

THE CHIMES

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Park Terrace Community United Methodist Church
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Our Mission Statement:

To provide a friendly, welcoming place where we can
Come to know God and make God known to others
Through Spirit-filled Christian worship, learning and outreach

JULY / AUGUST
2011



An Invitation

The Vestal United Methodist Church would like to invite any interested children or families to their Vacation Bible School, the “Shake it Up Cafe!” It runs 9:00am – noon on Monday-Friday, July 18-22. For more information you can call the church at 785-3367.

Pastor's Pondering

A friend visited the parsonage a few weeks ago and squealed with delight at the Bleeding Hearts. I tried to explain that they'd been blooming for a while, and were really much more beautiful weeks earlier, but that was not a problem for her. She just said, “Every pastor should have Bleeding Hearts. Its just so appropriate.”

Then, I came across a new translation of a familiar verse, “Be compassionate as God is compassionate.” (Luke 6:36) It has more traditionally been translated, “be merciful,” and in Matthew its written, “be perfect.” The author suggests that compassion, which means “to feel with” is very different from mercy, which is more like pity.

To be a follower of Jesus, to follow this commandment, is to be open to other people's pain, and to feel it with them. Its to let the Bleeding Hearts be your life.

This is a painful way to live. As I write my heart aches with those who are grieving, with those who are sick and injured, with those who don't feel God's love with them, with those who are afraid that they don't have the resources they need, and with the lonely. At least, those are the ones I can name today.

It is, also, a joyful way to live. I feel the relief of the teachers and students as the school year comes to an end. I feel the anticipation of great summers. I feel exuberance at new accomplishments. I feel the love of a supportive church community, for those who dearly need it. I feel the delight of couples as they prepare to marry, and of parents as they watch their amazing children.

It strikes me as one of those simple commandments that is just as hard to live as it is simple. To live with compassion is to live open to pain, and then also open to joy. To live with compassion is to let the lines blur a little bit between you and me, and us and them. I'm glad we have a compassionate God. I sometimes wish I could protect my heart a little bit more.

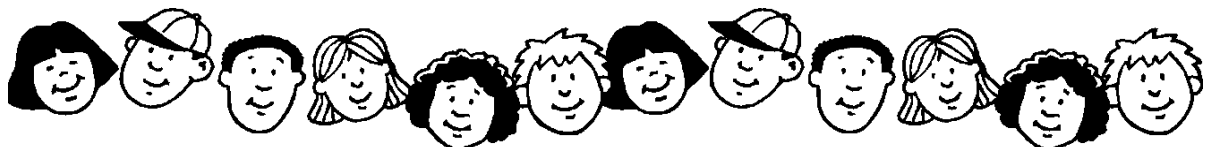
We aren't supposed to. Jesus lived compassion with the people he met, and he taught and teaches his followers to do the same.

Vulnerability is not easy, but it is simple.

May we seek to live simply, and compassionately.

Amen

Sara



FINANCE COMMITTEE

This summer the finance committee is holding a “Change War!” We are going to be placing four jars at the front of the church, one in front of each section of pews. The ultimate goal is for your section to gain the highest total of money so that you (meaning your section of the church) can select all of the hymns to be sung during worship on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

For those unfamiliar with “Change Wars” the rules are as follows. Any coins placed in a jar count towards that section’s total. Any paper money or bills placed in a jar count against that section’s total. For example a jar with one quarter and one dollar bill would have a total of negative 75 cents.

We hope that you will join us in a little friendly competition. Remember that sabotage (paper money placed in other jars) may be a valuable tool! The money raised this summer will be placed in the church’s general fund. Thanks for all of your dedication and support, and have some fun!

Laura Marie Coleman,
Finance Chairperson



All Articles for the
September/October Chimes
are due on August 20th!

DOUG’S FISH FRY TO GO

Park Terrace is sponsoring another
Doug’s Fish Fry

September 17th

Location:
To Be Announced

Mark your Calendar
Invite your friends & neighbors



The 2011 Park Terrace Missions Committee includes the following people: Brooke Albright (Youth Member), Pastor Sara, Larry Brearley, Mark Bullock, Stacey Burkey, Dick Cook, Joan Cook, Marcia Inman, Jeff Patricia, Justin Patricia (Youth Member), Aaron Race, Amy Race, Stacy Wickham, and Karen Wood (Lay Leader)

Missions Activities Since the May-June, 2011 Chimes:

May 5th Doug's Fish Fry:

Park Terrace sponsored a Doug's Fish Fry fundraiser on Thursday, May 5th from 11:00am until 6:00pm at Mapes Auctioneers on Route 434 in Vestal. Thanks to everyone that purchased food that day as the church made \$254.13 from sales of \$2541.34! Our next Doug's event will be held on Saturday, September 17th. We are hoping to hold it Vestal, possibly in the Tractor Supply parking lot. Look for future announcements with more details about this delicious fundraiser and be sure to bring your appetite! Please thank Ed and Marcia Inman for their leadership in planning these Doug's fundraisers for Park Terrace.

