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“YOUR CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS”

Men and Women: Talking Points

From the Mayo Clinic.

It's no secret that men and women have different communication styles. But did you know that clinical studies have been completed on gender differences in communication? Research shows that:

Women are generally able to listen to several things at once, such as the TV News, kids and a friend on the telephone. **Men** listen best to one thing at a time.

Men tend to display knowledge, status, authority and independence during conversations, and **women** tend to show interest in the person they're speaking with.

Women prefer to discuss issues at length, whereas **men** use fewer words to express their feelings.

Men tend to think things over alone, then give the most direct response.

Women, on the other hand, tend to think aloud and share thoughts as they happen.

Women's conversations are based on sharing similar experiences and creating intimacy. **Men** spend less time on

emotional conversations and, once started, try to end them quickly.

Timing is important! When it comes to discussing important issues with your partner, make sure you're both well rested. Set aside plenty of uninterrupted time for your conversation.

2010 Peacemaking Offering

By now, you've discovered the enclosed flyer and envelope regarding this year's Peacemaking offering. Please take the time to read it and mark your calendar for October 3rd when the offering will be taken on World Wide Communion Sunday!

On a personal note, may I say that as a father and grandfather, I pray that the people of the world can find some way to come together to discover ways to settle our differences and live in peace.



DE-STRESS FOR SUCCESS

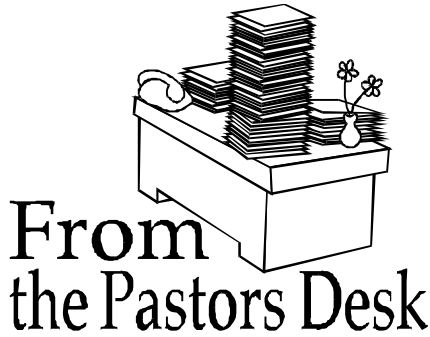
With all of the stresses in our world today, it's no wonder stress has been labeled a disease!

Although the link between stress and specific diseases is still unclear, stress can lead to health problems. Getting a handle on stress is essential to good health.

Here are some DE-STRESS STRATEGIES:

- 1- Daily exercise.
- 2- Massage
- 3- Humor
- 4- Slow, deep breathing
- 5- Getting more sleep
- 6- Skipping that second cup of coffee
- 7- Eating a light, healthful breakfast and lunch
- 8- Developing relaxation techniques
- 9- A new attitude. Think of problems as puzzles to solve

If you really feel stressed out for more than ten days, investigate what help is available and make an appointment with your doctor.



A report on the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Minneapolis, Minnesota – July 3-10, 2010.

“Out of the believer’s heart...shall flow rivers of living water”(John 7:38) has become the pulse of the deliberations of the 219th General Assembly. As the newly elected elder Moderator, Cynthia Bolbach described it “while all assemblies are significant, this one holds particular significance in the life of our church. Among the assembly’s decisions – which will be sent to all the presbyteries for their discussion/ratification – are the addition of the Belhar Confession to the Book of Confessions – and a revised Form of Government. Both of these items give a clear signal that we are a church that is not afraid to change...”

The assembly celebrated and encouraged by the commissioning of 122 young adult volunteers and 17 new mission workers for service around the world. They celebrated the generosity of Presbyterians who have contributed more than \$10.5 million to relief and redevelopment work in Haiti in the wake of January’s earthquake.

The assembly engaged in discussion about significant matters of faith and life – ordination standards, justice and peace in the Middle East, and civil union and marriage.

Information on the more than 300 assembly actions is available at; <http://pc-biz.org>. Answers to frequently asked questions about the assembly hot-button issues are available online (www.pcusa.org/ga219). Information around the question of Ordination Standards for church leaders (deacon, elder or minister) – the G-6.0106b section - proposed change to the constitution - can be found specifically at: <http://pc-biz.org/Explorer.aspx?id=2309>. I will place on the bulletin board for your further reading copies of material from these various web sites. 219th General Assembly actions: The Middle East; Middle Governing Body Commission; New Form of Government; Civil Union and Marriage Issues; Ordination Standards. (*If you would like a printed copy – Kathy would be happy to make you one. But leave the copies on the bulletin board please*).

