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**Join us Sunday, September  
11**

**Worship at 10:00 am  
Church School at 10:20 am  
Dinner at 11:15 am**

# TIDINGS

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## *from the Pastor's Pen . . .*

On September 2, 1752 a really strange thing happened in Britain. That was the day when the entire kingdom of George III switched from the Julian (named for Julius Caesar) to the Gregorian (named for Pope Gregory) calendar. As a result, that year, Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> was followed by Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>. To say that the citizens of the realm did not take the whole thing lightly would be an understatement. From one end of the kingdom to the other, people rioted. They wanted their missing 11 days back!

Speaking of a missing 11 days, we've reached that part of the summer when it begins to seem that there must have been at least 11 days missing from it. How else could it have gone so fast? Similarly, September marks the point on the church calendar when the "sprint" through autumn to Christmas begins. Frequently, after it's over and I look back from the new year to September, I feel as if each of the last four months of the year *must* have been missing 11 days. They fly by. And, this year, if I plan to accomplish all that's on my "to do" list, I'll have to plan as if the fall is missing 11 days *or more!*

Nevertheless, the story of the missing 11 days from 1752 intrigues me for another reason. It has me thinking....wondering.... If I had the magic power to *create* eleven days, to add them to my calendar, what would I do with them? How would I use them, spend them, with whom, where?

Of course it's all just fantasy, but I think there's some real value in such imaginings. I think it's a way of "stepping back" or "stepping out" of the busyness in which we tend to live so that not only can we glimpse what's *most* important, but we can tend to it, too. And, wouldn't September, this time of year before the fall starts flying by, be a great time to indulge in such purpose-filled fantasy?

Henri Nouwen once wrote: "If I were to let my life be taken over by what is urgent, I might very well never get around to what is essential." Imagine what you'd do with 11 extra days. See if it can help you figure out how "to get around to what is essential."



## **EDUCATION KICKOFF AND PICNIC !!!!**

**September 11 is the date!** Join us for the start of the 2016 Christian Education program. This year our program emphasizes shared leadership among all participating families. Also, it features a focus each Sunday on the same Biblical text for folks in worship and in the classroom.



Of course, our annual Kick Off Family Picnic will follow worship and education on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Join us for that too (bring a dish to pass if you like)!

## Session Highlights

8-9-16 meeting

1. A thank you note was received from the Presbyterian Church-USA for the donation of \$1,716.40 to World Mission. This was the balance of the PWC's funds.
2. Necessary paperwork has been signed and forwarded to the Onondaga County Clerk's office to transfer the ownership of Jean Harshaw's Village Green condominium to the Church.
3. The Session voted to transfer the names of 13 members to the Inactive Membership Roll.
4. The passing of Ron Lease and Jane Hale and the baptism of infant Eleanor Pennock were recognized and duly recorded.
5. Elder Rick Smith will be coordinating the efforts of Christian Education toward securing an individual to assume the position of C.E. Coordinator as soon as possible.
6. There is a need for someone to assume the coordination of on-going Congregational Life activities.
7. The church office now has a new computer, copier and printer that was made possible by the Elizabeth and Arlene Walter bequest.
8. Our annual Stewardship Campaign will commence in September. Look for upcoming articles.
9. The majority of our fundraising efforts for the year have been completed.
10. Nursery School sidewalks as well as the north side of the C.E. Center will be repaved prior to the fall startup of nursery school. Nursery School will pay one-third of the cost.
11. A custodian for the C.E. Center and Nursery School will need to be obtained by the time the school year starts.
12. The Nursery School will cover the cost of installing an improved internet connection to their building.
13. It was reported that Girl Scout Troop #10043's sale, recently held on the church Lawn, was very successful. They exceeded their goal and are very grateful to us for allowing them to hold the two-day event on our grounds. - *Al Winegard, Clerk*

*The heaviest thing to carry is a grudge.*

## 5 for Fighting Continues!

"Five for Fighting" (hunger) is our way of participating in the Presbyterian program "Cents-ability", a hunger awareness strategy – a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty.

We continue to invite *every* member of the congregation —*all* ages — to set aside just a few cents at each one of your meals. This simple act serves as an expression of thanks for what you have received.

If you would like one, collection containers are available in the church Narthex to take home and use. For each person present at each meal, simply drop a coin or two into the collection container.

Until Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, **on the first Sunday of each month, bring in your collection.** All of those coins "will make a joyful noise unto the Lord" as they are received and dedicated. We will distribute the coins to both our local food pantry and to PCUSA's Hunger Fund for use world-wide. Small acts of faithfulness *do* add up!



Sunday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

Please join us immediately following worship on Sun., Sept. 11 for our "Welcome Back" picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

If everyone could bring something to pass that would be great. We are in need of salads, fruit, desserts or your favorite picnic fare. If you have any questions, please call or text Rick Smith at 315-720-2522 or email idrum4ever.2@gmail.com.

