



THE RED DOOR

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BIG FLATS, NY – JUNE 2014

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“Then he went home with them to Nazareth and was obedient to them. And his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And as Jesus continued to grow in body and mind, he grew also in the love of God and of those who know him.” **Luke 2:52**

Graduation is a time of completion, of finishing, of an ending, however, it is also a time of celebration of achievement and a beginning for the new graduate.”

Catherine Pulsifer



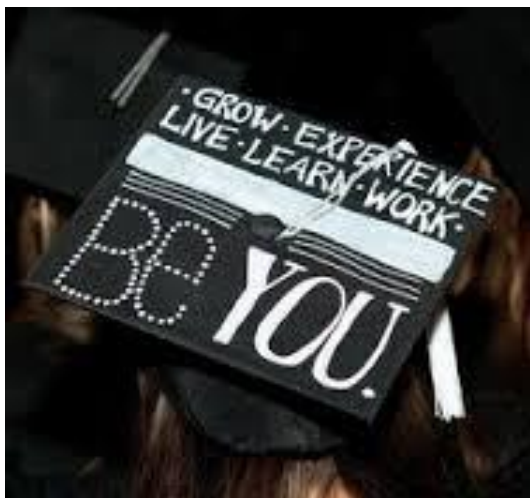
May and June are typically months for graduation. By the time we 'graduate' from anything, or achieve a milestone of sorts, we hopefully have developed and experienced growth in our minds, bodies, and spirits.

How and what is it that God wants us to develop? The Spirit of God asks us to love God with all our heart, mind and soul, and our neighbor as ourselves. My hope is that anyone, no matter his or her age, continues to experience 'graduation' and growth moments.

Wishing all continued growth, learning, and the achievements of graduation, now and as we journey on this path we call faith.

Rev. Rick

“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.” Dr. Seuss



*Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever.
Mahatma Gandhi*

DAVID L. WARREN (1932 - 2014)

David Warren passed away on April 30, 2014, at the age of eighty-one (born September 30, 1932). He was a good man -- a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great grandfather. Dave and Dorothy were married for over sixty-three years. He was an engineer who worked for Schweizer Aircraft, Ward LaFrance and American LaFrance, and Volvo GM Heavy Truck. Dave loved music, spirited discussions, playing cards, and, most of all, his family. Dave and Dorothy had officially joined our church a short time prior to his passing (they have been part of our church family for a number of years). We were blessed to have Dave in our midst, and we will miss him.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

May was another busy month at The First Presbyterian Church of Big Flats! The month was filled with activities, wonderful music, and the warm fellowship that makes each Sunday so special for our community of faith. Thanks to all who make our church so special.

Mothers Day Sunday, May 11, marked the final performance (for this church year) of Praising Voices, our youth choir. This group lifts our spirits with their enthusiasm and their joyful music. Thanks go to director **Mary Ellen Rudnick** and to all members of Praising Voices!



Our Spring Rummage Sale, held on May 24, was a huge success. Because of the efforts of **Linda Lincoln, Nancy Pangia, Donna Stevens**, and an army of volunteers, we raised **over \$1300** for our general budget. A huge thank you goes to all who worked at the sale, donated items and shopped at the sale. It takes the work of many to make such a success!

On Sunday, May 25, veterans **Sam Dean, Jack Horn, and Dave Silvernail** helped us to remember those who have given their lives in service to our nation as they led us in a flag ceremony during morning worship. Thank you for reminding us what Memorial Day is really about.

The sympathy of our church family is extended to **Dottie Warren and her family**, on the passing of husband **David Warren**, and to **Dave Silvernail and his family**, on the loss of Dave's brother. In our concerns this month, we ask for prayers for: **Stewart Potter, Galer Perreault, Greg Page's father, Ann Slowik's brother (Rob Vanderbrand), Nick Rudnick, Emma Gardner, Flora Berke, Art Devenport, Glen Bates, Irene Hooey, Hank Fitzsimmons, Lydia Middaugh, Jackie McMann, Ginnie Schweizer, Dudley & Marie Shea, Dick & Peg Shockner, Ruth Price (Rev. Rick's mother), Marge Larocque (Gigi's mother)**, and others who are dealing with ill health, surgery, loss, or life changes. Please think of our shut-ins and those who are in nursing homes or assisted care facilities, and please continue to pray for our servicemen and servicewomen and their families and for wisdom for the leaders of our world.

Do you have a special joy or concern that you would like to share with our Big Flats Presbyterian Church community? See Rev. Rick or Bill Howells, and we will include your news in our Joys/Concerns column.

CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SET FOR JUNE 8

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 8**. On this special day we will celebrate our annual Children/Youth Sunday. The children and youth of our church will conduct the worship service and recognize their Church School teachers. A special slide show will highlight activities from our church during the past year. All Sunday School children and youths are invited to participate.



Circle of Love

DATES ANNOUNCED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014

Stacie Belosky, our Christian Education Chairperson, has announced the dates for this summer's session of Vacation Bible School. Our 2014 VBS will be held **Monday through Thursday evenings, July 28-31**. Further details about this year's program will be announced next month.

We are going to need lots of help to provide an exciting program – see **Stacie** to volunteer.



FLAG DISPOSAL -- Our nation's flag should always be treated with respect. Worn or faded American flags may be given to **Galer Perreault** or taken directly to the Big Flats American Legion. These flags are burned in a special ceremony each Flag Day, June 14.

