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# The Tower *Chimes*

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Janet Graham, Editor

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## **.....from the Pastor's desk**

9/11 is all you need to say to bring, from not too deep in our minds, memories of the horrific events of that day in 2001. It is good the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 falls on Sunday, the Lord's Day, for we will be together in a sanctuary where we can and will pray together for continued healing, strength, truth, compassion, unity, peace and hope.

On September 11, 2011 our times for gathering will be 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.; Sunday school for our children will be at 11 a.m. The children will come with their parents to the Sanctuary before going to their Sunday school classes.

The Fellowship Hour on Sept. 11 will be hosted by the Board of Trustees as an official welcome for Mr. Samuel Chapin, Organist/Choir Director. Welcome Sam!

Lord's Day Services were canceled on August 28 due to Hurricane Irene. Our property suffered no significant damage – a little water in the basement and a couple of limbs from a tree in front of the Manse.

CHOIR REHEARSALS begin September 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY EVENING RELIGIOUS STUDIES begin September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. This year's study is: THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE. The video professor is Phillip Cary of Eastern University. Dr. Cary earned his B.A. in English Literature and in Philosophy at Washington University, St. Louis; and his Ph.D. in Philosophy and Religious Studies at Yale University.

This course surveys major developments in the history of Christian theology. Taking the centrality of Jesus Christ as the distinctive feature of Christianity, it focuses on theological concepts by relating them to Christian life and experience, including especially practices of worship. It will begin with the first Christian theological writings, the books of the New Testament. It will examine, too, the theology of the early church, how it read the Jewish scriptures and how it used Greek philosophy, as well as how the idea of official Christian doctrine and its opposite, heresy, arose in response to the large variety of early Christianities. It will continue with a survey of Reformation theology; then tracing Protestant theology through the modern period. It will conclude by treating the history of

Roman Catholic theology beginning with the doctrine of grace formulated by the 16<sup>th</sup> century Council of Trent, which was a response to Protestant challenges. It will conclude with a look at ecumenical theology that opened up after Vatican II, drawing Catholics, Orthodox, and Protestants into ongoing conversation about the boundaries of the tradition of Christian theology and its center in Jesus Christ. You are invited to join the study and discussion.

### **LAMPSTAND**

By Margaret Blackburn  
(Margaret expressed these thoughts  
as part of her acceptance of the 2011  
John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Scholarship Award)

I would first like to thank you, for all your support and encouragement, especially throughout my senior year of high school and for selecting me for this scholarship.

Union Church has long been a part of my life. Having gone through Sunday school, volunteering in the kitchen at the Harvest Fair, and working in the nursery most Sundays, I have grown to love and enjoy coming to church, especially because of all of you. You have become a set of guiding eyes and support to me throughout the years, almost like a second family, that I have gotten to know and love.

I was not baptized throughout my years of Sunday school, and when all of my classmates went on to confirmation class I initially chose not to. Most people are baptized at birth, giving them little choice about their faith and beliefs. The fact that I had to choose this commitment to my faith scared me, and I began to stop going to church. However, over time I began to miss the community and all the lessons it had taught me and chose to join my siblings confirmation class two years later. Realizing, that I loved the support and guidance the congregation had always offered me, I decided I wanted to become an active part of our church.

My junior year in high school, I don't know if many of you know, I had to choose a topic in history after the 1950's to write about. I chose Union Church, as I wanted to write about something I knew and was familiar with. However, after researching I realized how little

I actually knew of our church and its unique history. Interviewing many of you and writing about this history, I began to appreciate the close bonds that have formed throughout the years and the strength of our congregation as a whole.

I learned that a church is not about its building, but the devoted people that make up its community. I hope to keep this mindset going into George Washington University and in the future; focusing on how the people and communities I become a part of, rather than my location, impact and push me to grow into the young woman I am today, a young woman who is not afraid to make her own decisions and who will never compromise her beliefs. Thank you all.

### **PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER**

- Sept. 04 – “*Other People’s Religion*”-  
John 21:20-25 (21, 22)
- Sept. 11 – “*Nebuchadnezzar is Still Around*”-  
Daniel 3:16-28 (17, 18)
- Sept. 18 - “*The Healing Stream*” –  
Revelation 22:1-5 (1, 2)
- Sept. 25 – “*Vision and Vulnerability*” –  
Luke 18:35-43

<p><b><u>WORSHIP HOURS CHANGE</u></b> <b>On Sunday, <u>September 11</u>,</b> <b>Our worship hours will change to</b> <b>9 &amp; 11 a.m.</b></p>
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### **WE WELCOME SAMUEL CHAPIN ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR**

On **Sunday, September 11**, we will officially welcome Samuel Chapin as our Organist/Choir Director at a special Fellowship Hour hosted by

the Board of Trustees. Sam brings us extensive and excellent skills and experience as an organist, pianist and professional chorister. He has earned Master of Music and Doctor of Music Arts degrees from the University of Michigan and advanced certification from the American Guild of Organists. We invite all to join us for this special event.