The newly elected moderator wishes you to know “that while the content of the assembly’s decisions is important, what is of equal or even greater importance is the manner in which commissioners and advisory delegated did their work. They debated, but did not fight. They tackled tough issues while refraining from tackling each other. They placed great value on finding common ground as they displayed gracious, mutual forbearance toward one another. In short, this assembly exhibited to the whole church – and to our society and the world in a way to engage difficult issues while maintaining respect for one another.”



Finance Committee

2nd Quarter Financial Report

Six months into our 2010 budget year, we have both joys and concerns to lift up to the congregation with respect to our financial performance:

- Pledge income budgeted at \$191,000 in December is now projected to hopefully reach \$200,000 based on actual pledge card returns.
- Payroll service contract fees were re-negotiated at a projected 2010 savings of approximately \$1,000.
- Telephone and Internet service fees were re-negotiated at a projected 2010 savings of approximately \$500.
- All other income & disbursements at June 30, 2010 appear to be in line with budget projection and are expected to come in within budget by year-end.
- Despite an up & down stock market this year, our budgeted annual investment subsidy to support operations (which is calculated using a 5% average return on the rolling 12 previous quarters investment fund balance) appears to be close to our \$20,000 budget projection.
- SPC assets total \$637,000, however \$509,000 of these assets is restricted to specific uses (i.e. Andrews Maintenance Fund, Ministerial Housing Fund, Hiatt Education Fund, etc.), leaving only \$128,000 as an unrestricted reserve to help fund operation deficits.
- In short, we are doing a little better than what we budgeted and as a result will likely incur an operating deficit of \$35,000 this year instead of the budgeted deficit of \$47,000.
- We continue to need to address our operating deficit within the near future.

Irondequoit Community Cupboard

4275 Culver Road
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August 2010

Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying this warm weather and have been having a wonderful summer so far! We have been extremely busy at ICC throughout the summer; our numbers for assisting Irondequoit households is still on the rise, especially for our senior citizens and disabled residents. We are seeing households struggle to pay their utility bills (built up from the winter) and many are having their utilities turned off. We are seeing households struggle with an increase in the cost of living but no increase to social security, disability or welfare assistance. Many people who have been laid off of work and who are on unemployment do not qualify for food stamps, so we are seeing an increase in these households as well. At ICC, I have been busy making referrals to agencies to help with these costs, I have written to government officials advocating for the needs of our residents; there needs to be changes in the system that are so adversely affecting our residents.

For the month of July, we provided enough food for 2,856 meals. Because the demand is up and donations are down (this is usual in the summer months) we are beginning to run low on several items. These items are: canned fruit, pasta sauce, canned hash and stew, side dishes, canned juice, cereal, jelly (grape and strawberry) healthy snacks, toilet paper, cleaning products and shampoo.

Coming up, on August 28th from 1130am to 1PM we will be distributing school supplies to families in Irondequoit who need this extra assistance. Thank you to the school districts for assisting families by

providing smaller lists and for providing necessary supplies at the younger grade levels! Thank you to those of you who have donated school supplies to "Help us Help others." We are still in need of back packs, index cards, highlighters, pens, crayola markers (thick and thin) colored pencils, large pink erasers, paper, 3 ring binders, and 3 subject notebooks.

We are now accepting calls and emails for those of you who would like to volunteer for the months of September through December. We are mostly in need of Saturday help. Last but not least, On Friday September 24th the Irondequoit Community Cupboard will be hosting our first Open House to show off our new facility, to celebrate 15 years of service to the Irondequoit Community and to thank all of you for your continued assistance. Look for an invitation soon because we hope to see you all there!

Property Committee Update

Summer is the time for outdoor repairs and the Property committee is on it. Repairs to the stucco on the back side of the bell tower, funded by the Andrews fund, are now complete. This area is not visible from the ground but the repair was needed to keep water out. A contractor has been chosen to re-varnish the wood above the main entrance and paint windows and sills around the sanctuary. Work will begin soon and may be done by the time you read this. Regular yearly floor and window cleaning has been done and the building is in good shape for the the fall season.



Did You Know?

Did you know that out of the world's population, 4% die attending movies, 8% eating in fast food restaurants, 10% die in home accidents, 10% die in lounges and taverns, 11% die in bars, 11% die from smoking, 42% die from accidents, etc., but only 1 out of 75 million people die in choir rehearsal! As you can see, staying out of the choir may be hazardous to your health!

