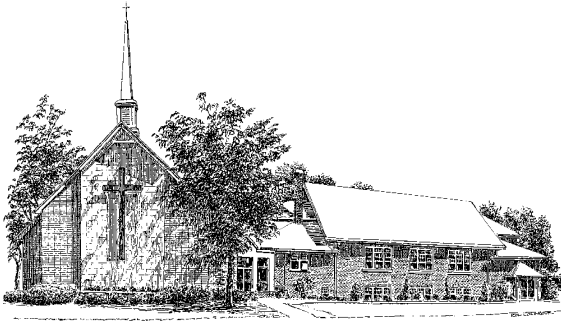


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## The CELEBRATE July /August 2010

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

### July Highlights

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, ~ 10am**

Worship Services

Be sure to join us this summer for worship

### August Highlights

**August 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 10am**

Worship with Communion

**August 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am**

Worship Services

Be sure to join us this summer for worship

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 7pm**

Session Meeting

**August 30<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

All Committee Meeting Night

## BRONWEN'S BYLINE

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! What a beautiful day we had as a congregation on June 13, 2010 as we celebrated 100 years as a Presbyterian Church. It was lovely to see old friends and past pastors who were able to make the day. We had beautiful music and a full house for worship. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it happen. But now it is summertime and though I know we all need some rest and relaxation I hope that you will continue to make worship attendance part of that routine. Even though we feel the need to get away from it all we shouldn't do it for too long a period of time because then we get out of the habit. So on those beautiful Sunday mornings come to church for an hour or so and I guarantee you will feel the better for it.

It is summer and the work of the church continues, so remember if you have some time to share there are things around here that need to be done. Just ask and we will tell you! There is no common meeting night in July so enjoy the free evening. One of the reasons we won't be having meeting night is because I will be at the General Assembly of the PC (USA) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It is always an exciting time when the denomination gathers in the national meeting. The commissioners from our presbytery this year are Barbara Utter, Elder, Clarence, Teresa Kilmer, Elder, First Niagara Falls, Laura Norris Buisch, pastor Riverside Church and Deb Wright, interim pastor South Park. I'm sure I'll have lots to tell when I get back. But if you are interested you can catch much of the meeting if you go to [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) and you will be able to get to the meeting site. So though things may get quiet around here – I'll be busy! But a joy filled busy. Enjoy the summer, put on your bug spray and sunscreen! And see you in church.

Bronwen

## FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

July 2010

<i>July 4<sup>th</sup></i>	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	<i>July 18<sup>th</sup></i>	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42
<i>July 11<sup>th</sup></i>	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	<i>July 25<sup>th</sup></i>	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) Luke 11:1-13

August 2010

<i>August 1<sup>st</sup></i>	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	<i>August 15<sup>th</sup></i>	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56
<i>August 8<sup>th</sup></i>	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	<i>August 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17
		<i>August 29<sup>th</sup></i>	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:7-14

**CLERK'S CORNER**

Hi, Just a short note to all from the Clerk of Session.

First, Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meal successful and fun. There was an effort from all parts of the Congregation (Officers, members, friends, frequent visitors and relatives of all of these). We would like to especially thank the staff, Pastor Bronwen Boswell, Church Secretary Corinne Northem, and Corinne's daughter and our friend Elizabeth Northem. Special thanks to Diane and Joe Molnar for doing so much and giving up so much of their time. Thanks to Bob & Joanne Bengert and Dennis Bengert for the beautiful flowers.

Second, we now are going to need the same commitment to fill in to do the cleaning as our Custodian, Pam had a couple of mini strokes and will be off work for an unknown amount of time.

Third, as always we need people to volunteer to:

- greet visitors each week
- do the Lay Reading
- do the head Ushers job
- take care of Coffee Hour
- count the offering and take it to the bank, and make sure they get here each week they promise or call in replacements.

I see how hard the Session works to do their respective jobs, and they really could use help from the congregation. Please consider volunteering to do these things without reminders from Session.

George E. Shaffer, Clerk of Session

## PRESBYTERY REPORT

Report from the June 21, 2010 Presbytery Meeting

Presbytery held its annual meeting on June 8, 2010 at United Presbyterian Church in Randolph, New York. Our church was entitled to an additional voting member and Sue Piersa filled that position.

A report was heard from Phil Gehman, representative from the Board of Pensions.

Time was spent in small groups discussing what we do in our churches to keep fellowship going during the summer. Ideas were shared with the larger group after the small group time.

