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One More Right Of Passage

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"A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all"
-Psalm 34:19

Last week I went through another one of life's rights of passage. Gigi the name Saunda gave to our new Garmin GPS, routed me through Syracuse to the Federal Building. After parking the car, I went to pay the attendant. He motioned for me to insert my card into a machine and I could leave the ticket on the dash.

After complying with his instructions I entered the court house and found I had to negotiate my way through Homeland Security. The armed guard looked somewhat skeptically at the medical card, which said I couldn't go through their scanners because it would mess up my ICD. Escorting me around the scanner, he

had my cover my ICD with my hand while he scanned the rest of my body with a smaller hand held scanner.

After careful inspection of my possessions, he pronounced me OK and sent me to the fourth floor where I would find the Social Security Administration.

Arriving at their lobby I was greeted by yet another guard, a mass of people milling around and a computer touch screen. When I got close enough to read what was on the screen, I touched a button stating that I had an appointment, entered my SSI number

with an invitation to sit down until I was called. Fifteen minutes later, I was called and went in to apply for Medicare. On yet another computer, the agent pulled up my whole life. When we finished the process, I told Gigi to take me home. She only had to

'recalculate' twice. I got my letter eligibility this morning. Technology and people have certainly changed in 50 years that have passed since this young 15 year old got his Social Security Card. Multiple generations have been born into our society and things are just not the same. I still marvel at the new technology becoming available, while newer generations

take it for granted and are astonished at how ignorant I am about it all.

Unknown to me, while I was pondering the generation gaps, Saunda was doing some studying about these new generations and just how we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a generation who can relate and communicate in ways we can't name, much less understand. Anyone 'tubed' or 'twittered' lately?

-Reverend Dr. Steven R. Thomas



VBS Starts in August

Vacation Bible school is scheduled for Aug 17-21 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. James Church on Hurd Street in Cazenovia. The curriculum is from Standard and Publishing and is titled "Studio GO! Game Show!" At "Studio GO! Game Show!"

Vacation Bible school kids will participate in the excitement of a real game show, experience God's Word in the Primetime Bible Challenge, meet real-life servants at the Service Showcase, plus explore and create through crafts, snacks and games. They will see how God works in the lives of everyone who trusts Him. Though it all the kids will discover that with Jesus everyone wins and they will take home the promise that god is with them wherever they go.

If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible school, let Darlene know or contact the coordinator Amy Hathaway at 662-3158. As we get more information about this event we will let you know.

CE Committee

The Christian Education Program is lead by a committee of volunteers. The committee is lead by co-chairs Fritz Koennecke and Jeff Deveau. If you are interested in joining the committee, coordinating our Sunday School program as a staff member, or have ideas for our Sunday School Program please contact Jeff or Fritz.

We always welcome new ideas and volunteers. Volunteers include someone who wants to lead or co-lead one of our classes. You can share and idea help with a class periodically or help with a group Sunday.

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WANTED! 2010 Graduate Profiles

The deadline for submitting a profile for High School Graduates is May 1. It is important that you submit the profile no later than May 5. College Graduates will also be listed in the newsletter. The list will include their graduating degree and future plans. Please submit the information to the church office.

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From your Director of Music.....

Wow, does this church know how to celebrate Lent, Holy Week and Easter! I should just sent each and every member of the church a bouquet of roses! From The introit on Palm Sunday with our Jubilate and Senior Choirs lining the aisles of the Sanctuary, to the haunting music of Mary Coburn's violin and the Senior Choir, to the Joyous opening of the Easter Service with all of our choirs and the trumpeters. We followed Christ's last days, his crucifixion and his

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glorious resurrection. Special bouquets go to your dedicated Senior Choir who provided special music for the season. Roses go to Mary Coburn for the marvelous music that she provided

for the Tenebrae Service. Roses go to our Sounds of Chimes Choir who played a beautiful rendition of "O Sacred Head No Wounded" on Palm Sunday. This group just continues to grow in Worship on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

I need to take a moment to thank the choir for the lovely orchid that they gave me. This job could not have been accomplished with out the support that I receive from all of you! Many thanks!

Now spring has truly come the Central New York and we are even experiencing sunshine. Our music program is moving ahead with plans for music to celebrate each and every Sunday as well as Pentecost, Mothers Day, and Graduation. This all means that our choirs continue to rehearse and that we are always open to new members. Please feel free to join up with any one of our groups at any time!

-Mary Fleet



Pentecost Offering

The youngest member of the PC(USA) Special Offerings family, the Pentecost offering, was first received by congregations in 1998. It provides a way to directly meet the needs of children at risk, youth and young adults.. The benefits can be seen all around us. Congregations are trying new ways to minister with the children at risk in their communities. 40 percent of the offering is kept by the church's Outreach Program for use on behalf of children at risk. The remainder for the offering is used by the General Assembly's child advocacy ministries, and young adult programs. General Assembly programs are advocating for children and providing leadership development opportunities for you youth and young adults. Please consider giving to this worth while cause. First Presbyterian's offering will be dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. Envelopes are enclosed for you convenience and will be available at worship services throughout May. Please make all checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Cazenovia and clearly mark you contribution for Pentecost Offering. The offering will be forwarded to the Presbytery following dedication on Pentecost Sunday.



Trustee Corner

THANKS TO:

Bob McAllister and Jack Koerner for their guidance and advice

David Brown and Jim Tobey for various small repairs.

All who helped while Tom Leone was ill.

PROJECTS UNDERWAY:

Sewer Repair	Estimated Cost	\$5,000
Painting West side Of Meeting House	Estimated Cost	\$12,200
Meeting House Chimney		\$5,400
Stained Glass windows		\$8,400
Sanctuary Couch		\$1,399

The Trustees thank you for your continued support.



New Members Welcomed On Palm Sunday

The congregation welcomed three new faces to ranks of membership of The First Presbyterian Church of Cazenovia. Frank and Kathleen Campagna of Manlius, and Amanda Furco of Cazenovia, were received during the worship service. Following the service, a reception brunch was held in their honor in the Meeting House.

The 2010 confirmands will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 31.

Many thanks to...

...Bill Daggett and Phil Wicks for helping with the April Newsletter.

...Ned Gruppe for collating all the bulletins Throughout the month and for Easter season services.

...To all the folks who helped with yard work and cleaning while Tom was ill.

...All the choirs who provided special music for the season.

...All the contributors to the Easter flowers. It was a beautiful dedication by all to the memory of loved ones and in honor of loved was and The Resurrection.

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Upcoming Events

- May 3: 12 p.m.- Alice Edwards Circle (Meeting House)
- May 10: 11:15 a.m.- Board of Deacons (Library)
- May 13th: 7:00 p.m.-Board of Trustees (Meeting House)
- May 17: 11:00 a.m.-Christian Education (Windell House)
- May 18: 6:30 p.m.- Evangelism & Fellowship (Library)
- May 19 7:30 a.m.- Men's Breakfast (Meeting House)
- May 20 7 p.m. -Session (Meeting House)
- May 22 6 p.m.- Women's Association (Meeting House)