



# The Trumpet

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“YOUR CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS”

### You'll Notice....

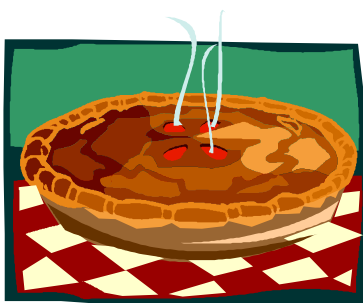
Perhaps you've already read page 5. I'm told some people read that page first! But if you don't, when you do, you'll notice that everything on that page has to do with getting OLD! Somehow, someday, for some reason, it just worked out this time. But, by now, you should realize that for several years, I have been operating on the idea that “you **have** to grow old, but you **don't have** to grow up!”

There's also a saying that, “you get what you pay for.” I'm sure few of you realize that more than a dozen years ago, Dottie and Jane Kleehammer came to me and asked if I would please edit THE TRUMPET, in as much as the previous editor was unable to do it. They assured me that if I could do it **for a year**, they could find someone else. Being the good-natured individual that I am, I agreed. We began with four or five issues a year and now publish six. If my

math is correct, that's one every other month!

Now don't get me wrong. I truly enjoy doing this. I have the necessary computer programs to gather and assemble the material sent to me. I have several thousand “clip-art” pieces to slip in when there's a small, blank space. I even get to scold some of the members of the Session for not contributing their reports on time. So when I began collecting the material for “All Seriousness Aside,” for this issue, it just seemed right to act my age, and talk about Senior Citizens.

(As a side note: I'll be Eighty in February and still love peach pies!)

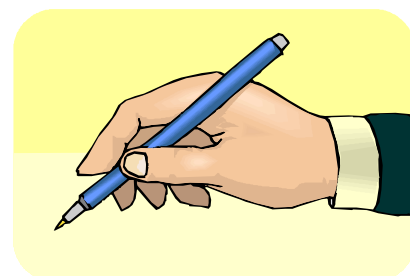


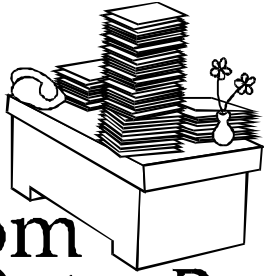
### What Better Time?

Enclosed in this issue of THE TRUMPET you will find a wonderful brochure about “Support Our Troops.” With Christmas just around the corner and a new year to follow, I cannot think of a better time to show our support for the wonderful men and women in our military.

Go over the list of items and then select something to bring to Fellowship Hall during the Festival of Trees. The Festival runs through December 19<sup>th</sup>.

You might even take a few moments to write a brief note to someone in the military you don't know and have never met. Words of encouragement can bring smiles to someone half way around the world. Give it a try.





# From the Pastors Desk

The foundation for any faith journey has 3 basic points – dialogue, discernment and decision. Dialogue refers to a conversation with Scripture, theology, ministry, tradition and culture as well as talking with other people (adults and children) on the journey with you. Discernment refers to insights into the mystery of life, God’s will and your own soul. Decision is the ethical bottom line – what you decide and actually do, the choices you make and the living in the Spirit that you undertake.

Our world is crying out for redemption and justice – and Christ asks each of us – and the church as a whole, “But who do you say that I am?” We give the answer to this question in our actions, words, and in what we allow to happen to others around us. The season of Advent is God’s gracious invitation to a new and different life and it calls us to respond.

The Focus of Advent – is preparing for the birth of the Christ child (the first Advent) and anticipating the return of Christ the King (the Second Advent).

The Advent Wreath may be used in worship times at home and at the church. In our sanctuary it is a circle of pine cones (but at home it can be a circle of evergreen branches) with 5 candles. Four red candles (or purple or royal blue) are arranged around the wreath – with a larger white

candle (the Christ candle) in the center – to remind us that the heart of the season is the Incarnation (Christ with us).

The candles symbolize Jesus as – the light of the world – who came to bring us new life and hope. Purple/blue/red – symbolize Christ’s royalty; white represents his purity. One candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent, with an additional candle lit each subsequent Sunday. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

The Themes may vary from year to year – depending on which cycle of the lectionary is being selected. This year week one is Peace; week 2 is Hope; week three is Joy and week four is Love.

Advent is a time to rejoice – God is near and knows our human struggles, Christ is present with his followers and Christ will come again.

Dottie



Gifts of Appreciated Securities

## PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES

To allow the church time to process the gift and reflect it in end-of-year accounting entries it is requested that you complete your transaction prior to December 7th.

Certificates should be delivered to the church with a letter of instruction and include your name!

Certificates should NOT be transferred to the church as this requires more time and paperwork.

Certificates should be signed and delivered to the church office. You will also need to sign a Stock Power available from Kathy in the office.

If shares are in a Street Account: Have your broker transfer the shares you wish to contribute to Summerville’s account with that broker. Notify Michelle Nower of Sage Ritty @ 512-2337 to inform her that you have contacted your broker. Include the date of the transaction, and name and number of shares being transferred. Contact Kathy (342-4242) in the church office with the same information.

### PLEASE NOTE WHEN TRANSFERRING STOCK:

Our Depository Trust Company # is 0141. You will need this information for electronic transfer of stocks. Also, inform your broker that the transfer should further credit Summerville Presbyterian Church Sage Ritty Account

Number 7628-0417.

### Did You Know...

Not only did Katherine and Margaret Mayer win first place at the Empire Cheerleading Classic, they also went on to place 1<sup>st</sup> at the CYO Regional Competition cheerleading. Way to go girls!

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Sara Ordway was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the State University College at Brockport. (It seems like only yesterday...)

