

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

SPRING 2010

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Dear Friends,



I cannot believe it has been almost two years since I started here in East Guilford and Unadilla. What an amazing time we have had, and I thank God for all of you every day. We have grown in love and trust. We have taken risks financially, spiritually, and I dare say it, technologically! And so far, we continue to come closer to each other, while we retain and develop our individual identities as “particular households of God.” More and more of you attend (and help out!) at each other’s fellowship events. At meetings we listen hard to each other, and support each other in times of joy and sorrow, and more of you are ready, willing, and able to take leadership roles in worship and mission. It has been a joy and an inspiration to watch.

God is doing such wonderful things in our midst! How do I know that? I know it because everywhere, and in many ways, there are visible signs of growth. Most of you have seen that we have some new faces in each church. We have even welcomed new members at East Guilford. Our Sessions have started to take chances - each church in different ways, as their situations are different. East Guilford made a huge donation to the Presbyterian Disaster Association, and

Unadilla made one as well, despite the financial pressures of “flood loans.” Our youth group continues to reach out through the Relay for Life and the “ymiLive Video Challenge” and we are planning a day trip to NYC in late July, to see the “King Tut” exhibit and the Times Square Discovery Channel Exhibition. These are amazing faith statements. These actions say that we can risk being with each other in faith, and/or giving more than we think we can, because we know God will continue to meet our needs. There are no mistakes made when a decision is made in love and in an honest desire to do God’s will. Even if we appear to fail, even if one of us falters, others fill in the blanks, knowing that somehow, God will make it right. This is the gift of hope that Jesus’ resurrection gives to us. We are free to be God’s people; free to do God’s will no matter how it looks and free to love one another as Jesus loves us.

As you all know, I will be away from you for a short time for surgery, and then radiation treatments. The “Open House” you all gave for me was overwhelming and joyous, and I was comforted by your love. For this great gift, I thank you! It was so nice to just have some fellowship time with all of you and our brothers and sisters from other churches. The “memory book” as well as some other “gifts” will go with me to NYC for surgery to hold me up. If you drive by the manse while I am away, you may chance to see some wicker chairs on the porch. They will be purchased with part of your gift to me and will be waiting for my return,

when I can enjoy the sunshine and watch the world go by as I heal. If you see them, go ahead and test them out!

Should everything go as planned, I should be home from the hospital, at the manse, on the evening of 4/24. Radiation will begin as soon as possible in May and it is my current plan to return to the pulpit on June 20th, when both churches will celebrate Communion. I look forward to seeing each of you again, and encourage each of you to attend the single worship services we have planned: supporting our sisters and brothers who will preach, and lead worship. I wish I could be there to see – and maybe I will as at least one of our “web cams” has been hooked up! Most of all, praise God with joyous voices, make noise to the glory of God, and have fun together. Peace, joy and love be yours!

Blessings and Much love,
Patty



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Presbytery Gatherings & Events

(www.susvalpresby.org)

Summer Gathering

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

@ Guilford Center United Presbyterian Church

4:00 P.M. – Registration

East Guilford Commissioner: Alice Ohl

Unadilla Commissioner: Jo Anne Aymar

Session Information

Please watch the inserts for meeting locations!

Spring Session Meetings - East Guilford

Monday, June 14, 2010 @ the Church - 7:00 P.M.

Rev. Mark Montfort, Moderating

Monday, July 12, 2010 @ the Church – 7:00 P.M.

Spring Session Meetings – Unadilla

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 @ the Church – 7:00 P.M.

Rev. Mark Montfort, Moderating

Tuesday, July 13, 2010 @ the Church – 7:00 P.M.

Spring/Summer Personnel Committee Meetings

May 18, 2010 @ East Guilford @ 7:00 P.M.

August 17, 2010 @ Unadilla @ 7:00 P.M.

