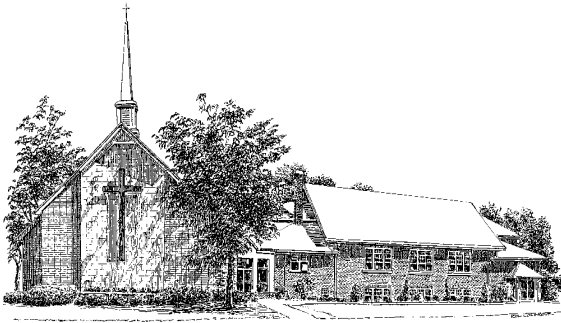


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The CELEBRATE April/May 2006

*“We humbly yet boldly step into the future, following
in the footsteps of Jesus on our journey of faith.”*

April Highlights

April 1st ~ 8:45am

Presbytery Day @ North Presbyterian Church

April 9th ~ 10am

Palm Sunday Worship service

April 13th ~ 6pm

Maundy Thursday dinner & worship

April 14th ~ 7pm

Good Friday Prayer Service

April 16th ~ 10am

Easter Sunday

May Highlights

May 6th ~ 9am

Natural Church Development Meeting @ East Aurora Presbyterian Church

May 14th

Mother's Day

PASTOR'S PLACE

Dear Friends:

It's April and we all know what that means! Spring has sprung, at least according to the calendar. Daylight Savings Time has returned. Spring breaks and early vacations abound. And this year Palm Sunday and Easter will be celebrated in April.

On those Sundays, our church traditionally receives the One Great Hour of Sharing, one of our denomination's special offerings. If you have been in church recently, you have already started to see bulletin inserts appear. Moments for Mission have been scheduled. Coin banks are being distributed to the children. And, this year, the children are participating in a "name the fish" contest. More details on this are available every Sunday morning in worship!

Many of you will give generously to this year's offering, just as you have done in the past. But there are a few things that I would like to highlight for you. Let me begin by sharing a paragraph or two from a letter I received from Louisville, the home of our denominational offices.

"Last year Presbyterians gave an astonishing \$35 million to respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers around the world in the wake of the tsunami in the Indian Ocean, the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast and in Central America, and the earthquake in southern Asia. We know that your leadership is crucial to such an outpouring of generosity, and we cannot thank you enough on behalf of the victims of these disasters.

But daily, nearly one billion of God's people quietly struggle with crippling poverty, almost unnoticed by the world. And giving to One Great Hour of Sharing, which supports ongoing ministries addressing these urgent needs, has diminished. So this year again we need your efforts."

Those of you who follow the news know that needs go far beyond those just mentioned. Denominational material can barely keep up with the mudslides and tornadoes that have occurred recently.

So I ask you? How many of you remember how much this "little church" collected last year for OGHS? We collected \$756! It was our best collection in a number of years!

So now I'm going to issue a challenge to all of us. Can we do it again? Can we go even higher? Remember that we may be small in numbers, but we have hugely generous hearts. After all, which church in West Seneca collected the most money for the CROP walk in 2005? We did! And weren't we both surprised and satisfied?

Let's take a leap of faith and aim for higher this year for One Great Hour of Sharing. I'll suggest a modest increase to \$800. But if you would like to aim higher, go for it! I believe that we can do it. It certainly can't hurt to try.

And by the way, I was wondering how many of you know (or perhaps remember) how One Great Hour of Sharing was started? Do you know how many and which other denominations also participate? For those of you who like to surf the web, go to www.onegreathourofsharing.org/history.html. You'll find the answers to these and other questions. If computers are not yet your friends, copies of the history will be made available upon request.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to encourage you to observe a holy and prayerful Holy Week! Blessings and prayers for us all for a joyous Easter celebration and Easter season!

Peace,
Pastor Web

FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

APRIL 2006

<i>April 2nd</i>	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-22	<i>April 16th</i> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
<i>April 9th</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)	<i>April 23rd</i>	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31
		<i>April 30th</i>	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b - 48

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<i>May 7th</i>	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	<i>May 21st</i>	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17
<i>May 14th</i>	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	<i>May 28th</i>	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19

PRESBYTERY DAY

Come, learn new skills for ministry, join in fellowship and worship, share ideas.

