



The Trumpet

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"YOUR CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS"

Stay With Me...

...while I take you back some thirty-four years to August 14th, 1977. While going through some old files, we came across an SPC program for that Sunday and reflected back on that day and how our lives have changed since then,

The first page begins with a Prayer For Meditation and continues with a welcome to all who worshiped with us that day. It went on to explain that the summer program provided only one service but in the fall, we would resume our normal schedule. And then it stated: "We're grateful to volunteer Pamela Shares who is substituting for vacationing Leon Foster."

Lee had taken Pam under his wing to work with her while taking piano lessons. She was then just sixteen years old, but displayed a musical background that ran in the family. The service got underway and as the offering was collected, Pam accompanied Mrs. Kent DeHond as she sang "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

As I began this story, I stated it was some thirty-four years ago, so my memory may not be accurate, but I seem to think that Pam probably played the piano for the entire service. Quite an accomplishment for a sixteen year old!

It was interesting to read the names of people who were members of SPC then and how they partici-

pated in the service as ushers, greeters, etc. Some of those people are still with us today, and continue to participate in our service, while others have left us in one way or another.

Yes, thirty-four years has seen many changes both in our church and in my own family. Pam's brother married and he and his wife now have two grown children. Kay and I will celebrate our fifty-sixth Anniversary on October 15th. And Pamela? Well, she has had to struggle and work harder than most of us will ever know. In 1981 she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and has now been confined to a wheelchair. Her mother and I have spent the last thirty years helping her manage her daily life, but through the grace of God, she continues to keep a wonderful attitude. We've found it most difficult to manage to attend church services now. At our age, and with the procedure we follow every morning, we are fortunate to have Pam ready for lunch at noontime.

So why am I telling you all this? I guess its how an eighty year old mind works! I picked up that 1977 program and began thinking of how proud we were of Pam back then, and how we continue to be proud of her today. Amen.

Milt Shares TRUMPET editor

DID YOU KNOW....

...that this year, **2011**, we will experience something that hasn't happened in over eight hundred years?

If you look at a calendar, you'll discover that the month of JULY has **5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays!** This happens just once every eight hundred years or more. This is something your ancestors experienced back in the thirteenth century! Now, doesn't that make you feel a little bit special?

Rotation Workshop

Have you ever wanted to be a child back in Sunday School again? Have you ever wondered what the children do when they leave during the worship service?

Well now is your chance to find out! On Sunday May 22nd, 2011, the CYED committee is sponsoring a Children's Rotation Workshop Open House.

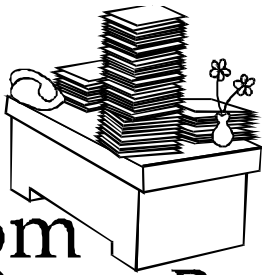
It will take place immediately following the worship service, during the Adult Ed. Program.

Anyone interested can join in on the fun - both young and young at heart!

Come to learn something and to have fun too.

Everyone will have a chance to rotate through 3 mini-workshop lessons. There will be music, games and fun in the kitchen!

Save the date!



From the Pastors Desk

From a recent snopes.com/music/artists/bell.asp article an interesting and real story was reported. The **Washington Post** as part of an social experiment about perception, taste and priorities of people asked the following questions: In a commonplace environment at an inappropriate hour: Do we perceive beauty? Do we stop to appreciate it? Do we recognize the talent in an unexpected context?

Apparently not – or at least not in a metro station in Washington, D.C. It was a cold January morning and a man sat and played 6 Bach pieces for about 45 minutes – during rush hour – when thousands of people went through the station on their way to work.

Time passed and people, while only pausing for a brief moment, continued on their way. Some never stopped at all. The one person who seemed to pay the most attention was a 3 year old boy – but even he was hurried along by his mother.

The Post stated that in that 45 minute period of time only 6 people stopped and stayed for a while. About 20 gave him money but continued on their way. He collected \$32.00. When he finished playing and silence took over – no one noticed it – there was no applause or even recognition.

What no one knew was that this street musician was Joshua Bell, one of the finest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate musical selections ever written on a violin worth 3.5 million dollars.

Two days before he played in the subway, Joshua Bell sold out a theatre in Boston where the average seat price was \$100. This is the

same Joshua Bell that played at the Kodak Theater here in Rochester on March 20th also to a sold out theater. Sunday's concert was stunningly beautiful and electrifying.

And while this is a real story – what does it say about the original questions posed by the **Washington Post** to us? “If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world playing the best music ever written, how many other things are we missing?” “What is the moral mathematics of the moment?” “Do we have time for beauty?” “Shouldn't we?”

