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*"If you obey my voice and
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*you shall be my
treasured possession
out of all the peoples."*

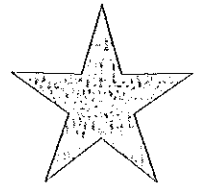
Exodus 19:5, NRSV

July 2011

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FROM THE PASTOR CONCERNING OUR DENOMINATIONAL CRISIS

Rev. Gary A. Chorpenning

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Well, the seas are rough these days for churches in the Presbyterian Church (USA). And the coming weather is very, very much uncertain. I know that many of you who are aboard the North Presbyterian Church ship are feeling anxious, angry, deeply saddened, uncertain, and confused. And probably several other things as well. I am myself feeling all of that and maybe a little more besides.

Here is some of the basic news of the national denomination. The amendment to relax the standards for ordination in our denomination has passed. Even though there are still presbyteries who haven't voted, the amendment has already received more than a majority of yes votes. So, our denomination no longer holds the position that sexual activity outside of marriage between a man and a woman is a barrier to ordination. People in a sexual relationship with someone of the same sex may now be ordained as ministers, elders, and deacons in the PCUSA. Bisexual people engaged in sexual relations with both same-sex and opposite-sex partners would not necessarily be barred from ordination in our denomination. The bottom line is this: Marriage is no longer a prerequisite to sexual activity for those seeking to be ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA).



Another aspect of the new ordination standards is that disciplining already ordained ministers, elders, and deacons for sexual activity outside of marriage would now become much more complicated. It seems very unlikely that it would be possible for a presbytery to discipline an unmarried minister merely because he or she became sexually involved with a partner of the same or opposite

sex. It does seem to me that at least for now married ministers who engaged in a sexual relationship outside of marriage would still face some sort of disciplinary action.

It is only fair to point out that presbyteries and congregations could still hold the point of view that any sex outside of marriage is incompatible with the Christian life. The ordination standard as they now stand do not require presbyteries and congregation to ordain candidates whose sexual activities make them uncomfortable. But what the current vote shows is that the majority of presbyteries, including our own, are willing to ordain sexually active homosexual candidates and unmarried but sexually active heterosexual candidates. I do believe, as I said above, that married candidates who are sexually active outside of their marriage might still find the way to ordination barred. But I also believe that over time presbyteries will find that standard harder to maintain.

Now, I realize that some may say that I am overly pessimistic about the new ordination standards. Some may point out that the new standards say nothing about sex at all, and ask why I am so focused on something the new standards don't even mention. But the answer to that is seen in what the new standards replace. The purpose of the new standards was expressly to remove restrictions on sexual activity from our process for deciding who should and who shouldn't be leaders in our churches.

In the end, though, the issues are not really about sexuality per se. These debates about sexuality are really simply a symptom of a deeper fracture in the life and faith of the PCUSA. It is a fracture between those who see the plain teach of the Bible to be the final authority in our lives and those who see the Bible to be simply a set of guidelines to be accepted or rejected as our life experience and personal judgment sees fit.

Many of us have found that the Bible is just what it says it is: the breath of the living God speaking into the lives of his people, as much so now as when it first came into existence. In the North Church mission statement you can read these words, "We believe that the Bible is the true and active word of God, just as vital today as it was yesterday and will be tomorrow. We accept the Bible as the definitive account of God's plan. . . . We read [the Bible] not simply in an academic or critical way, but so as to bring our lives under submission to the Living Word of God through the written word of God." What our denomination has done this past year puts a severe strain on this foundational belief in the life of our congregation.

Last evening, June 20th, the session of North Church met with the Rev. Joelle Davis, the executive presbyter of Geneva Presbytery, and Elder Bob Sell of the presbytery's Committee on Ministry to discuss our concerns and to express our concerns, to hear the presbytery's views, and to consider what options for response are available to us. It was a very frank conversation. Everyone spoke respectfully and listen carefully. Deep emotions were clearly in evidence.

No decisions were made or even considered last night. But session clearly, in my view, is deeply troubled by the denominations actions and recognizes the urgency of this matter for our congregation. I will be calling session back together in the coming month to formulate our response to the recent decisions of our denomination. Session has instructed the treasurer not to disburse any monies to the denomination until session discusses the matter further.

I know how deeply grieved many of you are over the decisions of our denomination. I want to assure you that session and I are fervently and actively seeking God's direction as to how best to preserve the faithfulness of North Church's witness and how best keep North Church intact as a healthy and fruitful congregation in service to Jesus Christ in our very troubled and broken world. So, please, hang with us for just a little longer. And pray! Pray for session. Pray for me. Pray for our congregation. God has not abandoned us. He will see us through this.



By Ericka Hachmeister
College Minister

College Ministry

A College Ministry at Elmira College

Making Discipleship Make a Difference

Lessons are Learned One Chapter at a Time...