If you are not a member of the choir, please see a choir member or me for details on how you CAN be! Fill the robes!

Sing-cerely,
Lee Foster



Dr. Marcus Borg

Here's your opportunity to attend three lectures to be presented by Dr, Marcus Borg, a NY Times best-selling author.

On September 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2010, Dr. Borg will be at the First Congregational Church in Canandaigua, NY.

If this is of interest, please check the church bulletin board near the church office for times and other information.

Get to know your Deacons!

In this new series of articles, we will introduce you to the person behind the smile, warm welcome, hot coffee, cool lemonade and caring service of the Deacon Committee.

This edition features MaryMargaret (Mimi) Repp who was named after her two aunts. Mimi, middle child of five, is a native of Greece, NY. She went to Catholic school and high school, and then off to Oswego to major in Spanish. Mimi has this incredible adventuresome side. She moved to Manhattan NY where she met and worked with Rachel Pinney, a therapist caring for an autistic boy. After about 2 years, the woman wanted to move back home to London and also to write a book about the child. The woman asked Mimi to help her write this book. So off Mimi went, with her 6 mo old daughter Katie on an international adventure! The book, Bobby: Breakthrough of an Autistic Child, was published with Mimi's input on the day to day challenges and joys of an autistic child's life.

After this adventure, Mimi returned to Rochester, where she went back to school to get her nursing degree. She moved into the Corn Hill neighborhood, where she met Earl. Earl was out playing Frisbee with a friend of Mimi's. Mimi was biking by and stopped to say hi, and the rest is history – Mimi married her soul mate, Earl, and later brought Stephanie into this world.

When asked about her musical talent and dedication to our SPC choir, Mimi shared that she sang in high school, and joined the Rochester Saenger Jugendchor, a German and English choir, at the invitation of a girlfriend. This choir was led by a director who brought the best out of the choir, and they went to Germany on a concert tour. Mimi glowed as she shared memories of what the choir produced under the director's leadership. Mimi and Earl joined SPC in 1996. They had been looking for a church home, and happened

upon us after visiting several other churches. While people at other churches smiled and said "hello", we were the first church with members who introduced themselves by name, adding the personal touch that brought Mimi and Earl into our congregation. Mimi joined the Deacon committee to get to know each of you better and extend the personal touch she received to others.

When not singing, or sewing (Mimi has sewed all her life....sewing costumes for Geva, among other things), Mimi is a school nurse at Helendale Road School, and has found the perfect fit for applying nursing skills balanced with her passion for kids.

It was a wonderful opportunity to talk with Mimi and get to know her better. What a fascinating set of circumstances that brought her to us as one of our Summerville Presbyterian Deacons!

Tip of the Hat

TRUMPET, pledge cards, stuffing envelopes, running bulletins, office "sitting", labeling, filing ... How do you spell relief? The answer is not R-O-L-A-I-D-S! As we start another program year, I wish to thank the following people for their time and efforts: George Schindler, Joan Frenzel, Betsy Leipold, Helen Jeffers, Milt Shares, Jane Kleehammer, Debbie Carter, Judy Cummings, Alice Estes, Marge Reber, Marilyn Drumm, Shirley VanDenBurgh, Andy Smith and of course Dottie! Kathy

Recent Deaths

Mary M. Kesel, 5/19/2010 – wife of Rev. Richard Kesel and friend of Jann Packard and Dottie Yoder.

James Eddie Cummings, 6/3/10 – father-in-law of Paula Cummings.

Eileen V. Robbins-Bristol, 6/14/2010 – Former member.

Food for Friends

A quote by playwright and poet, John Heywood, "Many hands makes light work" was certainly true during the week of July 19th, while Jane Kleehammer and Bonnie Bready were recuperating from surgery. The office wishes to thank the following people for their culinary skills in contributing to our Summerville Meals on Wheels: Debbie Carter, Jen DeVoe, Alice Estes, Lee Foster, Betsy Leipold, Kathy Greene, Joan Frenzel, Ruth McNamara, Allison and Mike Cubitt, Marilyn Schindler, Stella Megargle, Mary Haverfield, Elizabeth McDonald, Katie McDonald and Dottie Yoder. Thank you also to the many members who called asking if I still needed help. I know who you are and will remember if there is a next "Food for Friends". I understand the eggplant parmesan, taco salad and chicken & mushroom quiche were a big hit! Maybe it's time for another Summerville cookbook!