The Season of Lent involves a suggestion: perhaps the distractions in our life makes it harder for us to set out on a path with Jesus, harder to see the treasures on the way along this path and harder to feel the wind of the Spirit moving around us and driving us toward the One who loves us and wants us to come home.

Easter reminds us that God provides much beauty and joy – and it is all around us. God also offers another profound gift – the grace of a salvation/reunion. The questions are real: “What is the moral mathematics of the moment? Do we have time for beauty? And shouldn't we make that time?”

Dottie

The March issue of *Presbyterians Today* an article entitled: “Worship as evangelism” lifted up some interesting thoughts about the Theology of Worship. Since many of you within the SPC community have been engaged in responding to questions from the Natural Church Development Task Force of Session about worship at SPC and how we can enhance our praise of God, I found this article interesting and possibly helpful for all of us.

The first observation is – “in what ways should our worship be oriented for evangelism – by that I mean trying to address the needs and interests of people in relationship to the gospel of Jesus Christ? Should worship services focus on contemporary issues, music, tactics so that the un-

churched will be drawn into the church? Can worship be evangelistic and still be nourishing for church members who attend regularly?”

“To answer these questions we need to review our theology of worship.” Worship is not just what we do as a gathered community; it extends into our private lives. It has to do with the whole of a reverent life. Ideally in the acts of love and kindness we perform for others, we are worshipping God. In an important sense, corporate worship prepares the community to go into the world and continue the act of worship.”

“Within our Reformed Presbyterian tradition corporate worship has had clearly defined elements. These elements center on the Word and Sacraments. They include:

- Calling the community into worship
- Recognizing our sinfulness and unworthiness to approach God
- Declaring pardon for sin
- Saying prayers of thanksgiving, intercession and supplication
- Reading and hearing God's Word (spoken and through music)
- Celebrating the sacraments

“Unfortunately, in recent history worshipers have often lost a sense of the theology of worship. Some forms of worship seem to focus more on entertaining the congregation than in praising God. ...For worship to be a vital service to God there must be a community understanding of what worship is and how it can best be conducted. The integration of theological insight with liturgical practices is a desired end.”

“Worship is proclamation... in Worship our hearts, minds, and selves are lifted to the God who has called a people together as church to worship. All aspects of the liturgy – hymns, prayers, sermons, and sacraments- celebrate what God has done in this world. Who God is breaks forth to be proclaimed. As we sing, we lift our voices in celebration.”

“Through the various elements of worship we reflect on salvation history – what God has done for hu-

manity. We also reflect on our personal history in the church.”

“At the heart of it, worship is not a means to anything else. God may use it as such, but in essence, worship is the one thing we humans do that stands as an end in itself. Worship is done for God, not for ourselves. ...In worship we realize that God is still on the scene and has not left us.”

“...We need to realize that worship doesn’t include all the best features of a coffee break, lecture, pep rally or concert. ... Our worship serves God best as we seek to free our language, offer praise, communicate God’s message and respond in faith – in our contemporary contexts. We worship in loving response to and obedience to God...”

As Presbyterians who value the rich diversity of people who enter to worship, who respect each other and our gifts and talents and awareness that many are on different paths, but all are walking toward God in faith, we need to continue to wrestle with what is appropriate in worship and what is not, we need to remember that we gather to worship God. We give God the honor, glory and praise that emerge from who God is and what God has done. (Worship as evangelism, by LindaJo H. McKim, Presbyterians Today, March 2011, pp.4-5).

Dottie

RAIHN COOKBOOK

You still have time to submit your recipes for the RAIHN fundraiser cookbook: April 1 is the deadline! And the committee is hoping for an additional 100 recipes.

Submit your very best recipe(s) in one or two of the following categories: Appetizers and Beverages; Soups and Salads; Vegetables and Side Dishes; Main Dishes; Breads and Rolls; Desserts; Cookies and Candy; This and That.

You may email your recipe(s) to: H Y P E R L I N K “mailto:cookbook@raihn.org” cookbook@raihn.org or mail them directly to RAIHN Cookbook Fundraiser, 34 Meigs Street, Rochester, NY 14607.

MONTHLY MISSION PROJECT REPORT

Alternatives for Battered Women and Cameron Ministries were the recipients of our January and February mission giving drives. Verizon accepted our donation of 10 used cell phones which will be reprogrammed for use and given to Alternatives for Battered Women. Our donations of 89 pieces of underwear, new briefs, undershirts, and socks for men, women and children, were gratefully accepted by Cameron Ministries for distribution for those in continuing need of even the most basic items.

