

The Communicator

The monthly newsletter of Calvary St. Andrew's Presbyterian Parish, Rochester, NY

September, 2011

Volume 11, Issue 9

Inside this issue:

Pastoral News	2
Auction, Concert	3
Bike Ride	4
Work Camp	5
Missionary Visit	6
Birthdays, Coffee Hour	7
Who is my Neighbor?	7

Sunday School Kick-off

Children's Christian education is an important value for our community and the fall is a great time to start us off in the right direction. What better way for us to start the church year than with a breakfast at 9:15 a.m. followed by our Christian Education program for youth and worship at 10:00 a.m.

We are urging all parents and grandparents to make sure your children are at church that Sunday and in time for breakfast. Nicole Rivera and Elyse Grems are coordinating the breakfast set-up. Please bring a dish to pass for the event.

September 11th Kick-off

Catch the Spirit

Brunch and Munch at the church

9:15 a.m. September 11th



Children's Christian education is a value for our parish community. Creating opportunities for fellowship, fun and learning occur throughout the year.

The We Believe curriculum explores faith questions and provides opportunities for children and teens to learn about Jesus and the Bible

Pastoral News and Notes

Jackie Trobia was admitted to Rochester General Hospital with a urinary track infection and severe sciatica. Please keep her in prayer.

Sandra Ehman received knee replacement surgery at Unity hospital in late August. Prayers are needed for her recovery and for her partner Ginny Dekin.

Cheryl Priestly was admitted to Rochester General Hospital with a jaw infection. Thankfully it has cleared up and Cheryl was released. Please pray for Cheryl and for her partner Chris Patti.

Please keep the **Reverend Anne Waasdorp** in prayer as her radiation treatments began in late August for the bout with breast cancer.

On the good news side **David and Beth Holliday** have bought a house in Greece, are presently packing their belongings in Tucson and arriving in Rochester in September. We are grateful that Beth and David will be back in our fold--and our Director of Music is smiling because they promised to see him in the choir.

Joe Buggie was admitted to Rochester General Hospital with a stroke that has affected his left hand. Please keep Joe and Cathy in prayer.

Newcomer to Calvary St. Andrew's **Barbara Smith** and **John Burrows** unexpectantly experienced the death of her two-month-old son Nathan due health related issues. The loss of

a child is a tragedy that seeps deep into the soul, so please keep her and the family in prayer. The Reverend Kathleen Madigan officiated at the funeral service. Martha Cuthbert, Dorrie DeVito, Paula Brennick, Roger Roche and others stepped in to support the family during this time of anguish; thank you.

Peg Donaghy finally made the decision to have a knee replacement which was accomplished in July at Rochester General. Following the operation Peg went for rehab at the Friendly Home. She is now up and about with her new bionic knee, so watch out. Please keep Peg and her spouse Jackie Trobia in prayer.

One Quarter at a Time

CSA was part of the Averill Ave street sale in August. Thanks to the efforts of many many helpers and shoppers, the church netted \$480...one quarter at a time!

A special thanks to all those who participated and helped make this year's street sale a great success: Ginny Weisel and Marsha Reed, co-organizers, Angela Yost, Pat Soule, Linda Lazore, Dorrie DeVito, Mary Trabert, Kathy Madigan, Julie Carter, Julie Lewis and all those who donated items for the sale. Thanks to all!!!



Baptisms are a Summer Highlight

The sacrament of baptism is a special liturgical highlight that signifies God's love and a commitment in infant baptism for the parents to raise the child with Christian values. In July Reverend Hay baptized **Gavin and Adriana England Lowell**, children of Jill Lowell and Crystal England Lowell, during our worship service (*photo right is Jill with Adrianna*). A highlight of the baptism occurred immediately after Rev. Hay touched Gavin's head with water--his two year old response to the gift by the Spirit "Oh ya!" His obvious delight at being baptized brought smiles and joy to the entire congregation.

