

# Hopewell Happenings

HOPEWELL REFORMED CHURCH  
SUMMER 2009



*Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon*  
*June 14*

*Special Worship Event*  
*"A Journey to the*  
*Potter's House"*  
*June 28*

*HRC at Renegades Baseball Game*  
*July 3*

*Vacation Bible School*  
*August 10 - 14*

*Men's Breakfast*  
*August 8*



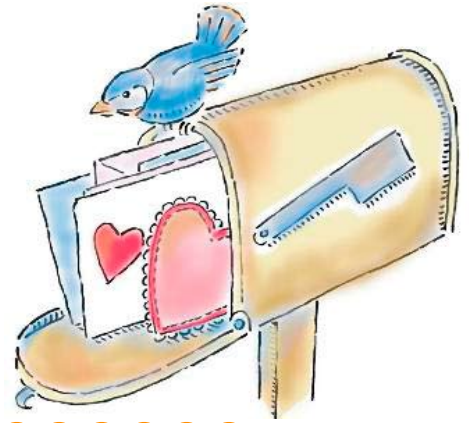
## PLEASE JOIN US

Give the gift of life!

Blood Drive at HRC - Friday, June 5th  
3:00 – 8:30 PM

Look for a sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. Walk-ins also welcome.  
Call Sharon Pearlman @ 592-2879 with any questions.

# LETTERS AND NOTES



Dear Readers,

We hope you enjoy this summer edition of Hopewell Happenings. This issue's articles cover very diverse topics - from cloth diapers to twitter – that's quite a range! You can read about a mystery discovered in the balcony while our new technology center was constructed. There are stories of adventures in high places and foreign countries.

Have you thought about submitting something to the newsletter? We would love to hear from you. Send articles to [hrcnewsletter@hrcrca.org](mailto:hrcnewsletter@hrcrca.org). We will put it in an upcoming issue.

May this summer be a time of renewal and relaxation for each of you!

See you in church,  
*The Newsletter Team*

To all the "Saints" at Hopewell who came, prayed, hugged, cried, prepared food and were there for all my family at a very difficult time. Bernie died knowing he was loved by many and my family and I can never thank you enough.

Love in Christ,  
*Barbara Argyle*

To my church family:

Many thanks for all your cards, flowers, calls and most of all your prayers.

I am happy to say I am feeling much better.

Thanks again, your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Love,

*Mariane Blasch*

Dear HRC family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, emails, flowers, and many kindnesses during this time surrounding my father's passing. It has been a hard time, but because of the comfort and support we have received, it has been a blessed time, too. We are grateful to be part of such a caring community!

Your sister in Christ,

*Cyndy Warren*

Dear HRC,

I just wanted to say thank you all so very much. All your kind words, the beautiful cards and tons of prayers and support meant so much to us as we dealt with the terrible loss of my sister and Aunt Andy.

It's such a joy to be part of such a great church family. Words can't describe how blessed I feel by all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

God Bless,

Nancy, Kevin, Katlin, Kyle and family



A NATIONAL PHILANTHROPIC TRUST PROJECT

Hello HRC family!

“What would you attempt to do, if you knew you could not fail?”

This was my “motivational quote of the day” that popped on my google home page just minutes before my roommate asked me if I wanted to join her in participating in one of the biggest philanthropic causes in the United States.

As many of you know, I’ve been living and working down in Washington, DC for over a year now, trading my childhood and college years on the Hudson for a new beginning on the Potomac. I took the above quote as a direct sign to say “yes” to my roommate. So together we joined with two of our friends here in DC and became a team of four. We are hoping to raise over \$10,000 in the fight against Breast Cancer by participating in the Breast Cancer 3-day, a 60 mile walk over the course of three days beginning on October 9th, with 100% of all donations going to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund. I could really use your support!

Unfortunately, without a cure, one in eight women in the U.S. will continue to be diagnosed with breast cancer. That’s why I’m walking in the 3-Day this October during Breast Cancer Awareness month- to help find a cure for something that hits close to home for too many families.

My grandmother, Lydia Petersen, lost her hard-fought battle with breast cancer in June of 2006. Forever with me in spirit, her lessons of strength, love, sense of humor, and optimism still continue to inspire me every day. Please consider joining me and making a donation in honor of all of the women around the world who have battled breast cancer. As I’ve learned through countless mission trips with HRC throughout the years, it’s such an incredible feeling to take part in a cause greater than yourself!

Donating is incredibly easy! You can go to my personal page, [http://www.the3day.org/goto/karin\\_chrisville](http://www.the3day.org/goto/karin_chrisville) and learn more about my team and follow our progress. We’ll all be blogging about our training and fundraising events over the next couple of months and will be continually updating our pages with pictures of our progress along the way.

If you do not wish to donate online, there is a donation form at the bottom of my personal page that you can print out. Or call 800.996.3DAY to donate over the phone.

Thank you SO MUCH for taking the time to read this letter. Every little amount helps. For more information, visit my page or email me at [karin.chrisville@gmail.com](mailto:karin.chrisville@gmail.com). Please consider making a donation in support or in memory of a loved one. Everyone deserves a lifetime. I pray that a cure will soon be found.

Love always,

Karin Chrisville



# CHRISTIAN KIDS' CORNER

Submitted by Sheryle Silvern

## TEA PARTY/BUILD-A-THON

The children had a wonderful time at the Tea Party and Build-a-thon this spring! What a busy day that was. There were finger sandwiches, teapots and crafts for Mother's Day in the Fellowship Hall and a Lego competition and catapults launching ping pong balls in the Youth House. It was a great opportunity for families to have fun together at church. Be on the lookout for more HRC family events this summer. Thanks to Barbara Jennings and Lori Smalley for leading the Tea Party and to the Gilbert, Prentiss and Stensrud families for leading the Build-a-thon. You made it such fun for all of us!



## RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS

Thanks to Our  
Sunday School  
Teachers!



**June 21st is Children's Sunday.** It will be a special time to celebrate the children in our midst and to honor our Sunday School teachers. God has blessed us with gifted men and women who have a passion to share the good news with our children. They lovingly build relationships and model God's love. Our teachers are committed to fulfilling the covenant vows we make when our children are baptized. Join me in thanking them and God for their incredible ministry.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith Quest

Summer Sunday School starts on **June 28th** for 4 year olds through children entering the 4th grade.

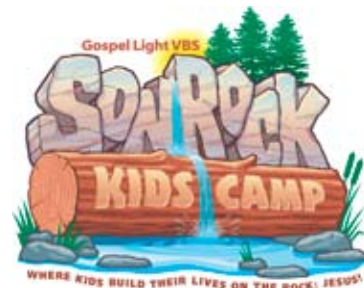
Join us for Faith Quest as we discover how God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. We will be learning about how God worked through Joseph, Esther and Jonah and how God uses us. Come enjoy Bible stories, crafts, music and games with your friends. Don't miss the adventure!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

**August 10th - 14th**  
**9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Join us fun, fellowship and learning at SonRock Kids Camp VBS!**



Through Bible stories about Peter, campers will discover that they are: Accepted by Jesus, Protected by Jesus, Saved by Jesus, Forgiven by Jesus, and Living for Jesus. The campers will make friends and enjoy crafts, music, games and recreation as they discover that Jesus is the rock we can build our lives on.

Registration is now open for children entering kindergarten through the 6th grade. Please register your children as soon as possible because VBS fills up quickly. The registration form is available on our church website, and at the kiosk, as well as in this newsletter. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Sheryle Silvern at 227-1965. Thanks!



**Hopewell Reformed Church**  
**August 10-14, 2009**  
**9:00 - 12:30**

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers: Day Time \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_ Grade entering in school: K 1 2 3 4 5 6

Special Health Concerns: Diet, Physical Restrictions, Allergies, etc.?

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**CHILDREN MUST BE ENTERING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THE 6TH GRADE TO PARTICIPATE.**  
**CLASSES ARE LIMITED TO 20 CHILDREN.**

Donations gratefully accepted.

If you would be willing to help set up the TENT, please check here \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to receive more information about HRC, please check here \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to Sheryle Silvern or mail to:**

**Hopewell Reformed Church VBS, 143 Beekman Rd, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533**

# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Faye Lotze

Bright Beginnings students celebrated a year of learning, discovery, and growth with end-of-year picnics at the East Fishkill Recreation Area followed the next week by Moving-Up Day for the three year-olds and Graduation for the four year-olds.

The four year-old classes also visited Stonykill Farm in May where they went on a hayride, toured the barn and museum, and met some farm animals. Wappingers School District bus driver Jackie Johnson, mother of Bryanna in our afternoon class, gave the four year-old students a school bus ride and bus safety booklets in preparation for kindergarten in the Fall.

We continue to keep Frankie Flora in our prayers as he recovers from the pit bull attack. If you are not already aware of his extensive medical issues, you can visit the website [www.frankiefund.com](http://www.frankiefund.com) that was established by his family. Several local fund raising events are also being planned to benefit Frankie's medical expenses.



We will miss the four year-old friends we enjoyed working with this year (and, in some cases, two years) and are looking forward to another year with our returning three year-old students. Orientation for Fall classes will be held on Monday, September 14th and Tuesday, September 15th. Parents who have enrolled their children for next year can expect a reminder letter the first week of August. At the present time, we still have openings in both our three and four year-old afternoon classes.

Enjoy the summer with your families!! Sign up for VBS if you're entering kindergarten, go to the Library, make a journal about your vacation, play outdoors, and read lots of books with your parents! See you in September!