Thank you to all who contributed to these worthy missions. Check the weekly bulletin for information of the monthly mission drives. March will focus on Summerville’s support of RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network), collecting cleaning supplies for distribution to “graduating” families who move from the program into their own self-sustaining homes. In addition, supplies may be used for upkeep and maintenance of the Day Center at 34 Meigs Street as well. Check the Sunday March bulletins and bulletin board for specific needs.

And remember, donations to the Irondequoit Food Cupboard are always accepted. The basket is located in the front foyer. Our community needs are great, our participation appreciated.

RAIHN FAITH COMMUNITIES

Some have asked, “Who ARE the Rochester faith communities involved with RAIHN?” (Rochester Interfaith Hospitality Network)

HOST FAITH COMMUNITIES (15) house and feed guest families for one-week periods three times each year.

Asbury First Methodist Church
Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word
Brighton Reformed Church S t .
Luke’s & St. Simon-Cyrene Episcopal Church of the Assumption

St. Matthias Episcopal/Trinity Lutheran
Downtown United Presbyterian Church
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford
Temple Sinai
First Unitarian Church Third
Presbyterian Church
First Universalist Church
Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran
Irondequoit United Church of Christ*

* Summerville’s host congregation

SUPPORTING FAITH COMMUNITIES (22) provide in-kind and volunteer support to one of the host faith communities.

Baber AME Church
St. Catherine of Siena Baptist Temple
St. John’s Lutheran Church**
Christ Episcopal Church
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Church of the Epiphany
St. Louis Catholic Church
Church of the Transfiguration
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection**
St. Paul’s Evangelical Church
Messiah Lutheran Church
Summerville Presbyterian Church**
Mountain Rise UCC
Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church
New Life Presbyterian Church
Trinity Reformed Church
Pittsford Baptist Church
United Church of Pittsford
Religious Society of Friends Seneca United Methodist Church**

**Support faith communities working with host Irondequoit United Church of Christ

Now you know!

**HELP WANTED: FOOD
COORDINATOR FOR RAIHN**
(Rochester Area Interfaith
Hospitality Network)

Manage and coordinate the menus for our next two rotations: May 8-15 and August 28-September 4. Involves some minimal grocery shopping during the two one-week rotations, but no meal preparation. (Meals are provided by volunteers and delivered to Irondequoit United Church of Christ by 6 p.m. each day the guests are in residence.) Could lead to a full-time position! Contact Peg Baker at 342-0865 or H Y P E R L I N K "mailto:pegmbaker@frontiernet.net" pegmbaker@frontiernet.net for further details.

**HELP WANTED:
SUPPORT OUR TROOPS
CHAIRPERSON**

Interested in chairing Support Our Troops (SOT) on a full-time or short-term basis? Interested in assisting with the packaging and mailing of SOT letters and care package donations? Responsibilities: to manage and market the letter writing sessions at 11:15 a.m. the first Sunday of each month; to collect, package and mail monthly letters and donations to designated service men and women with a Summerville or Irondequoit connection. Recipients are identified; letters are written; donations have been made; postage is reimbursed. Establish your own 3-5 hours monthly time commitment.

Laura Van Nostrand, who initiated the mission in 2003, values her heart-felt commitment to SOT; however, for personal reasons she would like "to take a break" from the responsibilities of this committee. In addition, she strongly believes "in rotating leadership roles for the health of an organization." She remains available to help anyone, male or female, who is interested. Is this volunteer opportunity a call for you? For further details and/or to have questions

answered, contact Laura at 254-1144 OR Peg Baker of Adult Education and Mission Committee at: 342-0865.

Contact Laura or Peg now!

RAIHN BY THE NUMBERS

The Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network provides housing, meals, and hospitality at 15 host faith congregations with the assistance of 22 support congregations and 1700 volunteers. Assistance is provided to carefully screened families who are temporarily without housing resources of their own with the goal of assisting them to achieve sustainable independence with the support of shelter, food, personalized case management, and a diverse network of caring volunteers.

During 2010 these congregations and volunteers supported 26 families, providing 87 guests, 52 of whom were children, the opportunity to stay together as a family during their time of need. As recently as 2008 the average stay in the RAIHN program was 32 days; however, in 2010 the average stay increased to 47 days. Although each host congregation offers hospitality to a maximum of 14 guests during a rotation week, these figures validate the continued need for providing this support for Rochester area families.

