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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.



New Membership Director

The Fellowship Committee is pleased to announce that *Jay Rhinehart* has accepted the position of Membership Director. *Jay* will assume the job in September, replacing *Natalie Alexander*, who resigned in June.

Jay comes to the position uniquely qualified. He was baptized and grew up in the New Paltz Reformed Church, attending Church School and singing in the choir. He became an official church member when he was confirmed in 1976. After earning his B.A. at Ithaca College, *Jay* returned to New Paltz and eventually served as a deacon on the Consistory and served as chairperson of the Worship Committee. Over the years, *Jay* has also been a member of the Missions and Outreach and the Education Committees. In addition, he was on the Board of Directors for the Student Christian Center, and he even ran the elevator for four years!

Jay and his wife, *Angie*, have also taught the Confirmation Class for the past six years. In fact, according to *Jay*, "What really taught me the most about the church was teaching Confirmation Class!" In order to instruct the Confirmation Class, *Jay and Angie* had to fully understand the history and beliefs of both the Huguenot Church and the Reformed Church of America. Clearly, if anyone has a question to ask about the New Paltz Reformed Church, *Jay* is the man to ask!

Even his marriage to *Angie* is the result of his church membership. They met at a young adults group at the church run by *Drew and Holly Lent*. Although the group didn't last long, as *Jay* says, "It served its purpose!" *Jay* is currently a stay-at-home dad for his sons, *Jacob*, four, and *James*, sixteen

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months. He is also the golf coach at Ulster Community College.

As *Jay* tackles his latest assignment in the church as Membership Director, his belief that it is important to "stay interested and stay fresh" in the church by staying involved will no doubt bring new energy to our church members, both new and old.

Lisa Curtis, Chair, Fellowship Committee



Thrice Blessed

Do you know how "Twice Blessed" got its name? Since everything we own is a blessing from God, when we give something to another, it becomes a blessing twice over. "Twice Blessed", however, adds on a third blessing. The money made from your gifts is used to bless others.

This spring the "Twice Blessed" volunteers blessed seven young people from our church with dollars toward their college education. See the story below.

Thank you, "Thrice Blessed"!

Howard Major



Congratulations to Twice Blessed Scholarship Winners!

For the past four years I've been "Master of the Goods", a part of the cosmic energy of Twice Blessed. I am Lulu Bouchard, and I am grateful for that title. The best part is that all of you contributed to our success: the warmth of your visits, where you reunited with old friends or

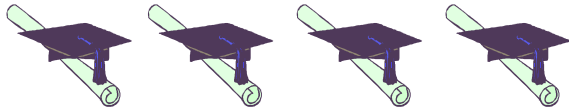
created new ones, the generosity and spirit of your donations, the sheer natural beauty of our loving fellowship. Beyond all of this, Twice Blessed has surpassed all expectations of what it could be.

This year we decided to offer scholarships to students of our church family that are entering college. We established a committee to develop guidelines and to evaluate the applications. All this work has been done, and it gives me great pleasure to announce the recipients of our scholarships:

*Catherine Bird
Julie Fogden
Annika Havnaer
Jessica Katz
Rebecca Renus
Katrina Ruiz
David Ziegler*

May God bless all of the recipients and help you to be good students and even better human beings with caring souls. Twice Blessed and the entire congregation wish this and more for you.

Lulu Bouchard, Twice Blessed Master of the Goods



Summer Sundays

No other church I know has a Sunday morning program for kids in the summer. Thanks to Mrs. Owen, every Sunday throughout the summer there has been a hands-on, Biblically based program for kids of all ages. This year's focus was Biblical crafts. The kids, for example, created their own pots – on an actual potter's wheel. ("We have this treasure in earthen vessels..." (2 Corinthians 4:7) and "we are the clay and you are the potter" (Isaiah 64:8). The pots were fired in a Biblically open-air kiln. "Summer Sundays for Kids", combined with time for children during worship, makes for a program of which we, as a church, can be very proud.

Thank you, Mrs. Owen.

