



## Message from Rev. Hale

There's a Grosbeak in the woods outside my window offering a few broken syllables . I hear a Nuthatch, then a Phoebe; early morning bird song, long before the Crows take up some issue; long before the sun steadies the light.

It almost seems as if the birds take on the responsibility of waking up the sun! One begins "talking;" then another and another, and gradually the light comes and fills in the shape of a day.

It was a bit like that last week in worship, this "wave of gradual awakening" during our *Time of Preparation*; that pause we take after announcements, *settling in* as the acolyte comes and brings the light to the candle—the "Christ Candle."

Accompanied by Anita on the piano, Hannah entered the sanctuary with the Christ Candle, danced across the rear aisle with candle in hand, turned and gracefully pirouetted her way down the narthex aisle, across the front, and up the other side, welcoming Megan to come with the light and follow her to the Table.

The congregation's response rippled like a wave as they became aware of Hannah, dancing to the music. One-by-one, heads popped up and turned as eyes focused and followed Hannah and Megan lighting the Candle as it took its place on the Table. It was a beautiful beginning, this *offering* given as the light—our belief in Christ's presence with us, opened our service.

That's why we do it, employ our acolytes each Sunday as they bring in the light and then carry it out *into the world* at the close of worship. We are acknowledging Christ's presence with us in worship; acknowledging our willingness to follow him into the "world" as we leave.

A simple reminder, this ritual; the Light of Christ *filling in the shape of our lives* offered to all as witnesses of his love.

*Striving for simplicity as a servant of Christ,  
Marilyn*

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## Lectionary for May / June 2015

### May 3 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26–40  
Psalms 22:25–31  
1 John 4:7–21  
John 15:1–8

### May 10 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44–48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1–6  
John 15:9–17

### May 17 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9–13  
John 17:6–19

### May 24 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1–21  
Psalm 104:24–34, 35b  
Romans 8:22–27  
John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

### May 31 Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1–8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12–17  
John 3:1–17

### June 7 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15)  
16–20 (11:14–15)  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1  
Mark 3:20–35

### June 14 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13)  
14–17  
Mark 4:26–34

### June 21 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23) 32–49  
Psalm 9:9–20  
2 Corinthians 6:1–13  
Mark 4:35–41

### June 28 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7–15  
Mark 5:21–43

## Mission Committee News Cso Woodworth

Thank you to all who gave to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Your generous giving helped our church to again meet our goal of \$1000, Your support of this offering is vital to The Presbyterian Hunger Program, The Self Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Countries around the world

such as Nepal (recent earthquake) and Chile (Calbuca volcano) will definitely benefit from your donations to One Great Hour of Sharing and supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Speaking of Presbyterians assisting in the aftermath of a disaster. . . Kudos to Joe and Stephanie Hill, and Vicki Schmidt for their con-

tinued volunteerism in the ongoing efforts of Super Storm Sandy cleanup. We are looking forward to hearing about your time in Point Pleasant Beach New Jersey.

As one special offering closes another begins . . . so it is with the Pentecost Offering. *“Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we cele-*

*brate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. With the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible, possible.*

*The Pentecost Offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Presbyterian congregations are finding new ways to minister to children at risk in their own communities. General Assembly programs are advocating for children and developing youth and young adult leaders.*

*Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised more than \$11 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more*



*to support and care for young people. They are the future of our faith and world.” (2015 Pentecost Offering Leader’s Guide)*



The Mission Committee has set the goal for the Pentecost Offering at \$800. Our congregation keeps 40% of the offering to support local youth programs. The other 60% of your gifts to the Pentecost Offering go to support the Young Adult Volunteers Program, and Ministries with Youth (supporting education and children at risk). The Pentecost Offering will be taken on May 24, but your gift to the offering will be accepted any time; just place the offering envelope (located in the pew racks) in the Offering Plate.

Camperships of \$100 will be available to our youth who wish to attend a camp over the summer. Applications can be found on the table in the Quilt Room.

Please complete them and get them turned into Cso Woodworth as soon as possible. This will help ensure that you will have a reserved spot for the camp of your choice. Check out the information on page 7 about Camp Duffield or visit their web site at ([www.campduffield.net](http://www.campduffield.net)) to learn more about the camping opportunities right in our own area.

