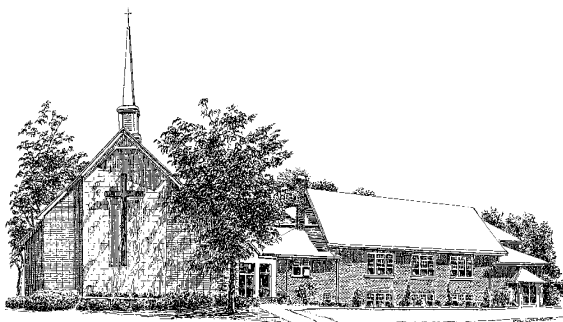


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## The CELEBRATE October/November 2007

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

### October Highlights

**October 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:15am**

Congregational Meeting

**October 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

Session Meeting

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

10am ~ Worship w/ Communion ~ Pastor Deb's last Sunday

1pm ~ CROP Walk

5pm ~ Halloween Potluck

### November Highlights

**November 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:15am**

Town Hall Meeting

**November 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 4pm**

Spaghetti Dinner & Theme Basket Raffle

**November 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:15am**

Christmas Play Meeting

## PASTOR'S PLACE

Dear Friends:

By now most of you have heard that I submitted my resignation as Pastor of the church to the Session at its stated meeting on September 11, 2007. Session accepted that letter and my resignation becomes effective on October 31, 2007. There will be a congregational meeting at the conclusion of worship on October 7<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of dissolving the bonds with the Pastor. I will take my final week of vacation from October 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. October 28<sup>th</sup> will be my final Sunday in the pulpit.

I truly believe that God is calling me out from this church to something new in ministry and mission. It is true that I am uncertain of what that new "call" looks like at this time. But I have immense faith that in God's good time, God will reveal it to me. And so a time for rest and discernment is in order.

I also believe that the West Seneca church needs and deserves new leadership at this point in its journey as a community of the faithful. The church is in need of a time for discernment and decision making. That will not and cannot happen if I remain your pastor. Again I have every reason to believe that with God's help and the assistance of Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, the church will make good decisions about its future. God will be with you in this process.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve these six years with you. The church will always hold a special place in my heart as it was the church from which I received my first call. It was here that I was ordained. We faced many challenges together and we had some wonderful times together. We were not able to restore the pastorate to a full time position. That did not seem to be in God's plans for us. At the very least, I hope that the congregation has a better understanding of what it means to have a part-time Pastor. I further hope that you have come to terms with being a small church, at least for now. That is who you are at this moment in time. The future rests with you and our God.

I will not say goodbye because Craig and I will remain in Western New York. (I won't say it October 31 either!). My time with you as Pastor becomes a part of the church's history. There is a bond of shared time together that can never be broken. Instead I say "Vaya con Dios" – go with God and know that you remain in my heart and in my prayers and that I wish for you only the best.

God bless,

*Pastor Helt*

## FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

October 2007

<i>October 7<sup>th</sup></i>	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	<i>October 21<sup>st</sup></i>	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8
<i>October 14<sup>th</sup></i>	Jeremiah 29:4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	<i>October 28<sup>th</sup></i>	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

November 2007

<i>Nov 4<sup>th</sup></i>	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10	<i>Nov 18<sup>th</sup></i>	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12:2 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19
<i>Nov 11<sup>th</sup></i>	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	<i>Nov 25<sup>th</sup></i>	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

## FAITH EDUCATION

### HALLOWEEN POTLUCK



Attention all ghosts and goblins, on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup> we will have a Halloween potluck. It will begin at 5pm with a potluck dinner, followed by a parade and games. Each child will receive a treat bag to take home. We are asking for treat bag donations until October 21<sup>st</sup>. Dawn Corless will be putting the bags together the week before. Amy and Shaun Wilson will be planning the games and Sandy and Dennis Fiegl will organize the potluck. Wear a costume and bring your favorite dish to share. The sign up sheet is in the entryway along with the box for treats. Invite your friends and family to join us, we always have a ghoul-ing good time.

### CHRISTMAS PLAY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

We will have a short meeting after church on November 11th in the sanctuary. Parents and their children are encouraged to attend. We will assign parts and discuss a practice schedule. This is a great way for our children to share their time and talents with others. Children of all ages are welcome to participate, even those who have been confirmed. If your child plays a musical instrument and would like to share their talent we would love to have them be part of the Christmas play.



