

Hector and Lodi

Presbyterian News

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The Pastor's Page

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those that dwell therein..." (Psalm 24)

YHWH Elohim formed the groundling out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and the groundling became a living being. (Gen 2:7)

YHWH Elohim took the groundling and placed him in the garden of Eden to serve it and preserve it." (Gen 2:15)

(Genesis translations from William P. Brown, "The Seven Pillars of Creation")

Scripture tells us that God created the earth—and that humanity is called to take care of it—to be good stewards of what we have been given. An older translation of Genesis uses the term "subdue" over the earth, but the original Hebrew language has much more of an understanding of care and caretaking than use and destruction. Eugene Peterson in his setting the Bible in modern words, writes it this way: "God blessed them: 'Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of the Earth.'"

Terence Fretheim, Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary writes about the word subdue used in Genesis 1:28 : "subdue...have dominion—God shares power with the humans, choosing not to be the only one who has creative and ruling capacities. Having dominion is understood in terms of caregiving, not exploitation...The command to "subdue" relates to the earth, particularly the difficult task of cultivation. ...these verbs assume ongoing developments in the created order, rather than a finished product. So God's world is not a static state of affairs. (Call to Worship, 42.4, p23)

As people of faith, we know that God has entrusted the world to our care. Stewardship is not simply how we handle money, give to the church, or a seasonal push to meet the church budget. Stewardship involves the grateful response of our whole lives to God's call.

Pastors Nancy and Jim

Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference August 2010

August 1 (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 10:25-37

August 8 (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 11:1-13

August 15 (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 2:4b-3:24
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:13-21

August 22 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 29 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 12:32-40

Did you know...

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has long been involved in the Stewardship of Creation. We even have an Office of Environmental Ministries: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/environment/>

Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) is a member-based, grassroots, 501c3 non-profit organization operating primarily alongside the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but also in ecumenical circles: <http://presbyearthcare.org/>

The Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium is being held at Wisdom's Goldenrod on August 21. The symposium conveys an important message for our time, and HOPE for the future.

Other useful links...

- Union of Concerned Scientists: www.ucsusa.org/global_warming
- Interfaith Power and Light: www.interfaithpowerandlight.org.
- US Climate Action Network: www.usclimatenetwork.org/policy/

Here is just one story about Presbyterians caring for creation...

Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta recently had their 28-acre property designated as an Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary, in order to create "sanctuary" for the community and the creatures around the church. The church is reaching out to its neighbors including churches, retirement communities, schools and organizations to see if they would also work to create "sanctuary" in the midst of this large and congested city. On Sunday, April 18, 2010, the church held an organic, sustainably-grown luncheon following worship. After lunch, there was brief presentation about the church's new status as a wildlife sanctuary including and a map of the new sanctuary path. Members were invited to bring their work clothes and gardening tools to help clear the way for a walking path around the property.

(Story by John Koon, PhD, PEC member and workshop leader at the 2009 Faith and Environment Conference in Montreal. John is a Presbyterian and has served as an elder at Westminster PC in Nashville, TN and Trinity PC in Atlanta. He also is a member of Trinity's Sustainability Committee.)

HELP CHANGE THE WORLD WITH FAIR TRADE COFFEE



PURCHASED FROM HECTOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Are you ready to blast off on a great adventure? This summer, we are having A Galactic Blast! Vacation Bible School will be August 9-13, 9-12:00 at the Hector Presbyterian Church. We will be having a Cosmic Adventure Praising God!

It's not too late to join us. Registration forms are still available, or call the office at 546-2134, but ALL are welcome—just come on Monday, Aug 9th and JOIN THE FUN!!!

The Slow-Me-Down Prayer

Slow me down, God. Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace. Give me, amidst the day's confusion, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of singing streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the restoring power of sleep. Teach me the art of taking 'minute vacations.' Remind me of the fable of the hare and the tortoise; that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to life than measuring its speed. Let me look up at the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew slowly and well. Inspire me to send my own roots down deep into the soil of life's enduring values... that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny. Slow me down, God.

Let's Recycle

Sturdy kid friendly fabric can be used to make bags for the Mennonite Central Committee or Church World Service school kit projects. Liz Adams or Lois Carter will be glad to supply patterns as well as instructions for filling the bags.

Car batteries can be recycled at any auto supplier that sells batteries. There may be a charge if it is a brand they don't sell.

Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, LI-ion and Pb batteries may be taken to the customer service desk at Walmart for recycling. Tape the ends so they don't leak.

Antiques, Collectibles or Useful Things can be donated to Hector's Attic Sale on Aug. 6-8 for recycling to new owners. Bring items to the church beginning on July 30.



MANY THANKS

A great big THANKS go out to friends at Hector Pres for your kind words and lovely anniversary cards! It was so good to see so many of you at our celebration at Logan Ridge recently. We would like, also, to send a note of appreciation to choir friends who sang "606" with friends from Living Hope Fellowship.

-Liz & Dick Adams

Please remember that the Hector Church does not loan out any chairs or tables without arrangements being made in advance. If you would like to borrow chairs or tables, please call Pastor Yao at 546-2134. Please note that we never loan out the new gray chairs or the round tables.



Hector Church is saving Campbell's soup labels for Schuyler Nursery School in Montour Falls. Many Hector children attend or have attended this school. Labels may be left in the narthex. We are also collecting Box Tops for Education from General Mills products including Gold Medal. Please contact Jeanne Gridley for further information.

The Hector Presbyterian Church is designated as a Thursday Nutrition Site through the Office Of The Aging. Hot lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon through 1:00 PM on Thursdays. Call 535-7470 by 9:00 AM Thursday Mornings for reservations, a cup of coffee and friendly neighbors.

--The Fellowship Committee

Do you need someone to talk to? Our churches belong to the Family Counseling Ministry of the Finger Lakes. Counselors are available in Ithaca or Elmira. Fees are charged on a sliding scale based on income. **Rev. Wayne Gustafson is the FCM therapist available in Watkins Glen. He can be reached at 607-857-0003.**



The Hector Church is collecting food for the Food Pantry. Our numbers are down from last year, so let's work to bring those numbers back up. Remember, your cash donation can be used to purchase needed items at a reduced cost. Your items can be dropped off to the box which is located in the narthex. Checks can be made out to The Schuyler Outreach Food Pantry. Contact Jeanne Gridley for more information.



AWAKENING THE DREAMER, CHANGING THE DREAM

There is limited space at Wisdom's Goldenrod! Your ECCOH Committee friends at Hector Presbyterian would like YOU to have the opportunity to attend this challenging and inspirational environmental symposium on August 21, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$20 - Adults; \$10 - Students/Seniors. Vegetarian luncheon provided. Register at www.awakeningthedreamer.org or contact Liz Adams (607)546-2083 radams414@htva.net.

By the way, we will be needing help with food, set-up and clean-up of events. WE SHALL KEEP YOU POSTED.

HECTOR WORSHIP HELPERS

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to clean our church buildings each month during the year.

CLEANERS FOR AUGUST: Jean Swinnerton / Amy DeRaiche

(Please see Charles Fausold in Hector or Fran Steverson in Lodi if you would like to volunteer.)

USHERS FOR AUGUST: Joette and Peter McBride

HECTOR COMMUNION SERVERS :

August- Vicki Schamel, Jean Swinnerton, Ruthie Bills, Sue Hazlitt

Sept- Elaine Stevens, Kylie Burchell, Dave Beckhorn, Dave Wickham

(We will be using the same servers as last year unless some people want to switch.)



Celebrate the Waters

Presbyterian Women in the Presbyteries of Geneva, Genesee Valley and Western New York are sponsoring a Gathering on Sept. 25th (9:30 am to 3:30 pm) at the Camp Asbury Retreat Center in Perry, NY. The theme, "Celebrate the Waters – Meet Me at the River," will reflect the symbolic, spiritual and physical importance of water. The keynote speaker, Lynda Schneekloth is a professor of Landscape Architecture at SUNY Buffalo. She is particularly interested in the idea of place making, that is, how people can transform the world including natural processes and built forms and has a passion for how we take care of our watershed areas. Also speaking will be Jo Ann Burrell, the representative from the Synod of the Northeast on the PW USA Mission Experience to South Dakota. She will relate the importance of water and other issues of the Native Americans of that area. There is a \$15 registration fee which includes lunch and reservations are requested. Brochures will be available for more information.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0

Won't you join us in a DVD and web-based small group study exploring beyond traditions to deeper understandings of truth, as we examine Scripture, science and history and their interplay. These discussions will help us in discovering the significance of Christianity in the 21st century and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world. Pastors Jim & Nancy are facilitators for this stimulating series.

