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Dear friends,

It's nice to be doing pastoral work again after time away for continuing education. I'm glad to see that everything went well during my absence. My special thanks to *Roger Leonard* and *Ann Phillips* for their leadership during this time.

It's good to be back home and especially good to be back in a bed after four months living in a rented room and sleeping on the floor (well, I did have a two inch foam pad). An important lesson I learned outside the classroom was that I can manage to live in a single room and even sleep well on the floor. To my surprise, I never missed any of my 'stuff' back home. That's a very freeing realization. It's a lesson I'll try not to forget. *Adrianna Havnaer* and I want to soon start a study group on simple living – a lesson we will need to learn given the economic downturn. Let us know if you're interested in joining us.

God's Grace and Peace be with you.

Pastor Howard

Thank You

What a pleasure it has been to be your substitute minister while *Howard* has been on his sabbatical. It has been an enjoyable challenge to once again prepare and preach a sermon on a regular basis to the same congregation. In my retirement I have often preached weekly, but in a variety of places. Being in the same pulpit every week has given me the pleasure of continuity of preparation and

thought. A preacher finds it good to be able to pick up in the next sermon what had to be left out in a

previous one. I also enjoyed the responsiveness of the children. Their answers to my questions have been a reflection of good preparation in their Christian education. I especially appreciate *Nancy Owen* and those she works with, having myself been the associate minister of education here nearly fifty years ago.

Thank you to *Ann Phillips* for her competent leadership as Senior Elder and keeping me and others up on what was happening, about to happen and needing attention. She has been most helpful. I enjoyed my evenings with the Consistory and their efficient and dedicated work. This is truly a church that serves.

How helpful and gifted are *Faire Hart*, *Betty Scott* and *Barbara Lane* who, in the weekly staff meetings and daily office work, make all the rest of us look good, by seeing that the complicated details of running a church are attended to. And *Beth Cornwell* is always there when you turn around about to wonder where something is or how to do something, with it already done or ready answers to almost any question. She always made my getting ready to lead worship easier.

Thanks to each member of the Consistory and the ministry of the church they direct. With their good work there were many things I did not have to do or even think about. And thanks to *Adriana Havnaer* for guiding me to those who were in need of pastoral attention. I am sorry I could not minister to all who may have needed me.

I thank *Howard Major* for the opportunity to serve in this manner, though I was reluctant at first to take it on. I need not have worried, because you made it all so fulfilling. I hope that *Howard* has had a fruitful sabbatical and that he is refreshed and

looking forward to his return to this community of faith that he has served for so many years with his unique gifts of combining the spiritual depth of faith and service, together with his informal style and genuine friendship. I appreciate my own friendship with *Howard* and welcome him back.

It has been a happy time for *Bernice* as well, since this is the church in which she grew up, and in which we met and were married so many years ago. While her other duties kept her in the Woodstock Church a few times, she also has enjoyed seeing family, *Walt and Lucy Paradise*, as well as reconnecting with many dear friends.

Finally, thank you for the beautiful needlepoint, the surprise, litany, poem, reception, delicious cake and other much-appreciated gifts that I received on my last Sunday here. It was a happy “so long”, but not “goodbye”.

Roger Leonard

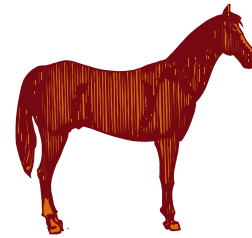


This month Twice Blessed is highlighting *Patti King*, the president of the thrift shop’s board. Have you seen the brightly colored flowers planted outside our shop doors and on the steps of the church office and Fireside Room? They are *Patti’s* beautiful creations.

As you pass through the rooms of Twice Blessed, you can see the mannequins *Patti* drapes in lovely coordinated outfits – with jewelry and shoes to match. *Patti* shares her aesthetic creations with all of us in an unhurried rhythm, but the outfits she concocts soon fly into the bags of happy customers and out the door.

We have a mantra at Twice Blessed – thanks to *Patti King’s* wise advice four years ago when we opened our shop doors. “No one of us is as smart as all of us”, she said. While that is certainly true, *Patti’s* artistic eye and calm counsel have been indispensable to the team at Twice Blessed.

Lu Bouchard
Manager, Twice Blessed



Congratulations, Lindsay!!

