenings. Approximately 20 people attended each session. Studying the book "We Have Seen the Lord!" by William Barclay was enlightened by Rev. Hale's leadership to guide us along. She taught us what to look for in each of the readings as well as the important highlights. Many thanks to Rev.

Hale, the soup makers, the bread/roll bakers, the dessert makers, and for your coming to share a meal, the study, and wonderful fellowship.

The Sunday School classroom is bursting out the walls with activities and overflowing into the hallway downstairs with their photos and worksheets. They participated in the One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks. Sharing is joy. We are giving and then receiving so much more. Our desire to share is great, and we get full hearts of joy in return.

Sunday School is busy from now until the end of this school year. May 8 is Mother's Day, and the stu-

dents will be helping the Worship Committee with a fun project to get ready for this special day. With Pentecost being June 12, a lesson is planned to perhaps make a joyful noise. Father's Day is June 19 and special recognition is planned for our graduates **KRISTIN WOODHEAD** and **JESS WYANT**. Congratulations and all our best to these young ladies in their chosen fields.

June 26 is the last day of Sunday School. There are tentative plans for a breakfast together with the congregation hosted by the Sunday School and highlighting what they have been doing during this year. More on this later as

time goes by, so watch for announcements in the bulletin. Also, teacher recognition will be included in one of the June Sundays. The Adult Class is coming to a close in their study book and may finish up by the end of May before the students. Anyone can join the group at any time.

This has been a great year of fun, fellowship, and learning. We are glad you were a part of this. Thank you to our teachers Julie Pagett, Kari Kloss, Norm King, Sharon Hill-McLarney, our helpers, and the Christian Ed. Committee for all your time, talents, and energy. Have a warm, relax-

ing summer.

**Dates to Remember:**

**May 8--Mother's Day**

**May 29--NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Memorial Day Weekend)**

**June 12--Pentecost (Wear Red)**

**June 19--Father's Day**

**June 26--LAST DAY of Sunday School**



# GENESIS HOUSE GERANIUM SALE



**4 1/2" pots \$6.00 each or 3 for \$15**

COLOR	fuchsia	pink	coral	white	red	TOTAL # of plants
# of plants						

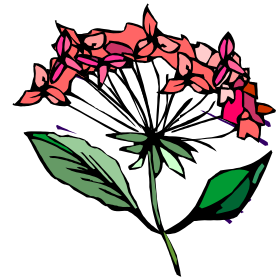
## Impatiens Hanging Baskets \$18.00

COLOR	fuchsia	pink	coral	white	red	TOTAL # of baskets
# of baskets						

Name \_\_\_\_\_

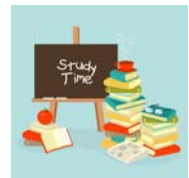
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TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( cash - check )  
 Please make checks payable to **GENESIS HOUSE.**



**REV. HALE will be on study leave May 2-8, 2011**

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



## Worship Committee News

Coni Coletti

### Journeying Through Lent and Beyond

During the Lenten season many members of the congregation gathered on Monday nights in fellowship and study. We all took turns making the soups, bread and deserts that was enjoyed as our meal for that night. After our meal Marilyn led us as through William Barclay's book "We Have Seen the Lord! The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ."

On April 21<sup>st</sup> we observed Maundy Thursday with a Passover Seder. Marilyn and her volunteers did a wonderful job in recreating this tradition; arranging the tables in the shape of a cross and providing the food. Before the Seder meal everyone enjoyed soup, bread

and cake. For the Seder meal each person had a plate with a green vegetable, Matzo, herbs, horseradish. Grape juice was used to represent the wine. Lamb was served as part of the Seder meal. During the Seder we sang and read from the program and Bible.

The church was open on Good Friday for anyone who wished to come in to the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday morning saw 30 early risers up on the hill at Chestnut Hill Cemetery for a Sunrise Service followed by breakfast at Sprague's Maple Farms. At 11 am our traditional Easter service was held.

On June 12<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Pentecost at our

church. There will be red helium-filled balloons throughout the sanctuary celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Pentecost was the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the resurrection of Jesus—the exciting day when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the people, and the Spirit's presence was made manifest by wind and fire. In the later history of the Christian church, Pentecost became "Whitsunday" in Europe, possibly from "*White Sunday*" referring to the white robes worn by those being baptized.

