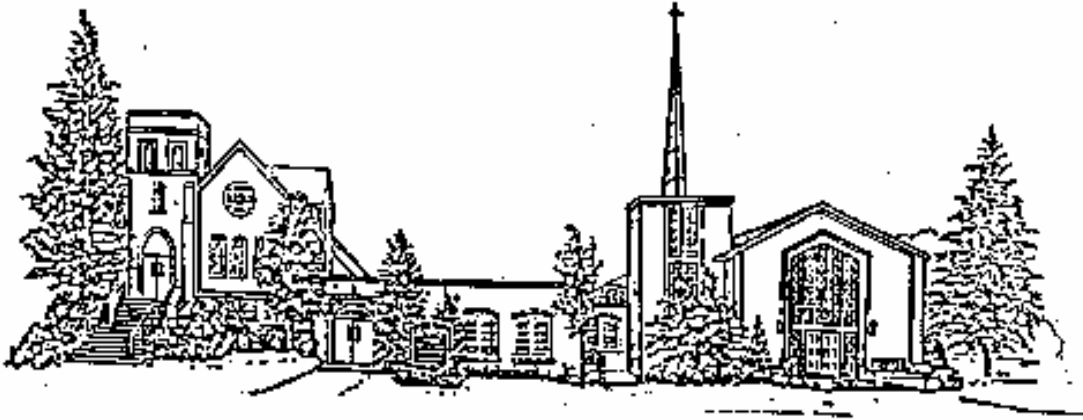


TIDINGS

SUMMER 2010

(JULY-AUGUST)



Welcoming and Supporting Individuals and Families
to Grow in Faith!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Adrian J. Pratt, Pastor
Ksenia Lowenfels, Music Director

Yvonne Pratt, Secretary
Edward Hansen, Sexton

First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin, New York

September 2010 Events

Save the Dates:

Sunday,
September 12, 2010
at 11:30 a.m.

Annual Kick-Off Picnic

(in the Park next to the
Church immediately
following Sunday School
registration)

Come celebrate the
start-up of the new
school year with friends,
food and fellowship!

Sunday,
September 26, 2010
at 2:00 p.m.

4th Annual Family Bike Ride

Meet at Bethpage
State Park

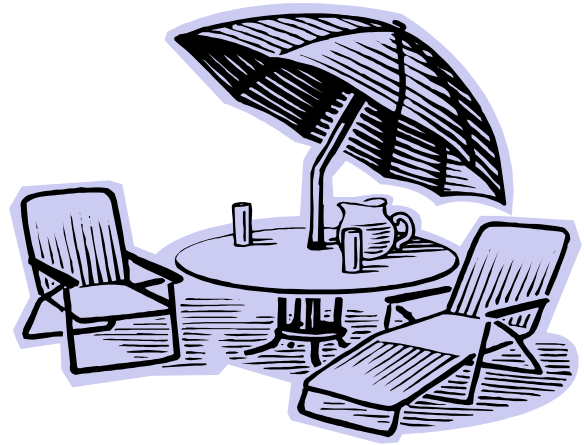
After the ride we will have
hot dogs and a light supper

If you don't bike - join us
at the park

Come share the
fellowship and fun!

ADRIAN'S ANECDOTES

*"Summertime
And the living is easy,
Fish are jumpin'
And the cotton is high."*



Summertime is a great time of the year to enjoy the sunshine, kick back for a while and allow yourself to be rejuvenated. George Gershwin's classic song from 'Porgy and Bess', composed in 1935, observes that "*the living is easy.*" We certainly need times in our lives to refocus our vision and relax. His lyric also tells us that "*the cotton is high.*"

Proverbs 10:5 advises "*Reaping at harvest-time is the mark of the prudent, sleeping at harvest-time is the sign of the worthless.*" Jesus one time tells His disciples "*The harvest is rich but the laborers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest.*" (Matthew 9:37)

All of which is your pastor's way of saying that whilst he hopes you do take time out for rest and recreation during these summer months, he also hopes that you will remember that the work of God's Kingdom continues 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. The love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ never ceases for a single moment to shine down upon our lives.

So... please do take time out to enjoy the sun... but also remember that there's work to be done. Your church continues to need your presence and the support of your time, talents and treasures during these summer months.

-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

"IN LIEU OF FLOWERS"

The Memorial Fund is a viable alternative for those of us who wish to honor and remember a close friend or acquaintance or perhaps a distant relative when the donation of flowers, fruit, etc. is just too much.

