

# NEWSLETTER

MAY

\*\*\*2008\*\*\*

## April Birthdays

- 1- Peg Nodell
- 2- Jane Stevenson
- 5- Dorothy Campbell  
Theresa Lanterman  
Maria Lanterman
- 6- Shawn Bartow
- 8- David Bartlett
- 9- Conner Swanson
- 11- Joseph Kidd
- 15- Sandy Merkle
- 17- Richard Loomis
- 20- Darlene Ballard  
Charlyn Cring
- 21- Nan Schurer  
Wendy Vair
- 22- William Carr
- 23- Suzanne Bartow  
Catherine Holbert
- 25- Kurt Virkaitis
- 27- Steven Trush
- 30- Stephanie Braun
- 31- Brenda Arnold

## Anniversaries

- Tracy & Chris Zöellick 5/5  
Steve & Cathy Warner 5/10  
Kouk & Tom Davis 5/23  
Jeffrey & Christine Cring 5/26  
Kurt & Malinda Virkaitis 5/28  
Gregg & Kim Weinschreider 5/28  
Stanley & Esther Davis 5/29

## In Our Prayers

Grace Trush,  
Christine Braun,  
Kelly Meigs,  
Joyce Chandler,  
Nick Groves,  
Darlene Ballard,  
Mary Kessler,  
Robert Manley,  
Hollis Doxtater,  
Eileen Luther,  
Rev. Gerry Platz  
Clarence Holbert  
Dan Koehl,  
Evelyn Housknecht,  
Nettie Periard,  
Donna Shepard

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## Clothes Basket

**Open Wednesday & Saturday  
10a – 2p  
All are welcome to come  
browse and shop  
Volunteers are always needed**

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## Our Mission

“To glorify God in worship and serve Jesus Christ by understanding and effectively responding to the spiritual, physical, and social needs of Morrisville and the surrounding community.”

## COMMUNION

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated during worship on the first Sunday of every month.** If you are sick or shut-in and unable to attend worship to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to call the church office to request that Rev. Duncan and an elder bring the Sacrament to your home.

Newsletter deadline will **Wed 5/22/08**

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**Committee Information and Announcements**

**Faith Circle** will meet on May 20th at Esther Davis' house. Marcia Vair will be leading the lesson. All are welcome to attend.

**Who is preaching and When:**

May 4, Elder Nancy Douglas;

May 11, Elder Gail Banks;

May 18, Elder Sam Tucci;

May 25 (Communion), the Rev. George Vanarnam

**While we are without a pastor:** If you need the emergency services of a pastor call Rev. Steve Thomas the pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Cazenovia (office: 655-3191, home: 655-3120). If you know of someone who is ill or coming home from the hospital who needs a meal, a visit, phone call, call Darlene Virgil 684-9271 or Barb Manley 684-7352. For a friendly card please call Jean Puddington at 495-6459. Transportation to doctor's appointments can also be arranged. These emergency services are coordinated by the Deacons. If you want to add someone's name to the prayer list contact Marcia Vair at 684-3424. If someone needs communion at home or if you have other questions please call Christine Covington in the church office at 684-3314.

**May is Senior Citizen Recognition** month in Madison County. Our church will be honoring those over 55 May 4<sup>th</sup> during our regular worship service at 10:30am and also with special refreshments after church in the Fellowship Hall. Those in the 90 "years young" and older category will be given special recognition. Please make arrangements to join us in this happy celebration.

**From the Property Committee** – The manse project is a go. Thanks to all who contributed. We will still be accepting donations.

**Spring Clean Up** will be held on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am - ? We plan on doing inside and outside work. Even an hour of your time would be appreciated. Things to be addressed will include washing windows, hosing down siding, raking gravel, polishing pews, flower beds, etc Please help us spruce up our property. Any questions call Sylvia (684-3194) or Ron (684-9573) – Thank you from the Property Committee

**PW News** – The Spring Banquet is being held on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>. All females of the church (young and old) and their mothers, sisters and daughters are encouraged to come. It will be a covered dish supper with beverages provided by the PW. Dinner starts at 6:00pm. Hope to see all of you!

**A big 3 thank you** to all who made our BarBQ fund raiser a success.

**May 2-4 Spring Spiritual Retreat**, "I wish I had more time with God", Christ the King Retreat House, Syracuse NY. For more information and registration see Maxine Hunter. The retreat is sponsored by Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Northeast.

**June 4, 9:30-4:00pm.** "Boundaries Awareness Workshop", United Church in Fayetteville. Registration due May 27<sup>th</sup> to the Presbytery Office.

**DEACON NEWS**

In April the Deacons sent 10 Thinking of You care packages to our college students and military young people. A big "Thank You" to the congregation for your contributions to this project.

On May 4th we honored our senior citizens with carnations for those over 55 and special corsages for our "over 90's": Walta Bush and Thirza Suits. Also joining the "over 90's" this year are Carol Andrews and Grace Trush, who were unable to be with us. A special cake and punch were served during the coffee hour in honor of our all of our seniors. Join us in June as we honor our Sunday School teachers on June 8th and our choir on June 29th. Special coffee hours will be held on those days to celebrate these ministries and to say "Thank you" to these dedicated people.

### **April Session Meeting**

Dave Johnson, Executive Presbyter, and Dan DeBrucker, Moderator of Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery, were visitors at our meeting. Dan is conducting a Moderator's Road Tour, during which he plans to meet with Sessions of all member churches of the Presbytery. The two talked with our Session about the strengths of our church, including many of our outreach programs, as well as our Mission Statement. They discussed with us the challenges we face and what the larger community of the Presbytery might help us with.

In its regular business Session heard revised position descriptions that the Personnel Committee has been working on as well as Property Committee report about repairs in the Manse and work on our steeple. Putting a telephone in the Clothes Basket was discussed.

### **News About Pastoral Search**

On April 4, 2008, the Rev. Dave Johnson, Executive Presbyter, acted as Moderator for a Congregational Meeting to elect the Pastoral Nominating Committee. This committee will be conducting the search for a Designated Pastor – that is to say, a pastor who will serve for a designated term. At the end of that time,

if it is satisfactory to both the pastor and the congregation that person could become our installed pastor.

The Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) is elected by the congregation and reports to the congregation. Their nominee must be approved both by the congregation and Presbytery. At the April Session meeting we were reminded that all actions of the PNC are to be confidential. These members are required to maintain confidentiality because they are dealing with personnel, human beings. If information leaks or rumors start, we could hurt people's feelings and potentially lose a good candidate. The PNC will report as they are able.

Members of the PNC elected at that congregational meeting are: Jessica Burch, Charlene Bush, George Fearon, Dick Stevenson, Lois Thurston, Sam Tucci, and Darlene Virgil.

### **May 11th**

Ushers – Peg and Ken Nodell  
Reader – Peg Nodell  
Coffee Hour – Priscilla Suits, Sue Bartow  
Nursery – Sally Larchar  
Deacon Greeters– Jean and Dave Puddington

### **May 18th**

Ushers – Dick and Dawn Stevenson  
Reader – Wanda Gorton  
Coffee Hour – Hunger – Peg Nodell  
Nursery – Connie Shepard  
Deacon Greeters – Bev and Will Griffin

### **May 25th**

Ushers – Dave and Jean Puddington  
Reader – Jackie Groves  
Coffee Hour – Darlene Virgil, Robin Suarez  
Nursery – Claudia Loomis  
Deacon Greeters – Darlene Virgil, Jackie Groves