Lindsay Clark, daughter of *Gary and Susan Clark*, and granddaughter of *Gil and Miriam Clough*, recently won the prestigious Cacchione Cup at the National Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Finals that were held in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The Cacchione Cup is the highest honor a collegiate rider can win, and was represented by the best riders from across the United States. Her winnings included a saddle, as well as a scholarship to travel to Europe and compete for the United States on the International Student Riding Team. Lindsay also represented her team from Centenary College in the Open Division. She won her Open Fence Class to lead the team to their first National Championship in thirty years. The weekend was truly filled with miracles and was shared by her parents and grandparents. If anyone wants more information about her experience, there is an article written about the competition and Lindsay on www.campusequestrian.com.

Susan Clark



Missing Bible

When the new pew Bibles were given to the church, *Joan Van Leuven* made sure that Bibles that had been donated in someone’s memory were strategically placed in pews where the donor would have that specific Bible nearby. For many months the Bible that I donated in my father’s memory was in the choir loft near where I usually sit. It has mysteriously disappeared! If anyone happens to see it, please put it back in the choir loft or bring it to the church office. The notation was “In memory of *George W. Lane, Jr.* from *Barbara Lane*”..

Barbara Lane



Junior Choir News

Thanks to the Junior Choir members who came to our special Easter rehearsal during spring vacation. It wasn't all work – at the end of rehearsal, we had a “Treat Hunt”! Many candy-filled eggs and chocolate treats were hidden throughout the Sanctuary and choir members had almost as much fun finding them as *Caroline Curtis* and I had hiding them! Inside one of the hidden eggs was a coupon for a free bunny from the Junior Choir store!

The Wednesday after spring vacation was **yaD drawkcaB** in Junior Choir, and everyone successfully walked into rehearsal backwards. Many choir members did special things, such as wearing clothing, shoes and even hair backwards!

Sunday, May 3rd was another very special event. Parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters joined the Junior Choir to sing in a Family Choir. It was so very special and exhilarating to see that large group making music together! Thanks so very much to all who participated.

The Junior Choir 5th and 6th graders are preparing a Drum Ensemble to perform at the Youth Choir Coffee House on June 6th, and all choir members are getting ready for Children's Day.

Youth Choir News

During the Lenten Season, we sang “Ave Verum” accompanied by a string quartet and piano. We also provided music for the Maundy Thursday service and Easter service.

Earth Sunday the Youth Choir participated with a “Recycling Flea Market”, selling everything from furniture to teacups! A very **BIG THANK YOU** to *Laura Mulvihill* who is our much appreciated Flea Market Guru! We also were one of the groups providing music for this event. Choir member, *Matt Nobile*, was also one of the entertainers. He played guitar and sang some of his own compositions.

In May, the Youth Choir sang for Confirmation Sunday, May 17th. Congratulations to Youth Choir

members *Maddy Harrington, Kyle Hoffman, Alanna Lawton, and Kayla Wallace* who all were confirmed.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! On **Saturday, June 6th**, the Youth Choir invites you to attend their **4th Tri-annual COFFEE HOUSE AND TALENT REVIEW** in the Social Room of the church from **7 to 9 p.m.** You will be entertained by the musical and comedic talents of Youth Choir members and also be treated to a selection of delicious home made desserts!

There is no admission fee, but we will be asking for freewill donations. The Coffee House is a fundraiser to help pay for a new storage cart for our drum collection. The drums were purchased specifically for the Junior Choir drumming program, but are for the use of both choirs. The Junior Choir 5th and 6th grade drum ensemble will be special guest performers at the Coffee House. And, word has it that there will be another guest appearance – a special dancing group!

AND PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN OUR SPECIAL RAFFLE!

Youth Choir members who are going to Ocean Grove in June are having a fundraiser to help pay for their expenses. Again this year we are selling raffle tickets for a free stay at the Albatross Hotel in beautiful Ocean Grove, NJ.

And this year, we have **two** certificates to raffle off! The winning certificates are each good for two people for two nights (mid-week) stay, with shared bath accommodations at the newly renovated Albatross Hotel in Ocean Grove, NJ.

Certificates include all fees and taxes and can be used anytime during the season before September 1, 2009. Reservations must be made in advance!