Instead of a mass card or one of Hallmark's finest, why not a modest donation to our Memorial Fund when you really "... care to send the very best?"

Memorial Packets include an announcement card to the decedent's family with a plain envelope and an envelope addressed to the church with a card for your donation. These packets are available in the Narthex or at the church office.



NASSAU COUNTY JOINT YOUTH INITIATIVE

Nassau County Joint Youth is a joint initiative of the six Presbyterian Churches of Baldwin, Freeport, Garden City, Glen Cove, Malverne and Massapequa. At their most recent meeting they were excited to appoint a part-time youth worker, Peter Cianciotto (a member of our Garden City congregation) whose task will be to co-ordinate events and facilitate communications between the youth in the churches.

Past events have included putting together World Service Health Kits at Massapequa Church back in March and a trip to Oyster Bay Audobon Center planned for June 27th. A retreat (for 7th Grade and older) at Holmes Camp is being planned for the weekend of November 12th-13th. (Details elsewhere in this newsletter). Joint Youth ministry is something new for our churches and our Presbytery! Please support both our new coordinator, Peter, and of course our youth in your prayers.



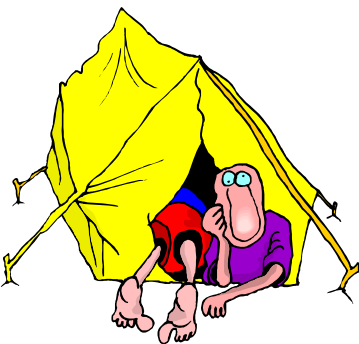
MEN'S WEDNESDAY DINNER

Join the **Men of the Church** for their monthly dinner out, on the **third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.** You'll enjoy great food, lovely company and discussions relative to family, friendship, religion, work, sports, hobbies, retirement, etc. This would be a great way for our church family to grow.

Interested? Ask Carl Larson. The summer schedule is: *Wednesday, July 21st and August 18th, 2010.*



OUR ANNUAL CAMPING TRIP



This year our annual camping trip will be held **July 16th through July 18th** at Nickerson Beach Park and Campground located in Lido Beach. Nickerson Beach Campground offers open, grassy sites with playground, skatepark, 2 pools, kiddie pool, beach showers, grills and direct access to the ocean beach. Come for the day, come for one night or come for the

whole weekend! Please see contact the church office for additional information. Book early as sites are limited!



PICK-UP SOFTBALL GAME AND BBQ

WHEN?

Sunday, August 1st, 2010

WHERE?

1:00 p.m. Softball game at Plaza School

3:00 p.m. Barbeque at the Perez's home,
located at 1690 Westervelt Avenue, Baldwin



Come and join the fun!

Need more information? Contact the church office.



UPCOMING EVENT

YOUTH RETREAT AT HOLMES CAMP

November 12th - 13th 2010.

A number of our youth enjoyed a trip to Holmes Camp earlier this year as part of their confirmation journey. In November a retreat is being planned that includes all our youth 7th grade and upwards. The retreat is being planned by the Nassau County Joint Youth Initiative that includes six Nassau County Presbyterian Churches. At the time of writing arrangements and prices are still in their formative stage, but for now I'd encourage our youth (and probably more importantly their parents) to mark the weekend on their calendars! More information will follow.

Mark your calendars

Summer 2010 Worship Schedule

Worship Service will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays starting on Sunday, July 4th and ending Sunday, August 29th.

Choir members are asked to attend rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service will resume at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 5th.

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**UPCOMING DATES FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2010**

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|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, July 4th, 9.30 a.m.</b>                      | Worship/Communion/Food Offering                                                                               |
| <b>Monday, July 5th</b>                                 | Office Closed in lieu of the 4th                                                                              |
| <b>Tuesday, July 6th</b>                                | CNS Summer Program begins                                                                                     |
| <b>Sunday, July 11th, 9:30 a.m.</b>                     | Worship                                                                                                       |
| <b>Friday, July 16–Sunday, July 18</b>                  | Nickerson Beach Park Camping weekend, Lido Beach                                                              |
| <b>Sunday, July 18th, 9:30 a.m.</b>                     | Worship                                                                                                       |
| <b>Wednesday, July 21st, 7:00 p.m.</b>                  | Men's Dinner at the Wander Inn                                                                                |
| <b>Sunday, July 25th, 9:30 a.m.</b>                     | Worship                                                                                                       |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b>                                       | Building & Grounds Committee Meeting                                                                          |
| <b>Sunday, August 1st, 9:30 a.m.</b>                    | Worship/Communion/Food Offering<br>Pastor at Trinity Youth Conference,<br>Schellsburg, PA through August 7th. |
| <b>1:00 p.m.</b>                                        | Pickup Softball game at Plaza School                                                                          |
| <b>3:00 p.m.</b>                                        | BBQ at the Perez home                                                                                         |
| <b>Sunday, August 8th, 9:30 a.m.</b>                    | Worship                                                                                                       |
| <b>Sunday, August 15th, 9:30 a.m.</b>                   | Worship                                                                                                       |
| <b>Monday, August 16 through<br/>Sunday August 22nd</b> | Pastor on Vacation                                                                                            |