In August Reverend Hay baptized **Gabrielle Brennick**, daughter of Roger Roche and Paula Brennick. Paula and Roger invited the entire congregation to a big barbecue at their home following the service.

CSA has been blessed with several baptisms this year which reminds us of the gifts of the Spirit and of our role as a community to ensure that our children receive a good Christian Education.



Annual Fall Auction, Garage Sale, and Fun: September 24, 12 noon—4 pm

Our major fund raiser for the year is rapidly approaching on Saturday September 24th. Carol Ritter Wright, former *Democrat and Chronicle* columnist, community leader and all around great personality will be our guest auctioneer (photo right). The live auction will start at 1:30 p.m. but you won't want to miss a minute of activities that start at 12 noon.



The band Java will kick off our festivities at noon with toe-tapping music. Everyone who attended the Big Lunch heard Java and wanted more. Local Highland Park neighbor Vern Lindberg leads the band. Starting at noon is our garage sale and the opportunity for snacking on hot dogs and popcorn. Our clowns will be back to entertain us with face painting and balloons.

If you have donations please bring them to the church anytime from Sept. 18-21st only. See flyer page 9 of this newsletter.

Reminder:
The deadline for
the October issue
of *The
Communicator* is
Sunday, Sept. 18
Please send news
and photos to
lvicker@sjfc.edu.

CSA and Asbury Methodist Co-Sponsor Deanna Witkowski Concert

Joining forces with another congregation is a great way for congregations like ours to support artists and to share in keynote speakers without bearing the entire organizing or financial aspect. This year CSA is co-sponsoring a jazz concert with Deanna Witkowski at Asbury First Methodist Church on East Avenue on Friday, September 23rd, at 7:30 p.m.



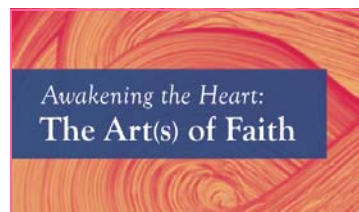
Deanna is well known to our CSA church since she's shared in liturgy many of her sacred jazz pieces of music, as well as her presentation on the work of Mary Lou Williams.

Deanna sent us a note of invitation to other

events while in town. Deanna says, "I've been invited to be one of four presenters on the William H. Shannon Lecture Series at Nazareth College! The series will focus on the intersection between faith and art. I'm pretty excited-- I stayed in Rochester an extra day during my April trip to attend the final lecture of last season's series, and ended up getting invited to be a speaker/performer! On Sept 22 at 7 my talk/performance is entitled *Moving with the Spirit: The Sacred Art of Jazz*, and Sept 23 at 1:30 the event is titled *Beyond Words: Improvisation as Prayer*. Both events are free and open to the public-- please spread the word to everyone at CSA and to anyone else who might be interested!"



We'll need help the night of the concert to take tickets and in promotion of the event. If you can help in any way please contact Rev. Hay.



Resource Saturday: this month in Batavia!

The Presbytery of the Genesee Valley's Resource Saturday will take place on Saturday, September 17, at the First Presbyterian Church of Batavia from 9:30-11 am.

This month's topic is "Your Personnel Committee." Need to strengthen your personnel committee? This program will offer tips and discussions about building a strong personnel committee that will help ensure

pastoral success. The goal of a personnel committee is accountability and communication between the staff and congregation.

Moderators include the Rev. Amy Fowler and the Rev. Val Fowler.

Register by Thursday, September 15, to **Contact Janice Bilohlavek (242-0080) or jbilohlavek@pbygenval.org.**

There is no charge to attend but registration is required.



The STAR group guys give a friendly wave during the Annual Church picnic on Tuesday, July 26, in Henrietta Town Park. Thanks to Tracy Perkins, Shirley Bowen, and the Hospitality Team for their work organizing the picnic, and to Rev. Hay for doing the cooking.



