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## October Food Pantry

**October 5** Pasta and  
Pasta Dinner mixes

**October 12** Canned and  
Dried Soups

**October 19** Peanut Butter  
and Meat Products

**October 26** Canned Juice  
and Juice Mixes

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## From the Pastor...

### Worldwide Communion Sunday – October 5

In the life of the early church they often gathered to worship around a table, where they shared a meal as well as worshiping God. Christians have typically found special meaning and pleasure in sharing meals together (and we certainly are a congregation that enjoys eating together!).

On Sunday, October 5th we have the opportunity to be fed in a very fundamental and important way. You see, October 5th is World Wide Communion Sunday. We will be celebrating The Lord's Supper, and we do so with Christians in every country in the world, as a reminder of the faith we share in common – the faith that feeds us and satisfies our deepest hunger. We live in an age when the world often seems fractured, and the problems seem immense. This is an opportunity for each of us to recapture that spirit of oneness in Christ!

At the same time we will be part of a South Towns Cluster Pulpit Exchange. Rev. Jim Reidling (St. John's. Eden) will be here preaching at St. James, and Rev. Bob Matlack will be at First Congregational, Angola.

We hope that every member of the congregation will join us for this special day!



## Commitment Sunday

October is the month when we lift up Stewardship. You will hear more about this in the weeks to come. Some people's instinctive response is a "Not Again!" or an "Oh no, the church always asks for money!" Those responses come from a misunderstanding of stewardship – perhaps caused by our own failure to communicate what stewardship is really about.

I think it's vitally important to talk about stewardship in the life of the congregation, AND I feel like I'm in good company on this one. Money and the use of it was one of Jesus' most frequent topics! As Jesus reminds us so well, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21).

As Christians we need to think about the commitments that we make and the priorities that we set. Do they reflect what we believe? Do they truly reflect and nurture our faith and the faith of others?

These are vitally important issues to each of us, and to this congregation. Our Stewardship Committee is hoping to spur you to reflect this month on your commitment.

*Pastor Bob*

The Contributor's Reports will be available for pick up in the back of the Sanctuary the beginning of October.

Thank You! - Barb Reuter

## Music Notes

Welcome to St. James and music in worship for October 2008!

Everyone is cordially invited to participate in the music ministry at St. James. "God is still speaking" through the music we prepare and perform together each week during worship.

The following is a schedule for October that specifies when our choirs prepare. Come and sing with us anytime it is convenient. You are all welcome!

**Chancel Choir** – Adult 4-part SATB choir  
Rehearsal at 11:00 am following worship on Sunday October 12, 19, and 26.

Chancel choir warm-ups will be at 9:15 am on October 19 and 26.

OCTOBER 26 IS ALSO SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY. Anyone wishing to participate should contact me and come to warm-up on that day.

**Children's Choirs** – October rehearsals

Rehearsal will be on Wednesday October 1 at 7:00 p.m. We will have a mini-sing on October 8 and begin singing at 6:30 pm.

### NOTE: Family Night

The next Family night will be held on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be eating at 6:00 pm. Please remember to sign-up if you are planning on attending. When you sign-up please indicate whether you are willing to stay and help clean up following the event. Also indicate if you are willing to bring a dessert. If you have a special activity you would like to lead to entertain the children be sure to let Karen know. Karen is always looking for suggestions and help. Remember sign-up, help if you can and please remember to attend. This night is for you and you can make it what

you want! Talk to Karen if you have questions or ideas.

### Cherub Choir

Rehearsal begins at 7:00 p.m. (or 6:30 p.m.) on October 1, 8, 22, and 29.

### Youth Choir

Rehearsal begins at 7:30 p.m. and Teens at 8:15 p.m. On Sunday, October 12 the children will warm-up at 9:15 and sing at the worship.

God bless you, and we look forward to meeting you soon at choir practice.

*Christina Shrewsbury*  
Music Director

## Church Happenings

### Southtowns Cluster Pulpit Exchange

On Sunday October 5 we will be celebrating Worldwide Communion Sunday and our Southtowns Cluster is having our annual pulpit exchange. Below is a listing of who will be preaching at each church in the cluster:

Faith, Boston – Rev. Kay Woike

First Congregational, Angola – Rev. Bob Matlack

St. James, Hamburg – Rev. Jim Reidling  
Pastor Alva Looze - Liturgist

St. John's, Eden – Hugh Pratt

Trinity, Gowanda – Rev. Jack Bacon

### Flu Clinic

St. James will be hosting a flu and pneumonia clinic. Shots will be offered on October 9 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

## Welcome To Our New Members

Colleen and Frank Vail and family  
Sue and Fred Harrington  
Sandra Stearns

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member, please speak to Bob or Alva.

