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# NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2010

### NEWS AND HAPPENINGS:

#### People to People: Mediterranean Traditions

Europe was amazing, to put it very simply. I loved Spain; the people there were so kind and welcoming. In Spain I spent three days with a host family and was exposed to their daily lives, and learned more about their culture (mainly through eating). I was also exposed to Spanish art at the Prado Museum of Art, which was a great treat. In Barcelona I saw the buildings of the famous architect Gaudi, who in my mind is a genius. I



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thoroughly enjoyed learning about the history of Barcelona through his work. I also watched flamenco dancing which was very entertaining and could do.

France was quite different from Spain. France is a lot more green (with flora) than Spain and is very mountainous. In France I went to an archeological dig site, which was in a cave on the side of a mountain. I learned about pre-historic humans and was able to view their skulls. In Grasse I went to a perfume factory where I learned some of the basics of making perfume. I also went to Avignon, France where I went to the Pope's Palace, where the Pope had resided until the 11<sup>th</sup> century. I went to Cannes and Nice which are two coastal towns right on the water. I went to the Grand Auditorium of the Cannes film festival and saw Elton John's house from afar in Nice.

On the way to Italy we stopped in Monaco for a day and saw the entire country in one morning: it was beautiful. We then traveled on to Florence where we toured the city and saw the great Florentine Cathedral which is made of red, green and white marble. We also went to a Florentine leather factory (Italian leather is very nice). We then went to Assisi, Italy where I met with a St. Franciscan monk, Brother Angelo who told me the story of St. Francis of Assisi. Then I went repelling down the minor castle tower, which is still 400 feet tall. A very intense and terrifying experience and one I will never forget. On the way to Rome we stopped at Perugia chocolate factory and bought and ate tons of chocolate. In Rome we went to the Coliseum and Roman Forum

along with the Parthenon, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish steps (there are only 136 steps; I ran up and down them four times just to figure that out). On our last day in Rome we went to the Vatican City: for being its own country inside a city it is still quite large. Then we came home.

Thank you all so much for your support and help on this venture of mine. It was a truly worthwhile experience and one that I will never forget. Thank you again.

*(This report is from Courtney Smalt, our ambassador to Europe! Thank you, Courtney.)*



Our regular Sunday morning **Bible Study** has begun for this fall season. The BIBLE CLUB classes teach those ages K to 13. The adult class just started a survey of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). These classes meet each Sunday morning at 9:45am. Please join us for this sharing and learning.

Fall is always a time of celebration and fund-raising in our community. On the **16<sup>th</sup> of October**, the Brooktondale Community Center will sponsor the annual Brooktondale **APPLE FEST**. Our church will be

participating in this event by having baked goods, soup, art and other items for sale in the church basement. Other Fest items will be sold in the Community Center and in the Old Fire House. We ask our member to please contribute baked goods, and/or volunteer to help with the soup making and sales on that day. It will be a fun time for all and a good chance to meet the neighbors!



On the **20<sup>th</sup> of November**, we will host the annual **CHRISTMAS COUNTRY STORE**. Again, we will be selling baked goods, soup, art and assorted other items. This event will also be held in the church, community center, and old fire house. Those wishing to rent a table for this event should contact Kathy Storck at 607-539-3114.

Beginning the first Sunday in November, we will have a series of special worship times.

\* **November 7<sup>th</sup>** will be **ALL SAINTS DAY**: a time of remembrance and respect for those who have contributed to this church for the last 142 years. We will honor our senior members and those who have departed our fellowship during the last year.

\* The **14<sup>th</sup> of November** we will conduct our annual **STEWARDSHIP SERVICE**. This will be a time of

reflecting on what it means to give to God a portion of what we have: love, time, creativity, and money.

\* On **November the 21<sup>st</sup>** we will observe our yearly **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**, praising God for all the gifts and blessings that have come into our lives during 2010.

\* **November 28<sup>th</sup>** will be the first Sunday of **ADVENT 2010**.

We invite you to join us every Sunday, and especially for these unique times of worship.



### **A SEASON OF GATHERING**

Our focus for the months of September and October has been on the concept of GATHERING. We have talked in Worship about how gathering means many things to us. It can refer to the fact that we gather each week to worship God. It can be a reference to our having been gathered by God as His chosen people. It can be about the Great Commission that we are given to gather us into the community of believers. Or it can simply refer to the concept of harvest and the material blessings that God gives us each day, and particularly during this season of the year.

It seems that some Sundays it has also been about what it means for us to be the ‘gathered’ people of God. We have discussed our emotional and spiritual health and what that should be in light of our status as Christians.

We want it to be a time of building up our church both in numbers and in awareness. We invite all who

are not already involved in another church to come and join us as we grow and learn. We believe that God has a special future for us here as an expression of His family. And we believe that a new day is dawning for the community church, a place of spiritual and cultural diversity.

With love and respect,  
Pastor Dan

Ps. It's time again to thank all those who work to maintain and improve the church building and property. It has been an active summer. We have new plumbing in the Men's restroom, a new water treatment system, and the shed is completed, with lighting. Also, the church safe was finally opened, and the proper combination discovered! We thank the Shed Committee for their successful efforts, and the Willing Workers and Ladies Aid for helping to move everything from the old barn to the new shed.

### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

SUNDAYS: Worship Service – 11am

Adult Bible Study – 9:45am

Bible Club for children 3 through 13 – 9:45am

THURSDAYS: Willing Workers - 9am

Bell Choir practice - 6:30pm

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October 4:** Church Council Meeting at 7pm

**October 16:** Apple Festival, 10am to 2pm

**November 1:** Church Council Meeting at 7pm

**November 7:** All Saints' Sunday

**November 14:** Stewardship Sunday

**November 20:** Christmas Country Store, 10am- 2pm

**November 21:** Thanksgiving Sunday

**November 28:** First Sunday of Advent 2010

Sometime in November: (date not settled yet; look in the next newsletter): **Senior Crop Walk**

## **PRAYER LIST**

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

Dr. Mary Tinker

Marjorie Klein

Dick Crispell and family

Marge Tilton

Bill and Roberta Schoch

Karen Barden

Rick Eggleston

Barbara Perrone

Burrows family

Rev. Ben Hogben

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