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Pastor's Corner

November 6, 2008

Dear Friends In Christ,

Can you believe that it is almost Thanksgiving? With Advent and Christmas right around the corner, we will soon be bidding farewell to 2008, and I look forward to sharing a wonderful year of ministry with you as we go forward together in the name of Jesus the Christ.

When I look over my calendar, I realize that we have already done many exciting things. Youth Group has started. The kids cleaned out the basement/recreation area at East Guilford and spent the first meeting reflecting on what it means to be as blessed as we are in the United States having easy access to clean water, food, and warm homes. Many of the youth participated in the CROPWALK on October 19th, and together with their parents, grandparents and friends, raised almost \$850 for this cause. Wow!!! On November 2nd about half the group had a movie night – laughing together at the “Beverly Hills Chihuahua”, at the Southside Mall Cinema in Oneonta, and in November, three of our high school students will attend the Presbytery sponsored retreat at Vanderkamp in Cleveland, NY. The program will be led by world famous Biblical Story Teller, Reverend Den-

nis Dewey. I'm sure it will be a wonderful time of fun, fellowship and reflection.

In October our worship ministry stepped out in fine form. Together with elders from both parishes, we took Home Communion to four (4) homebound families on the 5th, and to five (5) families on November 2nd. Each person got a bulletin, a two or three minute version of the sermon for the day (Yes –it is possible to do!) and a celebration of the Eucharist. In this act, even those who cannot worship with us, are joined with us and with the risen Christ, and with Christians everywhere as we are fed to go out and spread the Good News! On average, it will be our great privilege to take Home Communion to as many as a dozen families, and we may even need to spread the activities over two days. In other areas, some of the youngsters in the church have agreed to be lectors, and they are doing a great job. And there have been some subtle changes to the order of worship. As the months go on, look for a few more changes so that our services become easier to follow in the event we have visitors. We'll test some of these out on a trial basis to see what we like and to add some variety to our worship. And if we are prepared, like the 5 wise bridesmaids in Matthew 25, when guests come to check us out, maybe they'll stay around and add to our diversity. As soon as I can, I also plan to make more use of the projector to add some multi-media to our worship format, and come

up with some special devotions/events for Advent. So please be on the lookout!

In terms of parish fellowship and Christian Education, we have gotten off to another great start. We had fabulous turnouts for the Annual Hay Ride and the combined service on Time Change Sunday, November 2nd, and of course, my installation on September 21st. Another terrific event was the Adult Fellowship Dinner at East Guilford on October 26th. Not only was it well attended and well supplied with delicious food, but also, thanks to "The Singing Waiters", everyone had a blast! Thanks to all who attended and/or participated in any way in these events. Keep watching our two web sites, as the events and photos are now being posted for all of us to enjoy. Many thanks to Ray Taylor and Prudence Danforth: web masters extraordinaire!

At Unadilla, four "teams" of teachers are sharing the responsibility for Sunday School. Thanks to everyone who helps out in this way – especially the teens. Your contribution is important, because Our Lord welcomed little ones to Him, ones who were able to see him with a pure and clear vision, and bade us all welcome Him that way. Learning goes both ways, and I look forward to learning from all of you, both young and mature.

Last, but not least, the choirs have started to sing again at both churches! On October 19th, the East Guilford choir participated in a "Night of Inspirational Music" at Nineveh Presbyterian Church, and there are many great things planned for Advent, including an ecumenical Christmas pageant/carol sing/choir concert on December 20th. Keep the date open as it promises to be great fun, followed

by a covered dish supper and fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters in Unadilla and Sidney. Anyone who has interest in acting, singing, or just being there – keep an eye out for important updates on the Announcement insert in the Sunday Bulletin.

As you all know, Advent and Christmas will be upon us before we know it. As this time of holiday joy and thanksgiving to God for God's many blessings, it is more important than ever to be mindful of those who are in any kind of need, illness or adversity. There are many worthy causes out there; everything from mitten trees and care packages to college students and those serving our armed forces, to food drives, bake sales and the occasional Christmas Bazaar. Give generously, but only as you feel called by the Holy Spirit. Not one of us is asked to do it all; we are a family, called together by God, for the glory of God. Giving to others not only benefits the recipient, but the giver as well – promoting within her or him a taste of the peace that passes all understanding, as the Kingdom of the Heavenly One breaks into our earthly existence. Let us remember that we are a very young people, and that the Holy Spirit is always with us to guide us to appropriate giving for our benefit and those around us.

