

BACON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Niagara Falls, New York

Rev. Dr. Robert W. Peck, Pastor

Carol Ennis, Music Director

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www.baconmemorial.org

January 20, 2008 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 a.m.

A cordial welcome to all who have come to worship. Let us express our love to God and our deep appreciation for God's bountiful goodness. With prayer and song, with Scripture and devout responses, with minds ready to receive the Word of God and with our spirits dedicated to God's will, let us eagerly approach the throne of grace.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Andante Religioso" Herbert Morris

(Please use this time for quiet meditation)

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Ritual of Friendship (Please sign the attendance pad in the pew.)

SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GREETING

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the beginning the Spirit hovered over the face of the waters.

R: ESCAPING EGYPT, GOD LET THE HEBREW PEOPLE THROUGH THE SEA.

L: Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River.

**R: THE VOICE OF GOD IS OVER THE WATERS;
THE GOD OF GLORY THUNDERS OVER MIGHTY
WATERS.**

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers
(* Those able are invited to stand

***HYMN**

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“ God of Grace, God of Glory”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious God, we confess that we are uncertain. So that many things that seemed sure and good have led us astray and exhausted us. So much of what we have tried to do has disappointed those we love, failed to help our neighbors in need, and emptied us of conviction and hope. We do not know what we are looking for. Deliver us, O God, from all that is desolate and vain. Set our feet upon solid rock. Open our ears to hear you. Fill our hearts with trust and our mouths with praise for the saving help and steadfast love you show to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

C: AMEN

***GLORIA PATRI (PAGE 579 IN HYMNAL)**

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

THE WORD

ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”

Frank Pooler

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

C: AMEN

HOLY SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 49:1-7

(Pew Bible OT Page 679)

**1CORINTHIANS 1:1 - 9
166)**

(Pew Bible NT Page 165 &

L: This the Word of the Lord

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

JOHN 1:29-42

(Pew Bible NT Page 92)

L: This the Gospel of the Lord

C: PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST!

SERMON

“GOD BELIEVES IN YOU”

***HYMN**

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“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**The Apostles Creed, Ecumenical
Translation, Hymnal page 14**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Chorla Song”

David Paxton

***DOXOLOGY (PAGE 592 IN HYMNAL)**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

THE SENDING

*** HYMN**

538

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

**OUR SUNDAY BULLETINS ARE PROVIDED BY
THE LANE FAMILY
(Tune To “Edelweiss”)**

**May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever;
Grant us peace, perfect peace, faith in every endeavor;
Lift your eyes and see His face and His grace forever;
May the Lord, Gracious Lord, bless and keep you forever.**

POSTLUDE “Scherzino” Colin Curtis

LAY READER: William Quinn

**USHERS: Jon Bowen, Kevin Chambers, Harold Cooper and
Dennis Lewis**

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Lenny Beck

**THE ROSEBUD ON THE CHANCEL is dedicated to the birth of
Dwight Spencer III, born on January 12, 2008, son of Dawn and
Dwight Spencer.**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
*AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN!***

**Presbyterian women have begun the 2007 - 2008 bible study. This
year’s study is entitled “above and beyond.” we meet the second
Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Soley lounge, right here
at bacon church. Please join us for fellowship, bible study and prayer.
All women are welcome!**

**The Presbyterian Women will have a Sarah Circle meeting at Bacon
in the Soley Lounge on January 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
There will also be a Coordinating Team meeting starting at 10:00 a.m.
on January 19th.**

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE 01/13/08

**“As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace,
Put your gifts at the service of one another,
each in the measure he has received.” 1 Peter 4:10**

Offering \$2,510.00

ATTENDANCE 1/13/08

“Let us not give up worshipping together, as some are in the habit, but let us encourage one another.” Hebrews 10:25

Worship	61
Youth before dismissal	<u>4</u>
	65

THE CURRENT PRAYER LIST is on the bulletin board. The Wednesday morning prayer group will be praying for each and every person on our prayer list.

Note from your Secretary:

Please submit any information you would like in our bulletin no later than the Wednesday before you would like it in the Sunday bulletin. This allows ample time for me to contact you if there should be any questions. If possible please do this via my email or by a written note.

secretary@baconmemorial.org

Thank you for your cooperation, Sandy

ANNUAL REPORT

Please submit year-end reports to office by January 16.

