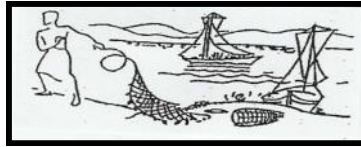


# The Fisherman



October 2008



## 2008 Consistory

### Elders

Jan Dunham  
Glenn Holzhauser  
Louise Bliss- Kenneally  
Jim Mackerer  
Nancy Rasweiler  
Bob Weinman

### Deacons

Kay Cook  
Bob Ihlenburg  
Rob LaRocque  
Lloyd Lawrence  
Anne Terwilliger  
Carolyn Wilber

### Missionaries

Judy Estelle  
Jack & Susan Dabney  
Bruce & Laurie Hawley  
Richard Otterness

### Staff

Lloyd Lawrence,  
*Director of Bell Choir*  
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Louise Middleton,  
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## ***“Walking the Walk”***

-Jon LaBelle & Dustin Van Alphen  
*(in alphabetical order)*

*“The trip to the Bronx was an awesome experience. Meeting new people from the Herkimer Reformed Church and the congregation that we were serving made up of people primarily from Ghana and the community surrounding the church, it was the highlight of my summer. Working for God in a different community was very special and made me realize that even teenagers can contribute to spreading God’s message and His work. Thank you for this great opportunity and I look forward to more mission trips in the future.”*

-Jon LaBelle

From Linda and Mike LaBelle:

*“A special thanks goes out to Bob and Sue Ihlenburg for their commitment in missions and the youth of our church. You are a blessing to all of us.”*



L - R; Jon LaBelle, Dr. Pastor Kwame (Bronx Church) & Dustin Van Alphen

*“As some of you may know, I recently went on a mission trip to the Bronx with the Ihlenburg’s and Jon LaBelle. The mission was to take part in the remodeling of The Emmanuel Presbyterian Reformed Church of Ghana. Mr. Ihlenburg, Jon, and I worked on remodeling the front doors of the church. Others had the jobs of spackling, painting, laying down tiles, etc. It feels great to have taken part in this mission trip. It is so satisfying to look back at our accomplishments. I know we helped to bring out the true beauty of this church.*

*Some people may believe a mission trip is all work, work, work and more work. That is kind of what I expected when we started our venture; however, this was not the case. Sure, we did a lot of work,  
*(Continued on next page)**

## ***“Walking the Walk” - Continued...***

*but we also had the opportunity to socialize and have fun. The congregation consisted of immigrants from Ghana. They were happy to have us there and welcomed us with open arms. They were genuinely nice people and they spent time with us. We learned a lot about their culture and played games. A highlight of the trip for me was participating in one of the church's services. They invited me to play the drums. It was an experience I will always remember. I am proud to say that these people are my brothers and sisters in Christ.*

*If you have any interest in participating in a mission trip, I would highly recommend it. It was a wonderful experience. The feeling you get from helping others is one of the best feelings in the world. I want to thank our church, and certainly the Ihlenburg's, for inviting and supporting me, in this unforgettable experience.*

*-Dustin Van Alphen*

### ***SUPPORT THE SCOUTS! THEY'RE DOING THIS FOR US!***

Boy Scout Troop 121 and Cub Scout Troop 121 will have their **ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER** on Saturday, October 25th, serving between 4PM-7PM.



This year, 100% of the net proceeds will benefit our Christian Education Building Floor Fund.

Tickets are \$8 for adults; children 12 and under \$5. You can purchase tickets at the door or right now at the church office or from any consistory member.

*THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, TO ALL  
THE SCOUTS AND SCOUTMASTERS!*

### **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

(9 - 12 GRADES)

**TOPICS OF STUDY:**

**USING THE BIBLE**

**USING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS**

**DATES:**

**OCTOBER 19**

**OCTOBER 26**

**NOVEMBER 16**

**NOVEMBER 23**

**DECEMBER 14**

**WE WILL LEAVE CHURCH RIGHT AFTER  
THE CHILDREN'S SERMON.  
MORE CLASSES SCHEDULED AFTER  
NEW YEAR'S!**

***COACH TOM PATTERSON  
828-3503***

### **HARVEST BRUNCH**

**Sunday, October 19th - in the CE Building - after worship service.**

**Bring a covered dish to share. Come and enjoy fellowship.**

**The Sunday School will be making Heifer Project cookies.**

**Cookie donations are welcome towards the**

**Sunday School Heifer Project!**



**MARTHA STEWART LIVING MAGAZINE - OCTOBER 2008**

This photo appeared in a full page of the above issue of Martha Stewart Living magazine's October 2008 issue as a result of a photo-shoot last Fall by their staff, in our cemetery.

More on [www.marthastewart.com/how-to/graveyard-ghost](http://www.marthastewart.com/how-to/graveyard-ghost).

