

The Good News Gazette

September 2007

Pastor's Notes:

Please read: James 3:13-18

"I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you."

Philemon 13

"And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace."

James 3:18

"A Great Day Is Coming"

**There is a great day coming
When all shall be peace and rest,
The Lord shall reign on Earth,
The righteous of the Lord shall be blessed.**

**The lamb shall feed with the lion
And nothing shall destroy or hurt,
In all God's holy mountain,
There shall be the glory of His Word.**

**God's children shall inhabit the land
And they shall prosper in all they do
The Lord shall dwell among them
And fulfill every promise so true.**

**The Day of the Lord is coming
It is foretold in Scriptures we see,
The saved of the Lord shall live forever,
In that land of rest where all will be free.**

"The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion."

Psalm 134: 3.

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J. P.'s Inspirations**

A great day is coming, when we will rest in the Holy Life that God has prepared for us. Until that day, we need to walk in the love and hope of the Lord as brothers and sisters in Christ with the expectation that God will always be with us. How can we do this in a practical, hands on living way? One way is to think about what the Lord may do with us today and this month!

September may bring many new circumstances into our lives. Just stop and think for a moment what they might be for yourself and those you know! You may want to pull out your church directory or even your address book. Thumb down through the pages, taking a moment to picture each person's face, and you might be surprised at what comes to mind for them in September:

- A first ride to Kindergarten on a school bus
- A teacher's first class lesson plans
- Looking at colleges and contemplating future education and life plans.
- A college student's first courses
- Getting a drivers permit
- A first day in high school as a senior
- Wedding plans materialize into The Wedding Promises before the Lord.
- Reflecting on retirement has now become a reality
- New beginnings in long time careers
- Looking forward to being with family and friends
- Giving encouraging support to a brother or sister in Christ.
- Awaiting the birth of your first child or grandchild

- Anticipating miracles and expecting the Lord's presence no matter what!
- Moving into a new home and community
- Someone being willing to simply his/her life
- Listening to a doctor's advice
- Being thankful for the times of our lives!

Your list will probably be much larger and extensive than this one...

Among all the things on your list I hope that you include our congregation in it. Yes, this fall marks a new beginning for us. We have the prayerful opportunity to seek the Lord's guidance as we discover what God would have us to do with our lives as His living church. We will be starting Sunday School on September 9th. Yes, we do need to grow our Sunday School Program. Is this something that you can help us do?

HIS Choir will begin in September, too!

Do you want to make a joyful sound before our Lord. Speak with Maggie Johnson, she'd be glad to have you join singing in the choir. Maybe you have been attending this congregation for awhile and want to become a member! (I'm ready and willing to talk with you) Or just maybe you know someone that you would like to invite to come to church. Take a leap of faith. Trust that God is with you as you ask someone to join you in worship and fellowship in our Lord!

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 Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.

Women's Council News

Our Women's Council potluck luncheon and planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11th at 12:30 in the church library. We have much to accomplish for our Lord, and we need all those who love Him to be a part of our group. Please plan to come, encourage other women of the church and bring a friend.

The Women's Council was so happy that our missionaries, the Saldubeheres, were able to visit Chester over the weekend of the 4th and 5th of August. They are on furlough from Cuernavaca, Mexico and spending a few months in the states. We are grateful to their kind host and hostess, Alan and Rosemary Eckard, who opened their home to Darren and Judith, and their children, David and Rachael. On Sunday morning, Darren showed slides of his work and life in Mexico and shared the sacrament of communion with Pastor Karen. Following the service, church family and friends gathered at the Eckard's home for fellowship and a picnic. Alan and Jim Seymour grilled delicious hamburgers and hotdogs and those who came provided wonderful side dishes, desserts, lemonade and iced tea. A good time was had by all and the whole experience was a blessing to us and to the Saldubeheres. We would also like to thank John Ravert for setting up and monitoring our new projector for the church service, for those who helped in any way with the picnic and for the generous free-will offering for our missionaries.

Just a Reminder!

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.

UPDATE:

The Youth Group was able to raise \$375.00 for the 30 Hour Famine with your help and prayerful support. Thank you and hats off to all assisted them in this project.

{The 30 Hour Famine is a program offered by World Vision.}

The first youth group meeting will be on Wed. Sept. 12th at 7 p.m. in the church library. We are looking forward to seeing our youth group members! If you know of a 6th -12th grader who would like to join, please call Pastor Karen at 469-4877!

Sunday School Team Forming

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.

Sunday School Begins!

Sunday School will begin a year of joyfully teaching and learning about the Lord on Sunday, September 9th. Please speak with Barbara Babcock (469-4117) or call the church office to register your child or to help with what will be a great year of fun being inspired by our Lord.

Our Next Bible Study will be Women of the New Testament. Please call the church office (469-4877) or use the sign-up sheet in the library to indicate your interest in joining us for this study. Please sign-up by September 2nd so that we can order a study guide for you.

Gideon Speaker:

Once again this year we will be having a Gideon Speaker on Sunday, September 16th during our worship service. This year our guest speaker will be William Bachalter. We will also have a second offering which will be given to the Gideons for purchasing Bibles so that others can be inspired by God's Living Word. Please make checks payable to: The First Presbyterian Church and be sure to make an note that your contribution is for Gideons International.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, September 30th. This year, we will be trying something different! Following worship, a light lunch will be provided for you. The annual meeting will follow the light lunch. We ask that you bring your copy of the annual report to this meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there!

All Treasurers

Please be sure to submit your annual report to the church office for copying no later than Wed. September 5th. As requested in the past, we will be distributing the reports two consecutive Sundays before the annual meeting. This will give others time to review all of your hard work and the way your group or team has been using their gives and talents for our Lord. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

The Chester Kiwanis Club

&

The Chester Presbyterian Church

will join to present a

FISH FRY

Saturday, September 22nd, 2007

At Chester Presbyterian Church

96-98 Main Street, Chester, NY

continuous servings from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Fish and Chips by "*Tastefully British*",

the church's famous coleslaw,

dessert and a variety of beverages

Adults \$12

Seniors and Children \$10

*proceeds to benefit Chester Food Pantry and
Kiwanis charitable projects*

*****ADVANCED SALES REQUIRED*****

For Tickets Please Call 845-469-2890

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: John Ravert (469-1801)

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)