Summerville is an active support congregation for host congregation United Church of Christ. SPC provides a pool of 15 active volunteers available to cover various shifts during the rotation weeks at IUCC. Thanks to Stella Megargle's leadership, we have a pool of 10-12 active volunteers who help provide 1-2 meals each week of our rotation. If you'd like to become involved with this mission, contact Peg Baker at 342-0865. Orientation opportunities are available every other month, the next in April.

Edwin Wiitala
Homewood Assisted Living Community #410
770 Goodlette Road North
Naples, FL 34102
239-775-2077

Who We've Lost

Ruth Conover passed away
2/20/2011

Joined SPC 10/27/2003

Mother of Betsy Leipold, Grandmother of Sue Baker and Eric Leipold.

Ted Thomas - 2/14/2011 former member

Lois Edwards passed away
3/10/2011

Joseph Polowe passed away
3/6/2011 - Father of Stephanie Aldersley

Donald W. Lewis, 2/1/2011 - friend of Dottie Yoder and Jane Kleehammer

Rev. Richard L. Kesel,
3/5/2011 - friend of Dottie Yoder and retired member of Genesee Valley Presbytery

Laura Acord, 2/13/2011 - sister of Cindy Ames

Danielle Gloscha, 1/15/2011 - niece of Cindy Ames

Violet Smith, 1/30/2011 - mother of Bob Smith

Deacon's Report

The Deacon's Memorial Reception Committee co-chairs, Alice Estes and Marilyn Schindler, would like to pay Special tribute to three faithful and loyal people who always respond with a 'yes' when asked to help work on the Receptions. They are: Joan Frenzel, Marge Reber and George Schindler.

They are a delight and a joy to work with and are very much appreciated. Thank you folks.
Alice Estes.



All Seriousness Aside

Undeniable Truths

- 1- I take back all those times I didn't want to take a nap when I was younger!
- 2- I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
- 3- Bad decisions make good stories.
- 4- I think the freezer should have a light too.
- 5- How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still don't hear or understand a word they said?
- 6- Lately, I look down at my watch three consecutive times and still don't know what time it is!

A little boy opened the big family Bible and suddenly something fell out. He picked it up and looked at it. It was an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he shouted. "What have you got there, dear?" The young boy, wide eyed, said, "I think it's Adams underwear!"



Who Does What?

A man and his wife were arguing about who should make the coffee in the morning. She said, "You should because you get up first and then it's ready when I come down." The husband says, "Yea, but you're in charge of cooking and that's your job." Then she replies, "Oh no, you should do it, and besides, it's in the Bible that the man should make the coffee," she countered. "I can't believe that," he says, "show me where it says that!" She grabs the Bible, opens it to the New Testament and says, "Right here at the top of several pages, it says,
'HEBREWS.'

Watch What You Say!

A professor at a college walked into the classroom one day and, being an atheist, looked at the ceiling and announced to the class, "GOD, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform in the next ten minutes." The room fell silent. Several minutes ticked away and not a word was spoken. With just a couple minutes to go, one of the students, a young former Marine with several tours of duty under his belt, got up and walked to the platform and knocked the professor out cold! He then returned to his seat. When he regained consciences the Professor looked at the young man and said, "What did you do that for?" The Marine calmly replied, "GOD was too busy today protecting American servicemen and women who are protecting your right to say stupid stuff and act like an idiot. So he sent me." The classroom burst into cheers!

The latest survey shows that 3 out of every 4 people make up 75% of the world's population!

"For Sale Ad"

(I kid you not)

"For Sale:
Collection of old people. Call
258-2149"

The Price of Gas in Paris.

Submitted by Ralph Cummings

A thief was caught a block away from the Louve after stealing several paintings. When the police asked him why he stopped, he replied, "I needed the Monet to buy Degas, to make the Van Gogh."

Ralph had De Gaulle to email this to me, knowing Milt Shares this sort of thing with you in the TRUMPET. I figured, what did I have Toulouse? (Oh stop groaning!)

And That's When The Fight Started!

A man's wife was standing in front of the mirror, with almost nothing on. She was not happy with what she saw and said to him, "I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment." He said, "Well, your eyesight's still good." And that's when the fight started!

Sunday School Fun.

The Sunday school teacher began the lesson with a question; "Boys and Girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air and the kid said, "He's an Artist!" "Really," she said. "How do you know that?" The child replied, "You know - Our Father who does art in Heaven."

Each Sunday, after church, the mother would ask her daughter what the lesson was about. One day, the daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the mother was perplexed.