Communion & Home Communion Schedule

East Guilford

Sunday, July 4th

Sunday, August 1st

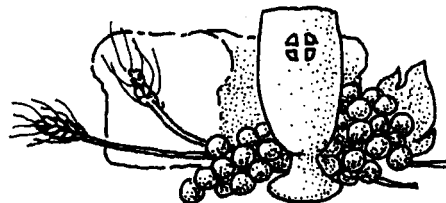
Sunday, September 5th

Unadilla

Sunday, July 18th

Sunday, August 15th

Sunday, September 19th



Adult Christian Education

Tuesday Men's Breakfast and Bible Study @ **6:30 A.M.** at East Guilford
(For the men of both parishes)



Tuesday, May 18, 2010	Proverbs 22:19 and 1 Samuel 17
Tuesday, May 25, 2010	Proverbs 22:20 and 1 Samuel 18
Tuesday, June 1, 2010	Proverbs 22:21 and 1 Samuel 19
Tuesday, June 8, 2010	Proverbs 22:22 and 1 Samuel 20
Tuesday, June 15, 2010	Proverbs 22:23 and 1 Samuel 21
Tuesday, June 22, 2010	Proverbs 22:24 and 1 Samuel 22
Tuesday, June 29, 2010	Proverbs 22:25 and 1 Samuel 23
Tuesday, July 6, 2010	Proverbs 22:26 and 1 Samuel 24
Tuesday, July 13, 2010	Proverbs 22:27 and 1 Samuel 25
Tuesday, July 20, 2010	Proverbs 22:28 and 1 Samuel 26
Tuesday, July 27, 2010	Proverbs 22:29 and 1 Samuel 27
Tuesday, August 3, 2010	Proverbs 23:1-3 and 1 Samuel 28
Tuesday, August 10, 2010	Proverbs 23:4-5 and 1 Samuel 29
Tuesday, August 17, 2010	Proverbs 23:6-8 and 1 Samuel 30
Tuesday, August 24, 2010	Proverbs 23:9-11 and 1 Samuel 31

JOIN US FOR THE BEST BREAKFAST IN TOWN ON A TUESDAY MORNING!

Harmony Circle – Presbyterian Women of Unadilla @ 1:00 P.M. First Tuesday of the Month

June 1, 2010 @ 10:00 AM Location: TBD
COM Dinner Preparation

July 6, 2010 @ 10:00 AM Location: TBD

Presbyterian Women of East Guilford @ 10:00 A.M. First Thursday of the Month Bible Study Suspended Until the Fall

June 3, 2010 @ 10:00 AM @ the Church

July 1, 2010 @ 10:00 AM @ the Church

Thursday Night Adult Bible Study Suspended Until the Fall

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

The youth and younger Sunday school children will participate in Youth Sunday on June 13. They will share the service with "pastor in training", Craig Kunkle, youth leader of the Northminster and Union Presbyterian Churches. Craig will be the guest preacher, but the youth will help lead the rest of the service, with scripture readings, interpretations and songs of praise. Our seniors, Stephanie Havens and Chris Bomba II from Unadilla and Alex Schmidt from East Guilford will be honored. Our only 5th grader, Jon Havens will receive a Bible as is the custom of the Unadilla church. The Unadilla church would also like to recognize the teams of teachers who have faithfully taught our children throughout the year. The teachers who deserve our great thanks are as follows: Shelly and Stephanie Havens, Stephanie Frazier, Sue Davidson, Courtney and Danny Kleeschulte, Lori, Meghan and Chris Bomba, Adrienne Tammaccio and Louise Lesh. Thanks also go to the youth group leaders, Jan Lafayette, Kathy Schmidt, Stephanie Frazier and Pastor Patty. Please mark your calendars for a wonderful, worshipful celebration by the youth.

