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United Church of Christ - Founded 1811

# The Congregation

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**Spirituality:** The center of our daily life is to continuously improve our relationship with Christ and all God's Creation.

**Compassion:** Actions that welcome and accept all people and help them experience the good feeling of God's unconditional love.



**Integrity:** With honesty and respect we support everyone's freedom to develop their Relationship with God.

**Belonging:** In sharing and celebrating life, we support our commitment to all others to nurture a family relationship of belonging.



*Open Door Kitchen, Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.*

*Confirmation Class, 2/2, 2/9, 2/23, at 6:00 p.m.*

*March Newsletter Deadline, Mon., 2/22/10*

*Men's Fellowship Monday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

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Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. - **Worship Every Sunday at 9:55 a.m.**

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <i>Cub Scouts 6:00 p.m.</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.</i>	<b>3</b> <i>WIC 8:30-4:30 Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Care Team 9:00 a.m.  Lifeline Screening in Social Hall 8:00-5:30</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <i>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:55 a.m. Communion Families in Need Collection Youth Group 5:00 p.m.</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Cub Scouts 6:00 p.m.  Deacons 6:00 p.m.</i>	<b>9</b> <i>UCC Chimers 4:50 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. Property Board 7:00 p.m.</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.</i>	<b>11</b> <i>ABC Support Group 10:00 a.m. Grief and Loss Support Group 10:00 a.m.</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Open Door Kitchen 5:30 p.m.</i>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <i>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:55 a.m.  HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!</i>	<b>15</b> <i>President's Day  (The Secretary will be on vacation during the week of Feb. 15th)</i>	<b>16</b> <i>UCC Chimers 4:50 p.m.</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <i>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:55 a.m.</i>	<b>22</b> <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  Cub Scouts 6:00 p.m.  Men's Fellowship 7:00 p.m.</i>	<b>23</b> <i>UCC Chimers 4:50 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Scout Troop 55 Blue and Gold Dinner</i>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <i>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:55 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening Food Pantry Collection</i>						

## **MINISTER'S MUSINGS**

In the past week I have found myself moved by the earthquake event that has happened in Haiti. This is a country that was already known throughout the world as the poorest of the third world countries and now they find themselves dealing with a natural disaster that has crippled not only the capital city, but the whole country. People trapped within buildings, rescue teams working around the clock to free people, food and water shipped to people fighting to stay alive, health care being provided on the streets or in tents because the hospitals have been destroyed – these are but a few of the events of this earthquake that have moved many of us to the point of tears.

We have also been moved by the many miraculous acts that have been occurring and continue to occur in Haiti – communities working together to ration water, food, and shelter; people using their bare hands to dig others out of collapsed buildings before rescue workers arrived to help; adults and children buried alive for five and six days and coming out alive; and countries from all over the world providing financial aid and trained personnel to help Haiti in their hour of need.

As I take in all the events since the earthquake in Haiti I have found myself reflecting on Psalm 20:1-3:

*“The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!  
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!  
May God send you help from the sanctuary,  
and give you support from Zion.  
May God remember all your offerings,  
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices!*

The spirit of God is at work helping the people of Haiti, God's spirit is at work through the many people providing rescue and relief in Haiti's time of trouble. In the midst of this dark time in the history of Haiti the light of Christ is present, providing hope and inspiration to a country that appears to be in ruin and collapse. Support from the angels in heaven is there to protect, lift up the spirits of the people, and

strengthen those who are weak in spirit. Through the power of prayer we have provided support from our sanctuary as miracles and healings occur in Haiti.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Greene Area Churches “Prayer Service for Haiti” on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> and those who prayed and donated funds for the Red Cross Relief effort in Haiti, One Great Hour of Sharing-Haiti Earthquake Relief, and Church World Service. God is working through us all as we participate in this service and contribute funds that will aid in the efforts to bring hope to this island nation. As the Psalmist wrote, “God will remember all your offerings and God will regard with favor your sacrifices!”

