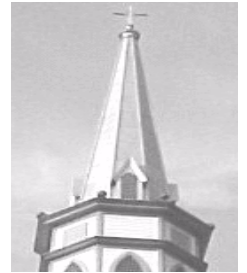


The SPIRE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CATASAUQUA, PA
PASTOR P. DOUGLAS CRONCE
CHURCH OFFICE TELEPHONE (610) 264-2595



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Recently I attended a special event hosted by Hospice of the Visiting Nurse Association of St. Luke's. Rev. Ann Huey currently supervises the spiritual and bereavement care programs and provides end-of-life education. Continuing Education opportunities are not just for nurses or clergy. There were many folks at the event who serve as Deacons, Stephen Ministers, and in other volunteer positions in their local congregation.

The speaker was Barbara Karnes, RN, award-winning hospice nurse, end-of-life educator, prominent speaker on the dynamics of dying and the award-winning author of Gone from my Sight: The Dying Experience. At the outset Barbara gave the attendees permission to cry. And some did. The event was in the Wesley United Methodist Church, Bethlehem. I have noticed that in many churches there are little boxes of handkerchiefs in the pews. What better place to open our emotions to healing and wholeness?

I thought back to moments of healing emotions which I have witnessed. Our emotions are a funny thing. A hymn, a word of scripture, a story can trigger our emotions. The eve of my college graduation there was a special awards ceremony. When the color guard brought in the American flag to the tune of a patriotic hymn my father cried. I had never seen him cry before. His service to his country and love of his country brought his emotions to the surface. It was a healing moment.

Often I speak with members of the church who have had a difficult time returning to church following their loved ones' death. There are so many things which remind them of their beloved in the context of the faith community. But there is always that moment when the church again becomes a place of comfort and healing.

Psychiatrist, Dr. Pradeep K. Chadha tells us that it is only when a person starts to relax that the crying activity occurs. Physiologically, the parasympathetic nervous system is responsible for relaxation. Crying or shedding tears, is a parasympathetic activity too. When someone cries over a loss, it means the nervous system is getting 'comfortable' or is reaching a stage of 'accepting' the loss. This causes a balance between the sympathetic (stress producing) and the parasympathetic (relaxation producing) parts of the nervous system.

All I know is that tears are a healthy expression of who we are as God's children. I always tell people that others will understand and even cry with them when tears flow. There is a verse from the Psalmist which I always hold close. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" Psalm 30:5. The Psalmist was wise to know that God has made us in His image and God is a God of compassion and love.

Faithfully,

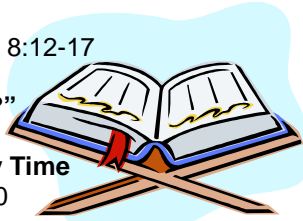
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June Scriptures and Sermon Titles

7th – Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

Sermon Title: “Who’s Calling?”



14th – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

Church Family Picnic

Sermon Title: “Always Look for the Rainbows”

21st – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Father’s Day

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and
Psalm 9:9-20; or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and
Psalm 133; 2nd Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Sermon Title: “Adventures in Christ”

28th - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

Sermon Title: “A Careful Reading”

Coffee Hour and Greeters

7th – Christian Education

14th - Picnic (Christian Family Life)

21st – Stephen Ministry (Greeters only)

28th – Evening Circle (Greeters only)

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT COFFEE HOUR
AND NURSERY COVERAGE IS DONE BY
VOLUNTEERS FROM JUNE 21 – SEPTEMBER 6
PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE EASEL IN THE
CHAPEL IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP!**

**THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO SHARE YOUR
TALENTS WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Please remember our church is now air
conditioned so you might be more comfortable
if you are wearing a sweater or jacket!**

SPECIAL ATTENTION:10:00 a.m.–Worship Service from June 14 through September 6

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2nd – Abele Iacobelli

4th – David Berkner, Marilyn Chopel

5th – Esther Erdossy

6th – Ty Shafnisky

8th – Nancy Whiffen

9th – Jason Deifer, Spencer Frey

10th – Ronald Becker, Jr., Katie Gehringer

Jane Gillespie

13th – Christopher Cronce

14th – Grace Hilficker



16th – Kenn Smith, Larry Tait

17th – Sean McDermott

18th – Melanie Gillespie, Richard Haftle III
Jessica Hanna

21st – William Trine, Alice Vandergrift

24th – Kacie Kresge

25th – Jennie Deifer, Samantha Miller

28th – Bradley Jacksits

29th – Evan James, Raymond Keiper

Linda Schuler, Stone Sosnovik

30th – Emily Kloiber, Beatrice Spiegler

STAFF POSITION TO BE FILLED

Position Open: The Personnel Committee is accepting applications for the Church Treasurer position. Bookkeeping knowledge is required. Knowledge of the software “Power Church” would be a plus. Interested persons should contact Esther Erdossy, 610-769-7036 or Abele Iacobelli, 610-351-7126.

