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July 6, 2008

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Betty Phinney

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

9:55 AM

GREETINGS & GATHERINGS: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!”

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** “O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!”

Psalm 96:1-3 RSV

***HYMNS OF PRAISE:** God of the Ages #698

The Battle Hymn of the Republic #717

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles’ Creed #881

***GLORIA PATRI:** #70

UNISON PRAYER: “Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that here may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord who has taught us to pray:”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. You shall bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield.”

Welcoming Our Visiting Friends

Sharing of Our Testimonies, Joys and Blessings

Sharing our Prayer Concerns

THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

PRAYER VERSE: "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14 RSV

PRAYER CHORUS: Heal Our Land Insert

OFFERTORY VERSE: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."
Hebrews 12:1

OFFERTORY CHORUS: Grant DeGaramo

Presentations of Tithes and Offerings

***DOXOLOGY:** #95

HYMN OF PREPARATION: Here I Am To Worship Insert

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 Pew Bible #1120

MESSAGE: "God's Amazing Work" Dave Coles

***HYMN OF INVITATION:** This Is My Song #437

***ALLELUIA *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE**

The Altar is open for prayer. You are welcome to come to the Altar, praying for someone or praying for self with commitment to Christ for the first time or for rededication of your life to Him. Someone will join you at the Altar to pray with you.

THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY: **10:00 AM**

WORSHIP LEADER: Rex Rosenbarker
GREETERS: Byron & Rosa Rucker
NURSERY: Betsy Shumaker
USHER: Adam Rosenbarker
AUDIO: Bob Deuel
JR. CHURCH: Bill & Abby Woodward

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEK of June 29, 2008

TODAY: 9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
8:30 AM Wesley United Methodist Church Service
FRI: 7:00 PM TV Ministry – Cable Channel 4

PRAISE THE LORD FOR: "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."

Lamentation 3:22-24 RSV

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Barbara Allen, Chuck Loeffler (upcoming surgery), Darren McPherson (recovery from surgery), Carrie Sears, Nancy Soletto (Rich McPherson's aunt), Harvey Henson (cancer), Liam Ewing, Connie Perry (Glenn Godoy's sister), Denny Lee (Dave Lee's brother), Al Smith (recovering at home), Arlene Phillips (Betty DuBois' cousin), Alan VanWormer (Donna Shultz's brother), Michelle Rucker (cancer), Bill Jubin, Harry Phillips (prostate cancer), Guil Woodward, Paulette (colon cancer), Vanessa Randesi, Karen Raponi, Bud Lee, Gary McFadden (cancer), George Cameron, Pamela Jean (Jack and Alice Black's niece), Jack Black, Orin White, Jeffery Sibley, Diane Ryans, Ralph Kocik, Dorothy Sedlacek, Ruth Ross, Alana Otis, Don Eckler, Andy & Ann, Paul Carpenter, Alex Madison, Kim Soundararaj, Gabriel (Kim's son), and Jack Hoppes. Special Needs--Valerie Luzzi.

THOSE SERVING IN IRAQ: Raymond Persons (Edith Perkins' son, serving in Afghanistan), Bill Davis (Emily Seymour's niece's husband), Alan Votakpa, Frank Simser, Kyle Chanitz, Scott McPherson (back in US), Christopher Simser Jr.(back in US), Adam Tatusko and Nicholas Tokos. **Please pray for the upcoming Elections and continue to pray for our Nation.**

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Doug/Karen (Frisch) Lehman (Africa), Jim /Shawn Ramsay (Georgia/Mission Society), Peter/Esther Pereira (India), Dave/Jean Coles (Indonesia), Neal/Mari Hicks (Japan), Guido/Kim (Warren) Orellana (Ecuador), Dr. Jeff/Marilyn Lester (Medics International), Dr.Terry/Renee Wortz, Elizabeth Salisbury(USA), Gary/Rebecca Mink (Africa), Leroy/Peg Jones (USA), Larry/Marian Byrnes (Indiana/OMS), Christopher/Rashaell Jones (Ecuador).

HEAL OUR LAND

Heal our land, Father, heal our land;
Hear our cry and turn our nation back to
You.