May 8th Endicott Breakfast:

Park Terrace served a relatively large crowd of 35 guests a delicious menu of Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Pastries, Coffee, and Juice. We also prepared some Goulash needed for weekday dinners. Many thanks to the following volunteers: Rachal Aciri, Barb Baker, Dick Cook, Joan Cook, Jeff Patricia, and Larry Watson.

Grandma's Attic:

Park Terrace's participation in the 2011 Tioga Terrace Neighborhood Rummage Sale event was held on Saturday, May 21st. The weather was beautiful and we had a very successful day of fundraising for the church. Our final "take" was \$3975.75, which included \$456.00 from the Chicken Barbecue, \$756.00 from the Pizza/Hot Dogs/ Baked Goods and \$2763.75 from Rummage!! Leftover items were picked-up by the Binghamton Salvation Army (for free) on Wednesday, May 25th. Thanks MUCH to everyone that helped set-up, sell items, buy items, and clean-up. A VERY special thank you goes out to Karen Wood for leading the Rummage Sale and to Dan Coleman for running the Chicken Barbecue.

June 2nd ACT (Allied Christians of Tioga) Dinner:

We served 51 guests Park Terrace's famous Pot Luck Chili! This was a good turnout considering it was the 1st Thursday of the month, we served at the Owego Presbyterian Church (our usual spot is the Owego United Methodist Church), and the Apalachin Firemen's Field Days were in full swing! Thanks to the following food donations: Double Batches of Chili – Pastor Sara, Stacey Burkey, Joan Cook, Marcia Inman, and Karen Patricia; Hot Dogs / Hot Dog Rolls (100 each) – Donated by the UMW from Grandma's Attic leftovers – MANY thanks Marcia for the offer!; Salad / Dressing – Larry Brearley; Cookies / Brownies – June Boutelle, Norm Davis, and Jan Perry. Also thanks to Dick Cook, Jeff Patricia, and Sam Rickenback for help with serving and cleaning-up. Jeff Patricia took leftovers to the Owego Open Door Mission. A very special thanks goes to Larry Brearley for taking all items left at Fellowship Hall to the Dinner – we know he has not been feeling well – we JUST want Larry to get healthy as soon as possible!

Upcoming Events:

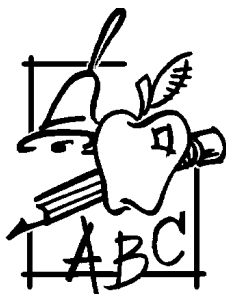
July 10th Endicott Breakfast:

Please see Joan Cook or Jeff Patricia if you would like to help with this breakfast or if you would like information about this program. We typically need ~6-8 volunteers to serve this free meal. All needed supplies are provided by the Endicott United Methodist Church. A hot breakfast is served to anyone that is hungry. The cooking crew will leave from the church parking lot at 7:15am and return by 9:30am. Look for announcements during church and for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

August 18th ACT Dinner:

The menu for this dinner has not been decided as of press time – please give us your suggestions! Each dinner begins at 6:00pm and is held at the Owego United Methodist Church. The dinner crew usually gathers in Owego at 4:00-4:30pm. Clean-up is done by 7:00pm. Please contact Jeff Patricia if you would like to help with this important Missions feeding program.

Jeff Patricia,
Missions Chairman



PARK TERRACE NURSERY SCHOOL

Lorie Jarrold and I are thrilled and grateful for the opportunity to take over as Co-Directors of the Nursery School. We strongly believe in the quality of our program begun over 30 years ago by Gail Zeller; and we look forward to providing a caring and enriching early educational experience for our community's children.

As is true for many private preschools, our enrollment has been affected by multiple factors such as the advent of local school districts Universal Pre-K programs and business layoffs and ensuing moves out of the area. We ask the congregation for prayers that God will continue to bless the work of the Nursery School by sending new families to us so that we may continue to be an asset to both this church and the children we hope to serve.

The staff of the Nursery School looks forward to meeting and working with church members. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, Wendy Decker, at 625-3840.

“The most effective kind of education is that a child should play amongst lovely things.” - Plato

Wendy Decker

TRUSTEES

May and June have been busy months for the Trustees.