### Church Staff

Pastor-----The Rev. Stuart D. Hayes  
 Church Secretary-----Nancy Landon  
 Clerk of Session-----Allen Winegard  
 Deacon Co- Moderators-----Victor Jenkins, Bea Boak  
 Director of Music & Choirs-----Rheta Jenks

**TIDINGS**

Organist-----Lee Johnston  
Financial Secretary-----Nancy Dobbins  
Treasurer-----Diana Anastas  
Nursery School Director-----Jessica Newcomb

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For more info, call 428-9651, email [abdellad@nyassembly.gov](mailto:abdellad@nyassembly.gov) or check [facebook.com/cnyvolunteerfair](https://www.facebook.com/cnyvolunteerfair).



**September Birthdays**

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 04 – Connor Oakes    | 19 – John Brussel   |
| 06 – Nathan Durkin   | 22 – Mason Soeder   |
| 08 – Emily Giraudin  | 25 – Harold Jenkins |
| 10 – Jordan Hayes    | 26 – Kyle Rogers    |
| 15 – Mark Anastas    | 27 –Carol Hovey     |
| 16 – Elizabeth Hayes |                     |

Belated wishes to Joanne Rodriguez & Ralph Loomis who celebrated birthdays on Aug. 2 and 29 respectively.

**♥♥September Anniversaries♥♥**

- 16 – Rick & Jackie Smith
- 17 – Michael & Beth Soeder



*Add your or a loved one's birthday or anniversary date to our list by contacting the church office.*



**Keep on Saving/Recycling**

Paper, Deposit Bottles, and empty Printer Cartridges can be put into special receptacles in the church and CE Center entryways. Deposits and cartridges provide funds for the CE program and for our office supplies.

We are credited with 10-15% of your purchases at Staples! Just tell the cashier that your church is part of their Rewards Program!

**Thank you to everyone who has dropped off items so far this year!**

**CNY Volunteer Fair**

More than 50 local organizations will be at the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Canyon of Destiny USA from **3-6:30 pm** on **Tues., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**. They are looking for volunteers! This is a great opportunity for community service, exploring career and job options, creating connections, meeting new people and exploring new interests.



*Kindness is hard to give away because it keeps coming back.*

**Baptism**

During worship on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the baptism of **Eleanor Arlene Pennock**. Eleanor was born March 11, 2016. She is the daughter of Ron & Melinda Pennock. Her big sisters are Josephine "Josie" and Charlotte "Charlie".



**FROM THE MAILBOX**

To the Staff and Members of B-ville First Pres., Art and Soul appreciates the opportunity to use your wonderful facility for our workshop. It is spacious and cool – perfect for our needs. All of you are gracious and very accommodating.

Thank you.  
- Art & Soul Watercolor Group

Art & Soul's



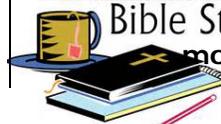
*workshop took place in the CE Center during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August. held events here since 2008.*

**Change of Address**

Al & Heidi Henderson: 420 Delwood Drive  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

**All women are welcome !**

Women's resumes Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and will meet **Friday** mornings in the Media



Center at 10 am. This is a great fellowship opportunity.

Kathy Bowen Luella Oakes Al Winegard\*  
\*Clerk

**Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence,**  
*since our last newsletter –*

**GRIEVING**

Family of Ron (7/7) and Judy (8/32) Lease  
Fred Hall & Family, upon the 7/16  
death of his wife Jane



**ILLNESS / INJURY / SURGERY**

Sean Ferguson, George Le Porte

**AT CARE FACILITIES**

Janice Bitz, Aaron Bradshaw, Louise Harkins,  
Ruth Henderson, Betty Naylor, Beth Northrop,  
Lois Rhebergen, Roger Todd

**PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING  
RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS OF OUR  
CONGREGATION:**

Heather Cooper; John Prall;  
Bob Smith, Jr.; Kelley Walrath

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Ethan Derr (Marines), Connor Murphy (Navy)

*The one who complains about the way the ball  
bounces is likely the one who dropped it*

**♥♥Celebration!♥♥**

On Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, the congregation celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Dorothy and Sherley Matteson. The Mattesons married on Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1946. In addition to all their church friends, they were joined by family members David, Denise, Rachael, Brian & Joan.



Congratulations!

member of this church and Sherley is a 66-year member!

(Dorothy is an 82-year



Girl Scout Troop #10043's Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> sale on the church lawn was well attended. The scouts are earning money in the hope of traveling abroad as a group. They exceeded their financial goal for the event! Thank you to all who donated, purchased and helped in any way!



