



WESTERN SPIRE

JULY 2011

Nancy's Nuggets for July

It is my understanding that there are two long seasons in this part of the country: 1) Winter and 2) Roadwork.

Unlike the other seasons recognized throughout the world, the season of Roadwork is a modern development due to the global paving of the United States. In our neighborhood, I notice that Roadwork is also supplemented by the seasonal celebration of rail-roadwork, though I have noted that few of the workers seem to know the old song... "I've been working on the railroad..."

The season of Roadwork is also a season of developing and deepening our spiritual disciplines of patience, mercy and long suffering. We learn to be flexible and to turn on a dime when encountering those big orange signs. We can explore our neighborhood and find new paths to church. I have a friend Warren who refuses to take the same route twice in a row when traveling. I think he is attempting to stave off Alzheimer's...perhaps he should move here! Roadwork is the period when we cultivate our flexibility and the cheerful humility of those who know that many things in the world are beyond our control. We can also learn to ask forgiveness for tardiness and exercise our shoulders with a good shrug "Sorry, road closing."

Roadwork is a period of time to renew our acquaintance with the trees and flowers of the area and to people-watch as others tap out frustrations on their steering wheels. I myself check my e-mail on my new I-phone; sometimes seeking alternative routes on the GPS as time lapses. Roadwork is a seasonal reminder of our own place in the universe. We are small and there are many things that are out of our control in this life. The psalmist might have been inspired to write a psalm as s/he was stuck in the midst of roadwork. What do you do?

Before long...winter will be upon us so for now let us enjoy ourselves. Life is too short no matter how long we live. Hope to see you in church sometime in the midst of roadwork. Soli Deo Gloria! The Rev. Dr. Nancy J.

Special Services and Sizzling Sermons for the Summer!

This summer we have some wonderful opportunities for celebration. July 3 we'll be both patriotic and speaking of freedom in the biblical sense. Later in the month we celebrate our Vacation Bible School learning accomplishments and Christmas in July! Theologically our themes include freedom in Christ, and the release from all kinds of death through Christ. And, beginning at the end of this month we'll start a special series on the seven deadly sins updated for 2011. It should be an interesting summer...remember to come when you can. Otherwise you'll be sure to miss something!

Sunday, July 3, 2011

Lessons: Psalm 95; John 4:5-42; and Romans 5: 1-21
Sermon "Freedom in Christ"
9:30 a.m. Reader: Rochelle Morse
Coffee Hour: Esther & Chuck Hargrave

Sunday, July 10, 2011 Communion Sunday

Lessons: Ezekiel 16:60-63; Psalm 32; Gospel: Romans 6: 1-23.
Sermon "Freedom from Valdemort"
9:30 a.m. Reader: Paul Powell
Coffee Hour:

Sunday, July 17, 2011 God's Wild About You!

Lesson: Psalm 139; Gospel: Luke 24; Romans 8:31-39.
Sermon "No Matter What: God Loves You"
9:30 a.m. Reader: Don Dantz
Coffee Hour: Irene & Peter Fadden

Sunday, July 24, 2011 Christmas in July

Lessons: Psalm 96; Gospel: John 1:1-14; Romans 1:1-7.
Sermon "Apostles of Christmas"
9:30 a.m. Reader: Helene Scribner
Coffee Hour: Christmas in July

Sunday, July 31, 2011

Lessons: Psalm 96; Gospel: John 1:1-14; Romans 1:1-7.
Sermon "Deadly Sin: Gluttony, 2011"
9:30 a.m. Reader: Anne Morrell
Coffee Hour:

From: Barbara McCoy

Dear Friends and Family,

The big news is that I am bound for Malawi, Africa to dedicate the **Clint McCoy Community Center in Mzenga, Malawi**. Erin and niece, Krystina Alarcon, will travel with me and four other volunteers in mission. We begin our journey on July 26 from Syracuse, NY and arrive in Malawi where we will fill our van and begin the 6 hour drive to Mzenga. Following the dedication of the Community Center and Feeding Station, we are honored to be invited to Grace's wedding, the first event to be held at the **Clint McCoy Community Center**. We will break ground for a new school for the children of Mzenga, deliver school supplies, medical supplies, personal car kits, funds for sanitation and clean water and identify needs for micro-loans to empower women to achieve self sufficiency.

With the help of many earthly and heavenly angels, I have moved forward on my journey. I am profoundly grateful for all who watched over me this Winter, recognized and filled my needs. I remain in Canton until June 30th. Following my retirement, I will be living at the cottage and heading south next September to my new home in Florida, where Mom and brother, Leon, await my arrival.