The study is broken into three 7-session segments. The first segment, "The Journey", began on Wednesday, July 21st, meets weekly, and will conclude on Wednesday, September 1st. It's not too late for you to be a part of this lively experience.

-Liz Adams

LOOK FOR NEWS ON SCHOOL KITS

This is the time to take advantage of sales on school items from our local stores. Items to fill one school bag are:

- four spiral or perforated notebooks
- four unsharpened No. 2 pencils
- one ruler (flat, flexible plastic, indicating 30-centimeter and 12-inch)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- one large pencil eraser

Confirmation of this fall's project will be forthcoming. Stay tuned.



Hector Youth Connection News

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By the time you read this, our mission team of 9 youth and 3 adults will have returned from their week-long trip to Pittsburgh. They will have helped the poor and elderly with home repairs, and met dozens of other youth for worship, reflection, fellowship and fun.

A huge thank you to all who have supported the youth with your prayers, and your financial gifts! We couldn't have done this without you. On Sunday, August 29 after worship, the team will host a luncheon to share their experiences and to show their appreciation for all who have supported them.

Also planned for sometime in August is a time of fun and fellowship by the lake with an eye to scheduling meetings and activities for the coming school year. If you will be in high school in the fall, you are welcome to join us. Watch for more details to follow.

Sounds fishy

Seen on a church signboard in northern Minnesota one summer: "Sure, you can worship God with a fishing pole in your hand, but when was the last time a walleye told you, 'Your sins are forgiven?'"

The boy had it right

Chris Harrison, a minister's wife, likes to tell the story about a day she was running late for an appointment. She needed to take her 3-year-old son to the babysitter's house; however, her car wasn't cooperating. Finally, after several false starts, it started firing. "It's about time," she said with disgust.

"God helped us," the little lad said calmly.

Happy with his response, his mom told him, "Thank you."

"Not me," said the child. "Thank God."



Everyone is somebody

Long before the Rev. Jesse Jackson encouraged African-American children to repeat daily the words "I am somebody!" the brilliant scientist George Washington Carver had reached the same conclusion.

Carver attended church-sponsored Simpson College after being denied enrollment elsewhere because of his skin color. When the school's president asked what the college had done for him, Carver replied, "Simpson College helped me realize that I was a human being."

That was the starting point of the great inventor's career. People all need affirmation that they are valuable because God created and loves them.

Wanted

WANTED: Choir members – whereabouts unknown

LAST SEEN: Hiding out in the congregation

DESCRIPTION: Male and female, young and old, musical and cheerful, may be armed and desperate for a robe

REWARD: "Give and you shall receive."

SURRENDER TO: Your friendly choir director

NEWS FROM LODI

Lodi Helpers:

1. Lodi Youth are setting up communion and cleaning the church in August



August Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- 2-George and Lois Jennings
- 4-Amanda McGonigal/Keliana
- 7-Joan Welch
- 7-Tom Jones
- 8-Neicha Albertson
- 11-Cheryl
- 12-Ken Hohwald
- 25-Sheri Wyckoff



Free Lunch:

The Lodi Free Lunch will be Friday, August 27th from 12:00-2:00 PM at the Lodi Church.



Lodi Youth Sunday School News:

August meeting times:

Monday, August 2nd-5:00-7:00 PM Lodi Church

Thursday, August 5th-5:00-7:00 PM Lodi Church

Thursday, August 26th-5:00-7:00 PM Lodi Church



We will be continuing with:

“Understanding Global Poverty: How Youth Can Make a Difference!”

Day 3: Meet the Beaders

Day 4: BeadforLife: A Model for Success

Day 5: Taking Action: How You Can Help Eradicate Poverty

Gardening with Melanie: On August 5th and 26th, Melanie has asked that those interested come at 4:30 PM to help with the vegetable garden.

Youth Sunday school will start September 12, 2010 (3rd or 4th grade through HS)

10:00-11:00 AM

The Youth will be continuing with the We Believe Curriculum-Faithfully Asking Questions for the Fall Quarter.

Some Questions they will discuss:

Session 1: What Do Christians Believe In?

Session 2: Is It OK to Have Doubts About God?

Session 3: Who Can Be Saved?

