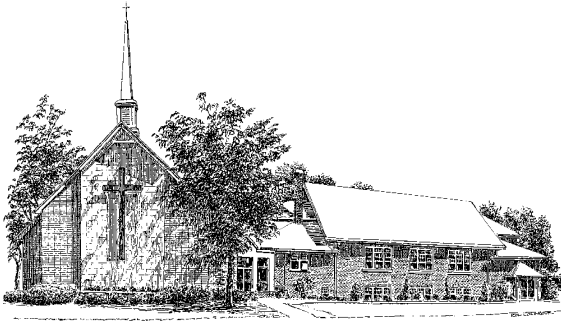


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The CELEBRATE April / May 2008

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

April Highlights

April 1st ~ 7pm

Faith Education Meeting

April 8th ~ 7pm

Session Meeting

April 23rd ~ 7pm

Worship & Music Meeting

May Highlights

May 11th ~ 10am

Worship Service - Pentecost
Mother's Day

May 13th ~ 7pm

Session Meeting

May 21st ~ 7pm

Worship & Music Meeting

NEWS FROM THE MODERATOR

Dear Saints in Residence:

My name is Jim Burton, and I am the pastor of the Hamburg Presbyterian Church and the temporary moderator assigned by Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to assist your church Session. I want to share some news with you concerning your faith, your time without a pastor, and frankly God's love and care for you.

First, God has not gone somewhere else. God is right in the West Seneca Church and in the people... that's you! I am working with your session and I have met several of your members. Most everyone says the same thing. We need a pastor to stabilize and lead us so we can have a vision for our future. My dear friends, do not forget that we are all sojourners in this world. Your homeland is somewhere else, and God has promised this to you his faithful ones. We are an Easter people!

In addition, you are a most capable group. You are disciples of Our Lord. This makes you friends to one another. Do what friends do for friends. They pick up the telephone to keep in touch showing concern, care, and love. Friends laugh with one another, cry with one another, and they drink decaffeinated coffee with one another.

You have opportunity to do so much for the Lord together. Worship with one another, and encourage each person in the faith to be faithful.

There is an old story about a holy man who visited a monastery that had fallen on hard times. The Holy Man listened to their stories and could offer no substantial help. As he was leaving, they all prayed together. At the gate to the monastery, he asked if he might hug and embrace each one as a sign of their new friendship. Then he was gone.

An uneasy silence returned to the monastery that seemed alive while the visitor was with them. One day at the evening meal one of the brothers asked another: "Did the Holy Man ever speak to you privately?" The answer was "yes." Quickly all the brothers realized that their visitor said the same thing when he was hugging them and saying goodbye. "Christ is here in your midst!"

In the next week, they wondered if what he had said were true. The brothers who squabbled with each other started to be kinder to one another. One brother was asked why he changed his attitude. He told that though he knew that he was not the Christ, the other brother might be Him, the One. Slowly, the disposition and desperation of the monastery changed. They started laughing and smiling and really caring for one another. After all, if one of them was the Christ, they wanted to show appropriate care and love.

One day a man came by who had been brutalized by the world. After a couple of days' rest, he decided to stay as he enjoyed the camaraderie, holy worship, and atmosphere of a caring community. Over time a few travelers stayed, and joined, and invigorated the community. The monastery did not just recognize that Christ was in everyone, rather they lived it out. The brothers in the monastery treated each person who came their way as though he or she was Christ. It became a place of great Joy. The Lord prospered in that place!

This can be your place!

I Thank Our God for You!



The Reverend James (Jim) D. Burton, Temporary Moderator
First Presbyterian Church of West Seneca

FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

April 2008

<i>April 6th</i>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	<i>April 20th</i>	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
<i>April 13th</i>	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	<i>April 27th</i>	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

May 2008

<i>May 4th</i>	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	<i>May 18th</i>	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20
<i>May 11th -</i>	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:11:24-30 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39	<i>May 25th</i>	Isaiah 49:8-16a Psalm 131 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34

WORSHIP & MUSIC



Great News!!!! Sue Maciejewski is recovering well after her surgery and is scheduled to begin providing music for the worship services March 30th. Welcome back Sue! We really missed you!

As we celebrate the Sundays of Easter we will enjoy some continuity in the pulpit as well as having Sue back at the organ/piano. Richard Petersen will preach for the month of April and Rev. Dr. Lance Brown will be with us the first 3 weeks in May. We will celebrate Pentecost and Mother's Day on May 11th.

