

NewsBrief

♥For the members and friends of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford ♥

June, 2004

Prayerfully Pondering Foolish Dancing...

Can you imagine a church in cyberspace? Our confirmation class could! When we met this winter in one of our regular mentor/confirmand nights, we asked four small groups to construct their “ideal church” and one of the groups built a mock-up of a cyber church. Does that sound far-fetched and futuristic to you? Maybe... But it’s now a reality! This Sunday (May 16, 2004) marked the official launch of www.churchoffools.com, an experimental venture by the Methodist Church of England. During the rehearsal for the Sunday services, 1,000 people heard a sermon by the Anglican Bishop of London. Using the resurrection appearance in John 21 in which Jesus tells the disciples to cast their nets in deep water as his text, the Bishop encouraged people to try new ways – even seemingly foolish ways – of being the church.

The Apostle Paul extols the wisdom of the foolish saying, “For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.” (1st Corinthians 1:18, 21, 25)

Writers of the Old Testament, especially in Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, often contrasted the wisdom of God with the foolishness of humanity in order to teach humans how to behave. Even so, humanity misunderstood God’s wisdom and created its own wisdom. Jesus spoke against this worldly wisdom teaching his disciples to turn the other cheek, give away their cloaks, and come to God with the faith of a child. With his conversion, Paul exhorts his readers and listeners to become fools for Christ.

We too misunderstand God’s teaching of wisdom. In our seeking not to appear foolish, we misread the invitation of God’s Good News. The artist LeeAnn Womack sings, “Promise me that you’ll give faith a fighting chance. And if you get a choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance.” Why do many of us choose “to sit it out”? We are afraid of feeling foolish or feeling like a failure. That fear paralyzes us and keeps us from enjoying the grace God intends for us as we grow into new things.

Saturday evening the Deacons hosted a Cinco de Mayo party. The turnout from the two-year-old to the eighty-two year old was fantastic! Everyone had fun eating, drinking, dancing, creating crafts, sharing fellowship, bursting the piñatas, and ducking under the limbo stick (way to go, John Valenti!). Imagine forty of us, “the frozen chosen”, learning how to dance the marengue or the salsa. And yet, those who tried to grow by learning a new dance had a great time!

Growth does not come without growing pains. Many times, we must try different ways of growing before we settle on something that works. Consider the genius of Thomas Edison, the holder of 1,093 patents. In seeking to create the filament light bulb, he tried thousands of experiments. Rather than considering those experiments to be failures, he held up the invention of the light bulb as his achievement.

In a recent joint meeting of our Session and Deacons, these leadership boards discussed what was vital to our church identity going forward. Bruce and Doug McLaine shared with them what they had learned from a recent conference and encouraged them to be risk-takers rather than caretakers or undertakers.

I invite us to resist the temptation to fear failure or foolishness. Dream as wildly as our confirmands do about the future of our church. Let your Deacon or any of the elders or staff know about your inspiration. Together, we might realize some of our dreams. We might envision how to be church for the next hundred years. Given the choice between being risk-takers, caretakers, or undertakers, I hope we dance!

Blessings, Carrie

Week of June 6 – Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Week of June 13 – 1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14) 15-21a;
Psalm 5-8; Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

Week of June 20 – 1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a
Psalms 42 and 43; Galatians 3:23-29;
Luke 8:26-39

Week of June 27 – 2 King 2:1-2, 6:14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

These are the lectionary texts for the month of June. We welcome you to study these in advance of their being incorporated into the Sunday worship services.



Notes from James

Thank you to all of those who provided lodging and attended the Bloomsburg Chamber Singers concert during their recent tour stop. The afternoon concert was full of variety and a great opportunity to hear a small chamber choral ensemble. The students at the University enjoy their work in the ensembles immensely and appreciate your assistance with their spring tour.

In the 10:00 AM service on June 13, the Chancel Choir will present the Missa Brevis in Hon. St. Joannis de Deo in B flat. (Kleine Orgel solo – Messe or Little Organ Mass). The work features a string orchestra, orchestra, organ, choir, and soprano solo. We have rented a small portative pipe organ for the service, which will be featured in a solo movement with Roxanne Skuse singing the soprano solo. Composed in 1778, the Missa Brevis was written for use in the Spitalskirche (hospital church) in Eisenstadt. A small choral work in scope, the Missa Brevis is about 17 minutes in length. Sung in Latin, translations will be printed in the bulletin.

