

LYALL MEMORIAL FEDERATED CHURCH

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Serve one another in love, Galatians 5:13

AUGUST, 2013

SAVE THESE DATES

Wed., August 21st, Renegades Faith Night

Sun., September 8th, Rally Day BBQ, after church service

Details to Follow in Sept. Newsletter & Sun. Bulletins

Sun., Oct. 20th, Spaghetti Supper, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Look for details in September Newsletter

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The deadline for the September Newsletter is the second week in August. Please email your copy to me during that week or leave it in the Newsletter mailbox. If you are unable to meet the deadline, and need to submit an article, please call 677-0430 or email me. Thank you.

Pastor's Ponderings

By The Reverend Donna Frischknecht-Jackson

Scripture to Reflect Upon: *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future with hope.”*
Jeremiah 29:11

When the Lord gave this reassuring message to the prophet Jeremiah to relay to the people King Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon, what Jeremiah should have included was “P.S. In order to embrace this future full of hope, start taking notice of the God moments all around you.” I wonder how life would have been different if the exiles had that piece of advice? How would your life change if you heeded that advice right now?

As your new pastor, you will come to know that I am all about the God moments (or God-incidences, rather than coincidences, as some people like to call them), for they have always reassured me that God had everything under control whenever I questioned my future.

Take for example, the strawberries. In the last weeks at my former church in Washington County, I discovered something about myself that I was not thrilled about. For all my preaching about God's guidance and goodness, I was beginning to fear and the “what if's” started flooding my mind.

And then the strawberries...

Last year I planted strawberries in the yard of our little 18th century Vermont home my husband, PJ, and I moved into after we married in 2011. I began getting sad about leaving them behind and cried to my husband, “But my strawberries? Who will pick them when we are gone?”

The next day we were at the Lyall church parsonage unpacking some furniture we brought down. Several folks came to lend a hand and it was then that Stan Morse called my attention to the back corner of the parsonage and asked, “Did you realize you have strawberries here?”

Less than 24 hours ago I was crying about my fledgling strawberry plants in Vermont.

Now I was looking at beautiful strawberries waiting to be picked in our new home in Millbrook.

Yes. A God moment that reassured me that God was not only hearing the worries in my heart. God was working on easing those worries and reminding me that with Him the future is indeed full of hope.

Here at Lyall Memorial, we are embarking on a new journey of faith that will be marked by serving one another and our community, opening God's word together, praising God in fellowship and supporting one another in our times of need as well as celebrating in our times of joy. More importantly, it will be a journey marked by sharing our God moments with one another. For when we share God at work in our lives something amazing happens: faith is ignited; that can do spirit rooted in Paul's words “I can do all things through Christ who gives me the strength” takes hold; the Holy Spirit is set free from doubts and fears and negativity; and, God's future full of hope begins revealing itself in ways we could never imagine!

As your pastor, I cannot wait to hear your God moments. I cannot wait to share more of mine with you. I cannot wait to see the future full of hope that God has called us into together as Lyall Memorial Church. I just can't wait. And I praise God for how He has led me in the most incredible and unexpected ways to be your new pastor.

So if you ever begin to doubt, fear or wonder what God is up to...

Remember the strawberries.

For what I thought I was losing and what I thought I would no longer have, God showed me that with Him there is an abundance of beautiful hope and beautiful new beginnings just waiting to be picked in this crazy life of faith.



Great is His Faithfulness!
Pastor Donna

Have a God moment to share? Or would like to reply to this month's “Pastor's Ponderings”? Pastor Donna would love to hear from you. Email her at pastordonna1@gmail.com.



Operation Christmas Child 2013
Kerry Weller & Nancy Greer

Thank you to all who donated to the 2012 Operation Christmas Child mission. Our church filled 50 boxes and was a collection point for over 400 more!

These shoe boxes are so meaningful to the children who receive them.

- thank you for helping to make children across the world feel loved.

We will once again be collecting shoe box items throughout the year.

The items for 2013 are:

August: Pencils, pencil sharpener, note pad

September: Hard candy, lollipops, gum

October: \$7 check to Samaritan's Purse for shipping and handling costs.

Checks can be placed in the offering plate - please indicate in the memo field that it is for Operation Christmas Child.

Please don't feel held to a particular item for a particular month — you may make donations of these items at any time throughout the year.

Many thanks for your continued support of this mission.