Kathy



Where'd They Go?

Ruth Conover 13
Apt 400 (New Number)
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Rochester, NY 14626

Celicia Manuli
106 Oaklawn Drive
Rochester, NY 14617

Eileen McPherson
3718 Ardley Avenue
Oakland, CA 94602

Doris Wolven
Hamilton Manor
1172 Long Pond Road
Rochester, NY 14626

Thank You!

The weather was HOT, and the sky was that incomparable Carolina blue. The rhododendrons were past prime by my arrival this year, but the blue hydrangeas and other perennials were vivid against the lush greenery, the mountains, and the waters of Montreat.

Thank you, members of Summerville, for making it possible for me to go to this very inspiring conference representing the high quality of worship and music in the Presbyterian Church USA. Last year was the first time in thirty-seven years that I had the opportunity to go to the Worship and Music Conference at Montreat – and it was truly a life-changing and renewing experience.

Having the opportunity to sing in the Adult Choir of 700+ voices and being accepted into the 40-voice Chamber Choir, I sang superb music with two of the finest choral conductors in the US today, mined the deep intellect of one of our nation's most-respected hymnodists, and connected with new friends and former classmates who serve in churches large and small from Miami to Dallas, Minneapolis to Shawnee.

Indeed, I would recommend that you, and others from SPC, go at least once to the Music and Worship Conference at Montreat, in the manner of churches from around the country who send up to forty people each year. Many families come for the varied programs for all ages. I am confident you would find it to be as renewing and enriching experience as I have.

Gratefully,
Lee Foster

What's in a Name?

If you travel in North Carolina, you will encounter a Baptist church every few miles, or even, blocks. After a while, you wonder if Baptists might be worshipping alone, for surely there is a Baptist church for

each and every man, woman, and child in the state. Do they not believe in “where two or more are gathered?”

Each church has a name which differentiates it from its neighbors – *Victory Baptist, Hidden Hollow Baptist, Whole Bible Baptist, New Testament Baptist, etc.* After while, I wondered, since there are many *Victory Baptist* churches and “victory” implies a winner, must there not also be those who did not win, as well? Are there *Vanquished Baptist, Loser Baptist, or Defeated Baptist* churches? I am told there is an “*Ice in August Baptist Church*” in Tennessee, which, in the days before refrigeration, broke away from another church whose members did not believe that ice could still exist in August.

All this prompted reflections on how different denominations name their churches. We Presbyterians often use numbers for names – *First, Second, Third, and even Fourth Presbyterian* – and place names – *Summerville, Perinton, Mountain Rise, etc.*, persons of early Presbyterianism – *John Calvin and John Knox*, and, occasionally, *St. Luke's Presbyterian*, named after Presbyterianism's adopted apostle. At times, Presbyterians call upon their Scottish heritage with *Kirk-of-the-Wood, St. Andrew's* (or is that in celebration of golf?).

Methodists also use numbers, places, and early Methodists and places – *Asbury, Abingdon, Aldersgate, Wesley(an), or Free Methodist* (do they not take an offering?).

Lutherans, both ELCA and Missouri Synod, use numbers and places, but tend to name their churches after theological concepts and occasions of the church year – *Incarnate Word, Immanuel, Redeemer, Transfiguration, Resurrection, Ascension, Good Shepherd, etc.* And of course, depending on which branch of Lutheranism, we have the names *Augustana* and *Concordia*.

Roman Catholic churches are frequently named after saints – with

St. Mary, St. Joseph, and St. Peter topping the list, and lesser saints such as *St. Thomas* (Do you wonder if doubting Thomas was from Missouri – the “Show Me State?”), *St. Gregory, St. Alphonsus* (who was Alphonsus, anyway?), *St. John, St. Matthew, St. Cecelia*, and a host of others. Sometimes Catholics throw in a dose of guilt – *Our Mother of Sorrows, Holy Cross, Most Precious Blood*, or, as Garrison Kiellor names the Catholic church in Lake Wobegon, *Our Lady of Perpetual Responsibility*.