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## WOMEN'S GUILD

Submitted by Lucia Eckhardt

### ANNUAL PICNIC TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND

The Women's Guild annual picnic will be held at 11:30 on Tuesday, June 2 at the home of Dave and Marvella Hondorp. Bring a dish to share and a folding chair (if convenient). Carpooling is suggested.

Contact Lucia (221-8597) or Marvella (724-3425) for more info.

We'd love to see you there!



The Plant and Bake Sale was a great success. After expenses, our profit was \$2036.25. At least half of that amount will be used immediately for one or more mission projects. We appreciate all the donations and purchases made by the congregation!



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**CATERING**

**CELTIC CHARM CATERING:** No affair too small. Serving daily lunch to your business or school. Dinners delivered before 3pm. I offer a gluten free menu along with my regular menu. Kim Busche, your personal caterer for any event. Call 845-227-6107 or email finbarturk@aol.com for complete menus. Also, Kids in the Kitchen cooking classes, adult cooking classes and gluten free awareness cooking classes at Lomala in Hopewell Junction.

**COMPUTERS:**

**YOUR COMPUTER SLOW?** Does it not work at all? Upgrades, Repairs, and Custom Tailored Machines. Ron's Computer Service, Ron Abramowitz at Rpabramowitz@prodigy.net or www.ronscomputerservice.com

**COUNSELING:**

**AT THE CROSSROADS, INC.** – Christian counseling–Louise D. Nielsen, M.A. 1-877-478-7828

**CRAFTS:**

**CREATIVE MEMORY SCRAPBOOKING:** I teach young to old to Scrapbook - call Barbara Dailey at 226-6266.

**LIA SOPHIA ADVISOR** - Heather L. Maillet 845-592-1992 www.liasophia.com/heathermaillet It is an honor to serve you!

**EDUCATION**

**TUTOR AVAILABLE.** Certified teacher available to help your student. Reasonable rates. References available. Please call Heather 592-1992

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AVAILABLE** to help your student with math, tax or accounting needs. I tutor any level from grade school through college. Reasonable rates. References available. Please call June Nuzzo 845-223-8227 or cell 845-596-2599

**FOR SALE:**

**HISTORICAL PLATES:** Picturing HRC. These recently-discovered plates were originally offered in 1974 for a fundraiser at our church. They are dinner plate size with a gold banded edge and a black line drawing depicting the front view of the sanctuary as seen from Beekman Road. There are 11 plates available, first come, first served at \$25.00 ea. A great gift! Call or see David Bushey (221-6123)

**PLAY CUBE** for sale-little tykes w/slide and inside bench. measures 4'x4'x4'high made of h/d plastic. \$40.00 obo/call 845-226-3313

**Burgundy Sprint PALM TREO 755p.** Includes phone with battery, AC phone charger, stereo headset, USB Sync cable, software installation CD. \$75 or best offer. Call Hilary at 845-489-7106 or email hilary.e.holbrook@gmail.com.

**POP UP CAMPER** for sale -2001 FLEETWOOD CHEYENNE Immaculate, open, airy. Sleeps 6. In great shape. \$3800. Contact Randy or Lisa at 889-8469

**TIRES:**

(2) P205/75-14 BF Goodrich--Advantage Plus Tires on GM Rims, (1) P205/75-14 Uniroyal Tiger Paw X-TM Tire Only (never on vehicle) All for less than two rims would cost. \$50.00 for the whole lot or if you want to haggle, we'll start at \$75.00 and you'll still get the lot for \$50.00 Call Jim Irvin @ 221-9075

**HOME IMPROVEMENT:**

**COLORWORKS, INC.**—Painting, Faux Finishing, Wallpapering, Staining, Hardwood Flooring (Installation & Refinishing), All types of General Contracting & Remodeling. Call Kevin Mulligan 845-702-8532.

**BUILDING AN ADDITION?** Call Graham J. Boyd with your architectural design, interior design, space planning, graphic design or illustrations and renderings needs. Call: (845)224-5131 or email: GrahamJBoyd@gmail.com

**HOUSEHOLD:**

**NEPTUNE PLUMBING:** Stephen Maus--Repairs-Renovations-New Construction -- Licensed and Insured, 20+ Years Experience. Tele #845-226-7050, E-mail: NeptunePandH@aol.com.

**SMALL ENGINE REPAIR:** Need your snow blower, chain saw, lawn mower or other small engines repaired - call John Dailey at 226-6266

**HOUSE CLEANING-** experienced house cleaner available. Reliable. Reasonable rates. References available. Please call Heather 592-1992

**MEDICAL:**

**NURSING CARE** - Barbara Oniffrey, Registered Nurse, Medicaid Provider. Call 226-6495.

**MEDIQUIP LOAN CLOSET**—medical equipment available to borrow; located at the Poughkeepsie Reformed Church on Hooker Ave. - only open Wednesdays from 9:30 – noon. Phone: 452-0968.

**NOTARY PUBLIC:**

**Notary Services** Call Duncan Chisholm at 845-518-0518.

## A MYSTERY "UNCOVERED"

Submitted by David Bushey

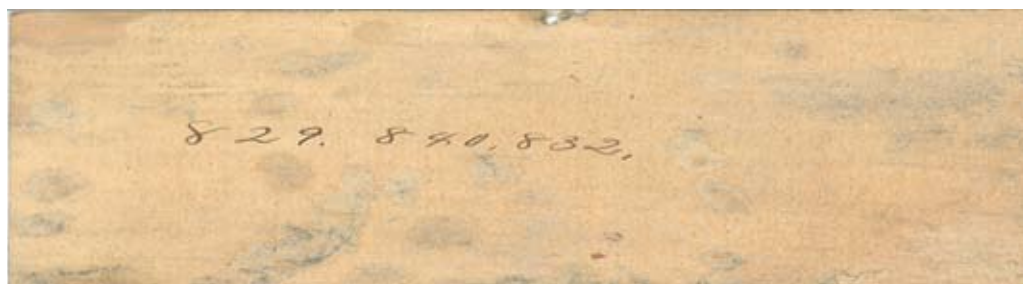
### CAN YOU HELP SOLVE THE MYSTERY?

During the construction of the new technology center in the sanctuary balcony, a section of the flooring was removed to expose the original 1834 floor. Lying on top of the old floorboards we discovered an early one-cent post card. It bears two partially legible post marks, one of which is clearly from the Hopewell Junction Post Office. A December date of cancellation is visible, but the year of cancellation is not readable. The card is addressed to Mr. C.H. VanWyck, Fishkill Plains, N.Y. On the reverse side of the card there is only a number which reads "829. 840.832." A small tear in the center top of the card suggests that at one time it may have been

thumb tacked to some surface in such a way that the number would show. Does anyone know of C.H. VanWyck? When were penny post cards issued? Why do you suppose Mr. VanWyck's mail, bearing only an enigmatic number, found its way under the floorboards? What might be the significance of the mystery number? If you would like to do some research or have a good theory it would be fun to hear your thoughts.



FRONT OF CARD



BACK OF CARD

# SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE

“EVERYONE ARISE AND LET IT SHINE”



Submitted by Linda Zieres  
Pictures by Linda Zieres and Mike Reynolds

After that, we broke into small groups to create Origami butterflies. Each person made his own, in the same way, yet each was different from the others in color and shape.

We gathered in the cold pre-dawn in Tymor Park to cross “the stream of living water” to stand at the foot of the cross on the hill. We sang “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” Pastor Mark read from Scripture and spoke of that fateful day in history. We were there as the sun rose over the hill and bathed us with light (and a little warmth).



Then we placed them on the cross.

We went back inside to enjoy some fellowship and a pancake breakfast prior to our Odyssey service at



10AM. Many residents from local group homes joined us that morning. Lynn and Wayne Morrison led us in some very enthusiastic worship and there was a profound sense of happiness and joy. Then, Alyssa Mast performed “Ode to Joy” on the viola.



After more fellowship and snacks we ended the morning with an Easter Egg Hunt!



# WORSHIP

## COMING UP IN WORSHIP

Submitted by Sherri Hondorp

**June 7** -Confirmation Sunday

**June 14** -Music Sunday; “Praise for All Creation”

We will offer our praise and gratitude for God’s creation through music.

**June 21** - Children’s Sunday and Graduation Sunday ;

A day of recognition and celebration of our Children’s and Youth Ministries, as well as our graduates.

**June 28** - Special Worship Event; “ A Journey to the Potter’s House”

This Sunday we will welcome Dr. Michael Ferris to speak and illustrate the message from Jeremiah of love, hope and redemption. “A Journey to the Potter’s House” is a high impact illustration that brings the scripture to life.

This message will be presented at both services. Please do not miss this special event; anyone who attended the Women’s Retreat in March can testify to the power of Dr. Ferris’ message.

**July 12, 19 & 26** - Randy Prentiss’ sermon series, *The Bible Happens*, will explore the question: Does the Bible speak to us in real ways about our lives today? This series will include Wednesday evening discussions to go deeper into the topics presented.



# CONSISTORY

## FROM THE ELDERS

Submitted by Shireen Gilbert

### What If God Used Twitter?

The latest trend in online social networking is called Twitter. Twitter allows you to communicate using updates known as tweets. Tweets are short messages that are sent to people called followers. Followers get real time, unfiltered updates on the daily activities and even the opinions of whomever they choose to follow. Recently there was a competition between a major news network and a popular celebrity to see who would be the first to have one million people following their tweets. (The celebrity won.)

