



PRAYER FAMILIES FOR MAY



Please keep all our church family in your prayers every day. Throughout the month of May please say a special prayer for these church families.

- Joyce & Jim Ashe
- Tara Beaudet
- Sara & Howard Black
- Celeste d'Avignon-Krieg & Stephen Krieg
- Anne & Jim Bailey
- Warren Bentzen
- Becky & Jim Amorelli
- Natalie & George Barnett
- Marie Beemer



Dear Friend in Christ,

I don't know how to put it into words. In fact, I don't quite understand it myself. All I can tell you is that seeing, hearing, touching, and smelling, my own grandchild was a profoundly spiritual experience. It was like bring "clothed in joy."

The news of Liam Alexander Heller's birth was exciting, in an intellectual sort of way. The idea of actually being a grandfather was intriguing, if not somewhat disconcerting. Then, two weeks after his birthday we traveled for hours on end through the snow, sleet, rain and sloop in order that we might "see this thing that had taken place." The moment I held and beheld my grandson, the reality of his life overwhelmed me. Feelings of wonder, awe, gratitude, mortality, and mystery merged into an experience of utter joy.

Being a grandparent is not something one has any control over. It is not a decision you can make on your own. Grandparenthood comes purely as a gift. If words are inadequate to convey my experience of becoming a grandfather, they are totally inadequate to express my experience of becoming a child of God.

Like being a grandparent, being a child of God comes purely as a gift—a gift of God's saving love. **"See what love the father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and we are!"** (1 John 3:1) This is good news, in an intellectual sort of way. The idea of being a child of God is intriguing, if not somewhat unsettling. However, are you willing to journey for days, weeks, months and even years on end; through fear, doubt, frustration and sorrow; in order that you might "see this thing that has taken place?" If so, God promises that there will come a moment when you behold the reality of His life revealed in Jesus the Christ. Then you will be overwhelmed with wonder, awe, gratitude, mortality, and mystery merging into an experience of utter joy.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.... You have taken off my sackcloth and clothes me with joy...." (Psalm 40)

Grace and Peace,



YOUTH NEWS

Mexico Mission Trip Report

Over Easter break our church sent a small team on an exploratory mission trip to Neuvo Larado, Mexico. Team members were Rob, Sally and Reinhart Meisenheimer, Kirby and Dan Purdom. Our visit was facilitated by Proyecto Amistad (Project Friendship), a Presbyterian Border Ministry organization located in Laredo, TX. The Ebenezer Presbyterian Church of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico was the host church. Ebenezer has about 30 members and is considered a "mission" church due to its developing nature.

During our trip we worked each day on a project with the Ebenizer congregation. We had an opportunity to worship with small congregation of Easter Sunday and had an additional worship experience at another very small rural congregation later in the week. Reinhart and Dan had the opportunity to share their musical gifts by playing guitars and singing a few songs in Spanish. WE were able to enjoy some authentic Mexican food and fellowship with the Ebenizer congregation . Additionally we had dinner with the family of Roberto Medina, the Mexican coordinator of Proyecto Amistad twice. Roberto also served as our gracious guide and translator for the week. We enjoyed trying to communicate with our hosts in the native tongue and we all learned a bit of Spanish in the process. Overall this was a excellent experience and we were overwhelmed by the hospitality and simple yet heartfelt worship style we experienced We will be presenting a Power Point presentation and incorporation Sally's beautiful pictures on Sunday evening, May 6th from 5:30-6:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Youth Center Dedication and Open House

The new youth facility was officially dedicated on Sunday, April 22. The youth hosted coffee hour and an open house which provided church members an opportunity to check out the renovated facility for themselves.

The new youth facility includes room for a lunge, game room and classrooms. The additional space will allow for the conversion of our old youth classroom into a dedicated Children's lounge/library. We are currently looking for donation to help furnish the facility. We would like to acquire a regrigerator, game table and a large screen TV. If you have any items you would like to donate please contact Dan Purdom at 561-3140.



The youth of our church wish to thank the church Session and Buildings & Grounds Committee for all their hard work in helping make this a dream a reality!



Editor's Notes



If you have articles or notices please submit to Phyllis or Kimberly by May 20th for inclusion in the next issue. It is important that your submissions arrive by the deadline to ensure the Pulse is ready and in your mailboxes on the first of the month.

REMINDER: PULSE deadline is the **20th** of each month. Email Phyllis at Phy29w@westelcom.com or Kimberly at Larkal5@charter.net with your submissions.