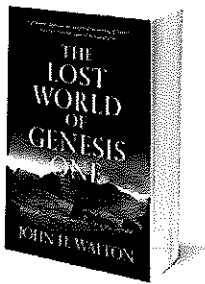
I have learned many lessons throughout my life. And hopefully I've taught at least a few to others along the way. My last three years in college ministry with NPC have proven to be full of lessons both taught and learned. I find that in this most recent chapter of my life God has been teaching me more than ever before. The pressures of being an educator and missionary combined with a loss of college idealism and a gain of responsibilities has provided fertile ground for learning. Much of my learning is cyclical. I engage a topic of study for the benefit of my students, but I find that in my preparation for studies I am changed, stretched, and grown. I am then able to teach students from a place of passion and understanding and then watch God change, stretch, and grow them.

journey does go on. Some students will be pursuing Masters of School Counseling, Masters of Economics and Agriculture, Doctorates of Medicine, not-for-profit work, and others will be joining the work force.

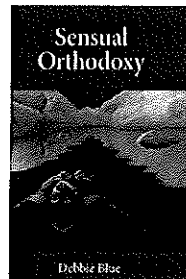
I too must inform you that I will be finishing this exciting chapter as NPC's college minister and moving on to the next chapter. There is full intent to continue college ministry through NPC and I encourage you to be a part of it. Students need you and, well honestly, you need them too!

Lives are exciting things and the unknown can be exhilarating! I think this is why I like people so much. This is why I like stories. Adventure! As I begin my preparation to bid you farewell, I wanted to leave you with some stories that have guided the lessons I have learned and taught these past years. They are book. Books I highly recommend.

I have been blessed to work with the Elmira College students and to have been influential in their faith. I just recently watched many of the students I have worked closely with over the past months and years finish a chapter—this one was titled "There's No Place Like College" - and watched them turn the page to find that the



"The Lost World of Genesis One" by John Walton: You've seen this book before in a previous Northstar. This book was recommended to me by Kevin Moshier and it changed my students lives. I do not agree with everything Walton writes, but his insight is unique and his points are more than worth engaging!



"Sensual Orthodoxy" by Debbie Blue is my most recent read as it was recommended by my backpacking co-leader as a must read for a searching student—you know her as "Ryan" from the last Northstar. Blue is a pastor who believes that scripture has become all too common to Christians when in fact many of the stories are absurd, provocative, and mind blowing. "Sensual Orthodoxy" is simply a collection to sermons that will reveal the deep and passionate love that God has for us.



"Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life" by Henri Nouwen: Again, another book you may remember from a previous Northstar and the foundation of my spring break backpacking trip. Reaching out is a thoughtful and challenging look at human tendencies towards loneliness, hostility, and delusion and how God moves us towards solitude, hospitality, and prayer. I highly recommend all parents read the section entitled *Parents and Children* found on page 81—I'll even make a copy for you!



"Running with Joy" by Ryan Hall—who happens to be the American Record holder for the half marathon—has published his training journal leading up to the 2010 Boston Marathon. This book embodies the Jubilee vision of serving and worshipping God in all areas of life. Hall is an incredible athlete and he is fully aware and open with the fact that God is the giver of his talent. A light read that will leave you striving to fulfill your calling with joy.



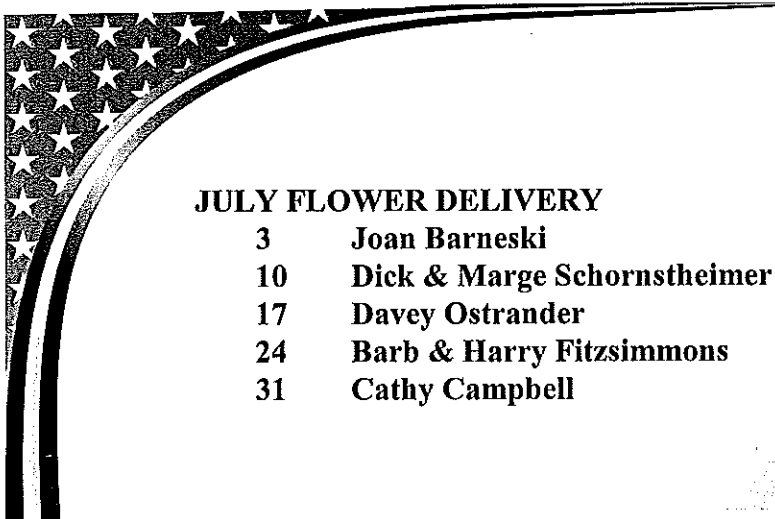
Recommended reading July and August 2011

Honestly by Sheila Walsh

The cover of this copy of the book reads, "An encounter with the truth broke Sheila's heart. Fortunately, it also saved her life. Her remarkable journey out of depression could set you free."

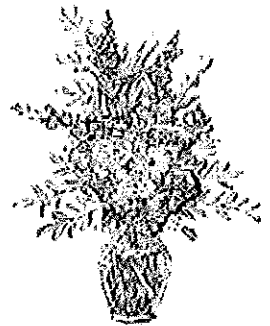
This book is about Sheila's encounter with depression that allowed her to tell herself the truth about her life. It is a book about healing and growing closer to God. In it, Sheila encourages everyone to be honest with themselves, and with others, living transparent lives in and for God. She poses the question of what would life be like if we all did this, not hiding behind masks or labels, if we could all accept and move beyond our prejudices and opinions – of ourselves and of others.

