

September - October, 2005 Newsletter

# *Pajama Sunday!*

*A new year of Sunday School begins! Awesome stories, incredible teachers, and fantastic experiences!*

*It all begins on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.*

*Pancake Breakfast at 8:45 AM*

*Worship and Sunday School at 9:45 AM.*

*If you are still on "summer time",  
feel free to wear your pajamas and bathrobe!*

## Church Information

Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
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## Prayers = Smiles

One of the wonderful things about our Prayer Chain is that it does a few things we hadn't expected when we first started it. For example, when Laura and Jean begin to make calls, they quickly pick up lots of news and other prayer concerns from the people along the chain. We have also learned that our Chain is a small community, too, as some of our "Links" simply enjoy talking with each other. The Chain is a great excuse for friends to check in with each other ... and that's what makes us smile the most!

If you like to help pass smiles along, we're glad to help. Just let us know, and we'll all be praying with you. If something is happening in your life that would benefit from confident prayer, our folks are ready! You can initiate the Prayer Chain by calling **Laura Platt** (548-2245) or **Jean Roda** (548-2417).

## www.byronfpc.org

Find out the latest information about the Byron Presbyterian Church at our new web page. All you have to do is enter "www.byronfpc.org" in your computer and our church home page will appear.

As it continues to develop, the web page will include the latest news about church events and activities, photos, sermons, and historical items. There are e-mail links to the Pastor, Church Secretary and Youth Ministry Coordinator. There is also a place where anyone visiting the web page can leave prayer concerns and comments.

## Tables and Chairs

Here is information about borrowing tables and chairs: Folding tables and chairs may be loaned to church members free of charge. Non-members are charged a fee of \$2 per table plus \$2 for each set of five chairs. Those wishing to borrow these must make arrangements well in advance with the Church Secretary, 548-2800. Please note: only the older tables may be borrowed from the church. Borrowed items must be returned within 24 hours. [*Janet Pike, Church Secretary*]

## Preaching Texts for September/October

SEP 4	Matt. 18:15-20	<i>What Time Is It?</i>
SEP 11	Genesis 15:1-6	<i>Count the Stars</i>
SEP 18	Exod 14:10-30	<i>See What God Can Do</i>
SEP 25	Matt. 21:28-32	<i>Would You Rather?</i>
OCT 2	Daniel 5:1-30	<i>Hearts Filled</i>
OCT 9	Matt. 22:1-14	<i>Dressed for a Wedding</i>
OCT 16	Matt. 22:15-22	<i>Things Belonging to God</i>
OCT 23	Matt. 22:34-46	<i>Who Do You Love?</i>
OCT 30	Psalms 24:1-10	<i>The Jesus Sticker</i>

## ***Church & Community News***

We are praying for ***Susie Blair*** (in Army training at Ft. Jackson SC), ***Jan Vanwyngaarden*** (at GCNH), ***Sandy Cicchetti*** (Lisa Sturges' sister recovering from a severe aneurism at St. Mary's), ***Bertha & George Toal*** (George had a stroke in July), ***Shirley Mahon*** (cancer treatment), ***Nelson Stamp*** (great progress with treatment), ***Sharon Keller*** (Liz Weber's sister-in-law), ***Jared Johnson*** (has moved to Job Corps in Albany, Georgia, and is excited about an apprenticeship opportunity in Florida to aim for), ***Art & Erma Weldon***, ***Doris Fuller*** (in her new apartment across from the Post Office), ***Jean Boshart*** (Pam Lynch's mother), ***Nate Dewey*** (attending first year at Nazareth College), ***Beverly Dusing*** (Valerie Liles' mother is returning to Village Green after a stay in ICU), ***Richie Johnson*** (Eleanor's great-grandson recovering from neuro-surgery in Dallas), ***Don Engle*** (broken rib), ***Arden and Gloria Curts*** (have moved to Texas!).

After a long struggle with diabetes, and many prayers from the congregation, ***Corrine Lane*** passed away on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Although her health limited her opportunities to participate in worship in recent years, by her caring and generous demeanor she was truly an ambassador for Christ wherever she went.

***Congratulations! Ethan Robert Rehwaldt*** arrived on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 7 lbs, 10 oz, son of Brett and Mindy).

***Lacey Sloat, Larissa Sloat, Alexandra Walker,*** and ***Samantha Liles,*** returned from an adventurous week at Camp Whitman. Welcome back to ***Mary Ann Blair,*** returned from a high school trip to Europe.

We enjoyed hearing ***Ryan Orton*** play the piano on July 17<sup>th</sup>, with his grandmother Liz Weber on organ.

Congratulations to ***David and Marilyn Liles*** on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The event was celebrated in July when their son Doug and his children were in town for a visit from Arkansas.

Welcome to recent visitors ***Dianne Weathers*** (Luan's sister) and ***Jean Brown*** from Texas.

Congratulations to ***Sarah Dewey*** and ***Nathan Smalley,*** married at the church on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, with many out of town guests including ***Rev. Ann and Lee Blair*** from Virginia.