## NURSERY HELPERS

As many of you have heard Julie gave birth to a healthy baby boy and will not be returning to the nursery. We wish Julie and her family all the best. At this time we will not be replacing her. Instead we are looking for members of our church to volunteer to spend time with our youngest members. We have a few spots open in November and December. If you are available a copy of the schedule will be on the table in the entryway, please sign up where you can. If you are available into the new year that's great also. I would like to see people sign up for 2-4 weeks at a time so that the children will feel more secure when they see a familiar face instead of a new person each week. Please help our youngest members as they begin their faith journey



## FAITH EDUCATION MEETING

There will be a Faith Education meeting on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the parlor. Everyone is always welcome to join. This is a great fellowship time and also a time to serve God. We hope to see some new faces.

## YOUNG AT HEART

We have started having our Young at Heart lunches again. Sorry for missing the August/September Celebrate Newsletter. Edie and I were in the thick of preparing for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. But now we are ready to continue our lunches. Following is a list of dates for our lunches for the rest of the year.

OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>

NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving lunch)

DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> (Christmas lunch)

So please mark your calendar with the above dates so that you will be able to attend. Also this year we have a new addition to the cooks. Edie will be at all our lunches and we will be working together in the kitchen. We also have planned guests for the second luncheon of the months in which we have two luncheons.

We hope to see you all  
Dick & Edie your cooks

# OCTOBER 2007

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Faith Education Meeting 7pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10am Worship w/ Communion Congregational Meeting	<b>8</b> Columbus Day Church office closed	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10am Worship Richard Jones preaching 11am Fellowship Time	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Session Meeting 7pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10am Worship – Baptism 11am Fellowship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10am Worship w/ Communion Pastor Deb's last Sunday 11am Fellowship 1pm CROP Walk 5pm Halloween Potluck	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

# NOVEMBER 2007

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Town Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm
<b>11</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Christmas Play mtg.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Happy Thanksgiving	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## CHURCH & SOCIETY



It's that time of year again...time for the **Annual Crop Walk!** This year the walk is scheduled for **October 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please consider **walking** with us. If you are unable to walk, please consider **sponsoring** one of us that will be walking. Sign-up information will be available at church beginning in October. For further information please contact Debbie Wilson.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

On Sunday, December 16, 2007 we will be having a raffle of different Christmas items.



Last year we raffled off 2 cookie plates, 2 candy baskets (holiday mix) and Kathy Doll's famous cookie tree. If any one would like to donate an item for this, please see Diane Molnar. The proceeds will be going to

AIDS Family Service.



### ANGEL CLOTHESLINE (yes I said clothesline)

Yes, it's the time of year that we must plan for winter. Our Angel Basket will now become an Angel Clothesline. Your donation of hats, mittens, socks, underwear, etc. will be hung on a clothes line. This will enable all to see what has been collected and what is needed. Our donations will go to IHN families so all sizes and colors are good. Clothes pins will be provided. You may donate from October 28th to November 11th. Happy Shopping!

### INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

As you know our church has been part of this organization for the past ten years. It is wonderful so see so many people in need find their way in life by learning new skills, getting jobs, and moving into their own places.

However, we find ourselves at a cross road as we have lacked consistent support for our Wednesday nights. Therefore, the Church and Society committee has decided to drop this mission. Of course, it can be reconsidered in the future.

We would like to thank those of you who have given of their time and effort in the past. We are hesitant to mention names, but a few do come to mind; Sue Boulter, Judy Chrynowicz, Kathy Doll, Marge Edington, Barb Kissel, the Lindak family, Robin Miller, Diane Molnar, Bill and Karen Sadovsky, Corinne & Elizabeth Northem, and LouAnn Wright. We apologize to those people whose names may have been omitted. We also would like to thank all of you who supported us in prayer and spirit. Your help was greatly appreciated by IHN and the families they serve.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

We will hold our 1<sup>st</sup> Spaghetti Dinner and Theme Basket Auction on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. A portion of the proceeds (10%) will go to Renaissance House to help children who are battling drug and alcohol addiction get a new lease on life, the rest will stay with our church. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-10, and children 2 and under are free. Tickets will be available before and after church on Sunday mornings. There will be a theme basket auction upstairs during the Spaghetti Dinner. We are looking to have between 15-20 baskets. If you are able to put together a basket, we ask that the items be new and the basket be worth at least \$20. Your support of the Spaghetti Dinner is our 1<sup>st</sup> priority, so we are only asking for a basket if you can do both. Please encourage your family and friends to support this dinner. Remember word of mouth is our best advertisement. This is our first church-wide fundraiser so please help us in making it a success. If you have any questions please talk to Dawn Corless.