This book is for those who have battled depression, but it is also for those who battle themselves, trying to grow closer to God or to open themselves to who they really want to become. It is available in the church library.

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JULY FLOWER DELIVERY

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17	Davey Ostrander
24	Barb & Harry Fitzsimmons
31	Cathy Campbell



RECOGNITION SUNDAY
NORTH CHURCH MUSIC MEMBERSHIP 2010-2011

Director of Music - Paul Holland
Organist and Pianist - Barb Mosher

CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS

Pam Caroscio; Carole Shellman; Connie Wilson; Dawn Fewkes
Barb Fitzsimmons; Erin Jacob; Karen Moshier; Annette Stevens; Bob Drake; Noel Weigel; Joe
Dicinti; Jim Mosher; Hannah Mowry; Allison Nobles; Liz Salatino; Nancy Shirk

HANDBELL CHOIR MEMBERS

Erin Jacob; Pat Richards; Leigha Hoskins; Kevin Hansen; Bob Hansen; Jeffrey Hansen; Annette
Stevens; Suzie Hoskins; Chris Taylor; Brian Taylor; Sandy DiCinti; Nancy Shirk

GOOD NEWS SINGERS

Brian Taylor; Daniel Taylor; Jedaiah Hungerford; Seth Hungerford; Elijah Hungerford; Elijah
Burleigh; Mattie Burleigh; Josie Burleigh
Camden, Grady & Nick Crossland; Joshua Dodge;

"NEW PRAISE" MEMBERS

Bob Drake; Heather Taylor; Paul Holland; Becky Kowulich; Erin Jacob; Chris Taylor; Barb
Mosher; Dawn Fewkes; Karen Moshier; Rachel Masselle; Allison Nobles; Connie Wilson

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Brian Mosher; Gary Mosher; Joel Buice; Chris Taylor; Jeffrey Hansen; Paul Holland

TECH SUPPORT

Kevin Moshier; Linda Buice; Brandon Burleigh; Barry Colyer

50 YEAR MEMBERS

Peg Densberger
Marjorie Oparil
Adele Roberts

USHERS

Phil & Lynda Carpentier; Joel & Linda Buice; Kim & Curt Ripley; Dick & Marge
Schornstheimer; Jerry Russell; Alan Russell; Bob Russell; Patty Drake; Joe & Glenda Solowiej;
Lyle & Ann Motley; Susie Hoskins; Peg Densberger; Anne Beattie; Anne Dennington; Leister &
Nancy Shirk; Davey & Mary Ruth Ostrander; Harry Fitzsimmons; Joe Koczan; Larry Campbell;
Audrey Vanderhoff; Tim & Cheryl Allison; Bob & Linda Williams

ACOLYTE & BEADLES

Jeffrey Hansen; Julie Hansen; Matt Hicks; Liz Hicks; Grace Chorpenning; Elijah Burleigh;
Jedaiah Hungerford; Seth Hungerford; Brian Taylor; Meghan Emanuel

GREETERS

Heather Taylor; Joan Barneski; Cindy Kalweit; Peg Densberger; Wendy Swatling; Nelson van den Blink; Bill Furnas; Alan Russell; Marlene Carpentier; Maxine Burroughs; Barb Duryea

FELLOWSHIP TIME BAKERS AND SERVERS

Joan Barneski; Cheryl Allison; Karen Moshier; Wendy Swatling; Emily Burleigh; Karen Wilson; Cindy Kalweit; Barb Fitzsimmons; Ann Motley; Glenda Solowiej; Maxine Burroughs; Linda Palmer; Patty Drake; Chris Miller; Noel Weigel; Leister Shirk; Bobbi Furnas; Mickey Vischansky; Gail Hicks; Mary Ruth Ostrander; Audrey Vanderhoff; Cathy Campbell



From the Pantry

In May the Postal collection brought in a great donation of much needed foods. The Pantry also appreciates the many donations from our congregation along with the collections from the First Presbyterian Church, Lake Street Presbyterian Church and Westside United Methodist Church.

Pat and Jeff Richards are hard at work in our church garden. Jeff's greenhouse has made it possible to start the plants early and already Jeff and Pat have brought lettuce, spinach, sweet peas and onions into the pantry. Do go back and see all the vegetables and the beautiful flowers that surround the garden.

Now the summer months are upon us children are out of school and eating more meals at home. Please continue to give through the summer to keep our shelves full. Food may be left in the basket by the front door of the church narthex or brought to the Pantry on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10am to noon.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Lonely Boy

The fragrant aroma of a flower can do it. Or perhaps the sight of rolling landscapes with fields of succulent grains can do it. Certainly sounds do it. Think of all the sensory stimuli that do it triggering pleasant memories. Remember the white sport coat and pink carnation, the white bucks, the prom, a dreamy Saturday afternoon lake side, or the muscle car. They can tingle the brain. Or perhaps the first romance and break up floods the memory bank. Remember the voice of Paul Anka capturing your feelings with “I’m just a lonely boy, lonely and blue”?