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And our congratulations to the combined Summerville, Laurelton and Irondequoit Presbyterian Church Confirmation Class. They received the Cooperative Ministry Grant in the amount of \$1,250. This grant is through the Congregational Development Committee of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley. The funds for this cooperative ministry project will cover nourishment during class time, stained glass window projects, and the retreat in April to Naples. Funds are made possible through the generous mission giving of our sister churches in the Genesee Valley.

### Making a Difference

Again this year, you'll find the Christmas Joy envelope included in this issue of the TRUMPET. If you're wondering where this money goes, here's a brief answer:

The offering helps students at racial ethnic schools and colleges develop their gifts and find their calling to serve God through serving their community.

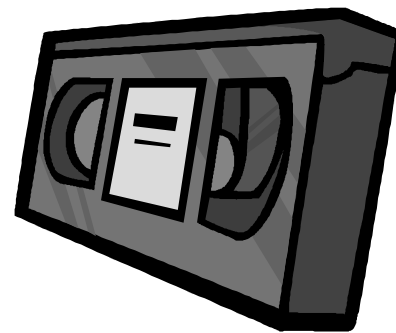
The offering also helps families of both active and retired church workers to meet unexpected needs. As we celebrate the Love of Jesus in our lives this Christmas, our gifts will bear joyful witness to that love to change our lives.



### Check It Out!

The Church Library has received a stack of VHS tapes that are too good to toss out. Some are of a religious nature while others are older movies, etc. There are even some for the younger kids (what better way to keep them occupied on a cold winter evening?)

These tapes are **NOT** for sale but can be borrowed from the library for your enjoyment. Take a moment and...check it out!



### Personnel Committee needs your help Substitutes Needed

"Hello," "Welcome," "Good day." These are just a few of the acknowledgments needed to greet people in the church office. No worries if you don't know how to work the phone or postal machine, just reach into the candy jar and everything will be fine! If you would be interested in "office sitting" while Kathy is on vacation, or needs a mental health day please contact the office at 342-4242. We are looking to build our list of volunteers.

### Who's the Greatest?

We are! That is to say, our Youth Group and their families and all those wonderful people who volunteered to help with the Harvest Festival. The final total was a profit of \$1,431.00! A very special thank you to all who purchased merchandise to make all of this happen.



### Speak Up!

How about volunteering to give a sermon some Sunday?

**(Now, don't all call at once!)**

We're looking for help on February 20th, March 20th, and May 15th, 2011. Please call the church office. We'd love to hear from you!



## Get to Know our Deacons Featuring Alice Estes

This the second in a series of getting to know the rich and wonderful diversity of our Deacons. This edition features Alice Estes.

Alice grew up in the Elmira area and along with her husband Bill, raised their family of 4 sons in Horseheads. Alice and Bill have been married 53 years. Three of their sons live across the U.S. with one son in this area. All sons have served their Country either in the military or working for the Dept. of Defense. Their oldest granddaughter has now deployed to Afghanistan with the US Army Reserves.

Alice spent 20 years as a stay-at-home Mom. Approaching the age of 40, Alice felt a need to pursue a niche for herself. This was accomplished by attending and graduating from The Elmira Business Institute. Over the next 25 years Alice always worked in a medical setting, first at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira and finishing her career at a Catholic Agency's Drug & Alcohol Program in Orange Co., NY.

After their last son graduated high school Alice and Bill moved to Orange Co., NY. This was an interesting time in their lives as 'empty nesters'. They enjoyed many trips to NYC and became involved in an International Exchange Club that took them on many trips to other countries, i.e. England, Egypt, Korea, a European River Boat Cruise, along with 3 Caribbean Cruises. Alice and Bill hosted people from other countries in their home as well as an exchange student from Bulgaria and 2 young men from Morocco. They are continuing their interest in travel by visiting several sites in the United States.

Alice's interests are varied. Along with her husband they belong to OASIS an organization open to the 50+ crowd. A broad range of stimulating educational and exercise classes are offered. Alice also enjoys gardening and has many gardens that grace their property. Alice is an avid reader, exchanging books with friends and occasionally participating in the McGraw Library Classic Book Club.

Alice attended Methodist Churches for much of her life then found her way to Summerville through Stella Megargle. Pastor Dottie's approachable and loving leadership kept Alice coming back. Alice is also active in the Sarah Circle and enjoys the fellowship of this group. This is Alice's second term with Deacons. She likes the active nature of the Deacon committee, and the upbeat and cooperative relationship. Alice gets in the mood for worship as she drives along Lakeshore Blvd from her home. The beauty of Lake Ontario & Durand Park sets the mood for peaceful worship preparation.

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### Poinsettias

By now, you've discovered the special insert for Christmas Poinsettias. Don't wait! Place your order soon.



### In The News

Are you a daydreamer? I know someone who is. Our own Jim DeVoe has written a wonderful book for younger children he entitled, "Daydreamer." Jann Packard spotted the write up in the newspaper and alerted me immediately. The book sells for \$19.99 and I'll bet that if you bring your copy to church on Sunday, Jim will sign it for you.

Did you know that Morgan Dauphinee, daughter of Stan and Jennifer, has been accepted to and awarded a scholarship to the Young Entrepreneurs Academy? The YEA is a business class offered through Geneseo and the University of Rochester. Which proves we do have great young people in the community. We are proud of you Morgan!

And then the news reached us that Gretchen Spencer has won first place in the Master Chef recipe contest sponsored by FOX Rochester. Gretchen's entrée was pan seared scallops with a warm bacon vinaigrette. The competition was held September 4<sup>th</sup> at the NY Wine and Culinary Center. Sounds great to me. But how would you like to have the recipe to try it yourself?

On page 6, you'll find the recipe. Gretchen was kind enough to send it to me for publication in THE TRUMPET. So get busy and give it a try. By the time you read this, I will have already prepared it for the Shares household.



