

Dear Friends In Christ,



How wondrous it is to see “green” return to our part of the globe: to feel the sun on our faces, to see the sunlight streaming through our windows, and to hear the sounds of nature as we wake from our winter sleep!! I know there will still be a few cool nights, but can anyone doubt the summer is almost here?!? Soon, we will be walking around in shorts and t-shirts, and staring into the pink and blues of late night sunsets, watching charcoal embers in our grills turn to ash. I can almost taste the hamburgers, hot dogs, and s’mores! Yum!

Here in upstate New York, it seems that even summer is a busy time. There are club sports, camping, and of course – everyone has a garden! Even me!! (Thanks to the Kleeschulte boys!) And from those gardens will come delicious vegetables, beautiful flowers and sweet fruit. Some of that bounty will go to our own tables, and some will be sent to the local food pantries so that the whole community may be blessed. Yes, summer is a wonderful time when we are renewed, refreshed and hopefully, redirected to living the Word of God more fully and vibrantly in our daily existence. Let me share some of the things that have been happening, preparing us all to jump head long into ministry this summer.

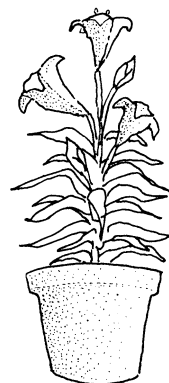
First, I want you to know that since January both Sessions have been actively engaging in a discernment process to figure out what God is calling us to as we go forward. Back in January we revamped the meeting agenda format in both churches so as to allow at least 30 minutes for discussion and prayerful consideration after the regular business was done. The first thing each Session did was to answer this question: “If time, people, and money were no object, what two or three mission projects would you love to see the church do?” Not surprisingly, each church found different areas of interest. East Guilford showed energy around local feeding programs and programs that might help children, especially middle school and high school children, avoid drugs by giving them safe places to be. Unadilla had energy around feeding of children around the world and other, as yet “undetermined” programs for local kids. As we go forward this year, expect each of our Sessions to try out some “events” and “activities” to see where the Holy Spirit leads us. When you all see these things happening, please encourage the Sessions. Discernment is a tough business that requires both courage and patience. Ask questions for sure, but above all, please render your prayer and support.

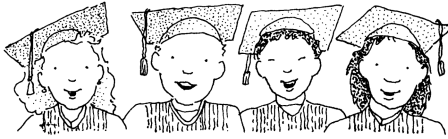
Second, you may have noticed some more fellowship activities happening at East Guilford and some international outreach occurring at Unadilla. These come as a direct result of seeking God’s call to us. Beginning with the June Session meetings, the clerks will be posting a “Session Highlights” flyer in the narthex of each church after the Session meeting for that month. While sensitive issues may not be listed, certainly, all major decisions will be reported. Going forward, the same information will be published

in the Newsletters. That should give every one of you first hand knowledge of what the Session is doing and how you too might join in the mission and outreach of the church. Don't be surprised when you are called upon to help in whatever way possible to encourage and nurture God's action in the world. God is ALWAYS calling us to grow, stretch, learn, and try new things because each household of God, and indeed, each one of us is meant to be fertile ground for the growth of God's Kingdom.

Some of you may have noticed that the photo at the start of the Pastor's Corner is one that has appeared on our bulletin covers. It is a photo of a fully-grown mustard bush. The Bible tells us that the mustard seed is very tiny, but that when fully matured it becomes a tree so strong and healthy that birds make their nests in its branches. (Luke 13) That's a wonderful message to us. It means that just a tiny bit of effort on our part, directed in the way God calls us, can yield a vibrant and healthy vine that will support us and the community around us. The Bible also tells us that when a grain of wheat falls to the ground and remains as it is, nothing happens. But if that grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies (changes form), it bears much fruit. (John 12:24) As our gardens are planted, watered and nourished this summer, let us also allow our own hearts to be changed, so that they too may bear much fruit and bless God's community locally, and in the world.

Much love in Jesus' Name,
Patty





SUMMER FUN 

GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD
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AT THE MOVIES

(For East Guilford)



Adult Christian Education

Tuesday Men's Breakfast and Bible Study @ 6:30 A.M. at East Guilford
(For the men of both parishes)

Tuesday, June 7, 2011	Proverbs 25:23 and 1 Kings 18
Tuesday, June 14, 2011	Proverbs 25:24 and 1 Kings 19
Tuesday, June 21, 2011	Proverbs 25:25 and 1 Kings 20
Tuesday, June 28, 2011	Proverbs 25:26 and 1 Kings 21
Tuesday, July 5, 2011	Proverbs 25:27 and 1 Kings 22
Tuesday, July 12, 2011	Proverbs 25:28 and 2 Kings 1
Tuesday, July 19, 2011	Proverbs 26:1 and 2 Kings 2
Tuesday, July 26, 2011	Proverbs 26:2 and 2 Kings 3
Tuesday, August 2, 2011	Proverbs 26:3 and 2 Kings 4
Tuesday, August 9, 2011	Proverbs 26:4-5 and 2 Kings 5
Tuesday, August 16, 2011	Proverbs 26:6 and 2 Kings 6
Tuesday, August 23, 2011	Proverbs 26:7 and 2 Kings 7
Tuesday, August 30, 2011	Proverbs 26:8 and 2 Kings 8
Tuesday, September 6, 2011	Proverbs 26:9 and 2 Kings 9
Tuesday, September 13, 2011	Proverbs 26:10 and 2 Kings 11
Tuesday, September 20, 2011	Proverbs 26:11 and 2 Kings 12

JOIN US FOR THE BEST BREAKFAST IN TOWN ON A TUESDAY MORNING!