Blessings and Peace,  
*Pastor Curtis*



## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

*The Executive Council will meet on  
2/22/10, 5/24/10, 8/30/10, 11/29/10  
(Budget Informational Meeting) and  
12/6/10 at 7:00 p.m.*

*The Executive Council is seeking  
individuals to help plan our church's  
200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you are interested,  
please let Art DeJager know at 656-  
7818.*

**MARCH NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE:  
Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Gladys McFee  
Stephen Bentley
- 4 Kenna (Root) Payne  
Eric Garringer
- 5 Pam Garringer
- 6 Katha Root
- 8 Art DeJager
- 11 Tom Antonovich
- 17 Rod Kimball
- 20 Sharon Brown
- 23 Joan Smith  
Vera Wilson
- 25 Joe Cooper  
Broc Sherwood
- 26 Kevin Antonovich
- 27 Allana Kear  
TJ Wiggins, Jr.

## FOOD PANTRY

A collection is held the last Sunday of every month for the Food Pantry. Boxes are provided in the Narthex and the Social Hall. Please help support those less fortunate. Boxes are always available if you forget to bring in your items on the last Sunday.



## CLOTHING BANK

If you have clothes you no longer need or no longer fit, there is a Clothing Bank in the village. It is located above the village office. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to Noon every Tuesday and Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday. Items are free and they will accept gently used clothing, shoes, boots, coats, etc.



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jim and Ellen Sherwood
- 14 Norman and Diane Bauer

*(Any additions or changes, please contact the church office at 656-4923)*



## FAMILIES IN NEED

On the first Sunday of every month the Mission Committee collects 5 items for families in need; Toothpaste 5 oz., Bath Soap 4.5 oz., Shampoo 15 oz., Dish Soap 12.6 oz., and individually wrapped bathroom tissue. Boxes are provided in the Social Hall and Narthex. **Thanks for your help in supporting this project**

## COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS

Executive Council - Art DeJager, 656-7818  
Board of Property - George Marr, 656-9452  
Deacons - Mary Gell, Co chair, 656-5185  
- Donna Possemato, Co chair, 656-7964  
Board of Education - Laurel Acunto, 656-9094  
Music Ministry - Amy Root, 656-8990  
Mission Comm. - Carol DeJager, 656-7818  
Women's Fellowship - Sharon Fowler, 656-9647  
Head Usher - Russ Haberl, 656-9092  
Altar Flowers - Margaret Bryant, 656-8201  
Prayer Chain - Sharon Fowler, 656-9647  
Care Team - Peg French, 204-0079  
Parish Nurse - Sharon Fowler, 656-9647

## Men's Fellowship Meeting

The next Men's Fellowship meeting will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Come out and join us as we talk about the issues of our day, and have a bible study. Come alone or bring a friend, but plan on being a part of this group as we seek to inspire and encourage one another in our daily lives.

## GREENE OPEN DOOR SOUP KITCHEN

The Open Door Kitchen will be open the following Fridays at 5:30 p.m.: 2/12 (Valentine's Dinner), 3/12 (St. Patrick's Dinner), 4/9, 5/14. Volunteers are always needed to cook during the day (9:00 a.m.) and to serve/clean up (5:00-7:00 p.m.). We are also in need of financial support and your continued prayers. Please call Katha Root at 656-9654 with any questions. Please remember if Greene Schools are closed due to bad weather then the Open Door Kitchen will be closed as well.

***PLEASE GIVE ANY SUGGESTIONS  
FOR OUR 200<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
CELEBRATION IN MAY 2011  
TO CAROL DEJAGER.  
WE ARE MAKING PLANS NOW.  
THANK YOU.***

UCC of Greene	
Budget	
As of 12/31/09	
Income	\$144816.45
Expenses	<u>\$157691.65</u>
Net	(\$12875.20)

## UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY

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[KathaRoot@frontiernet.net](mailto:KathaRoot@frontiernet.net)

## UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH

The wreaths, bows and garlands are all packed away in their respective containers until Christmas 2010 thanks to a wonderful team of: Donna Moorhead, Karen Scott, Curtis Whitman, Margaret Bryant, Sharon Gagnon, George and Kathy Estey, Tim and Mary Gell, George and Peg Marr, Ellie Rugg, Jim Gagnon and Confirmands, Ana Acunto, Mike Gell and Erica Bentley. We thank the Marrs who donated a lovely Victorian lace tree skirt to embellish our tree in the years to come. Fellowship, coffee and donuts were enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to the above for a cooperative job well done! See you in December!