Imagine a worship service without an usher! This is an important part of our weekly worship. The work is not difficult but we do need folks to help with this portion of our worship services. Tim and George agree that the sound system is not at all complicated and there is a cheat sheet of responsibilities to help you through the service.

Remember we always are in need of your time and talents! What a great way to serve the Lord and support your church family's worship. We are looking for ushers for May – October and the month of December. Please talk to Tim Miller or myself if you would be interested in covering for a month or specific weeks.



If you have questions or concerns regarding our worship services or our music please let me know. Please feel free to join us in planning for the future. Upcoming Worship and Music Committee meetings are scheduled for April 23rd and May 21st at 7:00 pm in the pastor's study.

Deb Goggins

YOUNG AT HEART

Due to the pending operation on my hip the Young at Heart lunches will be held as soon as I am able? If my wife feels she is able to do them she will continue to have them starting with the April 16th lunch. As of this writing I do not have a confirmed date for the operation. We will be on vacation for the April 2nd lunch and hope to be able to restart on the 16th of April. I will keep you all up to date on how things are going as soon as I get a confirmed surgery date.

YOUR HAPPY COOKS: DICK & EDIE

APRIL 2008						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Faith Ed. Meeting 7pm	2	3	4	5
6 10am Worship Richard Petersen preaching 11am Fellowship Time	7	8 Session Meeting 7pm	9	10	11	12
13 10am Worship Richard Petersen preaching 11am Fellowship Time	14	15	16 Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	17	18	19
20 10am Worship Richard Petersen preaching 11am Fellowship Time	21	22	23 Worship & Music Meeting 7pm	24	25	26
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MAY 2008						
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4 10am Worship Rev. Dr. Lance Brown preaching 11am Fellowship Time	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 10am Worship <i>Pentecost</i> Rev. Dr. Lance Brown preaching 11am Fellowship Time <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	12	13 Session Meeting 7pm	14	15	16	17
18 10am Worship Rev. Dr. Lance Brown preaching 11am Fellowship Time	19	20	21 Worship & Music Meeting 7pm	22	23	24
25 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time	26 Memorial Day <i>Church office closed</i>	27	28	29	30	31

FAITH EDUCATION



In April and May, the children in our Wee-Worship class and K-5 class will learn about Easter and the Road to Emmaus. They will also learn about the Parables of the sower, mustard seed, the great dinner and the Pearl.

The Faith Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00pm in the Parlor room. We will start to plan for next year. We welcome any ideas or suggestions.

Attention all high school and college graduates. Your Church family would like to celebrate your graduation. We are looking for information such as your name, the school you are graduating from, any awards or honors received, activities you participated in and future plans. This information can be given to Dawn Corless, put in Corinne's mailbox or e-mailed to the church (office@wspres.org) no later than June 8th.



BACCALAUREATE



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On Monday, June 9th at 7:00pm we will host the West Seneca West Baccalaureate. I am looking for help that evening. If you are available please see Dawn Corless.

In The Life of The Church

APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS

April	15 th	Gavin Stoklosa <i>Happy 1st Birthday</i>
	16 th	Sarah Wurl
	18 th	Joe Shriver
	19 th	Jim Kester Jim Reed
	21 st	Debbie Goggins
	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	Kassidy Aiken Judy Gray Bernie Perillo
	3 rd	Leanne Wurl
	4 th	Joe Corless
	7 th	Karen Messoro
	8 th	Shaun Wilson
	12 th	Trisha Duderewicz
	14 th	Chris Orefice
	15 th	Dennis Fiegl
	16 th	Gregg Stoklosa
	20 th	Kooper Aiken
	26 th	Jim Pagliaccio

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for the azalea plant you gave me after the recent death of my mother, Mildred Warren. I greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness. It was also nice to receive notes and sympathy cards, expressing your kindnesses. Thank you again for your prayers, during this time. My mother lived a wonderful life and now celebrates with Her Lord.

In Christ,

Sue Boulter

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members of our congregation

Bruce Barrows ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ Sue Maciejewski ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert

Family & Friends of our congregation

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Claudette Bapst (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ 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 Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Garrett Kensy (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sandy Northem ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Christopher Rutski (The Fischers) ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam)

OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Chris Kalinowski ⊕ Matthew Jones ⊕ Bill Cenkner 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 ⊕ Erik Brown ⊕ Rob Weiner

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Elders		
Class of 2009	Class of 2010	Class of 2011
Tom Kalinowski	Dawn Corless	Janice Jones
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