We will be also be supporting Royal Family Kids Camp and Camp Penuel East with \$250 and the Portville for Youth Program with \$100 all from the Jack Shepard Memorial Mission Fund. First Presbyterians of Portville love their youth!

Steve and Margie Doty have been sending their monthly newsletter via email. If you would like to receive their newsletter please contact them at: [steve\\_doty@sil.org](mailto:steve_doty@sil.org) and ask to be added to their emailing list.

## THE FOOD PANTRY . . .

*from your grocery cart to our shelves!*

*by Stephanie Hill*

*"I was hungry and you gave me food."*

Matthew 25:35

Thank you for the food items you bring each week! This is how your support of the Food Pantry last year assisted members of the Portville Community who were in need of some extra help to make ends meet.

For 2014 we had 87 intake forms on file -- that is the number of families in the Portville community that have received food from the food pantry. The monthly average of families served is about 55. If you add the monthly figures together we served 651 families in 2014, totaling 1,672 individuals. Multiply that number by 9 (the

food package should provide 3 meals for 3 days) and you get 15,048 meals provided in 2014.

Below are the food items we will be collecting for May and June.

FOR THE WEEK OF:	WE WILL BE COLLECTING:
May 5	Mac and Cheese
May 10	Egg Noodles
May 17	Pork and Beans
May 24	Cake Mix
May 31	Jello
June 7	Tuna
June 14	Baked Beans
June 21	Mac and Cheese
June 28	Soup

## Christian Education News Connie King

Spring has arrived, and the pollen is in the air! Green is the anticipated "color of the month," and it will be worn on all the trees and lawns. Summer will soon follow with the bushes and flowers in full bloom from the warm sunshine.

Sunday School is still busy with learning about David's son Solomon building the temple. The class has been presenting Children's Time once a month, and in March they told about the letters

received from Pamela. We learned her favorite season is winter, and she likes to go to the park. In school she likes multiplication, arts, and crafts. Pamela bought clothes with the \$50 that was sent to her at Christmas. She appreciates the support we give and the development in her community.

An Open House will be held on the last day of Sunday School May 17 at 10 a.m. in the downstairs hallway and

classroom. (There is No Adult Class that day.) However, the congregation is invited to attend the kid's Open House to share the lessons they learned this year. Their classroom environment is very colorful. Refreshments will follow in the dining room. They are very excited to see all of us and have some fun and fellowship.

Thank you to Rev. Hale for her support. Also, many thanks to the Christian Ed.

## Christian Ed News cont.

Committee with Stephanie and Connie as co-chairs, members Diana, Kari, Julie, and Rev. Hale. We appreciate our teachers this year Julie Pagett, Sharon Hill-McLarney, Norm King, and Diana Dunbar (Advent Program) for the giving of their time, talents, and teaching. The Confirmation Class with Christine and Hannah participating is still going well

on Sunday afternoons with Rev. Hale. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Sunday School program this year in any way.

Congratulations on Perfect Attendance Awards: 3-year pins Christine Pagett, Jack Pagett, and Megan Pagett; 5-year pin Zachary Kloss; 8-year pin Hannah Kloss.

We are all very proud of you and thank you for all you do in our congregation. Congratulations and all the best to our graduates: Lindsay Gardner (Portville Central School), Kristin Woodhead (SUNY Geneseo), Will Foust (St. Bonaventure University). Again, we are very proud as you go on to your next life adventure.

## Worship News Anita Shuey

Lent and Easter gave us many opportunities for meaningful worship. Many thanks to Rev. Marilyn Hale, Coni Coletti, Shane Lord and Cso Woodworth for preparing a delicious Maundy Thursday congregational dinner, which was followed by Communion. Even though snow made for a chilly sunrise on Easter, a faithful group celebrated Resurrection joy with a 7 a.m. service at Chestnut Hill Cemetery. Breakfast at Sprague's followed this service. "Alleluia's" rang out at the 11 a.m. Easter service with the Ensemble Singers

and our congregation singing. We heard the Word in song and story as the sanctuary was transformed from darkness to light and from sadness to joy!!

On April 26, Acolyte Sunday, we recognized our light bearers and concentrated on the significance of the Light. Thank you, Hannah Kloss, for dancing in the Christ Candle to the hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light". We all are inspired to let our lights shine!