Don't miss the fall exhibition of the kid's work!

Howard Major.



Simplify, Simplify, Simplify

Simplifying your life is more complicated than we thought. That was one of our discoveries at the summer seminar on *Simple Living* led by *Adriana Havnaer and Howard Major*. Using *Norman Wright's How To Simplify Your Life and Get More Out of It* as a guide, we suggested, among other things, simplifying time with shorter phone calls and learning to say "No". Some of us confessed how

susceptible we were to time stealers like procrastination and perfectionism. (After all, only God is perfect.)

Speaking of tyrannical time stealers, did you know that most Americans, by the time they reach the age of 72, will have spent twelve years of their lives watching television? And then there's the clutter, including the people who clutter our lives. Not to mention the emotional baggage that needs to be dumped. More on *simple living* this fall.

Howard Major

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Be An Angel – Give a Lift and a Hand

St. Mark says that when Jesus healed the Apostle Peter's mother-in-law, "he took her by the hand and lifted her up" (Mark 1:31). Some in our church need a hand and a lift. Without the lift of our church elevator and a helping hand, they couldn't come to worship. A smile and a warm "Good Morning" help, too. A team of angels, *Eben and Gail Yonnetti*, took on this ministry for many years. Now it's your opportunity to be an angel. Call AA* *Gail* at 338-6000 and offer a lift and a hand.

*Archangel.

Howard Major

Reflections On Elijah

If you think that Bible study is not the thing for you, well, you may be as surprised as I was to know how meaningful some group reading, thought, and

discussion at *Howard's* house can be. The conversation focused on the life of the prophet *Elijah*. *Howard* and *Rick Greener* led our informal lessons in a welcoming way. Unlike past Bible study sessions, this one was specifically for men, and the gentlemen that participated all added to the group in valuable ways. Let me explain.

As a group we read for a series of four weeks from the Biblical passages in 2nd Kings on *Elijah*. As a group we shared conversation in how the lessons of *Elijah* were applicable in our own life. Some examples would be: what it feels like to be an outsider, the fleeting power of miracles and the power of faith, and from time to time how it is necessary to depend on others for support.

Everyone who attended contributed to the quality of our time together through personal reflections on life experiences. I believe we all benefited greatly and neither perfect attendance nor preparation for class was required.

I hope to continue to participate in these meetings as the opportunities arise, either co-educational or male oriented, and I hope to meet more of you through these special opportunities offered to us by our wonderful church and congregation.

Matt Cook



Senior Choir

Thanks to the men for singing in July, *Jane Boden* coordinating and the women for singing in August, *Barbara Lane* coordinating.

Senior Choir will begin rehearsing again on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m.

My sights are now set on Christmas. Mark your calendars – Candlelight is set for Sunday, December 13th at 5 p.m.

R. Mark Brown, Organist and Senior Choir Director

Our church's mission is supported by the gifts of past members as well as present. Remember our church as you look ahead to the end of life and the start of the new -- Howard Major

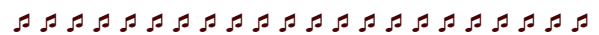


Summer Music

From classical to jazz to Gospel, great music filled our worship services this summer: Bach with violinist *Maria Polishchuk*, piano with *Sofya Maryanova* and *Linda Eckert*, gospel with *Judy Elliot*, jazz guitar with *Jesse Graves*, classical guitar with *Eric Roth*, an original composition for two guitars from *Avery and Julian Berman*, Handel performed by the men from our Senior Choir, and *Agnus Dei* sung by the women from our Senior Choir. What an amazing and inspiring variety!

Thank you to all who shared their talents with us!

