

# 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.

## Sister Cities Celebration

On September 11, 2008 a musical celebration was held in our sanctuary, promoting peace in the world with music. The concert was sponsored by New Paltz International Exchange Association and Sister City International and Arts for Peace. Many sister cities around the world were celebrating with music on this date.

Among the performers were *Betty and the Baby Boomers*, *Vicki Russell* and several of her students, *Mark Brown*, our organist and Senior Choir Director, who played his own composition entitled "In Memoriam", written right after the 9/11/2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, the Reformed Church Youth Choir and the Reformed Church Senior Choir, and twelve women from our sister city of Niimi, Japan. The music was beautiful and meaningful, and certainly heartfelt by the performers and the listeners.

The Japanese visitors presented a beautiful gift of 1000 origami paper cranes in a hanging that was made by the members of an audience in Japan.

As the flyer read, "Bringing communities together; Reaffirming our hope for peace; Celebrating our universal humanity. It was an evening well spent.

*Joyce Gartrell*



## Feed the Hungry

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual New Paltz **CROP Walk** will be **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** Over these many years our congregation has enthusiastically supported this walkathon for local and world hunger relief. A few years ago the Youth Choir decided to join in the fun of this Inter-Faith, Inter-Generational

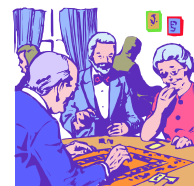
event, which has resulted in a sizeable group of Reformers on the Rail Trail.

Of course, the goal is to raise funds – 25% of which stays in the community for the relief agency, Family of New Paltz, and also to support hunger relief agencies all around the world. All levels of participation are important – walking, giving a monetary donation, recruiting friends to walk, and asking as many people as possible for support.

The walkathon is a leisurely five-mile-stroll on the Walkkill Valley Rail Trail. Our coordinator, *Judy Elliot*, will be recruiting after worship services. See her for a Walker Donation Envelope and also to give donations.

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have." -Hebrews 13:16*

*Adriana Havnaer*



## Getting To Know You

Getting To Know You begins **Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.** in the Social Room of the church. As usual, several table games will be available, and we all look forward to conversation as well.

Please bring a sandwich and enjoy the dessert and beverage provided. Remember, also, that if you forget your sandwich, we have an extra available. Just ask. Any questions, phone *Joan Davison* at 883-6660.

*Joan Davison*



### Needed: Partner Family for Ulster County Habitat For Humanity

Ulster County Habitat for Humanity is looking for a family to partner with us on Codwise Street in the Town of Ulster. If you are interested and have a steady income, a low level of long-term debt, good credit and willingness to pay in sweat equity, you may be our next partner family.

To qualify, a family of 4 needs a steady income of at least \$40,000. A family of 3 would need a steady income of at least \$36,000, and a family of 2 would need at least \$32,000. Furthermore, you need a good credit rating and a long-term monthly debt pay out amount of not more than \$400-\$600. Long-term debt includes your auto payments, credit card debt, child support and alimony payments.

In addition, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Ulster County or work here for at least one year
- Live in substandard housing at this time.
- Put in a minimum of 250 hours of sweat equity.

If you think you may qualify, or you know someone who may qualify, please call UCHFH at (845) 340-0907 and request an application. You may also go online to read more detailed information or request an application at <http://www.ulstercountyhabitat.org>. If you have questions, you can call *Cathy or Bill Whitaker* at (845) 339-3634. **(Habitat is also the Mission of the Month for September.)**

*Family Selection & Support Committee  
Ulster County Habitat for Humanity*



### It's Apple Festival Time

On **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, rain or shine, the Apple Festival and Craft Fair will happen. There will be food, live entertainment, children's activities, quality crafts and demonstrations, homemade pies and apple desserts, and we hope we'll see you there. Bring

your friends, neighbors, relatives, and come on over!



### Guest Preacher

On Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, *Stephanie King* will talk about the challenges of her mission to bring clean water (or "living water" as the Bible describes it) to the people of Nicaragua. We look forward to hearing about *Stephanie's* unique ministry.