On Mother's Day, May 10th,

we will be honoring the women in our congregation during the worship service. The men of the the congregation will be honored on Father's Day, June 21st. Pentecost will be celebrated on May 24th at our 11 a.m. worship.

Please note: May 31st will be the start of the summer worship hour of 9:30 a.m. The last day for summer Worship hours will be September 6.

See you at church!

## OUR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY

*"We seek to be faithful to Jesus Christ in words and in actions...."* These words introduce a document that is new to our life together as Portville Presbyterians.

Commissioned by General Assembly, cradled in Scripture and created in the real time of many hours of dedicated work, Session has adopted our church's Sexual Misconduct Policy.

In April of 2013, Vicki Schmidt and Anita Shuey attended a Presbytery workshop in the West Seneca church in response to GA's mandate for all presbyteries and churches to adopt a sexual misconduct policy. They reported their findings at the May Session meeting and brought materials for Session members to review.

At the June meeting, Session acted on the mandate and formed a task force comprised of Vicki Schmidt, Anita Shuey, Barb Fairbanks, and Rev. Hale to write a sexual misconduct policy for our church.

Under Vicki's leadership, the task force enlisted Bob Fairbanks, Karl Shuey and Cso Woodworth as "readers" and began the long work of *writing policy*. With our own Presbytery's SM policy in hand and others, after hours and hours of dedicated work, the first draft of a policy was presented to the Session in December of 2013 for review.

Session input, consultation with our insurance carrier and with our Presbytery Stated Clerk followed. The final policy was approved by Session at the Sept. 2014 meeting.

A provision of this policy is that all organizations using the church be given a copy and acknowledge its receipt. Also, the policy will be brought to the attention of the congregation at the annual meeting,

I would like to thank the task force and its readers and the Session. Special thanks to Vicki Schmidt who invested more time than we can imagine behind the scenes, keeping us all on task and up-to-date with all the re-writes.

*Seeking to be faithful to Christ* is hard work, yet rewarding as it is filled with the Spirit.

Thanks be to God who calls us, and all who answer.

Rev. Hale

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers for God's comfort to the family of Lila Pollock.

April 5, 1929 – March 23, 2015



### Louella Marsh Scholarships

The scholarship is offered to members of the First Presbyterian Church, Portville NY.

Applications are available in the church office or request a form by



# Discover Duffield

2015 Summer Kick-Off Celebration

[www.campduffield.net](http://www.campduffield.net)



**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Free Event!  
Rain or Shine!**

**Camp Tours  
Dinner  
Campfire  
Live Music**

**2pm - 10pm**

**11740 Worden Rd.  
Delevan, NY**

**Bands:**

- **Elmwood Drive 14042**
- **Immanuel**

**Questions?  
(716) 877-0581 or  
[contactus@campduffield.net](mailto:contactus@campduffield.net)**



# GENESIS HOUSE GERANIUM SALE

Order forms with payment are due by **May 10th** to **BARB FAIRBANKS**.

The flowers will be delivered to church on Thursday, May 14th.

4½" pots \$7 each or 3 for \$16

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

Hanging Baskets of Impatiens \$20

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (cash - check)

*Please make checks payable to **GENESIS HOUSE***

## May 2015 Dates to Remember

05/03	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service and Communion, 11 a.m. Confirmation Class, 4 p.m.	05/20	Confirmation Class, 4 p.m. Bible Study, 10 a.m. Bent Brass rehearsal, 7 p.m. USDA foods delivered (J. Hellwig) Session meeting canceled
05/05	PWNY CRRR, 1 p.m. (M. Hale)	05/24	Worship Service, 11 a.m. \
05/06	Bible Study, 10 a.m. Bent Brass rehearsal, 7 p.m.		Day of Pentecost/Pentecost Offering
05/09	Property Committee, 8:30 a.m.	05/25	Confirmation Class, 4 p.m. Memorial Day; church office closed
05/10	Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Mother's Day Confirmation Class, 4 p.m.	05/26	Pick up produce @ Olean FP (Hill/Hale) Presbytery Annual Meeting, Kenmore PC, 4 p.m.
05/11	PWNY OMT, noon (S. Hill)	05/27	Food Pantry open 10-12 and 5-6:30 p.m. Bent Brass rehearsal, 7 p.m.
05/13	Bible Study, 10 a.m. Bent Brass rehearsal, 7 p.m.	05/31	Summer worship hour begins Worship, <u>9:30 a.m.</u>
05/17	Sunday School Open House, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Perfect Attendance Awards Teacher Recognition		