What if God used Twitter to send updates to His followers? We probably would be surprised by the number and content of His tweets. We would receive tweets of “I love you.” and “I’m always here for you.” throughout the day and night. Sometimes the tweets might remind us to “Love your neighbor as yourself.” or “Forgive as I forgive you.” Maybe we would even receive a few tweets warning us

“Don’t be quick to get angry – you’ll look like a fool.” or “You can’t serve Me and money.” God’s tweets wouldn’t tell us how important He is; rather they would let us know how important we are to Him.

Now what if we used Twitter and sent out tweets knowing that God was one of the followers anxiously awaiting updates about our daily lives? Would how we interact with others change? Would we spend some of our time differently and in different places? Would even the internal conversation we have going in our heads change? Think about that.

Many of us will never use Twitter, but the idea behind it can help us practice living in the presence of God every minute of every day. So the next time you hear the word “Twitter” or “tweet”, take a moment and offer up a prayer of thanks to Jesus Christ who makes it possible for all of us to follow Him through this life and into eternity.

# EXTENDED CARE

## HOME-BASED MISSION

Submitted by Nancy Herrmann

On Sunday, May 3rd, Kristen O'Connor and I had the pleasure of visiting Tina Rentsch, an Extended Care family member, at her home. Tina is a long-time member of our church who lives alone, will be 95 years old this year, and does not get out much. During our visit, Tina shared many wonderful stories with us about her childhood, how she met her husband, and her long career as a dental assistant. She was very involved at HRC, and we really enjoyed hearing about how she helped out in the kitchen at HRC's Vacation Bible School and Applefest. As this was the first time we met her, Kristen and I were both struck with how energetic, hospitable, and humorous Tina was. She was delighted that we were there and, as we were about to leave, it struck me how lonely she must be. It occurred to me that if we hadn't been

seeking a Community Service for Confirmation, we might never have had the opportunity to meet this wonderful woman.

The sad thought also occurred to me that, although our church sends its people out on missions to faraway places, we sometimes don't recognize a mission field right in our own backyard. There are over 20 Extended Care family members who served in various HRC ministries for many years and still live locally. Many of them face loneliness every day. Won't you please consider a "home-based" mission and take some time out of your busy schedule to visit one of these faithful members of our HRC family? Nance Williford is waiting for your call! You can contact her at 221-1855, or email [nancejw@optonline.net](mailto:nancejw@optonline.net).

## SMILES ACROSS THE MILES

Submitted by Arlene Surprenant

The Extended Care Ministry will once again be sponsoring the popular "Smiles Across the Miles" postcard campaign for our Extended Care family members. We are asking anyone who will be traveling this summer to remember those who won't be able to get away.

Pick up a few picture postcards, write a brief, upbeat note to an "HRC friend", and drop your postcards in the mailbox located near the water fountain on the first floor. We will do the rest.



### From The Extended Care Committee:

93-year old Mildred Pearson recently enjoyed her first hot air balloon ride as it did a test lift-off from the Johnson Farm on Carpenter Road.



## Staff & Teams

Taylor Holbrook  
Pam Hansen  
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Prayer Team

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Expansion Team  
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Finance Team  
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Sheryle Silvern  
Dylan Ackley  
Mike Boyd  
Jan Bushey  
Lucia Eckhardt

### BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

Faye Lotze  
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Nancy Geysen  
Director  
Lead Teacher  
Assistant Teacher

## Next Issue FALL

All articles must be received in the church office or by e-mail no later than **August 10, 2009, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

When submitting an article, please be sure to provide the name and phone number of the person submitting the information in case there are any questions. Either drop the article and any other support documentation in the newsletter mailbox, or use e-mail. When using e-mail, please provide all requested information in your mail and ATTACH any other support documentation to:

**HRCNewsletter@HRCRCA.org**

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(845) 227.8671



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### RENTALS:

**VACATION HOME:** Charming Cape Cod vacation home for rent. Ocean view. Located in Eastham, MA. Reasonable rate. Call Heather @ 592-1992

**VACATION RENTAL PROPERTY-Lake George:**

Spacious log home at Huletts Landing on Lake George available for weekly vacation rental. Three bedrooms, two full baths, full kitchen, living room w/ stone fireplace, dining area, family room w/ ping pong table, wrap around deck. Canoe and kayak on premises. Lake access, one block from lake, incredible views. Golf, beach, basketball, tennis, ice cream shop all within one mile. Excellent NY and VT skiing within an hour. Rural setting, quiet getaway. Pictures available. Call Chris and Pam Hansen. (845-226-1046) for more details.

### THRIFT SHOPS/FOOD CLOSETS:

**THE BARN THRIFT SHOP** – accepting donations. Proceeds support almost 40 different ministries in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Call for information and hours 845-635-9630

**THRIFT SHOP**– at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 845-635-2854

**FOOD CLOSET** - HRC has food available for anyone in need. If you or someone you know could use our help please call Patty Coppola at 227-8277 or LeeAnn O'Connor 223-6750.

# JUNE CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TIME	EVENT	TIME	EVENT		
1	10:00 AM	Al-Anon Serenity Group	04:00 PM	Common Ground	23	06:45 PM	uTurn Rehearsal	
	07:15 PM	A.A.	06:00 PM	BIG Worship		06:59 PM	HOPE	
2	06:30 PM	B.S. Jamboree	15	10:00 AM	Al-Anon Serenity Group	24	07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message
	06:45 PM	uTurn Rehearsal		07:15 PM	A.A.		06:00 PM	M.Mikhail
3	07:00 PM	Communications Team	16	9:30 AM	DCPoMs	25	07:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 48
	07:00 PM	Crossroads Rehearsal		06:45 PM	uTurn Rehearsal		01:30 PM	Staff meeting
4	07:00 PM	Deacons	17	9:59 AM	Yoga	26	07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team
	07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message		10:00 AM	Director's Meeting		07:00 PM	Support Group
5	07:30 PM	B.S. Jamboree Troop	18	06:00 PM	Wednesday at the Well	27	07:15 PM	A.A.
	10:00 AM	Yoga		06:00 PM	M.Mikhail		08:00 PM	Al-Anon-Hpwell Friendship
6	10:00 AM	Director's Meeting	19	07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team	28	07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message
	04:30 PM	Brownie Troop 10026		07:00 PM	Chancel Choir		8:45 AM	The Gathering
7	06:00 PM	Wednesday at the Well	20	07:00 PM	Support Group	29	9:59 AM	HRCJourney
	06:00 PM	M.Mikhail		07:15 PM	A.A.		10:30 AM	Foundations
8	07:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 48	21	08:00 PM	Al-Anon-Hpwell Friendship	30	12:00 PM	FUGE Team Building
	07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		02:00 PM	Private Event
9	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	22	07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message	31	04:00 PM	Common Ground
	07:00 PM	Support Group		07:30 PM	Support Group		10:00 AM	Al-Anon Serenity Group
10	07:15 PM	A.A.	23	07:30 PM	BB Graduation	32	07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message
	08:00 PM	Al-Anon-Hpwell Friendship		07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		10:00 AM	Director's Meeting
11	9:30 AM	DCPoMS	24	07:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 48	33	07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message
	02:00 PM	Blood Drive		06:00 PM	M.Mikhail		07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team
12	03:45 PM	Daisy Troop	25	06:00 PM	Wednesday at the Well	34	07:00 PM	Support Group
	07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message		06:00 PM	M.Mikhail		07:15 PM	A.A.
13	8:45 AM	The Gathering	26	06:00 PM	BB Graduation	35	08:00 PM	Common Ground
	9:50 AM	Cherubs Rehearsal		07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		10:00 AM	Al-Anon Serenity Group
14	10:00 AM	HRCJourney	27	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	36	07:00 PM	Support Group
	10:30 AM	Foundations		07:15 PM	A.A.		07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team
15	12:00 PM	Dance Team	28	07:00 PM	Support Group	37	07:00 PM	Support Group
	02:00 PM	Piano recital		07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
16			29	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	38	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
17			30	07:00 PM	Support Group	39	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
18			31	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	40	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
19			32	07:00 PM	Support Group	41	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
20			33	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	42	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
21			34	07:00 PM	Support Group	43	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
22			35	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	44	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
23			36	07:00 PM	Support Group	45	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
24			37	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	46	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
25			38	07:00 PM	Support Group	47	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
26			39	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	48	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
27			40	07:00 PM	Support Group	49	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
28			41	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	50	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
29			42	07:00 PM	Support Group	51	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
30			43	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	52	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
31			44	07:00 PM	Support Group	53	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
32			45	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	54	07:00 PM	Support Group
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33			46	07:00 PM	Support Group	55	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
34			47	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	56	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
35			48	07:00 PM	Support Group	57	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
36			49	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	58	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
37			50	07:00 PM	Support Group	59	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
38			51	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	60	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
39			52	07:00 PM	Support Group	61	07:00 PM	Support Group
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41			54	07:00 PM	Support Group	63	07:00 PM	Support Group
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42			55	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	64	07:00 PM	Support Group
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43			56	07:00 PM	Support Group	65	07:00 PM	Support Group
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44			57	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	66	07:00 PM	Support Group
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45			58	07:00 PM	Support Group	67	07:00 PM	Support Group
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46			59	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	68	07:00 PM	Support Group
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47			60	07:00 PM	Support Group	69	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
48			61	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	70	07:00 PM	Support Group
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49			62	07:00 PM	Support Group	71	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
50			63	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	72	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
51			64	07:00 PM	Support Group	73	07:00 PM	Support Group
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52			65	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	74	07:00 PM	Support Group
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53			66	07:00 PM	Support Group	75	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
54			67	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	76	07:00 PM	Support Group
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55			68	07:00 PM	Support Group	77	07:00 PM	Support Group
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56			69	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	78	07:00 PM	Support Group
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57			70	07:00 PM	Support Group	79	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
58			71	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	80	07:00 PM	Support Group
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59			72	07:00 PM	Support Group	81	07:00 PM	Support Group
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60			73	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	82	07:00 PM	Support Group
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61			74	07:00 PM	Support Group	83	07:00 PM	Support Group
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62			75	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	84	07:00 PM	Support Group
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63			76	07:00 PM	Support Group	85	07:00 PM	Support Group
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64			77	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	86	07:00 PM	Support Group
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65			78	07:00 PM	Support Group	87	07:00 PM	Support Group
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66			79	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	88	07:00 PM	Support Group
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67			80	07:00 PM	Support Group	89	07:00 PM	Support Group
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68			81	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	90	07:00 PM	Support Group
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69			82	07:00 PM	Support Group	91	07:00 PM	Support Group
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71			84	07:00 PM	Support Group	93	07:00 PM	Support Group
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73			86	07:00 PM	Support Group	95	07:00 PM	Support Group
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74			87	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	96	07:00 PM	Support Group
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75			88	07:00 PM	Support Group	97	07:00 PM	Support Group
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76			89	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	98	07:00 PM	Support Group
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77			90	07:00 PM	Support Group	99	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group
78			91	07:00 PM	Chancel Choir	100	07:00 PM	Support Group
				07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team		07:00 PM	Support Group

