

THE CHIMES

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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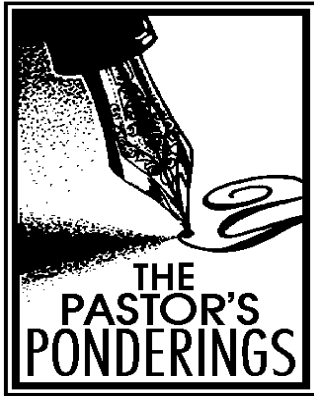
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Our Mission Statement:

It is our mission to be a supportive church family that uses our lives to do the work of God. With guidance from the light of Christ, we seek to expand our knowledge and encourage participation of people of all ages.

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2011





I planned the September 11th morning worship service twice. I used neither of them. One I planned in remembrance of the 10 year anniversary of 9-11-01. The second I planned in response to the floods. The service we had was the Holy Spirit at work. During that service, looking for another passage, I came across these words from Psalm 69,

“Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire, let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress - make haste to answer me. Draw near to me, redeem me.”

Those words have stayed with me these weeks, offering me strength and a place to reflect. We have all been impacted by the floods. Life has changed because of the floods, and it seems we cannot get away from their impact. I'm told that the combined impact of Hurricanes Irene and Lee have done as much damage to the Northeastern United States as Hurricane Katrina did 6 years ago. In Apalachin over 250 homes had minor damage (and “minor” is more than a few inches in the basement). There are so many families whose lives are not going to be the same anymore.

In all of this, God has been so profoundly present. In all of you, God has been so profoundly present. This church has been so responsive to those whose lives were changed. There were 3 nights when we used our gas stove to offer a hot meal to those without power. More of you than we can count have stepped up and then down into the mud to help out. Donations have come in. Homes have been opened to those who needed a place to stay. Mucking out, tearing out, drying out, and even rebuilding, have been done. At the same time, I've watched gifts be given and I've watched you listen to one another. I am so proud of this church.

I am also so proud to be United Methodist. We have had work teams at least every weekend since the flooding started and the next month is already scheduled with more teams coming. Flood buckets came, gloves and masks came, and the people just keep coming. We now have a trailer full of tools sitting in our parking lot for all the people who come to volunteer their time to help. The organization and responsiveness of the United Methodist is simply a miracle.

We need to keep praying for all those whose homes and lives have been affected. We need to keep going back to the words of the Psalm for ourselves and for others, “Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress – make haste to answer me. Draw near to me, redeem me.” I also hope that we will keep on listening and keep on responding. The floods were a horrible disaster, but the love we have shown since is an expression of God's abundant and steadfast love. May it continue to be so.

Sara





We would like to thank our church family for the help we have received in the last few weeks. Pastor Sara sent us help twice when needed the most. The Church Has Left the Building sent Clarence to help us with a job that was a safety issue. When your Church Family responds it leaves a warm feeling that is never forgotten.

Cliff & Shirley Williams

October 18, 2011

Park Terrace UMC Members,

Thank you for the cute Halloween favors that you made for the Meals on Wheels clients. They are sure to add some cheer to those who receive them in this Halloween season.

Thanks again!

Susan Jacobs, Director, Meals on Wheels of Western Broome

Pastor Sara,

Here are items for the flood victims and money for the food bank.

Love in Christ,

**Legacy Life Group at Harrisonburg Baptist Church in Harrisonburg, VA
(Lori Lijak)**

9-27-11

Dear Pastor Sara,

Thank you and your congregation again for the generous use of your kitchen and dining room. It certainly was a life saver and everyone enjoyed the dinner (and the surroundings.) God's Blessings to all of you.

Sincerely,

June Adamek

Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, Endicott



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 September/October, 2011 Chimes:

September 11th Endicott Breakfast:

The breakfast WAS held as scheduled, as the First United Methodist Church of Endicott was NOT flooded out from Tropical Storm Lee. Approximately 35 people were served a meal of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, muffins, juice, and coffee. MANY thanks to Rachal Acri, Barb Baker, and Jeff Patricia for helping to cook, serve, and clean up.