*If everyone sings the same note,*

**Mystery/Photo2**



**What & where is**

**this complicated looking thing?**

It is the inside of the latch mechanism for the front door of the church (prior to cleaning). The old lubrication has turned to wax. This caused the mechanism to work sluggishly or not at all. It is clean now (thanks to Rush!) and works as designed. Just a note – this latch is actually older than anyone reading this article!

**Session Elders**

Harry Boak Marjorie Calkins Rick Smith

*there is no harmony*

Jeanne Le Porte  
\* Co-Moderators

Barbara Winegard

**The mindset of this year's incoming freshmen**

Just in case you weren't feeling too old today - the people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1998.

- ▶ They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.
  - ▶ Their lifetime has always included AIDS.
  - ▶ Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.
  - ▶ The CD was introduced 7 years before they were born.
  - ▶ They have always had an answering machine or voice mail.
  - ▶ They have always had cable.
  - ▶ They cannot fathom not having a remote control.
  - ▶ Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.
  - ▶ They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.
  - ▶ They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.
  - ▶ They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.
  - ▶ They never heard: "Where's the Beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel", or "de plane, Boss, de plane."
  - ▶ They do not care who shot J. R. and have no idea who J. R. even is.
  - ▶ Mc Donald's never came in Styrofoam containers.
  - ▶ They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.
- the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin



**New Bench**

Right outside the entrance to the Education Center, you will now find a comfortable 6-foot bench. The bench was purchased using memorial funds given in loving memory of Dorene Strife, an active member of this church as well as the Baldwinville community.

A special thank you to Lee Calkins & Rush Pond for assembly and to Dorene's friends at Nami's Engravings for making this tribute possible.

*Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of wait.*

**Starting Once Again !**

It's that exciting time of year when our regularly scheduled activities resume after the summer break!

**CHOIR** resumes practice at 7:30 pm on Thursdays beginning Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**HANDBELLS** resume practice at 6:30 pm on Thursdays beginning Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**BIBLE QUEST** resumes meeting on Friday mornings at 10 am beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>.

AND we could still use individuals to serve on Session, which meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7 pm.

**Board of Deacons**

Martha Arnold	Mary Anne Luke	Joanne Rodriguez
Bea Boak*	Freida Mason	Beth Soeder
Victor Jenkins*	Fred Miller	Martha Stevens
Pam Keckison	Marty Pond	Peggy Suddaby





## Actual excerpts from students' tests

### Health & first aid

- ✓ For fractures: to see if the limb is broken, wiggle it gently back and forth.
- ✓ For asphyxiation: apply artificial respiration until the patient dies
- ✓ When you smell an odorless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide.

### Science

- ✓ Name the four seasons.  
Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar
- ✓ How is dew formed?  
The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.
- ✓ Algebraical symbols are used when you do not know what you are talking about.
- ✓ A super-saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold.
- ✓ How can you delay milk turning sour?  
Keep it in the cow.
- ✓ What causes the tides in the oceans?  
The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.
- ✓ What are steroids?  
Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.
- ✓ What happens to your body as you age?  
When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.
- ✓ Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.  
Premature death.

- ✓ What is the fibula?  
A small lie.
- ✓ What does "varicose" mean?  
Nearby.
- ✓ What does the word "benign" mean?  
Benign is what you will be after you be eight.
- ✓ A vibration is a motion that cannot make up its mind which way it wants to go.
- ✓ There are 26 vitamins in all, but some of the letters are yet to be discovered. Finding them all means living forever.
- ✓ Many dead animals in the past changed to fossils while others preferred to be oil.
- ✓ Genetics explain why you look like your father and if you don't why you should.
- ✓ Vacuums are nothings. We only mention them to let them know we know they're there.
- ✓ To most people solutions mean finding the answers. But to chemists, solutions are things that are still all mixed up.
- ✓ I am not sure how clouds get formed. But the clouds know how to do it, and that is the important thing. They just keep circling the earth around and around. And around. There is not much else to do.
- ✓ A blizzard is when it snows sideways.
- ✓ Thunder is a rich source of loudness.
- ✓ It is so hot in some places that the people there have to live in other places.
- ✓ Wind is like the air, only pushier.

## Family fun Movie Nights

We tried something new for the Baldwinsville community this summer. On Fridays July 15<sup>th</sup> & Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, we offered a free night out – complete with a movie on a huge inflatable outdoor screen, popcorn & rice crispy treats, and a variety of drinks.

The movies "Inside Out" and "Zootopia" were chosen for their appeal to all ages along with the many potential positive lessons conveyed in each film.

Those who attended seemed to have an enjoyable evening as they received a free raffle ticket, talked with others, laughed and listened to the films, and enjoyed the continually available snacks. A Drawing at the very end of each showing awarded the movie DVD to someone in the audience!