Those were the days before reality set in. Things change. One’s world tilts on its axis. “I’m just a lonely boy, lonely and blue.” Things one believed in are in tatters; there seems no possibility of finding the peace and calm of the old way. “I’m just a lonely Boy.”

We were brought up with the values of home, family, and Biblical truths. There are some today who would discard those ideas, and the result is that we become lonely boys. The Virgin Birth has been discarded by many, although we repeat it in the Apostle’s Creed. The divinity of Christ is going by the wayside, because some suggest there must be other ways to salvation. Some suggest the Bible, being thousands of years old, cannot be relevant in a post-modern world. “I am just a lonely boy.”

Some denominations such as Episcopal, Lutheran, United Church of Christ and ours have chosen to encourage leadership bending to the mores of society rather than the morals of Scripture. Isn’t that what the majority of society wills? For two thousand years the church has carefully established, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, certain values and codified them into Scripture. In 2011 our denomination, along with those mentioned, reversed all that. “I am just a lonely boy.”

What is an Evangelical to do? Already signs are breaking on the horizon that we who hold to Scriptural authority are labeled intolerant. We are accused of biblical fundamentalism by refusing to alter our Bible interpretation to match today’s society. We no longer have a home where we are equals. “I’m just a lonely boy.”

The argument *du jour* claims society has changed in 2000 years. Really? Are human beings so much different? Gravity still rules! Inertia applies to most bodies including ours. In terms of Scripture there are portions that obviously apply to specific situations or periods. On the other hand, some Scripture, by general agreement, are applicable. The Ten Commandments are generally accepted, if somewhat neglected. Basic truths must stand... “I’m just a lonely boy.”

Then slides the long slow curve. What about Rom. 1:27. Therein Paul lists multiple behaviors incompatible with the intellectual basis for church leadership. However, today’s society and the mainstream church reject Paul’s admonition under the rubric of equality and fairness. No longer will the exegesis of the Greek and Hebrew be guided by the wisdom of our spiritual ancestors. Rather, society’s shifting winds will be measured for future course. “I’m just a lonely boy.”

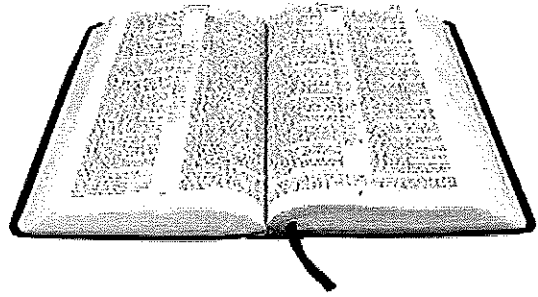
We have the solution to the Lonely Boy crises. Scripture is the levee withstanding society’s flooding assault. The Westminster Confession is the sandbags added upon the levee to turn the flow of societal inundation.

Consider well the Scriptures, the ancient guides, and our Comforter – the Holy Spirit. Join us Sunday (All welcome including lonely boys) to hear the Word proclaimed and to worship with the family of God.

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WELL WORTH THE EFFORT
Heather Taylor
Music and Worship
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We have begun a scripture memorization project called "Walking With The Word". Spread the word and tell a neighbor! We will be "**Walking With The Word**" written on our hearts well equipped and eager to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

1. Come to the table in the Narthex and choose a scripture card.
2. Wear it home and keep it in a visible place throughout the week where you will be able to review it regularly. (Hang it by your bathroom mirror, from the rear view mirror in your car, on a key hook by your door, or keep it with you at work or wherever you might go.)
3. Then wear it to church the next Sunday ready to recite it to someone.
4. Once you have shared the Word, initial the scripture card and exchange it for another for the following week.

I'm so excited about this project and hope that every single one of you will participate!

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy:16-17

Memorizing passages of scripture is essential for our Christian growth. In order to have a fruitful relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and enjoy fellowship with him we must also have the desire to obey his word. To be obedient to his word, we must first know it. In John 14:21 we read, *"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."* Jesus tells us that if we love him and therefore obey his word, then he and the Father will make their home with us. In our obedience we are held securely in his care and blessed with his presence.

Our God is all knowing, all powerful, and all loving. His Word is Truth and is all sufficient in every situation. He desires for us to know him through the word that he has given us. When I began to grasp the depth of his infinite love for us, I so humbly and gratefully submitted myself to his care and authority. In my love for him, with deep reverence and respect for his word, my aim is complete obedience. Our God is sovereign and just.

Proverbs 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Romans 2:13 "For merely listening to the law doesn't make us right with God. It is obeying the law that makes us right in his sight."

I want His Word to be written on my heart. So, I know I will need to regularly read scripture, study it, pray about it, and commit it to memory. This will take time, but will be well worth the effort. With the Word in our hearts he will enable us to

- resist sin when we face temptation.
- stand strong on his solid foundation of truth
- grow in his likeness
- be transformed with a cleansed mind and purified heart
- healed, strengthened, guided, and renewed with joy
- rest in the promises of salvation and forgiveness
- discern right from wrong
- be prepared to answer questions concerning our faith in Christ
- encourage and teach others
- distinguish truth from error in doctrine
- pray effectively
- bring it to mind at any time wherever we are

Not only is memorizing scripture essential, it is expected. We are commanded to memorize it.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 "These commandments that I give you today

are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

Psalm 119:9-11

"How can a young man keep his way pure?