**In The Life of The Church**

**OCTOBER & NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

October	1 <sup>st</sup>	Amy Wilson
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judy Chrynowicz
		Edie Fischer
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Katelyn Gutowski
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Colleen George
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Bengert
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Elise Lesakowski
		Brendan Wilson
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Patti Piersa
		Sharon Rowe

	28 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Ball
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November	4 <sup>th</sup>	Marge Edington
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Dustin Chrniewicz
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Al Lesakowski
		Stephanie Wright
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Lisa Shriver
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wasele Sadovski
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Pakenham
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Bengert

## NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and a special thank you for your prayers. Cathy is slowly getting better each day. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.  
Cathy Folaron & family

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Thank you for continued support of the Food Cupboard. Please know the money will be put to good use.

Thank you & God Bless

Mary D. Bowers, Treasurer, W.S. Community Cupboard

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Dear Clerk of Session:

This letter is to acknowledge the resignation of your church's participation as a support church of the Southtown's Cluster of the Interfaith Hospitality Network. It is with mixed emotions that we accept this!

It is with sadness that we say goodbye and give thanks for the time, talent, and treasure that your congregation has given over the last 11 years. It is with joy that we celebrate all the lives you have helped transform through this program that keeps families together during the toughest times of their lives.

We give particular thanks for Diane Molnar and her eleven years of service to IHN. She was one of the founding members of the Network as it was created here in the Buffalo area back in 1996. Diane's years of meals, overnights, coordinating the entire week when our coordinators were out of town and her love of people is so very much appreciated. Truly she is an angel sent from heaven and we will fondly remember the time with us through the years. We also give thanks for Barb Kissel as she accepted the torch from Diane and has served so faithfully for the last several years. Her delicious meals and warm spirited nature will be missed by our volunteers and guests.

And also friends, it is with grateful hearts that we say goodbye to your church's time with us and give thanks for the blessing that your volunteers have been to our guests and the cluster of volunteers who have served with you. The gift of hospitality is a long lasting one whose example was set by Jesus Christ and it is with His words I close this letter and say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

For the Southtown's IHN Cluster

Linda Babcock

Director of Education & Mission

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Marion Bartnik (The Fiegls) ♦ Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) Erna Burdick (Sue Piersa) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Lorraine Fularon (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Margie Grotevent (Marion Labby) ♦ Harold Hanna ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ Janet H. (Nancy Galley) ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Sue Maciejewski ♦ Peter McCray (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sandy Northem ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ Pam Setzer (The Fiegls) ♦ George Shaffer ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Joan Shockey (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Kyle James Smyntek (The Fiegl's) ♦ Partick Weir (Sandy Pakenham))  
Marion Labby and her family as they mourn the death of her sister, Margorie Oosterhoudt Grotevent



Chris Kalinowski ⊛ Matthew Jones ⊛ Bill Cenknor Jr. ⊛ Patrick Baskerville ⊛ Sammy Russo ⊛ Kimberly Trudeau ⊛ Steve Odebralski ⊛ Jason Zimmerman ⊛ Andrew Zalikowski ⊛ Nick Turvey ⊛ Kristen Pelc ⊛ Ben Schauss ⊛ Phillip Schott ⊛ Josh Winkler ⊛ Russell Molnar ⊛ Pat McCullough ⊛ Ryan M. Ratigan ⊛ Larry Lloyd ⊛ Joshua Feldman ⊛ Dan Dudziak ⊛ David Ferg ⊛ Zachery Goggins ⊛ Alison Lankes

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<b>Elders</b>		
<b>Class of 2008</b>	<b>Class of 2009</b>	<b>Class of 2010</b>
Bob Barnhart	Tom Kalinowski	Dawn Corless
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