September 17th Doug's Fish Fry:

This second Doug's Fish Fry fundraiser of 2011 was originally scheduled to be held in the Tractor Supply Parking Lot at "4 Corners" in Vestal, but the entire plaza WAS flooded out from Tropical Storm Lee. Fortunately we were able to use the parking lot of Jo-Ann Fabrics for the sale. The event was very successful as we raised \$393.30 from food sales and another \$52.00 from a "free will offering". All of the proceeds will go to a Missions Designated Fund to be used as needs arise in our community and elsewhere. Holding the sale on the busy Vestal stretch of Route 434 and on a Saturday really increased sales, so much so that Doug's ran out of fish! Next year's Doug's fundraisers will be on Monday, August 20th and Friday, November 16th. MANY thanks to Ed and Marcia Inman for organizing these events.

The Church Has Left The Building (TCHLTB):

The 4th TCHLTB church-wide Missions event was held on Sunday, October 16th. This concept of this fun program was to encourage all members of Park Terrace to NOT go to church on the 16th...BUT INSTEAD to participate in one of many local mission projects! The day was a huge success as we had over 70 people volunteer in 11 programs. Thanks to everyone that participated, especially for their generosity of time, energy, and spirit. Here is a quick run down of the programs and their leaders:

Nursing Home Visit to Ideal in Endicott – Earl and Phyllis Jackson
Adult Bib and Walker Bag Sewing Project – Jan Perry
“Walkin’ with Bill” CROP Walk at Otsinengo Park – Stacy Wickham
Meals-on-Wheels Pumpkin Favors Project – Dennis Stover
Park Terrace Food Pantry Food Drive at Sweeney’s Market – Jeff Patricia
Decorating Food Pantry Thanksgiving Boxes – Rachal Acri
Renovation of Liz Menter’s Flooded Apartment – Dan Coleman
Child Care – Lynn Coleman
Ross Park Zoo Grounds Cleaning – Steve Rice
Cleaning of Barb Press’ Flooded Home – Phyllis Jackson and Lynette Sheckler
Providing Lunch – Pam Bogdan and Lourie Morris

Some items of note:

WBNG-TV Channel 12 in Binghamton did a wonderful story about our day!

The original nursing home we chose to visit, Owego’s Riverview Manor was flooded out in September and still not ready for TCHLTB. We were lucky that Phyllis Watson came to the rescue and scheduled Ideal for

us to visit. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the music and fellowship. We plan to go back for a visit in the future. The sewing project was going to be Heart Pillows, but the material necessary was not available. Jan and the sewing group quickly changed over to making adult bibs and walker bags. When Heart Pillow components are obtained in the future, we will sponsor an event to make them as they are greatly needed. The food drive at Sweeney's was very successful as we received barrels full (literally) of food and monetary donations totalling \$337.00!

October 20th ACT Dinner:

We served our famous barbecued chicken to 36 hungry and appreciative guests! The dinner was held at the Owego Presbyterian Church, the new "semi-permanent" location for ACT Dinners until the Owego United Methodist Church can be refurbished from the September flood. Park Terrace ordered 42 chicken halves at \$5 each, which offset the price of the chicken! Many thanks to Mark Bullock for leading the event and ESPECIALLY for providing mouth-watering quarter-pound Jalapeno hotdogs (and some regular hotdogs) to the cooking crew! Here is the Dinner Line-up of volunteers: Cooking Crew - Barb Baker, Larry Brearley, Mark Bullock, Norm Davis, Earl Jackson, Jeff Patricia, Steve Rice, Joe Scordino, and Karen Wood; Chicken - Jeff Patricia; Secret Basting Marinade, Charcoal, and Lighter Fluid - Mark Bullock; Baked Beans - Larry Brearley; Salad and Dressing - Marcia Inman; Rolls - Karen Wood; Cookies and Brownies - June Boutelle, Norm Davis, and Jan Perry. Left over food was delivered to 2 locations: Larry Brearley brought a tray of chicken along with salad and dressing to the Owego Open Door Mission, Karen Wood brought a tray of chicken, baked beans, and rolls to Castle Gardens for a volunteer flood work crew and her neighbors

Upcoming Events:

November 13th Endicott Breakfast:

This is our last Endicott Breakfast of 2011! We typically need 6 volunteers to serve this free meal at the Endicott United Methodist Church. A hot breakfast is served to anyone that is hungry. The cooking crew will leave from the Park Terrace parking lot at 7:15 AM and return by 9:30 AM. Please contact Joan Cook or Jeff Patricia if you would like to help with this meal or if you would like information about this program.

