

THE DOVE'S WING



October 2004

- Dunamis Project October 29-31
- Youth Ministries and Summer Camp
- Pastor Allen and George Cox to Rwanda with World Vision.
- Geshher Ministries here
- Young Life Banquet
- CareNet Banquet

Dunamis Project: *The Power of PRAYER* October 29-31

Rev. Tom Willcox is teaching on **PRAYER**.

Tom taught two years ago on spiritual gifts and we were blessed. Please come!

2pm Worship and teaching
Intercessory Prayer: the gift of intercession and the role of prayer.

4pm Break

The Church is called to be a House of Prayer. Review of the weekend's teaching and time for praying for your friends.

Weekend Schedule

Fri. Oct. 29, 8:00pm

Worship and teaching
Pray in My Name: the necessity of prayer.

Sat. Oct. 30, 9:30am

Worship and teaching
How Should We Pray: the mechanics of prayer with the Lord's Prayer as a model.

6:30pm Soup and Sandwich dinner

7:30pm Worship & Teaching

How To Nurture Prayer: Habits, patterns, and discipline. Role of corporate and private prayer.

Sun. Oct. 31

9:15am Adult Sunday School:
Geshher Ministry (see pg.4)

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What a great challenging summer we had as a church. A big project we accomplished was getting the manse ready for Youth Pastor Jenny and Young Life Director Carl Whitlatch to move in. Thanks to all who worked so hard painting, scrubbing, ripping out carpets and wallpaper, and repairing. It was a difficult summer saying goodbye to the Charlemans who moved to Florida, Sharon Cox who moved to CA, the Nasons who moved to NC, Myron Green who went to Kuwait to serve our country, and most recently, to Carol Foerster who moved to West Milford, NJ. Our sexton Isai Reyes moved to Indianapolis and now we welcome Israel Rivera as our new janitor. Israel lives here in Suffern with his wife Juanita and six month old son Israel. It was a great summer welcoming our new members and the confirmation class who joined the church. Pastors Allen and Debbie Kemp

Youth Update From Jenny Whitlatch

We plan to implement a stronger system of prayer support for our teens and their families. Our goal is to have individuals in our church family committed to praying for one teen on a daily basis. ! Can you help us do this?

Wow! What an exciting summer! In a few short months, we have been to the peak of roller coasters at Six Flags, the Cox's pool, a Third Day Concert, the beach at Ocean Grove, NJ ...oh, and don't forget Wyldlife and Young Life camp! We definitely had a fun and fruitful summer together. Here are just a few comments kids made on the bus rides home from camp:

"I learned a lot about friendships and relationships with Christ. I am so glad I came. It was most definitely the BEST WEEK OF MY LIFE!"

"I had an awesome time at Wyldlife camp. I have especially enjoyed our camp's speaker, Bob's, talks. It helped me grow closer to God than I ever thought possible!"

"One of my favorite things during the week was tubing. That was so wild! But more importantly, I learned some great things that built my faith. For example, I learned how much fun it is to be a Christian and that God is always in control of your life."

THANK YOU to all of you in

our church family who prayed for us while we were at camp and/or supported our fund-raising efforts. You have played an integral role in this ministry to kids!

As we look ahead into the school year, our objective is the same as the goal of Paul the apostle recorded in Acts 14:22: "strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith." We plan to accomplish this through several avenues:

Fellowship. We'll have activities and events planned throughout the year that are meant to provide an environment where kids can have fun and enjoy their friends away from the typical pressures and temptations that teens often face.

Discipleship. This year, the main tools being used to encourage kids in their walk with Christ will be small group Bible studies (high school) and Sunday School (all youth). We'll be using the Student Life Bible Study curriculum on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the youth

room.

Outreach/Service. Teens will have the opportunity to reach out to their friends on a weekly basis by inviting them to various activities such as Wednesday night youth group, Wyldlife club, Young Life club, and other special events. We also have several service opportunities in the works including World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

In addition to these activities, we plan to implement a stronger system of prayer support for our teens and their families. Our goal is to have individuals in our church family committed to praying for one teen on a daily basis. Look for more information on this in the near future!!



Junior Church poses for a farewell photo for Myron Green.



Jamie Raiani and Mary Grace parasail at Young Life's Camp at Saranac Lake.

Caring For Africa and AIDS Victims

Thanks to all who committed to being World Vision child sponsors on Hope Sunday back in June. Fifteen Rwandan children whose lives have been impacted by AIDS now have opportunity for education, medical care, clean water and food. Care is also being provided for their parents if they are still living.

In a program called "The Hope Initiative," Concerts of Prayer Greater New York (COPGNY) has partnered

with World Vision International to do something about the global AIDS/HIV crisis. After much prayer, COPGNY chose Rwanda as a new World Vision initiative to do all we can to witness to Christ and help resolve the AIDS crisis. The goal is for our area to sponsor tens of thousands of children, many who are AIDS orphans living in severe poverty. The 3 year plan is to gain more and more new sponsors, to adopt a community project like

digging wells or establishing schools, and taking visiting teams to the country.