Later that day, the Pastor stopped by for tea and the mother asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said, Be not afraid, they comforter is coming."

*(I don't make them up,
I just type them up!)*

Suggestions for Parents and other worshippers

Relax! Your family is important here, and children are important participants in worship. God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.

Sit in a place where it will be easy for the children to see and to hear. Introduce your child to people sitting nearby.

Let your children use the floor and pew as their own area. Kneeling on the floor allows children to use the pew as a desk. Standing on the pew allows children to see what's going on. Use gentle touch: an arm around your child's shoulder, your hands in his/hers to give reassurance and appropriate attention.

Explain parts of the service (quietly). Use their questions as opportunities to teach them about faith, and how we live it out in worship.

Help your child find the pages in the hymnal and Bible. (don't be distressed if they don't find the proper page).

Sing the hymns, encourage your child to sing as well. It's less important that they're singing correctly, and more important that they're singing and participating.

Encourage your children to stand when the congregation stands, even if they can't read or don't yet know the responses.

Pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying yours.

Baptized children are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. Continue to nurture and instruct them in the significance of the Lord's Supper and the meaning of their response.

Encourage your child to participate in the Children's meditation. If he or she is reluctant to go forward then go forward with your child.

Younger children sometimes have particular difficulty participating in the entire worship service. Feel free to leave the Sanctuary to care for your child if he or she becomes disruptive. A nursery is available downstairs for infants/toddlers and there is a volunteer staffed classroom for preschool/kindergarten age children.

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Always remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to church, God and Christ. Let them know that they are at home in worship at Summerville!

ADULT ED

"Stepping Out in Faith!"

March 27, 2011
Third Sunday in Lent – Stepping Out in Faith!

"Hint fiction!" By Robert Swartwood. Dottie will engage those in attendance with the challenges and creative opportunities stimulated by Swartwood's concepts from his book of the same name. This will be an interactive and engaging conversation. I suggest that when you think about it, Jesus put most all of his teachings into stories that are less than 25 words, and yet they stimulated incredible steps on one's path of faith.

"Hint Fiction," by Robert Swartwood, W.W. Norton & Company Ltd. Castle House, 75/76 Wells Street, London W1TcQt. Printed in 2011. ISBN 978-0-393-33846-1.

April 3, 2011
Fourth Sunday in Lent – Stepping Out in Faith!

A cup of coffee at the Soul Café, by Leonard Sweet. Dottie will lead a discussion about how the author suggests we learn to pause and examine the spiritual journey we are exploring. And, in the words of Leonard Sweet, how one needs to sit down, look around, check your direction and warm up with a cup of coffee at the Soul Café. ISBN 0-8054-0159-8 Braodman & Holman Publishers, Nashville TN

April 10, 2011
Fifth Sunday in Lent – Stepping Out in Faith!

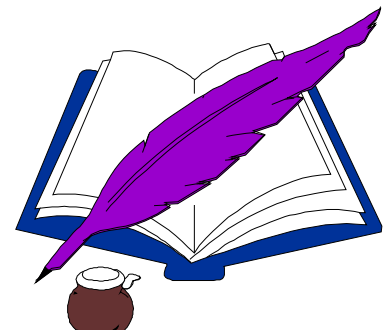
"Stepping Out With the Sacred: Human attempts to engage the Divine." by Val Webb.

Dottie will lead a discussion on how the author challenges us to value and learn from different faith backgrounds and how each attempts to express their spirituality. Many of us would like to have a generous and inclusive approach to others faith. But what exactly is truth? What can we know with confidence about our faith? Val Webb, in her book, treks through different religious paths and unpacks religious traditions exploring what different faiths value and practice. It should be an interesting discussion. "Stepping Out With The Sacred: Human Attempts to Engage the Divine," by Val Webb. 2010. ISBN 13:978-1-4411-9642-2. Continuum International Publishing Group. The Tower Building, 11 York Road, London SE1 7NX., 80 Maiden Lane, Suite 704, NY, NY.

April 17, 2011
Palm Sunday – Stepping Out in Faith!

"In search of Paul! How Jesus' Apostle Opposed Rome's Empire with God's Kingdom." by John Dominic Crossan and Jonathan L. Reed.

Dottie will lead a discussion about the apostle Paul and the many theories about who Paul was, what he believed and what role he played in the origins of Christianity. This book shows that Paul was a fallible but dedicated successor to Jesus, carrying on Jesus' mission of inaugurating the Kingdom of God on earth in opposition to the reign of Rome. "In Search of Paul. How Jesus' Apostle Opposed Rome's Empire with God's Kingdom." by John Dominic Crossan & Johathan Reed. 2004. ISBN 0-06-051457-4. HarperCollins Publishers, Inc. 10 East 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022.