### Gretchen Spencer's Recipe for Pan Seared Scallops with a Warm Bacon Vinaigrette.

- 6 slices bacon
- 5 Tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 medium-size heirloom tomatoes salt & pepper
- 1 head frisee lettuce
- ½ of a medium-sized shallot, minced
- 3 teaspoons fresh lemon juice, divided
- 2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar
- ½ of a ginger gold apple
- ¾ lb. sea scallops
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil

Heat 1 Tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet. Fry bacon until crisp. Drain bacon on paper towels. Strain the bacon fat and keep it warm by heating it in a small saucepan on low. When bacon is cool, cut it into ¼ inch thick slices.

Remove the cores from the tomatoes and cut into wedges. Season with salt & pepper and set aside.

Tear frisee lettuce into small pieces. Soak in a bowl of cool water to remove dirt, then drain thoroughly.

Remove the core from the apple and cut into matchsticks. Toss with 1 teaspoon lemon juice (to keep the apples from browning).

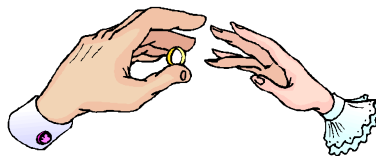
Season sea scallops with salt & pepper. Heat 2 Tablespoons olive oil and 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil in a non-stick skillet. Pan sear the scallops so that they are golden brown on each side.

In a bowl mix together the remaining 2 teaspoons lemon juice, cider vinegar, and shallot. Slowly whisk in 2 Tablespoons olive oil followed by 2 Tablespoons of the warm bacon fat. Season with salt & pepper.

Place the frisee lettuce on your serving plates. Arrange the tomato slices around the perimeter and the scallops in the center. Make a small pile of apple matchsticks on the top of the scallops. Sprinkle bacon pieces over the top. Drizzle entire entrée with the warm bacon vinaigrette. Top with freshly ground black pepper.

Serve with a nice slice of crusty bread and enjoy!

Serves 2



Congratulations to David Pepper and Millie Tomidy. Dave and Millie were married on Saturday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the First Presbyterian Church of Le Roy with a reception at Letchworth State Park. Millie's son & daughter, and Dave's three kids all stood up with them. Despite the cool temperature, it was a perfect day!

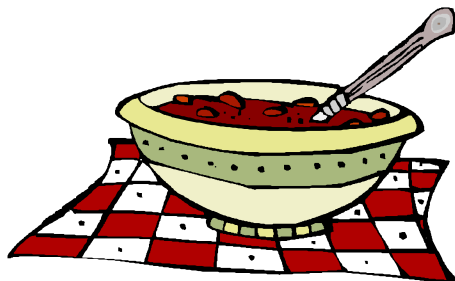
They honeymooned in the Riviera Maya (Mexico) and on their return trip spent three days in New Orleans with their friend, Marylin, whose home they worked on after Hurricane Katrina.

They live in a big, old farm house out in the country with two dogs and three very friendly barn cars. After 11 years of renting, people think Dave's kidding when he says he loves mowing the lawn! If you would like to send best wishes to Dave and Millie, their new address is: 6485 Thwing Road, Le Roy, New York 14482.

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### Save the date!

The CYEd Committee is holding a Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at Summerville Church. Event starts at 4:00PM with the chili served at 5:00PM. Bring your best chili recipe to be judged. More info to follow. Brian Leavitt



### Where'd They Go?

Ruth Conover 13  
Cottage 400,  
Parkridge Living Center  
1555 Long pond Road  
Rochester, NY 14626  
754-2127

Converse Hunter  
305 Grandview Drive  
Verona. PA 15147

David H. James  
28 Powderhouse Blvd #2  
Somerville. MA 02144  
585-880-8966

Scott H. James  
533 W. Barry Avenue 2G  
Chicago, IL 60657  
585-406-1704

Lois Rutallie 15  
34 Reynolds Road  
Webster, NY 14580  
585 507-6870

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### Births

Anthony Marcus Bass, Jr.  
9/22/10  
Grand Nephew of Dottie Yoder

Clark William Leipold 10/7/10  
Son of Eric and Kate Leipold,  
Grandson of Betsy and Paul  
Leipold,  
Great Grandson of Ruth Conover

Mitchell Ross Stewart III  
10/16/10  
Son of Christina and Mitchell  
Stewart II,  
Grandson of Cynthia and  
Mitchell Stewart

## Recent Deaths

Marilyn Morrow, 9/17/10  
(Former member)

Maria White, 9/17/10 (Friend of  
Holly Hammond Streb)

Norman Burgess, 9/18/10  
(Brother of Mary Lou Koester and  
Phyllis Parcels)

Fran Michalko, 9/19/10  
(Family member of Eric Zeller)

Joanne Verni, 10/13/10  
(Sister-in-law of Jim and Linda  
Verni)

Elizabeth Elmer, 10/13/10 (Aunt  
of Lois Rutallie)

## Did You Ever Wonder?

Do you know what happens to the items that don't sell at our Garage Sales? You might think that they are tossed into a big trash container and shipped off to the dumps, but that's not the case. Holly Hammond Streb provided me with a long list of agencies that benefit from our "left-overs". The list is very long, but here are just a few;

*Children's Alliance* – stuffed animals, and children's books.

*Flower City Habitat for Humanity* – humidifiers, dehumidifiers and baskets.

*People's Ministry in Christ* – blankets, sheets, comforters, dishes, appliances, sports equipment, devotional books and lamps.

*Support Our Troops* – cards, and water bottles.

*WICSD Technology* – printers, scanners, cassette players, turntable and electric knives.  
And the list goes on and on!

So don't hesitate to bring in those items you no longer want or need. We see to it they're put to good use.

## "My friend Pat"

You've read in the newspaper and heard on the news about Pat and Wayne Lewis losing their house to a devastating fire. Pat was severely burned and has spent quite some time in the hospital. Why do I tell you this? Because I have worked closely with Pat at the Greece Library and have grown to appreciate her. As you read on, you'll understand why.