### Office Wish List

Secretary Desk  
Paper cutter  
Clock

### Support One Another

The Evangelism Committee has recognized that a number of our church families are self-employed and we urge you to support them in their work. Please help us make this list comprehensive by calling the Church Office to add a name so that a list can be published by the committee.

### Fall Soup Sale



The Fall Soup Sale is Saturday, October 11. To pre-order soup or sign up for donations please see the sign-up sheets located outside the office or outside of the Horton Lounge.

### Sewing Mission



The next Sewing Mission Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14 at 9:30 am.

Come join us – bring your lunch; coffee and a delicious dessert will be provided.

NOTE: Plans are in the works for a joint Christmas Party with the Servers. It will be Tuesday, December 9 at Fox Run. Further details will be provided as they become available.



## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for Mildred Clouser!

Mildred will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and you are invited to a reception on Sunday, October 26 from 2:00 – 4:00 in the Horton Lounge. Please plan on helping her celebrate this milestone!

Please don't forget to notify the Church Office (649-6171) if you have a change of address, email address, or telephone number.

Thank You!

## Coffee Hour



Thank you to Phil and Jennifer Reinagel for providing for our weekly coffee hour.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with this fellowship time. If you are interested, please speak to Phil or Jennifer.

“Many hands make light the work!”

## Parish Nurse News

October is “**TALK ABOUT PRESCRIPTIONS MONTH.**” For information, please check the following website:

[headaches.about.com/od/medsarticlesandinfo/a/tap05.htm](http://headaches.about.com/od/medsarticlesandinfo/a/tap05.htm)

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children.

The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state and national levels.

We are blessed in the Southtowns with the Katherine Mary House.

## Scouting

Both the Scout Troop and Cub Pack of St. James Church (525) will be holding a membership drive after services on Sept. 28 and October 5. All boys (and parents) are invited. Contact Mike Stewart at 649-1789 or 481-2629. Mike will be at church both days.

## Board of Christian Education

Don't forget the Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting @ 7:00 pm in the Resource Room.

## Mark Your Calendars

The Paula Pfister Pie Auction is coming Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's not too early to check over your recipes and dust off your rolling pin.

## Operation Christmas Child

Karen is looking for a person who is willing to take on the responsibilities of Operation Christmas Child Mission Project. Please speak to Karen Reinagel if you are willing to oversee this project.



## Christmas Pageant

Mark the date on your calendar. Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> during worship.

## CROP WALK

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

You can make a difference! You can help feed hungry people. You can help to stock food pantries. You can help provide disaster relief. You can help to provide tools. You can help to shelter refugees.



## JOIN THE CROP WALK!

Our Church School Children will be walking during class time and are looking for sponsors. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Church School CROP Walk and we hope you will support our effort. All children are asked to come to church school on October 5<sup>th</sup> wearing comfortable walking clothes and sneakers or other walking shoes.

We will walk as a team during class time and be back for coffee hour by 11:30 am (the normal class dismissal time). We are asking parents, relatives, friends, neighbors and church members to donate to this event. You can either pledge an amount or give a cash donation for the children to hand in on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Pledge forms will be given out in class for the children to bring home. It's time to get involved! Do a good deed! Take a stand and care for your fellow man! Make us proud! More information will be given in class and at youth group gatherings!



**OR you can choose to support the CROP by walking yourself!**



Walkers will step out all over Western NY this fall!

One-quarter of the dollar raised in the CROP Walk will return to communities in WNY for local hunger programs. CROP walks help to support food pantries, Meals on Wheels, meal sites and Food For All in WNY.

Mark your calendars and remember to sponsor a walker or become a walker yourself. Pledge information will be posted near the bulletin board during the month of September up to the day of the CROP Walk. Talk to Karen if you need more information.

Remember if you walk please turn your collected donations to the church office so we can keep track of who walked and what they raised.