Remember to check out the church website at www.presbyplatt.org

Frank Dimmock –Preaching and Presenting



We are pleased to announce that PC (USA) mission personnel Dr. Frank Dimmock, will be preaching during worship on Sunday, May 4th as well as doing an evening presentation on Malawi/AIDS/Malaria. Frank, along with his wife Nancy have served in Africa for more than 20 years. Their home in Lilongwe, Malawi provided gracious welcome center for weary jet-lagged mission teams from all over the world, including the Hellers and our partnership teams from the Presbytery of Northern New York

For the last 14 years Frank has served as a southern and eastern Africa regional health consultant for the PC(USA.) Beginning this year, he has been reassigned as co-coordinator for mission hospitals throughout the are and the Dimmocks will now be based in Lesote, where they first began their mission work. Frank and Nancy are on interpretation assignment in the United States until June 2007.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michael Burns Berry & Tracy Berry are the parents of two children: Chloe 5 and Cade 3 . Michael is a electrician and line arborist with PLML department. He enjoys skiing, lifting, fishing, hunting and carpentry. Tracey is a controller at Evergreen Nursing Home and enjoys the outdoors, hiking, walking, family oriented activities. Both the Berry's grew up in the North Country who returned home in search of the whole family spiritual values and comfort of the North Country.

Stephen Krieg is married to Celeste d'Avignon-Krieg. They have two daughter's Felicia 17 and Leticia 14. Stephen is a Doctor of Optometry and enjoys fly fishing, fly tying, biking, cross country skiing, hunting, music and dance.

Please welcome Michael, Tracy and Stephen to our church family.



THE DEACON'S BENCH



Did you know...? Our congregation has a special prayer ministry entitled "The Prayer Tree." Members of The Prayer Tree agree to pray for any prayer requests called in to them whenever the need arises. All that is needed to participate in this ministry is a willingness to take a few minutes to pray for the request and a telephone! The Prayer Tree is seeking new members to fill out it's branches and leaves. Please consider joining this important ministry. we need you! If you are interested, call the church office and leave your name. Thank you very much.

If you have a prayer request for The Prayer Tree, please call the church office at 561-3140 or Susan Mikkelson at 561-7004. This will activate calls to The Prayer Tree members. You can also make a prayer request for The Prayer Tree by contacting Paster Paul.

THANKING GOD IN FELLOWSHIP (TGIF)

May 18th TGIF get together is a progressive dinner as has been held in past years. Plans at this time are tentative but mark your calendars now. Please look for further information in the Sunday Bulletin in the coming weeks. If you are new to the church or would like to join us that evening, please call Kathe Fairweather at 563-2680 or contact the church office at 561-3140. We would be happy to have you join us.



Help Wanted-Sexton



We are in need of a permanent sexton (Al Gonyo is graciously filling in temporarily.) Sexton duties generally involve 3-4 hours on Sunday and a few hours during the week for wedding/funerals and to oversee grounds work. If interested, please contact Deb Donahue, work 562-7442 during regular business hours or evenings at home 563-3304.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering will be in Ogdensburg on May 12th. We're planning to carpool to Ogdensguburg. If you are interested in attending please call Kay Haupt at 562-2402. There will be a \$5.00 charge for lunch and a donation for gas to help defray the drivers gas expense.

There will be a salad luncheon on June 2nd in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad to share. The program is "handmade quilts and wall hangings." Guests, are invited to being their handmade or heirloom quilts for display. New members are always welcome. Come and join us for some great food and fellowship.

Youth Activities



What:.....Community Meal

When:Wednesday, May 2

Time:.....4:00pm-7:00pm

Where:Trinity Episcopal Church basement

Details:.....Local mission opportunity for youth. Help prepare, serve and cleanup for the Community Meal

What:.....Plattsburgh State GospelfEST

When:Saturday, May 6th

Time:.....7:00pm

Where:Glitz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall, PSUC

Details:.....GospelfEST featuring the PS Gospel Choir(w/Sally Urban) and a guest appearance by the Adirondack Liturgical Dance troop (w/ Kelsey Hanrahan & Letitia Krieg)

What:.....Mexico Mission Trip Slide Show Presentation

When:Sunday, May 6

Time:.....5:00pm-6:30:00pm

Details:.....The Mexico Mission team will report on their recent visit to Mexico. All interested parties are welcome to attend, especially if you are interested in becoming involved in future international trips.



Sunday May 13th-Mother's Day--No Youth activities.