I have received several responses to my call for an inventory of musical talents, which was placed in previous newsletters. If you have not responded, a form can be found in the portion of our church website devoted to music. I will be planning our summer schedule soon, and look forward to contacting some of you who have responded.

As we complete another year of activities and move toward the summer schedule, I'd like to thank the members of all of the ensembles for the time and energy you have devoted over the year. It is not an easy thing to attend a weekly

rehearsal, and then commit your time to be in attendance on Sunday morning, but you do it with a marvelous attitude and it contributes so much to our worship experience. Thank you to Ruth Hugenbruch, Sharon Peet, and Dede Holmes for the leadership they have provided. Their dedication is amazing and it is a pleasure to work with them. Also, thanks so much to Sanghwa Lee for her capable leadership at the organ. We are indeed blessed to have many talented and dedicated leaders in our music ministry at First Presbyterian!

Chancel Choir Rehearsals will continue until June 24.

Chancel Choir Social – June 24 at 7:30 PM.

Cantata Rehearsal – June 12 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Jubilate – last rehearsal May 23



TOOL TIME FOR PERU CREW from Jim Weick

June 27 is the fast approaching departure date for the mission team headed from First Presbyterian Church to Peru. Along with our partner church in Delray Beach, FL., twenty-seven members have signed up to construct rest room facilities at a Christian education center and a food pantry at the Presbyterian Church in Peru. Medical specialists are also on the team to work in the community during the two-week trip. Through the generous pledging of our membership, the construction materials have been paid for as a part of our mission outreach. Your individual opportunity to support the mission comes from donating the tools that the team will need to do their work in the field. The team needs masonry, electric, plumbing and general wood working tools. They can be left in the box in the Fellowship Hall until June 13. A complete list of individual tools is on the box. The tools will be left in Peru for community use after the team has left. If you don't have tools you can part with and still want to help out the team, write a check to the church noting "Peru Tools" in the memo line on the check. If you should have any questions, please contact Bob Huot at 248-2578. THANK YOU!

Welcome To Our New Members

from Trudy Bartleson

Harold G. Ashworth ~ We are happy to have Harold, an attorney in Pittsford, join our church family. He has four grown children and enjoys travel and golf as well as being a board member at St. John's Home. He lives at 57 Sky Ridge Drive, Rochester, 14625; 248-2382.

Dave Avery ~ With great pleasure we welcome Dave Avery whose family are members and who enjoys golf and has his own asphalt contractor business. He lives at 106 Sunset Boulevard, Pittsford; 704-2600.

Catie Bell ~ It's a joy to have young Catie from Pittsford join us. She loves basketball, reading, seeing movies, and writing. Ah youth! She lives at 42 Arbor Creek Drive, Pittsford 14534; 385-6948.

Kelly and Eric Dietl ~ We're delighted to welcome Kelly and Eric who have moved to our area from Orange County, where they have been for the past year and a half. Kelly grew up in our church and is a special education teacher and elementary educator at Nazareth. Her interests are music, singing, playing piano and education. Eric is in Highway Patrol as a NY State Trooper. Eric's special interests are hunting, fishing and sports cars. They are currently with her mother, Anne Hanretty (member) at 16 Sutherland Street, Pittsford (unlisted phone)

Newton and Pamela Green ~ It is such a pleasure to welcome Newton and Pamela who have a daughter, Katie, 13 and a son Hunter, 10. Newton is an engineer in environmental remanufacturing at RIT and especially likes hiking, camping and working with youth. Pamela is a Registered Nurse at the Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House and also very much enjoys hiking, camping, reading and kayaking. They live at 309 Thornell Road, Pittsford; 385-0587.

Carmenza Gutierrez ~ A warm welcome to Carmenza, married to Carlos and coming to us from Grand Blanc, Michigan. They have a son Sebastian, 23 and a daughter Laura, 20. Carmenza is a teacher at Nazareth Schools and husband Carlos is a mechanical engineer at Delphi Corporation. She loves reading, and computers and he enjoys fishing. They live at 13 Highview Trail, Pittsford 14534; 248-3545.