# JULY

# CALLENDAR

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>3</b>	OFFICE CLOSED				
03:00 PM	Wedding	<b>13</b>	Al-Anon Serenity Group	8:00 AM	ChristCare Training
07:00 PM	Renegades Game		A.A.	01:30 PM	Staff meeting
07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message	<b>14</b>	Missions Sub-Teams	07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team
<b>5</b>	The Gathering		AA - Carry the Message	07:15 PM	A.A.
8:45 AM	HRCjourney	<b>15</b>	Director's Meeting	8:00 AM	ChristCare Training
9:59 AM	Foundations			07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message
10:30 AM	Common Ground	<b>16</b>	Power Hour Prayer Team		
<b>6</b>	Al-Anon Serenity Group		A.A.	8:00 AM	ChristCare Training
10:00 AM	A.A.	<b>17</b>	AA - Carry the Message		
07:15 PM	B.S. Jamboree			8:45 AM	The Gathering
<b>7</b>	Deacons	<b>18</b>	Wedding	9:59 AM	HRCjourney
06:30 PM	B.S. Jamboree Troop			10:30 AM	Foundations
07:00 PM	AA - Carry the Message	<b>19</b>	The Gathering	04:00 PM	Common Ground
07:30 PM	Director's Meeting		HRCjourney		
<b>8</b>	Power Hour Prayer Team	<b>20</b>	Common Ground	10:00 AM	Al-Anon Serenity Group
10:00 AM	A.A.			07:00 PM	Deacons
<b>9</b>	AA - Carry the Message	<b>21</b>	DCPoMs	07:15 PM	A.A.
07:00 PM	Private Event		Consistory	07:30 PM	ChristCare Equippers
07:15 PM	The Gathering	<b>22</b>	AA - Carry the Message	07:00 PM	Missions Team
<b>10</b>	HRCjourney		CMP Site Leaders	07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message
07:30 PM	Foundations		ChristCare Training		
<b>11</b>	Wedding	<b>23</b>		07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team
12:00 PM	Common Ground			07:15 PM	A.A.
<b>12</b>	Common Ground	<b>24</b>		8:00 AM	ChristCare Training
8:45 AM	The Gathering			07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message
9:59 AM	HRCjourney	<b>25</b>			
10:30 AM	Foundations			8:00 AM	ChristCare Training
02:00 PM	Wedding	<b>26</b>		8:45 AM	The Gathering
04:00 PM	Common Ground			9:59 AM	HRCjourney
		<b>27</b>		10:30 AM	Foundations
				04:00 PM	Common Ground
		<b>28</b>			
				10:00 AM	Al-Anon Serenity Group
				07:00 PM	Deacons
		<b>29</b>		07:15 PM	A.A.
				07:00 PM	ChristCare Equippers
				07:00 PM	Missions Team
		<b>30</b>		07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message
				10:00 AM	Director's Meeting
		<b>31</b>		07:00 PM	Power Hour Prayer Team
				07:15 PM	A.A.
				07:30 PM	AA - Carry the Message

# AUGUST CALENDAR

TIME	EVENT	TIME	EVENT	TIME	EVENT
2	8:45 AM The Gathering 9:59 AM HRCjourney 10:30 AM Foundations 04:00 PM Common Ground	12	9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 10:00 AM Director's Meeting	23	8:45 AM The Gathering 9:59 AM HRCjourney 10:30 AM Foundations 04:00 PM Common Ground
3	10:00 AM Al-Anon Serenity Group 07:15 PM A.A.	13	9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 07:00 PM Power Hour Prayer Team 07:15 PM A.A.	24	10:00 AM Al-Anon Serenity Group 07:15 PM A.A.
4	06:30 PM B.S. Jamboree 07:30 PM B.S. Jamboree Troop 07:30 PM AA - Carry the Message	14	9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 07:30 PM AA - Carry the Message	25	07:00 PM ChristCare Equippers 07:00 PM Missions Team 07:30 PM AA - Carry the Message
5	10:00 AM Director's Meeting	16	8:45 AM The Gathering 9:59 AM HRCjourney 10:30 AM Foundations 04:00 PM Common Ground	26	10:00 AM Director's Meeting
6	07:00 PM Power Hour Prayer Team 07:15 PM A.A.	17	10:00 AM Al-Anon Serenity Group 07:00 PM Stephen Ministry - PS 07:15 PM A.A. 07:30 PM Finance Team	27	01:30 PM Staff meeting 07:00 PM Power Hour Prayer Team 07:15 PM A.A.
7	07:30 PM AA - Carry the Message	18	07:30 PM Consistory 07:30 PM AA - Carry the Message 07:30 PM CMP Site Leaders	28	07:30 PM AA - Carry the Message
8	7:57 AM Men's Breakfast 07:30 PM Wedding	19	10:00 AM Director's Meeting	30	8:45 AM The Gathering 9:59 AM HRCjourney 10:30 AM Foundations 04:00 PM Common Ground
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10	9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 10:00 AM Al-Anon Serenity Group 07:15 PM A.A.	21	07:30 PM AA - Carry the Message		
11	9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 07:00 PM Missions Sub-Teams 07:30 PM AA - Carry the Message	22	03:00 PM Wedding non-member		

# BIRTHDAYS: JUNE , July , August

## JUNE

Dave Morey	06/01	Allison McIntyre	06/22	Ryan Clark	07/12
Florence Dickie	06/02	Miriam Shogren	06/22	David McIntyre II	07/13
Trevor French	06/02	Diane Volk	06/22	Shannon Faughnan	07/14
Samantha Kops	06/02	Carly Lovelett	06/23	Kristen O'Connor	07/14
Jim Booth	06/03	Silas LaBorde	06/24	Elizabeth Bosan	07/15
Arlene Surprenant	06/03	Nicole Ryan	06/24	Meghan Chisholm	07/15
Kristi Kaye	06/05	Duncan Chisholm	06/25	Paul Coppola	07/15
Emma Lloyd	06/05	“Richard, Jr. Knesnik”	06/25	Pete Jaeger	07/15
Ron Abramowitz	06/06	Susan Owen	06/25	Rachel Martin	07/15
Fred Keane	06/06	Scott Campbell	06/27	Ruth Martin	07/15
Garrett Lee	06/07	Katelynn Cherry	06/27	Steve Dambra	07/16
Kevin Geysen	06/09	Dylan Ackley	06/28	Stephen Conklin	07/17
Mark Stalter	06/09	Juliet Adamo	06/28	Nancy Herrmann	07/17
Jerry Bell	06/10	Joseph D'Agostino	06/28	Jennifer Nieves	07/17
Joe Comolli	06/10	Laura Hack	06/28	Kathy Pecoraro	07/17
Donna Hitsman	06/10	Harvey Jennings	06/29	Joshua Barach	07/18
Lauren Ackley	06/11	Nora Levy	06/29	Thomas Budryk	07/18
Daniel Beal	06/11	Ed Alkiewicz	06/30	Keith Hack	07/18
Robert Flanagan	06/12	David Hondorp	06/30	Carole Kuney	07/18
Evan Coe	06/13	June Killeen	06/30	Kerri Letizia	07/18
Meghan Starr	06/13			Chad Perez	07/18
Amanda Cadwallader	06/15			Brian Luhrs	07/20
Tom Hondorp	06/16			Sheryle Silvern	07/20
Daniel Schweitzer	06/16			Brianna Tranchina	07/20
Eric Zindler	06/16			Robert Alley	07/21
Allison DiGregorio	06/17			Rick Chrisville	07/21
Kevin Langone	06/17			Isaac Knoernschild	07/21
Beth Lazzaro	06/17			Matthew Feehan	07/22
Robert Ferrell	06/18			Caroline McIntyre	07/22
Ann Hack	06/18			Betsy Dommreis	07/23
Jessica Hack	06/18			Michael Morabito	07/23
Sarah Holbrook	06/18			Tyler Reschke	07/23
Jennifer Narbaiz	06/18			Justin Duwe	07/24
David Bushey	06/19			Paula Engel	07/24
Luke Bean	06/20			Alma McCaffery	07/24
T.K. Schueren	06/20			Brock Rice	07/24
Jane Flanagan	06/21			Ben Shenkman	07/24
Matthew Hanna	06/21			Louie Arocho	07/25
Steven Luhrs	06/21			Amy Ferrell	07/25
John DiFede	06/22			Michele Ryan	07/26
				Josh Beals	07/27
				Caroline Conston	07/27

