

SCARBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Articles Invited from Members & Friends

September 2008

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WORSHIP CALENDAR

10:30am Worship

Communion 1st Sunday of the Month.
Childcare provided for 1st grade + younger

- Aug 31 **Gains and Losses**
Matthew 16:24-28
- Sept. 7 **The End of God's Grace**
Matthew 18:15-20
Communion
Rally Day
- Sept.14 **Debtors Prison**
Matthew 18:21-35
4:00pm *Installation Service*
- Sept. 21 **A Deal Is a Deal**
Matthew 20:1-16
- Sept 22 *Picture Directory Day*
- Sept 28 **God the Bouncer**
Matthew 21:23-32

IMPORTANT DATES

September 14th at 4pm. Installation of Rev. Tim Ives, officially recognizing him as our pastor. A reception will follow the service.

September 22nd New Church Picture Directory Appointments-sign up now!

October 4th Rummage Sale We start collecting and sorting on September 22nd. Sign up to help!

From the Pastor's Pen....

What A Summer

and by you all families of the earth shall bless themselves

Genesis 12:3

The calling of Abraham in the twelfth chapter of Genesis begins a new section in the book of Genesis. It is a monumental moment in the story told by the Bible. Up until chapter twelve we read stories that are about the people of the earth in general. We don't get a real sense of where the story of God is going. In the twelfth chapter though we get not only the first inkling of God's purpose and direction, but a very clear announcement of what this is about. God picks Abraham (Abram at the time). We don't know why. We do know that he is picked for a very particular relationship with God and that this relationship will mean a great deal to Abram and his family and his family to come. Chapter 12 makes clear that God will give to Abraham descendants, land, and wealth. All Abraham needs to do is follow. God also gives Abraham the reason for this favor: it is so that Abraham and his descendants will be a blessing to the world. It all sounds pretty good except for one thing. There is no contract. There is no certainty. There is no way of making sure God will keep God's promise. All God really gives is a promise - actually Genesis is mostly about God's promises and little else.

You would think that God, the maker of the universe, could deliver more than promises. The truth is though that this all powerful God doesn't even deliver promises that are unassailable. The story of Genesis is not only about God's promises but also about how these promises are threatened again and again. Sarah can't get pregnant so the promise of Abraham and Sarah's descendants numbering more

than the stars in the sky is threatened. Sarah even laughs when she gets wind of this promise. If you read through the book it almost makes you cringe how many times and how many ways God's promise is threatened even by God. God asks Abraham to go and sacrifice poor Isaac. Of course if Isaac is sacrificed God's promise is null and void. A terrible story and yet somehow the promise survives. Jacob seems scoundrel enough to hold up the promise, but is finally changed to further the promise. The last third of the book is taken up with the story about Joseph and his coat. Again it seems as though God's promises will be derailed by Joseph's brothers and their jealousy. God's promise may only remain a promise in this opening book of the Bible, but according to Genesis that is quite a feat. And perhaps it is enough.

This summer has reminded me a bit of the book of Genesis in that almost every day there has been some bad news (really bad news) that seems like a threat to the lives we know. If it isn't bad news from Iraq or Afghanistan; some perceived or actual threat about another war with Iran; more bad news out of Israel or Palestine; then it is some more bad news about the economy (foreclosures, bank closings, Wall Street collapsing); and if that is not enough, there is the ominous cloud of global warming that is frightening all by itself, but also seems to be at the heart of so much of the severe weather that has hurt and killed so many. (I know that the link might not be there but I have heard it enough that it is most certainly a perception that is popular and believed.)

In other words these are uncertain times. Fortunately, faith was made for uncertain times. It is true that all we really have is God's promise. It is true that that promise seems threatened time and again by the events of this ever changing world. The truth is though that God's promise never fails. The promise that God made to us in Christ that God would be very close to us and with us forever remains. And though it may seem unlikely in much of what goes on it is true in all that goes on. God is never missing it is rather faith enough to see our God that is sometimes missing.

That is what the church is for I believe. We are here to point out that God is here, and remind each other God is here. It is our most sacred work. God is here and at work in our lives it is up to us to notice and proclaim it so. In that way we shall be the very blessing God promises.