Presbytery Day will be held on **Saturday, April 1st** at North Presbyterian Church. Registration will begin at **8:45am**. There will be both morning and afternoon workshops available. Please be sure to check the brochure on the table in the narthex for further information.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

WORSHIP SCHEUDLE

April 2 nd	Worship w/Communion
April 10 th	Palm Sunday - One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
April 13 th	Maundy Thursday Dinner at 6PM Service at 7PM "Is It I Lord?"
April 14 th	Good Friday Prayer Service at 7pm
April 16 th	Easter Sunday Worship w/ Communion - Intinction One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
April 23 rd	2 nd Sunday in Easter
April 30 th	3 rd Sunday in Easter
May 7 th	Worship w/Communion
May 14 th	Worship - Mother's Day Baptism
May 21 st	6 th Sunday of Easter
May 28 th	Worship - Memorial Day Weekend

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A CHURCH PICNIC

WHEN - JULY 16TH 2006

WHERE - CHESTNUT RIDGE PARK

PLACE - SITE #40

We are in the planning stage for our church picnic. We would like to possibly have a theme for our picnic and we would like to have more types of games for the children and the big children (adults) this year. If you have any interest in helping with the games or have an idea for a theme please contact the following at home or after church on any Sunday.

Dick & Edie Fischer
Tim & Robin Miller

YOUNG AT HEART

Here we are almost time for Easter. We will only have one luncheon in the month of April. It will be held on April 5th. We will be having a demonstration by Bill Hay on how to access the web site for the church on our home computers after our lunch. In May we will go back to 2 luncheons. One on May 3rd and the other on May 17th. Please mark your calendar for June 21st, which will be our annual picnic.

Your happy cooks: Dick & Edie

CHURCH & SOCIETY

POTLUCK SUPPER

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29!! The Church and Society Committee will be holding a POTLUCK SUPPER at 5:00 PM and a program starting at 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 29. Come and meet Pepper the mascot and Sue Attridge from Abitibi Paper Retriever to show you how your old magazines, old catalogs, and junk mail can be turned into money for a local mission. Children are welcome and encouraged to come. This year's local mission is Cornerstone Manor. We will succeed with your help. I hope to see you all on Saturday, April 29 at 5:00 for the supper and 6:00 for the program.



Please bring a dish to pass. We will provide everything else. Look for the signup sheet in the narthex.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

With a lot of praying, creative thinking, and hard work, IHN will be able to continue providing services to families during 2006. Western New York opened their hearts and wallets - \$7,000 in private donations, &16,000 from churches, and \$10,000 in matching grants. This, along with many volunteers, enables IHN to meet their current operating expenses. The board has been restructured with new members joining it. They have expressed an interest in having someone from the South Town Cluster to serve on the board.

The annual IHN dinner will be held on **May 3rd** at Shanghai Red's restaurant. The cost is \$60.00 per person, part of which goes into the IHN funds. The founder of IHN will be the guest speaker. Please let Diane Molnar or Barb Kissel know if you would like to attend or if you are interested in volunteering for the board.

Be sure to read the thank you note posted on the bulletin board, from the director of IHN. Again, thanks so much for supporting IHN.

2006 hosting dates to remember

May 27 - June 3

August 12 - August 19

October 28 - November 8

FAITH EDUCATION

This will be our 3rd year running the child enrichment program. This is run during worship after the children's time. There is one class of children and you are free to pick the lesson for the day. The program runs from June – August. If you would be willing to help out one of those Sundays, please let me know. Please pray on this and listen for God's call.

Thank you
Debbie Ball

APRIL 2006

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Presbytery Day 8:45am @ North Presbyterian Church
2 10am Worship w. Communion 11am Fellowship Time Confirmation Class 11:15am Choir Rehearsal <i>5th Sunday in Lent Daylight savings begins</i>	3 Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion 7pm	4	5 Young at Heart Lunch 12pm Lenten Journey @ Covenant United Methodist	6	7	8
9 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time 11:15am Choir Rehearsal <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10	11 Session Meeting 7pm	12	13 Maundy Thursday 6pm dinner 7pm worship	14 Ecumenical Service @ St. David's 12-3pm Prayer Service 7pm	15
16 10am Worship w/ Communion 11am Fellowship Time <i>Easter Sunday</i>	17 <i>Church office closed</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time 11:15am Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26 Vacation Bible school mtg. @ St. John's 6:30pm	27	28	29 Potluck supper 5pm
30 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time Confirmation Class 11:15am Choir Rehearsal						

MAY 2006

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion 7pm	2	3 Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm IHN Dinner @ Shanghi Red's	4	5	6 Natural Church Development mtg. @ East Aurora Presbyterian 9am-2:30pm
7 10am Worship w. Communion 11am Fellowship Time Confirmation Class 11:15am Choir Rehearsal	8 Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion 7pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 10am Worship - Baptism 11am Fellowship Time Confirmation Class 11:15am Choir Rehearsal <i>Mother's Day</i>	15 Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion 7pm	16 Session Meeting 7pm	17 Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	18	19	20
21 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time Confirmation Class 11:15am Choir Rehearsal	22 Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion 7pm	23 Presbytery Meeting 4pm @ Lafayette Presbyterian Church	24	25	26	27 Interfaith Hospitality Network hosting begins
28 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time 11:15am Choir Rehearsal	29 <i>Memorial Day Church Office Closed</i>	30	31			

