

# The Messenger

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From  
Craig's  
Desk

## Odds & Ends

For years I subscribed to *Context*, a bi-monthly journal. Edited by Northwestern University historian and Lutheran Pastor Martin Marty, *Context* contained excerpts from and comments about Marty's vast reading. Alas, after decades *Context* is no longer published. But I have on my shelves the last year or so of the issues that I continue to mine for ideas and insight. Below are some bits of wisdom and frivolity found there. I hope you enjoy them, and that they encourage you to pay attention to what you're reading.

If you want one year of prosperity, grow grain. If you want 10 years of prosperity, grow trees. If you want 100 years of prosperity, grow people.

-- Chinese proverb

Being a Cubs fan has taught me a lot about church reform; for example, any church can have a bad century now and then.

-- Dan Daley, *U.S. Catholic*, December 2007

Grant us, O God, the vision to see that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth, too small for anything but love.

-- William Sloane Coffin, Memorial Day Prayer

I am better off than Union Pacific railroad magnate E. H. Harriman. I have all the money I want, and he hasn't.

-- John Muir

Noah was a brave man to sail in a wooden boat with two termites. -- Mark Twain

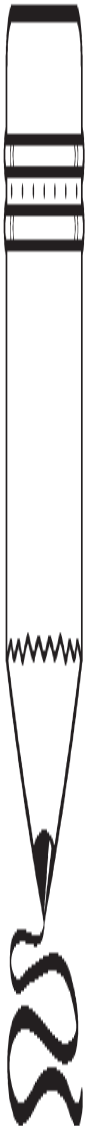
When elephants tussle, it's the grass that suffers.

-- African proverb

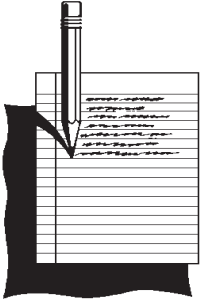
The idea that you have to offer someone a \$10 million pension just to keep him around – there's something wrong with that. People taking compensation have a moral duty not to take it, a moral duty to be underpaid. If generals and archbishops can do it, why can't leaders of large enterprises take less than the last dollar?-- Warren Buffett to Berkshire Hathaway shareholders

A woman ordered a wedding cake for her daughter telling the baker to decorate it with the words of 1 John 4:18: "Perfect love casts out fear." Unfortunately the baker looked up John 4:18 instead, and decorated the cake with, "You have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your own."

-- unknown



## Thank You From The Congregation



Since we published the last issue of *The Messenger* we received the following thank-you notes and letters. They are posted on the tack strip outside of Pastor Craig's office. Read and enjoy them there for yourselves.

- From Helen Nelson: Thank you for making Easter Sunday so beautiful and meaningful – the service –music and flowers combined to make a glorious day. I'm enjoying the lovely easter lily too.
- From Zilpha Kirk: Many thanks to June Shaw who delivered an Easter lily to me here at Coburg Village. It graces the door to my apartment for all to enjoy. Thank you for caring.
- From Hil and Karolyn Bekkering: We would like to thank you for the beautiful tulips that were delivered to us by our granddaughter Korrina on Easter Day. After blooming we will replant the bulbs in our flower garden and will enjoy them again and again every year.
- From Hilda Clohesy: It was a pleasant surprise to receive your gift of lilies at Easter. Thanks to all.
- From Eula Wilds: My Easter flower was so beautiful. It had five blossoms on it. Thank you for remembering me. It's so nice to be part of the church family.
- From Thelma and Bill Bogar: Many thanks for the fine flowers we have received from our church. When they lose their beauty we remember them still for the flowers of kindness never fade.
- From Gordon Durnford: I am both gratified and grateful for the caring people of our church who have sent me cards and letters during my ongoing illness. These remembrances have been a source of comfort and inspiration to me. They have certainly been an important part of my therapy. Until you go through tough times healthwise, you can't imagine what a positive impact those cards and letters have. Thank you. God bless you all!
- From Susan Duncan: Thank you so much for the lovely flowers. I hope to be back with you soon.
- From the Scotia Food Pantry: Thank you very much for your very generous weekly donation of food for the month of May. Your continuing support of the pantry means so much to all who participate in the Pantry's services.