***FROM SYLVIA HARDY, NURTURE COMMITTEE...***

***A SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED FLOWERS FROM THEIR GARDENS THIS PAST SUMMER!***

**A JOB WELL DONE!**

Keith Niver, after 29 years as Cubmaster of Pack 121, has stepped down from that position. Keith was recently honored for his years of dedication and honored with a placque. Keith will now be able to fully give all his efforts in still being Scoutmaster for the older boys of Troop 121.

**CONGRATS TO KEITH ON A JOB WELL DONE!**

**FINANCIAL SCOREBOARD THRU SEPTEMBER 2008**

	<b>Actual Income</b>	<b>Actual Expenses</b>
September 2008	*\$19,336	*\$26,020
Year-to-Date 2008	\$158,078	\$138,232

Year-to-Date Income includes \$25,000 gift from an estate and \$15,543 in contributions to the floor campaign. Year-to-date Expenses include \$25,604 in property improvement expenses and we have approximately \$5,000 to pay in October on the floor replace. Our Investment Account shows a year-to-date loss of \$3,988 thru August 31, 2008.

**SALVATION ARMY BAKED GOODS**

THE NEXT PICKUP WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 5TH BY 9:30AM.  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING BAKED GOODS AND HAVE  
QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SHIRLEY SULLIVAN  
AT 822-0777.

**Food Drive**

You have donated a ton of food! 2,034 pounds were collected and distributed in July, August and September to our local food pantries. Your giving has increased each month and the recipients are very grateful! KUDOS TO YOU! Some have asked about cash donations. Checks should be placed in a plain envelope and marked "Food Donation". Keep up the good work!

-John

## VEDDER FUND

Just a reminder that money is available to any Church member who is attending college. The Vedder scholarship fund loans out \$500 a year for up to four years at no interest to Church members enrolled in studies. This money is then paid back, in installments, after graduation. Please contact Bob Ihlenburg to apply.

### *SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER LINEUP*

*Pre-K - 2nd Grade: Pam Kline, Judy Weinman, Cindy Louckes, Sheila Krizar*  
*3rd & 4th Grades: Donna Campion, Cheryl Halloran*  
*5th & 6th Grades: Darcy Connor, Ryan Niver*  
*7th & 8th Grades: Kim Delprincipe*  
*High School: Tom Patterson*

### SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Sunday, September 21st, the SEARCH COMMITTEE met at the Philmont 2nd Reformed Church of Claverack to hear a pastoral candidate preach at a neutral site. We are continuing the search process with this candidate.

-Linda Theiss  
SEARCH COMMITTEE CLERK

### PULPIT SUPPLY UPDATE

**October 2008**

October 5th - Rev. William Cameron  
October 12th - Rev. Norm Hamm  
October 19th - Christopher Guerriero, Seminary Student  
October 26th - Rev. Norm Hamm

## **PRAYER CHAIN FAMILY**

**If you would like to join the PRAYER CHAIN FAMILY** to be aware of the present needs and concerns of church members and friends, and to offer prayer support for them, please contact me in person, by phone, or by email. I will be very happy to explain the process to you and get you on the email list.

**A reminder to those who are already on the PRAYER CHAIN:** If you contact me by email and don't see a response within hours of your request, or if you feel there is an urgency about your prayer request, please call me, Linda Theiss, at 851-9442...the church office at 851-3811...Tom Patterson at 828-3503...or anyone on consistory to get the message activated.

Also, this past week, **many PRAYER CHAIN** emails have bounced back to me. Those email addresses have varied servers...and it's not always the same group coming back. If, in the next week, this involves you and you feel this problem hasn't corrected itself, please contact me to see what we can do to continue the email PRAYER CHAIN for you. Thanks!

Linda Theiss  
PO Box 253, Claverack, NY 12513  
Tel. (518) 851-9442  
Email: theiss@mhonline.net

### ***"THE BIG SISSY"***

*One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm, a mother was tucking her small boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light, when he asked, with a tremor in his voice: "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't, dear... I have to sleep in Daddy's room". A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy!"*



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Dear Members and Friends,

For those of you who have made a contribution to the Floor Replacement Project in the Christian Education Building, *THANK YOU VERY MUCH*. Your gift has brought the contribution level to \$15,880, which includes the generous gift of \$7,000 from the Reformed Church Woman. For those of you who have not yet made a contribution but would like to, this may be the time to do so. The following information about the floor project may be interesting to everyone.

You have heard that a new Azrok tile floor was installed in the Christian Education Building? Yes! A new floor was installed in August. The new floor adds light and a brand new look to the entire large meeting room on the upstairs level. The floor will last for many years and will be walked upon by little children, members of the church and by members of the many organizations that use the facility.

The new floor replaces the old asbestos tile floor which was installed when the CE Building was built 43 years ago. The decision to replace the floor was based on *need*, not want. The project started out to be a relatively simple one, and one that was going to be financed almost entirely by a generous gift of \$7,000 from the Reformed Church Women.