If you would like to email them please email to

secretary@baconmemorial.org

Thank you; your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

CHANCEL FLOWER TRIBUTES FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

If you are interested in taking a Sunday for a memorial or just because, please call me today at 930-6251 or my work number 285-3403, extension 2231.

Thank you, Nancy Stoianoff

THE THIRD SUNDAY LUNCHEON sign-up sheet is posted on the board in the Narthex for Sunday January 20, 2008. Please sign-up today.

JOIN A COMMITTEE

Attention Church Members your help is urgently needed. Do you have some fresh new ideas that you would like to share. Then join one of our many committees and share those ideas. Sign up sheets for the different committees of our church will be posted on the bulletin boards outside the office. If you have any other questions please call the church office.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dawn and Dwight Spencer on the birth of their son, Dwight Anthony Spencer III, 8lbs 7 oz. Little Dwight was born on January 12, 2008.

Dwight is the little brother of Morgan and Laila Spencer and the grandson of Chris & Boyd Clark and Michelle & Dwight Spencer Sr.



CHURCH HOURS

The Office is open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

If you need to contact Rev. Peck he may be contacted at 743-1438.

WE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER THE 2006 CHURCH CALENDAR IN THE NARTHEX. THEY ARE COMPLIMENTS OF LANE FUNERAL HOME.

BACON BITS YOUTH GROUP

2007/2008 SCHEDULE

Youth Group meets at the Church from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Fridays unless stated differently in the schedule. All children from Kindergarten to Seniors are welcome. All participants must have a current Registration Form completed and signed by a parent or guardian. Feel free to invite your friends! Remember if there is no school there is no youth group. There is never a charge for youth group activities; all we ask is that members participate in fundraisers. Parents/Guardians are always welcome to stay and assist/participate with activities and drivers are always needed for outings. Call Dave Barry 283-9360, Ray Hubert 998-7391, or Danielle MacKenzie 283-2535 with questions or for information.



DATES IN **BOLD** ARE OUTINGS

- January 19: **SATURDAY: Buffalo Christian Center - Swimming, Roller Skating, Putt Putt Golf, Gym Activities, Lunch. Leaving Church at 9:30 a.m. returning by 1:30p.m.**
- January 25: Heritage Manor Pizza Making Night B Leaving the church at 5:45 p.m.!
- February 1: Snowman Night – Dress Warmly! – Smores & Hot Chocolate!
- February 8: Scavenger Hunt & Game Night

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

You May Check The Youth Group Schedule On Our Web Site:

http://baconmemorial.org/bmc_youth_group_page.htm



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Classes for all young people will begin early in January. If you are thirteen, going on fourteen or older, please contact Danielle MacKenzie, Dave Barry, or Pastor Peck now, and let them know you are interested. We then meet with you to establish dates when we will meet, and place material in your hands.

Our class for Confirmation will run approximately five months. The student will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday. The course of study will include the following study material:

1. Romans Read and Review

- Romans 3:23
- Romans 5:6
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 10:9-13

2. Maintaining A Personal Relationship With Christ

- Make Christ the daily standard of your life
- Maintain Christ like habits
- Perform Christian service
- Trust God in every experience

3. Red book, “About Being Presbyterian”

4. Church Creeds and Confessions

5. Books used in the Presbyterian Church

6. Booklet, “Welcome To The Presbyterian Church”

7. The Principle Duties of Church Membership

- Maintain Christian habits of prayer, Bible study, attendance at worship, Christian service, and financial support of the church.
- Set a daily Christian example out in the world.
- Remember no one is perfect, but we all strive to let others see Jesus in us.

- Become aware of, and involved in the mission of Christ's church around the world. Support missions with your prayers, contributions, and personal involvement
- When Asked To Serve On A Board Or Committee of the church, pray about it, then let it be known where you sense God leading you to serve in the church. All of us have spiritual gifts to serve our lord, and we must use them for god's glory.

8. What will take place after the student has completed the course of study?

- When designated, meet with the Session, and give answer to their questions, to the best of your ability. Following examination, you will either be received into full membership of the church, or asked to study more.
- You will be formally received into the church during worship on the Sunday following your examination by the elders.

HOSTING AN EVENT?