## Milestones In Our Congregation

Here are some milestones in the lives of people in our congregation since the last issue of *The Messenger*.

Congratulations to:

- Richard Doyle who was elected the Vice President of the Regional Synod of Albany at its May 2 annual meeting. Richard has been, and will continue, serving on the synod's executive committee.

New Address for:

- Lillian Teater. Lillian is a resident at Baptist Retirement and Health Center, Room S207, 297 Ballston Ave., Scotia 12302.

We extend our sympathy to:

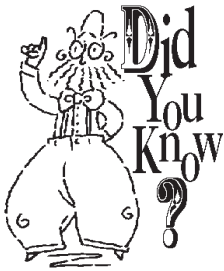
- the family and friends of Thelma Combs who died on May 2. We remembered Thelma in a memorial service on Saturday, May 21 in our sanctuary.
- the family and friends of Dr. Clyde Eidens who died on Tuesday, May 24. There will be a memorial service for Clyde on Sunday afternoon, August 7 at 2:00.

## Outdoor Worship Will Begin

Weather permitting, our 8:00 worship service is held outdoors on the plaza in front of the sanctuary in July and August. Outdoor worship is a unique experience. Birds always accompany our singing. We've also seen deer, red fox, and a turtle laying her eggs. Outdoor worship is also a unique witness. The sound of Route 50 traffic can be annoying, but every car or truck that drives by means that at least one person sees a congregation at worship on the Lord's Day. The larger the congregation, the greater the witness!

Join others for 8:00 worship outdoors this summer. Sit on the steps or on the plaza. A lawn chair or blanket helps. If ever it's cold or wet outside, we simply worship in the sanctuary.

## What Is A Kranken?



Our church currently has 20 krankenbesoekers. Twenty what? Krankenbesoekers! Krankenbesoekers are people who commit themselves to make a monthly visit to one of our shut-ins, and to also have at least one other monthly contact with that person, i.e. a phone call, card, or a bouquet of Sunday morning flowers from church. The word "krankenbesoeker" comes from the colonial Dutch churches that were established up and down the Hudson and Mohawk River valleys. It literally means "comforter of the sick." Most of these early Dutch churches had a krankenbesoeker who was often a paid person. Many Reformed churches had a krankenbesoeker before they had a pastor.

We continue that ministry of visitation today in modern times, but keep the old fashioned word. It was, and is, a noble calling. Would you like to join our church's krankenbesoekers? Let Pastors Craig or Jan Hoffman know, 370-4751.

## Bibles Will Be Presented To Youth

On Sunday, June 12, at the 10:00 worship service, we will present Bibles to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and High School graduates. We give our younger children a New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, to help them read God's Word on their own, in fulfillment of the vows parents and the congregation make at our children's baptisms. We give our graduates a Harpers-Collins Study Bible, suitable for college work as well as to help them along life's journeys.

The Bibles are in Sunny Baldwin's office for parents and family to inscribe. See her or Pastor Jan for access to the Bibles.

If your child is past the third grade and does not already have his or her own Bible, please speak to one of the pastors or to Coordinator of Christian Living Sunny Baldwin so that we can give one to your child, too. If your family needs a Bible, we also have Bibles available.

## Canning Club Will Begin In June

Our church's Canning Club is ready to begin again this summer with a jamming session in our church kitchen. Patty Marré and Sunny Baldwin will set a date for making strawberry jam just as soon as they find out when the strawberries will be ready for picking. Check the church bulletin in mid-June for the date and time. The supply list will be on the bulletin board next to Craig's office. If there is interest in our jamming session, we will go on to other goodies.