Lord, heal our land,
Hear us, O Lord, and heal our land;
Forgive our sin and heal our broken
land.
Forgive our sin and heal our broken
land.

You stepped down into darkness.
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You.
Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came
To the earth you created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
Chorus 2X

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the World,

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS & STEWARDSHIP FOR June 29, 2008

ATTENDANCE:(66/36,102)

TOTAL OFFERING:\$3859.59

GENERAL:\$2493.35

DESIGNATED:\$1366.24

“YOUNG AT HEART” PICNIC—A sign-up sheet for the **“Young at Heart”** Annual Picnic is on the bulletin board in the narthex...Please sign up so we can have an idea of the number of plates, etc., that we will need. **THANKS!**

FELLOWSHIP MEAL-Today after second service, in honor of Dave Coles and his family. All are welcome.

CHICKEN BBQ-CRAFT FAIR-BAKE SALE-GARAGE SALE—August 9, 2008, Time: TBD--Proceeds to the Building Fund. We are looking for Energetic Committee Members to coordinate activities, sell advance tickets and just plain help when and where needed. We would like to make this a fun-day for everyone while adding to the Building Fund! Our first meeting will be Monday, May 12th at 7:00. Thanks to all! For more information, contact Robin Bartholomew at 349-9221.

VBS MEETING--There is going to be a VBS meeting on the second Sunday in July after the service. Since they are combined, it will be at 11:30 or so. Please spread the word to others without email, or to those whose emails I do not have. Sue Lee, Becky Maney, John Purdy, and Nancy French all come to mind. Thanks! I would like to set aside a special time to pray for VBS and get connected as a group. It should be a relatively short meeting, I just would like to see the support from church members. We already have a list of things that people would like for donations. Nancy French and Robin Bartholomew are in need of a couple hula hoops (8) and Dawn Hover would like to have some buckets and sponges donated 6??? of each maybe? Linda Allen will have a list of some food that she needs too. I will be posting this stuff in the Narthex at church as soon as I can. Thank you for all of your prayers!



ADVENTURE THEME PARK
Vacation Bible School

It's that time of year again! Time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School!!

This year VBS will be an adventure theme park. Roller coasters, Ferris wheels, popcorn, snow cones.....it's all about choices. The choices we make at a theme park will determine the kind of day we'll have. The big and little choices we make everyday will determine what kind of lives we'll have... It will be held in the evenings from Monday, July 25 through Friday, August 2. It isn't hard to remember when we were young. But we often forget that the trials and tribulations that we went through as youth were real and felt just as important to us then as any other stress today. Vacation Bible school is a special time set aside to encourage youngsters in the Lord. Children need to know that there is someone looking out for them. Not all of them have supportive parents, relatives, or friends. And VBS might be the only time some of these kids experience the love of Christ through our actions. I once heard on the family life network that 90% of all Christians never lead another person to Christ. Opportunity is knocking on our doors! We should take advantage of the chance to get involved in something bigger than ourselves. I hope you will all become a part of VBS, whether it's a helper, a decorator, or even a member of the prayer team. So hop on and hold tight, it's going to be an exciting ride!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

- Josh Bennett.....Owego Free Academy
- Jeremy John Boston University Law School
- Aria FrenchMaine-Endwell
- Ian OvensMaine-Endwell
- Jenell PertMaine-Endwell
- Rebekah SimserBinghamton High School
- Christina Wingard..... Vestal High School

Graduation Day

Graduation Day is the climax of a dream.
 A parental dream that began when a child is born,
 And their hope come true it would seem,
 A triumph held after periods of forlorn,
 A feeling of pride and euphoria years away
 For a daughter or son - Graduation Day.
 It is a peak of success for the graduate,
 Not only for the graduate but parents too.
 A joyful event after many years they had to wait,
 Realizing the glorious thrill of a dream come true,
 A genuine smile accompanied by a deep sigh,
 Often a handkerchief in hand as the class goes by.
 Graduation is a deserving, hard earned goal
 With mortarboard and gown as foretold,
 A gratifying service of the mind and soul
 In a simple and beautiful sheepskin told
 That the graduate fulfilled the educational rule.
 At last, for the mother and father, a dream comes true.
 Graduation Day!