In closing, please let me once again thank every one of you for making me feel welcomed and comfortable here in Unadilla and for being so willing to jump into ministry with each other for the welfare of others. I could not ask for more!

Blessings and Shalom שְׁלוֹמ
Patty

HARMONY CIRCLE NEWS

Seven members of the Harmony Circle met at the home of Agnes Hoffman on November 5th. We were glad that long time member Mary Beardsley could be with us.

- Our annual Mission Pledge was discussed.
- Louise, Sharon, and Joann served the COM dinner at the Presbytery Tuesday November 4th.
- We do this fund raiser every three months to raise funds for our kitchen project. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the food supplies or help with this, please see Louise or Sharon.
- We are asking the women of the church to make two dozen cookies to bring to the church Wednesday Dec 3 at 6 pm for the annual cookie mailing to our church family members in college and the service. Harmony Circle will pay the cost of the mailing. PLEASE get the recipient's addresses to Sharon ASAP.
- Joann presented the Horizon study on Luke. We are all delighted to have Pastor Patty's input.

Next month we will meet December 2 at 1pm at the manse. All are welcome to join us. If you need a ride, please call Joann at 369-7315.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST

Every Tuesday morning from 6:30 am to 8:00 am at the EG Church.

All EG & U Men Welcome!

EG Women News

The East Guilford Women met in September at the church with 12 ladies present.

Pastor Patty's Installation dinner was planned. Also COM dinner was planned for October 4th.

Adult Fellowship was held October 25th. A covered dish supper and entertainment by the Singing Waiters was enjoyed by all.

We will host Share the Bounty at the Methodist Church in Sidney on November 20th. The menu will be spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, drinks and desert.

Family fellowship will be the 22nd of November. Bring a covered dish of veggies or desert, the rest will be furnished.

We enjoyed our meeting, fellowship and refreshments at Kathy Williams home on November 6.

Next meeting will be December 4th.

Respectfully,
Estella Moore



CHURCH LIFE NEWS

A special thanks goes out to Dave and Kathy Johnson for the wonderful hayride that took place on October 26th. It was a glorious day with bright sunshine and spring like temperatures. The church family is very lucky to have people like Dave and Kathy who give so much of their time and energy to make the hayride enjoyable each year. We are hoping that the weather will be good in December so that we can do a caroling hayride in town.

On Wednesday, December 3rd the women of the church will be meeting to do our annual **cooking packing for the college students**. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship and dinner then pack cookies. Each woman is ask to bring 2 dozen cookies. Dinner details will be in our bulletin later in November. We need everyone to check the list of college students in the bulletin and update addresses before the 3rd of December. You may email me (shavens002@stny.rr.com) or phone me at 610-4033.

Don't forget our **Holiday Bazaar on December 6th**. We will be doing a soup and sandwich lunch and will need volunteers to "man the kitchen". Also we will be looking for items for the bake sale (need some Holiday Specialty items) and for volunteers to work the day of the sale. Of course, we need customers, so please spread the word and come and bring a friend or two. **If you think you could help in any way please call Sandy Stoy, 988-2545, Prudence Danforth, 369-2007, or Sharon Havens.**

Because of the Bazaar on the 6th of December, we will **decorate the church on Sunday the 7th of December. We will start at 2:00 p.m.** It would be greatly appreciated if any one has a tree they would like to donate to the

church for Christmas. Please contact Sharon Havens if you are interested. Also, we will have a light supper following the decorating and will announce the details later.

On December 13th, Rev. Patty will be having a holiday open house at the manse for both churches. It will be from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship so please plan to come.

PULPIT SUPPLY NEWS

Rev. Wolff will be out of town a couple of Sundays.

On November 16th we will welcome Fred Downs to our pulpits and

On December 28th Terri Barnhart will share her message.

CROP Walk

Thank you for your support.
The walkers raised \$792!