## JULY

Karli Kaye	07/01		
Elke Marsh	07/01		
Lorraine Smith	07/01		
Jimmy Traill	07/04		
Daniel Dehn	07/06		
Jasmine Taylor	07/06		
Valerie Clark	07/08		
Kelsey Coppola	07/08		
Bryan Gates	07/09		
Brian Bosan	07/10		
Lisa Fasciglione	07/10		
Alma Garvan	07/10		
Linda Ritter	07/10		
Christian Simon	07/10		
Karen Gomba	07/11		
Donald Hitsman	07/11		
Kurt Knoernschild	07/11		
Brett Bernstein	07/12		

**Shannon Herrmann** 07/27  
**Connor March** 07/27  
**Robert Friedemann** 07/28  
**Marvelle Hondorp** 07/28  
**Rachel McClellan** 07/28  
**Rick Goerg** 07/29  
**Carol Wilson** 07/29  
**Shannon Doyle** 07/30  
**Randy Prentiss** 07/30  
**Taylor Holbrook** 07/31

**Naomi Pucarelli** 08/06  
**John Dailey** 08/07  
**Ellen St. George** 08/07  
**Kim Praino** 08/08  
**Curt Warren** 08/08  
**Kelly Dawson** 08/09  
**John Zammikiel** 08/09  
**Amy Alkiewicz** 08/10  
**Diana Murphy** 08/10  
**Amy Abramowitz** 08/11  
**Joe Comolli** 08/11  
**Barbara Garay** 08/11  
**Sarah Ruvo** 08/11  
**Sarah Barlow** 08/12  
**Erik Reschke** 08/12  
**Kit Wrye** 08/12  
**Wendy Johnson** 08/13  
**Valerie Lovelett** 08/13  
**Steven Mihalik** 08/13  
**Faith Archer** 08/14  
**Carlos LaBorde** 08/14  
**Leslie MacConnell** 08/14  
**Colette Varanouskas** 08/14  
**Tom Williams** 08/14  
**Amanda Friedemann** 08/16  
**Bob Lazzaro** 08/16  
**Rich Lotze** 08/16  
**Florence Sherwood** 08/16  
**Russ Hiller** 08/17  
**Alex Martin** 08/17  
**Joanne Martin** 08/17  
**Nicholas Hughes** 08/18  
**Jill Mast** 08/18

**Daniel Murphy** 08/18  
**Elise Scagnelli** 08/19  
**Ellie Smalley** 08/19  
**Peter Viau** 08/19  
**Lia Mowbray** 08/20  
**Evelyn Devine** 08/21  
**Sven Nordlund** 08/21  
**Mandi Smalley** 08/21  
**Wes Dungan** 08/22  
**Debbie Brady** 08/23  
**Bertha Lee** 08/23  
**Mary Lou Miller** 08/23  
**Dave Schuster** 08/23  
**Michaela Simon** 08/23  
**Doug Bean** 08/24  
**Madeline Gerlach** 08/24  
**Linnea Nordlund** 08/24  
**Halima Oloritun** 08/24  
**Aidan Feehan** 08/25  
**Alyssa Mast** 08/25  
**Traci Mulligan** 08/25  
**Ryan Doherty** 08/26  
**Christopher DiFede** 08/27  
**Tim Juliano** 08/27  
**Meghan Lynch** 08/28  
**Michael Pearlman** 08/28  
**Katie Seregely** 08/28  
**Babs Conklin** 08/29  
**Karl Volk** 08/29  
**Percy Gilbert** 08/30  
**Tom Kutch** 08/30  
**Gary Sawyer** 08/30  
**Timothy Burger** 08/31

## AUGUST

**Christy Seregely** 08/01  
**Eveline Dehn** 08/02  
**Linda Giardino** 08/02  
**Eric Jennings** 08/02  
**AJ Martin** 08/02  
**Carol O'Malley** 08/02  
**Colin McClellan** 08/03  
**Cyndy Warren** 08/03  
**Holly Weber** 08/03  
**David Barlow** 08/04  
**Jan Bushey** 08/04  
**JanDell Miller** 08/04  
**William Reschke III** 08/04  
**Emily Silvern** 08/04  
**Jason Smoot** 08/04  
**Bill Bath** 08/05  
**Caroline Boyd** 08/05  
**Bob Pucarelli** 08/05  
**Doug Archer** 08/06  
**Shawn Federighi** 08/06



# PASTORAL CARE

## PASTORAL CARE IN ACTION

Submitted by Pam Hansen

In April our church and community traumatically lost a beloved member. Bernie Argyle, husband of Barbara, father, grandfather, and brilliant scientist, contributed far more to his family, friends, career, church, and community than can possibly be expressed in a few words. Bernie will be missed by us all in many, many ways. Truly, he left his mark.

The sudden tragedy of his fall, hospitalization and eventual passing was bathed in love, care, and support of family and friends. He was deeply loved by many. But there is another element of care that Bernie had that is an inspiration to us all.

Bernie was a dedicated member of two ChristCare groups. When the call came from Barbara to notify the church of Bernie's fall, I began to think of how we could support this family in crisis. Calls to members of his ChristCare group went out and, in under an hour, people dropped whatever they were doing to be beside Barbara at the hospital. When Taylor and I arrived at the hospital, Bernie, Barbara, and their family was surrounded by caring, praying friends.

An email went out to our eprayer chain and, within minutes, many committed prayer warriors were

praying for Bernie and the Argyle Family. The Power Hour Prayer Team gathered and earnestly prayed.

Meals were lovingly prepared and delivered to the Argyle home.

This is all pastoral care in action. Pastoral care is not the job of the pastor alone. That would be impossible. It is the job of everyone! God calls each of us to care for one another. The Acts 2 church clearly teaches that each and every one of us are called to care for one another.

If you are a member of a ChristCare group, you already know the benefits. If you have not yet joined a group, consider joining one. And whether you are in a group or not, care for one another. Neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family members will benefit from it. And YOU will be cared for and also receive tremendous blessings!

# CHRISTCARE

## CHRISTCARE LEADERS NEEDED

Submitted by Birgit Chisholm

Now that we have educated you about our small group ministry, ChristCare, we need to train some new leaders! Being a ChristCare leader is a large commitment, but a worthwhile one. If God is nudging you to take this step, listen carefully. There is a group of people – ChristCare Equippers – who have been praying for Him to do just that.

We have prayed for God to help us select the right people to be in our next ChristCare leaders' class. The class will be a 4 day course beginning July 15 and ending July 18, from 8:30 AM– 4:30 PM. While the duration of the training is a bit shorter than usual, we hope to make it easier for potential leaders to fit this into their schedules. Be assured, the topics covered will not be reduced!

In addition to meeting with their groups, ChristCare leaders meet on the second Tuesday of the month with the ChristCare Equippers (Mike Boyd, Neal Marsh, Jeanne Campbell and Randy Prentiss). At this meeting, called SEA group, ChristCare leaders are given Support, Encouragement and Accountability for their groups.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a ChristCare leader. We have many members of our congregation who are still looking to join a group but are in need of more leaders!



# MISSIONS: INTERNATIONAL

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Submitted by Ellen Pearson

The April mission trip to the Dominican Republic was an incredible experience! An intergenerational team of eighteen members from HRC travelled to the Samana Peninsula to continue our partnership work with the people there. The team included families, teens and adults. This was the first trip to the DR for several of the team members. Our team provided much support in the way of medical clinics, a Vacation Bible School program, and construction work at a local hospital. We were also blessed to spend some time with the sponsored school children from Lidia's Kids.



We were able to provide four medical clinics within small communities throughout the Samana Peninsula. Working closely with our Dominican friends, Dr. Abner, Dr. Carlos and Pastor Jose, we treated and encouraged over 550 people who came through the doors of the churches that hosted us. To date, we have served almost 5,000 people and nearly 20 churches! It was a real joy to see the efforts of Barbie Richardson, KC Schuster, Theresa Gerlach, Maryann Congi, Becca Congi and Ellen Pearson come together like a well oiled machine. Each person was responsible for a different part of the clinic that complimented their efforts with those of the doctors and Pastor Jose, who provided spiritual leadership to the team.



The primary purpose of the clinics or “operatives” is not to treat the health issues of those who come to us, but to provide a place and time for spiritual healing and to give the pastors of these churches an opportunity for outreach within their own communities. We have witnessed the renewal of faith and spiritual salvation for many people at the clinics. The ministry we are working through, Sowers of the Kingdom, has developed relationships with many local pastors and looks forward to returning again to assist them in their ministries by providing this outreach opportunity.