APRIL – JUNE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Debbie Evans, President of the Irondequoit Community Cupboard, offers the following opportunities for volunteers:

1. Someone who could return banana boxes to Foodlink on Tuesdays.
2. One or two people with vans or trucks to be on call to make large pick-ups from area school drives.
3. Someone to assist in delivering annual newsletters to our area businesses.
4. Someone to help coordinate donations for our annual back-to-school program in late August.
5. Someone with a proven record of successful fundraising.
6. Someone with strong policy writing skills.
7. Someone to pick up backpacks from ICC Tuesday mornings, take them to Ivan Green School and then return the empty backpacks to ICC.

Someone to do #7 next fall for Helendale Road School, Durand Eastman School, and three West Irondequoit elementary schools.

If you are interested and available to do any of the above, please contact

Debbie Evans at her home phone: 266-6001 and for additional information. The ICC website [HYPERLINK "http://www.irondequoitcommunitycupboard.org"](http://www.irondequoitcommunitycupboard.org) www.irondequoitcommunitycupboard.org always has other up-to-date information as well.

Property Committee News

The Property committee is pleased to welcome our new Director of Maintenance, Rod Cutler. He is a quiet gentleman, who sees what needs to be done and does it. We wish good luck to Bobby Lewis who served in this position through the fall as he and his wife settle into their winter quarters in Florida.

One of the projects that Rod has completed is to build a cabinet for our emergency defibrillator, whose donation was announced in the last Trumpet. By the time this issue goes to press, a fresh battery should be installed and the unit fully functional. The cabinet is on the wall in the cloister corridor next to the door to fellowship hall. If you missed the training session at Adult Forum in January, training is available in the community from any organization that provides CPR training. And it really is easy to use.

Late last year, SPC called in RG&E for an energy audit. They recommended replacing a number of fluorescent light fixtures, reducing electricity for those lights by 41% with an estimated payback of 29 months. And their program would pay 2/3 the cost. SPC's share, \$3079, was funded by the Andrew's Fund. These new fixtures are now installed and saving us money. Thanks to Jim Shawhan for heading up this effort.

Finally, add these two items to your calendar and watch for further details:

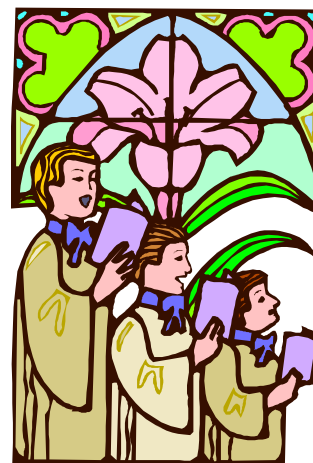
Saturday, April 30, 9-12 pm – Spring Cleanup. As usual, Property committee will provide refreshments to all willing workers.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 21st we will celebrate Maundy Thursday with a dinner in Fellowship Hall starting at 6:00PM. Following dinner, we will have several "readers" tell you about "Lead Me To The Rock." It will prove to be a wonderful beginning for the Easter Weekend. It would be wise to phone the office to let us know you're coming.

SPEAKING OF EASTER

April 24th is Easter Sunday and we look forward to seeing all of you in Church! You'll enjoy the special music we've prepared and having heard the wonderful series of programs Dottie is presenting during March and April Adult Education, this Easter will have even more meaning for you. There will also be a "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering as well.



And...

Saturday, May 14, 4 pm until it's gone – second annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser, a tasty meal of chicken and fixin's, to eat in or to go and served with a smile.



IT'S PER CAPITA TIME!

THINK SPRING

**THANK YOU TO
RAY NELSON**

Our local Presbytery and Synod and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA need our help to enable them to provide services that support our mutual mission. Per Capita helps fund local and national Presbyterian activities, resources, and leadership that unite us as a denomination and support our mission activities. Per Capita is important because it allows us to actively participate in Presbyterian activities beyond the Summerville congregation.

Summerville is again asking each adult member to contribute \$30 to cover per capita costs. (Our actual assessment is \$26.72 per member - \$16.27 for Presbytery, \$3.95 for Synod and \$6.50 for General Assembly - for each member who has been confirmed.) We ask that you contribute your per capita assessment in addition to your pledge, since your pledge is used to fund Summerville's own budget. If you don't pay your per capita, the per capita amount we are assessed for you still needs to be paid, and this would reduce the amount of your pledge that is available for Summerville to use for its own budget.