+ ***Cardinal Hayes Home For Children***

Thank you so much for your continued support of the programs at Cardinal Hayes Home. We gratefully acknowledge your recent gift of \$100.00. Your own spirit of Hayes family. Your help and kindness to us is always deeply appreciated.

Grace and peace to all our Lyall supporters.

Fred Apers, Executive Director

+ ***Upper Room Ministries***

The Upper room couldn't exist without people like you. Your recent gift of \$200.00 is deeply appreciated. Your giving enables us to reach around the world with publications like The Upper Room Daily devotional guide and other ministries.

"I thank God for you" and "constantly remember you in my prayers" (2 Timothy 1:3)

Sarah Wilke, Publisher for the Upper Room

+ ***Halina Share Memorial Food Closet***

Thank you for your very generous donation of \$200.00 to aid the less fortunate of our area. Your generosity will help us to meet the needs of so many during these difficult times.

May God bless you for caring for your fellow man.

Pat Hoag and Gloria Beebe



FWSCS Mission Outreach
Thank-You Notes

+ ***Dutchess Outreach***

Thank you for your generous donation of \$200.00. Your commitment to helping the less fortunate in our community is sincerely appreciated. You have my deepest thanks for helping us bring help and hope to so many.

Brian Riddell, Executive Director

+ ***Upton Lake Christian School***

June 2013

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to be supported by your Mission Team. Thanks for the gift of \$300 and the encouragement it brings!!

Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Dee Hoiem, Principal
Upton Lake Christian School
Clinton Corners, NY



MISSION REPORTS



Hi Everybody It's been a while. Last time I wrote to you, I was finishing up in North Carolina at the United Methodist Church Retreat Center at Lake Junaluska. I returned to New York in May and went to home base in Ellenville for 2 weeks where I rested from my trip. I went to the United Methodist Church in Victor, NY in the first part of June where 2 other Nomads and I built a study for their new pastor, replaced sheetrock in the 25 foot ceiling fixed gutter, and built a pitched steel roof over their stage. That was a lot of work for 3 Nomads and 10 Angels I know that God sent to help. I have a lot of "pics" of their beautiful Church in Victor, NY and can't wait to show them to you.

I left Victor, NY and landed in Gorham, NY. It's about 20 miles from Victor, where I and 3 other couples, Nomads, worked on the church and Parsonage. We removed and replaced a rubber roof on their kitchen and lobby, washed and waxed their floor, painted their flame on their sign and did a lot of clean-up after the rain came during the roof's removal. What a great group of Nomads I had the pleasure of working with. I'm so much looking forward to coming home to Lyall and sharing my mission with YOU ALL, (see the south is still with me).

IN HIS SERVICE,
Yancy Kittredge
Nomads Mission Volunteer

CALL FROM THE BOARD OF SPIRITUAL LIFE:



Do you have a heart for Missions work? We need someone to head the Missions committee. If interested please let Pastor Donna know.

Dear Friends at Lyall,

Thank you so much for supporting me on my mission trip to Mexico. I greatly appreciate your generous donation.



Please pray for us as we reach out to God's children.

Love, Harriet Cole

GUATEMALAN EXPERIENCE

Written by Evie Grainger



Trash covered the dirty, damp ground as dogs with protruding rib cages and small almost lifeless chickens scurried around my feet. Houses were scattered together, made of wood, tin and for the lucky family, concrete. I felt sick watching a young boy pull a dead fish out of his well water that was going to be used for cleaning the dishes. This is what I was excited to be visiting for the last few months? This is where God wanted me to go? Yes it was—because God wanted to teach me to be grateful for what I was given. In a privileged society we complain about the water pressure of our showers while people don't have access to clean, parasite free water. We complain about what is for lunch, while people have to skip lunch because there is not enough money. We complain about leaking roofs, while people don't have roofs. These people were given so little but still smiled, still offered a helping hand, still rejoiced for what they did have.

A week was by far not enough time to make a huge difference in the community of Conception, Guatemala, but a family will now have a bathroom and many houses look brighter with new paint thanks to the hard working team I worked with. Thanks to the congregation, local dentists, and anonymous donations, I was able to bring over a hundred pounds of supplies and donate over a hundred dollars to Partners in Development.



CHRIS QUIMBY – SPOKES & JOKES

Back at Home in Brooks, Maine:

SO WHAT NOW?