**Wednesday, August 18th** Men's Dinner

**Sunday, August 22nd, 9:30 a.m.** Worship

**Monday, August 23rd** Deadline for articles for the September 'Tidings'

**Sunday, August 29th, 9:30 a.m.** Worship

The **Gamblers Anonymous** group will continue to meet through the summer at their regular meetings on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

The **Alcoholics Anonymous** group will continue to meet through the summer at their regular meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.



## Focus on Fellowship 2010-2011

| <b>JULY 2010</b>                                                                                              | <b>AUGUST 2010</b>                                                                                                                | <b>SEPTEMBER 2010</b>                                                                                           | <b>OCTOBER 2010</b>                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>7/16-18</b> - Nickerson Beach Park Camping Weekend<br><b>7/21</b> Men's Dinner at the Wander Inn           | <b>8/1</b> - Pickup Softball Game and BBQ<br><b>8/18</b> Men's Dinner                                                             | <b>9/12</b> - Rally Day and Welcome Back Picnic<br><b>9/15</b> Men's Dinner<br><b>9/26</b> Bike Ride and Picnic | <b>10/17</b> CROP Walk<br><b>10/18</b> Joint Church PW Pot-luck Dinner<br><b>10/20</b> Men's Dinner<br><b>10/30</b> Progressive Dinner |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2010</b><br><b>11/17</b> Men's Dinner<br><b>11/20</b> High School Play – Afterglow at Angelillos' | <b>DECEMBER 2010</b><br><b>12/12</b> Christmas Dinner<br><b>12/15</b> Men's Dinner<br><b>12/19</b> Caroling Open House at Danna's | <b>JANUARY 2011</b><br><b>1/19</b> Men's Dinner<br><b>1/23</b> Bowling and Pizza                                |                                                                                                                                        |

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE –  
"THE CHURCH THAT COULD!"



I want to thank my committee and friends who helped to make this work. First, we had a new pole made by Phil Angelillo which is 16 ft long (two eight foot pieces which screw together) to hold the Presbyterian Church banner. It was carried by Dr. Elizabeth Letzler, Phil Angelillo and Howard Batsford.

This was followed by our band, Matt and Audrey Wilson on drums, Adrian and Matthew Pratt on guitars, Marc Strauss on trumpet and Erika Floreska on piccolo. The people along the parade route really enjoyed it when they played "When the Saints Come Marching In." Our children gave out candy to the spectators along the route (which was donated by the Pratts.) The marchers carried small American flags and Christian flags and one larger Christian flag with our church name on it, donated by Lochani and Bilgai Sukhraj.

We had three cars following the marchers:- Barbara and Ed Hines; Paul Fogelberg and Rich Perez, for people who could not walk the length of the parade route. At Silver Lake Park, refreshments were set up by Sixtina and Donald Manning, including a birthday cake for Yvonne Pratt.

Philippe Rameau and Rich Perez were a big help making flyers and posters for the event. I would also like to thank all the people who came out to march and show their support. I hope that I haven't missed anyone but everyone was a great help – It shows that First Presbyterian Church is alive and well!

*-Bert Person, Chair  
Outreach Committee*

*(Thanks to Bert for all his hard work!)*

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LOOK FOR UPCOMING INFORMATION IN YOUR SEPTEMBER
ISSUE OF THE 'TIDINGS' ABOUT THE WOMEN'S BRUNCH AND
WOMEN'S DINNER GROUPS



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our Youth Group meets Sunday evenings at 7 p.m., immediately following Confirmation Class. Anyone of Confirmation age or above is welcome to join us. Meetings are usually one hour long with snacks, games and fellowship. We also discuss plans for the upcoming months including service activities, volunteering, and general enjoyment events.