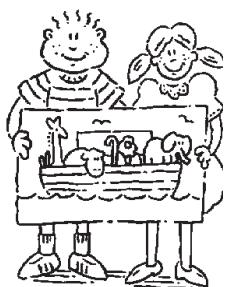
## Join Us For Fireworks

Our Congregational Care Council invites you to gather behind Brink Hall on Friday evening, July 1, at 7:00 for a time of fellowship and conversation. Bring an appetizer to share, and bring a lawn chair to sit on, and we can watch the Jumpin' Jack's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks together. Be sure to bring \$5 with you as well to park your car that night. We have to control our parking, and we split the money with the Boy Scouts who do that work for us.

## Choir Presents Its Year In Review

On Sunday evening, June 5 at 7:00 our terrific Sanctuary Choir will present its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Choir Year in Review in our sanctuary. That night our choir will perform some of the anthems they most enjoyed these past months. Come, and enjoy them again with the choir. Our Congregational Care Council will host a time of refreshments and greeting following the review.

## Items Needed For Our Camp Fowler Week



Many in our church are volunteering at Camp Fowler this summer. Find out who they are in another article inside this month's issue of *The Messenger*. We know many of you want to help, even though you can't volunteer a whole week of your time. Here's how you can help.

### Come Help at a Fowler Prep Night:

Come to church on Monday evening, July 17, at 7:00. We need to make "discussion cans" by stapling together journals and prepping tissue paper; we'll show you how. Who knows what else we'll come up with by then?

### Donate Goods for our Campers and our Camp Staff:

- White tee shirts in youth sizes for tie-dying
- Batteries (AA, AAA or 9 volt)
- Canned soda and seltzer (most popular are *Coke*, *Pepsi*, *Mountain Dew* – diet or regular)
- Fresh fruit
- Small black *Sharpie* pens
- *Duck* tape, masking tape, or *Scotch* tape
- Used DVDs
- Votive candles
- Healthy snacks and some goodies -- but not too many.

### Donate Goods our Church Volunteers will use in our "Una Tierra" Week, July 31 to Aug. 6

Remember the volunteers by praying for them and sending a card. We also could use:

- Ink cartridges for the copiers (HP 45, 78 or 15)
- 1 bag of Fair Trade coffee
- 3 cartons of Flavored creamer
- 3 bottles of SPF 30 sunscreen
- 1 box of Band-Aids - hope we won't use them!
- Snacks (a mixture of healthy and not-so healthy, especially in the form of chocolate!)
- Mechanical pencils and thin markers (get these at the \$ store)
- Empty 1# coffee cans
- Small favor-type bubbles
- Tea lights
- Empty baby food jars or small glass jars of similar size
- Colored tissue paper.

Bring any donated items to the church before July 17, except food, by Friday, July 29. Bins for your donations are located outside Memorial Lounge and in the narthex.

## June Food Needs For Food Pantry

Every week our bulletin lists the food most needed for the Scotia Food Pantry. Below are the items for May. Please place your donations in the container in the narthex or in the one outside Brink Hall. What a great offering we would give if **everyone** brought the weekly item!

There is **always** a need for bags as well as monetary donations. Donations are used to purchase milk certificates and other items available at the Regional Food Bank for just 16 cents a pound. Make out your check to the First Reformed Church of Scotia and put "Food Pantry" on the memo line.

- June 5: Canned Pasta
- June 12: Canned Fruit
- June 19: Dish Detergent
- June 26: Macaroni and Cheese

## Come On A Mission Trip

Several young people and adults from our church are making plans for a Mission Trip next year during the February, 2012 school vacation. Our exact destination is not yet know, but it may well be in the southern United States where there has been such flooding and storm damage. If you are interested, be sure to let speak to Dan Brudos, 393-2400; Sunny Baldwin, 374-9276; or Pastor Jan, 370-4751.

## Kids Hope Reports To You



On Sunday, May 22 approximately 25 Kids Hope USA mentors, prayer partners and visitors met after worship to hear answers to the question, “What’s It Like To Be A Kid Today?” Here’s some of what they learned:

Research has shown that what you believe about the world by the age of 13 years old is typically what you believe for the rest of your life. By age 13 a student has “aged-out” of a possible Kids Hope USA program. For that reason, Kids Hope national offered some of these statistics on the typical 13 year old today.