SESSION NOTES

The Session met on May 12, 2009. Pastor Cronce opened the meeting with prayer and Elder Jayne Krause-Stevens led devotions.

The church has received ten boxes of Adult Bible Study materials from First Church, Bethlehem.

Pastor Cronce will deliver the charge to the Rev. Joyce W. Smothers when she is installed as the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua on Sunday, May 17, 2009. He will also give the homily during the Catasauqua High School Baccalaureate service.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Chapel for church members to volunteer to provide nursery care during worship or host the Coffee Hour Fellowship time during the summer months. Nursery care and Coffee Hour **will not** be provided if there are no volunteers. Session urges the congregation to help provide coverage over the summer months.

Church member Young Kim, who holds a Divinity Degree, has informed the Session of his intent to seek a pastoral call.

Elder Judy Silnik reported that the Jeremiah Vision Team is in the process of developing a mission vision to be presented to the Session for approval. Members of the Vision Team are Pastor Cronce, Gloria Fetter, Mark Fried, Cherie Gebhardt, Lynn Kubatko, Tim Meyer, Nancy Sherry and Judy Silnik.

Patricia Fried reported for the Deacons that 153 people received the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and the Easter Dawn Service, including 14 shut-ins.

The Christian Education Committee is gearing up for another successful Vacation Bible School Program, to be held in the Chapel from 9 to Noon, July 6 through 10th. Gloria Fetter is coordinating this year's Rome: Paul and the Underground Church. Sunday School Superintendent Guy Edwards is still seeking another teacher to work with a fourth grade age group. The Class of 2009 will be recognized and honored during worship on June 7th.

Elder Jayne Krause-Stevens reported that Beth Hanna has resigned as church treasurer and that the Personnel Committee is accepting applications for the position. (see position notice on page 2)

The Property Committee reported with a recommendation to secure a realtor to seek a desirable tenant for the vacant manse, since the prospective tenant has withdrawn their interest in renting the property. Session determined that the congregation should be polled to gather more input on the subject before any decision is made. If you have not already responded to the bulletin insert, please take the time to express your feelings using the "Manse Update" survey included below.

Upcoming services and events of note:

Pentecost Sunday, Holy Communion and Confirmation on Sunday, May 31, 2009 will be followed by a luncheon in the Chapel.

Organization descriptions for a new church brochure are due by July 15th.

Basket Bingo Event in the Chapel on August 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Elder Robert Erdossy

MANSE UPDATE

Because of the ongoing expenses for the Manse, the Property Committee has recommended to Session that we hire a realtor and pursue a tenant for the structure. They recommended that we seek out a commercial tenant.

Session members have mixed views regarding the solution to the Manse dilemma.

The bottom portion of this sheet lists several possible solutions and we would like your input as to which solution you would prefer us to pursue.

Please check your preferences.

- 1) Actively pursue a paying tenant to pay the ongoing expenses.
 Commercial business (professional)
 Residential tenant
 Historical group or Museum
 - 2) Donate the space to a public service group (Would not ease the financial pains of our lack of funding)
 Historical group or Museum
 Another public service group or church group
 - 3) Give it away to one of the above
 - 4) Tear it down and eliminate the ongoing expenses
 - 5) Other – your suggestion _____
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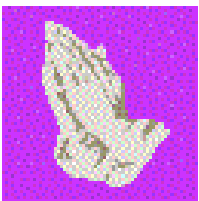
DEACON'S EMERGENCY FUND

Our Deacon sponsored Soup and Sandwich lunches will not be held during June, July or August.

The Deacon's Emergency Fund is continuing to do good work. Pastor Crouce has been able to assist several families in our church recently. Please remember if you attend our Soup & Sandwich lunches to give a generous donation for your meal so this on going work can continue.

