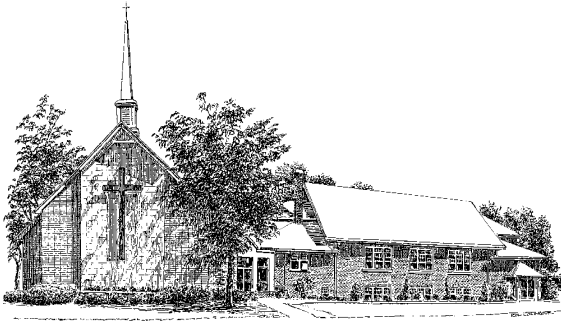


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The CELEBRATE June/July 2006

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

June Highlights

June 4th ~ 10am

Pentecost Sunday, Confirmands join the church, Communion

June 6th ~ 7pm

West Seneca West Baccalaureate Service

June 18th ~ 10am

Graduate Recognition & Church School Recognition (Teachers & Students)
Father's Day

July Highlights

July 16th ~ 11am

Annual Church Picnic @ Chestnut Ridge Park

July 31st - August 4th ~ 9am

Vacation Bible School @ St. John's Lutheran

PASTOR'S PLACE

Dear Friends:

On Saturday, May 6, four members of this church, along with the Pastor attended a workshop on Natural Church Development (NCD). The workshop was held at the First Presbyterian Church, East Aurora.

Most of you have heard me speak or preach on NCD. I've written about it in the newsletter. Many of you know that I am a certified NCD coach currently working with three other churches in the Presbytery.

I have shared my belief that NCD, a PROCESS by which a church becomes healthier would be good for this particular church. And I know that I have piqued the curiosity and the interest of some of you out there.

I now have a few people who are saying that we need to take a serious look at NCD for the West Seneca Church. And that is what the Session was told at its regular May meeting.

And so, some initial, small steps will begin. The five of us that attended the May workshop will gather and share our thoughts and our feelings about what we heard and learned. Should we decide to recommend to Session that we proceed, I will select a Church Health Team (CHT). The size of the initial team is 3-5 people, including the Pastor. One of those members will come from the Session. NCD offers some suggestions about the "types" of people that should be included on the team, at least initially. As a coach I know those suggestions and will keep them in mind.

The CHT will make a recommendation to the Session and if Session gives it a "thumbs up," the CHT will contact the coaches of this Presbytery. Please remember that I CANNOT be the coach for our church. Pastors cannot coach their own churches. Thankfully, in this Presbytery, at least for the moment, our coaches do not charge a fee.

At that point, I will check into getting a grant from the New Church Development Committee. The grant is called "Doing a New Thing." We could receive up to \$1,000 in grant money specifically designated for Natural Church Development (the new thing that we would be doing).

If the vote of the Session, the availability of a coach, and the reception of the grant money line up well, a survey will be administered to help arrive at our church profile. The church profile tells us something about our current state of "health" and it identifies for us our "minimum factor." The minimum factor becomes the focal point of much of our mission and ministry.

This is a pretty brief and broad sketch of what might be happening here in the not so distant future. But as we begin planting seeds in our gardens and move through the growing season – and as we move towards the lush green color of Ordinary Time in the church, my hope and prayer remain that this church will participate in Natural Church Development and work towards becoming a healthier church. Just what might the harvest time bring for us here in West Seneca?

Peace,

Pastor Herb

FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

June 2006

<i>June 4th</i>	Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekial 37:1-14 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	<i>June 18th</i>	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Mark 4:26-34
<i>June 11th</i>	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	<i>June 25th</i>	1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 or Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 Psalm 133 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

July 2006

<i>July 2nd</i>	2 Samuel 1:1,17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	<i>July 23rd</i>	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34,53-56
<i>July 9th</i>	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	<i>July 30th</i>	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21
<i>July 16th</i>	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29		

WORSHIP & MUSIC

It's that time of the year to have a picnic so we are going to have one. We will be meeting at Chestnut Ridge Park on July 16th at site #40 at 11am. There will be a short service and then we will have fun and best of all food. We ask that you bring a dish to pass and the HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS will be supplied. Our theme for this year is the Circus. We would like to have more games this year for the children and the big kids (adults). So if you have any ideas for games please contact Dick & Edie Fischer or Tim & Robin Miller with your suggestions. There will be a signup sheet located in the church vestibule for you to sign up as to how many are coming. So mark your calendar for SUNDAY JULY 16TH and come out and share good fellowship, food, games and fun with us.