## June 2015 Dates to Remember

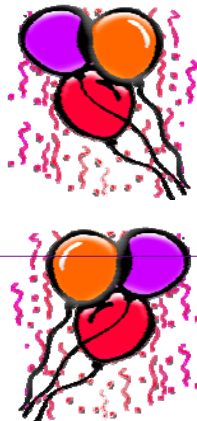
06/03	Bible Study, 10 a.m. Session, 6 p.m. Bent Brass rehearsal, 7 p.m.	06/21	Bent Brass rehearsal, 7 p.m. USDA foods delivered (J. Hellwig) Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Father's Day
06/07	Worship Service and Communion, 9:30 a.m.	06/22	Pick up produce @ Olean FP (Hill/Hale)
06/08	PWNY OMT, noon (S. Hill)	06/24	Food Pantry open 10-12 and 5-6:30 p.m.
06/10	Bible Study, 10 a.m. Bent Brass rehearsal, 7 p.m.	06/26	American Red Cross blood drive, 12-7 p.m.
06/12	Lila and Bob Pollock Memorial Service, 11 a.m.	06/28	Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Info to Cso for July/August newsletter
06/13	Property Committee, 8:30 a.m.		
06/14	Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.		
06/17	Bible Study, 10 a.m.		



## May and June Birthdates to Remember

### May 2015 Birthdays

Erica Schmidt 5/7  
 Carol Everitt 5/8  
 Heidi Hellwig Spehar 5/16  
 Lucy Spehar 5/18  
 Bizzy Woodhead 5/23  
 Ike Harrison 5/29  
 Coni Coletti 5/31



### June 2015 Birthdays

Wilda Hill 6/4  
 Walt Atkinson 6/9  
 Joan Vaine 6/13  
 Christine Long 6/14  
 Phyllis Carlin 6/24  
 Allan Scott 6/26  
 Kevin Dunbar 6/27

A Memorial Service will be held at the church  
 on June 12, 2015 at 11 a.m.  
 Bob Pollock (June 1, 1927- February 14, 2010)  
 Lila Pollock (April 5, 1929 - March 23, 2015)



## Volunteers for the month of May 2015



Date	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Greeters and Ushers	The Pagett Children	Connie /Norm King	Buffy Pratt	The Kloss Family	Judy / Randy McClain
Liturgist	Kathy Hendrix	Vicki Schmidt	Stephanie Hill	Buffy Pratt	Cso Woodworth
Children's Time		Coni Coletti	Carly Woodhead		
Acolyte	Communion	Zack Kloss	Christine Pagett	Jack Pagett	Hannah Kloss
Prayer Family	Connie/ Norm King	Barb Klingbeil	The Kloss Family	Christine/ West Long	Shirley/Ron Longbothum

Elder for the month: Anita Shuey



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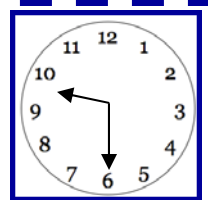


	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	The Pagett Family	Cso Woodworth	Coni Coletti	Dean / Eva Travis
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ronda Pollock	Hannah Kloss	Norm King	Kathy Hendrix
<b>Acolyte</b>	Communion	Megan Pagett	Zack Kloss	Christine Pagett
<b>Prayer Family</b>	Joe Matthews	Randy/Judy McClain	Carol Miller	Sandy O'Brien

Elder for the month : Stephanie Hill



**Worship services will be held  
at 9:30 a.m.  
May 31 – September 6**



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -  
PORTVILLE, NY**

19 North Main Street  
Portville, NY 14770

Voicemail: 933-6426  
Email: portville.presbyterian followed by @gmail.com

Sunday School: 10:00 am  
ages 3 to adult  
(Last Day of Sunday School-May 17)

Worship Service: 11:00 am  
Summer Worship Hours: 9:30 begin May 31

**Website:**

[portvillepresbyterian.weebly.com/](http://portvillepresbyterian.weebly.com/)