Most of the discussion was in relation to the council report regarding staffing recommendations to take effect January 1, 2011. The current staffing levels are seen as unsustainable due to a decrease in available money. The recommendation was to eliminate the positions of Poet of Transformation and the Director of Discipleship and Spiritual Nurture and replace both positions with the Presbyter of Discipleship, communications and Leadership Development. In addition the plan calls for cupping the stated clerk position from half-time to quarter time and the bookkeeper from full time to half-time following the retirement of the current bookkeeper in September, 2011. Following a great deal of discussion the proposal passed.

Connie Lockwood was elected moderator for the coming year with Steven Jelensperger elected moderator-elect. The stated clerk's position was extended through December 31, 2010 with Bronwen Boswell to fill the position until then. Additional people were nominated and approved to fill various committees. Many opportunities to serve on committees still exist if anyone is interested.

A report was received from the Lancaster Administrative Commission sharing the proposal which had been accepted by the church.

The meeting concluded with worship and the installation of the new moderator.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Saeli

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

**Greeter Limited time offer- BOGO!!! Be One**(*greeter for one Sunday*), **Get One**(*or two or three or more*)**Free!!!!** Contact Don Schmid, but HURRY, this offer is only good til the end of August (***but we can discuss extending it***).

## YOUNG AT HEART

Well summer is here and Young at Heart is done for the time being. We had our June picnic and everyone enjoyed it. The West Seneca Town Band played for us as we ate lunch. Bob and Kathy Doll had a good time dancing to the oldies. After the band was finished they sat down and enjoyed our picnic. As of now we have booked the band for our picnic in 2011. We will start our luncheons on September 15<sup>th</sup> and continue meeting on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Until then we hope every one has an enjoyable summer and stays safe.

Your happy cooks: Dick & Edie Fischer

## FELLOWSHIP TIME

The Fellowship Committee is taking a break this summer after the 100th anniversary celebration and making plans for September. However, we still need people to sign up for coffee hour after service. Can't make coffee? Iced tea or lemonade during the summer months would be just fine. Refreshments can be set up outside the narthex. Cups are available in either kitchen. Please consider donating a little bit of your time and effort. Everyone loves and needs a little fellowship!!

Janice Jones, Fellowship Committee Chair

## In The Life of The Church

### BELATED JUNE BIRTHDAY WISHES

June	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rebecca Goggins
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Sroczyk
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Partacz
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Hay
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Doll
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Dulski
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Logan Rowe
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Corless
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kathy Doll
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Goggins
		Don Schmid
		Muriel Whieldon
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Halligan
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Lindak
		Mark Shriver

## JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

July	2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Evans
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Megan Partacz
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Perillo
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea Shriver
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Fischer
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Molnar
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Marcy Partacz
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Betty D'Amico
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Leonard D'Amico
		George Shaffer
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Emma Wilson
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Molnar
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Diana Kalinowski

August	7 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Hay
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Molnar
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Wilson
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Janice Jones
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Lankes
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Corless
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Saeli
		Walt Kissel
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Danielle Corless
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Don Sroczyk

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### Members of our congregation

Dawn Dulski ♦ Lill Kieffer ♦ Paul Rasp ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert

#### Family & Friends of our congregation

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Claudette Bapst (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Elaine Bergman (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Erna Burdick (Sue Piersa) ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Rosanne Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Cecelia Henery (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Garrett Kensy (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dee Dee Labby (Cheryl Labby) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh, Dave & Pam Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Maureen Patti (Helen Somer) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer (George Shaffer) ♦ Annalynn Surace (Sue Piersa) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakenham)



Chris Kalinowski ⊛ Russell Molnar ⊛ Pat McCullough ⊛ Zachery Goggins ⊛ Alison Lankes ⊛ Erik Brown ⊛ James Schmidt ⊛ Matthew Jones ⊛ David Ferg ⊛ Kyle Ernst

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**Elders**

<b>Class of 2011</b>	<b>Class of 2012</b>	<b>Class of 2013</b>
Janice Jones	Sue Piersa	Debbie Wilson
Ron Partacz	Don Schmid	Bob Barnhart
Dick Fischer	Tim Miller	Bob Doll

**Deacons**

<b>Class of 2011</b>	<b>Class of 2012</b>	<b>Class of 2013</b>
Marsha Barnhart	Cheryl Wilczak	Marilyn Mohr
Shaun Wilson	Dennis Fiegl	Sandy Perillo