



Grace *notes*

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Events in April!

Sisters of Faith Tea – “You’ve Got ... Purse-onality”

The theme for our Sisters of Faith Tea is “Purse-onality.” Women of all ages have purses and many can’t go anywhere without them. We have planned some fun activities for all to enjoy about our purse driven lives. The Women’s Auxillary invites the women of the church, from the youngest to the oldest, to join together for food, fellowship and fun. Enjoy time with friends and plan on meeting some new ones. Bring your favorite purse and see what we have planned. You may even win a prize!

The Tea will be held on April 14th, after church. A light lunch will be served. The cost is \$1. Tickets are available from Anita, Gerda, Deanna, Ginny and Candy.

All proceeds will go to the building fund campaign. The deadline for tickets is April 7th. Hope to see you there!!!

Baked Potato Lunch

Mark your calendars for Sunday,

April 7th at 12:15pm for our delicious Baked Potato lunch. Homemade soup, baked potato and toppings and beverage and dessert for \$7.00

Tickets will be available March 17th! Invite your friends and neighbors!! Our committee has decided to donate 20% of the profit to the church’s Building Fund. Our congregation has always been so supportive and we couldn’t have these fundraisers without the building itself. So we would like to give back! Take out and tickets at the door available!

Coffee House

Special appearance by "Full Armor"

Saturday, April 20th, 2013
7:30-9:00 pm

Featuring songs from their latest release: None the Same
Complimentary coffee/tea/cold drinks and homemade desserts!

Sunday School Teacher Training

Saturday, April 13, 9am—11am at the church. We earned a free 2

hour training session from Group Publishing. An instructor will be here to train prospective & existing teachers on our new Sunday School curriculum. Call Wendy Fisher if you are interested. 386-5934.

Ongoing Group Meetings:

- Women’s Auxillary
- Yarn Works
- The Deacon’s
- Mom’s Bible Study
- Wednesday Night Bible Study
- The Session
- Memorial Committee
- Jewelry
- Scrapbooking
- Drama
- Youth Group
- Zumba
- Yoga
- New Members

Hometown Helpers – A Community Outreach Opportunity

“Hometown Helpers” is an Otisville/Mt. Hope community outreach program designed to assist senior citizens and adults with disabilities. The mission of the program is to provide a support system for our neighbors with their goal of remaining independent and in their own homes. “Hometown Helpers” strives to keep these individuals in the community for both their personal benefit and to enrich the community as a whole with their companionship, experience and wisdom.

The need for more volunteers is ongoing. Because there is no public transportation locally, the main service requests are for transportation to medical appointments and the grocery store. There is also a need for volunteers to do grocery shopping. Other services may be reassuring phone calls, help with paperwork or letter writing and possibly minor home repairs.

Volunteers receive training and are not bound to a schedule. Requests are posted in emails or through phone calls from the volunteer coordinator. Volunteers are free to accept requests according to their availability. Many volunteers find their service to be very rewarding and the “neighbors” are so very grateful for it. It is often heard that volunteers help out in hopes that someone will do the same for them at some time in the future. They are paying it forward.

There are several Hometown Helper volunteers from our church and also, several neighbors who receive services. If you would like more information on the program in order to become a volunteer or to receive services, please see Candy Burnett, Liz Runnalls or Carolee Union.



Hymn Sing at Elant

Share a friendly visit and join-in on the singing of the old favorite hymns!

Date: Saturday, April 27th, 2013
Time: 2:30-3:30 pm
Location: Elant at Goshen, 46 Harriman Drive, Goshen, NY 10924

Clients of the Rehab Unit and Residents of the Adult Home and Nursing Home will join with us around the piano for fellowship and singing, followed by an ice cream social!

For more information, contact Sue Conklin 386-8114

Church Indoor Yard Sale & Chicken BBQ

Spring house cleaning? Trying to clear out some clutter in your home? The Women’s Auxiliary is having an indoor yard sale, from 9am-3pm, on June 8th, the same day as the Annual Chicken BBQ! Donations of items in very good, sellable condition will be welcomed (no junk, please.)

There may be space for church families to hold their own sale in the building for a donation. All proceeds will be donated to the Building Fund. Contact Candy Burnett for more information or to help.