Please consider making a donation to the Women of Grace Widow's fund. Thank you to those who have already generously supported Clint's mission. We will carry your donations directly to Mzenga to provide immediate support to women and children whether it is a new roof on a small house, an outhouse, clean water, tuition for children, medical supplies or school supplies.

Visit our website for a glimpse of how Clint is feeding and caring for Widows and Orphans with your donations. **Womenofgracewidowsfund.org**.

My contact numbers after June 30 will be:

Phone 315-234-3068

Summer Address: 45298 Harris Rd., Redwood, NY 13679

Florida Address: 5417 Barnwell Ct, Leesburg, Florida 34748

Email: minibunkport@gmail.com

The mission of **“The Women of Grace Widows” Fund** is to alleviate the extreme poverty faced by widows in Malawi by empowering widows to establish their own self-sufficiency and independence. During 2010 money was raised from 144 individuals, churches and events, including \$3225 given in memory of Rev. Clint McCoy. These funds are used for meeting acute needs, blankets, bedding, clothing, school, medical and funeral fees, construction of widows’ homes, and micro-loans for widows’ businesses.

Funds received in memory of Clint McCoy have been designated to continue the feeding of the children at the **Mzenga community center** that feeds over 30 orphans and 40 local children two days a week. In August 2011, the Mzenga community center will be officially named the **Clint McCoy Community Center**.



Toddler Room Schedule

Below is the schedule for staffing of the Toddler Room during the 9:30 am service for June through September. Thank you in advance for your extremely important mission of providing infant and toddler care. You will find a red binder in the supply closet of the Toddler Room. Please have parents complete a form from the binder for each child who will be staying with you. Snacks are available in a plastic tote in the supply closet also. Please arrive about 9:15am to receive the children. Many thanks!

7/10/11	Nancy Talma	597-5003
7/17/11	Carol Sloan	597-5182
7/24/11	Tricia Spence	585-425-8149
7/31/11	Amie McMullin	597-1559
8/7/11	Edie Chapman	597-6119
8/14/11	Irene Fadden	986-1340
8/21/11	Andrea Spencer	585-223-9417
8/28/11	Janet Manktelow	597-4314
9/4/11	Jan Taylor	597-4293
9/11/11	Laurie Ellis	597-5934
9/18/11	Rena Haigh	597-5971
9/25/11	Ruth Dantz (11:00am)	597-2143
10/2/11	Katie Mitchell (11:00am)	597-5653

****If you will be unavailable on the date you have been assigned, please contact another volunteer and exchange dates. Please contact Rena Haigh with questions or concerns. Again thank you VERY much for your help!!!

GOD AND ME



Over the past month we have had three Cub Scouts in the God and Me portion of the God and Country program for Scouts.

Part of the Cub Scout Promise is ...*to do my duty to God and my country...* and this God and Me program is the first in a series that helps to teach our youth the full meaning of Duty to God. The program is broken into four sections.

- God and Me for 1st thru 3rd grade.
- God and Family for 4th thru 5th grade.
- God and Church for 6th thru 8th grade.
- God and Life for 9th thru 12th grade.



Evan Mitchell and Jacob McFarlane from Western Presbyterian Church are involved in the program. Zach Trautman, who is in Den 12 with Jacob, is also participating in the program. There are a total of 4 classes, with the last one scheduled for June 22nd. In each class the students read portions of the Bible and engage in fun activities and discussions with each other, their adult partners (their dads), and the counselor.

The 4 classes are: God Created Me; Jesus is God's Gift to me; I Can Talk with God; and Because God Cares for Me, I Can Care for Others. Each week the students help create a game for their GAMEBOX (**G**od **A**nd **M**e **E**xploring **BOX**). Evan, Jacob, and Zach will meet with Rev Nancy during the month of July for a review of what they learned.

We plan to have a recognition ceremony on August 28th to recognize the work of these three Scouts. The Scouts and their families will be hosting the coffee hour so you can all have a chance to see what they learned with your support.



DON'T FORGET!

Pick up now your copy of the July-August-September issue of **THESE DAYS**. This is a daily devotional booklet provided for you Free of Charge by the Deacons Committee. Copies can be found outside the church office and on a table in the narthex. Check it out!



AUGUST SPIRE

We will have an August SPIRE. Please submit your articles no later than July 19th.
Thank you!

Please call the office if you would like your SPIRE mailed.