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAMS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Coffee Hour Host</u>
8/31	Beth Henriques Sandy Evans		Kathy Shaffren
9/7	Andy McMains Pia Chaudhari	Jay Sutterlin	Connie Curran Bonnie B-Smith
9/14	Tom Davis Cory Ethridge	Jim Simmons	Kim Schuster Nary Kim
9/21	Gene Croft Catherine Savell	Amy K-Sporn	Lisa Pavlik Angela Rogers
9/28	Connie Curran Jay Sutterlin	Patty Chapman	Sandy Beach Lucy Milne
10/5	Don Copans Beth Henriques	John Codman	Karen D'Attore Martha Dodge

We need volunteers. If you are unable to serve on the assigned dates, please arrange for a substitute and/or call the office; you will receive a reminder call the week prior to your date of service. Guidesheets are posted at the Pastor's Study and Kitchenette. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to serve in this way.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

*Hurray! **Danielle and Keith Reilly** are parents again! **Finley Kate Reilly** was born on Tuesday, August 19th, weighing in at 7# 8oz.*

***Inge and Ken Vought** are grandparents! **Ashley Ann Blume** was born on July 31, 2008 to Inge's son **Christopher** and his wife **Allison Blume Fendack** in Alexandria VA. What a joy!*

***Rachel and Michael Longo** were welcomed into membership with their son, **Connor** being baptized on Sunday, June 22nd.*

*An intimate marriage ceremony was held in the chapel celebrating the joining of **Lance Nelson and Sally Cox** on August 23rd.*

*Congratulations to **Jason Cho**, Swimming Champion!!*

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

*The **Reilly's** have a new phone number, too. Please update to 762-7724.*

*The **Wright Family** (Brad, Leslie, Maggie and Kirby) are settling into their new home at: 5919 Woodley Road, McLean, VA 22101. Their home phone is (703)241-5904*

*Please update your e-mail address for **Ken and Inge Vought**. It is now vought@optonline.net for both.*

*New members **Rachel and Michael Longo's** address is 8 Beach Road, Ossining, NY 10562; phone (914)373-4798*

WE ARE GATHERING INFORMATION FOR A NEW MEMBERSHIP COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE. PLEASE FILL THEM OUT AND RETURN THEM TO THE OFFICE

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Amy Kitahata-Sporn
- 2- Inge Hotrich
Nicholas Dunckelman
- 7- Terri Zuckerberg
- 12-Terry D Attore
- 13-Sidney Kamanou
- 14-Catherine Savell
- 16-Jacki Zuckerberg
Kelly Dwyer
- 17-Bruce Ek
Stephen Meudt
- 18-Cavan Reilly
Nary Kim
- 20-John Codman
- 22-Kathy Shaffren
- 26-Tom Davis
- 24-Eric Schuster
- 30-Christine Potter



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

Please let us know if we missed listing your birthday. Is there a special event or success (graduation, birth, engagement, new job, etc.) coming up or just past? We'd love to celebrate with you!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE EVENTS

THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

The most romantic of experiences always take place during unexpected thunder and downpour. Or so Hollywood tells us. Sometimes Hollywood is right.

The morning of the Church Picnic started with beautiful, clear skies: tables were set up outdoors, food was brought by every member of the congregation, games were planned and the BBQ was lit. From inside the church, worship and music could be heard through the open windows. There was joy and expectations. As the worship with baptism and extended music became languid, the rain clouds started to form on the horizon. Then the heavens opened up, no regard for our plans! But never has a soggy hotdog or a dripping piece of sparerib with potato salad on a drenched colorful paper plate tasted better. The stoic BBQ cooks defying the rain, and the gophers trying to beat the rain quickly became our "heroes" as we huddled together inside/outside the Carriage House.

Karin

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

August 22nd. was a delight. A gourmet's delight and a fellowship's delight. We were a small group with a large appetite both for food and friendship. As always the Fellowship Hall created a beautiful frame for this evening: it's large windows allowing us to view Gods wonderful display of ever changing lights (thunder, lightning, rain and sunset .) The consensus: We will do it again.

Karin

About Spiritual Life Dinners

Spiritual Life Dinners have been ongoing for the last four years and sustained by participants sharing with each other their individual Spiritual Journey, while sitting around the great big table in Fellowship Hall sharing a wonderful meal together provided by regular participants. We begin with Prayer and Blessing of the food. After casual conversation while passing the food around, we move into our true sharing with each other, in turns. Everyone is asked to listen with open and authentic hearts and minds. After everyone has had the opportunity to share, as he or she has felt led, discussions often take place around topics related to someone's sharing, and often continue over dishwashing. Spiritual Life dinners are an open place for anyone who feels moved to share as well as explore their Journey. It has also at times served as "entrance" to the Church through fellowship with a small group. Please feel free to contact Karin Chaudhari or Amy Kitahata-Sporn, if you would like to know more.