We were blessed to have the opportunity to partner with Pastor Jesusita and run a VBS for almost 100 Dominican children. They learned about the power of faith while watching skits about Moses, Daniel, Peter and Jonah. Some of the kids put on costumes and helped us with the skits. The kids especially loved watching the whale swallowing Jonah and the lions attacking Daniel. Following the skits we sang songs and did crafts that reinforced the story for that day. They ended each day playing outside with balls, jump ropes, bubbles and a huge parachute. The VBS team included Tony & Christina Congi, Linda Smith, Susan & Josh Nieves, Paul & Sam Pearson, Katelyn Schuster and Madeline Gerlach.



Our final “work” project was actually a lot of fun. Our friend Lidia Dickinson hosted a cookout and Easter egg hunt for Lidia’s Kids at her home. These are the kids who are part of the sponsorship program HRC is involved with to provide them with a decent education. We spent time with the kids playing games, singing songs and watching them enjoy their first ever Easter egg hunt. They went crazy searching for the eggs which were hidden in Lidia’s beautiful yard and gardens.

What really touched all of our hearts came on the last day when Pastor Jesusita told us she had prayed that one day her little church would be able to have a VBS. HRC was an answer to her prayers and she now feels she is able to plan and organize a VBS at other churches in the area. Pastor Jesusita said that children are the future of the church. We talked about planting seeds to spread God’s word and what better way than through the children. We really felt like Sowers of the Kingdom on this trip.

The construction work at the hospital included scraping and painting the main lobby and several patient rooms and updating the small kitchen which was in deplorable condition. The VBS team worked each morning at the hospital before they headed over to do the VBS in the afternoon. Other construction team members included Gerry Richardson, Nelson Nieves and Bruce Pearson, who remained at the hospital. We had to set up a temporary kitchen before we could demolish the old kitchen. Once this was accomplished, we worked with our Dominican partners to provide and install a new gas stove, new sinks and counter top, plumbing, hot water heater and we painted the kitchen. Our partners really worked hard and took the lead by providing much of the skilled labor and helped us coordinate all of the work.



We are encouraged by the relationships that we have been developing in the Dominican Republic. Each of the mission trips we do there reinforces our relationships and provides more opportunities to share the love of Christ in different ways. HRC’s support is planting more and more seeds for God’s Kingdom here on earth.

# MISSIONS: INTERNATIONAL

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Submitted by Nelson Nieves

### WHEN YOU KNOW THAT GOD APPROVES

This was my fourth mission trip to the Dominican Republic; the first three were exceptionally uplifting, spiritually stimulating, and packed with servanthood. The preparation for this recent trip was extensive and, I must admit, it wore me down. This time we were going to stretch ourselves and do three different ministries: construction/painting of a hospital, holding medical clinics in several neighboring communities, and for the first time, holding a Vacation Bible School for 80 to 100 kids. Would this trip measure up to the previous ones? Would it be sanctioned by God himself? Would the angels in heaven watch over us and give the needed support? We received our answer in numerous ways, but I would like to mention just one.

**Will the Angels in Heaven watch over us and give the needed support? We received our answer in numerous ways.**

Before entering our primary mission town of Las Terenas, we had to drive up and down a rather challenging winding mountain. It was extremely scenic and drivers must beware. We had a bus and a van load of HRC missionaries; I was in the van, and the bus was directly ahead of us. As we began downward, we hugged the side of the mountain by constantly turning left. On a couple of occasions the turn was extreme and partially hid the on-coming traffic heading up the mountain. It was at one of these turns that it happened. A sign/message from God that we did not initially understand; it could have been a show stopper, a major turning point, a disaster at the crossroad, a dead end. Instead it was a small miracle shouting to all that this team, hand selected by the Father, was to do great things by bringing life, excitement, mercy, and good works to his blessed children of the Caribbean. A young man coming up the mountain on a motor bike must have been in a big hurry because he was going way too fast to make that turn and, uncontrollably, drove into the oncoming traffic heading down the mountain. It happened so fast that no one could have reacted in time. It literally took our breath away leaving us speechless. The first one to recover was Tony Congi who screamed out "Did you see that kid?"

It is just amazing how the timing was so precise and how everything and everybody was specifically where

they needed to be to experience this extraordinary event. I compared it to the recent landing of the jet airliner in the Hudson. If one were to try a landing like that 100 times, 99 would probably be fatal in some way, shape or form. Everything: the waves, the wind, the speed, and of course the faith, has to be surgically in sync with the Father at the helm.

This kid recklessly came out of nowhere and slammed against the bus in such a way that it actually provided the controlling factor needed for him to straighten out

and continue on his way. Had the bus been one nano second slower it would have been a head on collision creating a nauseating scene that would have changed the entire temperament of the trip. Had the bus moved faster, he would have had a head on collision with us

in the van that was following the bus. Had he not hit the bus at such an exact spot and moment, his short, inexperienced life would have abruptly ended or been radically changed forever. I checked the bus afterwards and saw the small dent where his shoulder hit keeping him upright and, the extra side steel plating that the motor bike caromed off, preventing him from being mutilated. I'm sure his sweat glands didn't stop reacting for hours and that he has counted his blessings a thousand times over. God used us to extend the important life of that young man.

Whatever God has planned for him must be huge. I know that he provided us with a life giving, energetic trip overflowing with divine events. For that incident set the stage for a remarkable week that gave us all a foretaste of what is to come in heaven.

**It was a small miracle shouting to all that this team, hand selected by the Father, was to do great things...**

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

## ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Submitted by Elke Marsh

### What Exactly Is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised lay persons, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties.

### Who Is Involved?

Stephen Leaders are the ones who oversee and direct our Stephen Ministry. They recruit, select, train, organize, and supervise our Stephen Ministers, identify people in need of care, and match them with a Stephen Minister. We have five Stephen Leaders. They are Sara Irvin, Pam Hansen, Kay Booth, Caroline Boyd, and Elke Marsh.

Stephen Ministers are the caregivers. They have been through 50 hours of training in Christian caregiving, including general topics such as listening, feelings, boundaries, assertiveness, and using Christian resources in caregiving. We currently have 18 active Stephen Ministers. They are Carol Bean, Kay Booth, Caroline Boyd, Gary Cassaro, Jim Collins, Marge Freitag, Sara Irvin, Barbara LeGrand, Faye Lotze, Elke Marsh, Joanne Martin, Miranda Mikhail, Carl Nuessle, Karen Nuessle, Anne Ryan, Jan Sabellico, Beth Seregely, and Sasha Steenson.

Care receivers are the recipients of Stephen Ministers' care. They are people from our church or community who are experiencing divorce, grief, loss of a job, loneliness, hospitalization, terminal illness, or any of an endless number of other life difficulties. Stephen Ministers usually meet with their care receivers once a week for about an hour for as long as the care receiver will benefit by the relationship.

### What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers are caring Christian friends who listen, understand, accept, and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a crisis or a tough time.

### Are Stephen Ministers Counselors?

Stephen Ministers are not counselors; they are trained caregivers. Their role is to listen and care – not give advice or counsel. Stephen Ministers are also trained to recognize when care receiver's need exceeds what they can provide.



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### Can I Trust a Stephen Minister?

Trust is essential to a caring relationship, and Stephen Ministers are people you can trust. Confidentiality is one of the most important principles of Stephen Ministry, and what a care receiver tells his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strict confidence.

### How Can Someone Receive Care from a Stephen Minister?

Pam Hansen is our Stephen Leader who coordinates referrals. If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, you can talk to Pam Hansen, who is the Stephen Ministry Team Coordinator. If you want to talk about Stephen Ministry for someone else, make sure you get his or her permission first.

### How Can Someone Become a Stephen Minister?

Begin by talking to one of our Stephen Leaders or Stephen Ministers and they can tell you more. We usually train a new class of Stephen Ministers every year and we plan to begin our next training class in September. Stephen Ministers make a two-year commitment to serve.

# YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

## SPECIAL EVENT FOR JR & SR HIGH GIRLS

Submitted by Nancy Herrmann

The REVOLVE Tour for Teen Girls is back!

Come hear awesome live music from contemporary Christian artists like Group 1 Crew and Stellar Kart!

Listen to inspiring real-life stories from speakers Jenna Lucado, Chad Eastham and more!

No matter where you are in your personal walk with Christ, you will not walk away from this exciting weekend unchanged.

This year we are headed down to the Women of Faith REVOLVE Conference for Teen Girls in Philadelphia.

Of the 313,000 teen girls that have attended Revolve since it began in 2005, over 27,000 made a first-time decision for Christ at one of these events. So come and bring a friend (or two)!

We are in need of leaders to make this event happen. Moms/older sisters/Youth Group leaders in our church, you will love this weekend too.

For more information, please contact Nancy Herrmann at 226-7824 or email [nangalvin@aol.com](mailto:nangalvin@aol.com).

**Friday, Nov 6 - Saturday, Nov. 7  
Philadelphia**

If you are a girl in Junior or Senior High, you do not want to miss this fun event !