### Help is needed to man the Youth House during CROP Walk.



The Youth House will be open serving as a rest stop for people participating in the CROP WALK. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to help.

### More CROP WALK INFO. –

Registration is at 12:30 pm and the walk begins at 1:00 pm. The walk begins at Memorial Park, Union and Lake Streets, Hamburg. And if you cannot join us, please show support for this cause by making a pledge to someone who is walking or call Tom at 649-4413 Ext. 237 to make a contribution.



The monies raised from the CROP Walk are returned to Hamburg's Churches

In Action (CIA) for local food pantries. Thank you to all who participated in last year's walk, we hope to see you and others at this year's walk!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study

Once again our 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be receiving a copy of the Good News Bible. The children will be studying with Pastor Alva in preparation to receive their Bibles this fall during a worship service. This is a special time in the life of the children; they are now old enough to be able to read and have a better understanding of what has been written about within the covers of this special book.

If you have a child in fourth grade be on the look out for a letter explaining the details of the Bible study and the presentation. If you have any question please feel free to speak to Karen Reinagel.

### DUNKIRK CONFERENCE CENTER to Hold 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Happening!



October 25<sup>th</sup> - Nearly 300 people from the community attended last year's event and the conference center is hoping to increase the number in attendance this year. There will be many activities and area Youth Groups are planning on lending a hand to get Dunkirk into the Halloween mood. There will be games, music costumes, a hay ride etc. Check out the Dunkirk website [www.dunkirkcc.org](http://www.dunkirkcc.org) for more information.

### WANTED By The CE Department and Karen:

1. A couple of gas grills in good to excellent condition for grilling for church events.
2. A new or good to excellent used refrigerator for the Church kitchen.
3. People interested in working with the Middle & Sr. High Youth Program.
4. Teacher's for the SR. High Class that are willing to make a commitment of a week or two.

### Thank You's

To Dave Bimber for mowing the lawn at church and the Youth House all summer long. Great job Dave, we appreciate your dedication.

To Horst Kirsten for all he fixes, paints, etc. for our church. Horst you are amazing!

### Heifer Fair

Thank you to everyone who worked on the fair and to everyone who supported the children of the Church School's effort in raising money for Heifer International!

### Church School Fall Kick Off

Thank you - to everyone who pitched in and helped to make the Fall Kick off of Church School a

great success! A special thank you to our ice scoopers and hotdog grill men, John Lindstrom, Gary Nelson and Sean Obrachta. Also thanks to everyone who helped in the kitchen Jen Reinagel, Robin Lindstrom, Gay Nelson, Jen Obrachta and anyone who I missed. Your help and dedication is appreciated. Also thanks to Emily Rust for letting us use her name and get the ice cream at a discount from Charlap's.

## Youth News

### Don't forget our on - going fund-raising projects:

Abitibi Paper Recycling - Can & Bottle Drive  
St.Pauly's Textile Drive  
Candy Bar Sale

### Youth Calendar of Events 2008 - 2009

If you are a member of our Youth program you should have received a mailing of our yearly events calendar list for 2008 - 2009. If you did not receive one please let Karen know and she will have one sent to you.

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OCTOBER - OBEDIENCE

Obedience is quickly and cheerfully carrying out the direction of those who are responsible for me.

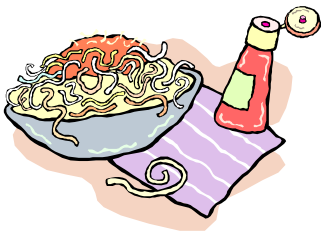
## Upcoming Youth Events to mark on your calendars

**WAY Retreat** - Be on the lookout for information for the Fall WAY retreat sometime in November. Information in be posted on the Youth Bulletin Board, in the weekly bulletin or at Youth Group meetings.

**CROP Walk** - Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> - during Church School

**Spaghetti Luncheon** - Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>

Check bulletin for details and sign-up on bulletin board if you are planning on attending.



## October 24<sup>th</sup> - A Youth Group Halloween Happening

Details are being worked on. Check bulletin for details.



## Annual Halloween Party for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Under

Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 3:30pm hosted by the Middle & Sr. High Youth. All children are invited and encouraged to invite a friend to attend this annual event. Costumes are recommended. Please remember to sign-up so we know how many to plan for. Also indicate on the sign-up sheet if you are willing to donate anything for the party.