Love, Karin

The fall edition of the **Presbyterian Women's** Newsletter, *The Lighthouse* is now available in the chapel. Please take a copy and see what PW does!

NOTE OF THANKS....

PLANTERS FOR THE CARRIAGE HOUSE

The new planters and evergreens in front of the Carriage House have been donated by Terri Zuckerberg and Karen D'Attore in honor of the growing minds and spirits of all our children. The purchase and set up of the planters has been graciously expedited by Ed Payne.

HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE EVER WORKED IN A GARDEN?

If you are like me, you probably don't always keep up with the weeding! By the time I go out to tidy up my rows, the grass growing among the plants is usually about 6 inches tall! That is about the height it reaches before I finally have to acknowledge its existence and do something about it. When I go out to weed, it is often very difficult.

It is easy to see the grass, the clover, and other unwanted guests in my garden. Up rooting them is a different story. The roots of the weeds are tangled with the roots of the plants I love: my flowers, my

vegetables, and, yes, my favorite weeds, the ones I want to keep in the garden! When I try to pull out the intruders, I inevitably uproot some of the plants I want to preserve.

This reminds me of the parable of the wheat and the tares. The master has sown good seed in good earth, but in the night an enemy comes and sows weeds among the new plantings. The servants, unlike me, want to weed the garden, but their master says no. The master's decision to leave both wheat and weed to mature. He knows that the weeds will not choke out the wheat. Both will mature.

Unfortunately, this doesn't work in my garden!

I am sure that we all see that there is more to this story than a lesson in gardening. We need to look for the message Jesus is trying to convey, for, in the parables, there is always a message.

Obviously, it is something about good stuff and bad stuff and, I guess, how the two exist side by side, and how perhaps one can turn into the other. What is the good stuff and bad stuff that Jesus is talking about? What is the stuff that Jesus cares about? Why, of course, it is the people who God created and sent to populate the world, in other words us. But who are we? the wheat or the weed?

In this story it was hard to tell by looking, and in our lives it is also hard to tell by looking. What are you - wheat or weed? What am I? And, what is a weed and what is a valuable plant anyway?

My favorite answer to these and almost any question is, well, it depends.

My grandfather came to this country in 1912, a young man from an agricultural area in Sicily. He found himself in Brooklyn, New York, a rather unfamiliar environment, in many ways. But there was something that he recognized. It was a yellow flower with spiky green leaves and it seemed to grow in a lot of lawns. As my grandfather quickly learned, he could earn money by clearing these plants that so annoyed the homeowners. He was even allowed to take the plants with him. And he did. And he made wine and he had greens to eat and he had money, all because he took away an undesirable weed, the dandelion. Weed or wheat? I guess it depends on your point of view! Maybe God looks at us the way my grandfather looked at the dandelions. Maybe, even when we look "kind of like weeds," God sees possibilities. I am certain that God sees the weed in the wheat and the wheat in the weed. I am certain that God sees that none of us is either one or the other. Probably we are each a little bit of both, sometimes doing the right thing, following the word of the Lord, and sometimes straying from the path. Probably everyone is. We aren't really plants. We are people, and we inter-

act with other people, all of who, like us, are our own unique combination of weed and wheat. We are not in charge of the garden, and we are not in charge of the world. God is.

We are, I believe, what grows in the garden, but I think we are also the servants who ask the master how to take care of the garden. Except for telling us not to uproot the weeds, little advice is given for the care of the garden. Is this an oversight or a direction? I think it is a direction.

We are to take care of the garden and leave the harvest to others. We are to nurture the weeds and the wheat. We are to tend to the whole garden. We are to deal with all the people in God's world. What does this mean to us?

We are to respect each other, give each other room to grow. We are to allow each other the space to be ourselves. We are to look for the good in each other and treat each and every person we meet as if he were wheat. It is a very easy lesson and one that we tend to forget.

Do we think that good people go to church while bad people sleep in on Sunday morning? Do we think that those in prison are the evil ones and those unincarcerated are good guys? Do we think that our enemies, whether of ourselves, our families, or our country are on the wrong side? Do we think that God loves only the people we love?

Of course, the "right" answers to these questions are obvious. But, in our hearts, do we really honor the correct answers we mouth? Do we act on those answers? Do we visit the sick and those in prison? Do we pray for our enemies? Do we minister to the homeless and the hungry? Do we love the illegal immigrants in our midst, even when they are on the main street of our town? And, even if we can answer yes to all of the above, do we seek ways to do even more than whatever it is we already do?