Most of you are aware that I have several multi-image presentations that I've shown at some of our own Adult Ed sessions. It seems that Pat found out about this and called me one day to ask if I was available to visit the Library some evening and "do my thing." The presentation she wanted was the one about the Erie Canal boat in Seneca Lake. I sent her some biographic information and she set a date.

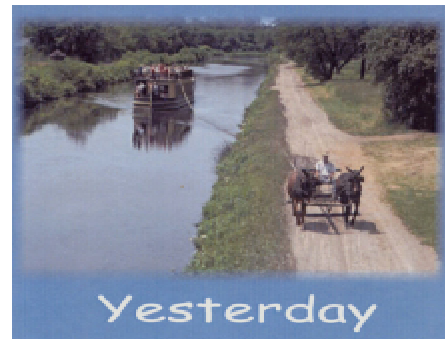
When I arrived, I discovered that she had not only advertised the show, but had created posters showing scenes about the Erie Canal. It turned out that after a cut-off limit of fifty people, she still had a dozen more who wanted to see the show! Another date was set and we filled the room again.

Pat stayed to watch and was her exuberant self as I packed up to leave. In a day or two I received the most wonderful "thank you note" from her and once again, she put great effort into making sure the front page was a scene from the Erie Canal.

In a few months, I was asked to return with another of the shows, and received the same wonderful reception. This happened two or three additional times in the past few years and in that time, I grew to become fond of this lady. She had put a great deal of time and effort into assisting me and I appreciated it.

In recent Church Bulletins, you've been asked to remember Pat and Wayne in your prayers by Brian and Alison Leavitt. The Leavitt's are good friends of Pat and Wayne, and I'm sure they can echo my description of her. I, for one, have prayed for her recovery and I asked that you do the same. Our world needs more people like Pat Lewis.

Milt Shares



## Spring Clean-up

Thanks to all these folks:

Rob Story, Lily Story, Emma Hayes, Gavin Streb, Holly Streb, Ralph Cummings, Todd Hayes, Ruth MacNamara, Doug & Edward Caine, Barb & Mike James, Karen & Doug Engold, Marilyn Schindler, Craig Van Norstrand, Andy Smith, Earl & Mimi Repp, Debbie & Bill Carter, Jim Shawhan, Chris Smith, Jordan Cummings, Jim DeVoe and Dottie. The following Cub & Boy Scouts also helped: David & Danial Sandford, Peter, Nick and Brenna Bauman, Andrew Loveland, Hans Jorstad, Kris Jorstad, Matthew Jorstad, Ethan Jorstad, Justin Proucx



### SPC's 2010 Christmas Pageant: "My Dear Lord Gave To Me"

Would you like to be a part of sharing the *true gifts* of Christmas?

Come be a part of the SPC Christmas Pageant!

The Christmas Pageant will take place during worship on **December 12<sup>th</sup>**.

There are opportunities to participate for everyone ages 3-adult. We have roles for everyone—small speaking parts, large speaking parts, characters who don't speak at all—so please join in the fun!

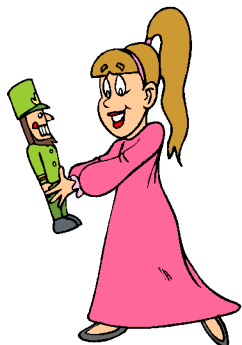
There are three scheduled rehearsals for the Christmas Pageant:

Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> during worship: Children's Workshop ONLY (Adults and Preschoolers do not need to attend)

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> during worship: Children's Workshop ONLY (Adults and Preschoolers do not need to attend)

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am: DRESS REHEARSAL Everyone must attend!**

If you are interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant, please contact Gretchen Spencer at 314-6382 or you can send her an email at [gretchen.spencer@frontiernet.net](mailto:gretchen.spencer@frontiernet.net)



### ANNUAL POTLUCK BRUNCH FOLLOWING THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*When: Sunday, December 12, 2010*

*Immediately following the Christmas Pageant Service*

*Where: in the Fellowship Hall*

*What to bring: a dish to pass that will serve 8 – 10 people (this can be a main dish, salad, dessert – use your imagination!) Also a place setting (dish & silverware) for everyone in your group.*

*Coffee, tea and milk will be provided.*

*Please call the church office (342-4242) to let us know if you are planning on attending the brunch. Or turn in the "tear-off" sheet in the Sunday bulletin.*



### A Lifesaving Gift

The Property Committee has received an offer of an emergency defibrillator for placement at Summerville. This is a device designed for a medical layman to restart a person's heart in an emergency situation. This is a fully functional but slightly older model. Property had checked with SPC's insurance agent and been reassured that its usage would be covered by the Good Samaritan laws.

In order to be most useful there should be people with training in its usage. Training is easy as the unit is designed to be operated by laymen. Property is investigating the best way to do this. If you are interested in being trained, please contact Property through the office or chair Mike James.

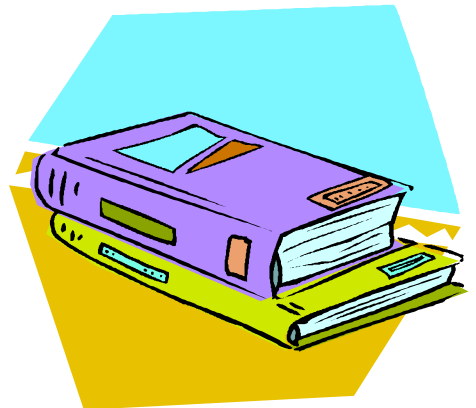
### Between The Bookends

Two new memorial books have been purchased for the library. The first is "97 Orchard" – an edible history of five immigrant families in one New York tenement.