Tickets are \$5.00 each, and, if you buy three tickets, you get one free! We will be selling tickets Sundays at Coffee Hour. Tickets may also be purchased from individual Youth Choir members. The drawing will be held the night of our Coffee House (June 6th), but you don't need to be present to win. However, it will be more exciting if you are there! Check out www.albatrosshotel.net.

Nancy Herforth, Director, Junior and Youth Choirs



Church School News

Children's Day

On Sunday, June 14th, the Church School will celebrate Children's Day with a special worship service and some well deserved recognitions. All the children will be participating in our annual celebration, and we'd love to have all our church family there to support us! It's a great way for you to see what we've been learning about, how we've grown and support us on our faith journey. We have skits, prayers, songs, and readings. Gee whiz, we even have commercials! Curious? Be there June 14th and see what we're all about.

Calling All Acolytes and KIDS KARE Members

Time is fast approaching for our end of the year BBQ and party. It's just a small *thank you* for the service you provide to the church. It will be held at *Nancy Owen's* house on Friday, June 19th from 5-9 p.m. Fishing poles, bait, water balloons, fun awards and, of course, dinner – all these are provided. Please RSVP if you're planning on coming. It won't be nearly as much fun without you!

Thank You to the Church School Staff

As another Church School year comes to a close I want to thank the Church School staff for an amazing year! Their hard work, dedication and creativity have inspired and supported approximately 100 students. We are, indeed, blessed to have these hard working staff members! They are:

Confirmation Class teachers – *Angie and Jay Rhinehart*

7th and 8th grade class – *Patty Matter and Colleen Maney*

6th grade class – *Sylvia Stubbs, Muriel Bixler, Jade Fogden*

4th and 5th grade class – *Kate Weston, Bianca Pullman and Sean Harrington*

2nd and 3rd grade class – *Nancy Owen, Sara Dimetro, Blaine Kitay*

Kindergarten and 1st grade class – *Kara Reid and Katrina Ruiz*

Pre-K class – *Ned Bixby, Rebecca Renus, Donald Wallace assisted by Julianna Apuzzo, Annika Havnaer and Adrienne Watts*

Care Nursery and 2-year-old class – *Caroline Curtis, Andrea Stubbs, Rachel Wittig assisted by Myra Harris*

A very special thanks to *Jessica Robb* who has been there every Sunday helping wherever she is needed and to her brother, *Johnny*, who has come aboard and helped out immeasurably! Also a special thanks to *Sam Owen* and *John Shepherd* who handle all our special programs and 'emergencies'!!! We are so grateful for all they do and really appreciate all the time they give.

Summer Sundays for Kids Needs Volunteers

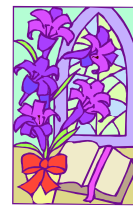
Summer Sundays is again looking for volunteers to fill in some Sundays this summer. All that's required is a free hour on a Sunday in July or August, and a desire to work with wonderful kids. If you have an idea for a project that's great, come and help us out. If not, one will be supplied for you and come and help us out! Of course, I am also looking for a teenager who would help out with young children (supervising them on the playground or helping them with a simple craft project). Please call *Nancy Owen* at the church office if you can volunteer. Thanks!

Nancy Owen, Director of Christian Education



Do You Have Dial-Up E-mail?

Pastor Howard is looking for someone with dial-up e-mail to help him transfer church files from his old computer to his new computer and the church computer. Can anyone help him? Call him at the church at 255-6340.



With Sympathy

Death: *Catherine Craig*, July 18, 1916 – May 5, 2009.



Joyful Baptism

May 3rd, 2009 -- *Lilianna Tozzi*, daughter of *Anthony and Lara Tozzi*, granddaughter of *Frank and Laurie Tozzi*, great granddaughter of *Eva Barringer*



Finances – May 2009

Pledges	\$14343
Denominational Assessment	320
Loose Collection	1097
Special appeals	410
Miscellaneous donations	4905
Room Use	1590
TOTAL INCOME	\$22645
TOTAL EXPENSE	24299
YEAR TO DATE INCOME	\$104321
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSE	91713
April Mission of the Month	161
Charles W. Stratton, III Treasurer	



Don Justo, Coffee With Dignity

Today you are drinking fair-trade coffee: Don Justo, Coffee With Dignity. Don Justo coffee is grown in the mountains of eastern El Salvador. The coffee is hand-sorted and roasted in small batches. It is distributed through the efforts of volunteers in Des Moines, Iowa, who maintain a community service center, La Casa Pastoral, in Berlin, El Salvador.