We are on a journey. God loves us all the way. God tells us to love God back, and love each other as we are loved.

Love grows or dies. It never just stays the same.

We all need to enjoy life in the garden. We shouldn't worry about the weeds and the wheat, but instead love each other- all of the others in our world- as God loves us- without bounds.

Let us ask God, each and every day of our lives, to lead us in the path of love. Let us pray for the discipline to do what is asked of us, not what works for us. Let us ask for guidance as we seek to center ourselves in the love of God.

-Barbara Devir

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RALLY DAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH!

Our program year will begin on the first Sunday after Labor Day with the beginning of church school, celebrating with our second annual **Pancake Jubilee**. Kids are invited to church first, as usual, and then off to get reacquainted with old church friends and make some of the most outrageous pancakes imagined. Elder Patty Chapman again serves as Church School Director.

ADULT EDUCATION

Friday Sept. 26 will be the first in the lecture series **The Second Death of Christ**, led by Rev. Tim. This series looks at the diversity and tolerance that was a part of the church in the first three centuries of its existence. Then the series examines the change that came with the first Christian Emperor Constantine. The question is, Did the resulting orthodoxy help or hurt the ministry of Christ? Please come, ask questions, and join the lively discussion to follow.

BIBLE STUDY: Rev. Dr. Tim Ives continues weekly Bible study of the Sunday Lectionary Readings every **Wednesday at 11 a.m.** Come for discussion only or bring a bag lunch if you can stay a little longer. Please contact SPC's office at 941-1142 or Amy Kitahata-Sporn at amyks@optonline.net if interested in attending.

ADULT EDUCATION COURSE: Kathy Davis is offering a course on Martin Luther: Gospel Law & Reformation at **9:15 a.m.** in the Carriage House conference room before the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. If you have interest in participating in this study program please contact Kathy Davis at #941-5537 or Amy Kitahata-Sporn at amyks@optonline.net.

DINNER & A MOVIE GROUP: Please contact Kathy Davis at #941-5537 or Amy Kitahata-Sporn at amyks@optonline.net if you would like to participate in a summer gathering.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH FIRST PRES: at First Presbyterian Church-Ossining, on **Tuesday mornings at 11 a.m.** Rev. Lynda Clements facilitates reading and discussion. They are currently studying the Book of Acts. If you are interested in joining call: #941-0540 or #941-1142. The group usually breaks at 12:30 p.m. for a potluck lunch.



SPC RUMMAGE SALE IS BACK- OCT. 4TH! **Hurrah!** After a one year hiatus, the annual SPC Rummage Sale is back and scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2008 from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** **Connie Curran and Kathy Davis have volunteered to co-chair the event.** We need people to help sort and set up items during the two weeks before the sale, work the day of the sale and help clean up after. Sign-up sheets will be in the church office and available after church each Sunday. This is a huge task and there is plenty to do for everyone. We ask that you also start saving your empty boxes and shopping bags for use the day of the sale.

Donations of clothing, linens, white elephant items, games, etc. - can be dropped off at the church office beginning September 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To donate furniture, please call the church office at 941-1142 to arrange a time for delivery.

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEAN, IN GOOD CONDITION AND IN WORKING ORDER. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT BROKEN AND/OR DAMAGED ITEMS, OR GAMES WITH MISSING PIECES. PLEASE INCLUDE DIMENSIONS OR SIZES OF CURTAINS AND LINENS.

HELP WANTED

The **Presbytery of Hudson River** is seeking to employ two individuals to provide **child care** for the 4-6 annual meetings of Presbytery. Meetings are held throughout the region of the Presbytery, most often on Tuesdays, but occasionally on Saturday. Hours are approximately 9 AM - 3 PM or 3 PM to 9PM. This is a paid position, \$12 per hour, plus mileage. A background check will be conducted on job candidate(s). Employment would begin with the 23 September 2008 meeting of Presbytery in Poughkeepsie, 9:00 AM - 3 PM. Children present are most likely pre-school age. Their parent(s) are present at the meeting site. There is a 3 hour minimum guarantee, plus mileage, in the event that no children are present and the caregivers are not needed. Please contact Jean Kaiser if you have questions and/or are interested in applying for this position: jean@hudrivpres.org 914-941-2100 x 13.

