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**Antique Appraisal
September 25, 2007**

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THE CLARION

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM Nursery available.
Sunday School begins in the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM.
Coffee Hour after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.
Church Office Hours: Tues. - Thur. 9:00 AM - Noon



From the pastor's desk,

The evenings are a bit cooler now; a relief from the summer heat, but a reminder that summer will soon fade into autumn. In many ways (perhaps because of where we live) September seems like the beginning of a new year. We leave the carefree days of summer for school and work. For our children there is a new class, a new teacher, a new school or college. And of course, this season also means that the "holidays" are just around the next corner.

The holidays. We often consolidate the terms Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years into "the holidays." And one thing I know for sure. No matter how much we plan ahead, we will not be ready when they arrive. Even though, thanks to retailers, fall has become a long, drawn out time of preparing for "the holidays".

Now, I am, first of all, a traditionalist at heart. I love these special days, especially when they involve gatherings of family and friends. I love decorating the house and the fragrances of spices and evergreens. But far from being a spiritual experience, these holidays have become quite consuming in terms of time and energy, and resources.

Perhaps we need to take a careful look at the way we walk through this season. For the earth, autumn is a quiet time. Trees and plants and living things go dormant, for a time of rest and renewal, focusing instead on inward growth. I think we would do well to do the same. It is helpful to take time out, to take a good look at where we are in this time and place in our lives, knowing that life does not go on forever.

And, given the uncertainties of the world around us, it may be a time to consider those holiday traditions, to see what is worth holding on to, and what no longer really fits. It has been said that "***tradition is the living faith of those who have passed and traditionalism is the dead faith of those living***"

In the church, as in our own lives, we need to do some sorting from time to time, not just to continue in old ways, but to find new means of telling the story of life, and of life in Jesus Christ, so that our traditions are not part of an ancient relic, but **a living faith that informs our lives.**

May your autumn days bring quiet times, time for reflection and growth in your spiritual journey.

Yours in Christ,

Marilyn

DON'T MISS OUR SEPTEMBER FUNDRAISER

TW Conroy Antique Appraisals

Tuesday, September 25,

1:00 - 7:00 pm

Appraisal fee is \$2.00 per item
or \$5.00 for 3 items

Please bring photos of large, bulky or heavy items.

Some Volunteers are needed to help. Please contact Maria Haratwell 568-8162.

All proceeds, including services of Tim Conroy and Bob Knapp are donated to our church. Timothy Conroy is CNY's only Nationally Certified ASA Appraiser in Antiques and Fine Art. Robert Knapp is T.W. Conroy's auctioneer and a Master's of the Cooperstown Graduate Program in Museum Directorship.

ANNUAL PEDDLER'S VILLAGE

November 3, 2007 BAZAAR

Workshops: We will have two more craft nights, **September 13 and October 18 from 6:30 to 8:30.** Everyone is invited. Craft talent not needed. We have things for any talent level!! Please join us for some fun and fellowship.

Bazaar Wishlist:

Arts and Crafts: ornaments, wood carvings, etc.

Knit and Stitch: sewn, quilted, crocheted, knitted

Bountiful Baskets: Individually wrapped candies, such as peppermints, butterscotch, etc., teas, cocoas, small packages of cookies.

Jewelry: Costume & regular

Billie's Corner: New card stock, any color, stationary, bookmarks, gift tags, candles, potpourri, etc.

Baked Goods: Jams, jellies, pickles, sauces, fruits, breads, cookies, cakes and small pies.

Book Nook: Books, games and puzzles (no text books please).

White Elephant items: Collectibles, or other items in good condition.

Petal Shop: Artificial evergreen wreaths and swags, small attractive containers, oasis (green foam) medium sized baskets, grape vine wreaths.

We need EVERYONE'S help on this --

STEPPING STONES PRESCHOOL

is off to a great start! We have 37 enrolled with no more openings for September. Two classes run from 9:00 to 11:40 am, Monday through Friday.