OPEN YOUR HEART SUNDAY

Please remember that Open Your Heart Sunday is observed the last Sunday of every month. We invite you to bring non-perishable grocery items which are donated to the Catasauqua Food Bank. Grocery items may be placed in the containers by the sanctuary doors. The suggested items for June are Spaghetti and Sauce. The Food Bank is always in need of donations, and the staff is very thankful for your generosity each month.



PRAYER GROUP

“THE EARNEST PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS
PERSON HAS GREAT POWER AND WONDERFUL RESULTS”
JAMES 5:16

Everyone is welcome. COME and open your heart to God's loving arms. SEE what wonderful results He has in store for those who pray.

“Because He bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I have breath.” Psalm 1

The next prayer group will meet **July 14** following the 10 a.m. worship service.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Jacksits family would like to thank members of the congregation who supported their WALK NOW FOR AUTISM team on April 18th. "Brad's Brigade", 80 people strong, was chosen to lead the 9,000 walkers through Lehigh Parkway on a beautiful Saturday to raise money for autism research and community awareness. To date, "Brad's Brigade" has contributed over \$3,500 towards Lehigh Valley walk's grand total for 2009 of over \$410,000 with donations still being counted. Thanks again for helping to make a difference in the lives of all families like ours who battle autism.

Congratulations to Veronica Bocian on her nomination for Freddy Awards for her performance in Catasauqua High School's production of Bye, Bye Birdie

In the hospital during May were Mildred Bohner, Carolyne Case-Frey, Jim Chlebove, Helen Deibert, Rita Millhouse, James Scheirer, and Nancy Shoemaker. Harry Doyle is still residing at Westminster Village for Rehabilitation and Jim Chlebove is at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital. Mildred, Carolyne, Helen, Rita, James and Nancy are recuperating at home.

Our condolences are extended to the Frankenfield family on the recent death of life long member, Elizabeth Frankenfield.

Please remember them with the cards and prayers.

If there are any joys or concerns that you would like published in the Spire please contact Ann Hohe at (610)821-0568 or hoelib@aol.com.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Is there someone in our church family graduating from High School or receiving a degree? We will honor the Class of 2009 during morning worship on June 7. Please provide graduate information to the church office (610) 264-2595 as soon as possible so no one is overlooked.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Please note our children's Sunday School program will end on June 7, 2009 for the summer. On June 21, 2009, the worship hour will begin at 10:00 a.m., and continue through Sunday, September 6th, Labor Day Weekend. Remember that all church facilities are now air conditioned, so if you "chill" easily, please bring a light jacket or sweater for your comfort.

MUSIC MINISTRY

If you enjoy singing, but cannot commit to a weekly choir rehearsal, please consider joining us for some special musical opportunities. On Father's Day, June 21st, the men of the church are invited to participate in a male chorus during worship time. The men will rehearse at 9 a.m. (summer worship begins at 10 a.m.). Mr. Bob is looking forward to having a great group to add special music on this special day.

Speaking of summer, if anyone is interested in joining the choir just for the summer, please speak to Bob Richelderfer. During the summer we rehearse on Sunday, right before church, and we would love to have some additional voices. Why don't you give us a try?

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Summer Evening Vespers, July 19, 2009

The Worship Committee invites you to our Annual Summer Vespers. This year the program will be provided by The Goose Creek Boys from Lancaster County who perform hymns and gospel music, etc. Members of Grace Methodist Church had the group perform for them on several occasions and enjoyed their performance. The program will be presented in our comfortably air conditioned Chapel.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION

Your church should be a place in which all children can actively enjoy our youth programs without concern of being sexually and/or physically abused. We require all teachers and helpers over the age of 18 to attend a two-hour course on sexual and physical abuse prevention and then we do a background check with the Pennsylvania State Police and the Childline program. This certification is required for those working with children in the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, youth programs, and for those who help in our nursery during our worship services. We encourage our youth under the age of 18 to participate as helpers in our programs. Those under the age of 18 that want to attend the classes are encouraged to do so. We do not however, do the certification background checks for these youth.

Our Sexual and Physical Abuse Prevention program not only protects our youth during these activities, but also provides you as a teacher or helper with the information you need to protect yourself from being falsely accused. It is important to protect you as well as to protect our children. You will learn the rules of our Church that limit the possibility of putting yourself in a situation where you could be falsely accused of sexual/physical abuse.

If you have an interest, please complete the information below and either mail it to the Church Office or put it in the Personnel mailbox in the Church Office. Should you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Esther Erdossy (610)769-7036 or David Hohe (610)821-0568.