By supporting this fair-trade coffee, our church supports farmers who, in turn, pay their workers a

fair wage. In addition, a portion of the profits from coffee sales go directly back to help small communities, suffering from extreme poverty, receive basic human needs of clean water, medical services and safe housing.

You are not drinking *just* a cup of coffee. You are drinking a **JUST** cup of coffee.

Stephanie King



Our Shut-Ins

Fran Buchanan

Mountain View Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
P.O. Box 909, New Paltz 12561

Celia Coulter

3 Lookout Ave., New Paltz

Gladys DuBois

44 Jenkinstown Rd., New Paltz

Doris George

Mountain View

Millie Hague

Mountain View

Carl Lillberg

16 Lincoln Place, New Paltz

Martha McKenna

Moran's Rest Home

1741 State Route 32, Modena, 12548

Fran Seaholm

Mountain View

Jesse C. Welwood-Kunz

Mountain View

Jane Wright

Valley Vista



Getting To Know You

Getting To Know You will have the last meeting for the season on **Tuesday, June 9th** in the Social Room, as usual. We will have a **PARTY**, so don't bring a sandwich, but come and enjoy the day. Any questions, phone *Joan Davison* at 883-6660.

Joan Davison



Members and Friends in the Armed Forces

Please pray for these members of the Armed Forces:

Scott Beswick, Sergeant Christopher Beyer, Shane Freer, Brooke Greener, Corey Greener, P.F.C. Andrew J. Hasbrouck, Evert Janson, Jacob Kouhout, Denise and Jacob Lockwood, Nick Meredith, Jessica Ruschak, James Van Alst, Stewart Van Deusen, Jr, Pvt. 1st class Daniel Van Leuven.



Notes From Consistory

The May Consistory meeting was held at *Ann and Glenn Phillips* home to celebrate and welcome *Howard* home from his sabbatical.

The Consistory accepted the confirmands into membership of the Reformed Church of New Paltz.

The Huguenot Historical Society is celebrating Old New Paltz Day on May 30th and has invited our church to be the food vendor for the day. We have agreed to do that.

The Worship Committee has two new members: *Jane Boden* and *Jeanne McCullough*. The carillon was fixed, and worked for only one week. The committee had a talk on a new carillon, and *Mark Brown* and *Ann Phillips* hope to have a demonstration of it in a church.

The landscaping for the Habitat for Humanity home will be done in June. They are calling it "Extreme Makeover Landscaping".

It is time for the Nominations Committee to nominate new members for Consistory. *Muriel Bixler, Shelley Greener, Ann Phillips, and Jeanne McCullough* are members of the committee.

Joyce Gartrell, Clerk of Consistory



God doesn't want shares of your life. He wants controlling interest.

Extra, Extra

Attention friends and neighbors:
here's the news from Mountain View.

A darling little chipmunk
came to spend the night here, too.

Some residents were frightened,
But some others gave a cheer:
"Let's keep the little fellow.
We could use a mascot here."

An RN said, "I'm sorry
but it just won't work, you guys...
No way is there a bed here
to accommodate his size."

They shut us in our bedrooms,
and coaxed him toward the exit door,
and he romped out delighted
to be back at home once more!

Carol Cruikshank

May 2, 2009



If A Dog Were Your Teacher...

If a dog were your teacher, you would learn stuff like...

- ☞When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- ☞Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.
- ☞Allow the experience of fresh air and wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- ☞When it's in your best interest – practice obedience.
- ☞Let others know when they're invading your territory.
- ☞Take naps and stretch before rising.
- ☞Run, romp, and play daily.
- ☞Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- ☞Avoid biting, when a simple growl will do.
- ☞On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- ☞On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a tree.
- ☞When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- ☞No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...Run right back and make friends.
- ☞Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- ☞Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you've had enough.
- ☞Be loyal
- ☞Never pretend to be something you're not.
- ☞If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- ☞When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

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Have we missed anyone?

Next Trumpeter Deadline
 June 23, 2009

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