Audrey Holly ~ We are very glad to have Audrey, a life-long resident of Rochester, join us.

She is a retired teacher in the learning disabilities field and has three children and 13 grandchildren. Her interests include travel, reading, family and friends. She lives at 18 Shadow Pines Drive, Penfield, 14526; 381-8536

Ruth B. Keller ~ We are indeed happy to have Ruth as a new member, from Henrietta. She has a grown daughter, Lisa Anne Martin. Ruth retired from the Eastman Kodak Research Laboratories after working there as a secretary for 34 years. She now works part time at the University of Rochester's Physics and Astronomy Department as an assistant to an editor of a scientific journal. Ruth enjoys reading, traveling, gardening and spending time with her two grandsons, Ryan and Nathan. She lives at 10 Marberth Drive, Henrietta, 14467; 359-2779 (H), 275-6717 (Office, Mon., Wed., Fri., AM)

Jane and Mark Pedersen ~ It is a joy to have Jane and Mark join us, coming from the Penfield United Methodist Church. They have a lovely family of four children; Todd 14, Ross 12, Jena 10 and Adam 3. Jane has a small law practice at home, also somehow finding time to volunteer at the children's schools. In her free moments she enjoys reading, cooking and baking. Mark, a U.S. District Court lawyer, is in the US Naval Reserve and for a hobby, enjoys short wave radio. They reside at 21 Brunson Way, Penfield, 14526; 385-7416.

David & Pat Woods ~ A pleasure indeed, to welcome Dave and Pat into our fellowship. They have two grown daughters, one in Fairport and one in RI, who was married here at First Presbyterian. David is retired from Kodak and enjoys skiing, sailing and time spent with grandchildren. Pat was a secretary in the Pittsford Central School District and also shares her husband's love of skiing and sailing as well as cooking, bridge and babysitting two grandchildren. They live at 2 Burr Oaks Drive, Pittsford; 248-2706.

OPTIMISTS ~ will hold their annual picnic on Friday, June 4 at 6:15 PM at Quinzi Lodge, Eyer Park, East Rochester. We will have a traditional

picnic menu with hots and hamburgers cooked on site and salads, etc. supplied by Wegmans. Bring your own table services as usual.

Tickets at \$7.00 apiece will be available after the church services in the Fellowship Hall the remaining Sundays in May and also in the church office.

Our program will be given by Will Irwin (a member of our church) – some magic for us all.



Still Changing Lives After 50 Years!

In 1953, an old grape farm on the shores of scenic Seneca Lake was up for sale. A group of people, led by the Rev. Marcy Punnett, saw this as an

opportunity to realize the dream of a children's camp for the Presbytery of Geneva. On their initiative, the Presbytery purchased the property, and a dedicated group of volunteers set to work to get the site ready for the first camp season in 1954. Camp Whitman of Seneca Lake has come a long way since that first summer! Through the efforts of those mission-minded visionaries, Camp Whitman is *still* changing lives after 50 years! For the past almost 35 years, the Presbytery of Genesee Valley has joined in this exciting ministry for our youth. Today the camp program is guided by the dedicated efforts of a combined Camp Program Committee, comprised of members from the Presbyteries of Geneva and Genesee Valley. We invite all to share with us in this vision and to celebrate with us this ongoing ministry, as we look forward to where we will be in the next 50 plus years!

To help us mark the occasion, we ask you to share with us a bit about what Camp Whitman has meant to you and your family, and whether you would like to participate in the festivities by contributing, by sharing old photos or stories, by working on various events, or simply by spreading the word about Camp Whitman in your congregation and community. Drop us a note at the **Presbytery of Geneva, 89 Main Street, P.O. Box 278, Dresden, New York 14441**; call the office at **(315) 536-7753**, fax us at (315) 536-2128, or email **camp@campwhitman.org**.

HABITAT NEWS

HIP, HIP (as in Habitat Interfaith

Partnership), Hooray! Thanks to you it's working! Your support of our successful silent auction and pasta supper at St. Louis Catholic Church, on April

30, is greatly appreciated. Many from our congregation bought tickets in support of the dinner even though they could not attend. Cheers to you!