Saturday May 7th was our annual spring indoor/outdoor workday. Those participating were Mark Bullock, Clarence Morris, Merrill Johnson, Earl Jackson, Steve Rice, Barb Baker, Phyllis Watson and Larry Watson. Tasks completed included:

- Painting of the exterior of the Fellowship Hall windows
- Mower shed cleanup
- Installation of new flooring in the handicapped bathroom
- Flower bed cleanup
- Trimming of overgrowth from the field encroaching into the lawn

On Saturday June 4th, the Parking lot lines were repainted. A third handicapped parking spot was added to the two existing handicapped spots in order to become compliant with the American with Disabilities Act Guidelines for the number of spaces required. The third handicapped parking spot is adjacent to the canopy leading into Fellowship Hall. These three spots still require the handicapped symbol to be painted on them. A re-usable stencil for the handicapped pattern is on order and the symbols will be added shortly after receiving the stencil. Thanks to Mark Bullock for coordinating this effort and to Ed Inman, Steve Rice, Clarence Morris and Larry Watson for their assistance with the painting.

A new exterior carpet was installed at the Fellowship Hall entrance on June 10th, as the old one was loose and becoming a trip hazard.

Thanks goes to Ed Inman and Fred Seward for installing two replacement windows in the Parsonage kitchen. The windows were purchased in December with 2010 funds and were awaiting good weather to be installed. All windows on the main floor (with the exception of the living room picture window) have now been replaced.

Larry and Jeremy Watson opened up the exhaust fans in Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary for the season and lubricated the blower pulleys as required. An air conditioner was also installed in the office for the season.

Lawn mowing season has been difficult with all the rain we had in May. Thanks to Earl Jackson, Mark Bullock, Steve Rice, Joe Scordino and Larry Watson for keeping both the Church and Parsonage lawns mowed to date. Additional volunteers would be appreciated. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Narthex to cover each week of the summer. A tractor, self-propelled mowers and string trimmers are available. Please see Larry Watson or Earl Jackson if you have questions or need a key to the mower shed.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help maintain the Church or who notices items needing repair should bring it to the attention of one of the Trustees. The Board of Trustees are Larry Watson (Chairman), Mark Bullock, Barb Baker, Merrill Johnson, Earl Jackson, Dan Coleman, Clarence Morris, Steve Rice and Dave Evans.

Larry Watson,
Trustees Chairman

NOTICE

Our Church, through conversation with the Editor of the Tioga Terrace Civic Association Newsletter, has been granted space for announcements of events at Park Terrace that are open to the public. If you are a member of a committee that is planning an event, please give the information to a member of the Welcoming and Hospitality Committee. There are three TTCA Newsletters during the year. We must have our requests into the editor as follows: August for September, November for December and February for March.

Members of the Welcoming & Hospitality Committee are:

Al Bailey
Amanda Stapels
Chris Galli
Chip & Judy Dewey
Mark Bullock
June Boutelle

MEMBERSHIP & NURTURE

First I want to thank everyone that worked the basketball booth at Field Days. We made \$349.60 plus a donation of \$20.00, so a total of \$369.60 for our church.



We will have a Family Picnic, July 31st, right after church. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.



The annual Park Terrace UMC Ice Cream Social will be August 19th, at 6:30pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for donations of cookies and toppings.

Hope to see everyone at these church functions.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for Social Time for the summer. If no one signs up there will not be a social time. If you have any questions you may see me. Thank you

**Pam Bogdan,
Membership and Nurture**



Helpers for
JULY / AUGUST

JULY 3 - Becky Roden

JULY 10 - Lauren Reed

JULY 17 - Stacy Burkey

JULY 24 - Fran Gallent

JULY 31 - Lois Blight

AUGUST 7 - Anita Harris

AUGUST 14 - Becca Kostzyo

AUGUST 21 - Rachal Acri

AUGUST 28 - Sue Nunes

- Lois Blight

ACOLYTES FOR
MARCH / APRIL

JULY 3 - TBD

JULY 10 - Hailey Sullivan

JULY 17 - TBD

JULY 24 - Ella Dauber

JULY 31 - Emma Roden

AUGUST 7 - TBD

AUGUST 14 - TBD

AUGUST 21 - Marissa Dauber

AUGUST 28 - Heather Sullivan

- Phyllis Watson

USHERS FOR
JULY/ AUGUST

JULY

John Burkey, Captain

John Gallent

Mark Bullock

Larry Watson

Phyllis Watson

AUGUST

Lynn Coleman, Captain

Daniel Coleman

Laurie Perry

Bert Perry

Jodie Mott

-Mark Bullock