The Christian Education committee, in conjunction with the churches in the Unadilla Ministerium is planning a summer Vacation Bible School. The curriculum entitled "Rome" has been chosen. This VBS experience will give the children an idea of what the early Christian church was like. The children will play games that the people in that time period played and try the different types of food of those times. We will need volunteers to help with crafts and games as well as story telling and making scenery to make VBS the most authentic experience for the children. As usual we will have lots of praise songs to enjoy and learn. The date has not been definitely chosen, but keep your ears and eyes focused on news in the weekly bulletins or the Tri-Town News and The Daily Star. And don't forget – you are always welcome to bring your friends to learn about and share the Good News.

Congratulations to the youth group for their successful participation in the 2010 Relay for Life on May 7 & 8. Even with their very busy school schedules, the youth group worked very hard on their fundraisers and took turns walking to show their support for the cure of cancer. The overall total amount raised for this local event was approximately \$98,491. Our youth group raised \$2,200.

East Guilford Women's Group Report

Since our last newsletter the Ladies in East Guilford have been busy with many mission projects. Starting in November 2009 Mission projects completed, of course with the help of many other members of the East Guilford Church family are:

- Share the Bounty dinner at the Methodist Church in Sidney.
- Boxes of goodies to our college students and servicemen.
- Committee on Ministry dinner in Bainbridge in January and May.
- Delivered poinsettias to shut-ins from our church.
- Held the annual Congregational dinner in January.
- Had a luncheon for the Elliott family after the Memorial service of Pat Elliott.

The March meeting was held at the church with 8 women present. A group of ladies volunteered to deliver lilies to shut-ins for Easter. A Palm Sunday pancake breakfast was served with proceeds going to The One Great Hour of Sharing.

The April meeting was attended by 7 ladies. Margaret Taylor has been moved to a nursing home and her new address is:

Margaret Taylor
Ideal Sr. Living Center
601 High Avenue
Endicott, New York 13760

☛ Coffee hour held on April 18th
Next meeting will be held May 6th.

Cancer Awareness Flowers Still Available

The Relay for Life Team still has flower pins that can be purchased for \$5 each. Ask Stephanie Frazier or Jan Lafayette to bring one to church for you. The flowers are hand-made from recycled materials. Wear them to show your support for the following causes – or just wear them because they are unique and beautiful!

Color	Represents
Bright yellow	Military support, missing children, sexual abstinence, spina bifida, liver cancer
Dark blue	Child abuse, colon cancer, Crime victim's rights, arthritis, myositis
Green	Organ & tissue donor, environment, bipolar disorder, kidney cancer, depression
Orange	Hunger awareness, leukemia
Light blue	Prostate cancer, lymphedema, thyroid disease
Pink	Breast cancer
Purple	Children with disabilities, domestic violence, religious tolerance, pancreatic cancer, animal abuse, Chron's disease, cystic fibrosis, fibromyalgia
Teal	Ovarian cancer, sexual violence, cervical cancer,
Gold	Child cancer
Gray	Diabetes, brain cancer, asthma

Day Trip to NYC to See The King Tut Exhibit




Last Week in July (7/26, or, 7/27, or 7/28, or 7/29)

Interested? Talk to Jan Lafayette or Kathy Schmidt (East Guilford), or Stephanie Frazier (Unadilla).

Group (15+) Ticket Prices:

Adult	\$ 25.50
Seniors	\$ 23.50
Student	\$ 17.50

Transportation TBD.



People News

- Prayers to Reverend Patty while she recovers from her surgery and radiation treatments.
- Thank you to the Pastor Patty for performing the funeral service and to the ladies of the Unadilla Presbyterian Church for the lovely memorial luncheon after my mother's (Mary Lou Bickos) funeral. It was greatly appreciated.
Jakkie Bickos and Family
- Thank you to all who sent flowers, condolence cards and donations to Catskill Hospice at the passing of our Mother, Mary Lou Bickos.
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- Congratulations to Robin Lafayette who will be graduation from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at the end of May. After studying power engineering, Robin will make use of his education by working for ISO New England. He will be moving to the Springfield, Massachusetts area.
- Congratulations to our church family 2010 HS students who will graduate in June. Alex Schmidt from East Guilford, Chris Bomba Jr. and Stephanie Havens from Unadilla.
- Congratulations also to John Havens who will graduate the 5th grade.
- Prayers to Reverend Patty while she recovers from her surgery and radiation treatments.