Why not here at Bacon? Many parts of our church are available to rent for various functions such as weddings, birthdays, baby showers, anniversary parties or any other event usually held at a hall. We have a fully functional kitchen and can comfortably seat 120 people in our fellowship hall.

If you or anyone you know is interested in reserving a space please contact Bill Springer at 283-5836.

THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you to all of the people who helped out in the office during my illness. I am feeling much better now and able to return to work. So once again thank you I so appreciated all your get-well wishes and prayers, as well as working in the office.

Sincerely, Sandy
Bacon Website

Please take a moment to visit our Website:

www.baconmemorial.org

It has a wealth of information about the church that is updated frequently. If you have any comments or suggestions on how it may be made more helpful, please contact Ed Reese at 284-2152 or

edreese@baconmemorial.org



Sunshine Corner Update

In these busy times we sometimes overlook things. Please make a point to brighten someone's day by letting them know your thinking about them by signing the cards located in the Narthex. Letting people know your thinking about them means a lot.

The sunshine corner encourages all to sign the get-well cards we send each week to friends who need our support. Cards are under the picture of Christ in the narthex.



WINTER FOOD DRIVE



From now until SPRING we are asking all members to help the less fortunate by donating non-perishable food items so that they can be delivered to the Salvation Army. Around this time of year food pantries are starting to find their supplies depleted and are very appreciative of our aid. Each year we have a growing need for help in our community and each year the generosity of our congregation is so important in meeting that need. We hope you will remember this project when grocery shopping this year. Some of the items the Salvation Army is especially thankful for are: canned goods, soup, vegetables etc. and boxed items such as pasta and rice. You may drop off your items in the cupboard in the Narthex or for more information call Sandy at the church office 283-5744 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Thank you for your support.



Bacon

Today, Jan 20	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15	Elders & Members Prayer: Soley Lounge
	10:30	Worship Service & Sunday School
	11:30	Session Meeting after Worship
	7:30	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tues, Jan 22	9:15	Retired Men's Chorus
Wed, Jan 23	10:00	Prayer Group & Bible Study
	5:30	Girl Scout Troop #13
	*** Annual Reports Due to Office ***	
Thurs, Jan 24	6:00	Brownie Troop #41 and Girl Scout Troop #98
Fri, Jan 25		Youth Group is on Saturday this week
Sat, Jan 26	9:30 a.m.	Youth Group - Buffalo Christian Center

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**There will be an Annual Congregation meeting on
Sunday, February 10th, immediately following the worship service.**

Saving Those Pennies????

Cents-Ability (2 cents A Meal) is a small step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Everyone is invited to contribute a few cents at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command " You give them something to eat". When we bring our offerings to church, all of those coins "make a joyful noise unto the Lord".

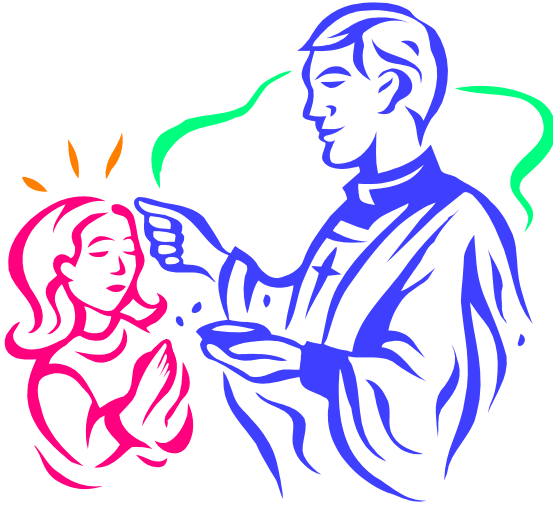
These small acts of faithfulness can add up: One hundred persons in a congregation will contribute \$180 a month at two cents a meal. That's \$2,160 dollars a year.

Cents-Ability originated in 1976, a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger.

All money collected will be sent to Louisville, Kentucky to be distributed by the Central Presbytery. Money will help people in United States and around the world.

Thank you for your support in this mission project.

The PW will be collecting the funds on the first Sunday of each month. If you have any questions or need a container please call Patricia Bauer at 284-0180.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 6, 2008
7:00 P.M. WORSHIP**

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES
HOLY COMMUNION**

