

trumpeter

Lord, I do not know what this day will hold. I only ask that you hold my hand and grant me a quiet trust in your faithfulness.

Reformed Church of New Paltz



Offering Scholarships for 2009

The Twice Blessed Thrift Shop of the New Paltz Reformed Church will award \$1000.00 scholarships in 2009 to recognize individuals who have made a positive impact in their Church, community, school or workplace. Applicants must have demonstrated strong academic achievement, or commensurate experience, that indicates ability to succeed in a post-secondary program.

The applicant must be a member of the New Paltz Reformed Church or a regular Twice Blessed volunteer or a direct relative of either of these. Direct relatives would include children, spouses and grandchildren of a church member or Twice Blessed volunteer.

Eligibility requirements and application forms may be obtained in the church office (M-F, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) or at Twice Blessed during business hours (W, Th, Sat., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) **Deadline for application submission with all required information is June 15, 2009.**

Applications will be reviewed by the Twice Blessed Scholarship Committee of the Reformed Church of New Paltz. Winners will be announced on July 15, 2009

Rosemarie McBride



This very moment is a seed from which the flowers of tomorrow's happiness grow.

Margaret Lindsey

Healthy Outdoors

An opportunity for you to spend time in the wonderful sunshine and fresh air of summer: The property committee is looking for a person to mow the church lawns this summer. *David Bitters* has been caring for the lawns for the last several years, but *David* moved south this spring.

This is a paid position with the church supplying the mower and fuel. This person needs to be at least 18-years-old. If you are interested, please call *Skip Van Alst* at 255-0573 or speak to a property committee member.

Skip Van Alst, chair, Property Committee



Bicycle Parking

The Wullschleger Building now features secure parking for four bicycles. Installed by the Caring for Creation Committee, the 2-1/2 inch steel inverted "U" style racks were manufactured and donated to the church by Fall Fittings, Inc. Coated with a rubberized paint that protects bicycle finishes from scratches, the racks allow easy lock-up using cable or U-locks.

Doug Havnaer



In Memory of Jean Langwick

Knit and Knibble delivered twenty chemo-hats to the American Cancer Society in Kingston. These hats were made from yarn purchased with money given by the New Paltz Study Club in memory of *Jean Langwick*. Each was fashioned with loving thoughts of *Jean* and best wishes for those who would wear them.

Marie Wiersum

Volunteers

Recently I started trying to tally the number of hours volunteers spend helping out at our church. I have decided that the number is mind-boggling and nearly impossible to figure out. So, the following is an effort to let everyone know that their efforts are noticed and ever so important to the functioning and fellowship of this church.

Vital
Organized
Loyal
Unselfish
Necessary
Talented
Eager
Energetic
Responsible
Steadfast

Our Unsung Heroes

Where would we be
 without volunteers?
 Their praises we sing,
 their accomplishments we cheer!

They are the backbone
 of our beloved Church.
 Without their efforts
 we'd be left in the lurch.

Wherever you look
 they are doing some task.
 Whatever you need
 you just have to ask.

Thank you, dear Lord
 for all that they do.
 Our gratitude for their efforts
 is nothing new.

Please, if you will,
 make them aware,
 how grateful we are and
 how much we care!

Ann Phillips, Senior Elder



Getting To Know You

Getting To Know You will be meeting until June 9th, so there is plenty of time for you to join us. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the Social Room of the church for table games and conversation. After lunch we again return to the tables until 2 p.m. It is a good time to meet new people and get to know acquaintances better as well.

Any questions, phone Joan Davison at 883-6660.

Joan Davison



It's A Small World

Dave and I recently attended our oldest grandson, *Jesse Graves*'s, Senior Recital at Westfield College in Westfield, Massachusetts. The first two people we saw as we walked into the lobby were *Lois Stokes* and her daughter, *Shari*. *Shari*'s son, *Jesse Alling*, was the pianist extraordinaire accompanying *Jesse Graves*. These two young men who share a first name also have New Paltz in their parent's background, but they weren't aware of this. *Jesse Graves* is the oldest son of *Diane Lent* and *Brad Graves*. He is a Jazz guitarist and does amazing things with his guitar. He has played several times in this church.

Many of you will remember *Lois Stokes*, who, along with her husband *Charlie* and their daughters, lived in New Paltz for many years and were members of this church. After *Charlie* died, *Lois* moved to the Boston area to be near her daughters. *Lois* is still a very pretty woman with a wonderful smile. *Lois* asked to be remembered to her friends in New Paltz.

Actually, we have another college connection. When our son, *Paul*, graduated from The College at Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, *Shelley Stokes, Lois*' youngest daughter, was there for a College Reunion. Our youngest daughter, *Mary Nell*, is also a Wooster graduate. Both *Mary Nell* and her husband *Steve*, and *Jesse*'s parents and brother, *Cody*, were at this recital. We will all be back in mid-May for graduation.

