

INFORMATION FROM AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

July 2008

Mission Yearbook Ordering Information

The Presbytery of Western New York office will once again place a bulk order of the Mission Yearbooks and Children's Mission Yearbooks for churches in the presbytery. Orders must be received at the Presbytery Office no later than August 15, 2008, and must be prepaid. The cost of the 2009 Mission Yearbook is \$5.25 per copy. The cost of the 2008 Children's Mission Yearbook is \$6.00. **We cannot place the order without prepayment.** (These costs include shipping to the Presbytery office.) Check with your church about ordering these worthwhile books!

Presbytery office relocation update....

We have closed on the building and are working with contractors for the remodel. Our expectation is to be in the new office, ready for business by September 1, 2008.

Celebrations

Be sure to congratulate the following folks on these occasions:

Ordination Anniversaries

Joseph Evan Campbell	7/31/94	Gordon Foster	7/7/63
Will/Jim Hardy	7/10/94	Roosevelt Haynes	7/8/62
Alex Holmes	7/4/46	Kenneth Miller	7/12/59
Stacy Otto	7/11/04	Bob Peck	7/19/70

Wedding Anniversaries

Tracy Daub & Tim Wadkins	7/24/99
Buddy & Jan Hubbard	7/26/80
Dave & Naomi Persons	7/30/65
Lucille & Jeffrey Weaver	7/8/61

Birthdays

Jack Graham	7/30	Buddy Hubbard	7/27
Ellsworth Jackson	7/5	Jason Jeon	7/17
John Long	7/1	Carol Marychild	7/22
Daniel McKee	7/12	Dave Persons	7/20
Stephen Phelps	7/18	Frank Wright	7/16

Congratulations Janis!

On June 11, **Janis Quinn**, from the Wrights Corners Presbyterian Church in Irving, was awarded her certificate for completing a 3-year program at Dubuque Theological Seminary in the Native American CLP program. Funded by the Luce Foundation, the aim of the program is to provide better prepared leadership for Native American congregations. **Dave Persons** was honored to be Janis's mentor and to learn about this great program. Janis will now begin the final process of being Commissioned by the Presbytery of Western New York.



Janis Quinn, front center, and Dave Persons, back center, with the Director of the program and other students and mentors.

Job Openings at Westminster, Buffalo...

Associate for Development for Westminster Presbyterian Church, Buffalo. The position supports all fundraising efforts at the church including annual stewardship campaign, planned giving program, all memorial giving, and special campaigns. 20 hours per week. If interested, send or e-mail resume to: Margaret Craig, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 724 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209 or mcraig@westminster-bflo.org.

Westminster Jr. Choir Position Westminster Church, Buffalo has an opening for a director for a Junior Choir of 3rd – 7th graders. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings between services. Compensation provided. Contact Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education or Richard Herr, Director of Music at 716-884-9437

Vacation Bible School

I'd like to list, just for general information, the name of your vacation bible school program this year, and the week(s) you held it. By sharing this information we can find churches that use the same program, or hold VBS the same week, or used a program you did in the past or want to in the future. Who knows...maybe we'll see some collaborative VBS events in the future! Send the information to me at JanT@pbywny.org or fax 835-8072 by July 24

Does your church yearn for a makeover?

Does your church sound like this?

Members of the *But We've Always Done It This Way Church* know something is wrong in the congregation. A few people noticed it and admitted that they were dissatisfied in a vague, unclear way. Church was creeping along but there wasn't any energy. Church seemed the same forever. Personally this group realized that they were the same, with the same beliefs and understandings from years back. They had a yearning for more, but more what? They asked themselves, "Who can help?"

The Past Perfect Presbyterian Church has many active members who are 60 years and older. There are many opportunities for discipleship and worship is enriching for these members. What bothers these members is that there are few younger members who physically can help maintain the church and few young parents willing to lead children and youth. Besides, these members worry about their own children who are not there. They realize they need change but wonder how to begin.

The **Presbytery** is seeking a person who will listen to your church and help you determine what God is calling you to do at this time. A *Poet of Transformation* will be a guide for changes you feel are needed.

From the Resource Center...

Religious Education course is Tuesdays in September and October, Sept 9-Oct 14, 6 pm-9:30 pm at North Presbyterian Church, Williamsville. Leaders are Diane Phinney and Sandra Harwood.

Extreme Makeover - A Heart for Learning and Praise will be October 4 9:30 am-12:30 pm. It will be workshops for teachers, youth leaders, Session and Board members, Committee chairs, pastors. It is in the planning stage.

...call 631-0979 9am – 12pm for more information

Volunteer Job Descriptions

I had a phone call recently looking for job descriptions of various volunteer positions at churches – head usher, usher, treasurer, mission chair, various committee descriptions and responsibilities. If you have something like that, please let me know. I'll create a list of churches that have these as a reference for other churches who don't want to re-invent the wheel. It's another way we collaborate and connect with each other! Thanks for your input.

Sharing Information

This quick information sheet will be sent out monthly, as time allows. To have information included, please send it to the Presbytery office, attention Jan. Email it at JanT@pbywny.org, fax it to 835-8072, or mail it to 2450 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14214. **The deadline for the next mailing is July 24.**