Non-denominational churches choose names such as *Harvest, Crossroads, Grapevine, Jubilee, Vineyard*, sounding as if they have many potluck suppers, and/or perhaps, happy hours.

Episcopal and Anglican churches name their churches for saints, even multiples such as *St. Simon and St. Cyrene, Christ Church*, for events such as *Ascension, Transfiguration, Epiphany*, or have hyphenated church names – *St. Francis-by-the-Sea* and *St. James-of-the-Mountain*, or names such as *All Saints* (sinners need not apply), or the more inclusive *All Souls*.

Our Jewish brothers and sisters name their synagogues after places or events named in the Torah – *Beth El* (The Place of God), *Temple Sinai, or B'rith Kodesh*, (sometimes referred to as B'rith Kodak here in Rochester), but not after the prophets who occupy such importance in the Hebrew Bible. I have yet to see an Abraham, Moses, or Elijah (*Rock or otherwise*) synagogue or temple.

And then there are those that are surely unique, and honestly, do exist – *The East Vancouver Chinese Mennonite Church* (Vancouver, BC), *Boring Methodist Church* (Boring, MD), *Whole Bible Baptist (Sylva, NC), Country Club Christian Church* (Kansas City, KS. (I've been there. It is all you imagine!), and *Crystal River Baptist Church* (must be really HARD water for baptism!), *Hell Hole Swamp Baptist Church* (Hell Hole Swamp, SC. I wonder what THEIR meetings are like!), *The Flippin Church of God*,

Flippin, AK, *Lover's Lane Baptist* (North Dallas, TX), and from just outside Charlotte, NC - *Red Level Primitive Baptist Church* (it's surrounded by a 6-foot chain link fence with barbed wire on the top. It was founded long before the Bush terrorism alerts. Makes you wonder about some of our fellow citizens, doesn't it?)

I also collect interesting, and often tacky, church signs which contain punny aphorisms for all to see. Some of them might benefit from deeper thought - MUCH DEEPER THOUGHT. Recent North Carolina sightings include:

"Free Trip to Heaven - Guaranteed - Details Inside"

(Unlike Marriott, it doesn't seem to guarantee an extended stay, does it?!),

"Would you prefer Smoking or Non-Smoking?",

"Without the Bread of Life, Your Toast",

(Yup, they misspelled it.),

"Jesus paid the price; you get to keep the change",

and, while probably posted for Father's Day, I'm still trying to understand the creepy -

"The Father's Little Footsteps Always Follow You",

and, my favorite disconnect, seen on CNN.com, from Faith Baptist in Venice, Florida,

"If man evolved from monkeys, why are there still monkeys?"

"Come grow with us."

(we still amoebae and bacteria, too, but it makes you wonder just how far some of our fellow humans really have evolved.)

No kidding!!!! All of this makes us appreciate our own

Summerville Presbyterian Church - Your Church for ALL Seasons.

Lee Foster

Know Your Heritage - and other fun, totally useless facts about Calvin

Did you know:

1. that you are a *socdollager*?
2. that singing psalms in four parts in church could get you excommunicated?
3. that Sunday is the only holiday?

This might be news to you, and it might have been news even to followers of Jean (John) Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland. But all *were* true, at least for a time.

1. *Socdollager* was an uneducated Englishman's term for those, like followers of Calvin and others, who sang a *doxology* at the end of each hymn. You know, whether it is the *Gloria Patri* - "Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost....", or what we as "Presby's" call the *Doxology*, a doxology praises and invokes all three parts of the Trinity. Doxologies also appear in the last verse of some hymns.

2. You could sing Psalms in four parts at home or among friends in four parts, but doing so in Calvin's church could get you excommunicated. If you persisted, you might become a crispy critter in the town square.

3. Though some Calvinist churches permitted only Psalms, Calvin actually permitted occasional hymns - as long as they were literally from Scripture, and, in the vernacular, not in Latin. Paraphrases of Scripture, such as those later ones by Isaac Watts in England, were not permitted in Calvinistic churches and were believed to be blasphemous - again, possibly gaining you an escort to the burning stake.

4. Calvin considered Sunday to be the **only** holiday. He did not permit the celebration of Christmas, but churches outside of Geneva began celebrating Christmas as early as 1694, with Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost being accepted after 1700.