Susanna D. Lent



Finances for March 2009

Pledges	\$14479
Denominational Assessment	80
Loose Collection	458
Special Appeals	275
Miscellaneous Donations	4345
Miscellaneous Projects	450
Room Use	875
TOTAL INCOME	\$20962
TOTAL EXPENSE	19685
YEAR TO DATE INCOME	\$81656
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSE	67494
March Mission of the Month	777

Charles W. Stratton, 3rd
Treasurer



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

Valley Vista

141 North Rd., Highland 12528

Jane Wright

Valley Vista

Here is a test to find out whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't.

**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.

**Thank You To the Senior Choir**

A special thanks to everyone in the choir for their dedication and for the care and attention they gave the music for Holy Week this year. Please know, choir members, how much I appreciate your efforts.

R. Mark Brown, Organist and Senior Choir Director

**Hear Ye, Hear Ye**

The Senior Choir is planning an "Afternoon of Musical Favorites", which, if all goes well, will not only be presented in concert, but also recorded for sale and sharing with others. The program is tentatively set for **Sunday afternoon, June 14th**. The recording session will have to be planned for a different date.

The program would consist of some of our favorite non-Christmas songs. We hope that this program will feature what might be known as our Bread and Butter anthems. We have a repertoire of songs we do on a regular basis, usually once a year. The program will include some of the best of these. You could probably say that within our choice of songs, there will be something old, something new, something cherished, and something blue. We also hope to add a couple of new anthems to our repertoire for the program.

It might be possible that we could record our Candlelight Program as well this December. Time will tell. Please set aside the afternoon of June 14th for our program.

R. Mark Brown, Organist and Senior Choir Director



Church School News

Lenten Project a Huge Success

This year our Lenten mission was Heifer International, an organization that approaches aiding those in need through education, environmental concerns and empowerment. Not only do they offer the opportunity to grow a business (many agricultural), but they offer the education necessary to sustain the growth. Those receiving livestock must take classes in animal health, maintenance and safe marketing practices. Those receiving bees or seedlings learn about crop rotation and over-farming. And all recipients must give forward to others in the program, by donating wool, eggs, dairy products, etc.

It was because of these initiatives that we chose Heifer International for this year's project and because of the amazing enthusiasm of the students, we will be able to purchase two llamas, a goat, four flocks of chickens and an earth basket (a honey bee hive and tree seedlings). Not only did KIDS KARE do a thoughtful and well planned job picking out the diverse choices, but each class voted on what they wanted their class to buy, and then went about making it happen.

In keeping with Lenten traditions, the children were asked to sacrifice their time to do chores or odd jobs or give up something they wanted and put the money toward their church class choice. *Maddy, Kaya and Grace* held their own bake sale. *Will, Adi, Oona and Atreaju* made beautiful Easter cards and sold them, and *Riley* gave up her piggy bank savings to aid a family in need. Many others brought in part of their allowance or money they saved instead of buying a snack. My thanks to these amazing young people for all their efforts. They have shown their faith and love, and, in that, they change the world!

Children's Day Approaches

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we celebrate **Children's Day, June 8th**. This will be a very special Sunday service of stories, songs

and recognition. Our theme this year was Biblical Heroes and Villains, and you'll learn all about it on June 8th!

Bible Trivia Contest

What a smart group of students we had competing in our annual Trivia Contest. The second and third graders squared off against a team of fourth through sixth graders and were narrowly (and I do mean narrowly) defeated. Next, they competed against a team of their classmates, and the final score had the winning team up by one [1] point! The most amazing part was that there were hardly any wrong answers. They really know their Old Testament, and now that we're studying the New Testament, we will have another contest in late May. Stay tuned to see who the winners are!!!

Nancy Owen, Director of Christian Education



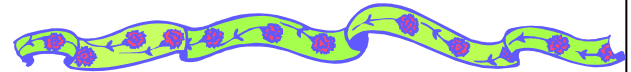
From the Street to the Lawn – A Tour de Paltz

Join friends and neighbors on a unique tour and bike ride sponsored by Historic Huguenot Street and the Town of New Paltz. The ride begins at the Dubois 'Fort' on Huguenot Street and follows quiet roads leading to the grassy grounds and striking Jeffersonian mansion at Locust Lawn. The scenic and gently rolling 4½-mile route includes beautiful views of the river and the ridge. Arriving at Locust Lawn, riders will enjoy a fascinating Huguenot Historical Society tour of the 1814 Federal style Josiah Hasbrouck House and the 1738 Terwilliger House.

The cost of the tour and ride is \$5.00 per person and includes a sag wagon in the event of breakdown.

For more information, please call *Doug* or *Adriana Havnaer* at 256-0332.

Doug Havnaer



**I am only one, but still I am one.
I cannot do everything, but still I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do something I can do.**

Helen Keller

Notes From Consistory

Consistory met on March 31st for the April meeting as *Roger* was to be out of town on the regular meeting date.

Consistory (with two Nays and one abstention) approved coverage of expenses up to \$500 for the Caring for Creation Committee for Earth Day with the idea of proposing the item for the budget next year.