Josh Cerosuolo is a study in concentration as he works on his juggling skills at Rev. Hay's place in Jerusalem.

Annual Bike Ride through the Finger Lakes

Twenty-seven miles through hilly terrain did not deter our adventuresome youth from tackling the bike ride through the countryside near Keuka Lake. Connor and Josh Cerosuolo, Zachary and James Bansbach and Manny Colon started the adventure from Rev. Hay's cabin in Jerusalem and road to Italy Hill then doubled back toward the cabin on Italy Friend Road. As many of our adults can testify—Italy Hill is a bear! Only Connor Cerosuolo was able to make the mile and half climb on his bike—something our pastor remembers she also did—but not this year.

Rev. Hay was the "truck stop" for water and granola bars as well as the

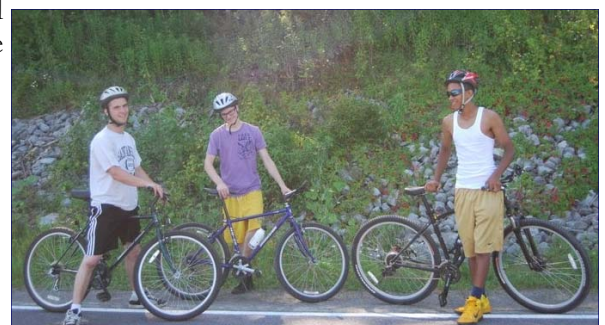
welcome wagon for a ride up Italy Hill.

While the youth were tackling the 27 mile ride Mary Trabert, Dorothy Kinney and Angela Yost went blueberry picking.

The CSA campers arrived Friday afternoon at Rev. Hay's cabin, set up tents and enjoyed games of ladderball touch football, as well as the annual campfire. Bob Day was kind

enough to bring both Manny and Angela to the event on Friday afternoon. Thank you to Bob and to the parents who made this a good experience.

The CSA campers finished their adventure with a swim at the Keuka State Park. Mark your calendars for next year—July 20-21st— and begin biking so you can join us.



James Bansbach, Manny Colon, and Connor Cerosuolo

Tonawanda Youth Camp Helps the South Wedge

The Reverend Janice Fitzgerald, a former seminary intern and long time CSA supporter, is the interim pastor of the Tonawanda UCC Church. When their new Associate, the Reverend Jeremy Lopez, was considering taking their youth on their first work camp, he wanted something within easy driving distance; hence, Calvary St. Andrew's emerged as the ideal spot.

From July 25-27, we hosted their youth and adults for hands-on projects in the South Wedge neighborhood. The first project was scraping and painting Mildred Anderson's garage, which the team took on with gusto, and by Day Three it was sparkling with new paint. Mrs. Anderson plied them with cookies and lots of thank you's.



The second project was to clear out Dave Halter's workshop so it could be rented. That was a job and a half since Dave stored all of his construction tools in his shop. Soon the youth creatively formed a fireman's line and tools were passed from one person to another to the new location.

The third project was spreading five yards of mulch for neighbor Barbara Biddy. Her big golden retriever was a hit with the youth and adults for they received many luscious kisses.

The fourth project was to assist Robert Lauterbach with food distribution for our neighbors. The youth hauled food, organized and staffed tables.

The youth slept in the church and either had meals at church or went out to eat. CSA was delighted to host the work team and to give our neighbors a helping hand.

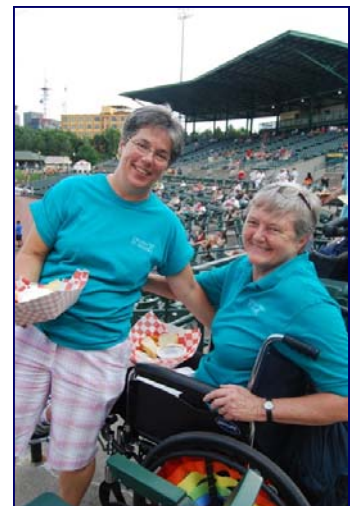


CSA "Catches" Red Wings Fever

The weather was perfect, except for a three-minute sprinkle, for our annual trek to the Rochester Red Wings baseball game. Thirty-six CSA baseball fans were able to attend the game, thanks to the gift of tickets from Comfort Keepers Agency owed by Amy Hay and Cheryl Kauffman.