Posted on July 18, 2013 by Chris at

www.spokesandjokes.com

“People have asked variations of this question since we returned. I’m one of them. Spokes and Jokes was a wonderful opportunity to not just sit back and wait for life to happen, but instead to take a few things that I can do and head in a direction.

We were blessed.

There were so many things that needed to happen for the trip to lift off and progress and they all worked out better than I would have hoped.

- We needed at least \$3900 for the trip, but left with \$8800.
- I was able to bring in almost \$3000 on the road in addition to the money we left with. This money came from comedy performances, column writing for newspapers and stand-alone donations.
- 29 families from Maine to Texas invited us into their homes and we began many new relationships, some likely passing, but many likely lasting.
- 3 families who did not know us left their homes unlocked and open for us to stay in.
- I spoke at 10 engagements, only 4 of which were arranged by me.
- I rode 2200 miles, falling off my bike once while riding about 12 mph, cracking my helmet, but was still able to get back up and ride another 77 miles to finish my day.
- I came back home with money, never charging anything on the road.
- Out of 41 scheduled biking days, only 2 were adversely affected by rain.
- We were able to keep our home bills paid the entire time and run Funnies Extra from the road.

That is not to say there weren’t challenges, but I expected that and, in my mind, everything worked out better than I could have hoped.

But now we’re home. I’m the least excited of anybody in my family. Don’t get me wrong. I have a beautiful house in a nice area surrounded by family and church friends I love. Maine is a beautiful state and I have no problem living here. But, as I’ve said to many, it was hard for Sam and Frodo to endure the adventure to Mount Doom, then to come back and live a quiet existence back

in the Shire, which at one point was a source of contentment in a context that once represented their only understanding of life.

I am now looking for a job. I am not, however, looking for a career. I have a sense that I need to identify what worked from this trip and why, then to prune and nurture as necessary to grow something into greater maturity.

I have to write a book. It would be a sin to see God’s faithfulness as we have and keep it to ourselves. There are so many stories and I want to offer them to others.

I am rewriting my entire comedy act to consist of stories from the trip and how an idea that seemed insane at the time grew and matured and worked. Please contact me if you have a group that you’d like me to speak at or if you’d like to assemble a living room concert. I can help you with the details.

I’m still not quite convinced the whole thing happened. I went out for a short ride this morning and was trying to convince myself that the silly idea I had almost a year ago on the bike really occurred.

I am investigating the possibility of doing this once again sometime.

Or more. ... Or a lot.

Before loved ones fear, please know that investigation is just that. But this trip provided a nontraditional method of loving God and loving other people while using my gifts and abilities. It was much less stale than selling my identity and purpose to a corporation in return for a weekly paycheck.

I am convinced that if I worked harder to increase exposure throughout the US that the income I earn from writing and speaking and people’s general hospitality could sustain the lifestyle.


But I have a family, and their desires matter. I have kids, and they have needs.

Maybe it will never happen. But maybe it will. Maybe not now, but maybe later.

Maybe once the kids move onto the next season of their lives into adulthood (which is only 4 fast years away), we can launch out again.

The plan now is to acquire suitable employment to meet my financial needs and attack my mortgage.

I want to kill that thing. Living for a home can provide a great blessing, but can also bind individuals and limit their flexibility in life.

I would appreciate prayers for contentment at home while I seek to meet the immediate demands of life, while planning for the future. 



Pastor Hits the Ground Running

Pastor Donna was invited by the fire department to sit on the reviewing stand for the Fireman's Parade on July 13. Both she and her husband, PJ, enjoyed the annual event as well as meeting local fire department heads and seeing members of the Lyall congregation!

On July 15, Pastor Donna delivered the invocation at Dutchess County Legislature meeting in Poughkeepsie.

"I always get excited when I am asked to deliver opening prayers at government meetings for I look out at room full of party lines and I am reminded that God's wisdom is what should prevail in all decisions that are made. And that is what I usually pray out loud. But, in my quiet time of prayer before the meeting commences, I ask God for those in the room to put differences aside and to realize that it is not just communities they are serving, they are also responsible for building up God's kingdom," Pastor Donna said.

On July 18, the pastor, a huge history buff interested in both Colonial as well as Civil War history, attended the Millbrook Historical Society's presentation held at The Fountains.

