

Old First Church

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Huntington, NY

June 2006

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I will be away from the church for much of June, and I'll take this opportunity to let you know where I'll be and why.

June 6-11 I'll be attending the Intensive Symposium on Bioethics, at the Kennedy Institute, Georgetown University, in Washington DC. Each June this symposium brings together a small number of healthcare practitioners, clergy, lawyers, scholars and professionals in related disciplines, to study current changes and challenges in bioethics. As a few of you know, this is a field of considerable interest and involvement for me; in fact, some Wednesday morning Bible studies have digressed from the text to discussions of bioethics. I serve on the Institutional Review Board of Huntington Hospital, which investigates proposed experimental protocols from a variety of scientific and ethical points of view. I welcome the opportunity to participate in this year's symposium at Georgetown.

June 15-22 I'll be attending the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly, in Birmingham, Alabama. The General Assembly has many important issues before it, as always. But most pressing are the controversies swirling around the "Peace, Unity and Purity" Report, which seeks to claim a middle ground on a number of matters which divide the church, including the ordination of self-professed practicing homosexuals to the offices of elder, deacon and minister. Some see the report's recommendations as offering creative and faithful compromises which may hold the PCUSA together. Others see the report as avoiding fundamental issues of principal and conviction, and if adopted might delay but cannot ultimately thwart the unraveling of the denomination. It is important that I be there, to observe what happens, and so be able to report and interpret as accurately as possible what the General Assembly decides and how those decisions will affect us here at Old First.

In Christ's service,
Rick

What Happens When the Pastor is Away?

The ministers of four neighboring Presbyterian churches — Old First (Rick), Bethany (James Rea), Central (David Aldrich) and Sweet Hollow (Rebecca Segers) — have coordinated their summer schedules so that there will always be at least two available for pastoral emergencies during June, July and August. When Rick is out of town, the names of ministers “on call” will be available in the church office.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE WORSHIP 10 AM

June 4

...Communion; Kids and Youth Choirs
...Congregational Meeting following worship
...Pentecost (Birthday of the Church), with cake and special celebrations

June 11

...Fred Woodward, preaching.
Fred is a seminary student and former pastoral intern at Old First

June 18

...James Wallace, preaching. James was long-time Pastor at Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church, now retired

June 25

Hector Mendez, preaching. Hector is Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Havana, Cuba

The Rev. Hector Mendez, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will be with us June 24-26! He will preach on Sunday, participate in the opening of Vacation Bible School on Monday, and meet with church members in other settings yet to be decided. Watch the worship bulletins and website for more information. Hector is our faithful partner in mission and long-time friend.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Each Sunday a member of our congregation donates the flowers for the worship service in memory or appreciation of a loved one, or to celebrate special occasions such as birthdays, weddings, graduations, etc. If you would like to add to the beauty of the service while remembering family or friends, please sign up on the hallway bulletin board.

resume September 8.

**PW CIRCLES
WELCOME YOU...**

**PW Coordinating Team ... Tuesday,
June 6, 12:00 p.m.** Details to follow.

STAIRLIFT UPDATE

Circle 1 ... Monday, June 19 End-of-the-year pot luck picnic at the home of Heather Adams. Details to follow.

PW is pleased to report that the goal of \$4,000 to install a stairlift from the first to second floor has been reached. We thank all who contributed so generously. Any more money coming in will be added to the Handicapped Access Fund where it will be used for any maintenance that is needed. It will also be available to other projects that will make Old First completely accessible to all.

Circle 2 ... Wednesday, June 28 Luncheon at the home of Edie Jahier. In May the Circle gave \$100 to HHHI and \$75 for annuals to the planted on the church grounds.

Pat Horner, PW Moderator

Circle 3 ... Tuesday, June 20, 12:00 p.m. Luncheon at the home of Ginny Thompson.

Circle 4 ... Thanks to everyone who has donated fabric to be used in making shoulder covers for oncology patients at Huntington Hospital and the Fall Fair quilt.

Circle 6 ... Will have a family picnic. Watch the bulletin for details.

Crafts ... Friday mornings, 9:30 a.m. Gifts made are sold at the Fall Fair. Summer break starts June 23; they will

PW MISSION GIFTS

Presbyterian Women of Old First Church's income is primarily from PW pledge money and from the Fall Fair in November. Here are the many projects we are able to support. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

LOCAL \$16,500.00

Old First Church
Family Service League
The Ministries at Coram
Community Food Council
LI Women's Coalition-Safe Harbor
Huntington Freedom Center
VNS Hospice, Northport
Meals on Wheels
Big Brothers-Big Sisters of LI
Holiday House
Tricommmunity Youth Agency
Learning Center
Dolan Health Center
HIHI
Special Requests

NATIONAL \$3,500.00

Presbyterian World Service
(Disaster Relief)
Prison Project-NY Theological
Seminary
Cook College

INTERNATIONAL \$5,800.00

ECPAT-USA (Combat Child
Prostitution
Church World Service (Disaster
Relief)
Presbyterian Church of Havana,
Cuba
EDCS (Oikocredit-USA)
Health Ministries
PW/Cuba

OTHER MISSION GIVING 2005

LIPW Pledge \$4,400.00
Health Kits \$642.92
Special Offerings \$2,050.00
Circle 3 Project \$120.00

MISSION GIVING 2005
TOTAL \$33,012.92

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
JUNE 4, 2006

The Semi-Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington, New York, will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 4, 2006, for the following purposes: (1) to elect members of the Session and Trustees, and the Board of Deacons; (2) to elect three members at large from the congregation for the Nominating Committee; and (3) to transact any other business which rightly may be raised.

*By Order of the Session
Thomas Bosch, Clerk*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations and welcome to the new members of Old First Church — the 2006 Confirmation Class:

*Kevin Behrens
Erica Cirino
Courtney Collins
Danielle Giangrasso
Michael Giangrasso
Benjamin Iorio*

*Alexandra Kimchy
Sara Reinish
Elena Richter
Brian Samuels
Molly Smith
Allison Thompson
William Weber*

DINING AROUND

Our first ***Dining Around***, held Friday, April 28 was a rousing success. Special thanks to our host families: Heather Adams, Ruth and Bob Corwin, Bobbi and Ken Peterson Marge and Quentin Sammis, Leslie and Gerry Schult. Forty-four guests enjoyed an evening of conversation and great food.

Save the date — We are pleased to announce July 14 at 7:00 p.m. will be our second ***Dining Around*** evening. Sign-ups will be available in the Parish Hall after church services during the month of June. Please note that the cutoff for sign-ups will be Friday, July 7. Any questions, contact Bobbi, Leslie or Marge.

JUNE
CALENDAR



THURSDAY, JUNE 1

9:30 a.m. Quilting
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

9:30 a.m. Crafts

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

8:30 a.m. Men's Group

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

10:00 p.m. Worship & Church School
11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting
11:30 a.m. Pentecost Celebration

MONDAY, JUNE 5

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

10:00 a.m. Movement/Meditation
8:00 p.m. Trustees
8:00 p.m. Deacons

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

9:30 a.m. Quilting
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

9:30 a.m. Crafts

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

10:00 p.m. Worship & Church School

MONDAY, JUNE 12

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

10:00 a.m. Movement/Meditation
8:00 p.m. Session

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

9:30 a.m. Quilting

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

9:30 a.m. Crafts

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

10:00 a.m. Worship & Church School

MONDAY, JUNE 19

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

10:00 a.m. Movement/Meditation

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

9:30 a.m. Quilting

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

9:30 a.m. Crafts

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

10:00 a.m. Worship & Church School

MONDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