Howard Major



Finances – July 2009

Pledges	\$11979
Denominational Assessment	290
Loose Collection	373
Miscellaneous Donations	690
Miscellaneous Projects	70
Room Use	500
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,902
TOTAL EXPENSES	19818
YEAR TO DATE INCOME	\$149386
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	157678
July Mission of the Month	\$275

Charles W. Stratton, 3rd, Treasurer



Twice Blessed Celebrates *Ethel Denton*

In the hot muggy days of August it feels good to contemplate the cold weather holiday of Christmas. That makes me think about our miraculous Twice Blessed volunteer *Ethel Denton* who decorates our shop's Christmas tree each year. *Ethel* trims the tree in a very particular way...full of energy with a reverence for the full meaning of Christmas. She is just what every Christmas tree deserves. *Ethel*

brings her lovely reverential ways to every task she undertakes at Twice Blessed. Is it possible to learn just by watching a friend like *Ethel*, who exudes such quiet common sense and capability? We think so.

Lu Bouchard, Master of the Goods

Look Ahead

On the way to General Synod last year, Hopewell pastor *Taylor Holbrook* and I stopped to visit his mother at the Reformed Church Home in Old Bridge, New Jersey. A part of the Reformed Church Ministries for the Aging, the home is a non-profit assisted living and skilled nursing residence. Rehabilitation and short-term respite care also are available. The layout and buildings are impressive. *Taylor's* mother speaks very highly of the home's operation.

If you are looking at senior residences, consider one affiliated with our Reformed Church. For a list of Reformed Church Senior Residences, call me. For the Reformed Church Home in Old Bridge, look at their web site at www.reformedchurchhome.com.

Howard Major



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



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.



Junior Choir – Catch up for June

The Junior Choir sang for the Children's Day Service on June 14th. It's always an exciting experience for us to sit on the Senior Choir "side". We sang a beautiful offertory anthem, "Children of the Heavenly Father" which featured descant singers *Katherine Curtis, Jade Fogden, Maddie Finnegan, Kaya Jordan, and Alexis Santiago.*

Recipients of this year's Junior Choir Hymnal Award were 6th graders *Jordan Alexander and Katherine Curtis* and 5th graders *Maddie Harrington, Kaya Jordan, Julianna Rock and Wesley Watts.*

We officially ended the choir year on Wednesday, June 17th, with the traditional End-of-the-Year Party and Treasure Hunt! Seven words describe the day and the party: " YES! WARM ENOUGH! FUN AND MORE FUN!" Despite a cold and wet spring, the day was warm and dry enough for a challenging outdoor Treasure Hunt.

In the "Upper T-Hunt Division", the Olympian Team (6th graders) beat the Silverado Team (5th graders) and, in the Younger Division, the Moon Team (led by *Jennifer Cook*) beat the Sun Team (led by *Lea Maney*). Then, it was time to break out the bathing suits, sprinklers and water balloons!

Special thanks to;

□ *Caroline Curtis and Julie Fogden* for helping the Junior Choir teams.

□ *Catherine Bird and Colleen Maney* for organizing the Scavenger Hunt for our Special Guests, members of the Children's Worship Class and the Church School Kindergarten class and younger siblings of choir members.

□ All the Moms and Dads who came early to help set-up and supervise and stayed late to clean up.

It's been an exciting and full year! I am so grateful for the Junior Choir Moms and Dads (and older siblings)! They are a terrific bunch who pitch in to offer help wherever it is needed. They are totally committed to supporting their children in positive ways, and they are fun to be with, too.

Please see our announcement in this Trumpeter for news of Junior Choir plans and start-up date for the coming school year.

Youth Choir – Catch up for June/July

This very, very full Youth Choir year ended with two special events. On Saturday, June 6th, we sponsored our Fourth Tri-Annual Talent Review and Coffee House. It was truly a TALENT show! The opening act was the Junior 5th and 6th Grade Drum Ensemble (proceeds from the show were to benefit the Drum Program), and then our MC, *Ned Bixby*, moved us smoothly (and humorously) through fifteen fast-paced acts, which included a modern dance and later in the show, a piano solo (*Becca Renus*), an instrumental trio (*Abby King, Danielle Watts and Kayla Wallace*), guitar duo (*Avery and Julian Berman*), two Beatles' hits ("Yesterday" – *Matt Nobile*- lead, *Steve Battaglia and Ned Bixby*- harmony and *Julian Berman* – guitar and "Because" sung by *Christina Smith, Brienne, Nadia, Caroline, Becca, Julie, Catherine, Colleen, Jess*, the popular "Love Song" (*Caroline Curtis, Becca Renus and Julian*), guitar and vocals (*Matt Nobile*), a guitar-drum jam (*Avery, Julian* and guest percussionist, *Brendan Bostock*), "Mama Who Bore Me" (*Jordan Stern*) – lead and soloist. The Youth Choir women sang two anthems – "The Gift of Love" (soloist – *Brienne Mehrhoff*) and "I Will Follow Him" from *Sister Act* (featuring choreography by *Kate Weston* and an amazing

