

JUNE 2006 BULLETIN

A WORD FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Depending on the kind of teachers you've had, the word "education" may bring to mind taking notes during boring lectures or enrolling in a class simply to meet a requirement for a job. Seen this way, education is simply a hoop to jump through rather than something to be passionate about. Yeats wrote, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." More than just memorizing information or meeting some religious requirement, when we talk about education in the church, we are talking about lighting a fire that fuels a passionate and fulfilling life devoted to a loving God. In June we have two great events that illustrate our church's efforts at Christian Education: Christian Education Sunday and the PF Mission Trip. On Christian Education Sunday (June 11), we not only have a lot of fun at the picnic and recognize those youth and children completing various grades, but we also celebrate as a church the need of every Christian, no matter what his or her age, to continue to learn more about Jesus Christ. During the PF Mission Trip (June 25-June 30), we as a church send out our young people to learn more about the needs of our world and to share God's love. This annual trip represents the calling that Christ has placed upon every Christian to care of the needs of others. This month, let's stoke that passionate fire of Christian education.

Grace and Peace, Rev. Chase Peeples

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS

Congratulations to our 2006 Confirmands: Douglas Averell Horowitz, Christopher John Manoogian, Matt Tyler Manoogian, James Morgan McLaughlin, Katharine Michelle Pecorino, Christopher James Quackenbush, Luke Elliot Record, Gabrielle Calvin Salvaterra, Isabelle Calvin Salvaterra, Anastasia Elyse Williams, and Zoie Alyse Williams. Our family of faith is very proud of you!

JUNE 4 ~ CHRISTIAN FAITH AND PUBLIC POLICY: A CALL FOR ACTION IN DARFUR

Rev. Art Simon, founder of Bread for the World and brother of former Senator Paul Simon, wrote, "Christians have dual citizenship. We are citizens of God's kingdom and citizens of an earthly country...(This) has an immediate bearing on each one of us every day—what happens to us, what we decide to do, and how we feel about what we do. Our dual citizenship is, therefore, a powerful, life-shaping reality." How does our dual citizenship influence our response to human rights and international crises? More specifically, how might ordinary American citizens use their voices to speak out for people facing genocide in Darfur? Join us on Sunday, June 4, in either the 8 or 10 AM services as Rev. Only addresses this important topic in his sermon. Following the services, materials will be available to write public officials regarding Darfur or any other issue.

DUET AT LAST ~ THE BLUEGRASS BROTHERS TO SING DURING WORSHIP ON JUNE 11

The Rockin' Reverends (aka. Jimmy and Chase) will trade in their drumsticks for a much anticipated vocal duet on C.E. Sunday, June 11. Joined by the Children's Choir, as well as April Lindevald's guitar, Howard Miller's autoharp, and John Donnelly's upright bass, the Bluegrass Brothers will sing "Keep on the Sunnyside," inspired by the movie, *O Brother Where Art Thou*. As you may recall, Jimmy and Chase made a deal with the congregation to sing a duet in church if the P.F. Christmas Tree sale sold-out. Join us and bring your earplugs!

JUNE 11, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY AND ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Make plans to join us for this year's *Christian Education Sunday and All-Church Picnic June 11*. Our 10 AM Worship, led by our youth, will include special presentations by the children, recognition of Sunday

School teachers, and songs by the Children's Choir. Bibles will be presented to children completing the second and fifth grades. Graduation gifts will be given to our graduating high school seniors. The 11 AM picnic features wonderful food, games for the children, and pony rides. **We are inviting the children of the Saratoga Family Inn and Adventures in Learning to join us for this fun and festive day.** The suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children five and under. The event will be free for our visitors. It will be a fun-filled day to celebrate our Church's important ministry of Christian Education and we hope you will join us. **This is a great day to invite your friends to visit our church and see all that we have to offer.**

NO 8 AM SERVICES ON JUNE 11

Please join us for 10 AM Christian Education Sunday Worship on June 12 and stick around for the picnic.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION ~ JUNE 7

Reverends Only and Peeples, along with members of the Board of Deacons, will provide Communion to any members unable to attend Worship due to health problems. These visits are scheduled for Wednesday, June 7. If you know someone who would like to receive Communion, please call Valerie at the church office to make an appointment.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THROUGH JUNE 11

Our 8:45 AM Bible study concludes June 11. Margot Kramer and Pam Lennox, co-leaders of the Bible study, will resume the seminar in September.

HELP SOLVE THE SUMMER BLOOD SHORTAGE! CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE ~ MONDAY ~ JUNE 12

Typically, blood donations decline in the summer as regular donors travel or become otherwise unavailable. Our Board of Missions and Outreach seeks to help alleviate this problem by sponsoring a June blood drive. Mark your calendars for Monday, June 12 from 3-8:30 PM and stop in to give blood, the indispensable gift of life.

THANKS FOR HELPING A HOMELESS FAMILY

Thanks to everyone who has donated household items for the Saratoga family that is moving in to their own apartment. They are overwhelmed by the generosity of our church. Many church members gave donations of all kinds of items that will help this family set up their household. Special thanks go to the brownie and girl scout troops led by Christy Weppler, Terry MacGown, and Deanna Durso for using money they raised from selling cookies to help this family. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped transport these items to the family's new apartment in Far Rockaway.

HYMN SING ~ JUNE 25

Join us for our final Hymn Sing of the spring on Sunday, June 25 at 9:45 AM. Hymn Sings will resume in September.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS ~ JUNE 25

Our final sharing of joys and concerns until next September will be during both the 8 and 10 AM worship services on Sunday, June 25.