- Congratulations to the Youth Group, teachers & parents who worked so hard to raise money for the Relay of Life again this year.
- A huge "Thank You" to all our friends from both churches who have been praying for our son, Mark. He is now back to work and doing fine, although he tires easily, but who wouldn't after not working for such a long time. It seems like forever that we have all been praying for him, but here again, is proof that prayers DO work. Just wanted you to know how much we appreciate your love and prayers and also wanted to give you an update on Mark. Thank you, friends and thank you, God!

Alice and Bill Ohl

Fund Raising Committee (U)

Thank you to all who have helped at any our fund raising activities: dinners, bazaar, and food sale at Johnson's. *Now were asking for your help for upcoming fundraisers.*

Roast Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner June 12th, 2010

We are asking for donations as well as for people to work at the dinner. Please put this on you calendar to help or donate in some way!

We are also planning to sell any *Pulled Pork left-overs at the annual Unadilla Carnival of Sales as well as the annual rummage sale.*

Gather you items now to make room for the items you will buy at this event. This will be held on Saturday, July 10th.

The church needs any monies we can make or that can be donated. Thank you!!!



FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who religiously give to the Unadilla Food Pantry. It means so much to those who depend on

that little donation for their families in these economic hard times. With the warmer weather approaching and gardens are being planted, plant a little extra for a donation of fresh veggies.

The food pantry is located at the Unadilla Methodist Church on Main Street (across from the Great American Store)

Please keep your generosity coming.

Newsletter information & concerns:

These are the areas that should be reported on when requests go out for the newsletter.

- Church Life
- Session
- Youth Group
- Christian Education
- Women's & Men's Groups
- Worship News
- Words from the Pastor
- People News
- Mission News
- Birthday and Anniversary addition, removals & updates (names)
- Programs
- Fundraising Events
- Requests for donations

Spring

Migration

Tundra

swans

descend

feet first

on nearby

farmers'

fields

beside

an ice

edged

blue lake where

bird watchers focus

sophisticated lens on

graceful long necked birds

For a few days they will rest

their tired spirits, feed on leftover

grains before heading north in a drama

only nature can perform. Those

who are tied to earth's

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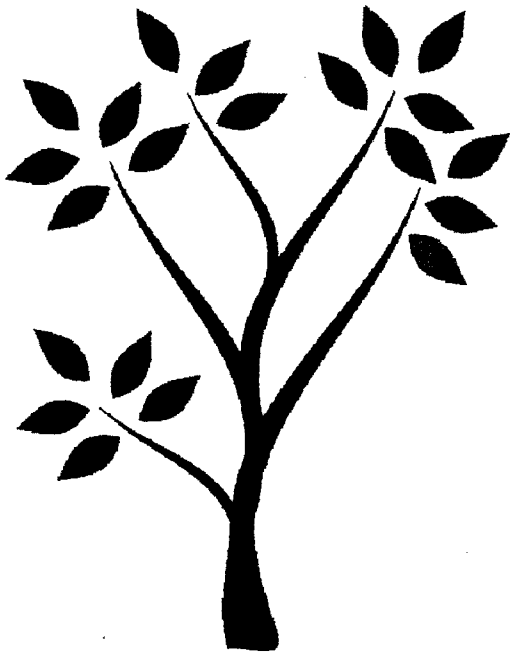
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**Joint Worship Services
During Pastor Patty's
Medical Leave**

**All Sundays in May –
Unadilla @ 11:00 AM**

**6/6 and 6/13 –
East Guilford @ 9:00 AM**

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All contributions are welcome!