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From the Pastor....

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for

the people, shall not perish from the earth.

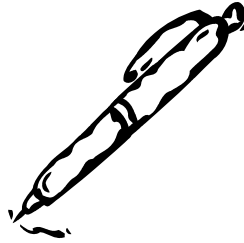
Abraham Lincoln

Dear Church Family,

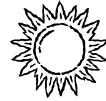
One of the most challenging lines for me in this address is, "That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain". At the time of Lincoln's speech, America had not yet seen the two great world wars she would participate in and sacrifice to, international relations were less complex, and problems were more provincial than global. Our citizens also did not see live images of disasters and battles across the face of the earth, on a 24/7 basis.

However, the suffering, sorrow, and anxiety for our military and their families is as real as the day Lincoln stood at Gettysburg; it is just not noticed as acutely. They are only one thought out of thousands of thoughts and images that bombard us each day and night. It is in this sense that I worry about the phrase, "That we here highly resolve..." We must continue to strive to make room in our hearts for our country, our leaders, and our military personnel. May the Lord gently, yet consistently, remind us to pray and intercede for all nations.

Much love to all in Christ,
Pastor Richard



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We are Praying for:

Mary El-Amir, Ellen Clarke, Carol Bentley, Janice Dell, Elizabeth Mansfield, Marcia Parker, and Rosemary Strohl. Please remember these, and others who come to your mind, in your prayers throughout the weeks ahead.

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Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls before and after my operation. My shoulder is improving each day; Most important, no more pain!
Thank you and God bless.

Charlie Pace

Gods promises are like the stars; the darker the night the brighter they shine.

~David Nicholas

If you have any questions regarding the newsletter or would like any items included in next months issue please email Grace at gracejevans@yahoo.com.

Cheerful Notes

from Warren Ottey



As music director of the Syracuse Choral my thoughts at this time of each year are inevitably focused on our annual **Cabaret Concert**. This year's theme is Disney delights, and the concert will be a rollicking tour for the eye and ear through the music of Disney's films of the past 20 years, with some golden oldies thrown in as well. Better yet, our **Cabaret Concerts** are not just for the eye and the ear, but for the palate also, as we offer sumptuous *hors d'oeuvres* and *dessert* buffets that you can visit until you are full! Disney delights will be presented at the Blessed Sacrament School, 3127 James St., Syracuse, on Saturday, June 7, at 6:30 P.M., and Sunday, June 8, at 3 P.M. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for children 6 to 12 years old, and free for those 5 and under. To order tickets, call 437-1995.

Upon the conclusion of each year's Cabaret, my thoughts then turn to the classical concert repertoire for our next season. Oratorios, masses and octavos, along with their composers, flash into my mind in moments when I am alone. Recently during one of those meditative times I reflected on the spectacular, spiritual, short life and career of composer Felix Mendelssohn, a true renaissance man who, in addition to writing immortal music, Such as oratorios, *Elijah* and *St. Paul* and his unfinished *Christus*, was a dynamic conductor and a virtuoso performer on the piano and the organ, as well as on the violin and viola. He was an accomplished writer of prose and poetry, a painter of some note, and a fine all-around athlete. Somehow he also found time, in living out his belief in Philippians 1:21 (*For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*) and Philippians 4:13 (*I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.*), to encourage and help promising young artists, and even introduce them to the public.

One such artist was soprano Jenny Lind, "the Swedish Nightingale," the first singer whose name became a household word, a *la Pavarotti*. It was Mendelssohn who introduced Lind to German audiences in Leipzig, and was for her that he composed the great aria, "Hear Ye, Israel," which begins Part II *Elijah*.

Jenny Lind quickly achieved world wide fame and became the highest paid singer of her time, commanding fees that would more than satisfy many professional singers of today. The public in America and abroad literally fought to gain entrance to the coloratura's concerts.

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Five!

Introducing **Five!** Each month we will feature a mini-interview with a different member of the church in the hopes of getting to know a little more about them.

This month we are featuring Ruth Virgo.

Where were you born

I was born in Apulia in my parents home and lived there for ten years. I've lived the rest of my life in Cazenovia.

What is a favorite childhood memory (or two)

I grew up in the depression. We weren't supposed to expect much under the Christmas tree but one morning I got my dolly with eyes that opened and shut. I was so excited and I ran out to tell my mother. She was outside hanging clothes in the cold winter wind; She didn't seem as excited as I was.

My sister and I went to school in Fabius in first and second grade. We were so proud of our white uniforms! We did the March of Wooden Soldiers one year and I remember falling down like dominos. It was so much fun.