Our fundraising efforts then received another large boost. Some faithful from our coalition were on hand in Highland Park on May 14, 15, and 16, as the Lilac Festival began, to take raffle ticket donations for the playhouse constructed by the Industrial Arts Staff and Kindergarten class from Rochester's World of Inquiry School #58 which had been given to the coalition. A picture of the playhouse is on the church bulletin board.

Construction of our Habitat House, on Fulton Street in Rochester, will begin in August and you will be updated from time to time. In addition to First Presbyterian, Christ Episcopal Church, The Islamic Center of Rochester, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, St. Louis Catholic Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Temple B'rith Kodesh round out our coalition's Habitat Interfaith Partnership.

We look forward to this time when all of us, with God's help, can work together in partnership with a needy family to build a decent and affordable Habitat home.

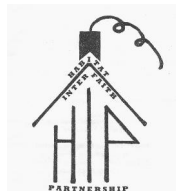


Check This Out

The Presbyterian News Service lists Presbyterian Church USA news for free on a website. It is FREE. With news and photos you can go to www.pcusa.org.pcnews or www.pcusa.org/lists.htm and follow the simple instructions to be a subscriber. For years, people paid \$30.00 annually to receive this service – which can still be done. The \$30.00 gives you *The News* in paper format (20 pages every other week). If you'd like to do that, enclose \$30.00 for *The News* and make a check payable to PNS, account #E-049984 and mail to Presbyterian News Service, 100 Witherspoon Street, Room 5418A, Louisville, KY 40202-1396. You will need to also give them your name, address, phone number and the name of your church, First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford. There is also a magazine available, *Presbyterians Today*.

Dear Friends,

Many of you already know, but some do not, and for you this letter may come as a surprise. This



September of 2004 I will officially resign from my position here at the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford.

When I first sat down in Reverend Bruce's office and informed him of my decision, we talked for a while and he said something I will never forget. "Dan, sometimes God calls you to something, but sometimes God calls you out of something". I wish I could tell you that God has called me to something. Debbie Krouskop, our Assistant Director of Youth Ministries has been called to something. She will be leaving us at the end of June to become the new Youth Director at Parkminster Presbyterian Church in Chili. For me, no such news. I have been called out of something. Something wonderful. I don't have another job lined up, the band hasn't made it big and requires me full time, and no, contrary to what some have surmised, it is not because I just got married. To put it simply, I believe that God has put it on my heart that my time here is up and I need to move on.

Gee, I hope I heard Him correctly. He didn't write it on my walls or appear in a beautiful purple light in the corner of my wall. No burning bush or thunderous voice. Just a quiet, still leading. For months I've wrestled with this leading. In the end, God wins and I need to be obedient. The times that I wrestled with this decision the most has been when I've reflected on my relationships with most of you. You are so loving and encouraging and I'm not sure if I will experience the type of fellowship that I have received here anywhere else.

On paper, it looks crazy for me to leave. The Church is filled with wonderful, generous people that have done nothing but encourage me. We have one of the strongest Youth Programs around. CE this year has been the most supportive that it has ever been and even worked to get me a paycheck while I toured with my band. Our Church staff is made up of some of the friendliest, most creative and hard working people that I have ever worked with. Reverend Bruce and Reverend Carrie are incredible leaders that are gifted, wise and faithful visionaries. Our youth help keep me young and constantly put a smile on my face. I could go on and on. (The way I see it, I still have several months to do this and plan on doing so.)

But isn't crazy how God often operates? I will be leaving the comfort and security of this wonderful place to go and meet a great unknown. Many questions creep up. Elizabeth will be going to China this fall to use her Physical Therapy skills in orphanages. I will be going on tour again. Neither of us will have paychecks for that duration and guess what? We just bought a house. How will we make it?

Another question that arises is; what does God have in store for me? Will I find work as meaningful and satisfying as that of my last six years?

But the question that haunts me the most is; did I make a difference? I can only hope.

Anyway, like I said before, I love all of you more than you could possibly know. I plan on telling you that as much as I can until I leave. So, until September, may this be our best few months ever!

In Christ,

Dan Kulp



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Hey! All of you Junior Highers (6th graders that means you too!). **Sunday, May 30** will be the last JYF of the year and Dan, Mike and Debbie's last ever! Don't miss out! Sixth graders come and see what JYF is all about! 6:15-7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Attention all Senior Highers and 8th graders! **Sunday, May 30** will be the last MTC of this year and Dan, Mike and Debbie's last ever. 8th graders you are invited! Come and see what MTC is all about. Don't miss out! It will be a blast! 7:45-9:00 PM in the Youth Forum Room.