It was brought to the attention of the consistory that to remove the old asbestos tile and dispose of it, specific health guidelines would need to be followed. Most certainly, for a project of this size: 4,000 square feet! Thereafter followed the coordination -- an environmental study corporation, a licensed abatement company, and, of course, the installation of the new tile. Due to health concerns stemming from the old asbestos tile, the consistory voted to move ahead and replace the old tile. When all was completed the final cost of the floor project was \$24,854. The Finance Committee has found a way to pay for the floor (for now); but, we need to raise the money to repay our treasury.

Every contribution is appreciated -- and needed. Frank Starkes and myself divided the possible contributions into categories, but, of course, every single contribution in any amount is welcome. Our sanctuary is a remarkable historic building dedicated to the realization of the Great Commission. The CE Building reminds us of the importance of Christian Education for all, but more than the structures, the *members* are the church. Thank you.

You may use the enclosed envelope for your contribution. Your gift will be acknowledged.

*Louise Bliss and Frank Starkes, Chairpersons*

# OCTOBER 2008 EVENTS

<b>5</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Rev. Cammeron	<b>6</b> HVCS 7-9:30 p.m. AA 8 p.m.	<b>7</b> Boy Scouts 6 p.m.	<b>8</b> Girl Scouts 6 p.m.	<b>9</b> Garden Club p.m. Yule Booth 7 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>10</b> Peer Support 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Rev. Hamm	<b>13</b> HVCS 7-9:30 p.m. AA 8 p.m.	<b>14</b> Boy Scouts 6 p.m.	<b>15</b> Girl Scouts 6 p.m.	<b>16</b> Garden Club p.m. Yule Booth 7 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>17</b> Peer Support 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	<b>18</b> <i>Historic House Tour</i> 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>19</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Chris Guerriero <i>Harvest Brunch</i>	<b>20</b> HVCS 7-9:30 p.m. AA 8 p.m.	<b>21</b> Boy Scouts 6 p.m.	<b>22</b> Girl Scouts 6 p.m.	<b>23</b> Garden Club p.m. Yule Booth 7 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>24</b> Peer Support 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	<b>25</b> <i>Scouts Annual Spaghetti Dinner</i> 4 - 7 p.m.
<b>26</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Rev. Hamm	<b>27</b> HVCS 7-9:30 p.m. AA 8 p.m.	<b>28</b> Boy Scouts 6 p.m.	<b>29</b> Girl Scouts 6 p.m.	<b>30</b> Garden Club p.m. Yule Booth 7 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>31</b> Peer Support 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	<b>1</b>

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Charles Hallenbeck
- 2 Carolyn Wilber
- 6 Jan Toelke
- 7 Mark Castle
- 7 Anthony Orlich, Jr.
- 8 Lloyd Lawrence
- 8 Leon Cook
- 8 Kerri Min Patterson
- 8 Josephine Hanna
- 9 Nicole Hallenbeck
- 10 Lisa Coster
- 11 William Burka, Jr.
- 12 Elizabeth Franco
- 14 Linsey Anne Warfield
- 15 Ruth Manning
- 15 Brendon Hughes
- 16 Kim Plass
- 16 Shirley Tripp
- 16 William Rasweiler
- 17 Triva Robsky Haycock
- 18 Mary Hallenbeck
- 18 Janet Arnold
- 18 Mark Krizar
- 20 Shawn Lynch
- 20 Mary Anne Radomsky
- 22 Erin Hamm
- 23 Jon LaBelle
- 24 John H. Delamater
- 25 Robert Mayo
- 31 Karen Winch

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Arnold VanDeusen
- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Holzauer
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Smith, Jr.
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Brousseau
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Holmes
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Leonard VanAlphen
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Toelke

## BIBLE READINGS

for October 5 - November 1, 2008

### OCTOBER 5-11

- Sunday** Kings 10: 1-13  
**Monday** Kings 4: 8-37  
**Tuesday** Kings 5: 1-16  
**Wednesday** Matthew 2: 1-12  
**Thursday** John 4: 1-29  
**Friday** Mark 2: 1-12  
**Saturday** Luke 7: 1-10

### OCTOBER 12-18

- Sunday** Mark 5: 1-10  
**Monday** Matthew 15: 21-28  
**Tuesday** John 9: 1-12  
**Wednesday** Matthew 19: 16-26  
**Thursday** Mark 12: 28-34  
**Friday** Acts 8: 26-39  
**Saturday** Psalm 23

### OCTOBER 19-25

- Sunday** Psalm 23  
Deuteronomy 2: 1-7  
**Monday** Psalm 23  
**Tuesday** Psalm 23  
**Wednesday** Psalm 23  
Psalm 119: 169-176  
**Thursday** Psalm 23  
**Friday** Psalm 23  
**Saturday** Psalm 23  
Timothy 1: 1-7

### OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1

- Sunday** Psalm 23  
John 10: 1-30  
**Monday** Psalm 23  
**Tuesday** Psalm 23  
John 2: 18-27  
**Wednesday** Psalm 23  
Samuel 12: 1-14  
**Thursday** Psalm 23  
**Friday** Psalm 23  
**Saturday** Romans 5: 1-15