What is your favorite song to sing and why?

Miracles, because of the message in it.

What is the farthest away from home you have ever been?

My husband and I went to Germany and England in 1981. His son was in the army [stationed] in Germany and we would take bus tours from the army base. We saw lots of cathedrals and where they filmed the Sound of Music and the Black forest and bought a cuckoo clock.

In England we toured with his (my husbands) cousins and went to meet the rest of his family. His mother was from England. England was beautiful! It was so clean and so many beautiful flowers. The people were so nice and helpful.

If you could have tea with one historical figure who would it be and why?

Barbara Bush. I like her pearls. She is quite a woman.

What book are you reading right now

A Walk to Remember. It is a good story!

Many thanks to Ruth for being such a wonderful interviewee!

Monthly Volunteer Schedule

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1- Roxy Spano
- 8- Sylvia Hopkins
- 15- John Dickerson
- 22- TBA
- 25- Pastor Dickinson

WORSHIP LEADER

- 1- Ann Berlew
- 8- Raquel Huckans
- 15- Sara Mitchell
- 22- TBA
- 29- Cherry Ottey

USHERS

- 1- Bob and Lou Norris
- 8- Roxy Spano & Faith Dickinson
- 15- Ann and Jim Berlew
- 22- Will Lamb & Ruby Brady
- 29- Jamie & Byron Evans

Celebrate!

- 2nd- Leave the office early day!
- 10th- Iced Tea Day
- 14th- Army's birthday
- 18th- Go Fishing Day
- 21st- Finally Summer!
- 27th- Sun Glasses Day
- Please take my children to work day.



Church Calendar

Every Sunday: Join us for our Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Every Tuesday: A Bible Study at 11 a.m. at the Carriagehouse Apartments

Every Thursday: Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Secretary Office Hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays June 4, 11, & 25: Please join us for a Bible Study at the Church, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday June 18: All Boards Meet at 7:00 p.m.

Friday June 6th- Grace will NOT be in the office.

MISSION BOARD

The mission board met on May 21, 2008 with three members present. Ann Berlew was laid up with tooth surgery. Lucy opened the meeting with prayer.

We read thank you notes from Springbrook for soup labels, and from Camp Foster Personal Service Center in Okinawa, Japan, for coupons for service personnel.

The secretary reports from March and April were considered. Under old business Charlie made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the student ambassador for People to People, Ben Spangler, going to China this summer along with other students representing good will to other people. All were in favor. Also we voted to give \$200.00 to Foster Evans as he debates in the National Christ Forensic Communication Association Debates.

Janet Lamb made a motion to send \$100.00 to help the Earlville Church replace its stained glass windows. Lucy seconded the motion and that will be sent.

The treasurer's report included \$200.00 paid for the American Baptist dues according to our number of members, \$100.00 paid for Madison County Association dues, and \$230.00 paid to the America for Christ offering. Thank you for your support.

Pastor Dickinson visited our board. He inquired about the progress made on having the speaker from Springbrook Home come to a church service to share the ministry of that home. She did come to ABW. Now we will work on getting her to visit her church.

He also told us that some of the college students who attend church would like to have a college social evening possibly once a week or even once a month. They were looking for the possibility of us as a mission from our church to provide refreshments or pay for refreshments. This seems a good outreach to the college. We will decide more about this in September with more specific details.

We will be having a special meeting in two weeks to fill out information to go on the CVBC Web Sight.

Thank you for CAZ Cares items. Please continue to bring items in June. Cool drink mixes, and sun protection lotion are two cool ideas for summer weather ahead.

~Respectfully submitted Lucy Higgins for Ann Berlew

DIACONATE BOARD

The Diaconate Meeting was held on Wednesday May 21, 2008 in the church parlor. There were six members present Items for discussion

were as follows: Discretionary fund. Balance \$1,182.86. Worship Leaders for June. There is a need for someone for June 8. Ushers for June are in the capable hands of Marian York. Nursery coverage is in place at least through graduation.

Under new Business there was a discussion of the following:

1. Baptism. A Baptismal Service is being considered. No date has been established but if you or someone you know would like to join our Church through baptism, please contact Pastor Richard or one of the Diaconate.
2. Volley ball game at Canastota which will involve Bob Hayes, a one man volley ball team vs. a team from Canastota which will have a full complement of players. The event will take place on July 27th at the Boxing Hall on Fame and will include a concert by the Master's Touch. October 5 - 12 Bob will be available for school assemblies in Madison County. As the time approaches more information will be available.
3. Church Picnic. Two possibilities. A "Founders Day Picnic" which would be joint with the New Woodstock Federated Church or a picnic involving our Church only. More discussion will take place concerning this matter,
4. College Students request to use Church facilities for worship & meetings starting in the Fall Semester. More information is need before a decision is made.