Our CSA team caught two baseballs--one by Roger Roche (for his daughter Gabrielle, right, attending her very first baseball game) and the other by Stephanie Perkins and James Bansbach. Tracy Perkins came with Shirley Bowen, still wheelchair-bound from her knee injury. Lots of laughs and good-natured ribbing made the night an enjoyable occasion for our church outing.



East Avenue Grocery Run Organized by Third Church

Race, run, or walk on Saturday, November 5, 2011 The East Ave Grocery Run is about fitness, family fun, and food for all! From toddlers to grandparents, the whole family can celebrate being active together, and, while you enjoy your post-event refreshments, you'll feel good knowing your entry fee is helping to feed the hungry in Rochester. Whether you are racing to win, or winning by challenging yourself to finish, we have an event for you: **A certified 5K run or walk or One mile run and fitness walk and Children's Fun Run**—including a 25-yard Radish Dash and a 100-yard Boogie for Broccoli. Our flat, fast course starts and finishes on fall foliage-framed East Avenue, and features live music to keep you going. The proceeds go to Third's food cupboard. The event cost is \$20 if postmarked or registered on line by October 30, 2011 at www.groceryrun.org.



From the Emergency Food Cupboard: The church purchased almost 500 rolls of toilet paper from Foodlink at a cost of \$233 for the Emergency Food Cupboard. If anyone would like to help fund these costs...kindly make a donation to the food cupboard.

Dominican Missionary Visit

Every summer CSA is delighted to host Dominican friend and missionary Joanna Peterson. As the guest preacher in July, Joanna shared the concerns of the recent cholera outbreak in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Over 400,000 people in Haiti have been afflicted with cholera due to poor water and sanitation conditions. Because of the close proximity of Haiti to the border of the Dominican Republic, over 80,000 people in El Cercado have been affected.

Joanna is working on creating aqueducts with piping to carry clean water from the higher regions into 25 villages. The cost is over \$15,000 for one aqueduct that can bring clean water thus reducing the chance of further cholera outbreaks. Joanna updated the congregation on other projects CSA and Incarnate Word Lutheran Church have sponsored: fish farms, sustainable agriculture and health promoters.

If you'd like to make a donation to the Dominican Ministry please write a check or make a cash donation earmarked for the Dominican ministry. All monies raised go directly to the DR. Alison



Alison with Joanna at CSA.

Clarke hosted a gathering at her cottage for several folks that have taken a trip to the DR through CSA or who have financially supported Joanna's ministry. It was great to see old friends like Relton Rowland, John Erb, and Matthew and Julie Terry.

Shortly after the gathering we received this prayer request from Julie: *"I am sending out this email to request your prayers. I have been diagnosed with Systemic Lupus, a disease in which the body's own immune system (antibodies) attack the owner's tissues and organs. I need to schedule an appointment with an immunologist/rheumatologist. Please lift me in prayers during this challenging time. My deepest pain and sadness is that I desire more than anything to be around for my precious little girl. I pray God will give me grace, peace and understanding"*. Matthew and Julie are new parents so their pain is even greater with the diagnosis.

Through Joanna we've come to be a larger community connected through faith and concerned not only about the folks in the DR but all those who have supported the ministry. We pray for Joanna and the folks in the DR and Haiti as well as Julie and Matt.



Joanna's younger daughter Glory, who joined her mom on this visit.