On March 14th, our youth group participated in the first meeting of the Nassau County Presbyterian Youth. This group is comprised of the youth from several Nassau County churches (including Massapequa, Glen Cove, and Malverne) that come together for projects and fellowship. The first event we attended was the Hygiene Baskets for Haiti. It was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Freeport. Each church's youth were responsible for obtaining different items for inclusion in the baskets. We were all responsible for assembling 200 baskets for delivery. Working together, this project was completed in just over 2 hours. This was followed by a pizza lunch, games and fellowship. We wish to thank our congregation for their support and contributions.

Our next joint effort will be a trip to the Audobon Society Center in Oyster Bay, where we will be assisting in clean up and trail clearing along with a presentation of bird life by the Audobon Society. This will be held on Sunday June 27th from 2 pm to 5 pm. Transportation is available for any youth wishing to attend.

In addition to our weekly youth group meetings, we have had great success with "Youth Group Lock-Ins". This is simply a time when youth and advisors lock themselves in the church and work on upcoming events, service projects, and fun activities. Our first lock in, on Friday January 8th, was entitled "Mission Impossible I" and a great time was had by all!! We played games, sang, ordered pizza dinner at 11 pm, decorated cupcakes to eat and watched movies... of course the main event was the movie "Mission Impossible". We were served an early morning breakfast by Chef George!

Our second lock-in was June 11th and appropriately named "Mission Impossible II" although we didn't watch Mission Impossible. We worked on our presentation for Youth Sunday, June 13th, enjoyed pizza, snacks and games and watched the movie "Cool Runnings!" A community breakfast was prepared in the morning by Faith Papatsos.

-Faith Papatsos

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

June 27th: Audubon Society of Oyster Bay: Clean Up and Presentation along with Nassau County Presbyterian Youth. Transportation provided.... please bring bag lunch and any garden gloves you have available. Wear long pants and tee shirts please!!! No sandals Only sneakers or work boots.

June 30th: Dorney Park / White Water Kingdom: Trip for youth to Pennsylvania's Dorney Park. Bathing suits necessary... Approx. cost \$36.00 per person... not including meals and snacks. Bring towel.

July 16th-18th Family Camping Trip/Nickerson Beach , Lido Beach Fun-filled weekend of camping , beach, pools, BBQ's, and campfires! All are welcome to attend!!

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**NOTE:** The Church office will be closed on **Monday, July 5th** in lieu of Independence Day and on **Monday, September 6th**, in observance of Labor Day.

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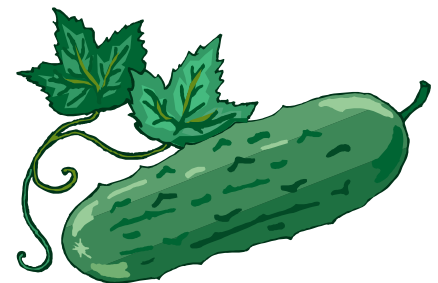
BIBLICAL GARDEN

Summer features to watch for in the Biblical Garden:

The Passion Vine - Passiflora spp.

Rue - ruta graveolens

Cucumber - As the cucumbers become ready to harvest, take one. If you see weeds encroaching on the cucumbers, please take them too!



More information about the Biblical Garden plants is available on the table in the hall outside the office.

-Cindy Vonderahe

PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

"Calling all knitters and crocheters!"

The Prayer Shawl Circle will meet regularly on the **First Wednesday of each month** in the church parlor. Our first meeting will be **October 6th at 7:30 p.m.**

Bring yarn and needles and crochet hooks or a prayer shawl you already have in progress.

For more information, call Penny Blanchard (763-4568) or Bobbi Angelillo (623-6898).



AGAPE SINGERS

The following note was received by our Pastor from George and Carol Portice following our hosting of the Agape Singers earlier this year.

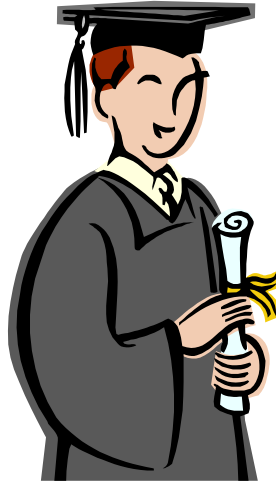
"On behalf of the Agape Singers, I want to thank you for your exceptionally kind hospitality as you hosted us at First Presbyterian in Baldwin. I know it took a lot of work behind the scenes to make it happen.