dance routine by the the Mount St. Mary's Dancing Nuns! GUESS WHO?!

The full Youth Choir sang seven of our favorite anthems, and all this was interspersed with "Cell Phone" skits performed by *Steve Battaglia, Caroline Curtis, Maddy Harrington, Dave King and Samantha Strauss*. At intermission delicious desserts, provided by choir parents were served, and the audience had a chance to walk around and see the Art Show which featured works by choir members and parents. (All this took only two hours!)

A great big bravo to our accompanist, *Janet Salt*, (who does more than just play the notes for us), to *Nancy Owen*, director, lights and stage set-up, *Kate Weston*, choreographer, *Kym Tiffany*, rehearsal helper, *Amy King*, Art Show Set-up and all the parents for making wonderful desserts and to our wonderful, efficient and low paid kitchen crew!

AND...the two raffle certificates for the two-day stay at the Albatross Hotel in Ocean Grove, New Jersey were won by *Kathy Paulsen* (Youth Choir parent) and Senior Choir member, *Barbara Lane*! Thanks to everyone who participated.

Ocean Grove 2009 can be described in two words – **AMAZING AND WONDERFUL!** With only twelve members of the Youth Choir signed up to go to Ocean Grove this year, plus two Junior Choir siblings, I wasn't at all certain what kind of a show we would be able to do for the residents at Francis Asbury Manor who had invited us back to perform for them again this summer. My fears were groundless! We did almost all of the "Home Show" – all the choir anthems (and added "He Is The Rock"), many of the solo numbers and added "Pie Jesu" (*Caroline and Becca*), substituted soloists (*Nadia and Lily* in "Gift of Love"), added an extra funny cell phone skit and found a great, natural drummer (*Christina*). It turned out to be a great show, and everyone grew as performing artists and soloists! An added bonus to our visit was the chance to spend time visiting with our audience after the show.

We stayed for three days and two nights at the Albatross Hotel. We checked in from New Paltz where it was raining heavily much of the time, but, guess what?? We had wonderful weather! Three

days of beach and ocean fun, good times with our fourteen member “touring group” and seven chaperones. We found a new place for our whole group to “dine”, had many great conversations, went to Nagels’, and explored recent renovations and the Boardwalk at Asbury Park. I think everyone wants to go back – and, we certainly weren’t ready to leave.

Members of our tour group were: Sopranos – *Caroline and Katherine Curtis, Julie and Jade Fogden, Nadia Mulvihill, Lily Paulsen, Aliya Rachlin, Christina Smith*; Altos – *Rebecca Renus, Jess Robb, Kamalyn Stricker*; Tenor—*Julian Berman*; Basses – *Steven Battaglia, Avery Berman*; Chaperones – *Stacy and Barry Berman, Lisa Curtis, Kathy Paulsen, Diane Robb, Janet Salt and Nancy Herforth.*

Youth Choir

Make a Joyful Noise! – Come and sing in the Reformed Church Youth Choir!

Our 2009/10 season begins Thursday, September 10th. Plans are for 5:00 p.m. in the backyard of the manse. A short rehearsal in the sanctuary will follow. No audition is required – just a willingness to participate in a lively group that has lots of fun and a serious mission.

The Youth Choir rehearses every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary, and we also rehearse on Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. with time for refreshments and fellowship. Having two rehearsals a week accommodates busy teenage schedules and allows members to make at least one rehearsal a week.