Name: _____
Telephone Number _____
Email Address _____

RECYCLE YOUR OLD SNEAKERS

The youth at St. Paul's UCC in Northampton are trying to collect 5,000 pair of "old worn out sneakers" to be sent to Nike Corporation. Nike will arrange for the sneakers to be recycled into a foam substance to be used for basketball and tennis courts and similar athletic venues. You may deposit "used" sneakers in a box in the rear of the Chapel.

Longaberger Basket Bingo and Chinese Auction

August 14, 2009



Doors Open – 6 p.m.,

Bingo Begins – 7 p.m.

NEEDED!!

**Chinese Auction items,
Basket sponsors and
monetary donations.**

Advance Tickets \$15.00, Tickets at the door \$20.00

**If you are interested in helping with this project in any way,
please contact:**

Lori Proctor – (610) 437-9343

Jayne Stevens – (610) 262-3525

Rita Millhouse - (610) 261-1319

NORTH CATASAUQUA BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

The North Catasauqua Betterment Committee is sponsoring two upcoming community events.

The North Catasauqua Small Town USA Carnival will be held June 10th – 13th at the North Catasauqua Park, Arch and Grove Streets. There will be rides, games, music, a “Big” Raffle, and lots of food.

Live entertainment will be on hand each night:

June 10th – 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Shake, Rattle & Soul

June 11th - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Joe Kroboth Polka Band

June 12th – 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Midnight Special Band

June 13th – 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. The Main Attraction Band

Tip, the Crayola Crayon will be there each night, and Smokey the Bear will meet the kids on Saturday the 13th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Thursday and Saturday are Family Nights. Ride all the rides with a wristband available for \$15.00.

3rd Annual North Catasauqua Small Town USA Golf Tournament

The Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 28th at the Willowbrook Golf Course. The entry fee is \$80.00 per person and includes Continental Breakfast, Golf, Snacks, Beverages, Hot/Cold Dinner Buffet, Great Awards and Door Prizes. The Registration deadline is Monday, June 22nd. Forms are available at the North Catasauqua Borough Hall (610)264-1504.

6th Annual - "We Remember Them" Butterfly Release and Remembrance Walk

Hosted by the Lehigh Valley Compassionate Friends (501©3 nonprofit)



Saturday, August 15, 2009
Bob Rodale Cycling and

(Rain Date August 16 2009)
Fitness Park, Trexlertown, PA

The public is invited to join the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Compassionate Friends as we Remember and Pay Tribute to loved ones gone to soon.

Remembrance Walk Registration.

Cost: \$15.00 each(includes event T-shirt) Note: If you cannot attend, shirts can be sent. Add \$3.00 for shipping

Live Butterflies cost: \$10.00 each

Note: if you cannot attend you may purchase a butterfly and it will be released for you

Church family members, Gene and Dawn DeLong are very active in this organization and invite you to learn more about their group. Walk registration and release forms are available on the main bulletin board between the Sanctuary and the Chapel. Registration and Butterfly orders are due by July 1st. For more information, please call (610) 837-7924.

WESTMINSTER VILLAGE

Neighborhood Party in the Park on Thursday, June 11 – 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Families and Friends of Westminster Village reunite to revisit the glories of old Central Park

And celebrate all that is new and beautiful in our community!

2:00 p.m. – Ribbon-cutting and "Gathering on the Green", Calliope music, Strolling greeters in the dress of the day, Carnival fare and more

5:00 p.m. – Frank Whealan, Allentown historian Central Park – Allentown's Good Old Summer Time
Tours of the new areas will be offered after the program concludes at 5:00 p.m.

Food, Frolic and Fun for All!



Tuesday, June 2:	6:00 p.m. VBS Workshop - Chapel 6:30 p.m. Finance - Lounge
Wednesday, June 3:	6:30 p.m. Jr. Girl Scouts #639 – Youth Lounge
Thursday, June 4:	6:30 p.m. Cadettes #6458 – Youth Lounge 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir
Sunday, June 7:	9:30 a.m. Sunday School – age 3 through adult Last Sunday for the children until September 13th 10:45 a.m. Worship (Graduate Recognition) 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour 12:15 p.m. Deacon's – Lounge
Monday, June 8:	6:30 p.m. Property – Chapel 7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Board – Lounge
Tuesday, June 9:	7:00 p.m. Session - Lounge
Wednesday, June 10:	6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry – Lounge Junior Girl Scouts #639 – Youth Lounge
Thursday, June 11:	7:30 p.m. Senior Choir
Sunday, June: 14	10:45 a.m. Outdoor Worship and Church Family Picnic North Catsauqua Playground
Sunday, June 21st: Father's Day SPIRE DEADLINE	10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Gloria Fetter, volunteer)
Wednesday, June 24:	6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry – Lounge
Sunday, June 28th: Father's Day	10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (if someone volunteers)
Mark your July calendar!	
Monday, July 6 – Friday, July 10:	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vacation Bible School
Monday, July 6; Wednesday, July 8 & Friday, July 10 -	7:30 p.m., Adult VBS
Sunday, July 19:	10:00 a.m. Worship – Summer Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. Evening Vespers