The Worship Committee will team with the Congregational Care Committee in decorating and providing coffee and desert following service on that day.

### The Building Blocks of Worship

By Ray Carlson

*(This was Ray's presentation in worship on April 10, 2011)*

"Over the past few months, members of the Worship

Committee have been presenting Building Blocks of Worship. There are seven building blocks, of which four have already been presented.

To refresh your memory,

they were Praise, Confession, Assurance, and Illumination. If you look closely at these blocks, we will see that they are applicable to most religions. However, the fifth block, which I will

present today, will tie all the previous blocks together into a meaningful Christian whole.

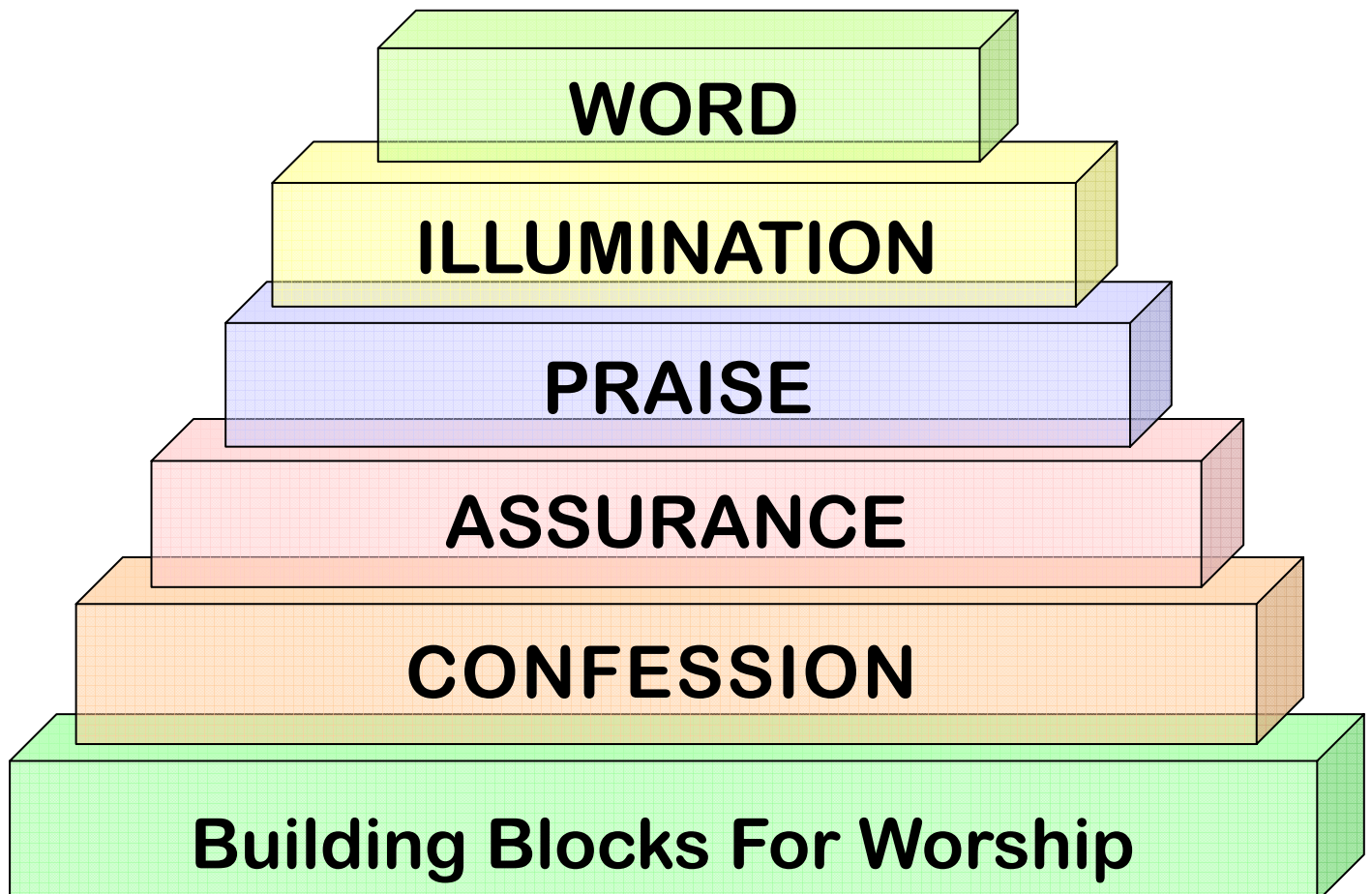
The fifth building block is "WORD", meaning the "Word of God". The word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, comes from the pages of scripture. . .scripture found in the Holy Bible.

