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# MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

## FEEL THE SPIRIT!

As we near PENTECOST Sunday, we are challenged to be aware of the Spirit moving in our church. We see that in many ways, some of which are listed here:



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, the Rev. Rick Cowles will bring us the Word during our Sunday worship. Rev. Cowles is the District Superintendent of the Susquehanna District of the United Church of Christ, and a longtime friend of Caroline Valley Community Church. Come and support him with your participation and prayers. I'm sure you will be spiritually blessed and refreshed.

As we continue in the **EASTER Season** of the church calendar, remember that our visual theme for the Easter season is the lily. Christ is referred to as the LILY OF THE VALLEY. We thank the members of the Worship Committee, and especially Minnie Brill, for their part in bringing the beautiful lilies we have seen on our altar.



The Brooktondale Community Center is sponsoring a BROOKTONDALE YARD SALE on May 15<sup>th</sup>. CVCC will be taking part in this yard sale with soup and bread and art work for sale in the church. Come check it all out!

May the 16<sup>th</sup> will see the return of Ben Hogben to the pulpit at Caroline Valley. This faithful friend of our congregation will lead our morning worship as he has done so many times in the past. We rejoice to see him with us again, and eagerly await his message. Come share this special Sunday and thank Rev. Ben for all his work on behalf of our church.



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Pray for our own Courtney Smalt as she continues to raise money to travel to Europe as part of the PEOPLE TO PEOPLE program. She had a very successful Spaghetti Dinner

Fundraiser on Saturday evening, the 10<sup>th</sup> of April, and she thanks everyone who participated. But she still needs our help. We are gathering empty bottles and cans at the church, and I'm sure she would appreciate any other financial help you can give.



PEOPLE TO PEOPLE  
AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS

Caroline Valley Community Church sponsored four of our women to attend the 2010 UCCNY WOMEN'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE, held this year at Watkins Homestead in Painted Post, NY. Kathy Storck, Elaine Sapp, Carol Lavelle and Martha Phillips left on April 29<sup>th</sup> and will return May 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to their report from this gathering of Christian women.

On May 28<sup>th</sup> we will have a special MOVIE NIGHT. All are invited to join us on this Friday evening for a time of sharing around the movie LILIES OF THE FIELD. Popcorn and fun will be liberally provided. Bring the whole family! We will show the film at 7pm.



Early planning has begun for a "Summer School" for the children. Right now we are looking at a week in August. If you are interested in supporting this effort, either through your own participation with the children or by preparing food and supplies, tell either Martha Phillips or Bonita Ferguson.

## **DOING GOOD**

By Pastor Dan

Galatians 6:10 "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."



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As I move into spring it feels good. I have enjoyed the weather here in Ithaca almost as much as I have enjoyed the church. I was worried about both when we moved. I was immediately overwhelmed by the kindness and openness of this congregation, but I had to wait to see what the weather would be. Like the congregation at Caroline Valley, it has been more delightful than I ever expected. Thanks be to God for both! I have loved it!

Love is one of those overused words in our world, and it means different things to different people. For that reason, in the church we often talk about being kind to each other, helping each other, and sharing with each other. These have become our ways of saying 'love' and defining it as we express it. That's okay, as long as we remember that the command is to love, and that love is the source of these actions, not just the actions themselves.

I want to encourage each of us to continue showing that kind of love to all who are a part of our church family. We should, of course, act lovingly towards everyone we meet. But I enjoy the way Paul says it in the verse above: "especially to those who are of the household of faith." Jesus says in John that we Christians are to be known as those who love each other. Thank you for the love that you have shown, and will show, to me and to all who enter Caroline Valley Community Church.

## **PRAYER LIST**

Please contact Elaine Sapp at 347-9830 or [esapp@twcny.rr.com](mailto:esapp@twcny.rr.com) if you have information about someone who is ill, hospitalized, or in need of prayer.

**Dr. Mary Tinker**  
**Dick Crispell and family**  
**Bill and Roberta Schoch**  
**Jaynie Davis and Thomas**  
**Clara Caveney**  
**Barbara Perrone**  
**Lucy (Laura's mother)**

**Marjorie Klein**  
**Marge Tilton**  
**Doris Paterson**  
**Karen Barden**  
**Rick Eggleston**  
**Bob Babcock**

**All Members of the Armed Forces**



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 2:** Guest Speaker – Rev. Rick Cowles at 11am

**May 3:** Church Council Meeting at 7pm

**May 9:** Mother's Day service at 11am

**May 15:** Brooktondale Yard Sale

**May 16:** Guest Speaker – Rev. Ben Hogben at 11am

**May 28:** Movie Night at 7pm

**June 7:** Church Council Meeting at 7pm

**June 20:** Father's Day service at 11am

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