Sunday, June 6 – JYF End of the Year Pool Party Bash! 2:00-5:00 PM. Location TBA.

Sunday, June 13 – Senior High End of the Year Pool Party Bash! Location TBA.





STEPHEN MINISTRIES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Over the next few weeks we will be telling you a little about the Stephen Ministry Program. There are Stephen Ministers at

First Presbyterian Church who are trained listeners. A phone call to Rev. Boak or Rev. Mitchell will put you in touch with one of these special helpers when you face the burdens of stress pressure, loneliness, recovery, grief, emptiness, and the pile-up of every day living. (585) 586-5688

This week we let the founder of Stephen Ministries, Dr. Kenneth C. Houck begin to tell you about how Stephen Ministries began.

It was 1975. Fresh out of seminary and graduate school in clinical psychology, I had high hopes for providing pastoral care to people in my congregation and community. That's where my gifts were. That's why I felt called to the pastoral ministry--to bring Christ's love to hurting people.

But reality quickly set in. There were so many needs and only one of me. And only so many available hours in a day. I had a church full of needs, but also a church full of people. So the solution was obvious: "equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12 NRSV). Stephen Ministry was born.



FRESH AIR FUND

Are you looking for a way to turn your faith into action? Share two weeks of your summer with a child, and reap the rich rewards of adventure and newfound friendship. As a host family with The Fresh Air Fund, you will help a child experience the freedom of playing outdoors and the simple pleasures of life in your community.

By hosting a Fresh Air Fund child, you are answering a call made back in 1877 when Reverend Willard Parsons asked the families of his congregation to give children living in New York City tenements a brief respite. This

tradition of caring continues today through the Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Town Program.

Every summer, thousands of children visit volunteer host families in rural and suburban communities. Fresh Air children on the first-time visits are six to twelve years old. Hosts may request the age and gender of their Fresh Air Fund visitor. Many families enjoy their young guest so much that they invite their Fresh Air child to return, year after year. There are no financial requirements for hosting a child, just a warm heart and home.

The gifts of hosting are mutual. "My host family taught me to be patient, accept other people, and try new things, even when I was afraid of them", said one Fresh Air Child. "Our Fresh Air child makes our family appreciate running barefoot through the grass and looking at the stars, things we take for granted", a Fresh Air host explained.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer host family, please call Dan and Ann Turner at 388-7646, or The Fresh Air Fund at 1-800-367-0003. You can also visit with Web site at www.freshair.org.



PITTSFORD COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL

Spring has finally arrived at the preschool. We have been busy planning for May with spring themes such as, learning about frogs, butterflies, and seed and planting. Each classroom has it's own caterpillars that have evolved into their chrysalis stage. The children are anxiously awaiting the transformation into butterflies.

We hope all our moms enjoyed their day and the beautiful gifts that were made from the heart for them from their children. We won't forget dads either; an early happy Father's Day wish will come your way soon.

Important dates: May 17 the fours will be presented with a puppet show, which involves discussing handicaps. Pittsford School district will be sending someone over to talk with the fours about Bus safety on the 21st. This will be followed up with a bus ride on the 26th. The last day of school for the 3's is June 1 and the last day of school for the 4's is June 2. We wish our 4's who are leaving us much luck in the future, and to all our children, have a safe and sunny summer!

Let's Honor Dads
"Berry" Special People



The Deacons are sponsoring a Social in honor of fathers and graduates on Sunday, June 20. Scrumptious strawberries and ice cream will be served at 9:30 and again at 11:00. Don't miss this delicious opportunity for fellowship!!

WEB CLUB NEWS

Wednesday Evening Book Club

Join us at 7:30 PM

June 16 - "Pompeii" by Robert Harris. In this fine historical novel by British novelist Harris (Archangel; Enigma; Fatherland), an upstanding Roman engineer rushes to repair an aqueduct in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius, which, in A.D. 79, is getting ready to blow its top.

Home of Dianne Brown, 40 Copper Woods.