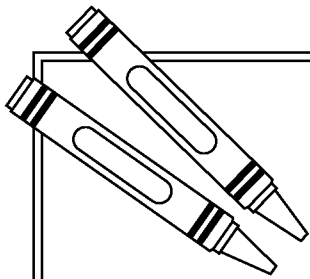
## CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Submitted by Karen Gomba



In May we honored Beth Seregely for the way she has dedicated her time and talents to a variety of ministries here at HRC. She has provided childcare for ChristCare groups, served on the BANK team, is a

Stephen Minister, was a Sunday School teacher, and has most recently helped out as a youth office administrator. In this last capacity she performed data entry, recorded Sunday School attendance and acted as the communication focal point. **Thanks, Beth, for all you've done!**



# Just for **KIDS**

## TRAVEL BY DAY OR NIGHT

The way people travel has changed over time, but one thing has not changed — God was with people in biblical times just as He is with you and your family as you travel during your summer vacations.

Count the number of letters for each name, and then write the name in the spaces next to the verse that matches. (*Hint: Besides counting the number of letters in the name, also pay attention to whether the person is from the Old Testament or New Testament.*)

### NAMES

Paul    Moses    Joseph    The Israelites    Abram    crowds  
Samaritan    Jesus    Naaman    Angel of God

### VERSES

“The \_\_\_\_\_ ... had been traveling in front of Israel’s army ....” Exodus 14:19

“And \_\_\_\_\_ went out from Pharaoh’s presence and traveled throughout Egypt.” Genesis 41:46

“Go in peace,” said Elisha. After \_\_\_\_\_ had traveled some distance ....” 2 Kings 5:19

“\_\_\_\_\_ traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem.” Genesis 12:6

\_\_\_\_\_ “traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece.” Acts 20:2

“\_\_\_\_\_ traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God.” Luke 8:1

“Large \_\_\_\_\_ were traveling with Jesus.” Luke 14:25

“\_\_\_\_\_ traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho.” Numbers 22:1

“\_\_\_\_\_ led Israel from the Red Sea .... For three days they traveled in the desert ....” Exodus 15:22

“But a \_\_\_\_\_, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.” Luke 10:33

Answers: Angel of God; Joseph; Samaritan; Paul; Jesus; crowds; The Israelites; Moses; Naaman; Abram;

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# TRAVEL BINGO

Summer travel is fun, but sometimes getting to the destination can take a long time. Try this homemade bingo game to entertain you and your family while you vacation this summer.

### What you need:

- Sheets of 8½" x 11" paper (one for each player)
- Stickers (16 for each player)
- Pencil, pen, marker or crayon

### What you do:

1. Before your trip, list different things you might see as you travel.
2. Take each 8½" x 11" sheet of paper and fold it in half, from top to bottom. Fold it in half again from top to bottom. Then fold it in half from side to side and then again. Unfold the paper and you should have 16 equal-sized squares, four across horizontally and four down vertically.
3. Family members write one thing from the list in each of the 16 squares. They can place them in any order. For non-readers, someone can draw pictures in each square.
4. Put the sheets and stickers in the car in an easy-to-reach place.
5. While traveling, when you see an object that's on your card, say it out loud. Put a sticker in that square.
6. The first person to get four in a row wins the first round. The first person to fill two rows wins the second round. The first person to fill the entire sheet wins the game.

# YOUTH MISSIONS

## BARNABAS TEAM A SUCCESS

Submitted by Lourdes Kleid



MATT BROWNING AND THE BARNABAS TEAM

For the past 4 years HRC has sent a Barnabas Team to work with Mexico Outreach during their spring camps in Mexico. This year's participants were: Sarah and Hilary Holbrook, Michael Pearlman, Meghan Chisholm and Lourdes Kleid. While in Mexico, our team had the pleasure of working with Dr. Matt Browning, our Sharpe retreat speaker. We were also reunited with some old friends from our old ministry site, Rocio and Tuinki. Rocio was a part of our Barnabas team.

“First to rise, last to go to bed” is the Barnabas motto!

The Barnabas team is responsible for checking in every team as they arrive in camp, making sure their needs are met, being at the Prayer Tent first thing in the morning after waking the campers, being encouragers, giving hugs, a smile and a helping hand, visiting every team and every ministry site.



MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Job description; endless.  
Our team: relentless!***



REUNITED WITH TUINKI AND ROCIO



HANGING WITH TEAM CANADA



CHILLIN' AT THE RANCH!

# YOUTH MISSIONS

## A NEW CHURCH FOR ENSANADA, MEXICO

Submitted by Lourdes Kleid

### IGLESIA ROCA DE SALVACION ENSANADA, MEXICO

Since 1999, Pastor Candelario Quinones pastors a church, Iglesia Roca de Salvacion, in a poor neighborhood on the outskirts of Ensenada. Pastor Candelario, his wife Angelica and their three sons, Eliseo, Josue and Caleb lovingly minister to their community. We have been blessed to be able to encourage him in the ministry and in the systematic teaching of the word of God. This church is alive with the presence of the Holy Spirit, amazing praise, and worship.

Additionally, Pastor Candelario loves to encourage other pastors within his community and far beyond. He has a ministry that visits local men's rehabs. He has had opportunities to go to the Yucatan, Nicaragua, Cuba and Peru on mission trips. I will never forget when he told me a few years ago, "we have groups that come and minister to our church and community; we want to reach others less fortunate as well."

This summer is the third year we have partnered with Iglesia Roca de Salvacion (Rock of Salvation). Jen Nieves and Rachel Flanagan spent 2 months living in Mexico and working with Pastor Candelario in Mexico a few years ago. It is as if this is meant to be. Pastor Holbrook had been with us on the past two Mexico missions trips where he developed a friendship and bond with Pastor Cande (as he is called). He has encouraged us to form a lasting relationship with this "sister" church. His hope: to see Pastor Cande visit HRC some day.

During the Barnabas Team trip to Mexico this past April, we were able to present the church with a \$500 gift from our Youth Ministry. It was lovingly accepted. This gift will enable the pastor and his wife to go on a mission trip to Cuba as their fundraising efforts did not raise enough funds.

There is hope of a new church to be built next door to the old small one. Last year, we were able to raise money through your generosity that allowed for the rental of a back hoe that broke ground on the new church property! We were also able to paint the interior and exterior of the existing building, as well as do some painting within the community. This year we will start to lay some blocks and foundation. The estimated cost for this is \$2500.

**"Now I say to you that you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it." Matthew 16:18**

The vision: that someday we will have a group from HRC at the ground breaking of this new "living" church!

The hope: that through the generosity of people at HRC we can help do this!

Please help us make this come true! We will have a special donation poster in the kiosk area where you can get more info on how to donate. We thank you. God bless!

## AIRPORT DRIVERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH MISSIONS

Please contact Sharon Batt - [sdbatt@optonline.net](mailto:sdbatt@optonline.net)  
or Lourdes Kleid- [lurtz71@hotmail.com](mailto:lurtz71@hotmail.com)

Our youth are traveling to both Mexico and the Dominican Republic this summer. We are in need of drivers to and from the airport. Please help transport our young missionaries!

DR trip is **June 29, departing 7:00am (JFK) returning July 11, 10:30pm**

Mexico trip is **July 25, departing 8:50am (Newark), returning August 8th, 6:00am**

# HRC IS "GOING GREEN"

## CHOOSE CLOTH

Written by Jessica Morsey, Submitted by Stephanie Patton

As you know, the Wednesday 9:00 AM ChristCare group has taken on the mission of making the congregation aware of the green options available both here at home and in our community. Stephanie Patton has really been the inspiration and point person on this project. She has first educated us that we may educate you. Stephanie has attended the New Members group and gotten to know some of our new church family members. The following article was written by Jessica Morsey and given to Stephanie for us to use. It was inspired by a talk by Randy about the spiritual gifts survey he had passed out that evening. We all welcome Jessica and thank her for her insight.

Jeanne Campbell, ChristCare Leader, Wednesday 9 AM group (the Green Group)

Cloth diapers and cloth wipes are another way you can dampen your green guilt. They are usually made from renewable resources such as cotton or hemp instead of synthetic chemicals. Baby's waste is disposed of through the public sanitation system, which is designed for this purpose instead of getting tossed into a landfill where it may take hundreds - or thousands - of years to break down.

Cloth diapers have a reputation for being difficult and inconvenient to use. In truth, cloth diapers have come a long way since disposable diapers became popular in the 1970's. Many mothers from that generation probably remember the days of soaking, folding, pinning, and rubber pants. Today, there is no soaking, there is no folding, there is no pinning, there are no rubber pants if you so choose. Sure, some cloth diaper options still involve those things, but many cloth diapers are contoured to baby's shape, fastened with Velcro or snaps, and include a waterproof outer layer sewn into the diaper.

"Going green" is a buzzword that has been ringing in the halls of HRC. Many efforts are being made to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle in the offices, kitchen, and classrooms. There are many steps we can take to follow this theme in our own homes. Along with the well known opportunities, such as participating in a curbside recycling program or reading an online periodical in lieu of its print counterpart, choosing cloth products in your home is one way you can contribute to the caretaking of our environment.

Cloth napkins were once the standard in American homes. In recent years, the convenience of paper napkins and paper towels sent cloth napkins into a quiet retirement, making a brief appearance on holidays and at fancy restaurants. If you're trying to go green, take those cloth napkins out of retirement and reintroduce them to your family. If you don't have cloth napkins, don't spend a fortune stocking your kitchen; just go to the fabric store, choose a nice print of flannel and make your own. If you have kids, let them choose their own prints and they'll be excited to use them at every meal.



Cloth wipes go hand in hand with cloth diapers. Cloth wipes can be purchased along with your cloth diapers or can be hand made with left over fabric from your new cloth napkins (although choosing a print just for baby might be a good idea.) Recycled baby washcloths can also be used.

