

The Good News Gazette

August 2007

Pastor's Notes:

Please read: Luke 12:13-21

"He who is filled with love is filled with God Himself."

St. Augustine

"One quickly gains a sense from the Bible that wherever the Holy Spirit is found in the lives of people, strange and wonderful things are likely to happen at any moment."

Gordon McDonald

"Let God love you through others and let God love others through you."

D. M. Street

"Joy increases as you give it, and diminishes as you try to keep it for yourself. In giving it, you will accumulate a deposit of joy greater than you ever believed possible."

Norman Vincent Peale

Positive Thinking Every Day

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

Treasury of Women's Quotations

By Carolyn Warner

"The time is always right to do what is right."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"We are not cisterns made for hoarding, we are channels made for sharing."

Billy Graham

"Common sense is not so common."

Voltaire

"God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners."

Soren Kierkegaard

Where do these authors find their inspiration? For some, as you look to their familiar names, you will of course say that

God is their inspiration. For others, you may wonder what motivates them. If you look at all of these particular quotes, you may just find a common theme running through them. I wonder: "What would this world be like if we never quoted anyone? What would this world be like if we never even quoted the Bible? Would our world be bleak?"

Keeping our thoughts to ourselves may well be like the parable that Jesus told about the rich man abundantly blessed with a huge harvest. On the one side, we might say that it would be wise to pull down your barns to build bigger barns to store all of the increase in grains and goods. However, on the other side, think of what he could have done with it!!! Maybe he could have given the grain to those in need. He could have sold it and given a portion of it to his local temple. If charities existed in Jesus' day, he could have given to them as well.

What does this passage say to your heart and soul? Certainly, the Lord does provide for us. God does give us gifts and talents and even the ability

How well did he use his gift? Perhaps, this rich man was afraid that, one day, he wouldn't have enough to eat. Life is certainly more than food. However, say

that to someone who does not have enough to eat and you might get a different response. Our Lord does not want to be living in a state of fear, nor does the Lord want us to be greedy about what God has given to us.

As the summer drifts off into September, may you have some time to pray and to think about what God is asking you to do. Has God placed it upon your heart to attend worship on a more regular basis and bring your family and maybe a friend or neighbor? Are you a student who could benefit from Sunday School? Perhaps, you have a gift or talent that you would like to use for the Lord, however, you never seem to have enough time in the week to do it all. Maybe it's time for some reflection on what we all can do for the Lord by using our time, talents and tithes for our Lord.

The Lord has given each and every one of us the treasure of your life and soul. It's up to us to use our freedom to decide to use them for the Lord. May the Holy Spirit inspire us as we contemplate what the Lord has in store for our lives this fall and winter. May we find confirmations of what we are doing right for the Lord each and everyday!

Peace, Hope & Faith in Christ's Service,

Pastor Karen Green

***Visitors are always welcome at the First Presbyterian Church in Chester, New York.
Please join us for our Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.

The Women's Council's Missionaries Are Coming!!!

The Women's Council is proud to announce that the missionaries we help to support will be visiting with us on the 4th and 5th of August. They are stationed in Cuernvaca, Mexico, and are on a mini-furlough in the United States for three months.

They are staying in Fort Washington in Pennsylvania and are enjoying the time visiting relatives and friends, as well as relaxing and rejuvenating.

Darren and Judith Saldubehere and their small children, David and Rachael, will arrive on Saturday and then join us in worship at the 10 o'clock Sunday service. Darren will be speaking to us about their work in Mexico and will show pictures on our new digital projector as well. He also will assist in the sacrament of Holy Communion which Pastor Karen is looking forward to.

Following the service we will enjoy a picnic at the home of Alan and Rosemary Eckard at 19-21 High Street. The Women's Council will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs along with the fixings, and we are asking you to bring salads, desserts, etc., just like a potluck supper. At that time you will be able to talk to the Saldubeheres further and get to know them.

Look for some more information about our missionaries in the library during coffee hour in the next few weeks. They are excited about the trip to Chester, getting to see us face to face, and so are we. Please put that date on your calendar and join us. Encourage others to come and hear this young, dedicated missionary.

The Healthy Heart Program from Orange Regional Medical Center

will be doing free blood tests and blood pressure screening on Thursday, September 27th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This is the date that they needed to reschedule from an earlier time. All are welcome to take part in this free service.

Pastor Karen will be away on vacation on Tuesday, August 14 through 21st. She will return to the office on Wednesday, August 22nd. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time please call, Rev. Bob Hoag at 692-4017.

The Youth Group would like to thank you for your prayers and support of their 30 Hour Famine. On July 24-25, our members fasted, read scripture, prayed as they went through the program written by World Vision. The night's activities included bowling, games and watching a DVD on hunger and poverty issues in Uganda and other parts of the world such as The Americas, Sudan and etc. Are deadline for donations for is August 5, when we will be making our contribution to World Vision 30 Hour Famine Program.

Sunday School Team Forming

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 9th ! This year we would like to award our students with attendance award pins at the end of the year. We are also looking for a few people who would like to offer support and help form a Sunday School Team. For example, do you have time to make some calls to students who may need a little extra encouragement. Would you be willing to be a substitute? Maybe you would like to help brain-storm with our Sunday School Staff for a Christmas play. If you are inspired and led to lend a helping hand, even if it is on another day than Sunday, then please call, Barbara Babcock at 469-4117. You may also call the church office at 469-4877 to leave a message for Barbara. We pray that you seek the Lord in prayer as we try to revitalize our Sunday School Program.

2007 Team Chairs and Co- Chairs

Ministering to the People

Church Family: Sara Green (469-2975)

Jerry Sutherland (469-4166)

Meets monthly on the First Tuesday at 7:30

Other Teams of ministry within the Church Family Team:

The Worship Team (meets as needed)

Worship Correspondence Team (meets as needed)

Extended Family: John Miller (782-5978)

Janet Writer (469-2578)

Meets as needed & beginning to find regular meeting time

Other Teams of ministry within the Extended Family Team:

New Membership (meets monthly on the First Thursday at 7:30 p.m.)

Shrove Tuesday Team (meets as needed)

Blood Drive Team (meets as needed)

Caring for God's House

Buildings Grounds: Okey Barrett (651-4707)

Jerry Sutherland (469-4166)

Meets as needed

Administration & Finance: John Ravert (469-1801)

Administration Team: (meets as needed)

Finance Team: (meets monthly on the first Thursday at 6:30 p.m.)

Other Teams of ministry within the

Half Chicken Sale Team (meets as needed)

We are always looking for our brothers and sisters in Christ to help us serve the Lord. Want to join a team in our church? Please contact the team chair/co-chair. We look forward to working with you in the Lord's ministry!

Organist/Music Director: Maggie Johnson (469-4268)

Sunday School Superintendent: Barbara Babcock
(469-4117)

Treasurer:

Assistant Treasurer: Marsha Seymour

Sexton:

Secretary:

Pastor: Karen N. Green (469-4877)

Clerk of Session: John Ravert (469-1801)

Moderator of Deacons: James Peterson
(845-629-5848)

Church Office: (469-4877)