- 30% won’t graduate from high school
- 29% live in a home without a father
- 18% are victims of reported abuse (who’s to say about unreported abuse?)
- 17% live in poverty with this figure rising
- 52% admit to not attending any church

Just imagine how these statistics have influenced the lives and perspectives of our nation’s 13 year olds.

Students at age 8, 9 and 10 spend 7-8 hours a day engaged in some form of media (TV, video games, computers, texting, etc.) What does this mean for today’s kids? It means they are experiencing a loss of human relationship development needs. It means they are missing out on time and interaction with role models.

What can Kids Hope USA provide? It provides something novel to these children — something new and different from their everyday life. The role modeling effect of the Kids Hope USA relationship is a revelation to many of these students. The mentor is able to model new ways to relate and handle life situations in a different manner from TV and video games.

Dr. Roger Sellon of Kids Hope USA states, “Kids today are exciting, hopeful, energetic, scared and wonder sometimes who really cares?”

What can Kids Hope USA provide? First Reformed Church of Scotia answers that question every time a mentor or prayer partner does something on a Sacandaga child’s behalf.

An Ice Cream Social was held at Sacandaga Elementary School for our Kids Hope students, mentors, faculty and parents/guardians on Wednesday, June 1. It was the final Kids Hope USA event for the 2010-2011 school year. Now we look forward to next year!

## Bottle Committee Sends More Checks

Our Bottle Ladies are doing a fantastic job of returning your donations of bottles and cans. They report that they have just sent a \$90 check to the City Mission and another \$90 check to Bethesda House – all from you bottles and cans. So far this year they have sent \$334 to these organizations from your donations. Thank you for your support, and thank you to our hard working Bottle Ladies.

## Congrats To Our Graduates



Congratulations to our church's graduates.

### Our High School Graduates:

- Quinn Antonakakis graduates from Scotia Glenville High School and joins the Marine Corps in August.
- Katie Brudos graduates from Schalmont High School and plans to attend Hope College. She plans to study Civil Engineering.
- Kristen Faubion graduates from Scotia Glenville High School. Kristen plans to attend Marist College to study Communication and the Arts.
- Emily Griffith graduates from Scotia Glenville High School. Emily plans to attend SUNY Fredonia and study biology.
- Nora Houlihan graduates from Scotia Glenville High School. Nora plans to attend Clarkson University and study Chemistry.
- Walter Pfuntner III graduates from Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School. Walter plans to go to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and study Nuclear Engineering.
- Tom Monaghan graduates from Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School. Tom plans to attend Boston College and study International Studies with a Pre-med track.
- Alex Gilgore graduates from Scotia Glenville High School. He plans to attend St. Michael's College to study biology.
- Monica Rosenberg graduates from South Colonie High School. She plans to attend SUNY Oneonta, majoring in communications with a minor in music.
- Savannah Willoughby graduates from Scotia Glenville High School. She plans to attend UAlbany and study biomedical sciences.

### Our College Graduates:

- Alex Atchley graduated Cum Laude from the Purchase Conservatory of Music, Purchase College with a BA in Percussion Performance. Alex will be going to Chicago in August to begin his Master's program at the Chicago College of Performing Arts, Roosevelt University. He will be studying with Vadim Karpinos of the Chicago Symphony.
- Maggie Busman graduates Summa Cum Laude from Elmira College in Anthropology and History. She plans to attend SUNY Albany to work on a Masters Degree in Meso-Anthropology.
- Katie Hoskinson graduated from St. Lawrence University with a BS in Geology and a minor in Government. Her future plans are unknown at this time.
- Sandy Konczeski graduated from Russell Sage College with a BA in Creative Art Therapy and a minor in Psychology. Her future plans are unknown at this time.
- Stephen Rosemarino graduated from Siena College with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. Stephen plans to attend Albany Law School in the fall.
- Ashley Squires graduated in December from St. Rose College with a Masters in Business Administration. Her future plans are unknown at this time.
- Katelynn Squires graduated from Penn State University with a BA in Economics, a BA in International Politics, and a minor in Spanish. Her future plans are known.