Between the years of 1863 and 1935, five families are introduced to Lower East side New York. German, Irish, German Jews, Russian, Lithuanian Jews, and Italians. They missed their culture and foods so the women, in a small windowless kitchen, with a coal or wood stove, tried to reproduce their favorite foods. Open markets, push carts sold meat, vegetables cheaply and soon beer gardens, Russian Coffee Houses, delicatessens, restaurants arouse the interest of upper class New York.

The second book is a complete reference book for caregivers by Gail Sheeny. "Passages in Caregiving." You can find where to turn to on the contents page – very complete.

You can find these two books on the Current Bookshelf.



## A Message for Service

If you have been in worship these past few Sundays, you have heard the Minutes for Mission that have been shared by our members as part of the stewardship campaign. Stewardship is clearly a call, an outreach for each of us to reflect upon our giving back to God, giving back by way of our monetary gifts, our time and our talents. It is a time to reflect upon how you might share your own gifts with the Summerville community or utilize the Summerville opportunities to share those gifts with the community at large.

Life happens to us all, and several members of committees, Children and Youth, Mission and Media & Publicity, have had to resign, leaving gaps in our ability to carry out God's work through our church. Sometimes it feels like there is 15 gallons of work and only 4-gallon pails to carry it all; yet, we continue to persevere, soldiering on for what we believe to be right.

If you have had any interest in supporting the church's work, please feel free to approach Jen DeVoe, Doug Caine, Holly Streb and Bill Carter who would be pleased to chat about how you can be engaged in the commission of God's work here at Summerville. It may mean just attending a committee meeting to see if it suits you. Or you might consider serving the balance of an existing term through next June, a kind of "test-drive" for your service. Whatever path may lie before you, please consider taking that first step.

Your Nominating Committee

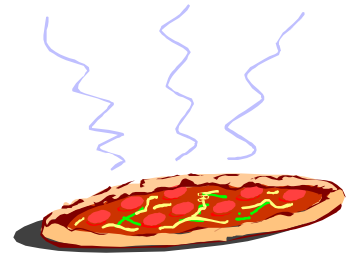
Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Families will gather to give God thanks for the many gifts we receive throughout the year. Many will enjoy a bountiful spread, the centerpiece being roast turkey with all the fixings. Later on that day, a little leftover turkey, perhaps in a sandwich. Friday may find you enjoying a hot turkey open-faced sandwich with gravy. Or turkey noodle casserole. Or turkey tetrazzini. Saturday brings turkey rice soup or turkey hash. Thanksgiving weekend, ahh... turkey, turkey, and more turkey.

By Sunday night, won't you be ready for a change? How would a juicy cheeseburger taste after a weekend full of turkey? Have we got a deal for you!

Five Guys Burgers & Fries, voted the #1 burger in the U.S.A by the Zagat Survey, and the Hurricane Relief Task Force of Summerville & Irondequoit Presbyterian Churches have combined for a special offer on Sunday, November 28, 2010. If you go to the Five Guys in Webster, 1075 Ridge Road, between 5:00 – 8:00 pm, 20% of your purchase cost will be donated to the Hurricane Relief Fund. You don't even need a coupon, just tell the cashier that you are here to support our relief effort. And, of course, to treat your palate with a great burger, bringing an end to your Thanksgiving turkey-over!

### Here's hoping all of you can join us!

When: Sunday, November 28, 2010 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm  
 Where: Five Guys in Webster  
 1075 Ridge Road, Webster NY  
 (between Hard & Holt Roads)  
 (585) 872-0310, or check out the menu at [www.fiveguys.com](http://www.fiveguys.com)



### From the Media, Planning and Publicity committee:

The Irondequoit Pizza Challenge hosted by SPC was a huge success. Six pizza shops from around town brought their best pizzas to Fellowship Hall to be enjoyed and judged by the pizza loving people of Irondequoit. Two hundred and forty three ballots were cast, the people have spoken.

*Best Crust:* **Cam's**  
*Best Sauce:* **Two Ton Tony's**  
*Best Specialty Pizza:* **A tie between Cam's and Mark's**  
*Overall Favorite:* **Two Ton Tony's**

Thanks to everyone involved who helped make it such a wonderful event. It was great to see people from our community, who are not members of SPC, fill Fellowship Hall and experience the spirit and wonderful fellowship that Summerville has to offer.

### MPP committee:

Todd Hayes, Chairman  
 Susan Weisensel  
 Steve Hedges  
 Ralph Cummings  
 Jim Verni



**October 2010 Financial Report**

	<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	
Total Income	\$196,307	\$215,167	(\$18,859)		\$258,200
Total Disbursements	<u>232,544</u>	<u>254,533</u>	<u>(21,989)</u>		<u>305,440</u>
Net Income/Deficit	(\$36,237)	(\$39,366)	\$ 3,130		\$ 47,240

Costs look very good as our year-to-date disbursements are currently nearly \$22,000 below budget and should end the year below budget as well. However, income is about \$19,000 short of budget and will likely end the year even further short of our budget. We are currently at a \$36,000 year-to-date deficit versus our year-end budgeted deficit of \$47,000.

Total Donor Restricted Assets	\$412,187
Total Session Restricted Assets	94,612
Total Unrestricted Assets	<u>128,270</u>
Total Net Assets	\$635,069

Included in our total income for the year is approximately \$20,000 of investment income earned on our restricted and unrestricted assets. The majority of our restricted assets represent the Andrews Maintenance Fund, to be used for the preservation and replacement of our church property. We currently have \$128,270 of unrestricted assets to use as a cash reserve or subsidy against future losses.

**MISSION FESTIVAL OF TREES**

As we approach the Christmas holidays, the mission arm of Adult Education and Mission Committee will sponsor the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Festival of Trees. Beginning November 21 seven Christmas trees will be set up in Fellowship Hall, one each designated for individual contributions to Kirkhaven Transitional and Long Term Care, Support Our Troops (SOT), Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), the Irondequoit Food Cupboard, Sunset House, Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN), and Cameron Ministries.