Stewardship Corner

from Lucien Rouse

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings." 1 Peter 4:10

Stewardship is the giving of our TIME, TALENTS and treasure. As the Easter season and church school year draw to a close, please prayerfully consider the gifts God has given you and ask how you can give of your time and talents. There are multiple opportunities to help, some large, some small, but all needed. We particularly need church schoolteachers. Plans for next Fall's teaching teams are being made now. Help is also needed for summer-combined classes. Won't you consider helping our children learn of God's love, salvation and purpose in our lives? I promise you will be blessed with a greater faith and joy in God's plan for you.

"My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action." 1 John 3:18.

Christ's blessings

Christian Education News

May and June are “wrap up” months. But they are also months of planning and preparation for the upcoming program year. In May, the Christian Education Committee will be preparing for the end of the church school year, and teacher recognition.

This year, May is the month for Confirmation, Logos Training, Parent Cooperative Nursery School Spring Carnival, the Cabaret Dinner Theatre to support summer youth mission trips, and the last Adult Wednesday Bible Study. May is also the month when we prepare for Senior High and Teacher Recognition and the Summer Church School curriculum.

June is Sr. High end of year party, graduating senior and education recognitions for teachers of PCNS, Nursery and Pre-K through Senior High. June is the month of the last church school classes and the beginning of our Summer Church School program. You will see, if you look closely at the human shaped blurs that fly past you, that they are not apparitions, but C. E. Committee members striving to get it all done!

PCNS has a few openings left for the 2004-05 school year. Their annual goal is 48 three yr. olds and 48 four yr. olds. This year we have had 8 First

Presbyterian families enrolled in PCNS and a wonderful ministry to young families in the extended community. If you would like to know more about enrolling a child in PCNS, please look for brochures in the Narthex. Please also visit and enjoy the Spring Carnival on May 22. Sadly PCNS will be saying “good bye” to teacher of 3’s, Christina Ecklund who has accepted a position in Sodus.

Youth Ministry Summer Plans are moving ahead nicely. The Group Work Camp trip will be in July and Kingdom Bound (five days at Darien Lake Amusement Park) is in August. The Cabaret Dinner Theatre “Mission Possible” is May 23. For information about any of these activities, contact Dan Kulp or Debbie Krouskup.

SPECIAL NOTE: As Christians, we often recognize that special people come into our lives for a short time, make a significant difference in those whom they touch and then move on. The people who have come to know and love them are never the same again. Sadly, at our May meeting both Debbie and Dan announced that the Lord is moving them on to other ministries. Dan and Debbie, we will miss you and wish you well.

Adult Education is a task force in transition. This area of Christian Education that touches the very heart of our congregation has had two spring brainstorming meetings. Great ideas are in the wind and they will be holding an organizational meeting on June 13 following the 10:00am worship service, in the Library. Adult Ed. reports a very successful Wednesday program this year and five Covenant Groups, which are continuing. Please join us. **LOGOS is alive and well and living in Pittsford!**

Five enthusiastic participants in the recent three-day LOGOS training, held in Canandaigua at the United Church, have returned feeling refreshed, rejuvenated and ready to share all that they learned. We were proud to see that our excellent mid-week program, offered for the children and youth of our congregation for over 13 years, is truly a model for other churches to follow and, we brought back new ideas and resources to help our program continue to grow and minister to the First Pres. family.

LISTEN! That is YOUR name on the wind.

“Samuel, I have something I need you to do.”

“No, not me Lord. Me? Not me.”

“Go and tell him what I said!” And Samuel did.

“Moses, I want you to speak to Pharaoh and tell him to free my people. I will be with you and I will provide you with all you need to get the job done.”

“Lord God! I am not a great speaker, I couldn’t influence one so great as Pharaoh.”

“Go and save MY people!” And Moses did.

“Mary, favored one...be not afraid. You are to become the mother of God!”

“How can that be?”

“You will conceive and bear a child. You will call his name Emanuel”.

“Lord, I am your servant. Let it be with me according to your word.” And Mary bore Jesus Christ.

Each one listened. Each one hesitated but each one obeyed the call and blessed the people of God.

Now it’s your turn. Now God needs YOU. Please say yes and receive the blessings God has in mind for you. Called to education ministries? YES! YOU!