5. And, you could be called before a disciplinary group of the church called the Consistory. In Geneva each year, one in every eight persons was called to the Consistory for

everything from coarse language, blasphemy, urinating in the street without turning around, or disobeying one's parents. The average among Calvinist churches outside of Switzerland and Geneva was closer to one in sixty to as few as one in one hundred.

6. In the pub just outside the cathedral in Geneva, which was taken over by Calvin (the cathedral, that is), you can order a *Calvinus BieÛre* (Calvin Beer), *In Birae Predistinas*, (presumably "predestined beer"). The back label goes on to tell the story that "a very foul odor emanated from the apartments of Calvin in the last six months of his life. He was making his own beer. Calvin, like Luther, liked his beers and made sure that a full stein was on the pulpit before starting a service - and his very lengthy sermons.

"An interesting historical side note on the topic: Calvin sought to institute three reforms for a godly society in Geneva. The first concerned the taverns. He took issue with the evil of drunkenness and formulated a plan for the sanctification of the tavern. They were to be gathering places... clubs (*abbayes*) that were not-profit producing. Everyone was to say grace before and after eating and drinking. There was to be a French Bible on the premises. Swearing, slandering, and dancing were forbidden. It was okay that Psalms would be sung and anyone so moved was free to address the rest of the company for their edification. Would you be surprised to know that Calvin's *abbayes* did not last long and the taverns were soon back in force? I wonder what he would have said about his name and face being on a beer bottle today. (He didn't even want a tombstone on his grave and it remains unmarked -Tomb no. 707- honoring his wishes.)"

Calvinus Beer has a short and amusing Flash video on the website: http://www.calvinus.ch/flash2/calvinus_site.html.___You thought Calvin was all gloom and doom?

Cheers!

Youth Group News

“Faith Talk” on Wednesday, May 26th: Jezzi Burns, Chris Smith, Gavin Streb, and I met from 4-5:15 p.m. at the Starbuck’s across from Eastridge High School from 4-5:15 p.m. Our topic was doubt. We had a very interesting discussion about times when we find it difficult to understand and live our faith. Questions that the youth had included: wondering what happens after death, how faith affects your after-life, how God can make bizarre things happen, and also questioning choices other Christians make. There certainly are no easy answers to these questions; yet, the discussion reinforced important teachings of Jesus to love God and love our neighbors. We read and discussed Psalm 73 (which I highly recommend!). In closing, we all agreed that doubts about God are normal and when we doubt Him, he does not love us any less.



**Next “Faith Talk” on Monday,
August 30th:**

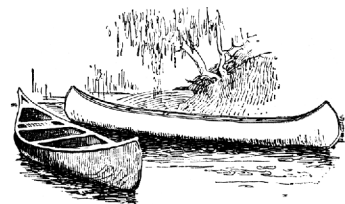
We will meet at Bill Gray’s in Sea Breeze from noon – 1:30 p.m. Please bring \$5 towards your lunch. Also, please be prompt because it is so much easier to cover our order when the whole group is present.

Serving Lunch at Cameron Community Ministries: On Saturday, June 26th, Linda Verni and Sue Smith were our invited guests, and our parent chaperone was Holly Hammond Streb. We arrived at Cameron at 9:00 a.m. and made final preparations and served lunch to the clientele. Youth who attended were Jezzi Burns, Emma & Sarah Hayes, Chris Smith, Lily Storey, Gavin Streb, and Zoe Sullivan. The youth really enjoyed this mission and did an awesome job working together and serving the needy families.

2010 Youth Triennium at Purdue University: The feedback from Jezzi Burns and Emma Hayes is extremely positive about their experience at this event. Many new friends were made and their faith was deepened. The theme (*At Such a Time as This*) was from the story of Esther. The youth considered how they were answering God’s call in their lives for such a time as this.