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 6-10, 2009

Mark your calendar!
Plan to join us from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Paul and the Underground Church



At this “Roman” experience, right here in Catasauqua, everyone becomes a member of a Family of Rome, where they will learn meaningful traditions and rituals, and discover the Bible point for the day.

Each day the families visit the Marketplace, the Underground Church, the Apprenticeship Games, and in the midst of it all the Daily Drama unfolds. The day will wrap up with Family Time, where families connect their experiences in “Rome” to their modern day lives.

To help fund our Vacation Bible School program, please check the bulletin board in the Chapel, by the hallway door. We invite you to buy a Roman coin for I (\$1.00), V (\$5.00), X (\$10.00), XV (\$15.00) or XX (\$20.00). We are also in need of volunteers in various program areas. If you are able to help, even for only a day or two, please contact Gloria Fetter at (610)419-8352. Adults will meet in the evening on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:00 p.m. for Bible Study.

If you are interested in having any children attend Paul and the Underground Church contact the church office (610)264-2595 with the names and ages of the children.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Rev. P. Douglas Cronce, 610-264-2595; email address: doug@cattypresbyterian.org
Church Secretary: Martha Keiper, Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mon. – Fri., 610-264-2595
Clerk of Session: Kenn Smith, 610-264-7682; email address: crucible1@hotmail.com
Director of Music: Robert Richelderfer, 610-262-0443; mrmrsbob@enter.net
Superintendent of Sunday School: Guy Edwards, 610-530-1667 (before 7 p.m.)
Spire Editors: Ann and David Hohe, 610-821-0568; email address hoelib@aol.com

FALL WORK TRIP TO THE GULF COAST - HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

Lehigh Presbytery is sponsoring an additional Work Trip to assist churches and people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Four years after the powerful storm, help is still desperately needed to restore families and communities. **The work team will leave on October 24 and return on November 8, 2009.**

The work group will travel in vans from Allentown to Long Beach, MS, staying enroute at the Farragut Presbyterian Church in Tennessee. At the work site, volunteers will stay at the facilities provided by the Long Beach Presbyterian Church, sleeping on bunks. Showers, bathrooms, and potable water are available. Some meals will be prepared, others eaten at nearby restaurants.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, and be ready and willing to help, as needed, and provide hope to others. No specific skills or experience are required, but volunteers must be FLEXIBLE, to work as needed. **Each volunteer must pay a registration fee of \$150.00, plus the cost of meals enroute and incidental personal expenses incurred while on site. If the registration fee is a hardship, contact Gwen Johnson at (610) 559-5292. The registration deadline is October 8, 2009.**

Three of our members have participated in prior Work Trips and have found the experience to be truly rewarding. Don Setzer and Kenn Smith would be happy to discuss their thoughts on this "action" mission project.

To register, or for more information, please contact Sandy Jenkins, Trip Registrar, at (610) 298-2106 or via e-mail at np68b69@ptd.net. Forms may be found online at www.LehighPresbytery.org.

To help finance this work trip, send checks to **Lehigh Presbytery**, 710 North Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104-3494. Write "**Helping Hands - Katrina**" in the memo.

Outdoor Worship and Church Family Picnic sponsored by Congregational Life Committee

On **Sunday, June 14, 2009 our 10:45 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service** will be held at the **North Catasauqua Playground** with a family picnic for all following worship. We will provide the beverage and picnic fare. **Members are requested to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share, and a lawn chair.** Plan to join us for a day of fun and fellowship. In case of rain the worship service and picnic will be held in our chapel. Congregational Life Committee asks that you please complete the following form, place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office so we can prepare adequate food for all.

Name _____
No. of Adults _____ No. of Children _____
I will bring _____