The Picnic Committee

- June 4th Pentecost - Confirmation Class Received into church
Communion
- June 11th Trinity Sunday - Mission Speaker, Tom McLaughlin - Baptism
- June 19th Father's Day
Recognition of Graduates
Recognition of Sunday School Children & Teachers
- July 2nd Lay Service Richard Jones Preaching
- July 9th Worship with Communion
- July 16th Worship service at Church - Short service at Park – CHURCH PICNIC

YOUNG AT HEART

Summer is almost here. As the weather gets warmer our thoughts turn to all the things we do in the summer, like a PICNIC. On June 21st Young at Heart will be having its annual picnic. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, and a variety of salads. We will also invite the group from St. Johns church to join us. So mark your calendar for JUNE 21st and join us for a good time and some surprise entertainment. This will be the only meeting in June and we won't be meeting in July and August. We will resume our lunches on September 20th and continue to meet the first and third Wed. of the month. We hope to see you all at the picnic.

Your Happy Cooks: Dick & Edie

TAKE ME OUT TO A BALL GAME

Come and join Buster, Chip, & Belle, the Ball Park Diva to watch a Buffalo Bisons game in Dunn Tire Park. We are working on getting a group from First Presbyterian of West Seneca together and getting group tickets for August 6th. Reserved group tickets cost \$8.00 per person. There is a sign up sheet in the entryway. The Church gets recognition on the message center and everyone gets 10% discount at the Gift Shop.



PLANT SALE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who made the Easter Plant sale a success. We sold 35 plants. We were able to collect a total of \$238 for Cornerstone Manor. Thank you to those of you who also donated a little extra.

Debbie Ball

JUNE 2006

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4 10am Worship w. Communion Confirmands join the church 11am Fellowship Time 11:15am Choir Rehearsal <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	5 Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion 7pm Church & Society 7pm	6 West Seneca West Sr. High Baccalaureate Service 7pm	7	8	9	10
11 10am Worship - Baptism Mission speaker 11am Fellowship Time 11:15am Choir Rehearsal	12 Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion 7pm	13 Session Meeting 7pm	14 Worship & Music Mtg. 7pm	15	16	17
18 10am Worship Graduate Recognition Church School Recognition 11am Fellowship Time 11:15am Choir Rehearsal <i>Father's Day</i>	19 Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion 7pm	20	21 Young at Heart Picnic 12pm	22	23	24
25 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time	26	27	28	29	30	

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Graduate Recognition will take place on June 18th. We would like to have the names and pertinent information for our graduating seniors. If you know of or have a graduating high school or college student inform the church office as soon as possible. Please submit the graduate's name, any awards or honors earned and future plans. Please be sure to have the info into the office no later than June 11th.

JULY 2006

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time	3	4 Church Office closed <i>Happy 4th of July</i>	5	6	7	8
9 10am Worship w/ Communion 11am Fellowship Time	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10am Worship Church Picnic @ Chestnut Ridge Park site #40	17	18 Session Meeting 7pm	19	20	21	22
23 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time	24	25 Presbytery Mtg. @ Central Presbyterian 1:30pm	26	27	28	29
30 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time	31 Vacation Bible School @ St. John's Lutheran Church					

*Please note the church office will operate on summer hours for the months of July and August. The church office will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8am 1pm during these two months.

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you for the lovely plant I received for my birthday. The plant is so pretty it makes me feel so bright and lively every time I look at it. I love it.

Joan Wilczak

I would like to thank the congregation for my birthday presents.

Ray Johnson

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Many people helped to make this past IHN hosting a big success – Elizabeth & Corinne Northem, Judy Chrynowicz, Lou Wright, and Diane Molnar. We had a total of two adults and four preschoolers. Elizabeth was a big hit with the little ones. One toddler was enthralled with Elizabeth's hair. The older sibling (5yrs. old) said "Do you know you are a teen-ager?" Wonder if Corinne knows that Elizabeth is a teen-ager? Maybe we need more young people to volunteer as they seem to relate well with our guests. Of course, everyone enjoyed those Easter cookies.

The stats are in for 2005:

60% of our guests are children with 30% under the age of 5

68% of the families are headed by single moms

1% by single dads

31% by two parents

99% of those we helped in 2005 are now in their own homes

Save the next hosting date – May 27th – June 3rd

Again, a big thanks to everyone who supports this mission. As many people have found out this past year, you just never know what the future holds. Someday, one of us may need the support of IHN.

Barb Kissel



Our mission project is off and running!! Since we didn't get the bin until March 8 and we didn't start announcing its purpose until March 19, the bin's contents were collected by Abitibi Paper Retriever only once in March and we made \$4.52 for Cornerstone Manor. While this doesn't sound like much, we should remember that this pickup was for 1,806.69 lbs of paper. In other words, .90 tons of paper was recycled by the community and us. Together, we saved 72.9 cubic feet of landfill space.