Pastor Donna, who is ordained in the PC-USA denomination, attended the meeting of the Hudson River Presbytery on July 23. At that meeting she was presented as a new member of the Presbytery and also got to meet Harriet Sandmeier, a regular and loved guest preacher here at Lyall, and who has been assigned by Hudson River Presbytery to be Pastor Donna's prayer partner. God is good!




Getting to Know You

Pastor Donna and her husband, Paul (PJ), are settling into Millbrook and have been enjoying all this community has to offer. In the month to come, Pastor Donna will be getting to know our family of faith and will spending time in prayer and discernment as well as out observing the community to hear and see better the ministries God is leading us to. She will be in the pulpit beginning August 4 and will be establishing church office hours (to be announced) for those who are in the area and want to stop by and chat.

Pastor Donna interviewed by The Millbrook Independent

Arvolyn Hill of The Millbrook

 Independent interviewed Pastor Donna during her first week here. Just in case you missed it you can find it online at

<http://themillbrookindependent.com/news/new-pastor-takes-charge-lyall-federated-memorial-church>

STAN MORSE SPEAKS ON MILLBROOK AND THE CIVIL WAR

On Thursday, July 18th at The Fountains Stan Morse gave a retrospective of the boys from the Town of Washington as they lived, marched and fought as part of the 150th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. There was an overview of Part 1 from the April 18th presentation, which took our boys into the War and through the Battle of Gettysburg. Part II, on July 18th took them through the rest of the War, brought them back home, and told what happened to them afterward.

Re-enactors from the 150th New York Voluntary Infantry Regiment participated in the program. Open to the public, refreshments were served and a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all. For more information, please call Historical Society President Laurie Duncan at 677-0323, or Stan Morse at 677-5083.

There's also an article about the event in The Millbrook Independent. In case you missed it, you can read it online here:

<http://themillbrookindependent.com/news/150th-ny-regiment-civil-war>

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sermon Talk Backs



Beginning August 4, Pastor Donna invites all to pour themselves another cup of coffee (or something cold to drink!) at coffee hour and pull up a chair to discuss further the day's sermon and scripture and to see how we can take the Sunday sermon and live it out Monday through Saturday! Discussion will be under an hour to help get those out the door who might have a lazy summer afternoon planned.



September Music Fund

This year, choir rehearsals and special music in church services were cut out for the month of September in order to reduce the church's budget deficit by about \$1,500. We plan to use our Music Fund to keep our music program from any cuts this September.

If you think that special choir anthems are important to worship service and would like to help replenish the fund, please do so. You

can use the envelopes found in the pews (write "music" on it) for your cash donations or a check made out to LMFC with *music* written in memo line. Either can be put in the collection plate or sent to the church treasurer.

Thank you very much! (*Music Committee*)

Donation Church Statements

Kristen Reid

If you would like to have a 6 month (or more) statement of your donations to the church, please let me know. I can e-mail you the statement as an excel file or mail you a hard copy.

Please leave a note in my mailbox or e-mail me at

lyallchurchtreas@gmail.com



Church Library

Donna could use some volunteers to help in the library this summer to get all those books labeled, catalogued and shelved. She hopes to complete the project by end of August. Contact her directly if you can help: 677-4155

Fundraiser—Toner—Toner—Toner!!

Do you have empty toner cartridges? Unused outdated toner? Bring them to the secretary's office! We will collect and send them in to raise money for the church—some cartridges pay up to \$22 per! Thanks for your help.



OUR PRAYERS OF

JOY AND CONCERN:

- Ian Adams, prayers for healing
- Barbara from M.O.W. - fighting cancer
- Roger Beatty - brother of Anne Van Vlack
- Marion Bennett - breathing difficulty
- Marie Burr - leg troubles
- Nancy Cole
- Flora Jane Hildebrand
- Dan & Juliet Koch and their children
- The family of Walter Doland - condolences
- Genevieve (Nellie) Edmonds - prayers for healing
- Elisa - battling cancer
- Pastor Karl Esmark - at home recovering
- Pete Fisher (friend of Stewart) - for healing & comfort
- Pastor Donna Frischknecht & PJ - for a harmonious transition
- Helen Harris - prayers for peace & comfort as she prepares for her journey to be with The Lord.
- Tom Higgins - healing from cancer; receiving treatment
- Yancy Kittredge - travelling "Nomad" for Mission work
- JOY!! Melissa & Ian Knapp - new baby born - Sullivan (Sully) - born June 22, 2013.
- Prayers for Lyn Lavallee
- The Lawlor family
- Pastor Jim Long and Nanci and the children
- **JOY!!** Beatrice Molella – home now gaining strength
- Stephen Nielsen - battling cancer
- Lisa Pensiero (friend of Jon) - for her health