Did we miss you or your graduate? We publish another issue of *The Messenger* in July. Help us correct our oversight in that issue by phoning the church office, 370-4751, and filling us in.

## Women's Retreat Planned For 2012

Adult women are invited to attend a retreat at Camp Fowler Friday January 6 – Sunday January 8. We begin with supper Friday evening and end with lunch on Sunday. We'll stay at Chi Rho which is a motel-like lodge, two or three women in a room. Each room has a private bath. Five meals will be served and bed and bath linens are provided.

Cost is \$120 if twenty or more women attend. Maximum number is 26.

The theme will be based on Epiphany, the celebration following Christmas, when the Wise Ones followed the star and brought their gifts. Pastor Jan Hoffman and Coordinator for Christian Living Sunny Baldwin will facilitate our time together. The schedule will include times for devotions and learning, walking in the snow and artistic endeavors, free time and quiet reflection.

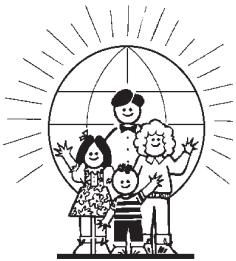
Sign up on the sheet outside Pastor Craig's office. See Jan or Sunny if you have questions, or if you need financial aid.

## Sunday School Will Begin Summer Recess

The last day of Sunday school before our annual summer recess is Sunday, June 19. Sunday school will resume the first Sunday after Labor Day, September 11.

We extend our grateful thanks to our terrific Sunday School staff. These people give of their time and energy week after week. We thank the following people for participating during the Spring Quarter:

- Nursery: Thank you to Diana Ackner, Julie DeBrita and Jessie Sharrow, who regularly staffed our nursery. This year we fulfilled our dream of starting a "Little Lambs" class. Did you know that our nursery got so big we needed to expand into a second room?
- Children and Worship, pre-k through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Joanna Clark and Stacy Marré
- Spring Rotation Workshops: Linda Falcon, Claudia Garrison, Heather Kramer, Patty Marré, Linda Naumowicz, Kim Rosenberg, Dave Schalekamp, Margo Snyder, and Tracy Swearingen
- Senior High: Bob Baldwin



We also had many volunteers helping during our fall and Advent rotations. Thanks to all of you!

We are grateful for the time so many people put into our education program. Last year we recognized Claudia Garrison for having completed twenty-five years of teaching. She taught again this year! Thank you, Claudia, for time and commitment to our youth.

Have YOU taught for twenty-five years? Would you consider teaching one of our classes? Or how about a one, two, or three week rotation? We'll be teaching in rotation for the middle grades again this fall, setting up stations for the kids to participate in a variety of settings. We'll also teach some weeks in a traditional classroom setting. We'd like two people to teach each class. Will you volunteer to help? Please give it careful consideration, and call Coordinator of Christian Living Sunny Baldwin, 374-9276, or Pastor Jan Hoffman, 370-4751.

## You Can Still Earn Credits For The Discipleship Project

Our Discipleship Project is well on the way to meeting our church goal of 575 credits by October 1. For those of you who participated in the Luke Bible Study and Women's Retreats, cards are still available on the board. We use this project to encourage each other in our spiritual growth. Already 57 adults have submitted cards to share their growth experience. We also know that more people have participated. You can still participate; summer activities could include:

- Church Sampler: attend 3 or more services at other churches and earn 3 or more credits
- Spend a week at Camp Fowler and earns 5 credits
- Kid's Hope Mentors or Prayer Partner earns 5 credits or 3 credits respectively
- Summer reading: Essential 100, Tour of the Bible, inspirational books from our library
- Wild Card! Create your own opportunity. Find a summer Bible study or retreat, attend a lecture or CRTC course. You decide and see Sunny Baldwin for credit information.