*THESE DAYS are available in the Narthex and Social Hall. Pick up your copy next time you are at church.*

## COFFEE HOUR

This is a schedule for the next two months. If you can't participate on a Sunday for which you are scheduled, please call a friend and ask them to switch with you.

If you're not on the list, and would like to help with coffee hour, please call Paula at 656-9258. Coffee hour is just a nice time to socialize with each other. If you have coffee and punch, that's good enough. Please don't feel the need to spend a lot of money or time baking for Sunday. If you want to bring a package of cookies from the dollar store or a bag of pretzels, that's fine. There are no rules and we need to make it cost effective for everyone. Just enjoy.

Feb.7 Tim and Mary Gell/Steve and Cherie Bentley

Feb.14 Kent and Jessie Garringer/Kay Doak

Feb.21 Candy Harrington / Paula Basa

Feb.28 Dan and Laurel Acunto/ Lauren and Lanette Breck

March 7 Jim and Cindy Gagnon/Phil and Sharon Gagnon

March 14 Alta Martin/ Dave and Marlene Sherwood

March 21 Bob and Nancy Root/Amy Root/Katha Root

March 28 John and Ellie Rugg/Ron and Jean Compeau

Thank you all very much for all you do.

Paula Basa



## Grief and Loss Support Group Offered in Greene

Brenda Birdsall, bereavement coordinator from Hospice of Chenango County is facilitating a monthly support group to those in the community who are coping with the loss of a loved one. This group is open to all community individuals (no prior connection to Hospice is required.) This support group will be held the second Thursday morning of each month from 10-11:30 a.m.; it will meet in the First Congregational Church's library and the next meeting will be on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Brenda Birdsall at 334-3556 with any questions.

## UCC CHIMERS

A call to all the UCC Chimers to commence 2010 rehearsals on Tuesday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:50 in the Bell Room. Some nice numbers are in the works, so come and bring them to life! We always need new members, so come and join us if you would like to give chimes and bells a try.



## LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2010

It is a little early but the flower ladies would like you to know that we will be taking Easter lily orders again For Easter Sunday on April 4. We do not have exact information regarding sizes or dollar amount. This information will be available shortly. As soon as we have more information it will be published in the weekly bulletin as well as in the March newsletter.



## PROPERTY BOARD

Welcome aboard, John Ludolph!

The Board of Property had a short meeting reviewing the completed projects, the uncompleted projects and projects that will still fall to the outgoing chairman. Several unfinished projects will remain with me to finish: the south door handicapped operator; the lift, and the dishwasher repair.

I repaired the north door so it is logical for me to keep the project of troubleshooting the printed circuit of the south door operator.

The occasional sticking of interlocks keeps the lift from working. A service call for 15 minutes of work costs \$300.00. I believe we can achieve some financial independence by locating and documenting the interlock mechanical settings.

The dishwasher was obsolete when we bought it twenty years ago and it is still going strong except for a heating unit that is no longer made. Substitution of a heating unit along with the rinse aid portion will require some research and I will be tackling that research in the months ahead to try to get the dishwasher back to full working capacity.

The Board thanks the Congregation for help and patience throughout the year in maintaining the building.

*As always, please remember:*

- *Lights must be turned off when leaving restrooms that do not have occupancy sensors.*
- *Lights must be turned off after meetings, practices, and functions held in the church.*
- *The doors locked.*

George Marr



Sympathy is extended to the family of Walt Kraus who died on January 7, 2010. Walt joined the church in 1956.

### Just a reminder...

Since the monthly newsletter is no longer mailed, please remember that if you change your address to call the church office at 656-4923. We need to keep our records up to date for other mailings and the church directory.

THANKS!

(Please also call the church if you change your e-mail address.)



## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

**On Super Bowl Sunday (2/7/10), the Youth Group will be collecting canned foods and monetary donations for the local community food pantry and soup kitchen. Please bring a canned food item or soup and \$1 to donate to this mission project sponsored by our Youth Group.**



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The church youth group enjoyed an afternoon of sledding and games at the Bentley's home on Sunday, January 17, 2010. The youth group will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring program on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a church youth group, "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide food to the hungry and compassion to those in need. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every monetary donation goes to the Open Door Soup Kitchen and all canned food donations will be given to the Greene Area churches Food Pantry, our local charities of choice for 2010.