By living according to your word.

I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Praise be to you, O LORD;

teach me your decrees.

With my lips I recount

all the laws that come from your mouth.

I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

I delight in your decrees;

I will not neglect your word."

The Bible is fully inspired by God. It is the authoritative, inerrant, infallible, supreme truth. Know God's word, live by it, and share it. May we always be found walking with the word written on our hearts and walking with the Word as He lives in our hearts.



Something New....

Be on the look-out for the opportunity this summer
to take part in a

DISCIPLESHIP DRUM ENSEMBLE!



Our first series of gatherings will focus on communicating the
Mission of North Church

And

The **Purposeful Set of Effective Ways to Follow The Master**
included in the Discipleship Challenge.

This drumming experience will be

Easy, FUN, and with a Purpose!

If you might be interested in this great opportunity get in touch with Heather
Taylor. A convenient time, date, and place will be arranged for those interested.

Contact : heather@hst-percussion.com

(607) 259-2274 Call me anytime. I can't wait to hear from you!

Dollars & Sense - notes from the treasurer

Here we are in the middle of June - not quite mid way through the year but a good point in time to gauge where we stand on the year to date. Looking at where we stand as of the end of May, I am encouraged by the numbers. Our pledges are up over last year by 7.2% and over our budgeted figure by 8.2%. Our overall contributions through May total \$102,869. This does not include monies contributed for special projects such as One Great Hour of Sharing or for special funds such as the Congregational Care fund. Such monies are kept separate in our books are not reflected as income for the purposes of paying our on-going expenses.

Speaking of expenses, our expenses through May are slightly lower than last year (-\$1,290) and are under budget year to date by a total of \$13,591. The major factor in being under budget is that the Youth Director position remains open. We are holding our own in other areas as well.

Whereas the foregoing is good news, we can not be complacent or rest on our laurels. Our pledges must continue to come in at the promised level on a steady basis. And we must continue to be cognizant of our part in keeping expenses down wherever we can. Please keep up the good work on both fronts.

From time to time I am asked how to get a check or monies for reimbursement or payment of a particular bill. It is a very simple process. We use a voucher system to request a check. Vouchers are available in the church's office. A voucher should be filled out as completely as possible and any receipts that are available attached. The voucher should be signed by either a committee chair, Session member, the Pastor or by the requestor. One signature will generally suffice but if the request is for reimbursement for monies already spent, I do like to see receipts. Completed vouchers may be left in my mail slot (#22) in the library. Checks are cut on a weekly basis usually on a Tuesday or Wednesday. For anyone new to the process, I will be happy to walk you through it.

As before, if you have any subjects that you would like to see addressed, please get the word to me.

Larry Campbell



DOLLARS **SENSE**



JULY
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
CANNED PEAS
AUGUST
PEANUT & BUTTER, JELLY

NEW OPTIONS FOR RECEIVING YOUR MONTHLY

NORTH STAR

The cost of postage continues to climb. Even at the Bulk postage rate, each month the North Star costs over \$70 to send out. Besides the cost, the quality of the bulk rate service that the Post Office provides has declined significantly in recent years. Those who live outside the 149xx zip code areas now sometimes have to wait 10 days or more to receive their North Star. That fact is frustrating both to the recipients of our newsletter and to those who put time-sensitive announcements into it.

We'll always print hard copies of the North Star. But in addition to the hard copies sent as bulk rate mail, we'd like to offer two alternate methods for receiving the North Star.

1) E-mail—For almost a year now, we have been posting the "North Star" on the church's web page [<http://www.northpres.com/SpecialRequests.aspx>]. If you would like to receive an e-mail notice when the "North Star" is posted to our web site, send an e-mail request to northpresoffice@stny.rr.com.

2) Pick It Up At the Church—If you would like to pick up your "North Star" at the church **INSTEAD** of having it mailed to you. Let the church office know that by calling (607) 734-2977, e-mailing us (see above), or using one of the special card provided in the narthex. We will prominently display the new "North Stars" as soon as they are printed.

This issue (July 2011) will be the last issue mailed out by bulk mail to everyone on our mailing list. So, watch for the September issue in your e-mail inbox and displayed around the church in late August.



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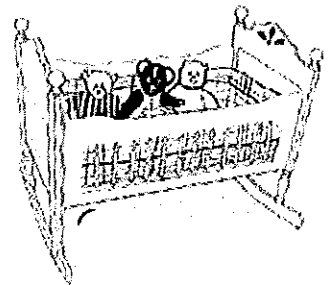
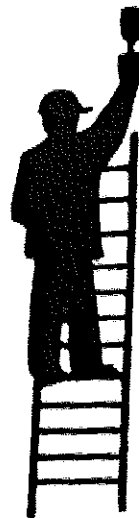
1.) 16' ALUMINUM STEP LADDER

2.) CRIB

with fixed sides or Pack and Play.