## Margaret Page Retires

If sometime in the last 24 years you spent time at the Chi Rho House at our Fowler Camp and Retreat Center, you likely benefited from the care, the housekeeping, and the cooking of Margaret Page. Margaret has been taking care of people at Chi Rho House all those years, and is now looking forward to a well-deserved retirement.



To honor Margaret and to thank her for her years of faithful service, Albany Synod is inviting people from all of our synod's churches to contribute donations for a monetary gift, stories and notes of thanks for collecting as a gift book, or both.

Please send any checks or correspondence to Camp Fowler, 1790 Grand Blvd, Schenectady, NY 12309 by Sunday, August 7. Please make your checks out to David Walsh – the same David Walsh who is a member of our church and who serves as the Chairman of the Fowler Ministries Board. David will present the retirement gift to Margaret along with our thanks, thoughts, and prayers.

But please, this is A SECRET. Margaret lives up north and doesn't get our newsletter, but we want to make sure she doesn't find out. So if you happen to know her, mum's the word! Thanks.

## May Attendance Announced

We report our monthly worship attendance to encourage you to faithfully gather on the Lord's Day, and invite others to join you.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
May week #1	207	255
May week #2	254	251
May week #3	194	218
May week #4	224	242
May week #5	177	202
May Average	211	234
YTD Average	244	239

## May Giving Reported

Each month we report our giving. Here's how we gave in May.

<u>GIVING</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
May	\$29,755	\$30,074	(\$319)	(1%)
Total for the Year	\$130,154	\$135,172	(\$5,018)	(4%)

## June Mission Of The Month Is SICM

Our June Mission of the Month is Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM). SICM is an ecumenical partnership founded in 1967 for ministries of social service and justice. More than 50 congregations belong to SICM. Offices are located at 930 Albany Street. See their web page for more information: <http://www.sicm.us>

SICM operates the largest emergency food pantry in Schenectady County. SICM also operates the Schenectady Damien Center, a drop-in hospitality and resource center for people and families affected by HIV/AIDS. It is located at 615 Nott Street. SICM distributes free lunches in the summertime to Schenectady youth.

Give to our SICM Mission of the Month by using July's yellow envelope in your box of offering envelopes. Some of you may be able to have your gift to Schenectady Inner City Ministry matched by your employer or, if you're retired, your former employer. If so, be sure to follow your employer's requirements for matching funds.



## Thanks To Our Musicians And Their Leaders

Our congregation is blessed with so many creative musicians and leaders. This month our music groups' regular rehearsals and worship leadership ends for a summer recess. We give thanks for our music program leaders.

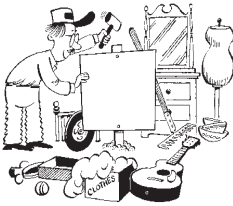
- Rebecca Shepherd, our Director of Music and Sanctuary Choir Director
- Mr. Justan Foster, our Church Organist
- Tee Munson, John Hoffman, and Judson Hoffman, our Youth Music Group Directors
- John Hoffman, our Te Deum Bells Director
- Julie DeBrita, our Instrumental Ensemble Director
- Terry Paulson, our Mission Bells Director
- Mike Atchley, our Sanctuary Brass Director

We are also deeply grateful to the members of our choirs, our Te Deum and Mission Bell choirs, and to all our instrumentalists. Their gifts of music help us express what words cannot. We are grateful to them all for their enthusiasm, faithfulness, and leadership.

## Confirmation Classes Will Begin In October

Pastors Craig and Jan Hoffman and Coordinator for Christian Living Sunny Baldwin will offer a series of Sunday morning confirmation classes designed primarily for high school students beginning Sunday, October 23 and ending Sunday, February 6. These classes will prepare you to make a confession of faith before our board of elders, and to be received into confessing membership of the church on Sunday, March 4. Classes will run from 12:00 to 2:00 and include lunch. It's time now to consider taking this important step in Christian faith. Talk to either of our pastors, 370-4751, or to Mrs. Baldwin, 374-9276, to learn more or to express your interest.