The Sunday school children are back into session after a two week vacation over Christmas. We will begin collecting items for our Easter Baskets for shut-ins during February and March. Some items that you could donate for our baskets include: crossword puzzles, Sudoku puzzles, word finds, stationery, pens, large print books, Guideposts magazines, devotional books, candy, tea towels, mugs, tea bags, home baked treats, picture frames, Easter knick knacks, potted plants, etc. Use your imagination --- the possibilities are endless. We are also in need of cellophane bags that the baskets can be put into. Please leave any donations with any child, Cherie Bentley, Laurel Acunto, Cathy Goodstal, or leave downstairs in the office during Sunday mornings.

The Board of Christian Education is also beginning to consider Vacation Bible School curriculum, dates and staffing. If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School please see Laurel Acunto or Cherie Bentley. We are in need of many volunteers to make this a successful program during the summer.

Please pray for all of our teachers and leaders of the youth and Sunday School.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This **is** a time of sharing. We have been hearing about the terrible earthquake in Haiti and ways the world is responding with help. One of the first ones to respond was the United Church of Christ with funds from our One Great Hour of Sharing donations. In John 21:15-17 Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" If you are familiar with this scripture, you may know that after Peter confesses to loving Jesus, Jesus tells him, "Feed my sheep." We too are called to care for all who are in need, just as God cares for each of us.

On March 14th, we will receive our annual special offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing program. More than ever, we need to support this offering so funds will be available for future disasters and ongoing programs like our missionaries in countries around the world. Yes, you have already been asked to give to a special offering for Haiti. That money will go directly to aid the victims of the earthquake. Our offering on March 24th will replenish some of those funds and will be used to help others around the world.

So when you are thinking about what you will give in your envelope, please remember what Jesus told us to do – "Feed my sheep". Please give generously and may God bless each of you as you choose to help others once again.

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI**

The United Church of Christ has launched an emergency appeal for Haiti after a major earthquake struck the country. Thousands of people are feared dead and countless have been left homeless. The quake, measuring 7.0 on the Richter Scale, struck 10 miles southwest of the capital just before 5pm local time January 12th. It is still too early to know the full extent of the damage, but *One Great Hour of Sharing* is expecting very high loss of life, widespread destruction of homes, schools and other buildings, and major damage to key water, electricity and road systems. Global Ministries personnel, Kim, Patrick and Solomon Bentrout (missionaries) have reported in that they are safe.

*One Great Hour of Sharing* funds are being rushed to our Haitian partners to support their initial emergency response. As damage assessments are made and plans for relief, recovery and rehabilitation are developed, additional support will be shared. The need is massive.

### **How You Can Help:**

1. Pray for the people of Haiti their leaders and emergency and humanitarian aid workers.
2. Please help the people of Haiti by sending gifts payable to 1st Congregational UCC marked for "OGHS – Haiti Earthquake Relief". We will send our donations through our Conference office which will be sent on to Wider Church Ministries.

**OR** Send gifts, made out to Wider Church Ministries and marked in the memo portion "OGHS – Haiti Earthquake Relief" to Wider Church Ministries; 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

**OR** Make a secure online donation to the OGHS International Disaster Relief fund go online to <http://www.ucc.org/disaster/major-earthquake-strikes.html>

**OR** *Church World Service* will also take your donations. Their address is *Church World Service, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515* and note that it is for the earthquake in Haiti. You may also donate online at

<http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer>

*Thank you for your compassion and support.*

## **HISTORICALLY SPEAKING AND SEEKING**

After Christmas I found a delightful surprise in the librarian's mailbox: a manila envelope full of church history. My surprise treasures included the first issue of *Toward a New Beginning*, dated June 29, 1985, the special newsletter that dealt with rebuilding the church after the fire in May 1985, and a special edition of *The Congregation*, volume XI, Number 11, that contained two pages of fire pictures in addition to regular church news. Also included were a *Chenango American* article (June 5, 1985) titled "Fire, Explosion, Destroys Greene Congregational Church" and an Annual Report dated January 1986. Donna Moorhead was the historian in 1985 and she had the daunting task of dealing with the church fire in the report as well as all of the regular church activities.

One ironic statement from Donna's report from the June newsletter was that a fire drill was scheduled "by the request of the fire department for June 23, but was canceled because of THE BURNING OF OUR CHURCH ON MAY 31<sup>st</sup>."