Proposal to Form a Task Force on Sustainable Resource Stewardship(submitted to Vision & Mission Committee for recommendation to Session):

PROPOSED TASK FORCE

The mission of the Task Force is to promote faithful and just stewardship of God's creation through conservation, energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources both in our institutional life and in our personal lives.

The Task Force's assignments will be to:

- 1) Educate the congregation on actions that can be taken to reduce waste and energy usage--via monthly contributions to the newsletter,
- 2) Conduct a sustainability audit and prepare a report to Session on recommendations for improved or best practice actions that can be taken in a) the short term and b) when capital replacements come up on stand-alone and built-in equipment/systems, and c) to achieve potential income streams. We will include a budget and information on operational cost savings, where relevant. Following review and buy-in by Session, and SPC staff (this will only work if people are committed to the proposed actions, and we understand that some actions may end up not being practical for our situation), we will draw up a plan for the approved changes.

We also propose becoming a member/affiliate of New York Interfaith Power and Light, the New York Chapter of a national consortium organized to be good stewards of God's gift of energy. It is open to all faith-based organizations in New York State and is a clearinghouse for a vast amount of information on the topic with practical approaches to achieve objectives.

Task Force Activities to Date: To understand the breadth of the committee scope we have examined an Environmental Audit prepared by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and identified 5-7 areas of attention such as Energy, Purchasing, Waste, etc. Upon approval from the Session, we will prepare a 6 month work plan involving assessment and evaluation, recommendations and proposals, funding and budgeting, congregational education, and partnerships. The first step is most likely to be an energy audit by NYSERDA. Pending the analysis of the church's electrical use, an audit will be \$100, fully credited to energy saving products. Terri and Beth will fund \$100 of the audit.

IF YOU HAVE PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THIS AREA, PLEASE CONTACT TERRI Z. AT 762-8222 OR BETH HENRIQUES AT 762-7847 TO GET INVOLVED.

Points to Ponder...

The Marks of a Call*

A call is good news, not bad. It reflects a yearning in you, for which you have energy and excitement. It stirs you, not an ought or a should. It is something you want to do but it may be hard to do. Energy comes when you think of doing it.

A call comes with a sense of mystery and awe, not from an ego need. It is God who is at work in you. God within you is connecting. You are being drawn. It is not yours to define or possess. It is not your ego seeking status or trying to prove your worth. It probably feels like this wasn't your idea, either.

A call is part of who you are meant to be. Call will not violate who you are, but expresses your truest self **A call is persistent.** It won't let go of you, even when you try to push it away. It is an inner tug that won't go away.

A call can be simply stated, but it's seen in global terms. Like feed the hungry or enrich marriages it relates to a big issue, a global concern, that then needs to be articulated specifically and locally, such as start a soup kitchen or offer seminars for couples.

A call always seems impossible. We react, who am I to do this? This is beyond me! Our false self balks; there is much resistance. We need grace in order to do it. God doesn't call us to something we can do on our own. The impossibility of the call necessitates that we rely on God's power and know that it is not we who are at work but God. The call is impossible by yourself.

A call is risky. We never know for sure if we've heard the call right. One must be willing to fail, or to succeed, and let others do so. What if this really takes off? What will be asked of me? We are called to be faithful, not successful. Out of ashes can come new life.

A call is costly. Growing up, taking responsibility, and paying all for the treasure in the field - it costs everything. All of you. It means saying no to other things. Also, it is very costly to NOT follow call. To refuse call is a refusal to be who we're meant to be.

A call is counter-cultural. Jesus challenged the social, political and economic realities of his day. Christ leads us out of the addictions of our culture. This is part of the impossibility, and the need. There is the possibility of persecution. Call will not seem rational according to the culture.

A call is evolutionary. As relationship with God deepens, we may be led into something different or led deeper. Stop following the call when the energy shifts. Let go and follow the new so energy can keep flowing. Trust God to replace your current deal.

A call needs to become corporate. It is not something God calls you to do by yourself. At least one other person needs to sense the same call, which may take time to discover. Infinitely more gifts are offered when the call is corporate.

*as embodied by the Church of the Savior, Washington, D.C

**THOMAS FAMILY NEWSLETTER -
SEPTEMBER 2008**

from Woodstock School in Northern India

We returned to India refreshed from our summer weeks in the U.S. re-connecting with family and churches. Thank you for your hospitality and interest in our work. Please pray for continued health and strength throughout the school year.