Please make a check payable to Summerville Presbyterian Church for your 2011 per capita (\$30 per individual, \$60 per couple) and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the Church office. Your per capita contribution is deductible for income tax purposes in the same manner as any other contribution to Summerville. You can contact Dottie Yoder or any member of the Stewardship & Finance Committee if you have any questions about per capita.

The websites for PC/USA, the Synod of the Northeast, and Presbytery of the Genesee Valley also have more information on Per Capita.
Thanks

Think spring and think Spring Gigantic Sale!

Dress down Sunday and set up: May 1st at Noon.

Organize and mark: May 2nd - 4th.

Sale days are May 5th - 7th.

The Spring and Fall Gigantic Sales are very important fundraiser's for our church. Many hands are needed to make light work. We need volunteers to be on teams that pickup donated items and deliver them to Summerville. We also need volunteers to price donated items.

Volunteers are already pricing items for the spring sale but we need more help. We are trying to sort, tape and price as much as we can in April so there will be less to do during the week of the sale.

If you are donating items for the sale, please do it as soon as possible. The sooner items are donated, the sooner we can get them sorted and marked.

The garage sales have been successful over the years thanks to the work of many volunteers. If you've never volunteered, check it out. If you have, thank you.

To volunteer for the sale and pricing in April or arrange to have items picked up from your house, call or email:

Todd Hayes, 872-3322.
(tldhayes@aol.com).

More info is available at:
WWW.Summervillechurch.org.

Thanks, Todd Hayes

When Summerville became associated with the RAIHN program in 2007, RAY NELSON was one of the original 17 volunteers who attended our first orientation meeting to learn more about what our commitment involved. From our first rotation in September, 2007, Ray was involved. Although he started out helping with the 5-9 p.m. dinner shift, he gradually moved to assisting with 7 a.m. Saturday breakfast preparations, a more leisurely morning experience for our guests when a hot breakfast was prepared. And until learning he's no longer able to drive, he volunteered every rotation, missing once because he was out of town. On behalf of the Summerville RAIHN volunteers and the Irondequoit/RAIHN faith congregations, we thank Ray for his faithful service to this mission.

Youth Group News

CONFIRMATION CLASS

January and February marked 3 main events for our class. Each class attended the Annual Meeting on January 30th and then came together for a discussion at their class immediately following (thank you, Todd Hayes, for filling in for me!). On Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 6), the class collected donations for the Confirmation Class' Souper Bowl collection for the Irondequoit Food Cupboard. The 3 churches combined raised \$167.60!! A special thanks to our Summerville family who donated \$88.60. The youth from SPC also attended the February Session meeting. From their feedback, it was obvious that they learned how important it was to follow a set process and to give each elder a voice. They witnessed Dottie as Moderator and Mary as Clerk of Session. Our thanks to the Session for allowing this experience for the Confirmands.



The class has covered several topics in January, February and March. We have continued our reading and discussions about the Brief Statement of Faith (our most recent confession). Our two sacraments (baptism and communion) were discussed. The Confirmands learned the 3 forms of baptism--immersion, pouring and sprinkling. We went into the sanctuary at Irondequoit Presbyterian with 3 signs: Prompter, Actors, Audience. The youth were asked to define "who does what" during our worship service. They responded as you would expect. The Prompter would be the choir director, the Actors would be the pastor and the musicians, and the Audience would be the congregation. Rev. Debbie Grohman explained the Danish philosopher, theologian and religious author, Kierkegaard, and his viewpoint on worship. Kierkegaard suggests that appropriate worship involves the pastor and musicians as the Prompter, the congregation as the Actors, and God as the Audience. That changes our entire perspective of worship! Jezzi and I had found a 50-words summary of the Bible. It begins with "God made, Adam bit, Noah arked, Abraham split,...." Rev. Sam Picard backed up each phrase with scripture. We reviewed the list and the youth looked up any phrase they did not understand. It was a terrific review of the events, characters, and chronological order of our Holy Bible.



Rev. Louise Josephson, the pastor at John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Henrietta, is an artist. She will lead our class (students and teachers) in making our own stained glass window. After reviewing the symbols in the Presbyterian Symbol and viewing Louise's windows, we are all charged with drafting a sketch of significant and meaningful symbols to represent our faith. At our retreat in April, we will make our windows and share them with our congregations when the youth are confirmed. We are so fortunate that Louise is willing to teach us, and that the Presbytery gave us a grant to fund this special project!