September Coffee Hour

- Sept. 4: Troicke, Taylor
- Sept. 11: Day, Wilmott
- Sept. 18: Jazz Service (Bowen/Perkins, Mascaro, all)
- Sept. 25: Weasner, Arena
- Oct. 2: O'Neill, Loden Lane

We're on the web:
www.calvarystandrews.org

September Birthday Blessings

- 8 Jacquie Holly
- 9 Rich DeVito
- 10 Emory Rizzo
- 12 Beth Holliday; James Robinson
- 14 Bethany Folkins
- 15 Teisha Cuthbert
- 19 Marjorie Robison; Conner (Trabert) Cerasuolo
- 20 Catherine Benjamin
- 24 Chris Mascaro, Joyce Parker
- 29 David Holliday (Welcome Back!)
- 30 Amy Folkins



Who is my Neighbor?

Who is my neighbor? That question is both deeply theological and challenging. When most of us answer that question, we immediately think of the person next door or across the street. A neighbor is someone we know, often by name, by the dog they walk, by sharing in a meal or a street sale.

Jesus expands the concept of neighbor when he uses the example of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. In the parable it is the one seen as the outcast—the Samaritan—who sees the man who was robbed and took actions to help him. Thus Jesus challenged his own society to embrace the concept of neighbor not as someone who lives near us or who we even know, but anyone who is in need, anyone in the world, even those so different from us. The Leviticus law in chapter 19:18 says, "Don't seek revenge or carry a grudge against any of your people. Love your neighbor as yourself. I am God." Jesus understood the Leviticus law and applied it to his own time and context in which Jews and Samaritans kept separate boundaries, often in disregard for one another. In using the example of the Samaritan helping the Jew who had been beaten, Jesus broadened the concept of neighbor. When we help someone, we are a neighbor! The concept of neighbor has no geographical limits, so our ministry with Joanna Peterson in the Dominican Republic connects us to "our neighbors."

As a part of the South Wedge community the church is a neighbor to all who live in the community. Our



food ministry is a good example of us "helping our neighbors" or our Boots On The Street in June helped "our neighbor" Dave Halter with his fence.



"Who is our neighbor?" is both a challenge and a reward when we understand the concept from a theological and Biblical perspective.

As we kick off our fall stewardship campaign, understanding who our neighbor is will be the focus of our discussions in October and early November. Several people have agreed to host a dinner in their homes as a way to build community among us and to explore more in depth our understanding of Jesus' commandment to "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind and soul and your neighbor as yourself."

In September you will have the opportunity to sign up for a dinner and to hear more how we as a congregation embody Jesus' commandment in service and in the use of our resources. It will be a chance to talk directly with members of our leadership about your dreams for the congregation in this church year. And it will be a chance to explore ways you can aid in that ministry.

What Do Presbyterians Think?

about:

URBAN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Shaping Change in Rochester



SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

5:45–8:30pm

at Third Presbyterian Church (4 Meigs St at East Ave)

URBAN PRESBYTERIANS TOGETHER invites you to attend this one-evening event. Learn more about the current educational scene with Dr. William Cala and discuss how our ten urban congregations might become more effective advocates for change in Rochester City Schools.

SCHEDULE:

- 5:45 Registration
- 6:00 Prayer and Dinner
- 6:45 Welcome and Introduction by John Wilkinson
- 6:55 **Urban Public Education** by Dr. William Cala
- 7:30 Questions and Answers followed by group discussion
- 8:30 Closing prayer

URBAN
presbyterians together

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Vince Tollers vtollers@rochester.rr.com

Calvary St. Andrew's Presbyterian Parish
Corner of 68 Ashland St./ 95 Averill



Auction, Garage Sale, Food September 24, 2011

Garage Sale 12:00
Live Auction at 1:30



Hot Dogs \$1.00

Clowns



Live entertainment by JAVA

Proceeds support our Urban Ministry

www.calvarystandrews.org or facebook

To make a donation of goods call 325-4950

Auctioneer Carol Ritter Wright..community
leader, former D@C columnist