Six programs were also included in my surprise packet. In chronological order they included:

- Anniversary Booklet compiling church history from 1811-1961
- Program for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary pageant titled "Through the Years, 1811-1961" dated Saturday, September 2, 1961
- Program for the anniversary service, celebrated at 11 a.m. September 3, 1961
- Anniversary Booklet compiling church history from 1811-1986

Sunday bulletin dated May 18, 1986,  
Anniversary and Recognition Sunday

Sunday bulletin dated June 1, 1986,  
Groundbreaking service for the new building  
and burial of Time Capsule

These booklets and the information provided in Mildred Folsom's books on the history of Greene (*From Raft to Railroad* and *Echoes of the Past*) may be the only records remaining regarding the *early* history of the church. From what I can gather to date, our oldest records were in a museum in the second story of the old church, and were destroyed in the fire in 1985. Exactly what these records comprised is unknown. When Harriett House, Donna Moorhead, and I wrote the pageant for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1986, we drew upon the information compiled in the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet and the previously mentioned books. *From Raft to Railroad* contains "Excerpts from the Congregational Church Records" on page 73. Those records mentioned by Mrs. Folsom were probably destroyed in the fire.

I am now on a mission to try to find out what was buried in the Time Capsule on June 1, 1986. The bulletin indicates a list, but the list was not enumerated in the bulletin, and if an insert was included with the bulletin for that day it is missing from my sample. I can't recall a thing about that service, and I was there. George took part in the service as the representative for the Executive Building Committee, and he doesn't remember either!

I invite input from any members of the congregation who were there that day. The program implies an actual ground breaking at the building site; however, we were housed at Central Baptist Church in June 1986. Our Area Minister, the Reverend Dr. Judith Hjorth, delivered the message for this service, as well as the following individuals: our minister, Emile Jacquet, Bob Clark, Chairman of the Board of Deacons; Ellie Rugg, Organist; Chris Corallo, Choir Director; Joseph Cooper, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Marlene Sherwood, Board of Christian Education; Peg Mainusch, Moderator; George Marr, Building Committee Chairman;

Julie Winston, Youth Group Representative; Ellen Adams, Women's Fellowship Representative; Clare Price, Sunday School Superintendent; Arlene Price, Pairs and Spares (Couples Club); Ushers were Bruce and Louisa Ketcham and Sara and Arby Swift. Marisa Jacquet was acolyte and Lori Meister was in charge of child care.

Many thanks to the kind individual who supplied these mementos that were the subject of this month's article. Please identify yourself so I can thank you in person!

Peg Marr  
Librarian/Historian

Our History

## SUMMER PARTY

Spring will soon be here! Well, it's about 3 months away. If you're getting tired of the cold and snow, then help us chase the cold weather away and usher in warmer weather. Join us for an "I Can't Wait for Summer" party on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverage will be provided. There will be fun and games for children of all ages and lots of fun for adults as well. Please sign up on the poster in the social hall with how many will be attending. Hope to see you there!



## Greene Area Churches Food Pantry Report

REPORT for 2009	2008	2009
<b>Food Pantry</b>		
Families	627	525
Children	834	728
Adults (18-64)	1237	952
Seniors (65+)	163	156
Total	2230	1837
Meals Served	20,070	16,533

### Feinstein

Total Donations (\$'s)		\$2,525.31
Total Donations (#'s)		1,670.00

### Food Pantry

Local Contributions (\$'s)	\$6,199.27	\$9,901.79
Local Contributions (#'s)	14,464	6,635.00
FBCNYS #'s from orders shipped		13,840
USDA Foods (10 orders lower prices)		\$2,398.00
Model Program (3 shipments - these are free)		\$1,550.29
Supplemental Prog (3 shipments-these are free)		\$2,976.93
Grant Alloc	\$1,500.00	\$1,600.00

I kept better records this year - NYS Food Bank gave me figures for 2008, but there figures are from July 1 to June 30. For our purposes I have kept from Jan 1 - Dec 31. Those are reflected above.

I have all these above records in detail should anyone care to look them over.

Ending Balance 2008	\$1,906.16	
Ending Balance 2009		\$4,433.58

Connie Tallett  
 Coordinator  
 Greene Area Churches Food Pantry