Respectfully submitted: Wilbur Lamb Secretary Pro Tem

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But at the age of twenty-nine and at the zenith of her career, Jenny Lind left the opera stage to devote her life to singing Christian works. When asked why she had abandoned the stage at the height of her success, she replied, "When every day made me think less of God's Word, what else could I do?"

Jenny Lind eventually married pianist and composer Otto Goldschmidt, whom she had met on an American tour promoted by none other than P. T. Barnum. The Goldschmidts bought a house in London, where they lived a quiet life with their three children.

In 1875, an American opera fan, Lyman Tremain, who had once journeyed 150 miles and paid \$20 to hear the great soprano, was visiting an English church in Carlsbad. The organist did not show up, and the rector asked the congregation if anyone could play the melodeon. A plain, quiet lady volunteered and not only played, but sang...very, very well. Tremain was astounded to recognize the voice of Jenny Lind! The renowned "Queen of Song," after completing her career as a Christian singer, was humbly living a life of faith, devotion and service to her Lord, as she did until her death in 1887.

In next month's *Cheerful Notes* I'll be announcing our summer schedule of special music while our faithful choir enjoys two months of well deserved rest. Stay tuned...and God Bless You All!

From Your Minister of Music, Warren Ottey

Emily Hopkins **June 5**

Ron Hopkins **June 8**

Martha Daggett **June 19**

Marcia Parker **June 13**



Dr. Richard Dickinson **June 20**

Ruth Virgo **June 20**

Charlie & Barbara Pace **June 21**

Faith Dickinson **June 23**

Bud & Grace Witmer **June 23**

SEMI-ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Minutes for semiannual meeting Sunday May 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by moderator Bill Brady at 12:45 p.m. Pastor Richard Dickinson opened with Scripture and prayer. At this time, minutes are being taken and recorded by Sara Mitchell. She announced that all future notes on meetings will be recorded and saved on the church computer as will both the active and inactive church membership lists.

Cheryl Baldwin gave the treasurer's report. For the first seven months of the fiscal year, income is exceeding expenses and it is expected that previous deficit of \$5,000 will disappear and the budget should be balanced by the end of the year barring any unforeseen expenses. Our Northeast Natural Gas Stock which had previously been valued at \$25,000 is currently showing a worth of \$66,000. The over budget listing for insurance is reflected because the entire yearly amount due was paid in September.

A question was asked as to where our total income is derived. Cheryl explained: 1) the regular giving (offerings) 2) property rental (parsonage rental and fees from the Children's House after school program) and 3) investments which include the Northwest Natural Gas Stock, three CD's, and the Peg Hill Fund which is held as a mutual fund. The church is running on giving's at this time.

Pastor Dickinson asked about funding for future outreach to the college in the coming school year. Money is available for this and would currently come from the general fund although more potentially could be made available from the Jepson Fund if it is deemed necessary. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report. There was no old business.

There were several topics for discussion under new business. First, the chairman of each board will serve on a committee to review requirements and sizes of boards, monthly meeting arrangements, and quorum requirements for voting. We need to address this as there are not enough members to meet current constitutional requirements. Some adjustments will have to be made - possible by an addendum to our present constitution. Any recommended changes will be presented to the church at a special meeting prior to nomination committees action. If members have suggestions, they are encouraged to put them in writing and given to a committee member.

There are currently under consideration through the Madison Baptist Assoc. plans to bring the "Bob Holmes Professional One Man Volleyball Team" to the area. This is an evangelical program presented in conjunction with schools. Bill Brady is working with Pastor Dan Maxwell of Chittenango, the Chittenango and Cazenovia School Districts, and Cazenovia College in an effort to make arrangements for this activity. More information will follow.

Discussion was brought up about a church picnic. Some people will discuss this to set a date and location.

Greg Baldwin announced that the Children's House has brought to the Trustees a desire to expand their program to include half school days and days off from school. This will involve a State inspection to see what (if anything) we would need to do to the facility to meet state requirements. More information will follow as it becomes available. Cheryl Baldwin is in the process of updating the church web site. This should be done and ready for use by June 1. Sylvia Hopkins announced that our church is co-hosting this summer's ecumenical Bible school with the Methodist Church. The dates are August 11 - 15. The meeting was closed with prayer by Jamie Evans at 1:20 p.m.

Submitted by,
Sara Mitchell

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