The Women’s Auxiliary Take-Out Chicken BBQ will be held the same day, June 8th, with pickup from 2pm-4pm. The meal includes Half Chicken, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Roll and Watermelon. Tickets are

\$10.00. All dinners are pre-ordered. For tickets call Gerda 386-1866, Anita 386-2579 or Candy 343-5675.



New Members Class

There will be a New Member’s Class on Tuesday,



April 9th at 7:00pm. Please RSVP Wendy at 386-3851 or Jeff@otisvillepres.org.

Haiti Update

Thanks to all who attended our Yoga for Haiti. The attendance was awesome and donations abundant. We collected \$581 for HEART (Haitian Education and Resource Team). Karen Ruoti a certified yoga instructor from Studio Ayo and also a kindergarten teacher at Otisville Elementary donated her time for this cause. Thanks to Karen and all who attended.

Karen will be holding another 6 week session of Yoga for Beginners starting on March 16 for six weeks (excluding March 30th) which will end on April 30th. The suggested cost is \$50.00 for all 6 sessions or \$10.00 each class. This will be to pay her as an instructor. But if money is an issue we don't want that to stop you, a donation that fits in your budget will be accepted. The class is from 10:45am to 11:45am. Please join us even if you didn't make the first session.

The Ugly Sweater Contest was a lot of FUN! We had some very ugly sweaters!! Our 1st Prize went to Katie Farley a \$50.00 gift card to Macy's so she can buy a pretty sweater! 2nd Prize went to Mike Wilbur II with his form fitting snow man sweater that made him feel sexy. 3rd prize went to Gerda Krogslund with a lovely sweater given to her by her husband, good thing she removed the shoulder pads!! 4th Place was Sue Farley with a very colorful sweater and matching ugly hat!! 5th place to Sarah Ketcham with a pretty pastel pink sweater with pearls ! And an honorable mention, and he did not even enter, went to Jason Ketcham! A fun time was had by all and a delicious lunch!



Many thanks to John and Linda from Subway on Dolson Avenue for their donation of the meatballs and sauce! And thanks to the always funny Bubba..(Jim Kelly) He looked so handsome in his bow tie and "go in out sports jacket" that he had to retrieve from his uncle (who died 2 years ago and was buried in it). After all this fun we still made money...\$170.00 for Haiti!

I cannot express how blessed our committee feels to have so much support from you all. We are all making a difference in a 57 children's lives in Haiti!

Thank you for all your blessings you share.

Cards

 We will have birthday cards, and Mother's Day cards and Blank cards for notes made from photos of the children in Haiti. They will be available April 1st. We will have them available at the cafe to purchase.

Member's on the Haiti Committee:

- Allison and Mike Wilbur
- Sheila Moore
- Sue and Jeff Farley
- Sue Petak
- Lynn Villa
- Lynn Wessels
- Lourdes Desplantes
- Sue Maney
- Jim Kelly

This & That

Habitat for Humanity in Newburgh

Saturday, May 4th. I would like to get a group of us who would like to take a tour of their projects, especially their Faith Build. So we can get involved in a local outreach. More info to come. If you think you are interested please let me know. Let us be the hands and feet for Jesus and make homes for those in need. Allison Wilbur.

Ham Dinner

The Women's Auxiliary will hold it's annual Ham Dinner on May 4th at 5:30PM. The menu will be: Pineapple Juice, Ham, Raisin Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Cabbage Salad, Rolls and for dessert, your choice from assorted Cakes. Dinners are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Take-outs are available. Tickets will be available from Anita, Gerda and Candy.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 1, chartered by the church, meets at the church Monday nights at 6:30pm. With boys age 11-18 the groups works on advancement, does a lot of camping and outdoor activities, and just has some wonderful good times. Be sure to stop by and get information if you and your son are interested.

Address Change

If you are in the process of changing your mailing address, phone number or email address, be sure to send along the changes to us. Since our mail to you is sent as bulk mail, it is not returned if it is undeliverable at your old address. It is just junked by the USPS. Send us a note however, and we will gladly make sure you are still getting Newsletters on time!



Calling All Cooks!

There has been a call for a new church cookbook! In response, some of us have decided to take on the challenge to gather recipes and put them together. We have great cooks and bakers in

our congregation and we are asking that everyone think about some of their favorites and share them in the cookbook. We are looking for recipes in the following categories: Appetizers & Beverages, Soups & Salads, Vegetable & Side Dishes, Main Dishes, Breads, Desserts & Cookies and This & That.