From Oct 31– Nov. 12 Pastor Allen Kemp and Dr. George Cox will go with about 20 other pastors and leaders from this area to visit Rwanda and get a first hand look at the HIV/AIDS crisis there. We will come back with a vision and a plan for how local churches here can do a much greater work there. Please pray for us!



Vincent from Rwanda is being sponsored by one of SPC's members. If you are interested in child sponsorship, contact World Vision's Hope Initiative for Rwanda 888.511.6414

Gesher Ministry coming October 31; 9:15am

Beginning Sunday October 31, Jack Jacobs of Congregation Beth Am Messiah in New City will teach our Adult Sunday School about "Gesher." Gesher is a Hebrew term that means "bridge." In Romans 11:25-26 the Apostle Paul speaks

of a mysterious spiritually significant connection between Jewish and Gentile people. He reveals a unique spiritual interdependence that leads to the salvation of both Jews and Gentiles. Gesher joyfully brings together Jewish Messianic believers

into the local churches in Rockland to teach on topics like Jewish roots of the Christian faith, Biblical Feasts and Holy Days, Church History– Yom Ha Shoah, and Evangelism to Jewish People. Please join us for this class Sunday mornings in the Chapel.

From Carl Whitlatch, Young Life Director

Who knew what to expect when a year ago Young Life came to Rockland County? There were dreams and ideas, but what would be in place come 12 months later?

The first weeks after we moved here, I felt very restless. The groundwork needed to be put down before an active vibrant ministry could exist. Direct front-lines ministry was only in its first grueling stages. All we had was faith in God and support of fellow Christians. With only a couple exceptions, the only people we knew in this community were a group of

people from this church. You were the people who prayed us here, and who gave us your support from day one. We are so thankful that you have partnered with us and cared for us during the growing pains of a new ministry. And now, a year later, I can truly say we are off and running...

God's blessing has been amazing on this ministry. God keeps blowing us away at every turn. God is putting together a team of His choosing, of those available and willing to follow His path of discipleship. There are so many things that need to be in place for this ministry to succeed,

and at just the right time God has been delivering His blessings. We have new Christian teens who have met Christ through Young Life this past year, inviting friends to Young Life events to hear about their newfound faith. We have a group of high school guys who are willing to use their band to play in our weekly outreach meetings. We have college leaders willing to put aside their fears and meet and hang out with high school kids. We have kids we barely know often asking when our next meeting is going to be and their desire to be a part of this.

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Choir Notes from Karen Shaffstall

All is Calm,
All is Bright:
Come take part of
singing in this
year's Christmas
cantata.
Rehearsals
8:15pm
Thursdays.

Choir has officially begun! If you enjoy singing and/or want to improve your music reading skills and have always wanted to be part of a great music fellowship, this is the place for you! We meet at 7:30 on Thursday nights from now until the end of December and 8:00pm from January through June. I guarantee that you will feel welcome and comfortable from the moment the rehearsal begins. The more voices we have the better opportunity we

have to blend those sounds and encourage our congregation to praise God through music!

The Christmas Cantata this year is titled, "**All is Calm, All is Bright**!" If making a full year commitment to the choir is difficult, then perhaps preparing for one event better meets your schedule. Cantata rehearsal begins at 8:15 pm on Thursday evenings, immediately following the regular rehearsal. Tapes are provided to make it possible to rehearse at

home or in your car prior to the full rehearsal each week. Those who have participated in past years say, "this is a special Christmas event that we wouldn't miss..." All are warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in one or both of these groups. What a wonderful way to enjoy fellowship with each other and praise God through His gift of music!

Something Greater Than The Temple

"Something Greater Than the Temple: Rediscovering Jesus' Biblical Humanism"
by Steve Notley
Sundays 9:15 a.m.

Jesus' first century contemporaries searched the Scriptures to understand how God wanted them to live in difficult days. They lived in a time of military threat that witnessed the suffering of the righteous and the apparent prosperity of those who oppressed God's people. Attacks came not only from without but also from within that gave rise to communal di-

visions and strife. In these difficult days people sought to understand both how God would redeem His people, and in the meantime how they should maintain a godly attitude towards each other--and even towards their oppressors. We want to explore the ideas put forward by Jesus and His contemporaries, not only to shed fresh light on well-known New Testament passages, but also to hear afresh God's call on us to live out the Gospel in our generation. Topics include:

1. In the Fullness of Time: Set-

ting the Stage for Jesus' Teaching

2. Whose Sin Brought the Tower Down? Recognizing Universal Human Frailty

3. Are You the One Who is to Come? (Judgment Delayed Judgment Denied?)

4. The Least of These My Brethren: Recognizing the *Imago Dei* in Our Neighbor

5. Unless Your Righteousness Exceeds... The Importance of Charity in the Kingdom

6. Something Greater than the Temple

Pastors Allen and Debbie Kemp and Elder Joes Zhang baptize Leah Mouacdie in the Mahwah River in June.