FISCAL FACTS

March-06			
Church Assets as of January 1		\$86,926.67	
Church Assets as of this month		\$85,876.59	
Operating Budget	Year to Date	Budgeted to Date	Difference
Pledges	\$14,611.50	\$16,119.33	(\$1,507.83)
Loose Offering	\$840.90	\$750.00	\$90.90
Initial Offering	\$124.00	\$200.00	(\$76.00)
Per Capita Offering	\$964.00	\$1,000.00	(\$36.00)
Miscellaneous	\$1,494.66	\$833.33	\$661.33
Roll over from previous year	2,786.35	2,786.35	0
Total Income	\$20,821.41	\$21,689.02	(\$867.61)
Presbytery Related Mission	\$1,212.04	\$1,072.15	
Per Capita Apportionment	\$850.66	\$850.67	
Salaries & Session Misc.	\$6,352.44	\$5,891.25	
Pastor Related	\$6,225.48	\$6,355.50	
Faith Education	\$0.00	\$45.00	
Young at Heart	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Worship & Music	\$48.75	\$98.33	
Church & Society	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Membership & Evangelism	\$0.00	\$124.00	
Stewardship Expenses	\$0.00	\$43.33	
Office Expenses	\$505.69	\$724.17	
Building Costs	\$5,463.83	\$3,286.67	
Total Expenses	\$20,658.89	\$18,367.06	
Difference	\$162.52		
XX			
Non Budgeted Items	Year to Date		
Income	\$2,587.26		
Memorials	\$0.00		
Missions	\$290.00		
Faith Ed. Offering Expenses	\$0.00		
Youth Fellowships	\$84.00		
Miscellaneous	\$103.99		
Total Expenses	\$477.99		
Difference	\$2,109.27		
XX			
Yearly Savings Gain or Loss	\$1,368.03		
XX			
Capital Fund Drive Income	\$241.48		
Capital Fund Drive Expenses	\$777.00		
Capital Fund Drive Balance	\$3,480.96	Per Capita	\$26.74

Items in Parentheses
are negative numbers

Please keep up your
Pledge

APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS

April	2 nd	Pat Young
	6 th	Harold Hanna
	16 th	Sarah Wurl
	18 th	Joe Shriver
	19 th	Jim Kester
		Jim Reed
	21 st	Debbie Goggins
	22 nd	Amanda Astyk
	23 rd	Mary Cotter
	25 th	Ali Lesakowski
	29 th	Matthew Komanski
	30 th	Greg Goggins

May	1 st	Ruth Long
		Matthew Partacz
	2 nd	Judy Gray
	3 rd	Leanne Wurl
	4 th	Joe Corless
	7 th	Karen Messoro
		Craig Wright
	8 th	Shaun Wilson
	12 th	Trisha Duderewicz
	14 th	Chris Orefice
	15 th	Dennis Fiegl
	16 th	Gregg Stoklosa
	26 th	Jim Pagliaccio

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

Thanks you once again for your continued support of our local food cupboard. Needless to say there will always be those who need a little help from time to time. Your check for \$84.00 is deeply appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless.

West Seneca Community Cupboard, Mary Bowers, Treasurer

OOPS! I think we forgot to thank everyone for donating to our Christmas family. Even though Easter is approaching, our generosity was not forgotten. You enabled three girls and their mom to have a very special Christmas. Church & Society would like to thank everyone who provided, gifts for this family.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Debbie Ball ♦ Andrew Derrick (BJ Rustic) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Cieslinski Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Bories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Harold Hanna ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Melissa Howell (Sue Piersa) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker, (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw, (Rita Hanna) ♦ Ruth Knaus ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Norman Orzechowski (Janice Jones) ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Dick Sommer ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Bob Wilcoxson (The Christmanns) ♦ Joan Wilczak (Tom Wilczak)

Marsha & Bob Barnhart and their family as they mourn the death of Marsha's mom, Gerry Wing
The family and friends of Gordie Allan as they mourn her death.



Chris Kalinowski ☉ Matthew Jones ☉ Bill Cenkner Jr. ☉ Patrick Baskerville ☉ Sammy Russo ☉ Kimberly Trudeau ☉ Steve Odebralski ☉ Jason Zimmerman ☉ Andrew Zalikowski ☉ Jeremy Miller ☉ Nick Turvey ☉ Kristen Pelc ☉ Ben Schauss ☉ Phillip Schott ☉ Josh Winkler ☉ John Pirinelli ☉ Kyle Ernst ☉ Russell Molnar

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