Session 4: How Does God Want Churches to Treat Each Other?

Session 5: What Is the Gospel, According to Matthew?

Session 6: What Is the Gospel, According to Mark?

Session 7: What Is the Gospel, According to Luke?

Session 8: What Is the Gospel, According to John?

Session 9: How Can God Be Known?

Session 10: Does God Love Everyone? Even the Devil?

Session 11: Does God Ever Get Angry?

Session 12: How Strong Is God's Power?

Session 13: What Does My View of God Have to Do with the Way I Live My Life?

We are considering starting a younger class. (3 or 4 year olds-K or 1st grade). If anyone is interested or knows of someone who would be interested in having or helping with this class, please call #387-5459 (Susan or Steven Frost) or #546-2134 (church office-Pastors Jim or Nancy) of email sfrost2@zoom-DSL.com.

Presbyterian Women:

No Meeting in August. Stay tuned.

Lodi Prayer List:

Shut-Ins

1. Mary VanVleet 2003 South Townline Rd. Ovid, N.Y. 14521
2. Debbie Mulford 320 First Street Ithaca, N.Y. 14850



Prayers for Safety:

Michael, Bobbie, Tim (Grandson's of Roma and Tom Jones)

Prayers for Wholeness:

Neicha and Grady Albertson, Nick Budd, Cheryl, Gracie, George Jennings, Tom Jones, Jone's Family/Sheri and Patty, Bertha Jones (Tom's mother), Jim Juenger, Don and Mary and Adam, Tom Margeit, Cathy McGonigal, Bill and Family (Amanda's Brother), Esther Richie, Pat Steverson, Hailey, Gavin Richards-hearing, Debbie Hohwald, John Jarvis, Steven Frost, Doug Wyckoff, Liz Orman, Heather and Jeff (expecting friends of Amanda), The Family of eskie Shaff, Lynne-Cherie's mother, and the Fitzsimmons family.



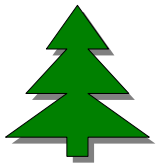


OPEN FORUM
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YOU'RE INVITED TO THE DAY OF INSPIRATION

sponsored by
Presbyterian Women of Geneva Presbytery
on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



at **CAMP WHITMAN**

- Registration (\$1) and Fellowship at 9:30
- Please bring a completed School Kit for CWS plus \$2 to send it on (see PW Summer LINK for details)
- Opportunity for you to make a donation to Camp Whitman when you register!
- Rev. Nancy Yao will lead us in worship
- Young women who attended Triennium are being invited
- Morning speaker is Joanne Strike from Utica Presbytery who will talk about Fair Trade programs in Nicaragua
- Lunch provided by the PW Coordinating Team—enjoy!
- Afternoon activity is your choice:
 - Bible study preview of Revelation with Rita Oestreich
 - Walking/riding around the Camp
 - Chatting with new and old friends in a lovely setting
 - Working on/sharing ideas about a craft related to your group's mission projects
- Planned activities will end around 2:30 P.M.

~ August 2010 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 18TH SUN. IN ORD. TIME 9:30a Worship (H) 10:00a Sunday school (L) 11:15a Worship (L)	2 6:45p Euchre (H)	3 8:30a Bone Builders (H)	4 7:15p Adult study (H)	5	6 Attic Sale (H)	7 9:00a Choir Rehearsal Attic Sale (H)
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29 22ND SUN. IN ORD. TIME 9:30a Worship (H) 10:00a Sunday school (L) 10:30a Mission trip luncheon (H) 11:15a Worship (L)	30 6:45p Euchre (H)	31 8:30a Bone Builders (H)	Note: At times, there may be changes so if you have any doubts please check with appropriate contacts: Office of Aging Luncheon: <u>Must call before 9am</u> day of luncheon @ 535-7470 Euchre: Call Gretta @ 546-2167 Bone builders: <u>To join must RSVP</u> @ 535-7105 Food Pantry: Call Jeanne Gridley @ 546-2588 Men's Group: Call John Flowers @ 546-2369 (H) – at 1 st Presbyterian Church of Hector OFA = Office for the Aging (L) – at Lodi Presbyterian Church HYC = Hector Youth Connection			

**HECTOR AND LODI
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES
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**Hector Worship
9:30 am
Children's Church
9:45 am**

**Lodi Worship
11:15 am
Sunday School
10:00 am**

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