Annual Year-End Canoe Trip at Waneta Lake:

We had a wonderful time. Rain was forecasted for the entire trip, and we had about 10 minutes of rain while we were swimming! Many thanks to Ken Streb (who is Boy Scout leader extraordinaire!) and Linda Hayes for driving and chaperoning this trip. The youth that attended were Tyler Connor, Sarah Hayes, Chris Smith, Gavin Streb, Zoe Sullivan, and Natalie Wilkinson. Our retreat theme of “What Do You Believe?” was based upon Naaman and Elisha from 2 Kings 5. The text is laced with situations where characters come to erroneous conclusions about each other. (Don’t believe everything you think!) With Biblical costumes and props, our group acted out the scripture for deeper meaning. The games we played were a lot of fun and many laughs. Around the campfire, everyone drew a slip of paper from a bag and read it aloud. Each slip contained an “I believe...” statement that was up for discussion. The next morning, we attended the 9:00 worship service at the small rural Presbyterian church nearby. The service was really great. The pastor delivered an inspirational sermon on change being an end to one event and yet an opportunity for new experiences. Once again, our sincere thanks to Gary Weisensel for his help securing a camp site, providing a canoe and several kayaks for us, and hosting a delicious lunch before we left. What a great way to conclude a great year!



Our Youth Group Has Transformed!!

We are losing our graduated senior, Jezzi Burns, yet she is doing an internship through Robert Wesleyan College assisting with our Confirmation class this year so we will still enjoy her wisdom and enthusiasm for a faith-filled life.

We welcome our newest members:
Andrew Martinez (Chris Smith's cousin),
Margaret Mayer and Susie Register.
Welcome to the
Summerville Presbyterian Church Youth
Group!

Mandatory Parent & Youth Group

Meeting:

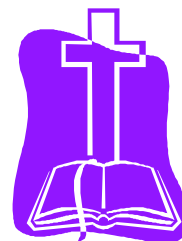
Sunday, Sept. 12th
11:15 a.m. – noon

This is a very important meeting for disseminating information and the completion of necessary paperwork. Please contact Debbie Carter at 342-4242 if you are NOT able to attend.

Harvest Festival is returning!!

Unloading the pumpkins will be on Saturday, Oct. 9th from 3-4 p.m.

Our Youth Group will be offering pumpkins, Indian corn, gourds, baked goods and crafts to raise funds to support their program throughout the year. The sale will be from Sun., Oct. 10th – Oct. 31st. Hours are 11 am – 7 pm Mon-Fri; 10:30 am – 5:30 p.m. on Sat.; 11 a.m. – 4 pm on Sundays.



CONFIRMATION CLASS OFFERED THIS YEAR

Summerville is collaborating with Irondequoit Presbyterian Church and Laurelton Presbyterian Church to offer an enriching, educational and “faith-provoking” program for our youth. Our goal is to teach these young adults about Presbyterianism and living a Christian life and at the end of our program, they can decide whether or not they are ready to make the commitment for church membership.

The Confirmands will be commissioned during worship on Sunday, Sept. 19th. Our program will run from September 26, 2010 – April 17, 2011. Confirmation Sunday will be on May 1, 2011.

Confirmation Meeting with Youth and Parents:

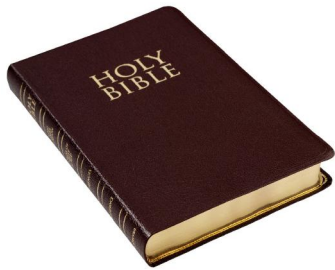
Saturday, Sept. 11th
1:30-2:30 p.m.
Memorial Lounge at SPC



On **Sunday, Sept. 19th**, we will meet in Room 2 and leave for lunch at Camille's on Park Ave. Then we will head to Lollypop Farm to help them prepare for their Barktoberfest fundraiser. Please bring \$10 for lunch.

Children & Youth Education Committee

Church School Begins on September 12th



Our first unit this year:

How the Bible Came to Be

Our objective is to offer our youth
“the opportunity to learn how the Bible was passed
down, written, and translated and to discover the
importance of knowing God’s laws and trying to
show God’s love to others through our actions.”
(from our PowerXpress curriculum)

Teachers for Sept. 12 – Oct. 3

Our Children’s Workshop: Mrs. Nina Birch, Mrs. Gretchen Spencer, and
Mrs. Linda Verni

Our Preschool Program: Mrs. Alison Leavitt

Pew Pals Start Early
This Year!

Our Kick-Off Breakfast will
be Sunday, Oct. 17th with our
Celebration Brunch on
Sunday, Nov. 14th.

Be watching for sign-ups in
September!