(New regulations effective December 2012 do not allow cribs in public facilities with drop down sides)

Thank you, Board of Trustees.



7th Annual **BLOCK PARTY**

North Presbyterian Church

Saturday, September 17th
1-4 p.m.



FREE food, entertainment & fun for the entire family! With games, giant inflatable, live music, and more!



Block Party 2011



September 17, 2011
1-4 p.m.

The Block Party is part of our Church's mission outreach to the community. It takes all of us working together to make it successful. Please indicate below how you'd like to help & drop it in the collection plate or return it to the Church office:

Making cookies _____

Serving food _____

Grilling burgers _____

First Aid Station _____

Information booth _____

Set-up _____

Clean-up _____

Food/beverage runner _____

Supervise inflatable _____

Games _____

AV set-up _____

Face painting _____

Prayer Station _____

Donating school supplies _____

Name _____

Telephone & Email _____

Hours available to work _____

THANK YOU!

****Attention All Church Organizations****

[Church organizations: includes all committees, sub-committees, Bible study groups, College Ministry, Youth Ministry, and any other NPC group within the church.]

Due to the increase of NPC church organizations and outside groups using our church building, there is now a **Building Usage Sign Out Form** that must be filled out for any church organization wishing to use the church building for meetings and/special events. The sign out forms are located in the church office workroom.

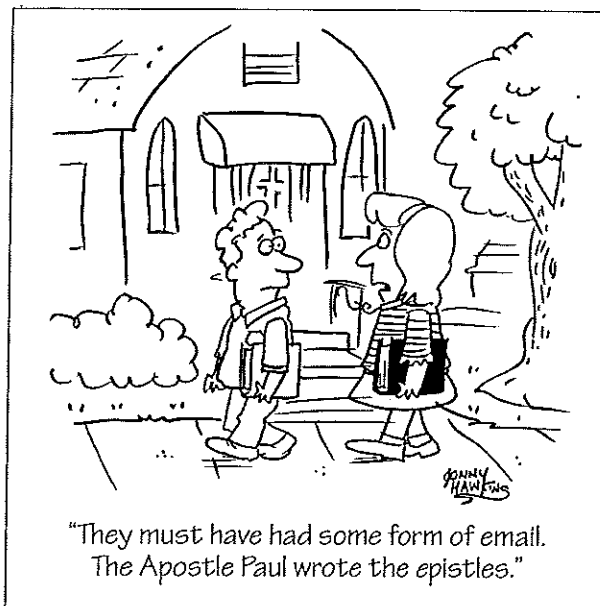
Once a completed form is received and approved by the Board of Trustees, your meeting/event will then be added to the church calendar.

Any "**Special Event**" usage should be received at least six weeks prior to the special event to ensure that the date is available.

****Any NPC church member** who wishes to use the church building for personal use or sponsor an outside group, must also complete the building usage sign out form and have approval from the Board of Trustees before the event is put on the church calendar.**

Thank you,

Board of Trustees



JULY BIRTHDAYS

4	Allison Fitzsimmons Joseph Shaw Jr	18	Carol Cady Alexis Washburn
7	Elizabeth Bush Robert Mason Ann Gawenus Christine Gustafson	19	Mary Mann
8	Sharon Mason Michael McNaughton	20	Joseph Vischansky Amanda Cheney
9	Fred Miller Jr.	21	Joyce Jankowski Beverly Wheeler Francis Stethers
11	Jean Flaherty	22	Susan Hoskins Mark Wood
12	Sandra Batrowny Sharon Evans	24	Robert Benjamin Sr Roger Washburn Lynda Carpentier Julie Hansen
13	Tracy Hungerford	29	Kari Allison Craig Allison
14	Donna Wolfe	30	Nancy Shirk
16	Cayla Marie Rogers	31	Mattie Burleigh
17	Brian Hatfield Robert Russell		



Deacon Visitation List for July

JULY 3

Doris J Woodford
Barton's Adult Home Rm13
301 Grove Street
Elmira NY 14905

JULY 17

Gloria Dildine
103 Cherrywood Manor Drive
Elmira NY 14904

JULY 10

Betty Carney
Southport Towers 1A10
300 South Main Street
Elmira NY 14904

JULY 24

Diane Green
Bethany Courtyards D209
3005 Watkins Rd
Horseheads NY 14845

JULY 31

Janet Marks
939 Pauline Ave
Pine City NY 14871



JULY PRAYER FAMILIES

JULY 3

Stephanie Maslin
Jerry and Sharon Mason
Daniel & Lois McNaughton
...Michael, Luke, Gregory
Fred & Chris Miller

JULY 17

Kevin and Karen Moshier
Samantha Moshier
Michaela Moshier
Juliana Moshier
Karen & Robert Mosteller
Lyle & Ann Motley

JULY 10

James and Barbara Mosher
...Kimberly
Brian & Amber Mosher
...Jordan
Gary & Nicole Mosher
...Mackenzie, Alexander

JULY 24

Bernard Novakowski
Robin & Jeremy Oakes
...Jacob, Ryan
Marge Oparil
James & Dorothy Orvek
Dave & Mary Ruth Ostrander