*Howard Major*



### Church School News

We'd like to welcome some new members to our church school family this year. In our Care Nursery we welcome two-year-old *Gavin Swanander* and his older brother *Ethan* in our Pre-K class. We also have two-year-olds *Melanie Kniffen* (joined by her four-year-old brother *Daniel*) and *Eamonn Rynne* (who joined us last spring with his big brother *Griffin*, now in Kindergarten).

In our K-1<sup>st</sup> grade class we welcome *Aidan Hoover* (K), *Shelby Maguire* (1<sup>st</sup>) and *Desi Ley*, also in 1<sup>st</sup>. Our second and third grade class is excited to have *Derek Seger* (whose older sister *Marina* is helping out in the Care Nursery). We are also very lucky to have *Colleen Littlejohn*, who moved away last year, back with us in the third grade. Welcome back, *Colleen!*

We are off to a great start and, as always, welcome new members throughout the year. Please feel free to call the Christian Education Office (255-6340, Extension 101) with any suggestions, ideas or concerns. We always welcome your input and hope you and your children will enjoy this exciting year we have planned.

*Nancy Owen*, Director, Christian Education

### Blessing of the Animals

“The animals are coming! The animals are coming!” And you’re invited, too. All pets and their owners are invited to come to this annual event, (begun twenty years ago by *Howard Major* and *Sally Rhoads*) on **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** on the church lawn. Besides being fun, it’s also always interesting. You never know who will show up. In the past we have had a cow, horses, a rooster, chickens, a cockatoo, a snake, and, of course, a great selection of hamsters, guinea pigs, cats and dogs. I bring one of my dogs every year, and they love the treats and fellowship, not to mention their special blessing!

After a hymn, a reading, and a prayer, each animal is introduced by his/her owner. *Howard* then prays for each animal individually. Please stop and meet and greet our furry, feathery, and otherwise attired family members. Of course, there will be refreshments for all (including the pets)! See you there!!

### **KIDS KARE! starts October 8<sup>th</sup>!!**

**Kids Kare** is a brand new club forming for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It offers kids an opportunity to do for others, by reaching out in the community to offer prayers, cards, visits, etc. Much like an adult Lay Care Committee, we will be concerned with those among us who are sick or may be going through a difficult time and would benefit from some extra time and attention. We will meet monthly over in the Education Building (room #3) at 3:30 and finish in time for Junior Choir. If you have any questions, ideas or suggestions, please call *Nancy Owen* at 255-6340 or home at 384-6305.

*Nancy Owen*, Director, Christian Education



### Twice Blessed

The pastor recently shared an article from the *New York Times* stating that “thrift shops are thriving, but running low on stock”. Apparently, the economic situation is pushing people to shop in their local thrifts shops to save a few dollars, and the article stated that, also, because of the economy, people are hanging on to their clothing and belongings for a little longer. Well, the thrift shop

in the Education Building of the Reformed Church of New Paltz, otherwise known as The Twice Blessed Boutique, is, indeed, thriving! But, in contrast to those organizations mentioned in the article, we are full to overflowing with all kinds of goodies, and they keep on coming!

If you haven’t visited us yet, you’re missing out on some real bargains! **We’re open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and we’ll be open during the Apple Festival, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

*Joyce Gartrell*, Volunteer



### A Gift To Us from Helen Parker

*Helen Parker*, a Christian with a deep faith and a lifelong member of our church, died last May. *Helen* was a teacher in the Beacon school system and a pioneer in special education. *Helen* left a bequest to our church in her will for which we are very grateful. Her name has been added to the Huguenot Cross Society a fellowship of people, both living and deceased who have included the church in their wills.

*Howard Major*



### Candlelight is Coming!

It’s time to start preparing for Candlelight – **5 p.m. on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008.** The Senior Choir will begin working on their Holiday Music the beginning of October. We practice at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday night, and we invite anyone interested to come and join us.