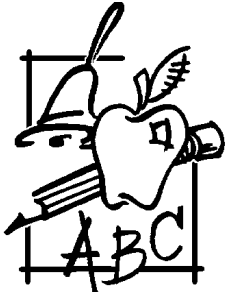
December 1st ACT (Allied Christians of Tioga County) Dinner:

This will also be our last ACT Dinner of 2011! The ACT Dinner is served every Thursday at 6:00 PM – we will again be serving the dinner at the First Union Presbyterian Church of Owego. The Owego United Methodist Church may not be ready to host ACT Dinners until sometime late in 2012. We need suggestions for the main dish for this meal as the menu has not been selected as of the Chimes' press time. Contact Jeff Patricia if you have questions about ACT or if you would like to volunteer to help with any ACT Dinner.

Adopt-A-Family:

This will be the 5th Christmas season that Missions and the Park Terrace Youth Group will combine forces to adopt a family. Marcia Inman will be obtaining families for the United Methodist Women (UMW) and us from Sister Phyllis at Tioga Rural Ministries. We typically adopt a family or families with 3-5 children. We will be shopping at Old Navy on a Saturday morning in December prior to the Youth fund-raiser "Spaghetti with Santa". The date for these events has not been chosen yet – please stay tuned to Sunday bulletins and announcements for details. Missions will provide pizza and soda after shopping for a present "wrapping party". We will also be providing a "food basket" to the family or families that we support. Any member of Park Terrace is encouraged to join us for this REALLY inspiring and fun day.

**Jeff Patricia,
Missions Chairman**



PARK TERRACE NURSERY SCHOOL

We've had a very busy, fun fall here at the Nursery School. This season contains so many learning opportunities for young children- from the colors of changing leaves to the sound of crunchy apples to the taste of pumpkin pie- it can be a challenge to fit it all in. Thank you to Pastor Sara for coming in to read to the children on Thursdays and for taking time to give the children a tour of the church. They all loved the youth room downstairs and were amazed by the food pantry.

We are planning our first ever Open House Program for the children and their families on November 16. The children will be performing a short musical program and then the families will have the opportunity to tour the classrooms. A big thank you to the Welcoming and Hospitality Committee for providing refreshments for the evening.

Be on the lookout for runaway gingerbread men, reindeer earning their flying licenses and busy elves come December as we celebrate the Christmas season and bring the year to a close, thankful for all we have and are able to do for others.

Wendy Decker

Food Pantry News

It has been my pleasure to serve as Director of the Park Terrace Food Pantry for the past 2+ years. As of December 1st 2011, I am turning over the directorship to Brenda Cronk and Bonnie Hand. Brenda and Bonnie have been involved with the pantry since its beginning. Brenda as a volunteer on Saturdays, along with Bonnie and Bonnie as a former director of the pantry, will be Co-Directors going forward.

I wish to thank the faithful volunteers who give up their time on Saturdays, on Tuesdays to receive our food orders from the Food Bank, and supporting the mission of the pantry. I especially want to thank Norm Davis, who has always been there when I have needed his assistance. I wish to thank all that have supported the pantry with monetary donations along with food donations.

I hope that the support that I have received will continue with the new directors. Again THANK YOU for all of the help that the pantry has received.

Joan Cook



The Pantry is doing Thanksgiving Baskets again this year. Our needs for baskets are gravy and cranberry sauce. We are offering either a Turkey or Ham for the baskets this year. I wish to thank the children and their leader who decorated our boxes (baskets) as part of The Church Has Left the Building. Good Work. The pick-up date will be November 19th.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!!!

TRUSTEES

The Trustees accomplished several tasks during the September/October time period, but have been diligent in avoiding efforts that require significant expenditures due to the tight church budget in 2011.