JULY 31

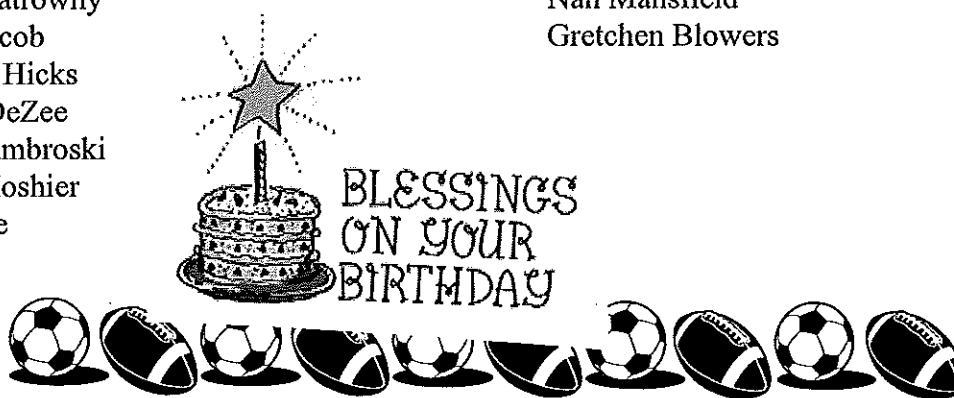
James & Linda Palmer
Lois Patno
Edward & Sheryl Patno
Christopher & Karen Paul



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10- Food Pantry	2 8:30am - Yoga 6:30 - AA 7-PDV	3 10-Food Pantry	4 8:30am - Yoga 6:30 - AA 7 - Men's Bible Study	5 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30am -Men's Fellowship 9- Community Kitchen 10- Food Pantry 5:15 AA	6 8- AA
7 9:30 - Worship/Com /Baptism 10:35- Fellowship 10:45 - Adult & Youth Ed 6:30 - Women's Indep Bible Study/Library	8 10-Food Pantry 7- Encounter Group 6:30- Trustees	9 8:30am - Yoga 5:30-Youth Council 6:30 - AA 7- Music & Worship	10 10-Food Pantry 12 - Bible Study 5-Fellowship Committee	11 8:30am - Yoga 6:30 - AA 7 - Men's Bible Study	12 6:30am -Men's Fellowship 10- Food Pantry 5:15 AA	13 8- AA
14 9:30 - Worship 10:35 - Fellowship 10:45 -Adult & Youth Ed 6:30 - Women's Indep Bible Study	15 10 - Food Pantry 7- Session	16 8:30am -Yoga 6:30 - AA	17 10 -Food Pantry 12-Bible Study	18 8:30am - Yoga 4:30 Sept Northstar Deadline 6:30 - AA 7- Men's Bible Study	19 6:30am-Men's Fellowship 10-Food Pantry 5:15 AA	20 8- AA
21 9:30 - Worship 10:35 - Fellowship 10:45 -Adult & Youth Ed 6:30 - Women's Indep Bible Study	22 10- Food Pantry	23 8:30am - Yoga 6:30 - AA	24 10-Food Pantry 12 -Bible Study	25 OFFICE CLOSED 8:30 - Yoga 6:30 - AA 7- Men's Bible Study	26 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30am -Men's Fellowship 10 - Food Pantry 5:15 - AA	27 9am - Trustees Workday 8pm-AA
28 9:30 Worship 10:35 - Fellowship 10:45 -Adult & Youth Ed 6:30-Women's Indep Bible Study	29 10-Food Pantry	30 8:30 - Yoga 6:30 -AA	31 10-Food Pantry 12 - Bible Study		Kindermuzik in Community Room	Mondays 9:30-1:30 Tuesdays 3:30-7:30 Thurs 9am-11am Friday 9:15-11:15 Sat 8am-11:30

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|----|------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 4 | Richard Gawenus | 20 | Joseph Solowiej |
| 5 | Barbara Burns | | Betty Carney |
| 6 | James Mosher | 22 | William H. Henbest II |
| 9 | Vince Magaw | | Alexander Mosher |
| 10 | Stephanie Maslin | 23 | Lori Lee |
| 11 | Ed VanDeventer | 28 | Debi Batrowny |
| 12 | Frederic Box | 29 | James Bottcher, Jr. |
| 13 | Christopher Hendershot | | Ethan Wilson |
| 14 | Emily Burleigh | 30 | Kaylin Ripley |
| 15 | Brooke Batrowny | | Nan Mansfield |
| 16 | Lauren Jacob | | Gretchen Blowers |
| | Elizabeth Hicks | | |
| | Theresa DeZee | | |
| 19 | Steven Sambroski | | |
| | Juliana Moshier | | |
| | Joel Buice | | |