For the four Sundays before Christmas, members and friends are invited to contribute to these missions supported by our Summerville church community. Although specific missions will be a focus each week, contributions are welcome on any Sunday: November 28, December 5, December 12, December 19, noting individual deadline dates for Kirkhaven and CASA.

Our focus Sundays are:

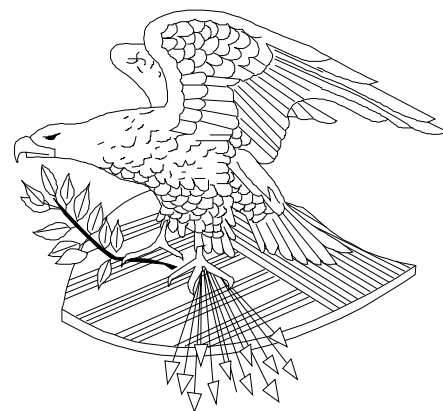
- November 28 – Kirkhaven and Support Our Troops
- December 5 – CASA and Irondequoit Food Cupboard
- December 12 – Sunset House and RAIHN
- December 19 – Cameron Ministries

In this issue please locate a Wish List provided by each of these missions. The CASA tree has opportunities for specific gifts requested by the foster children in the court system. Wrapped gifts for CASA should be returned by December 12. Unwrapped gifts for Kirkhaven should be returned by December 19 for our delivery December 20, gifts used for Santa to distribute to the 130+ residents.

Thank you for your generosity in this season of giving as we appreciate and acknowledge the mission undertaken by others in our community. Please note all gifts, with the exception of those for CASA, will be delivered unwrapped.

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**

**If you know of anyone in the military with a foreign assignment open to accepting a care package from Summerville Church, please contact Kathy at the church office (342-4242). SOT is interested in locating those who have a connection to our church and/or to the Irondequoit community as the mission to maintain contact with our active service men and women continues.**



## FESTIVAL OF TREES WISH LISTS

### KIRKHAVEN FOCUS (NOVEMBER 28)

*(Unwrapped gifts returned to church by December 19)*

Toiletries (perfume, after-shave, hand lotion, liquid body wash, bath powder, etc.)

Candy and/or cookies in tins (homemade food items cannot be accepted)

Large print puzzle/word search books

Hand-held games, playing cards

Large 2011 wall calendars, sugar-free candy

Jewelry, hair nets, rain bonnets, socks and slippers (men's and women's)

### SUPPORT OUR TROOPS FOCUS (NOVEMBER 28)

All kinds of batteries

Toiletries and soap

Packaged food items: cookies, candy, dried fruit

Paperback books, magazines

Puzzle books

### CASA FOCUS (DECEMBER 5) (Wrapped gifts returned to church by December 12)

Select an angel from the tree/  
purchase and wrap gift re-

### IRONDEQUOIT FOOD CUP- BOARD FOCUS (DECEMBER 5)

Cereal and soups

Peanut butter and jelly

Tuna fish

Gift cards

### SUNSET HOUSE FOCUS (DECEMBER 12)

Paper towels, Swifter refills (wet and dry), Clorox wipes, Clorox II for wash

Dove bar soap, pump hand and body lotion

2 pocket folders, blue/red/black pens, post-it notes, 3-hole wide lined paper

Bird seed, chap stick

Wegmans, Herremas, Staples gift cards

### RAIHN FOCUS (DECEMBER 12)

Anti-bacterial cleaners (bath room/kitchen)

Sponges, disposable gloves

30 gallon garbage bags

Baby wipes, pacifiers, safety plugs

for electrical outlets

Gift cards (Wegmans, Tops, Target, Walmart)

### CAMERON MINISTRIES FOCUS (DECEMBER 19)

Feminine products

Deodorant

Toilet paper

Men's gloves

Canned fruit

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## An Example of Good Stewardship

In April 1972, after being hired at Summerville, but before beginning work at SPC, I attended an early organ committee meeting. Over the next seven years, with many ups and downs, including an anonymous donor (anonymous for a while), his remarriage, his untimely death, and relinquishment of most of his bequest to his widow, the organ committee recommended to the congregation the purchase of the organ that now stands at the front of the worship space at Summerville.

There were many controversies about the money being spent, even false accusations about kickbacks, and some who, in their determination, refused to contribute at all. But after 31 and 1/2 years, the organ remains one of the best examples of stewardship in Summerville's history.

In 1978, a contract was signed with the Holtkamp Organ Company of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the nation's most respected builders, for a mechanical-action organ of two manuals and pedal,

eleven stops and fifteen ranks of pipes for the sum of \$67,000. Had SPC chosen an electronic organ at that time, the purchase price would have been approximately \$45,000.

31 years after the July/August installation of the Holtkamp, the replacement value of the organ has been placed at \$375,000. Had an electronic instrument been installed, we would probably have been on, at least, our second replacement with total costs around \$200,000.

As it turned out, the many twists and turns, delays, and, ultimately, the support of the congregation, the instrument that resulted was a better instrument than the original proposal. The instrument at Summerville is regarded as a landmark instrument for it represents a substantial change in tonal design, in its mechanical, rather than electrical-pneumatic, action, for both the Holtkamp Organ Company and the direction of organ-building in general. The organ, though a relatively small instrument, has a varied tonal palette with both warmth and clear definition suitable to many styles of music.

While even skeptics would not have predicted the rise in costs of metals and labor over 31 1/2 years, the choice has served us well in ways both musical and in responsible stewardship.