Harmony Circle – Presbyterian Women of Unadilla @ 1:00 P.M.
First Tuesday of the Month

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 @ 1:00 PM @ The Manse
Unadilla Provides COM Dinner on Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Tuesday, July 5, 2011 @ 1:00 PM Location: TBD

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 @ 1:00 PM Location: TBD

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 @ 1:00 PM Location: TBD

Bible Study: The Book of Revelation *from* Horizons

Presbyterian Women of East Guilford @ 10:00 A.M.
First Thursday of the Month

Thursday, July 7, 2011 @ 10:00 AM @ The Church

Thursday, August 4, 2011 @ 10:00 AM @ The Church

Thursday, September 1, 2011 @ 1:00 PM @ The Church

Bible Study: The Book of Revelation *from* Horizons

Session Information

Please watch the inserts for meeting locations and the Narthex for Session news!

Spring Session Meetings - East Guilford

Monday, June 13, 2011 @ 7:00 PM @ The Church
Monday, July 11, 2011 @ 7:00 PM @ The Church
Monday, August 8, 2011 @ 7:00 PM @ The Church
Monday, September 12, 2011 @ 7:00 PM @ The Church

Spring Session Meetings – Unadilla

Tuesday, June 7, 2011 @ 7:00 PM @ the Church
Tuesday, July 12, 2011 @ 7:00 PM @ The Church
Tuesday, August 9, 2011 @ 7:00 PM @ The Church
Tuesday, September 13, 2011 @ 7:00 PM @ The Church

Summer Personnel Committee Meetings

None Planned

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

East Guilford

Outside Services Begin on July 3rd
There will be no Communion during the summer
Inside Services Resume on Sunday, September 11th

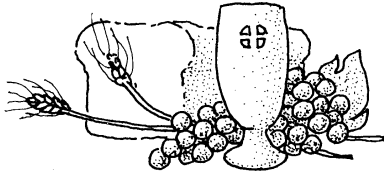
Unadilla

Summer Services Begin on Sunday, July 3rd
Worship Time – 10:30 AM

Special Thanks To The Choirs of East Guilford & Unadilla For A Great Year!

See You Again In September!

2011 Communion & Home Communion Schedule



East Guilford (1st Sunday of the Month)
Sunday, June 5th

Unadilla (3rd Sunday of the Month)
Sunday, June 26th & Confirmation
Sunday, July 17th
Sunday, August 21st
Sunday, September 18th

Presbytery Gatherings & Events

(www.susvalpresby.org)

Summer Gathering

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Location: Dryden Presbyterian Church

4:30 PM – Registration

4:50 PM – Walk Through the Docket

5:00 PM – Call to Order

Fall Gathering

Saturday, September 17, 2011

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Oneonta

8:30 AM – Registration

8:45 AM – Walk Through the Docket

9:00 AM – Call to Order

Dear Fellow Camel Lovers,



Many of you know that archaeology is a wonderful science that has helped modern people understand ancient times. Since they didn't have camcorders, picture-taking cell phones, iPods, and such back then, we rely on archaeological "finds" to verify facts about ancient life. I wonder if any of you realize just how many of the people talked about in our Bible stories appear in archaeological finds. The answer is – many! Jesus himself is discussed in a history book written by the Jew, Josephus. While Josephus' work does not record the Resurrection of Jesus, it does record that he lived, that he was revered as a rabbi (teacher), and was reported to have done many "wonders" such as healings. Josephus also records that Jesus was executed by the Roman Government for blasphemy and sedition.

But Jesus lived a mere 2,000 years ago! What about the ancient Hebrews who, the Bible says, were led out of Egypt by Moses? What about King Saul, King David, and King Solomon? Well, guess what? There are also archaeological records that talk about some of the ancient Hebrews we read about in the Old Testament. For example, the Merneptah Stele records a victory by an Egyptian Pharaoh over the Israel in Canaan. The year was about 1250 BCE. Another carving called the "Mesha Stone" (also known as the "Moabite Stone"), records the victory of a King known as Mesha (2 Kings 3:4) over the House of Omri, an Israelite King who ruled during the 9th Century BCE and whose name is recorded in the Bible. In 2005, another shard called the Tel Dan stele, was found bearing the inscription "House of David" (in Hebrew). It may be that this is the first archaeological evidence that King David also existed.

So you see, while our faith has always told us that many of the people talked about in the Old Testament were real, we may now say that science has given us information about the Bible characters as well.



Merneptah Stele



Moabite Stone



Tel Dan Stele