Skip Van Alst, Property Chair, reported that the ladies room in the church is being remodeled. The Count Room is partially painted, the Carillon has been repaired, *Doug Havnaer* installed a bike rack outside the Education Building and wants to put one over by the church as well. Permission was granted to an Eagle Scout to build dugouts on Dressel Field.

The Worship Committee is working on an update of the church web site. The organ has been repaired.

The Consistory will be meeting with the confirmands on May 3rd at 9:00 a.m. *Catherine Bird* graduates from High School this year, and is seeking someone to replace her in doing the worship service for the young children while their siblings are rehearsing in Junior Choir.

Natalie Alexander, Director of Membership, will be moving in June. The position is really needed. The Fellowship Committee wants to keep the position, rewrite the job description and advertise for the job. *Mark Brown* is working on a DVD for Woodland Pond people, and it can be used for any new people. Applefest is October 3rd, 2009.

Mission and Outreach Committee received two thank you notes from Family of New Paltz. The Habitat for Humanity landscaping project will be after the Mother's Day tea. On Saturday, May 30th, the Huguenot Historical Society is holding Old New Paltz Day, and they asked if we want to sell hot dogs and hamburgers.

Next Consistory meeting -- May 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Joyce D. Gartrell, Clerk of Consistory



**heal the past: live the present:
dream the future.**

Family

I ran into a stranger as he passed
by
"Oh, excuse me please," was my
reply.

He said, "Please excuse me, too;
I wasn't watching for you."

We were very polite, this stranger
and I.

We went on our way, and we said
goodbye.

But at home a different story is
told,
How we treat our loved ones, young
and old.

Later that day, cooking the
evening meal,
My son stood beside me, very
still.

When I turned, I nearly knocked
him down.
"Move out of the way," I said with
a frown.

He walked away, his little heart
broken.
I didn't realize how harshly I'd
spoken.

While I lay awake in bed,
God's still small voice came to me
and said,

"While dealing with a stranger,
common courtesy you use,

But the family you love,
you seem to abuse.

Go and look on the kitchen floor.
You'll find some flowers there by
the door.

Those are the flowers he brought
for you.

He picked them himself--pink,
yellow and blue

He stood very quietly, not to
spoil the surprise.

You never saw the tears that
filled his eyes.

By this time, I felt very small,
and now my tears began to fall.

I quietly went and knelt by his
bed;
"Wake up, little one, wake up," I
said.

"Are these the flowers you picked
for me?"

He smiled, "I found 'em, out by
the tree."

"I picked them because they're
pretty like you.
I knew you'd like them, especially
the blue."


I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for
the way I acted today;
I shouldn't have yelled at you
that way."

He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay.
I love you anyway."

I said, "Son, I love you, too,
and I do like the flowers,
especially the blue."

Family - Are you aware that if we
died tomorrow, the company that we
are working for could easily
replace us in a matter of days,
but the family we left behind will
feel the loss for the rest of
their lives? And, come to think
of it, we often pour ourselves
more into work than into our own
family, an unwise investment,
indeed, don't you think?

At Sunday School they were teaching how God
created everything, including human beings. Little
Johnny seemed especially intent when they told
him how Eve was created from one of Adam's ribs.
Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying
down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny,
what is the matter?" Johnny responded, "I have a
pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



After getting all of the Pope's luggage loaded into
the limo (and he doesn't travel light), the driver
notices that the Pope is still standing on the curb.

"Excuse me, Your Eminence," says the driver.
"Would you please take your seat so we can
leave?"

"Well, to tell you the truth," says the Pope, "they
never let me drive at the Vatican, and I'd really like
to drive today."

"I'm sorry, but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my
job! And what if something should happen?"
protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to
work that morning.

"There might be something extra in it for you,"
says the Pope.

Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope
climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly
regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport,
the Supreme Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo
to 105 mph.

"Please, slow down, Your Holiness!!!" pleads the
worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the
metal until they hear sirens. "Oh, dear God, I'm
gonna lose my license," moans the driver.

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as
the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at
him, goes back to his motorcycle and gets on the
radio. "I need to talk to the Chief," he says to the
dispatcher. The Chief gets on the radio, and the
cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going 105
mph.

"So, bust him," says the Chief.

"I don't think we want to do that. He's really
important," says the cop.

The Chief exclaimed, "All the more reason!"

"No, I mean REALLY important," said the cop.
The Chief then asked, "Who ya got there -- the
Mayor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

Chief: "Governor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

“Well,” said the Chief, “Who is it?”

Cop: “I think it’s God!”

Chief: “What makes you think it’s God?”

Cop: “He’s got the Pope for a limo driver!”



A few things I’ve learned over my 100 years of life: A good sense of humor is money in the bank, in life, and the job, in the home. Slow down more often and enjoy what you are doing. Smile and eat more ice cream and chocolate. Helping others is far more rewarding than helping myself, and those who laugh more, worry less. Life is a gift to enjoy

Edna Roush, 1906-2008

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Have we missed anyone?

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