## Dutch Fair Is Coming Soon



This will be the 65<sup>th</sup> year in which our annual Dutch Fair has helped fund major maintenance and capital projects on our buildings and grounds. But more important than that, our Dutch Fairs have helped us be Christ's disciples within our own community. For 64 years (soon to be 65 years), on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of September (this year September 17) we have invited our community to our church. And they've come! Some because they rely on the Dutch Fair for good used clothing, toys for their children, books to read, or utensils and other items for their homes. Others because they just enjoy looking around, partaking of cider and baked goods, eating something good from the Dutch Café, and marveling at the crafts.

Here's how to help: You can donate books, CDs and DVDs to the Book Den (please don't donate magazines, cassettes, homemade DVD's & cds or VHS tapes, encyclopedias, National Graphics, Readers Digest Condensed books), you can donate almost anything that isn't broken to the White Elephant Booth except computers and furniture; bring your jewelry to our Jewelry Booth; your toys, games and puzzles to the Toy Booth; and good used clothes, coats, and drapes to the Next to New Booth. As Fair Chairpeople Lee Poremba, John Lehman and Richard Doyle always say, "Someone's trash is someone else's treasure, and we turn your trash into cash."

So please, help out with your items and time. This is a great opportunity to become involved in the your church. Play a role in this very important part of the life of your congregation and you will experience the joy of giving and helping, and gain new and stronger relationships with our family here at First Reformed Church of Scotia.

Talk to Lee, 381-9609; John, 355-5301; or Richard, 399-6135, to find out more.

## Send Mail To Our Fowler Campers & Volunteers



WE NEED MAIL! This summer we will send many campers and volunteers to Camp Fowler. It is always a welcome surprise for campers and volunteers to receive letters and notes from those of us back home. Each Sunday bulletin this summer will have the names of those going to camp that week. We also print them, as we have them, below. How about trying to send something to each camper this year?

If your name is not listed here, please speak to Mrs. Baldwin or Pastor Jan right away so that you're included in the bulletin announcements.

Here's how to address your cards and letters:

Camper's or Volunteer's Name and week # (see below)  
Camp Fowler  
P.O. Box 131  
Speculator, NY 12164

Here's the information for the address:

July 17-23:       Week #40

Volunteer Kim Monaco

Camper: Jack Szemansco

July 31–Aug 6:   Week #60

Campers: Grace Ackner, Jaiden Shults, Rachel Rosenberg, Edward Rosenberg, Emilee Rosenberg, Jordan Swearingen, Paul Munson IV, Meg Brudos, Aubrey Pierce, Ellie Zenner, Sophia Pierce, Brittney Schaefer.

Volunteers: Amy and Tracy Swearingen, Pam and Dave Walsh, Paul Munson III, Bill Foos, Judd Hoffman, Linda Willoughby, Josh Rosenberg, Kim and Ed Rosenberg, Katie, Anita and Dan Brudos, Amanda Shults, Pastor Jan Hoffman, and Coordinator of Christian Living Sunny Baldwin.

Aug. 7 – 13:       Week #70

Campers: Katie Brudos, Evan and Josh Marré

Aug. 21–27:       Week #90, Family Camp

Campers: The John Frasca family, The John Ackner family

Other campers include Eric and Megan Carpenter, Miranda Gilgore, Kayleigh Denney, Brad Faubion, Ethan Schalekamp, Ethan Szemansco and Michael Naumowicz. Please remember Fowler's paid staff members from our church. Donna Ahnert is the camp nurse through July 23. Kent, Jill, Maggie and Hannah Busman are at camp all summer long.

This year we are able to offer \$135 scholarships for each camper from our church. Please speak to one of the pastors if you need further assistance.