### **WEDDING REUNION SUNDAY**

Wedding Reunion Sunday will take place on September 25. On this very special occasion, we invite those who have been married at Union Church to join us at the 11 a.m. Lord's Day Service. The Board of Deacons will host the Fellowship Hour following the service.

### **DINNER CLUB**

The Dinner club lost two wonderful members, Mary and Jim Wells, who have moved to St. Augustine, Florida. We wish them all the very best in their new home and look forward to seeing them on return visits to the area. Their new address and e-mail is posted under *News from the Pews*.

Once again, our annual lake outing at the Erdman's was a great time to relax while catching up with everyone's summer doings and enjoying the great food that was supplied by everyone who came. Carole and Larry were such welcoming hosts, and we were additionally treated to a visit with Randy and Julianna Knarr, who now reside in Albany.

An e-mail has gone out to all our members regarding our annual hayride on September 11. This is our first fall event and members are reminded to reserve a spot on the wagon as seating is limited. As in the past—and weather permitting—half way through our ride, we will stop for a tasty repast and then return for the church for dessert. The wagon leaves at 3 p.m. There is a short walk to the departure area, so you will need to arrive and park in the church lot by 2:45 p.m.

### **HARVEST FAIR – 2011**

The 2010 Harvest Fair is 5 weeks away on **October 14, 15 and 16**. Please remember our request not to bring any donations after **SEPTEMBER 25**. This will allow us the preparation time that we need to get everything in order.

Nothing in life is as certain as change, and there are changes to the Harvest Fair this year. The **Jewelry Department** will be expanded and the **Antique Department** will also be expanded to include high-end linens. To make room for these expansions the **Boutique Department** has been moved to Room #4 in the Sunday school building and **Books** will be sold from Room #5. These rooms are the first and second rooms on your right as you descend the stairs to the ground-floor level. **Children's Clothing** will be sold from the space beneath the Sanctuary, (former year's site of the Linen Department.) Generously placed signs will point the way – and all Fair workers will be able to give directions. **Furniture, White Elephants and Flowers** will remain outside in the tents, and the **Bake Table** will remain in the Parish Hall.

The Board of Trustees has selected the Kitchen Garden Gourmet of Sleepy Hollow to serve lunch. The Kitchen Garden Gourmet will also provide food for the Staff at no cost to Union Church. Staff food will be available in the Music Room, same location as recent years. Profits from the kitchen and the cost of food for the Staff in the past were approximately the same. The Kitchen Garden Gourmet will provide all its own staff for the kitchen and assume all financial liability.

The success of the Fair is entirely dependent on donations, so please pass the word to your family, friends and neighbors.

### **WORKERS NEEDED**

All of our Fair departments are in need of extra hands. Please consider giving time to this very

important event. The proceeds of the Fair are used to help fulfill the Mission of Union Church. We cannot succeed without the support of our church community.

### **CHAGALL IN HIGH FALLS**

We have received notice of an exhibition of Chagall's works at the D & H Canal Museum Chapel in High Falls, NY. This showing features the years 1946-1948 when Marc Chagall lived on Mohonk Rd. in High Falls, NY. During this time he created more than 90 paintings, prints and drawings, some of which are his most critically acclaimed.

The exhibition is open through October 30. Gallery hours are Thursday through Monday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; entrance fees: adults \$4.00; children \$2.00. A benefit reception and dinner will take place at DePuy Canal House on September 17 at 6 p.m. Contact John Novi 845.687.0440 for further information. Other contacts are: [www.chagallinhighfalls.com](http://www.chagallinhighfalls.com) and facebook: chagall in high falls.

### **NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

- We were very saddened by the passing of Phil Fink in June. Phil was a long-time, active member of our church community. We extend our condolences to his wife, Janet, his children and grandchildren.
- Mary and Jim Wells moved to Florida in mid-June. We said our goodbyes and wished them well on June 17 following each of our services and thanked them for their dedication and participation in the activities of Union Church. Their new address is: 217 North Twin Maple Road, St. Augustine, Florida 32084; e-mail: maryvanderwart@gmail.com.
- Mary Johnson had eye surgery on August 18, and she is doing very well. We ask for prayers for Mary's sister, Beatrice, as she moves through her recovery following surgery.

- We want to thank David Bartholomew for all of the beautiful photographs that are displayed in our Parish Hall. David always captures the mood, no matter what the occasion. If you are interested in having copies of any of these photos, you may call David at 769.3134 or catch him during a Fellowship Hour.
- Cameron Mae Dorzbacher was baptized on August 21 at our 10 a.m. service. Cameron is the daughter of Susan and David Dorzbacher, and granddaughter of Carter and Sharon Dorzbacher.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Gifts to the Pastoral Ministry Endowment Fund have been received from the following:

In memory of Philip Fink:

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