For the month of April, we had two pickups! We will not get the check for these pickups until May 11, so watch for updates. My challenge to you, the congregation, is to fill the bin up four times in the month of June.

Here are some ways to meet and exceed this challenge: Spread the word that we can earn money for Cornerstone Manor and save the environment!!! Are you letting your neighbors, friends, and family know about our recycle bin? What about our church neighbors? How about the groups that use the church, like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and preschool?

On behalf of Cornerstone Manor and ecology, thank you for your efforts!!
Tim Miller and the Church and Society Committee

FISCAL FACTS

April 2006			
Church Assets as of January 1		\$86,926.67	
Church Assets as of this month		\$85,518.86	
Operating Budget	Year to Date	Budgeted to Date	Difference
Pledges	\$31,163.50	\$32,238.67	-\$1,075.17
Loose Offering	\$2,185.05	\$1,500.00	\$685.05
Initial Offering	\$127.00	\$200.00	-\$73.00
Per Capita Offering	\$1,269.00	\$1,000.00	\$269.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,734.66	\$1,666.67	\$1,067.99
Roll over from previous year	\$2,786.35	\$2,786.35	\$0.00
Total Income	\$40,265.56	\$39,391.68	\$873.88
Presbytery Related Mission	\$2,256.20	\$2,144.29	
Per Capita Apportionment	\$1,701.32	\$1,701.33	
Salaries & Session Misc.	\$12,974.06	\$11,782.50	
Pastor Related	\$12,369.16	\$12,710.99	
Faith Education	\$87.65	\$90.00	
Young at Heart	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Worship & Music	\$94.10	\$196.67	
Church & Society	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Membership & Evangelism	\$0.00	\$124.00	
Stewardship Expenses	\$181.70	\$86.67	
Office Expenses	\$1,678.40	\$1,448.33	
Building Costs	\$10,047.96	\$6,573.33	
Total Expenses	\$41,390.55	\$36,734.12	
Difference	-\$1,124.99		
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Non Budgeted Items	Year to Date		
Income	\$5,051.04		
Memorials	\$149.00		
Missions	\$1,196.00		
Faith Ed. Offering Expenses	\$0.00		
Youth Fellowships	\$84.00		
Miscellaneous	\$582.99		
Total Expenses	\$2,011.99		
Difference	\$3,039.05		
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Yearly Savings Gain or Loss	\$1,368.03		
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Capital Fund Drive Income	\$241.48		
Capital Fund Drive Expenses	\$777.00		
Capital Fund Drive Balance	\$3,480.96	Per Capita	\$26.74

In The Life of The Church

JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

June	2 nd	Rebecca Goggins
	5 th	Robbie George
	6 th	Ashley Hanna
	9 th	Betty Sroczyk
	10 th	Ron Partacz
	11 th	Steven Astyk
		Nancy Hay
	15 th	Bob Doll
		Dawn Dulski
	16 th	Logan Rowe <i>Happy 1st Birthday</i>
	20 th	Dawn Corless
	23 rd	Kathy Doll
	24 th	Melissa Goggins
		Muriel Whieldon
	28 th	Bill Halligan
	30 th	Matt Lindak
		Mark Shriver

July	2 nd	David Evans
	3 rd	Megan Partacz
	5 th	Kim Molnar
	6 th	Andrea Shriver
	13 th	Dick Fischer
	14 th	Diane Molnar
		Craig Rodgers
	16 th	Pam Bohin
	19 th	Marcy Partacz
	21 st	Tracy Barnhart
		George Shaffer
	22 nd	Emma Wilson
	25 th	Rita Hanna
	27 th	Jonathan Molnar
	28 th	Melanie Wojcik
	30 th	Diana Kalinowski

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) ♦ Mary Flemming (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Eleanor Griveas (Myrt Halligan) ♦ Harold Hanna ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Jillian Hoerner (Judy Chrynowicz) ♦ Melissa Howell (Sue Piersa) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker, (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw, (Rita Hanna) ♦ Ruth Knaus ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ Paul & Jane Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Dick & Helen Sommer ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl) Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Kyle James Smyntek (The Fiegl's) ♦ Partick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam) ♦ Bob Wilcoxson (The Christmanns) ♦ Bob Wing (Marsha Barnhart's dad) ♦ The Wunsch family (Judy Chrynowicz) ♦ Joan Wilczak (Tom Wilczak)

Ron & Marcy Partacz and their family as they mourn the death of Ron's mother, Josephine Partacz



Chris Kalinowski ☉ Matthew Jones ☉ Bill Cenknor 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 ☉ Pat McCullough ☉ Ryan M. Ratigan

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