Children's Ministry: Discovery Adventure



The children's committee surveyed the parents of school age children to find out the interest in Sunday School for this year. Last year our numbers dwindled and it became hard to teach and have an effective program. The general consensus was that Sunday morning was a difficult time. It was decided to try a new format. We will continue to have Junior Church during the worship ser-

vice with an emphasis on the school age children. In addition we have a Wednesday night program for Kindergarten thru 5th grade beginning at 7:15 to coincide with Alpha. Cheryl Gomes will be teaching this program called **Discovery Adventure**. Each week the children will have a lesson and activities. Join us.

Opportunities

Please join us on Wednesday nights for dinner at 6:30. There is something for everyone!

1. Alpha for everyone
2. Inner Healing and Prayer Ministry training for adults.
3. Small group Bible study for Alpha graduates.
4. Intercessory prayer group.
5. Junior High Youth group
6. Discovery Adventure Club for children K-5th grade.
7. Nursery care for preschoolers.

Walter Hoving Home Choir

A program of Christian Music will be presented Sun. Oct. 17 at 10:30am. Come hear the ladies testify to the liberating power of Jesus Christ in setting them free from life-controlling addictions. The Walter Hoving Home provides a haven to 60 women at its Garrison facility, discipling and counseling them in Biblical principles. Come see Christ's work in mending broken lives. An offering will be received for the ministry.

Young Life Banquet Friday November 12 Continental Caterers, Nanuet, NY, 7pm (by the Comfort Inn)

Please come to a great night of hearing what God is doing through Young Life at Suffern High School. You will be thrilled to hear how kids lives are being changed. The meal is free and you are asked to come ready to give generously. RSVP 201-745-1061



The Walter Hoving Home in Garrison, NY

Newsy Notes

Your church staff apologizes for how late this fall newsletter has come to you. Some events are already well under way. September was consumed taking care of the building: 3 roof leaks— in the sanctuary, Wissler Room, and Gathering Place; a sewer line rupture that flooded the youth center and basement

kitchenette; and a water line break in the Children's Ministry Center bathroom, that flooded the office foyer and Fellowship Hall. Please pray for protection for our buildings!

Session is now meeting twice a month, once for the business meeting, and second time for prayer. If you want to join us

for prayer, come to the sanctuary the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box collection is coming up. Please pick up your empty box beginning Oct. 17 and return them Nov. 14 at the latest.

Local ministries depend on us. Please be part of what God is doing in Rockland County.

CareNet Banquet Oct. 22, 7PM Holiday Inn

You are cordially invited to the Annual Fund Raising Banquet of the CareNet Pregnancy Center of Rockland "By His Spirit" to be held at the Empire Ballroom, Holiday Inn, Suffern. The featured guest is John Ensor, President of A Woman's Concern ministry in Boston,

MA. The ministry is dedicated to providing healthy, life affirming assistance to women and couples in pregnancy distress. His books include *Experiencing God's Forgiveness* (NavPress), *Doing Things Right in Matters of the Heart* (Accent Press), and *Answering the Call, Saving the Inno-*

cent, One Woman at a Time (Focus on the Family).

To reserve a seat, call Pat Peebles by October 15, 845-362-7401.

CARENET

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Excitement is brewing. This past week we had a dozen high school kids come to our home for a leadership meeting about God using them to bring the life that Jesus offers into their schools. This week also brings the start of Bible studies before school. We are also venturing to begin weekly high school clubs this month. Furthermore, we are meeting with potential college students who might want to start getting involved in our leadership training program. So a year later, I can definitely say there is no restlessness waiting for regular ministry to start, just appreciation of what God is doing and a hope that God will provide continuing resources to keep up with what He has begun.

How you can continue to partner with us: Please continue praying for this ministry. Pray against resistance to Young Life among parents and school officials. Pray for teens who are struggling to live out their faith. Pray for new kids to be drawn to Christ regularly. Pray for finances to come in to continue to support this ministry. Pray for new leaders and committee members.

Plan on attending our annual Fundraising Celebration banquet on November 11th and/or invite those who might be interested in hearing about this ministry. Please call 201-745-1061 if interested.

Upcoming events for Adults, Youth and Children.

October

- 11 (Mon) Young Life Club begins
- 16 (Sat.) 10am-2pm All Church Work Day
- 17 (Sun) Walter Hoving Home Choir presentation
- 22 (Fri.) 7:pm CareNet Banquet, Holiday Inn Suffern
- 24 (Sun.) 10:30am Rick Shaffstall preaches
- 29-31 (Fri.-Sun.) Dunamis Weekend "The Power of Prayer"

November

- 5-6 Alpha Weekend away
- 12 (Fri.) 7pm Young Life Banquet, Comfort Inn Nanuet
- 14 (Sun.) Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes collected

December

- 3-5 Young Life trip to Lake Champion
- 4 (Sat.) 10am Decorate the Sanctuary
- 12 (Sun.) 10:30am Adult Christmas Cantata
- 16 (Thurs.) 7:30pm Cantata presented in NYC
- 18 (Sat.) 6pm Progressive Dinner
- 19 (Sun) 10:30am Children's Christmas Program
- 24 (Fri.) 8pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 25 (Sat.) 11am Christmas Day Service

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