"Faith Talks"

Our February Faith Talk was cancelled due to a medical issue that Mrs. Carter experienced. Our next "Faith Talk" will be on Sunday, April 3rd at Bruegger's on E. Ridge and Portland.

Presbytery's Youth

Mission Madness:

Saturday, April 30th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m

February Youth Night:

On Friday, Feb. 11, following MPP's Movie Night fundraiser, the Youth Group stayed at church until midnight. First, the youth (Dom Fusco, Emma and Sarah Hayes, Andrew Martinez, Margaret Mayer with her friend, Abby, Chris Smith with his friend, Devin, Lily Storey with her friend, Kathryn, Zoe Sullivan, and Natalie Wilkinson with her friend Brianna) helped to clean-up after the movie. Next, they assembled baggies with the patterns and felt for participants to create a banner at the Lenten Family Night supper. Lastly, they had time for their favorite youth night games.



Deacon Spaghetti

Dinner:

On Saturday, Mar. 5th, youth helped serve spaghetti. Of course our youth deacons, Emma Hayes and Gavin Streb pitched in. A special thanks to Dom Fusco, Sarah Hayes, Andrew Martinez, Lily Storey, and Zoe Sullivan for their help.

Mission Trip to

Mississippi:

Over February break, 4 youth from SPC volunteered to serve in Mississippi: Emma & Sarah Hayes, Chris Smith, and Gavin Streb. From what I have heard, they all got along wonderfully and worked hard painting. It is so rewarding to witness their transformation upon their return. They have grown and changed from the experience as well as deepened their relationships with each other.



April's Youth Night:

On Friday, April 1st, we will begin our evening at Rock Ventures from 7-9 p.m. and then go back to church to assemble college care packages, watch a video, and play games.

Dinner & Alternative Worship Service

On Friday, May 13, we will have our last Alternative Worship service of this school year. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., and worship is from 6:45-7:30 p.m. The Youth Group will have their Youth Night fellowship following the worship service until midnight.

APCE Conference:

I had the privilege of attending my 7th conference of The Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE). This year it was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico which unfortunately was the coldest place in the 48 states on Feb. 1st at 4 degrees below zero!! The city was impressive despite their State of Emergency status. The conference speaker was Rick Ufford-Chase who served as Moderator of the 216th General Assembly of the PCUSA. He is currently the Executive Director of Presbyterian Peace Fellowship at the Stony Point Conference Center outside of NYC. The theme of the conference was "Walking in the Balance." He referred to our churches needing to be in a fair balance by embracing our differences with no bickering, being gentle, and that peace will come. This resonates with Paul's message to the early Christian churches. Paul stood up against the Roman Empire, and Rick was suggesting that we stand up against the "empire" that is our culture and make our values that which God values, not what our secular communities value. God is calling us to be who we are and to form a church of grace and peace where everyone's basic needs are met. Paul's desire for the people in their congregations was "to just get along" and strive to be like Jesus. There is no perfect community, and we will always be a work in progress. Our work as a community is to challenge us every day and that is a good thing. The workshops I attended were excellent and I brought back new ideas!!



Serve Lunch at Cameron Community Ministries:

On Saturday, Jan. 22nd from 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m., our Youth Group was busy at Cameron preparing a lunch of hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, beef stew, and cutting up desserts onto plates. We also bagged donated doughnuts and pastries as well as rolls and breads for the clientele to take home with them. Our workers included Tabitha Coiro, Emma Hayes, Andrew Martinez, Zoe Sullivan, Natalie Wilkinson and her friend, Aubri. Kathy Wilkinson helped with transportation and did an awesome job grilling hot dogs! She also impressed us as she stood at the door greeting the people who arrived and took the tally—we served about 80 people. I also brought 2 guests: my sister-in-law, Cindy, from Geneva, Ohio and my friend, Kristi Rymph, who was visiting from Michigan. Kristi has joined SPC on 2 of our Mississippi mission trips!

Lenten Family Night

Pancake Supper:

Due to Debbie's medical situation, the event had to be cancelled. On a positive note, we have a banner all ready to go for next year's Lenten Season!

Confirmation Class

Attends Presbytery

Meeting:

The confirmation classes in our Presbytery have been invited to attend the March Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Brockport on Saturday, March 26th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class will have the opportunity to witness pastors and elders following the parliamentary procedure, attend workshops, and share lunch. Plus, they will have the opportunity to meet other Confirmands in our Presbytery.

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