## ***Welcome to our Church!!!***

By looking around, you can see that our church has been here a very long time, it was built long before any of the people you see around here were born. This congregation was formed by enthusiastic, energetic people of faith who met in a farm house to dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ. But the faith that guides our lives in 2005 is not an ancient heirloom, it is fresh and alive in every way. We appreciate our past and those who have come before us, but your eyes are always on the future, and the new things Christ is doing in our hearts and community.

## ***Sunday School!***

Our new Sunday School year begins with "***Pajama Sunday***" on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to have a fine group of adults and teens involved as teachers and assistants for three classes,

- (1) 4 years old to 1st grade
- (2) 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- (3) 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- (4) 7<sup>th</sup> and up

We are always eager to welcome new volunteers. Teachers and assistants are generally able to choose the Sundays that they are available to teach. Our "Hands On Bible Curriculum" has been in use since the spring with a lot of positive feedback from children and teachers. For info, please contact the office.

## *From the Pastor*

Dear Friends,

The scripture reading that we will read to begin the fall is from *Genesis*, the story of the promise God made to Abraham and Sarah. "***Look toward heaven and count the stars!***" is the unique way that God "signs" that promise. It's an encouraging story to any of us who have ever been disappointed by promises broken ... within families, among friends, among peoples and nations.

This being the fourth anniversary of the deaths of nearly 3000 people in the suicide attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon in Washington, and then contemplating the continuing loss of thousands more lives in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other middle eastern countries, I feel very discouraged. Every religion that I have ever studied - Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism - includes a divine promise for peace as the reward for faith, and yet the goal is so elusive. Haven't the people of the world learned anything from all the lessons of history about the futility of violence and war?

So I share this verse with you: in the darkness look up and see the stars. And not only see the stars, but be the stars that bring hope into the lives of many, many others. So in a world that is filled with disappointment and discouragement, I look out over this congregation, and see all of the stars - you! - and the hope that we give one another through the power of our faith in Jesus Christ ... in action.

God Bless, and Keep Looking Up!

Jim Renfrew

## *Presbytery Resource Center*

Call 242-0099 for information from Susan Orr, Resource Center Director, about the weekly hours of operation during the fall. Resource Saturdays: SEP 17, 9:30-11:30 AM, "***New Clerk Orientation***" with Lynn Peffley, "***Yippee, It's Stewardship Season!***" with Linda Badger Becker, and "***Essentials of Youth Ministry***" with Mary Diana Pouli; OCT 22, 9:30-11:00 AM "***Advent Workshop***" with Jane Grant and "***Liturgical Video***" with Linda Badger Becker. Please call if you plan to attend!

## *Deacons*

The deacons encourage you to contribute food items to Salvation Army Emergency Food Pantry in Batavia when you attend Sunday worship. September: canned meals & dry milk October: spaghetti & sauce. The following contributions are welcomed at any time: grocery bags, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and crackers. b

Or, for fun, follow the **Emergency Food Alphabet** suggested by **Sharon Buczek** on the dates shown bring in a food item that begins with the letter show! SEP 4 "S", SEP 11 "T", SEP 18 "U", SEP 25 "V", OCT 2 "W", OCT 9 "X", OCT 16 "Y", OCT 23 "Z", OCT 30 "A". We're looking forward to what people come up with for October 9<sup>th</sup>!

If you know of someone who would benefit from having a card sent, please fill out the form located on the back table in the sanctuary and give it to a deacon. We are always in need of volunteers to bring in flowers on Sundays, to serve as greeters, and to assist with nursery care.

The Presbytery is offering a workshop for Deacons "Supporting the Seniors of Your Congregation" on Saturday, October 15, 8:30-Noon, at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church in Brighton. The program is free, but please make a reservation with Cilla Drinkwater of Seniors First at 271-1772 x 3018. [***Tracine Lundmark, Deacons***]

## September-October Events

### PJ Sunday

PJ Sunday is Sunday, **September 11**, in which children (and adults who enjoy living dangerously!) are invited to wear pajamas to church. Pancake Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:45 AM - please bring toppings to share! This is the day we encourage families to register children in the Sunday School.

### World Communion

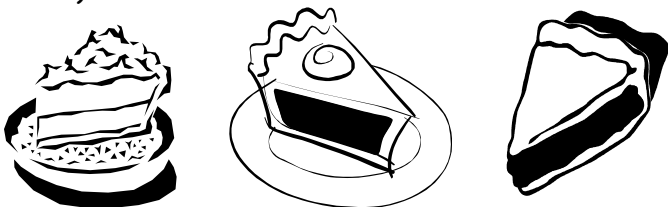
**Sunday, October 2**, 9:45 AM, is World Communion Sunday. Our entire congregation will celebrate this day with music and praise. We join with Christians around the world in sharing the bread and the cup for the healing and peace of the world.