East Guilford

Jim Bartlett
Emma Egli
Kortnee Gilmore
Lola and Dick Palmer
Kelsey Woodyshek

Unadilla

Chris and Megan Bomba
Courtney Davidson
Stephanie Frazier
Courtney and Danny Kleeschulte



eople News

- Many thanks to Dave and Cathy Johnson and family for the fall display on our altar in Unadilla.
- Don and Joann appreciate all the cards, calls, visits, and prayers coming their way for Don's recovery. He is getting stronger again!
- Congratulations to Courtney Kleeschulte for her beautiful job of adding a circular bench to the village playground as well as a cobblestone entrance way, cobblestone bordered flowerbed, and perennials as part of her Silver Award for girl scouts.
- Continued prayers to Judy Erbe. Visit her website at: www.judysfight.net and leave her a message of inspiration.

Our church will be joining other local churches in collecting much needed items



to send to those in service to our country. Please see the Daily Star for suggestions or look for the list near the collection box. This will be an on going activity and the items will be taken to the Daily Star for mailing. Let us do all that we can to let those far from home know that we care and pray for their safety.



Community Food Pantry– update

As a result of the economy, lay-offs, and recession, we are seeing an increase in the number of our neighbors needing help from the food pantry. We appreciate your donations in the local postal workers drive.

The local Scouts will be having their annual Scout drive for the food pantry on November 8th.

The Chamber of Commerce will be collecting food at the Masonic Temple on December 6th as part of the arrival of Santa.

Local churches are also filling bags of food items for the holiday dinners.

During the month of November those coming in for the regular monthly box will also receive cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned yams, pudding and jello mixes ,pumpkin pie mix, and evaporated milk as well as a voucher for a turkey at the Unadilla Great American. Each month they also receive milk and egg vouchers.

In December they will get a voucher for a ham.

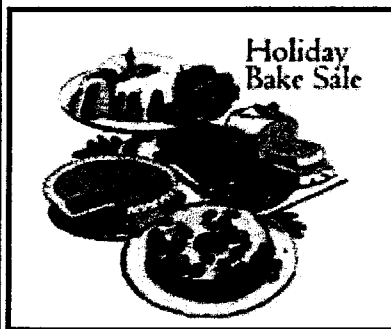


Unadilla First Presbyterian Church

Holiday Bazaar

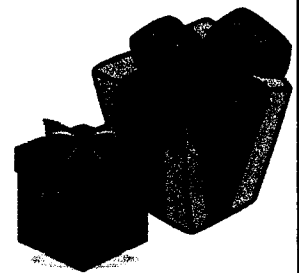
Saturday, December 6th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

● Soup and Sandwich Luncheon 11:00 am to 2:00 pm



● Bake Sale with
Specialty items for Christmas

● Handmade gift items
by the Presbyterian Women



Bazaar will benefit the Kitchen Fund

Horse and wagon rides from 1 to 4 between the Masonic Temple
and the First Presbyterian Church, compliments of the Unadilla Chamber of Commerce
in celebration of the arrival of Santa.



Calendar of Events

Sunday.....

• **11/16** Starting November 16th East Guilford people may bring in their "goodies" for the college kids boxes. On November 30th they will be filling the boxes during the coffee hour to be held immediately following the service. This will be followed by trimming the tree and decorating the sanctuary. Also, On November 16 people may start bringing things for the annual "Mitten Tree" and "Mountain of Food". The pick up will be on December 14th.

Thursday.....

11/20 Share the Bounty Dinner at Sidney United Methodist Church at 4:30 pm.
Free will offering. East Guilford will be doing the cooking and serving that night and would like to extend an invitation to anyone from either East Guilford or Unadilla that would like to help. Please contact Kathy Williams at 563-3156 for more information

Saturday.....

11/22 Family fellowship dinner at EG. It will consist of a turkey with all the trimmings dinner. Please bring a covered dish consisting of salads, vegetable dishes or desserts and your own table service (The turkey and trimmings will be furnished)

Sunday.....

11/23 (U) Thanksgiving Pot Luck Supper (6pm) and Ecumenical Worship Service (7pm) at the Unadilla United Methodist Church. Worship led by members of the Unadilla Ministerium. (Rev. Barbara Pease, Fr. Scott Garno, Rev. Patty Wolff)

Wednesday.....