Lee Foster



## ***Myths and Untruths about Christmas Carols***

Most of us enjoy the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany seasons for the music, though we would probably prefer that it not begin before Halloween, or even Thanksgiving. But ... much of what we accept as the origins of Christmas carols and the theology represented by them is exaggerated, at best, and often simply false. I tackle a few of the myths below:

### **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* is not an Advent carol at all. The text was written in the 4th century in the Greek church as an offertory - the time when the bread and wine are brought from the back of the church to the altar for consecration. The melody we use is a medieval French carol arranged in the 20th century by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

### **Away in a Manger**

While the lyrics have long been attributed to Martin Luther, that is no more than a fable. Its first publishing was in 1883 - 400 years after the birth of Luther in an Evangelical Lutheran Sunday School Collection. It is quite possible that the legend that Luther composed the lyrics and/or tune arose as a part of the 400th anniversary celebrating Luther's birth.

### **Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

To the tune of "In dulci jubilo," *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* (or *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*, in our hymnal) is one of our older carols. The text dates to the early 1300s and was set to what was probably a medieval dance tune - perhaps one that might have been per-

formed in dramas performed in the town's cathedral square.

### **Silent Night**

The lyrics for Silent Night were written by Austrian priest Father Joseph Mohr two years before they were set to music by Franz Gruber. Common legend has it that it was composed for voices and guitar because mice had eaten through the leather on the organ bellows, but that is false. Mohr asked Gruber to write the tune sometime earlier in the year, which, in its original form, was a rather lively dance/yodeling type of song, for Christmas Eve 1818. The accompaniment was rather like oom-pa-pah music we associate more with Oktoberfest. Ponder that for a moment!

### **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Both the tune and lyrics have long been attributed to English hymnodist John Wade who published it in 1751 in a songbook called *Cantus Diversi*, but the tune has been attributed to many, including Handel, or by monks in a monastery or, perhaps, by the King of Portugal, *João IV de Portugal*, the Musician King (1603-1656). The text is a translation of the Latin text, *Veni, veni Emmanuel*.

### **Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

The music is from the second chorus of a cantata by Felix Mendelssohn written in 1840 to honor Johann Gutenberg for his invention of printing. The words are from a hundred years earlier, written by Charles Wesley whose brother, John, founded the Methodist Church. "Hark, how the welkin (heaven) rings," he wrote. A colleague, the Calvinist Whitefield, substituted the familiar opening line over the protests of the author. In 1855, after both Wesley and Mendelssohn were dead, Dr. William Cummings put the words and mu-

sic together in spite of evidence that neither author nor composer would have approved.

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Today, scholars today doubt that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the basis for both the poetry and music of this carol. Archaeologists and theologians think that Nazareth is the more likely birthplace - as in *Jesus of Nazareth*.

There is no record of a Roman census at that time, and Mary almost certainly would not have traveled ninety miles on a donkey's back at nine months of pregnancy. If there had been a census, only the male head-of-household would have been required to go. Further, had all under Roman rule had to return to their hometown to register, it would have crippled the Roman economy as well as left much of the Empire unguarded. The Bible is contradictory on Jesus' birthplace with Matthew contradicting Luke on several points. Several other carols also refer to Bethlehem, including *Once in Royal David's City* (thus the lineage from David to Jesus), *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*, which, by the way, is not referring to either our understanding of "rest" (keep or make), or merry gentlemen. Note the comma. The first line really says "May God keep you merry, gentlemen (and gentlewomen).

As for the stable, that is also probably false as the Bible does not mention either stable, barn, or cave. It is surmised, as a result of the word "manger", but mangers also would have been found inside a home on the entry level.

### **We Three Kings**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are* is a product of Victorian fancy in the tradition of medi-

eval morality plays in which characters, even names, were invented to make the moral lesson clearer. The Bible does not mention kings, and certainly not the names of Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar. Written by John Henry Hopkins for a Christmas pageant in 1857, the carol was not published until 1863.

### **Joy to the World**

The music is frequently, and probably falsely, attributed to Georg Frideric Händel, and the text, written by Isaac Watts was never intended as a Christmas carol. Rather, Watts wrote the text in 1719 as a hymn glorifying Christ's triumphant return at the end of the age. Hymnodist Lowell Mason adapted both Watts' text and what he thought was Händel's music and published them together. If Händel had anything to do with the tune, he certainly did not write all of it.

### **Angels We Have Heard on High**

Known to legions of children as the "Oreo Song" for its melismatic refrain "Gloria in excelsis Deo" (Glory to God in the Highest), *Angels We Have Heard on High* is a representation of the shepherds recalling the angels that appeared on the hillside to them after the birth of Jesus. This carol and story make the December date for Christmas impossible, as it would have been too cold for the shepherds to be out at that time of year. The more likely month is either April or September. It is adapted from a French dance carol *Angels in the Countryside*.

And, for Paul Leipold and his sheep:

### **Sheep Fast Asleep**

*Sheep Fast Asleep* is an extremely loose translation of a Japanese text, possibly not originally referring to Christmas or the birth of Jesus at all.

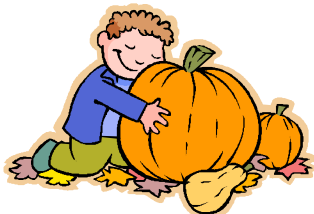
# Youth Group News

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

We lost one youth from Irondequoit Presbyterian Church who was not ready for the commitment. We have had 3 classes so far (one at each church). Our class project is a banner with the students adding something visual as we discuss the major components of the Bible. The students did artwork to convey the Creation, and we have begun a family tree starting with Noah and ending with Jacob. Our upcoming class will be adding the 12 tribes of Israel that branch off of Jacob.



A special thanks to our Session elders who agreed to be mentors for our 3 confirmands. Allison Cubitt will mentor Natalie Wilkinson, Jim DeVoe will mentor Chris Smith, and Ruth McNamara will mentor Sarah Hayes. They will be reading the gospel of Mark on their own at home and meeting together to answer a set of questions provided by the teachers.