## Youth Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 pm

## Youth Sponsored Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - More details coming in the weekly bulletin.

## Sabres Game

Sat, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are 50 tickets available; tickets must be prepaid in order to attend. The price will be listed in weekly bulletin once we know what the cost will be and are on a first come first serve basis and must be paid for by check payable to Bill or Donna Schumacher in order to reserve a ticket. Talk to Donna or Bill if you have any questions.

## REGISTRY

### Weddings

Brian J. Sexton and Kim M. Almeida  
Married September 5, 2008

Bryan C. Casselbury and Kristen D. Hojsan  
Married September 13, 2008

### Deaths

**Adeline (Pudge) Schmidt**  
**Went to God's Glory on August 28, 2008**

### **Lenepa Letlaka - Lesotho**

The following is a letter from Lydia Musa concerning the death of Lenepa Letlaka, a former student supported by the Lesotho Fund. I wish to have it printed in the newsletter.

The Lesotho Fund supported Lenepa thru three years of school. He had been employed as a taxi driver but gave up his job to become a student. Though jobs were difficult to find, he wanted to be an educated person first and foremost.

His parents were working out of the country most of the time but

made no provision for him, so from the time he was two until about seven he was fed by, and eventually taken in by, a neighbor. When he was old enough, she paid for him to go to school. However, his grandfather realized that he was old enough to work and took him to live with him to herd cattle. He did herd the cattle after school but the grandfather beat him every day because he went to school first. He finally gave up and left the school and eventually ran away from the grandfather.

A taxi owner felt pity for this boy who was ignored by his family and gave him a job. Lenepa's plan was to save money for school fees. Suddenly, his family saw him as a source of money and they crowded around him like flies. His chance to save was gone. His chance for school was gone. He also lost his legacy when the grandfather sold the family herd. That herd was to be used as a bride price so he could marry, which is an important part of the culture. Only his stubbornness and his will to live made him able to survive these disappointments.

Then he heard from his friends about the St James Fund. He was selected on the merit of survival and was given support for three years. He did not finish high school, but he finished enough to get a school certificate. He had to return to work so I hired him as a driver and before I left Lesotho I found a driving job for him with Lydia Musa, whose letter is attached. With a school certificate and a job, he finally began to feel good about himself.

St James is directly responsible for the turnaround in his life. You helped him to a place where he could find a small bit of happiness and a fleeting bit of contentment, feelings he had never expected to experience in his life.

Submitted by Jeannette Samter

# OCTOBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 – Cherub Choir 7:30 – Youth Choir 8:15 – Teen Choir	2 10:00 – Bible Study 7:00 – TLC Board Meeting 8:00 – CYN Select People	3	4 9:00 – Property Committee
5 WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY ANNUAL CROP WALK	6	7 7:00 – Board of Christian Ed Meeting	8 7:00 – Cherub Choir 7:30 – Youth Choir 8:15 – Teen Choir	9 10:00 – Bible Study 10:00 – 2:00 FLU CLINIC	10 9:30 – Servers work on Soup Sale	11 11:30 – 2:30 – FALL SOUP SALE
12 9:15 – Children’s Choir Warm-Up 10:00 – Children’s Choir Sings 11:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal YOUTH SPONSORED SPAGEHETTI LUNCH	13 COLUMBUS DAY 7:00 – Church Council Meeting	14	15 NO CHOIR REHEARSALS	16 10:00 – Bible Study	17	18
19 9:15 – Chancel Choir Warm-Up 11:00 – Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22 7:00 – Cherub Choir 7:30 – Youth Choir 8:15 – Teen Choir	23 10:00 – Bible Study	24 SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP HALLOWEEN HAPPENING	25
26 9:15 – Warm-Up SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY CONGREGATIONAL MTG. HALLOWEEN PARTY 2:00 – 3:30	27	28 6:15 – Youth Board Meeting	29 1:00 – Servers 7:00 – Cherub Choir 7:30 – Youth Choir 8:15 – Teen Choir	30 10:00 – Bible Study	31	



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## INNOCENCE IS PRICELESS



One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, “Good morning Alex.”

“Good morning Pastor,” he replied, still focused on the plaque. “Pastor, what is this? The pastor said, “Well son, it is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.”

Soberly, they just stood there together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex’s voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, “Which service, the Saturday evening or the Sunday morning one?”