11/26 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship in Sidney at the United Church of Christ, Cor. Bridge St and Main beginning at 7:00 pm

Tuesday.....

12/2 Harmony Circle, 1pm at the manse.

Wednesday.....

12/3 Annual cooking packing at the Unadilla First Presbyterian Church. Meet at 6:00 pm for fellowship and dinner and then pack cookies for our college students. (see details elsewhere in newsletter)

Thursday.....

12/4 EG Women's meeting

Saturday.....

12/6 Holiday Bazaar at the Unadilla First Presbyterian Church from 9:00 am 5:00 pm
Bake sale & handmade holiday items.
Soup and sandwich luncheon—11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
Funds to go to our "Benefit the Kitchen fund"

Saturday.....

12/6 Festival of the Trees, Santa and other events 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm - Unadilla Community Center (Masonic Temple) See bulletin board for details

Saturday.....

12/6 Catskill Choral Society presents "Songs of the Season". 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Church Oneonta, NY - presale tickets available from Linda Bickos

Saturday.....

12/13 Unadilla Church Holiday Decorating Party. 9:00 am until finished.

Happy Birthday wishes to:

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Katie Johnson (U)
10/1 Brandon Ball (U)
10/2 John Davis (EG)
10/2 Rich Havens (U)
10/3 Linda Bickos (U)
10/5 Jill Palmer (EG)
10/6 Agnes Hoffman (U)
10/9 Margaret Taylor (EG)
10/10 Laurie Williams (EG)
10/13 John Elwood (EG)
10/15 Edie Phelps (EG)
10/16 Courtney Davidson (U)
10/16 Vera Sergio (EG)
10/17 Kirby Lodovice (EG)
10/23 Barbara Yeager (U)
10/24 Stephen Bickos (U)
10/26 Kendra Decker (U)
10/27 Sally Straka (EG)
10/28 Jennifer Ondreyko (U)
10/31 Nancy Jones (U)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Scott Williams (EG)
11/2 Kristie Guile (EG)
11/5 Pam Chambers (U)
11/5 Jon Fisher (U)
11/5 Gordon Spreutels (EG)
11/6 Heather Forsha (U)
11/17 Dan Kleeschulte (U)
11/18 Patricia Danforth (U)
11/18 Mildred Robertson (U)
11/18 Marge Almy (EG)
11/22 Beverly Pierce (EG)
11/30 Marie Spreutels (EG)

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/2 Derek Johnson (U)
12/7 Diane Bradshaw (EG)
12/9 Prudence Danforth (U)
12/15 Nedra Ostrander (EG)
12/18 Dan Bradshaw (EG)
12/18 Michelle Erbe (U)

12/21 Bill Ohl Jr. (EG)
12/24 Mary Miller (EG)
12/26 Ron Williams (EG)
12/28 Marcia Kafchinski (U)
12/28 Kathy Williams (EG)
12/30 Dane Palmer (EG)



Happy Anniversary wishes to:

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/1 Dorothy & Jerry Green (U)
10/4 Scott & Jennifer Ondreyko (U)
10/6 Barbara & Bill Yeager (U)

10/12 Carol & Floyd Decker (U)
10/13 Norma & Irv Palmer (EG)
10/20 Laurie & Ron Williams (EG)
10/24 Sue & Mike Davidson (U)
10/25 Tina & Ed Pabst (EG)
10/26 Mary & Clyde Wilkins (U)
10/28 Diane & Dan Bradshaw (EG)

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/29 Patti & Rod Kafchinski (U)

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/29 Polly & Steve Judd (U)

12/30 Marie & Gordon Spreutels (EG)



CATSKILL CHORAL SOCIETY

Timothy Newton, Director Timothy Horne, Pianist

Choral Songs of the Season

Featuring the CCS Girl Choir
and Catskill Brass Quintet

Saturday, December 6th at 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church
39 Walnut Street
Oneonta, NY

Admission: Adults \$17 (over \$30)
Seniors \$12 (over \$50)
Students \$0

Tickets & Information: www.catskillchoralsociety.org or 607-431-6060

We are proud to be a member of the Oneonta Community Alliance. CCSA is supported by Oneonta County Tax revenues and Walker National Bank.