- Nancy Perkins (recovering)
- Carolyn Reid - recovering from car accident
- **JOY!!** Bev Schline (M.O.W.) - recovering from cancer
- Jerry and Dolores Secor
- **JOY!!** Brenda Sidaras - recovering from successful knee surgery
- Kiok Sidaras, mother of Al Sidaras, battling lung cancer
- **Our Soldiers:** Chris Jasmine (**shipped out to Afghanistan**), Ian Anderson, Jack Blayney and their families.
- **JOY!!** Zack Neville is safely home

Condolences

We offer our condolences to **Helen Doland and family** whose husband, Walter, passed away on June 15th at his home in Staatsburg.

Walter was a Veteran having served his country during WWII as a Navy Sea Bee. Walter also enjoyed giving his time and talent to his community including The American Red Cross, a proud member of Roosevelt Station #2 Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad, the Pleasant Valley Grange, Shekomeko Masonic Lodge F.&A.M in Pleasant Valley, The Dutchess County Shriners Club and a past member of their Hillbilly Band.

We also offer our condolences to **Nancy and John O'Leary** whose brother, Patrick O'Leary, died suddenly on June 11th as a result of injuries suffered from an auto accident while he was on vacation in Florida.

While we extend our deepest sympathy to the Doland and O'Leary Families, we also rejoice in the witness of a life redeemed. "This is life eternal", says Our Lord, "that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent."

(JOHN 17:3, KJV)



Congratulations to Melissa and Ian Knapp on the birth of their son, Sullivan, who was born on June 22, 2013. They also have a son, Daniel.



HAPPENINGS!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nancy O'Leary
- 4 Kristen Reid
- 7 Emily Reid
- 8 Betty Doyle
Dorothy Myler
- 12 Stephanie Ham
- 13 Len Lomangino
Anne VanVlack
- 19 Carolyn Reid
- 20 Christine Thompson
- 21 Lynn Grainger
- 22 Louise Roeller
- 23 Cory Cole
Debra Fauci
Shannon Fauci
- 26 Carlo Curcio
Pastor Donna Frischknecht-Jackson
- 29 Jill Dunlop
- 30 Bonnie Robertson
Lynda Youmans
- 31 Alyce Cole



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Richard & Alyce Cole
- 25 Brad & Louise Roeller



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Renegades Faith Night

The Hudson Valley Renegades Faith Night is **August 21st**. Check the bulletin board for more information.





AUGUST 2013



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| 04 | Sunday Communion | 9:00 am | Service @ Nine Partners' Mtg. House |
| | | 9:30 am | Buildings & Grounds Comm. Mtg. |
| | | 10:25 am | Worship Service |
| | | 11:45 am | Sermon Talkbacks & Coffee Hour |
| 06 | Tuesday Transfiguration | 10:30 am | Prayer Group |
| | | 4:30 pm | American Legion Mtg. – Assembly rm. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Board of Spiritual Life |
| | | 7:00 pm | Girl Scout Leader Mtg. |
| 11 | Sunday Healing Service | 9:00 am | Service @ Nine Partners' Mtg. House |
| | | 10:25 am | Worship Service |
| | | 11:45 am | Sermon Talkbacks & Coffee Hour |
| 13 | Tuesday | 10:30 am | Prayer Group |
| | | 2:30 pm | Girl Scout Troop Mtg. |
| 18 | Sunday | 9:00 am | Service @ Nine Partners' Mtg. House |
| | | 10:25 am | Worship Service |
| | | 11:45 am | Sermon Talkbacks & Coffee Hour |
| 20 | Tuesday | 10:30 am | Prayer Group |
| 21 | Wednesday | Renegade Faith Night – see bulletin | |
| 25 | Sunday | 9:00 am | Service @ Nine Partners' Mtg. House |
| | | 10:25 am | Worship Service |
| | | 11:45 am | Sermon Talkbacks & Coffee Hour |
| 27 | Tuesday | 10:30 am | Prayer Group |
| | | 2:30 pm | Girl Scout Troop Mtg. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Board of Trustees Mtg. |