What:.....2nd Annual Church Softball Game and Pot-Luck Picnic

When:Sunday, May 20

Time:.....4:00pm-7:00pm

Where:South Acres Park

Details:.....All church Family Fellowship Activity. Everyone is welcome to come to share food, fellowship and to participate in our annual horseshoe championship and softball game. Please bring a dish to share, your gloves, family and friends. Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Don't miss it!!



What:.....Youth Fellowship Leadership Planning for Fall 2007

When:Sunday, May 27

Time:.....5:00pm-7:00pm

Where:Fellowship Hall

Details:.....This is an important meeting for all Youth to attend to give input and leadership for the next academic year of youth events.



Name This Member!

Can you "Name This Member?"

If you think you know the members of our church family, try out your knowledge on this monthly feature. Each month we will reveal the previous month's featured member.

Go ahead, get to know them better!

...was born in Hempstead, NY
...has lived in England, South America and New York.
...married 18 years and the parent of two children.
...graduated from Mineola H.S. and Springfield College.
...drives a Honda but dreams of a Porsche 944.
...likes to watch cooking shows and used to watch The Twilight Zone.
...likes Rhino's, yellow, Summer but does not like bats or hockey.
...enjoys cycling and small construction projects.
This member has been a Elder, Trustee, Clerk .Hardly anyone knows this member loves to Ballroom Dance. Who am I?

Name This Member revealed:

January-Kimberly Larsen
March-Donna Hanrahan

February-John Duncan
April-Barbara Thompson

"Would You Believe...."

Please look for the answers to our "Deacon Match" game on April 29th at the 5th Sunday Fellowship luncheon. Have you guessed correctly?

The deacons are:

†Sara Black †Diana Boysen †Amanda Smart †Jan Stone
†Joyce Fox †Janet Young †Karen Dragan
†Linda Gonyo †Kimberly Larsen †Angela Snook
Susan Mikkelson †Sally Pendleton Stephanie Moore
†Dan Ladue(Jan Pauling) †Barbara Stansbury(Ed Washburn)

Deacon #6

1. Where were you born?..... Newport, NH
2. What will you not eat?..... Nothing
3. What was you favorite Tv show growing up?..... Inner Sanctum & Lawrence Welk
4. Hardly anyone knows this about me Spent a year in Portugal.

Deacon #7

1. Where were you born?..... Georgia
2. What will you not eat?..... Brussel Sprouts
3. What was you favorite Tv show growing up?..... No Tv, just radio
4. Hardly anyone knows this about me I was the Captain of my HS basketball team.



PLATTSBURGH INTERFAITH FOOD SHELF

The Interfaith Food Shelf at the United Methodist Church, located at 127 Beekman Street, is in need of our support. They need volunteers to do a variety of jobs as well as to contribute money and items of food Usage at the Food Shelf has been increasing yearly. They served 6000 people and 2000 households in 2006! Please continue to bring peanut butter, spaghetti, sauce, canned fruit and deposit them in the interfaith Food Shelf box There are also food shelf boxes located in many area supermarkets and envelopes in the pews for monetary donations. Want to give something other than food items? How about giving our your time? P.I.F.S. is looking for various volunteers to help with the following jobs: unload the Regional Food Bank truck, transport cases of food to the Food Shelf site, pick up food at local stores, stocking the shelves, distribution of food, and data entry.

Volunteers , food items, monetary donations are always needed to keep this vital ministry available to our neighbors in need in this city and county. Please consider giving to the Plattsburgh Interfaith Food Shelf.

Session Highlights

(Please note these are excerpts of meeting minutes. Complete minutes are available by contacting the church office at 561-3140)

- Trustee Committee is restructuring to oversee the Finance Committee and Budget Committee.
- The budget will now be presented to the congregation on a quarterly basis.
- "Seasons of the Spirit" will be used for the 2007-2008 Christian Education curriculum.
- Presbyterian Women will lead the congregation in Worship on May 13th.
- I.N.H. will include the new national name "Family Promises."
- Stuart Voss appealed for more volunteers for I.H.N.
- Dan Purdon reported on his Exploratory Mission Trip to Mexico.
- Frank Dmock of the Malawi Misson will be visiting on May 6th.

InterFaith Hospitality Network

- Are you a parent of a child you want to teach about charity? Role modeling such behavior right along side your child is the best way to teach, no lectures necessary.
- Are you a single person called to put your faith into action right here at home? You don't even have to take time away from work.
- Are you a Christian, young, old, or in between, becoming increasingly aware that faith without works is dead.?