**June 2011 Calendar**

Room Code  
 ML – Memorial Lounge  
 BH – Brink Hall  
 LH – Lakehill Room  
 OF – Church Office  
 BR – Bell Room  
 S – Sanctuary  
 RM1 – Room 1  
 RM8 – Room 8  
 RM9 – Room 9  
 K -- Kitchen

**Thursday, June 2**

7:00 J. Westervelt 4-H--RM1  
 7:15 Sanctuary Choir –S

**Friday, June 3**

11:00 Neighborhood Club --RM1

**Sunday, June 5**

8:00 Worship – S  
 9:00 Refugee Mission -- ML  
 9:00 Youth Wind Ensemble—RM8  
 10:00 Worship –S  
 10:30 Sunday School  
 11:15 Coffee Hour –BH  
 7:00 Choir Year in Review--S

**Tuesday, June 7**

12:15 Care Givers -- ML  
 6:00 Scotia Reformed Home Bureau -- RM1  
 7:15 Administration Council --OF  
 7:15 Care Givers -- ML

**Sunday, June 12**

8:00 Worship – S  
 9:00 Youth Wind Ensemble—RM8  
 10:00 Worship –S  
 10:30 Sunday School  
 11:15 Coffee Hour –BH

**Monday, June 13**

\* FROGS serve dinner at City Mission  
 7:30 Consistory -- ML

**Tuesday, June 14**

7:15 Stephen Ministers -- ML

**Thursday, June 17**

7:00 Jennifer Westervelt's 4H--RM1

**Sunday, June 19**

8:00 Worship – S  
 9:00 Youth Wind Ensemble --RM8  
 10:00 Worship –S  
 10:30 Sunday School-- Last Day  
 11:15 Coffee Hour –BH

**Thursday, June 16**

7:00 J. Westervelt's 4-H - RM1

**Sunday, June 19**

8:00 Worship – S  
 9:00 Youth Wind Ensemble—RM8  
 10:00 Worship –S  
 10:30 Sunday School  
 11:15 Coffee Hour –BH

**Tuesday, June 21**

11:30 Circle Joanna --RM1  
 7:00 Scotia Reformed Home Bureau -- OF  
 7:15 Book Group -- LH

**Wednesday, June 22**

7:15 Christian Education Council-  
 - Lakehill

**Sunday, June 26**

8:00 Worship – S  
 10:00 Worship –S  
 11:15 Coffee Hour –BH

## July Anniversaries



Mike and Allison Atchley	2
Randy and Cheryl MacNeil	8
Bob and Sunny Baldwin	10
Lou and Stephanie Crisci	11
Bill and Martha Eberle	11
Steve and Jessica Goodspeed	11
Hil and Karolyn Bekkering	16
Richard and Terri Doyle	20
Chris and Abbey North	22
John and Joan Adam	23
David and Karen Wentworth	25
Rick and Jessica Crisci	30
Norman and Leila Kohout	31

Each month in The Messenger we print the names of our local members and friends currently active in the life of our church who have a birthday or anniversary. Sometimes we don't know them. If we have missed yours, please call the church office (370-4751) and we will make sure that it gets listed next time.

## July Birthdays

Don Bekkering	1	Steve Rosemarino	8	Amanda Doyle	15
Julie DeBrita	1	Gale Harris	9	Charlie Conover	16
Nora Houlihan	1	Valleri VanPatten	9	Jackie Damon	16
Michael Rosemarino	1	Jack Arnold	10	Jane Konczeski	17
Dave Schaefer	2	Mary Jane Crowley	10	Sheryl Pelkey	17
Paul Munson IV	3	Renee Eddy	11	Lonnie Hojnacki	18
Jessica Wade	3	Barbara King	11	Edward Rosenberg II	18
Marcia Davis	4	Peter Lewis	11	Bill Faulkner Jr.	21
Ralph Hewes	4	Bill Bogar	12	Keith Makrin	22
Wilhelmina Rink	4	Jennifer Getter	12	Lillian Teater	25
Samantha Antonakakis	7	Lou Crisci	13	Brian Westervelt	25
Grayce Barton	7	Haley Francois	13	Laurel-Le Lipski	26
Bill Monaghan	7	Marjorie Almy	14	Aileen Reinhart	29
Carolyn Norris	7	Kathy Lehman	14	Daniel Hoffmann	30
Joyce Roseboom	7	Wendy Carpenter	15	Joe Rosemarino	30
Marty Gilgore	8	Tony Crisci	15		

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