We have several fundraisers upcoming:

Smart Card sales (a great savings and Christmas gift idea) and chocolate bars will be sold in September. October 20 is the annual Ziti Dinner from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Presale tickets will start October 2. Cost is \$7.00/adult and \$5.00/child. All proceeds go towards new toys, learning materials, craft supplies and other items needed to keep our preschool functioning and successful.

Thank you for all of your support.

Christi and Barb

MONEY MATTERS: Thank you for your continued financial support. During the summer months when attendance is low, so are donations and pledges. Please help us meet our financial obligations and join us for worship!



YOU ARE INVITED

TO COME & SING IN THE CHOIR!!

(For a short time or as long as you desire!)

We rehearse Wednesdays, 7-8 PM, beginning again in September.

Lucille Frasier, Director

**Don't Miss this Year's Senior Follies
to Benefit**

**Seneca Falls Historical Society
September 29 and 30 at 7:00 PM
At Mynderse Academy**

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE FOR UMW:

Box tops for education and Campbell product labels go to Olga Brand. Betty Crocker coupons and cancelled stamps go to Marion Freeland.

UMW DATES TO REMEMBER:

Central Lakes District Fall meeting is at St. Andrews UMC 4264 Jordan Rd., Mottville on **Sept. 29**, 9:30 - 2:30. Morning Program: Michelle March "Mission Trip to Brazil" slide show. Noon lunch is \$7.00 (or bring your own). Reservations by Sept. 18. Call Lois Dann 315-685-3017. There will be an 1:00 business meeting with election of district officers, proposed budget and Pledge to Mission.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Presided over by Bishop Violet Fisher

As your lay member to NCNY Annual Conference, held June 1 – 3, 2007, I participated in worship, reviewed and voted on resolutions and voted to elect lay members from our conference to go to General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 2008. A budget with a 2.5% increase was approved. I had the pleasure of attending the ordination of four elders (three women and one man) at Hendrix Chapel. Of most interest to me were the reports given by the numerous areas of ministry served by the UMC. I came away with a renewed understanding of the work we do through our apportionments/ shared ministries via "connectionalism", a concept unique and basic to United Methodism. The conference days were long and tiring, but well worth attending.

Charlotte Lind

United Methodist Facts of Interest

- The NCNY Conference has 396 congregations with 334 pastors.
- The UMC is growing fastest in Africa.
- There is no Head Office of the UMC.
- Sunday School has ended in many churches.
- The basic positions and regulations of the UMC can be found in the *Book of Discipline* and *The Book of Resolutions* found in our church office.
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Check out Our New Church Website! at www.sfmethodistchurch.org

Rebecca VonBergen, Susan Noble and Carol Tayne have been working on this (modifications are still ongoing). We hope you find it useful and informative. If you have any suggestions or questions, please let us know. If you would like to be added to the church email address book, please **send your email address to ctayne@aol.com**.

September Birthdays

- 1 Eleanor Wheat & Herbert Holden
- 2 Cheryl Andreas, Lynn Blood
& Michael Warrick
- 7 Vickie Agnello
- 9 Don Allen
- 9 Judy Turner
- 12 Jimmer Stevers
- 13 Jennifer Millerd
- 18 Eleanor McIntyre
- 20 Keriann Martin
- 21 Shirley Minard
- 23 Nicholas Hartwell
- 29 Michael Driscoll
Robert Rosenkrans

September Anniversaries

- 25 Tim and Tracey Dow

October Anniversaries

- 12 Gene and Olga Brand
- 13 Steve and Charlotte Lind
- 22 Bruce & Esther Wheeler

October Birthdays

- 7 Harriet Martin
- 8 Anne Driscoll
- 10 David Fredenburgh
- 11 Catrina Peterson
- 25 Ruth Lind & LoisJean Slinkman
- 26 James Stevers, Jr. & Leslie Noble
- 27 Adrienne LaValley
- 28 Tim Dow
- 29 Diane Martin
- 30 Kayleigh VanDuyne
& Joyce Bowman
- 31 Merle Tucker