All are welcome to submit as many recipes as you have favorites! We plan on including some of the recipes from the last cookbook from 1965. They will be identified as "Heritage Recipes." Please join in the fun! Recipes may be handwritten, photocopied or typed and turned into the office or e-mail your recipe to ckburnett@yahoo.com. We

would like to have all recipes by May 1st. For questions or to help with the project, contact Wendy Fisher or Candy Burnett.



Youth Group

Join with other Presbytery youth groups in becoming aware of the hunger issues around us, in our country, and the world. We will be using activities and discussion forums from the 30 Hour Famine curriculum. This year, we will start small with 10 Hours of no eating (juice is ok) on Saturday April 13, 2013 from 8am to 6pm at the Middletown Presbyterian Church. We will break our fast with soup and homemade bread after 6pm. You can start by learning about hunger in the USA by watching "A Place at the Table", available for rent on iTunes or "OnDemand".



Frank & Karen Ketcham	04/05
Mike & Tootie Canonico	04/06
John & Renee Thibodeau	04/17
Wendy & Stephen Michaelk	04/18
Wesley & Bettsye Hunter	04/27
Jennifer & William Lynch	04/27



Sharing Faith Across Generations

Our worship services from the Sunday after Easter until Pentecost will take up the topic of sharing our faith across the generations. We who are people of faith know we could and should share our faith with others, our children, our spouses, our friends and our family, and even our coworkers and neighbors, but we just don't know how. We often believe very deeply that a relationship with God through Jesus would be a great gift to give if we could find a caring sensitive way to do so. We want our kids especially to find the comfort and support we find in prayer, in the stories from the bible, and in the other people of faith, we just can't seem to find a way. And because of our discomfort, we often find ourselves reluctant to say and do too much at church or in the community lest our lack of "sharing" skill trip us up and make us look insensitive or worse.


So, in April and May we are going to talk openly about sharing faith across the generations, using biblical stories to aid our conversations. Why exactly did Ruth go with her mother-in-law back to Israel. What was it about Naomi's faith that was so contagious? How exactly did young David become so brave and so filled with God's presence that he could go and fight with Goliath, sure that God was with him. What did his parents tell him? Come and let's talk!

Building Fund Campaign 2013

The Session has been looking at several maintenance projects around the church that all seem to need to be dealt with immediately. Most of them require professional as opposed to volunteer work, and so also need significant funds. In order to get most of it done this spring and summer, the Session decided we needed additional funds in the Building Fund in order to get contractors to work. We hope to raise about \$50,000, because some of the projects will be expensive and others added together will raise the budget to about that figure.

The projects include: replacing the front deck outside the sanctuary which has been allowing water into the church closets underneath; replacing the manse boiler; trimming the manse trees which all have dead branches hanging from them; replacing the church steeples' roof which lost it's shingles in a March windstorm; replacing the church's front lawn retaining wall; refinishing the CE Building and main church building's floors; repairs to the church parking lots and sealing them; sidewalk repairs; and the repair and repainting of the sanctuary floor.

In the week's ahead we will be sending letters inviting you to consider a gift or a pledge to the Building Fund Campaign 2013. More information and a reply envelope will be included. Your support is always our life blood. Do what you can and together we will get our buildings and grounds back in shape for ministry and mission. Thank you.



Thomas Dolson	04/03
Morgan Weissinger	04/05
Emily Hughes	04/06
Neil Lisberg	04/06
Mitchell Saler	04/08
Rachel Pierson	04/12
Jacob Eisentraut	04/16
Jan Hums	04/16
Jennifer Robinholt	04/17
Logan Caldwell	04/18
Lyla Ten Eyck	04/21
Skyler Grove	04/23
Gregory Sorg	04/23
Jeffrey Dolson	04/25
Derrick Cash	04/28
John Dullaghan	04/30



Worship Schedule:
8:30 | 9:30 | 11:00 AM
Sunday School—9:30 AM

Office Hours:
Tuesdays thru Thursdays
10 AM to 2 PM

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SAVE THE DATE

Mystery Dinner Theater

“A Family Reunion to Die For!”
By Mike & Matt Steel

Friday, May 17th @7pm
Saturday May 18th @1:30pm & 7pm

**In the Fellowship Hall at the
Otisville-Mt.Hope Presbyterian Church**

Donation of \$12.50
Tickets available through the church office, a cast member or call Marilyn Komstedt 386-1634.