It was wonderful to meet you in person. The young people enjoyed visiting in the homes of your church families, the delicious food and the wonderful attendance at the concert program.

May God's richest blessings be upon you, your dear wife, and all our friends in Baldwin. 1 Corinthians 15:58."

-Grace and Peace, George and Carol

CONGRATULATIONS 2010 GRADUATES!



Jon Kearns - Graduated from Hampshire College

Zach Downing- Graduated SUNY Geneseo

Vincente Batsford - Graduated CW Post Grad. School

Jack Williams - Freeport H.S.- Will attend, SUNY Maritime in the fall, & will play for their lacrosse team.

*Elizabeth Warden -Baldwin H.S. & BOCES (w/ a nursing certificate.)
Will attend Nassau Community College for Nursing*

Leigh Anne Muscarella - Calhoun H.S. - Merrick, - Will attend, SUNY Oneonta in the fall.

Mark Merrique - Baldwin H.S. - Will attend, Culinary Institute of America in Sept., pursuing B.A. in Culinary Arts

Dave Merrique - St. Johns Univ. - BA Fine Arts - Illustration

Shawn Segelkin - Graduate Oceanside H.S.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

In recent months there have been events that should cause us deep concern. On two occasions doors at the Baldwin Jewish Center on Seaman Avenue have been marked with swastikas. A few weeks later swastikas appeared on signs in one of our local parks. The police are pursuing their enquiries. In a multi-cultural, multi-religious community such as Baldwin this is not acceptable.

Let us be vigilant in our opposition to all signs of prejudice in our neighborhood and pray that our awareness of these events causes us to reaffirm our desire to be a community of tolerance.

-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt



SUMMER SERMON SERIES "REPEATING THEMES"



One way of understanding the overall message of the Bible is to examine repeating themes that weave in and out of its many books. Over the summer we'll be taking a look at some of those themes such as "Creating", "Covenanting" and "Calling".

If you can't get to all of the services a schedule of topics and sermon notes can be found on the pastors page on our website.

<http://firstpresbyterianbaldwin.org/pastor-adrian/sermons/>

-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If there is anyone that doesn't have offering envelopes but would like them (adult or child), please see Howard Batsford or leave a note in the office. The advantage of having envelopes is that you will get a statement of giving – handy for tax purposes.



KINGDOM KIDS
"Kid's of the Kingdom"

What a wonderful year we have had with our nine faithful 2nd through 5th graders on our Tuesday, Kingdom Kids meetings. We are taking a break for the summer and will resume on **Tuesday, September 21st.**



SYNOD OF THE TRINITY YOUTH WEEK

Our pastor is again part of the leadership team for the Trinity Youth Conference which takes place August 1-7 at Living Waters Conference Center, Schellsburg, PA. This year he's leading the music. The event is open to High School Youth (9th Grade and up) and College students. More information and booking forms can be found at their website:

<http://www.trinityyouthconference.org>



FROM FPC BALDWIN BULLETIN COVER IN "1956"

"Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger but as a guest of God. Be grateful to the strong and loyal men who in the name of Jesus Christ builded this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praises. Beseech His blessing on those who love this home of faith as the inspiration of their labor, and may that blessing rest on you, both your going out and your coming in."





GENERAL ASSEMBLY

From July 3-10, 2010, the 219th General Assembly of the PC (USA) takes place at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minnesota. The General Assembly is the governing body of the PC (USA) and meets every two years to conduct its business. The General Assembly consists of commissioners elected by presbyteries. Half of the commissioners will be Ministers of Word and Sacrament, half will be elders.

The meeting begins with an orientation on Saturday afternoon. In the evening 'GA' meets to elect a Moderator from among the commissioners assembled. Once a Moderator is elected, the assembly breaks up into assembly committees to consider particular kinds of business. Each committee is responsible for considering a number of items, and reporting back to the General Assembly on completed actions or their recommendations.

Discussions at GA can vary from the routine to the controversial. Items relating to the Middle East, matters of ordination and sexuality, and any changes to the Book of Order always provoke the most comment. But such are just a fraction of issues that are discussed.

I was fortunate to attend the last meeting of GA in San Jose, California. For myself the memories are not so much of the business, but of the awe-inspiring worship and fellowship experiences.

You can find out a whole lot more... and even follow the proceedings 'live' ... at the General Assembly Website <http://www.pcusa.org/ga219/>

-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

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**DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 'TIDINGS' IS  
MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD**

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