

BACON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Niagara Falls, New York

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Carol Ennis, Music Director

October 21, 2007 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 a.m.

**Welcome to all! We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit.
Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.**

THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE “Who At My Door Is Standing” Everett Hughes
(Please use this time for quiet meditation)**

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

GUEST MINISTER INTRODUCTION

Gladys Gifford serves the Presbytery of WNY as Hunger Action/Stewardship of Creation Educator. In that capacity, she advocates for peacemaking through action alerts to pastors and church educators, and through displays at presbytery meetings, serves as representative of the presbytery at regional environmental and economic justice meetings, and brings resources to Presbytery committees and to individual congregations to raise awareness of hunger, justice and environmental issues.

Ms. Gifford is the first Authorized Lay Preacher (ALP) in the Presbytery of WNY. Ms. Gifford earned her Master of Theology degree from Christ the King Seminary in 2006, and her Master of Church Music degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1973. She lives in Eggertsville, NY, with her husband, Alvin J. Schuster. Ms. Gifford is an ordained elder at University Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, NY.

GREETING

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

are available from the ushers

(* Those able are invited to stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:97-98, 103, 105

*L: Hear the word of our God, through the psalmist:
Oh, how I love the law of YHWH!
It is my meditation all day long.*

**C: YOUR COMMANDMENT MAKES ME WISER THAN
MY ENEMIES, FOR IT IS ALWAYS WITH ME.**

*L: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than
honey to my mouth!*

**C: YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A
LIGHT TO MY PATH.**

*L: Let us worship God, whose Word confirms our life
together!*

***HYMN**

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“Live in Hope”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION --SELECTIONS FROM JEREMIAH 4

*L: A lion has gone up from its thicket, a destroyer of nations
has set out; he has gone out from his place to make your
land a waste; your cities will be ruins without inhabitant.*

**C: BECAUSE OF THIS PUT ON SACKCLOTH, LAMENT
AND WAIL: “THE FIERCE ANGER OF THE LORD
HAS NOT TURNED AWAY FROM US.”**

*L: A hot wind comes from from me our of the trails in the
desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse--
a wind too strong for that.*

C: LOOK! HE COMES UP LIKE CLOUDS, HIS

**CHARIOTS LIKE THE WHIRLWIND--WOE TO US,
FOR WE ARE RUINED!**

*L: Your ways and your doings have brought this upon you.
This is your doom; how bitter it is! It has reached your very
heart.*

C: DISASTER OVERTAKES DISASTER, THE WHOLE LAND IS LAID WASTE.

L: I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

C: I LOOKED ON THE MOUNTAINS, AND LO, THEY WERE QUAKING, AND ALL THE HILLS MOVED TO AND FRO. I LOOKED, AND LO, THERE WAS NO ONE AT ALL, AND ALL THE BIRDS OF THE AIR HAD FLED. I LOOKED AND LO, THE FRUITFUL LAND WAS A DESERT, AND ALL ITS CITIES WERE LAID IN RUINS BEFORE THE LORD, BEFORE HIS FIERCE ANGER.

L: For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end

C: BECAUSE OF THIS THE EARTH SHALL MOURN, AND THE HEAVENS ABOVE GROW BLACK; FOR I HAVE SPOKEN, I HAVE PURPOSED; I HAVE NOT RELENTED NOR WILL I TURN BACK.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE:

L: God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

C: LOVING US STILL, GOD MAKES US HEIRS WITH CHRIST OF THE COVENANT. LIKE A MOTHER WHO WILL NOT FORSAKE HER NURSING CHILD, LIKE A FATHER WHO RUNS TO WELCOME THE PRODIGAL HOME, GOD IS FAITHFUL STILL.

L: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: AMEN!