## Our First Breakfast Faith Talk:

On Halloween (that's scary!), we met at Bruegger's at the corner of Portland and E. Ridge Rd. from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. for our faith talk. We had great attendance! The youth that attended were Emma & Sarah Hayes, Andrew Martinez, Margaret Mayer, Chris Smith, Lily Storey, Gavin Streb, Zoe Sullivan, and Natalie Wilkinson. Jezzi Burns also participated as part of her internship program. Our discussion was about the Holy Spirit. Words they used to describe the Holy Spirit included conscience, Pentecost, tongues of fire, a floating ball of light, spirit of a person, Trinity, Jesus and God. After reading John 14:15-27 entitled "Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit," the group arrived at their own definition: *The Holy Spirit is God who is a presence in all believers that helps you through things and provides a path for life.* We talked about the Holy Spirit being our Counselor (word Jesus had chosen). In Greek, the word used meant "one who is called alongside to help." The youth understand that the Holy Spirit does not keep bad things from happening, but it can help you to make the right decisions and will even pray to God on their behalf. It was an excellent discussion and this topic will be shared and continued at the Alternative Worship Service on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Our next Faith Talk Breakfast will be on **Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. We all want to return to the same spot (Bruegger's) since they were very accommodating.

## Harvest Festival

This fundraiser could never be as successful as it is without the help from our youth, their families and members of Summerville who help with making purchases, selling pumpkins, and offering baked goods and crafts. Thanks to all of you, our Youth Group Fund increased by \$1,431!!

## Watson Homestead Youth Retreat

Our weekend on Friday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! The theme of our weekend was “What’s Your Name” that focused on one’s identity and belonging and leading up to what God has called us to do. Niki Brodeur was our leader, and she did a wonderful job! Rev. Colin Pritchard from 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church in Victor was our weekend musician, and he was awesome as well.

He wants to do it again next year! We had about 47 youth that included our church, 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. at Pittsford and at Albion, and Third Presbyterian Church.

## Dinner & Alternative Worship Service

On Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, our first youth-led alternative worship of this school year took place. A taco dinner was served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the worship service 6:45-7:30 p.m.

The theme of our worship service was the Holy Spirit and our youth leaders included Margaret Mayer,

Chris Smith, Lily Storey, Zoe Sullivan, and Natalie Wilkinson under the leadership of Jezzi Burns and Debbie Carter. Adam Scoville returned to lead our music program.

The youth appreciate your participation in these worship services.



## Raking Leaves

On Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, our Youth Group enjoyed a beautiful warm day (for November in Rochester!) raking leaves for Joan Frenzel and Eileen Wilkinson. Thank you to our helpers: Todd & Sarah Hayes, Margaret Mayer, Chris Smith, Lily Storey, and Colin & Gavin Streb.



## Pizza Challenge

Our Youth were instrumental in helping to serve and offer directions to the hundreds of people that attended this fun and successful event. Our thanks to Emma & Sarah Hayes, Andrew Martinez, Margaret Mayer, Chris Smith (and his friend, Jayden), and Lily Storey for all their smiles and helpful energy.

## Upcoming Events:

- ] Youth Night at Laser Quest on December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ] Bake Christmas cookies at the Ronald McDonald House followed by dinner at Mrs. Carter’s house on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>
- ] Polarwave at noon on December 29<sup>th</sup>
- ] Dinner & Youth-Led Alternative Worship Service on January 7<sup>th</sup>
- ] Breakfast Club “Faith Talk” on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Bruegger’s on E. Ridge Rd.
- ] Movie Madness on January 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> (\$15 due by **Thurs., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>**)
- ] Serve lunch at Cameron Community Ministries on Saturday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## WICSD PTA Clothing Drive Clean-Up

Following worship on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 youth (Jordan Cummings, Chris Smith, Lily Storey, Gavin Streb, Zoe Sullivan, and Kyle Tanzi) along with 9 adults (Rick & Nina Birch, Bill & Debbie Carter, Barb Chamberlin, Marianna Schuler, Dee Storey, and Ken & Holly Hammond Streb) helped to bag clothes, load them in vehicles, unload them into our Used Clothing Shed, and help pack up clothes hangars and display equipment. We worked until 1 p.m. Thanks to all who helped. This was a huge donation to our clothing shed and ultimately our Youth Group program.

NEW Donated Items Accepted

# SUPPORT OUR Troops

IN AFGHANISTAN & IRAQ

The Veterans Network requests your donations of new items for inclusion in troop care packages for the holidays...



PLEASE! NEW ITEMS ONLY  
(NO liquids or aerosol products)

- Baby wipes
- Razors
- Deodorant (non-liquid, non-aerosol)
- Nail clippers
- Cotton swabs, cotton balls
- Shoe insole cushions
- Feminine products
- Phone cards
- Band-aids
- AA Batteries
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bar Soap
- Lip balm
- Tylenol or Aspirin or Ibuprofen
- Chap stick
- Dental floss
- Baby powder
- Foot powder
- Combs/brushes
- Breath mints
- Instant coffee
- Powdered Gatorade
- Kool-aid (pre-sweetened)
- Lemonade
- Tea bags
- Crackers and cheese
- Single serving packs of snacks (chips, pretzels, popcorn, etc.)
- Gum, candy (nothing that melts)
- Dry cereal (individual serving)
- Beef Jerky
- Granola bars/Power bars
- Dried fruit
- Instant soup
- Oatmeal
- Nuts
- Marshmallows
- Single serving canned fruit
- Hot chocolate mix
- Sunflower/Pumpkin seeds
- Single serve cookies
- Disposable cameras
- Puzzles
- Small flash lights
- Cards
- Portable CD players & headsets
- Foam footballs/basketballs
- Puzzle and Sudoku books
- Pocket/Hand-held electronic games