Of primary concern, was keeping up with the lawn mowing at both the Church and the Parsonage. Thanks goes out to Earl Jackson, Joe Scordino, Mark Bullock, Steve Rice, Jeremy Watson and Larry Watson for sharing in this workload. Additionally, Mark Bullock replaced the two large rear mower wheels on the church's walk behind mower as one had broken beyond repair.

Dan Coleman installed a new exterior door outside the church offices. The door was purchased with 2010 funds.

Clarence Morris, Steve Rice, Mark Bullock and Larry Watson removed a white birch tree along the exit driveway that had split and was endangering cars parked at the Food Pantry entrance. Mark Bullock and Larry Watson removed another tree that had fallen next to the nursery school shed. Mark and Larry also painted handicapped markings on three spaces in the parking lot. Mark has ordered handicapped signs to hang on the building in front of these spots and they should be installed in the near future.

Once again, we had rain leaking into both ends of the Narthex ceiling. The roof contractor was contacted and was very responsive in addressing the issue, which is still under warranty. They extended the flashing in the valleys and added sealant to the adjacent fascia. This has appeared to correct the problem, but only the test of time will prove that the problem is entirely corrected.

The previously reported planned workday for Saturday, September 17 to perform landscaping maintenance at the Parsonage was cancelled due to priorities with the flood.

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 and Steve Rice.

**Larry Watson,
Trustees Chairman**

MEMBERSHIP & NURTURE



On Sunday evening Nov. 6th, there will be a charge conference meeting at 7:00pm. Membership and Nurture is planning a dinner at 6:00pm, before the meeting. Everyone in the church is invited to come to the dinner. We need people to make their favorite macaroni and cheese casserole and bring your recipe with it. The craft bazaar is planning to have a macaroni and cheese dinner on Friday night Nov. 11th. We need a creamy macaroni and cheese with lots of flavor. Whoever attends the charge conference dinner will vote on the best macaroni and cheese dish and we will use that recipe for the dinner on Friday night of the Craft Bazaar. If you don't want to make macaroni and cheese you can bring a different dish to pass. Bring your own table service. Drinks will be provided.

**Pam Bogdan,
Chairperson**

2011 BAZAAR

It is November already and the bazaar is not over, but will take place next weekend, Friday Nov. 11th from 4:00 to 8:00pm and Saturday Nov. 12th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. However, this year is not just the usual bazaar, it is also a Flood Relief fundraiser. Half of the proceeds will be donated locally. That is why help is needed more than ever!

Advertisement is important and doing that by word of mouth, email, texting, twitter, facebook and any other means will give us more people coming into the church those two days. Please help spread the word!

Our meals will be: Friday night @ 5:00pm: Ham and Mac and Cheese, green beans or stewed tomatoes, drink and dessert (TBA). A chili luncheon will be served at noon on Saturday, with hot dogs also available.

Hopefully everyone has taken a look at the sign-up lists. If you are available to help set up, bake, work in the kitchen, be a cashier, or do any of the numerous tasks needed to make this successful, please sign up or call me (687-7161)!

Thank you all ahead of time for efforts!

Sherri Reed





Helpers for
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

NOVEMBER 6 - Marcia Inman

NOVEMBER 13 - Anita Harris

NOVEMBER 20 - Vita Rice

NOVEMBER 27 - Lois Blight

DECEMBER 4 - Karen Galli

DECEMBER 11 - Laura Coleman

DECEMBER 18 - Sherri Reed

DECEMBER 24 - Andy Blight

DECEMBER 25 - TBD

- Lois Blight

ACOLYTES FOR
NOVEMBER /DECEMBER

NOVEMBER 6 - Whitney Harris
NOVEMBER 13 - Heather Sullivan
NOVEMBER 20 - Hailey Sullivan
NOVEMBER 27 - TBD

DECEMBER 4 - TBD
DECEMBER 11 - Heather Sullivan
DECEMBER 18 - Hailey Sullivan
DECEMBER 24 - Whitney/Jennifer
Harris
DECEMBER 25 - TBD

- Phyllis Watson

USHERS FOR
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

NOVEMBER

The Youth Group will
be ushering during the
Month of November

Leader – Stacy Wickham

DECEMBER

Jeff Patricia - Captain
Norm Davis
Clarence Morris
Dick Cook
Dave Evans

-Mark Bullock