***GLORIA PATRI (Page 579 in Hymnal)**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Ritual of Friendship

(Please sign the attendance pad in the pew.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON)

**God our helper, by your Holy Spirit open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

READING THE SCRIPTURES

Luke: 18: 1 - 8

(Pew Bible NT)

L: This the Word of the Lord

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

ANTHEM

“Unto the Lord”

B. Batstone

SERMON

“BENDING WITH THE WIND”

Gladys Gifford

***HYMN**

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“Spirit”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Page 16 in the Hymnal)

HYMN (Seated)

299 (refrain only)

“Amen, Amen”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Canzonet”

Stewart Landon

***DOXOLOGY (Page 592 in Hymnal)**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

L: Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your

goodness we have these gifts to share.

**C: ACCEPT AND USE OUR OFFERINGS FOR YOUR
GLORY AND FOR THE SERVICE OF YOUR
KINGDOM, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR
LORD. AMEN.**

THE SENDING

Pastor: God is Good.

PEOPLE: ALL THE TIME.

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PEOPLE: GOD IS GOOD.

***HYMN 420 “God of Grace, God of Glory”**

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***BENEDICTION**

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

(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 “Postlude on Hymn ‘Sun of My Soul’” T.T. Noble

**CHANCEL FLOWERS on October 7th under the cross were donated
by The Hallin and Headley Families in loving memory of Ray Hallin,
Wilene Headley and Jennifer Headley.**

**CHANCEL FLOWERS under the cross are donated by Esther Harris
and family in loving memory of Karly Zulawski.**

LAY READER: Nancy Stoianoff

**USHERS: Harold Cooper, Jon Bowen,
Betty Ochab, Patricia Bauer**

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Annette Faltisco

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Each guest minister or layperson has his or her own “way of leading worship”. We may experience some changes in the order of worship, see or hear something different. We may be moved by something new or different. Please feel free to contact me or see any Session member (or write down for us) any help you may be able to offer and help us in the adventure that lies ahead. For information call Carol Costantino the church office at: 716-2835744.

ATTENTION KEY HOLDERS

The doors will be rekeyed and the alarm code changed at the end of October. If you need a key and the code for access to the church, contact Bill Springer at 283-5836 before October 29th. We are only making enough keys for those with a validated need. So if you do not reserve one, there may be a delay in providing you a key.

RUMMAGE AND CHOWDER SALE

Our annual Rummage and Chowder sale will be on November 3rd this year. Any and all items that you can contribute to the rummage sale will be appreciated. You may drop off your donations at the church from now until October 29th, or you can contact Dave Barry the church office at: 716-2835744. We also need helpers. If interested please call Dave or the church office the church office at: 716-2835744.

CHURCH HOURS

The Office is open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday thru Friday. Should you need to reach anyone after those hours please call 283-5744 and leave a message or call Kevin Chambers at 213 -7574.

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.

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.

*Our Sunday bulletins are provided by
The Lane Family*

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!

PAPER TO DOLLARS

From now until October 28th is Paper Retriever month here at Bacon. Please bring all your recyclable paper in during this period. We are paid on a sliding scale – the more we recycle the more we get per ton. So if we all clean out whatever we have at the same time (now) we can earn considerably more than if we spread it out over the whole year. Dave Barry has already secured a sizable donation form his employer, so if we all pitch in the benefit could be sizeable.

LIFE AT BACON

We have begun a new phase of life at Bacon Memorial Church. For the next several weeks we will have guest ministers and lay people leading us in worship. A committee is working on securing an interim minister who can be with us for 1 to 2 years, if needed. A Search Committee will be interviewing ministers for a permanent pastor during this time and hopefully by 18 months from now we will be installing our own new permanent pastor.

Please continue to be faithful in attendance at worship, in service to the Lord and in financial responsibility to our church during this time. Our church will continue to operate as before. Encourage your friends and other members that you haven't seen for a while to attend or come back. We will need everyone's help to make the appropriate decisions needed for the future of Bacon Memorial Church. Please continue to pray for our entire congregation and the tasks ahead.