MEMORIAL GIFTS SUNDAY ~ JUNE 25

June 25 is Memorial Gifts Sunday as we acknowledge and give thanks for the many kind and generous gifts given to our church in memory of beloved friends and family members.

CHILDREN (AGE 3 ~ GRADE 5)

CE SUNDAY AND ALL-CHURCH PICNIC: Make plans to join us June 11 for this exciting day in the life of our church.

HELPING HANDS PROJECT: During Sunday School on June 18, our children will make presents for the important men in their lives in honor of Father's Day.

IS YOUR CHILD COMPLETING 2ND OR 5TH GRADE?

If so call the church office at 627-4911 to add his/her name to the list to receive age-appropriate Bibles (children's and teens) on CE Sunday (June 11).

YOUTH (GRADES 6 ~ 12)

CE SUNDAY AND CHURCH PICNIC: During the picnic on June 11, we need PFers to lead the children's games. Contact Chase if you can help out.

PF MISSION TRIP: For this year's trip, we head to Nashville, TN. We will leave Sunday, June 25 and return Friday, June 30. Because we are flying and passengers' names must be given to the airline ahead of time, there is a firm deadline for signing up to go. After Monday, June 12 no names can be added. There will be an informational meeting with parents and youth following 10 AM worship on Sunday, June 4. Contact Chase for more information.

IS YOUR CHILD COMPLETING 7TH GRADE?

If so, he/she is eligible for our 2006/07 Confirmation Class. Please call the church office to register for next year's Confirmation class. Also, please join us at 9 AM on Sunday, June 4, in the South Lounge for an important Confirmation Orientation meeting.

IS YOUR CHILD GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL?

CE Sunday, June 11, is also our Graduation Sunday. During 10 AM Worship we will recognize our Church Family's graduating seniors. If you know of any high school seniors associated with our church, please notify the church.

FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The church has a Student Scholarship Fund to assist members or parishioners who may need financial aid in covering the escalating costs of attending college or graduate school. The aid is in the form of an interest free loan. The Student Scholarship Fund Committee is composed of six members of the church. All applications are carefully reviewed in strictest confidentiality. **June 15 is the application deadline. Applications for the 2006-07 school year are available from the church office.**

MEN'S CLUB

Join us at the Swan Club at 11:45 AM on Thursday, June 15, 2006, for our annual Spring Luncheon. Contact Frank Dotzler, 627-9191, for information.

NEW HORIZONS (50+)

On Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 12:30 PM join us for lunch at the USMM Academy, Kings Point, to celebrate our last meeting of the season. Call Johanna for additional information at 944-9585.

FELLOWSHIP TIME SPONSORS

Our weekly **Fellowship Time** offers an excellent opportunity to get better acquainted and enjoy a cup of coffee or a bite to eat. A sign-up sheet is available every Sunday during Fellowship Time. For the recommended \$50 donation, the Church Administrator will arrange to purchase the standard light fare such as cookies, pastries or doughnuts. However, in lieu of the \$50 donation, you may purchase a special cake or other treats of your choice.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

The Altar Flower Committee is seeking donations for altar flowers. This is a lovely way to remember your loved ones. Send your check, along with your information for the Order of Worship, to the Church Office, 1845 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset, NY 11030, attention Marge D'Ottavio. The requested donation is \$50, although any amount is welcome.

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www.uccmanhasset.org

CHURCH CALENDAR ~ JUNE 1- 30, 2006

Thursday, June 1

12 noon – Men's Club Meeting
8:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, June 3 ~ 12 Noon-Frank Turchiano Memorial Service

June 4, COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:00 am – **Chapel Service**, Rev. Only Preaching
8:45 am – Bible Study
9:00 am – Confirmation Orientation Meeting
9:15 am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am – **Morning Service**, Rev. Only Preaching
10:15 am – Sunday School, Rev. Peoples
11:00 am – Fellowship Time
11:00 am – Mission Trip Orientation
3:00 pm – Leroy Clarke Memorial Service

Tuesday, June 6 ~ 7:30 pm – Deacons Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 7 ~ 9:30 - 4 pm – Homebound Communion

Thursday, June 8 ~ 8:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

June 11, CE / GRADUATION / FAMILY SUNDAY

No 8 am Service Today

8:45 am – Bible Study
9:15 am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am – **Morning Service**, Rev. Peoples Preaching
10:15 am – Sunday School, Rev. Only
11:00 am – Nominating Committee Meeting
11:00 am – **All-Church Picnic**

Monday, June 12 ~ 8:00 PM – Adventures in Learning Meeting

Tuesday, June 13 ~ 7:30 pm – CE Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 14 ~ 12 pm – New Horizons

Thursday, June 15

12 noon – Men's Club Spring Luncheon, Swan Club
8:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, June 17 ~ 1:00 pm – Nelson Family Baptism

June 18, FATHER'S DAY

8:00 am – **Chapel Service**, Rev. Only Preaching
9:15 am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am – **Morning Service**, Rev. Only Preaching
10:15 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Fellowship Time

Tuesday, June 20 ~ 7:30 pm – Trustees Board Meeting

Thursday, June 22

7:30 pm – Missions and Outreach Board Meeting
8:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

June 25, MEMORIAL GIFTS SUNDAY

YOUTH COMMISSIONING SUNDAY

8:00 am – **Chapel Service**, Rev. Only Preaching
9:15 am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am – Hymn Sing
10:00 am – **Morning Service**, Rev. Only Preaching
10:15 am – Sunday School (see you in September)
11:00 am – Fellowship Time
11:30 am – Prayer Chain Committee Meeting

Monday, June 26 ~ 9-2 pm – Church Office Summer Hours