All youth in the 7th through 12th grades (and beyond) are invited to join us. We hope you’ll come and see what Youth Choir is all about.

Junior Choir

Sing, Drum and Dance, Children of God!

All children in the 1st through 6th grades who love to sing are invited to join us for our opening Junior Choir Rehearsal and Get Acquainted Party on Wednesday, September 16th. The rehearsal/party will take place in the Church Social Room from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. We’ll have a short rehearsal, play some games and have pizza!

Please call the church office (255-6340) or *Nancy Herforth* (255-5298) if your child is interested in joining Junior Choir. --

Nancy Herforth, Director, Youth and Junior Choirs



Church School is Gearing Up!

Labor Day weekend is for many the last hurrah before families return to schedules and routines. Teachers are getting ready to go back to work, children are preparing for school, sports, and music lessons. Even NFL and fantasy football fans are paying close attention to pre-season games to help them pick the teams they’ll root for. Indeed, many calendars are filling up with all the activities that will carry us through the fall. September is a busy month!

Now, before you’ve filled your calendar completely, stop and take a moment to decide what it is you and your family *really* need. Besides the no. 2 pencils, the binders, the cleats, what else would you give your child, if it were within your power? We try to keep our children healthy with a good diet, a full night’s sleep and plenty of exercise, and it works to a good extent, but accidents and circumstance are beyond our control. Life happens. So what can we do? Listed below are a few opportunities you can give your child to help them “grow their faith”, a faith that can sustain them through all the ups and downs we face in life.

September 13 – 1st day of Church School!!!! A registration form can be obtained from the church office. All kids ages birth to eighth grade are welcome.

September 16th – Acolytes meet! We welcome any student in the 3rd through the 8th grade to come and join our club. We will meet at 3:30 in the church sanctuary, then after a short meeting, we will move on for refreshments and fun. For more information, call *Nancy Owen* at 255-6340 (work) or at 384-6305 (home).

September 28th – Sundaes Sunday – You guessed it, but you have to make your own! *Blessing of the Animals* – 2 p.m. on the Church lawn. Even if you don't have a pet, it's fun to meet and greet our furry friends. Refreshments for all!

October 8th --KIDS KARE! begins. New members between 2nd and 8th grade are invited to attend. Call *Nancy Owen* (phone numbers listed above) for more information.

Summer Sundays Thank You!!!!

This past summer kids who came to church got a special treat. They learned how to throw a pot on a potter's wheel, how to paint a fresco, how to help create the catacombs, how to make and eat flat bread, how to dye a toga, how to paint early Christian symbols, and they even learned about bees! To accomplish all this, extra hands were needed and extra hands volunteered! A very special thanks goes out to *Kate Weston, Julie Fogden, Judy Elliot, Jeanne McCullough, Pat King, Lu Bouchard, and Jill Cook*. Their talents and effort made Summer Sundays a great success! Thank you!!

Nancy Owen, Director, Christian Education



Come To The Party!

Do you tell others about our church? Would you invite a friend or neighbor to worship? It's not a 'pushy' or presumptuous thing to do. Like a party, everyone likes to be asked, even if they can't or won't come.

Howard Major

The greater the difficulty, the more glory in surmounting it. Skillful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempests.



Cell Phone vs. Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

- What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- What if we used it when we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you ...hmm...where IS my Bible? Oh, and one more thing...Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected, because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think – “Where are my priorities?” And no dropped calls, either!

from the Internet

The Coffeepot at Cana

This story is from another church – not ours!

In our church kitchen, whoever drinks the last cup of coffee often fails to replenish the pot for the next person. Trying to motivate the staff to be more responsible, the secretary taped a neatly-typed plea to the pot: “If Jesus drank the last cup of coffee, what would He have done? Go thou and do likewise.”

The next morning she found this scrawled response: “Jesus would have turned the water into wine instead of coffee.”

Mae H. Fortson in *Christian Reader*, “Lite Fare”
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Have we missed anyone?

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