On World Communion Sunday, our church will be participating in the Special Offering for Peacemaking, to support local and national efforts to strengthen Christ's peace in the world. Peacemaking Offering Envelopes will be made available on that day.

### Turkey Dinner

Sunday, **October 16**, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, at the church. Prices are \$7.00 for adults, \$4.50 for children 6-12, free for children under 6.

Would you like to help in the kitchen, or with serving? Please speak to Laura Platt (548-2245).



## Birthdays!!!

Sept. 3	Lee Fuller IV
Sept. 6	Laura Platt, Tashia Knickerbocker
Sept. 7	Tracy Lundmark
Sept. 8	Bobby Tyler
Sept. 10	Diane Cole
Sept. 11	Jean Roda
Sept. 12	Carly Szydlowski
Sept. 14	Pam Kenward, Raymond Gonyea
Sept. 15	Carol Stamp
Sept. 18	David Liles
Sept. 21	James Liles
Sept. 22	Dale Baldwin
Sept. 24	Mitchell and Matthew Gonyea
Sept. 28	Kristina Kelley
Sept. 30	Marilyn Britt
Oct. 7	Chrystal Britt
Oct. 9	Robin Shuknecht
Oct. 11	Danielle Scroger
Oct. 12	Wayne Holly
Oct. 15	Joe White, Jr.
Oct. 16	Nathan Dewey, Kathleen George
Oct. 21	Mark Dewey
Oct. 22	Robert Liles
Oct. 23	Stefanie Platt, Kimberly Wilson Don Britt
Oct. 24	Marian Shepard
Oct. 25	Mary Barnard, Donald Johnson
Oct. 31	Jim Johnson

### Anniversaries!!!

Sept. 4	Bob and Beth Wilson
Sept. 7	Jim and Helen Moore
Sept. 15	George and Bertha Toal
Sept. 20	Barbara and Bob Renfrew
Sept. 22	Nelson & Carol Stamp
Sept. 24	Jim and Tracy Lundmark
Oct. 11	Dale and Robin Shuknecht
Oct. 26	Tom and Melanie Nesbitt

If your birthday or anniversary date needs correction, or if we don't have you or someone in your family on our list ... please notify the church office!

## ***Byron Nursery School***

The Byron Nursery School located at Byron Presbyterian Church, was founded by Byron Presbyterian, South Byron Methodist, and St. Michael's Catholic Church. The school offers classes for both 3 and 4 year old children. Our school is open to all families and scholarships are available.

Applications are available in both the 3 and 4 year old classes. The 3 year old class is held Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:30am. Tuition for the 3 year old program is \$375 per student. The 4 year old class is held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30am. Tuition for the 4 year old program is \$450 per student. Both classes require a \$30.00 nonrefundable registration fee to confirm your child's place in the program. The registration fee will be applied to the tuition bill.

Our school year begins in September and ends in May and follows the Byron-Bergen school calendar. The program is led by a certified teacher and one aide and provides a balanced mixture of organized activities and free play. We strive to give each student a head start toward Kindergarden.

Interested parents are asked to contact **Paula Hohn** at 548-9051 or **Laura Platt** at 548-2245 as soon as possible. Registration materials are also available from the church office.

## ***We Get Letters***

*"On behalf of our family of residents, I wish to gratefully acknowledge your Homes Offering of \$37.50 to our General Fund at the Rochester Presbyterian Home. Please know that your contribution will be used for employee education and resident programs as we work to improve the quality of life for the elders we serve. Please know that your thoughtfulness, generosity and prayerful support is very much appreciated."* [Nancy Smyth, Executive Director, Rochester Presbyterian Home]

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## ***T.E.F.***

3,800 students attend Presbyterian Church (USA) seminaries - black and white, Asian and Hispanic, Native American and Middle Eastern. While some are fresh out of college, ministry is a second or subsequent career for others. These men and women come from varying backgrounds, reflecting the diverse nature of the Presbyterian Church.

You may be getting along just fine right now, but where will your next pastor come from? Who will lead the church in ten years? Twenty years? Tomorrow's leaders need your prayers and support today, along with our encouragement to attend the PCUSA seminary that will provide the educational foundation they need to develop Christian disciples among our children, and future generations.

Our seminaries report that 75-90% of graduates go into parish ministry. Others feel called to serve the church as missionaries, educators, academics, scholars, chaplains, musicians, pastoral counselors, youth leaders, and many other kinds of religious professions. Congregations and specialized ministries alike deserve leaders who are talented, faith filled and well educated.

For more information about our Presbyterian seminaries, please visit [www.pcusa.org/seminaries/](http://www.pcusa.org/seminaries/). There will be a special offering on Sunday, September 18 to support the Theological Education Fund of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

## ***Choir***

Choir will begin on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, with rehearsal at 9:00 AM. We welcome seasoned and novice voices, as well as instrumentalists. For more information, please contact Liz Weber, Music Director, 494-1545. [Worship Committee]

# *Byron Youth Group*

Valerie Liles, Youth Ministry Coordinator

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