If you're not ready to commit to these changes, try them out on a part time basis. Use cloth napkins, but keep some paper towels on hand. Use disposable diapers for running extended errands and night time, but use cloth when you're staying close to home. If you can't give up those paper products, don't forget that unfinished paper plates, paper napkins, and paper towels can be shredded and added to your compost.

Every little bit helps.

Jessica Morsey, mom of two; cloth diapering for 18 months and happy to answer any questions.

# DIRECTOR'S PAGE

## OPERATIONS

Submitted by Karen Gomba, Director



## CHURCH ASSIMILATION



Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Church*, says, "Assimilation is the task of moving people from an awareness of your church to attendance at your church to active membership in your church." **On May 12**, four of us from HRC traveled to Meriden, CT to attend a seminar given (in person!)

by Nelson Searcy on assimilation and on breaking growth barriers. We came away informed, excited, and energized to improve upon the connection systems at our church.

We learned that the goals of an assimilation process are to retain first time guests, to strategically help people take next steps, and for life transformation through the gospel. In this issue, I'm going to discuss the first step in the process, which is to set things in place so that first time guests become second time guests.

It all starts when a person comes "from the street to the seat". We need to make sure they are greeted, directed, treated and seated. This involves greeting them warmly (perhaps starting in the parking lot!), having good signage, walking them where they need to go, treating them with respect and in a way that makes them feel like we are glad that they are here, and making sure they can easily find a seat in the sanctuary.

During the service, they need to get information, and we need to get their contact information to follow up. Searcy's method is to use a "Communication Card". (More on that next issue.) They should be offered a free gift, and if they have any questions, we want to make sure they can find a person to talk to and the material they need.

After the service, there is a very important follow up process that involves making contact by phone, email and/or regular mail. This is not meant to "hound" them, but to let them know that we were glad to have them visit, and if they have any questions we would be happy to answer them.

Some of these things we do well and some we can improve upon. Be on the look-out for changes that are geared toward making newcomers feel welcome

*It all starts when a person comes "from the street to the seat."*

# DIRECTOR'S PAGE

## OUTREACH

Submitted by Mark Mast, Director



## The Missional Life

I have spent the last five years working on my Doctorate of Ministry degree. Last month I submitted my final project and now I wait. I wait to know if I am “almost there.” I wait to see if the work I have done is “any good.” I wait to discover if I can move on with my life or if I must return to “the work.” I hate waiting. One of the warnings we were given when we started the program was that the time would come when God had spoken into us and we would be ready to move on. I hit that at about year three. I have been laboring through the work as I have longed for the opportunity to bring my work into my ministry.

**It is not a program or a system.  
It is a lifestyle.**

That wait is no more. I have decided I need to move forward no matter what others may say. I realize I must take what the Lord has placed on my heart and make it my life. My studies have been wrapped around that popular word “missional.” Missional is a word that is being thrown around and given meaning by whomever is using it at the time. For me it is easy. Missional is about being focused with all we are in every moment we have on being Christ in a world that needs his grace. It is not a program or a system. It is a lifestyle. It is about being in-tune to one’s own God story, the story of God’s love in Scripture and the story of our neighbors next door and around the world. Where these stories connect is where one is called to live out Christ.

**Missional is about being focused with all we are in every moment we have on being Christ in a world that needs his grace.**

My life’s call is to live out the missional life as I provide space and discipleship in traditional and not so traditional places for others to begin to do the same. They say every preacher has only one message. Well, this is mine. Some of you will tire of hearing about it. Some of you will desire more instruction. Some of you will want to argue with what I have to say. My hope is that in all the conversations we might, together, move to a deeper experience with Jesus Christ as we grow more and more into his image. My invitation to those few who might be interested in exploring this further is to contact me and let us see what it might look like to journey into the missional life. (Contact me with your interest at [m.mast@hrcrca.org](mailto:m.mast@hrcrca.org))

**My invitation to those few who might be interested in exploring this further is to contact me and let us see what it might look like to journey into the missional life.**

# AND MY FINAL POINT . . .

From the Lead Pastor



**“The single most important piece of safety equipment is an experienced, well trained pilot.”**

**Captain Chesley (Sully) Sullenberger**

Captain Sully gave us some good news this January as he safely landed his plane in the Hudson. We needed good news as the economy was in free fall and everything seemed to be crashing. His reminder about leadership, experience and trust were valued words in time of crisis.

Sully’s words are comforting words to Christians in time of crisis. We have an experienced well trained pilot, Jesus Christ. The promise of God is that Christ will lead us through any time of crisis.

Hopewell is doing well in this economic crash. Thank you for your faithfulness. Our giving for the first part of the year was up. In May it dropped. That was in part because last May we faced our first challenge in this economic season. As the call to give went out last year you responded well. May was one of our best giving months for 2008. That makes it a bigger challenge this year to keep ourselves on track, especially as we go into the summer.

We continue to live into the vision of God’s call for HRC. This Memorial Day Sunday was clear evidence of that. We had a mission team at work at Children’s Bible Fellowship in Carmel. We put out the call for CMP workers for the last Saturday in May. Our Spring Katrina trip shared testimony and gave the call for any who would want to go on a summer trip to sign up. We prayed over stoles knitted by Loving Stitches that will go to people who need the comfort of Christ. It was a day when I could truly say: “This is what church is all about!”

This church is ready to serve in a crisis and that is why the vision of making Christ known in a time like this needs all of our resources. It is hard to ask people to give in troubled economic times, but when we recognize the blessings that we have received and the needs that we are called to address there is no better place to invest your money right now. You may have lost thousands in the stock market since last spring, but if you invested thousands in the kingdom you have made an investment that lasts forever. We have been blessed so that we can be a blessing to others in their time of need.

So the best investment advice I can give you for your financial account is to give in ways that make a difference forever. I believe that the miracle of God’s provision as it is provided in a time of crisis will bring more blessing to God than we could ever imagine. We look for that to be our report at the end of the summer

Paul says it better than I in Philippians writing to a poor church that blessed others in a time of crisis he says:

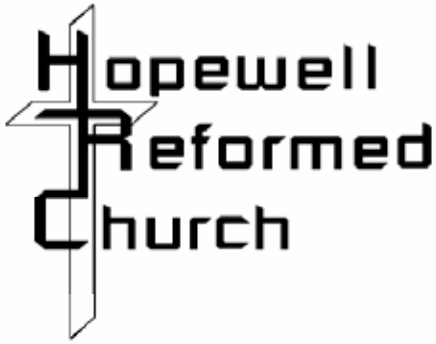
Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:17-19)

Sully is right. We need, and we have an experienced pilot in our Lord Jesus Christ. We can trust him in any time of crisis to bring us through safely forever.

In Christ,

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**Sunday Worship Services at HRC at Beekman Rd.**

<b>8:45am*</b>	<b>10:30am*</b>
<b>The Gathering</b>	<b>Foundations</b>
(Contemporary )	(Traditional)

**Sunday Worship Times & Locations**

<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>10:00am*</b>
<b>Common Ground</b>	<b>HRCjourney</b>
at home of Mark Mast	at Tymor Park
461 Noxon Rd,	
Poughkeepsie, NY	

*\*Sunday School and Nursery provided at these services*

**SUMMER MISSION TRIPS**

Youth trip to  
**Dominican Republic**  
June 29 – July 11

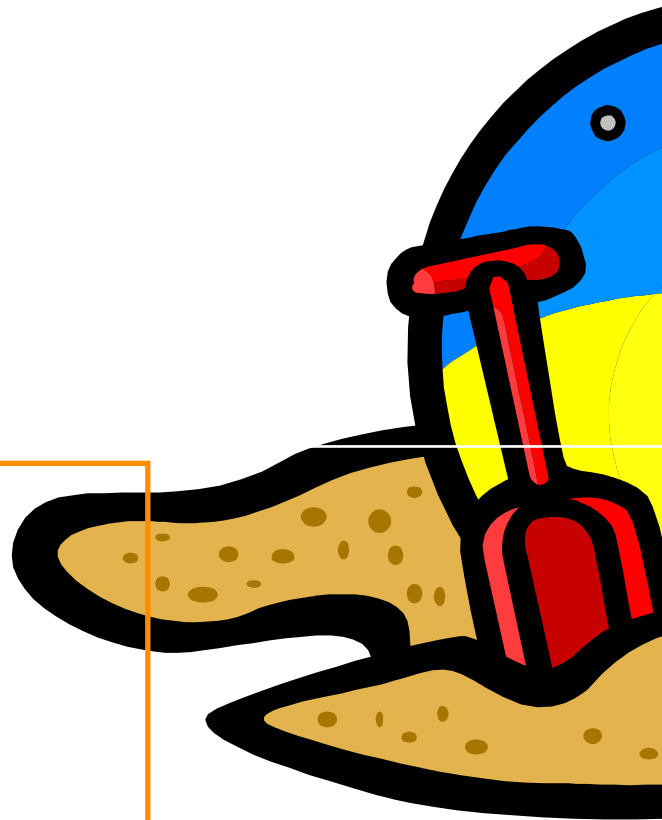
The Laborde family is going to **Moldova**  
July 22 - August 4

Adult trip to **Ecuador**  
July 24 - August 3

Youth trip to **Mexico**  
July 25 - August 8

Adult trip to **Katrina**  
August 15 - 22

Youth trip to **FUGE**  
July 27 – August 1



To know Christ, and to make Him known.