Interpretation of the God's word comes to us in many ways; through spirit-inspired speech, drama,

music, poetry, and other forms of communication. Our worship is not only about God, it is a direct response to God. We know God through the events outlined in scripture, the stories we have read of the lives of Christians from other times and places, and the testimonies we have heard of God's hand in the lives of those around us. In response to God's faithfulness and in response to the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, we earnestly confess

our ever-present sins, and we hear God's assurance of forgiveness and peace. We actively listen for the contemporary relevance of God's word by praying for the illuminating power of the Holy Spirit.

What I am trying to say here can best be summed by the poem by Gertrude Blau Byram titled Where We Are . . . God Is."



## May 2011 Dates to Remember

05/01	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service and Communion, 11 a.m.	05/18	USDA foods delivered
05/02	Bible Study canceled	05/19	Mission Committee, 7 p.m.
05/08	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Rev. Paula Roulette, guest minister Mother's Day	05/22	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.
05/09	Bible Study, 10 a.m.	05/23	Bible Study, 10 a.m.
05/10	Session, 7 p.m.	05/24	Presbytery Meeting, North PC, 4 p.m.
05/15	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.	05/25	Food Pantry open 10-12 and 5-6:30 p.m.
05/16	Bible Study, 10 a.m.	05/29	Sunday School canceled Worship Service, 11 a.m.
		05/30	Bible Study canceled
		05/31	PWNY Personnel Committee, 10:30 a.m.

## June 2011 Dates to Remember

06/05	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service and Communion, 11 a.m.	06/20	Bible Study, 10 a.m.
06/06	Bible Study, 10 a.m.	06/21	PWNY Personnel Committee, 12:30 p.m. PWNY Transition Committee, 2:30 p.m.
06/12	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Day of Pentecost Coffee Hour following worship	06/22	Food Pantry open 10-12 and 5-6:30 p.m.
06/13	Bible Study, 10 a.m.	06/26	Sunday School Breakfast, 10 a.m. Last day of classes Worship Service, 11 a.m. Teacher Recognition Info to Cso for July/August Newsletter
06/14	Session, 7 p.m.		
06/15	USDA foods delivered		
06/16	Mission Committee, 7 p.m.		
06/19	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Father's Day Graduate Recognition	06/27	Bible Study, 10 a.m. (last day until fall)

## Birthdates to Remember

May 2011

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 2011

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

## New Members, Sympathies, Concerns

Welcome to: Shirley Scott as the newest member of our congregation

Our heartfelt sympathies to:

Barb and John Klingbeil on the death of John's sister Donna,  
 The family of Anna G. Burdick who died on April 5, 2011

Please continue to keep our "shut-ins" in your prayers.



## Volunteers for the month of May 2011



Date	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Greeters and Ushers	Eva and Dean Travis	Coni Coletti	Craig Roulo	Sara and Eric Talbot	The Pagett Family
Liturgist	Carly Woodhead	Mark Hendrix	Kathy Hendrix	Jim Boyer	Jess Wyant
Nursery	Coni Coletti	Cindy Keeley	Sharon McLarney	Jess Wyant	Kari Kloss
Prayer Family	Peg / Dave Dunbar	Diana Dunbar	Jo Dunbar	Carol Everitt	Barb/ Bob Fairbanks

Elder for the month: Cso Woodworth



## Volunteers for the month of June 2011



	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Joan Vaine Cso Woodworth	Coni Coletti Jess Wyant	Vicki and Dan Schmidt	Ronda Pollock
<b>Liturgist</b>	Anita Shuey	Craig Roulo	Eric Talbot	Jess Wyant
<b>Nursery</b>	Shirley Longbothum	Julie Pagett	Emily Woodhead	Kristin Woodhead
<b>Prayer Family</b>	Diane First	Margaret First	Kathlyn Gardner	Gardner Family (Sean/Lauri/girls)

**Elder for the month** Norm King



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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -  
PORTVILLE, NY**

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Sunday School: 10:00 am  
ages 3 to adult  
Worship Service: 11:00 am

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