Well, faith is alive and well at the First Presbyterian Church, where members in every walk of life welcome homeless families enrolled in the Interfaith Hospitality Network right here in the greater Plattsburgh area. Our church is a founding member of the now five-years-old local Network, providing its facilities and volunteers for two meals a day (breakfast and dinner), and overnight coverage for about a week every quarter. The Network's daytime headquarters are housed next door to the church, in the "West Wing." Maureen Brandish is its coordinator.

IHN is a local mission providing an ideal opportunity for each one of us, as we are able, to walk faith in action. Several of our faithful volunteers have moved away and new volunteers are needed.

How can you get involved?

About a month before our turn, sign-ups are held for : Dinner (5-7pm), evenings (7-9pm) and overnights (9pm-7am.) Other jobs available are : set-up, clean-up, shopping for staples, doing laundry, making calls, on-call nurse and coordination the program.

We hope you RSVP this invitation to be a host in Christ's name by becoming involved the very next time IHN come to our church—June 10th—June 16th, 2007.



In the News!

The Hellers are the proud grandparents of Liam Alexander Heller, the son of Adam and Sara Heller, born on April 1, 2007, weighing in at 8 lbs., 3 oz., and measuring 18 ½ inches long. The parents live in Foster, Rhode Island. Paul and Darlene left on April 15th to see them.

Jonathon Doh son of elder Barbara Doh, has been selected as the inaugural holder of the Herbert G. Rammrath Endowed Chair in Inter-national Business, at Villanova University School of Business, effective August 2007. Jonathan is one of their most distinguished teacher-scholars who has established a national and international reputation in the field of international business. He is author or co-author of more than 30 refereed articles published in the top international business and management journals and 20 chapters in scholarly edited volumes. In addition, he is the co-author or editor of five books, including two volumes forthcoming from Yale and Cambridge University Presses. He serves on numerous editorial boards and has led major initiatives at Villanova. From 1991-1995, Jonathan was a senior trade official with the U.S. government working on the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement and NAFTA.

*Dr. and Mrs. Chaiyutha Lertpachin of Bangkok have announced the engagement of their daughter Veena to **JOHN VOSS** of Jakarta, Indonesia. Veena has a B.A. in economics, an M. A. in international relations, and an M.B.A. John has a B. A. in economics and linguistics and an M. A. in inter-national relations. He is an evaluation specialist at the World Bank. The couple plan to be married on July 20th in Bangkok.*

Barrett N. Rogers, associate professor of physics and astronomy at Dartmouth, is among the five principal participants in a joint University of New Hampshire-Dartmouth team that has been awarded a \$1.7 million federal grant from the Department of Energy. Barrett is the son-in-law of MIRIAM and NICHOLAS TROISI. The grant will enable the team to establish a new center that will develop theoretical and computer simulation models for applications to controlled thermonuclear fusion and to the problems of turbulence and heating in the sun's environment.

"Step it up 2007" 15 members /family/ friends of First Presbyterian attended a rally to urge congress to enact stronger emission standards supporting this important environmental issue. Over 100 citizens assembled on the steps of City Hall, To become active in this environments group check out their website stepitupplattsburgh@yahoo.com. Their next meeting is May 3rd at 7:30pm at the North Country



MAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS!

You share a birth month with such notables as Bing Crosby(3), Sigmund Freud(6), Harry S. Truman(8), Jimmy Stewart(20), Sir Lawrence Olivier(22) and Rosemary Clooney(23.)

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 4:30-5pm Communion 4pm Community Meal@ Trinity Episcopal Church	3 7pm Adult Choir	4	5 7pm-PSU-GospelFest @Glitz Auditorium-Hawkins Hall
6 9am-Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11:30 Praise/Ltgl Practice 4:30 Progressive worship 5pm Fellowship dinner 5:30 Youth Fellowship Groups 5:30-6:30 "Beginnings" Adult Study	7 4pm Cherub choir 4:30 Crusader Choir 7 pm Bible Study 7pm Nuture 7pm Session	8 7pm Buildings & Grounds	9 10:15 Bible Study 4:30pm Communion	10 7pm Adult Choir	11	12 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast
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27 9am-Sunday School 10am Worship Service 4:30 Progressive worship 5pm Fellowship dinner 5:30 Youth Fellowship Groups 5:30-6:30 "Beginnings" Adult Study	28 Office Closed No Children's Choir	29	30 No Bible Study No Communion	31 7pm Adult Choir	Mother's Day The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday." It is now celebrated in many countries around the world, but not in the same way or on the same date as in the United States.	