Carol Costantino, Worship chair

CHANCEL FLOWER TRIBUTES FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

I am currently scheduling the chancel flowers for the sanctuary. If you are interested in taking a Sunday for a memorial or just because.... please call me today the church office at: 716-2835744. I order the flowers from Abby's Loft.

Thank you, Nancy Stoianoff

LUNCHEON FOR BETTY NICKERSON

Betty has been our Financial Secretary, an often thankless but vital role, for many years. Now she has decided to step down from the position. Please join us at our 3rd Sunday Luncheon after worship today as we honor and thank Betty for a job well done.

ATTENDANCE 10/14/07

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

Worship	43
Youth before dismissal	<u>10</u>

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STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

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

Offering 10/14/07 \$602.00

YOUTH NEWS

Our formal Sunday School classes will kick-off on October 14th. Youth Group will resume on October 19th at 7:00 pm. Watch for additional details in the Sunday Bulletins, or you may call Danielle MacKenzie (Sunday School) the church office at: 716-2835744 or Dave Barry (Youth Group) the church office at: 716-2835744 for more information.



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE



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Christmas is coming... and we have some decorations to repair or replace the church to look its absolute best for holidays. This workshop does not require any craftiness for the volunteer. Instruction will be provided and the tools needed to participate will be a pair of pliers and a pair of wire cutters. If they happen to be the same tool, how lucky for you. A pair of work gloves may be helpful so you don't break a fingernail. I have planned two workdays, Saturday, September 22 and Saturday, October 20, 2007. We will start at 10:00 am each day for a couple of hours work. Any time you can help will be appreciated. Please call me, Nancy Stoianoff the church office at: 716-2835744 to reserve your space on this Beautification Committee.

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH _____ Opportunities at Bacon

Today, Oct 21	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15	Elders and Members at prayer in the Soley Lounge
	10:30	Worship Service & Sunday School
Tues, Oct 23	7:30	Alcoholics Anonymous
	9:15	Retired Men's Chorus
Wed, Oct 24	10:00	Prayer Group & Bible Study
	5:30	Girl Scout Troop #13
	7:00	Session Meeting
Thurs, Oct 25	6:00	Brownie Troop #41 and Girl Scout Troop #98
	7:00	Youth Group

Do You Remember Maggaline Chatmon?

Norwood Chatmon is asking anyone who has any fond memories of his mother Maggaline to share them with him. If you should remember Maggaline please contact Norwood at:

Norwood Chatmon
326 Meyerhoff Rd
Hurekyville, New York 12779
Phone:845-434-3357



POINSETTIAS



Poinsettia Orders will be accepted at Sunday church or by calling Nancy Stoianoff at 930-6251 beginning on November 4, 2007. So that your poinsettia can be ordered on time from the Florist, I must have your order no later than the 18th of November. Order Forms will be in the November Visitor and the Sunday Bulletins on November 4, 11 and 18th. Forms can also be picked up in the church office in November. Poinsettia plants can be picked up by donors following the December 16, 2007 Sunday service. Plants donated for the church family of Shut Ins will be delivered by the Deacons on Sunday, December 16, 2007.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2008

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2008 is now available. The books will be available for the SPECIAL PRICE of \$25.00 each, if purchased prior to the end of November. They will be available for reserving or purchase from September 2nd thru November 27th for \$25.00, which is \$5.00 off the regular selling price.

Please see Bill Quinn in the church office after services to reserve or purchase a book.

You may also call Bill at 283-0811 or the church office at 283-5744 if you would like to have a book reserved or delivered.



You can help by:



1. Purchasing your book here.
2. Mentioning to your friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives that we have the books and getting their order.

Order form – books do not have to be paid in advance.

Please reserve _____ copies of E-Book @ \$25.00 each.

Name _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Pick up _____ Deliver _____

Check # _____ Cash _____ Amt. Paid _____

Sellers Name _____

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