DIRECTORY COMING IN SEPTEMBER

We will be proofing the Directory in the next few weeks. Please let us know how you would like your name to appear in the Directory (formal, nickname, etc.). Also, please advise the office of any change in address or phone number as soon as possible. Thank You!



ATTENTION NON-KEYHOLDERS:

TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE OFFICE, (DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS), PRESS THE CALL BUTTON ON THE EAST WALL.

PUSH THE BUTTON TO TALK. RELEASE THE BUTTON TO LISTEN.

THANK YOU!



Attention: Effective August 1st, our new mailing address will be P. O. Box 426, Palmyra, New York 14522



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 2	Sara Bush
July 3	John Hutton
July 6	Lois Daniels
July 7	Stephen Kennard
July 7	Lorene McGee
July 10	William Abbott
July 10	Carol Sloan
July 11	Regis Hutter
July 15	Janis Taylor
July 16	Morris Owen
July 19	Tamra Abbott
July 20	Melissa Cooley
July 22	Bruce Babcock
July 22	Scott Pringle
July 26	Robert Giles
July 27	Megan Taylor
July 29	Caron Clair
July 29	Carol Plesa
July 31	Richard Watson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 3	Bron & Frank Lawrence
July 12	Jean & Robert Yost
July 16	Anita & James Adams
July 26	Mary Beth & Gary LaBerge
July 28	Lynn & Steve Malboeuf

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time.

GET YOUR T-SHIRTS BEFORE CANAL TOWN DAYS



SOWING, GROWING AND CELEBRATING

Now is the time to order your sunflower t-shirt. Just fill out the order form below and send in with your check made payable to Western Presbyterian Church to the attention of: Linda Pulcini. **Deadline is September 4, 2011.**

\$10.00 per T-shirt

\$12.00 T-shirt, sizes 2X and 3X

Number of T-Shirts	Sizes	Total

Name: _____

Address: _____

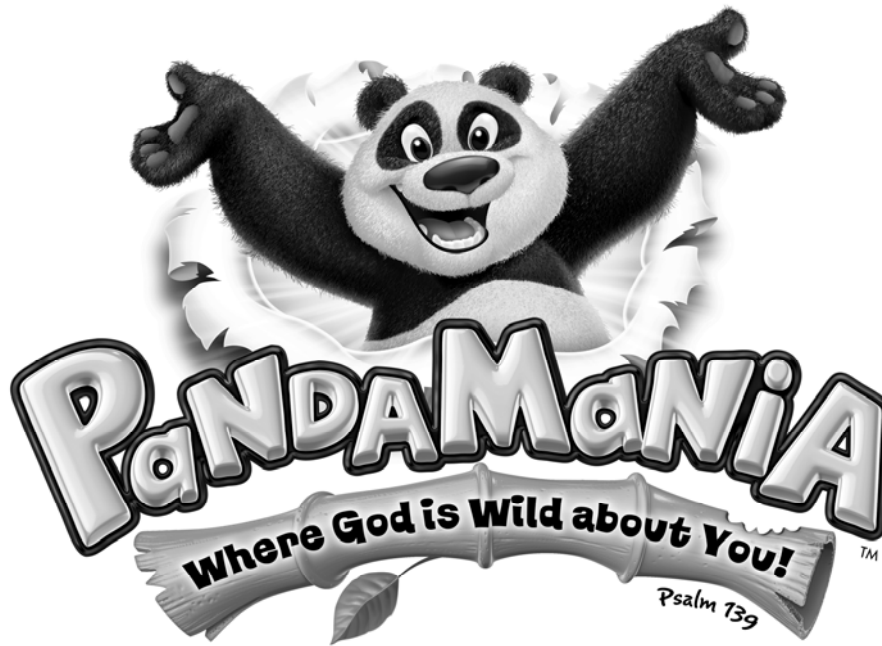
Telephone/Cell # _____

Email Address: _____

Please specify to one of the following:

- I will pick-up my T-shirt at the Western Presbyterian Church

- I will call with arrangements for my T-shirt pick-up



Vacation Bible 2011
July 11-July 14, 2011
Wish List

Pool Noodles
Wrapping paper/bows Bricks
Box fans
Extension cords
Individually wrapped candies
Stickers
baskets
Silly string
Paper grocery bags
Spray bottles
Wrapping paper

Flashlights
Large, sturdy plastic bins
Plastic wading pool or
washtub
Gravel
2 5/8 x 1" adhesive mailing
labels
Bamboo poles
Beach towels
Marbles

Paper towel tubes
Wrapping paper tubes
Bricks
Gift bows
Silly String

Donations can be placed in the VBS box outside the kitchen