Deacon Visitation List for August

AUGUST 7

Marilyn Howe
Coburg Village
101 Coburg Village Way
Rexford NY 12148

AUGUST 21

Margaret Carney
Elcor #9 Maple Creek
48 Colonial Drive
Horseheads NY 14845

AUGUST 14

Frederick Box
Woodbrook
1250 Maple Ave
Elmira NY 14904

AUGUST 28

Gary Doolittle
Bartons Rest Home
301 Grove Street
Elmira NY 14905



AUGUST PRAYER FAMILIES

AUGUST 7

Nan Peterson
Elizabeth Richards
Jeffrey and Pat Richards
Eleanor Riley
Melissa & Cory Ripley
...Kyler, Kailie

AUGUST 21

Joel and Linda Robinson
Joel Robinson
Andrew Robinson
Guy and Becky Rogers
...Cayla, Emma

AUGUST 14

Curtis & Kimberly Ripley
Kaylin Ripley
Camden & Maureen Ripley
Adele Roberts

AUGUST 28

Joseph Rolls
Sara Rolls
Robert and Barbara Russell
Jerry Russell
Alan Russell



AUGUST FLOWER DELIVERY

7	Kevin & Karen Moshier
14	Joan Barneski
21	Nancy Shirk
28	Dick & Marge Schornstheimer



SESSION MEMBERS

2012

Wendy Swatling-734-0219
Nelson van den Blink
732-1229
Bob Williams-215-0594
Deb Stamp -734-0585
Suzie Hoskins -733-1256
David Chorpenning
732-3703

2013

Heather Taylor-259-2274
Noel Weigel-734-3411
Linda Williams-215-0594
Linda Palmer-734-3996

2014

Joe Solowiej-733-9538
Audrey Vanderhoff
733-4423
Kathleen Hansen-739-3134
Adam Hungerford-846-4001

2012

Mary Ruth Ostrander
846-2681
Dave Ostrander-731-3560
Audrey Lutz - 732-5355

DEACONS

2013

Jim Mosher - UL
Cathy Campbell-732-6917

2014

Rebecca Kowulich
734-7898
Marilyn Edwards - 734-3501
Nancy Shirk - 570-596-7501

2012

Barb Duryea - 215-0639
Leister Shirk-5705967501
Joe DiCinti-734-5477
Jerry Russell - 733-0009

TRUSTEES

2013

Joe Rolls-UL
Jim Bottcher-734-7374
Larry Campbell-732-6917
Joe Koczan-737-0228

2014

Bob Emanuel-734-8662
Tom Knight - 737-0555
Alan Russell
Steven Allison- 732-3750

SESSION

Clerk: Connie Wilson - 733-6305

Committee Chairpersons

Deb Stamp	Chair of Christian Education
Heather Taylor	Chair of Music & Worship
Noel Weigel	Chair of Mission/Soc. Witness
Linda Williams	Chair of Budget
David Chorpenning	Youth Elder
Joe Solowiej	Chair of Stewardship
Linda Palmer	Chair of Nominating
Audrey Vanderhoff	Moderator of Deacons
Nelson van den Blink	Chair of Staff Relations
Bob Williams	Chair of Youth Ministry
Wendy Swatling	Chair of Fellowship
Suzie Hoskins	Moderator of Trustees
Kathy Hansen	Prayer, Discernment & Vision Committee
Adam Hungerford	Chair of Adult Education

PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

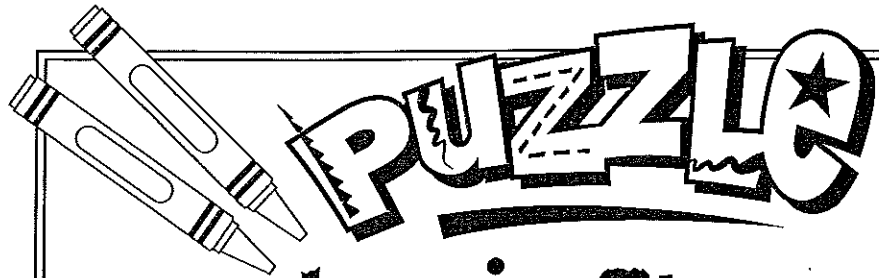
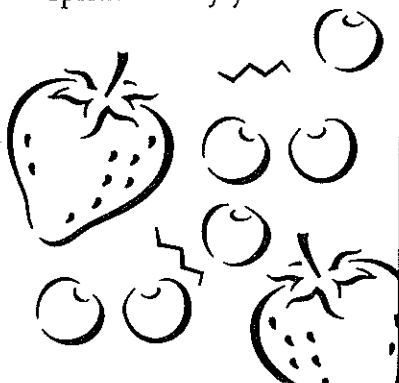
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

What you need:

- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



Freedom in Christ

This Independence Day, remember that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.

Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

F	Q	L	V	C	R	O
G	R	K	U	D	Q	P
H	S	J	T	E	P	Q

I	O	B	H	A	L	P	Q	K	D	W
H	P	C	G	B	M	O	R	J	C	V
G	Q	D	F	C	N	N	S	I	B	U

F	E	U	L	P	W	E	D	V
E	F	T	K	Q	V	F	C	U
D	G	S	J	R	U	G	B	T

P	B	Q	R	V	C	O	H	B
Q	C	R	S	U	D	P	G	C
R	D	S	T	T	E	Q	F	D

Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)