A special thanks to all who helped provide special music, solos, etc. during the summer. I also thank the choir for their sacrifices to participate in the Sister City Concert on Thursday evening, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The church was filled with people from New Paltz and the community. The Senior Choir sang three songs and did a wonderful job representing the church.

Finally, an announcement to the choir and others considering joining us – the **Choir's Pot Luck Dinner will be on Thursday night, October 9<sup>th</sup>.**

*Mark Brown*, Organist and Senior Choir Director



### 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

***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. Welwoodkunz***

Valley Vista  
141 North Rd.  
Highland 12528

***Jane Wright***

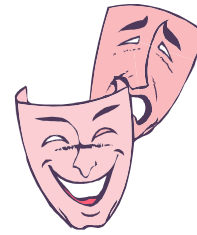
Valley Vista



### 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, Jessica Ruschak, James Van Alst, Stewart Van Deusen, Jr, Pvt. 1st class Daniel Van Leuven*



### Le Chambons

Actors – Actresses – There is a play called *Remember My Name* which is about Le Chambons sur Ligne during World War II. This is the town that was the focus of the *Pierre Sauvage* movie – *Weapons of the Spirit*. The play has a rather small cast consisting of a young girl (or boy), and a man and woman who are a part of the French Resistance. They should appear to be between the ages of 20 and 35. There is a part for an older man, the priest, and an older woman as well as a middle-aged man, who plays the villain/aka Nazi police officer. I'm curious to know if there is anyone out there who might be interested in participating in a theatrical production of this type.

During World War II the little Huguenot town of Le Chambons hid an amazingly large number of Jewish children, putting local citizenry in great danger. Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures, and, generally, when asked why they did it, local farm families said there was never any question but that they must take in these children. Most did so, never asking any questions nor speaking of it again. Children arrived in town and disappeared into the fabric of families without question or discussion.

The play *Remember My Name* was written by *Joanna Kraus* who was once a faculty member at SUNY New Paltz in the Theater Department.

Anyone interested, please contact me, *Mark Brown* at 255-7286 or [knodish1@mac.com](mailto:knodish1@mac.com), or the church office at 255-6340.

*Mark Brown*



*Father answering phone:*  
"No, this is not your



from the Internet

### Internet Prayer

From bugs of modem and router,  
from worms, viruses, and internet afflictions, deliver us,  
Good Lord.

From spam, pop-ups, and promotions,  
from cyberporn, and bogus addresses,  
deliver us, Good Lord.

From voice-messaging chains and menu options,  
from buck-passing between service providers and cable  
companies,  
deliver us, Good Lord.

From on-hold muzak and advertising,  
from stolen cookies and identity thieves,  
deliver us, Good Lord

Bless us from our booting up  
to our shutting down,  
and watch over us as our screen-saver fish, toasters,  
landscapes, and family photos morph across our  
screens,  
and until our partial sight dims forever  
before your eternal brightness,  
everlasting day dawns, and the shadows flee away.

from the Internet

submitted by *Howard Major*

### Cooking

“This is the most complicated meal I have ever tried to cook,” *Helen Hayes*, winner of two Academy awards, warned her family.

“If it isn’t right, I don’t want anybody to say a word. We’ll just get up from the table, without comment, and go down to the hotel for dinner.”

She returned some ten minutes later to find the family seated expectantly at the dinner table – wearing their hats and coats.

from “Good Stuff”—March 2004



### Grandparents and Grandchildren

She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter as she’d done many times before. After she applied

her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, “But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper goodbye!”



My young grandson called the other day to wish me a Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, “62.” He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, “Did you start at 1?”



### The Law of the Garbage Truck

I hopped in a taxi, and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his breaks, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly.

So I asked, “Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!” This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call “The Law of the Garbage Truck.”

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointments. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it, and sometimes they’ll dump it on you. Don’t take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don’t take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so...”Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don’t.”

from the Internet



**I am still confident of this: I will see the  
goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and  
wait for the Lord.**

*Psalm 27:13-14*

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Have we missed anyone?

Next Trumpeter Deadline

October 14, 2008