Chris (17) and Coleman (14) are both in High School this year, and are preparing for the demands of cross-country running in the hills of Mussoorie. Pray for wisdom and resources as we help Chris prepare for college next year, and discern our next steps as well.

Pray for the school's new principal, Dr. David Laurenson, and all the new students in this residential school. Pray for peace in this region, with political and religion-based bombings and violent demonstrations surrounding us - mercifully, not in our state, but we worry about some students and their families.

We are excited about our involvement with a mountain village school established by a nearby church - we will report on our first visit after the rainy season.

We are grateful for your prayers and support. Please let us hear from you!

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Donations - Please make checks out to: Woodstock School memo line: Thomas India Mission Fund and mail to Presbyterian Church of Pleasantville c/o Doris Kersten, 400 Bedford Rd. Pleasantville, NY 10570

This special offering is for all who will work with children and youth this year. The poem by D. O'Malley is a confirmation of our calling to educational ministry. --

By nature and by grace,
You have been called to nurture the spirit of young people in a world of crude measurements, of superficial images of success and celebrity. You have been called into the personal mystery unfolding uniquely in the lives of each of your pupils. You have been called to be a teacher not just to tick registers and write lists, but to walk with young people, on a shared journey into the heart of education.

On that journey you are both a leader and a learner. Together with your pupils you will walk the well-known paths of an academic year. You will be surprised by the gifts, passions and problems unfolding in the lives of the young.

For these children do not arrive empty-handed. They carry the blessings and burdens of their short history. Experiences of success and stability will sit alongside confusion and uncertainty, in the heart of each member of your group.

How will you recognize the gifts among the grief, in the silence of shy students?
How will you manage the noise of joy and jealousy, echoing in the exuberance and aggression of the young?
How will you sort the wheat from the chaff?
To break the bread of life, each day with them?

Only by embracing the wisdom of the spirit, will you feed their gifts and help them to grow. Only by seeing with spiritual eyes, will you recognise and heal the hurt that only loving kindness cures.

For your vocation is personal, It is your personality that opens up the ocean of goodness and strength in young lives. It is only you who will engage with one of these pupils in a way that sets them free. Only you who might plant a seed, a hope or dream that will burst into life in the hidden years yet to come.

You will be working in faith for a future not your own. You will be nurturing potential that you cannot control. You will be working with loving kindness, for other people's children.

Your life will be poured out
In joy and generosity,
In patience and frustration,
Hour by hour, you will bear the heat of another day,
Another term, another year.

You will be living a Gospel mystery:
For it is only when your life is poured out in love
Can you be filled with the utter fullness
Of the God for whom your life was made,
The God who has called you
To this vocation of teaching.

*Barbara & Jeffrey Thomas,
teachers at Woodstock School*

**NEW CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY!!!
SPC HAS CONTRACTED WITH OLAN
MILLS TO PRODUCE A NEW DIRECTORY.**

Olan Mills does much more of the contact work than in the past. **Amy Kitahata-Sporn** is our contact person from the church. Thank you, Amy. **THE SCHEDULED DATE IS SEPTEMBER 22.** We don't want to miss anyone, as this is our church Family Album. E-mail Amy with your preferred time--and Amy will get back to you.

**Please SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT,
SAVE THE DATE, and
GATHER YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS.**

Reminder: Many of us get out of routine during the summer. Have you kept up on your pledge? Our operations depend on each of us to be faithful stewards. If you're not sure, call Flo in the office. Thank You Vision & Mission Committee

HEAR YE, HEAR YE: At the May 19th stated Session meeting it was determined that "The Finance Committee, with input from the Congregation through appropriate means of communication (e.g., a page on the Church's web site, posting of hard copy on a bulletin board, etc.), shall explore the feasibility of working with one or more nonprofit organizations to devote the Manse to programs consistent with the mission of the Church. This period of exploration shall begin as soon as practicable and shall continue through Labor Day."

Go to <http://groups.google.com/group/scarboroughchurch>, where you will have an option to join the group (blog). You will need to create a Google account. There are no restrictions on who can join but you cannot post comments until you do. Users can decide whether to receive an email for every posting or to receive a daily digest (or no email as well). Two discussions have been started: **How do I use this site?** and **What's going on with the manse?**

The following list are those persons elected by the congregation who are willing to serve in a leadership capacity. Please, do not hesitate to call or e-mail if you have an idea, a joy, a concern, a resource or a talent to share.

SPC Leadership 2008

Rev. Timothy Ives	645-1482	Pastor TIves4932@aol.com
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