PICTURES WANTED !!

CHEESE!



We are seeking pictures, preferably digital photos, of children/families/friends in our church that can be scanned for a Power Point presentation on June 8, during **Children/Youth Sunday**. It will really make the planning process much more efficient if pictures are submitted as soon as possible. Pictures can be given to **Gigi Price** on a disc or may be e-mailed to her at gprice@stny.rr.com. Thanks, in advance, for your help.

NOTES



FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

The choir is pleased to welcome **Bob and Jean Tedrick** to their ranks. Bob and Jean are new to the area and have been enjoying our church services and decided to sing us. Bob is an excellent bass and Jean a fine organist and soprano. They have already added much to our services and rehearsals.

June 8th (both Children's Day and Pentecost) will be the last service for which the choir will sing. We give them the summer off to rest their voices and then begin again in September. Please consider joining us for our first 9:30 rehearsal in September (date to be announced). If you promise to join us in the fall, you will receive an invitation to our picnic this summer (date to be announced) and to keep you current with the ongoing improvements at 5 Suburban Drive.

BUTTON CLUB NEWS



The Elmira Button Club will meet **June 11th from 11 AM until 2 PM** in the church hall. Bring a lunch – we will provide dessert.

Our program will be a "show and tell" of purchases from the NY Show, our button pictures from the April meeting, and any other button projects you are working on or would like to work on in the future. We will also be finalizing our plans for our July 9th picnic at the Benjamin Patterson Inn in Corning. All are welcome to attend, we love to have guests.

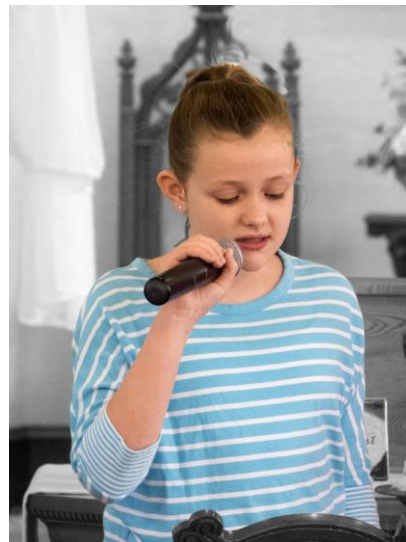
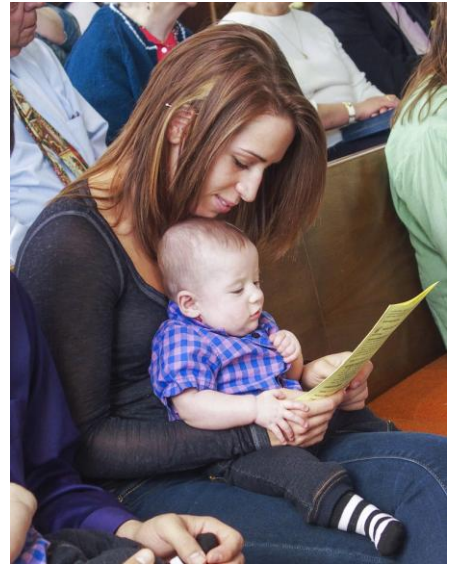
For more info see **Pat Silvernail**

STAYING IN TOUCH – GLEN BATES

Glen Bates, our most senior member, has recently relocated to Penn Yan. Glen enjoys receiving cards and notes from his church family.

Glen Bates
Penn Yan Manor Nursing Home
655 N. Liberty Street
Penn Yan, NY 14527

PHOTO GALLERY



JUNE

NOTE – Our 2014 Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, July 6. Summer worship services will be held at 9:30 AM

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal (June 1 & 8)
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Sunday School and Nursery Care
TUESDAY	12:00 – 2:00 PM	Food Pantry is open
	6:30	Boy Scout Troop #87
FRIDAY	9:00 – 12:00	Presbyterian Artisans Group meets

SPECIAL EVENTS

June 1	Holy Communion
June 8	Pentecost Sunday (wear something RED) and Children/Youth Sunday
June 8	Last choir appearance until September
June 11(Wed.)	Button Club meets in our Church House-- 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
June 15	At the Big Flats American Legion – Worship Service – followed by annual Church Picnic
June 29	Cathy Neally will lead our morning worship service
June 29	Information due for the July/August RED DOOR
June 29	“Pennies from Heaven”

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Worship Committee	Meets following church service on June 8
Property Committee	June 18 – 6:00 PM (Wednesday)
Church Session	June 18 – 7:00 PM (Wednesday)

ANNUAL PICNIC TO BE HELD JUNE 15

Our annual Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 15** at the **Big Flats American Legion** (45 Olcott Road South). This will be a special time of worship and Christian fellowship. The day will start with a worship service at **10:30 AM**, and our annual Church Picnic will follow. It is very helpful in planning the event if we know how many to expect -- sign-up sheets will be circulated during morning worship services on June 1 and June 8. Families are asked to bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and a dessert to be shared (don't worry if this is a problem, we will have plenty to go around!) The church will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, condiments, and soda pop for the youth. The Worship Committee is seeking help in putting the event together. Sign-up sheets for detailing the variety of tasks involved in preparing, conducting, and cleaning will be circulated in church -- please pitch in to help make this our best picnic ever! This will be a “rain or shine” event. Please plan to join us for this very special time together!