Repertoire:

- Poulenc *Gloria*
Rutter *What Sweeter Music* (with CCS girls)
Praetorius *In Dulci jubilo*
(with brass arr. Robert King)
Heinrich Shutz *Ein Kind ist uns geboren*
Kenneth Jennings *Calm on the Listening Ear of Night*
Leo Delibes *Hymne de Noel*
Wilhousky *Carol of the Bells*
David Willcox *4 Carols for Brass and Organ*
Canadian Brass arrangement *Twelve Days of Christmas*
2 Chanukah songs
Deck the Halls

Girlchoir: Singing their own selections
& Brass selections w/ Catskill Brass Quintet

Tickets available from Linda Bickos—369-2614
Presale: Adults \$17, Seniors \$12, Student \$10

Holiday Festival of Trees

December 6th

Schedule of Events

Noon til 6: Festival of the Trees & Unadilla Community Center (Masonic Temple)
Decorated trees, Holiday village display and more... Hot Wassail.

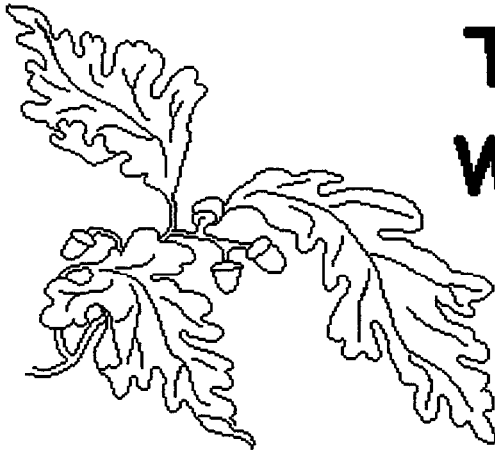
1 til 3:30: Horse and Wagon Rides (Dennis Decker) from Bishop Lot to Presbyterian Church. Take in the bazaar and soup and sandwich luncheon. (Mill, Watson, Fellows, Church & back)

3:30-4:00: Kids Ornament Workshop @ Community Center

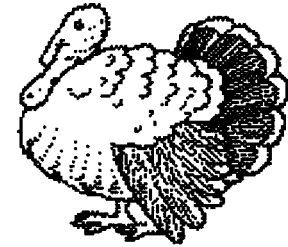
4:00: Mr. & Mrs. Claus arrive

4:00 til 6:00: Santa visits with kids w/ refreshments & goodie bags. Photo with Santa with a donation of food for our local food pantry.





Thanksgiving Word Search



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 PLYMOUTH
 PUMPKIN
 SAIL
 SETTLERS
 SICKNESS
 SQUASH
 STUFFING
 THANKSGIVING
 TURKEY
 YAMS



No Thanksgiving Dinner

Tis the night before Thanksgiving and all through our house
No turkey is baking; I feel like a louse,
For I am all nestled, so snug in my bed;
I'm not gettin' up and I'm not bakin' bread.
No pies in my oven, no cranberry sauce
Cuz I give the orders, and I am the boss.
When out in the kitchen, there arose such a clatter
I almost got up to see what was the matter.
As I drew in my head and was tossing around
To the bed came my husband, he grimaced, he frowned.
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
He scared me to death and I thought, "Here he goes!"
He spoke not a word as he threw back my quilt
And the look that he gave was intended to wilt.
So up to the ceiling my pillows he threw
I knew I had had it, his face had turned blue.
"You prancer, you dodger, you're lazy, you vixen
Out yonder in kitchen, Thanksgiving you're fixin."
But he heard me explain, with my face in a pout:
"I'm just plain too tired and we're eating out!"

We Give Thanks

Our Father in Heaven,
We give thanks for the pleasure
Of gathering together for this occasion.
We give thanks for this food
Prepared by loving hands.
We give thanks for life,
The freedom to enjoy it all

And all other blessings.
As we partake of this food,
We pray for health and strength
To carry on and try to live as You would have
us.
This we ask in the name of Christ,
Our Heavenly Father.

- Harry Jewell

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Merry Christmas
and
Peace in 2009



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All contributions are welcome!