

# The Weather Vane

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## From the Pastor:

Wow! This month is packed with celebrations, thanksgivings, re-dedication, remembering and deciding! Please take time to read the 2011 Proposed Narrative Budget and Stewardship Letter. In the narrative budget you can get a fresh understanding of how all of our ministries work together to do mission and ministry from our four corners in East Avon. And please, join us for all the celebrations, especially on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>; and for the giving of thanks. We are blessed, and as we live our faith we are a blessing to one another, our community and world. I hope to see you soon. Tom



## BAZAAR INFORMATION CORRECTION!

Due to pilot error this notice has been corrected!!  
Please note changes in **Bazaar closing time (4:00pm)**  
and the **lunch time (11:00am to 1:30pm)**. **Thank you.**

Church family, please pass the news on to family and friends and the people you meet in the street.

## PW Crafters Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 20, 2010

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Don't forget to tell them about the wonderful luncheon from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. And because you are all such great bakers we have a fantastic bake sale. We have a wide variety of craft items for Christmas, home and garden. And our canned items are not to be missed. We have our regular favorites and some exciting new things to try. Be sure to pass on the word and save the date and join us for our annual **PW Crafters Bazaar and Bake Sale**.

**NOTE:** Sign up sheets for bake sale are in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks in advance for your help and support.

## Avon Interfaith Council News

Thanksgiving Baskets will be delivered on November 20th.

\*Please note that the new site for pick up will be the East Avon Fire Hall.

\*The last day to bring food for the baskets will be Sunday, November 14th.

On November 13th, the Lutheran Church will be having a Turkey Dinner.

On Election Night the Methodist Church will be having their popular Chicken and Biscuit Dinner.



### CHURCH STAFF

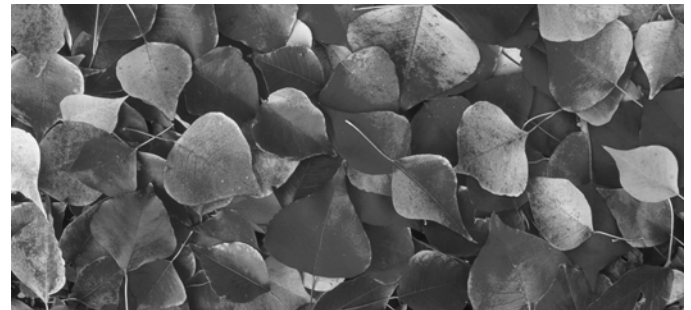
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### A Special Note

We wish to thank all of our many Church friends and Community at large for the many kindnesses shown to us in so many ways, through phone calls, cards and offers of assistance over the many previous months; also for the beautiful sympathy cards received after the death of my sister Dorothy Browne.

We shall be forever grateful to all.

In Christian Love,

Gladys & Walter Smearing

	<b>NOV ACOLYTES</b>	
		
Nov 14	Noah Orman & Michael Welch	
Nov 21	Phoebe Collins & Sarah Mongeau	
Nov 28	Ethan Low & Tony Sayavong	



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November 2010

Dear Members and Friends,

What a Bicentennial Celebration we have had!

- Monthly presentations about the different areas of our ministry;
- a wonderful homecoming celebration in June showcasing our very own anniversary anthem, “Praise the Lord on this Glorious Day!”;
- delightful and moving concerts throughout the year;
- and a special birthday worship service culminating in signing and re-dedicating our original Covenant of Faith, followed by a great pork roast dinner.

Indeed we have been celebrating!

What has become clearly evident is that over the last two hundred years God has blessed our family of faith with all it has needed and more than enough to share with others through our ministries of worship, study, caring, sharing and hospitality.

Now our future lies before us. God is calling us to continue our rich legacy of praise, worship and service. This year we bring to you the story of our mission and ministry together in our 2011 Narrative Budget. As you read the story of our work together we pray that you will see that we are more than just bricks and mortar, programs and fund raisers. Rather we are a family of faith engaging our world with dedication and compassion, even as we regularly praise God and nurture our spiritual growth and the growth of our young people. You will also note that we continue our tradition of giving at least 10% of what we spend on our home ministries to mission beyond our walls.

In order to make this story a reality we need you – each of you. We need your prayers, commitment, time, talent, energy and financial support.

On **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**, we will be celebrating God's generous blessings with worship and a brunch. Please join us on the **21<sup>st</sup>** in grateful celebration and with renewed commitment to our ministry together. With your generous support of money, time, ideas, energy and devotion we can continue the story of our beloved family of faith.

Yours in mission and ministry,

Your Stewardship Committee



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## 2011 Proposed Narrative Budget for First Presbyterian Church of Avon, New York

“You must make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and more than enough in order to share with others.”  
II Corinthians 9:7-8

You are looking at the story of our ministry and mission in our church, community and the world. Yes, our efforts take financial resources, but even more importantly our ministries are only possible when we give generously of our time, talents, imagination, energy and sincere love. In seeing the story of our ministry and mission, it is clear that so many of you do willingly give of yourself, your time, talents and treasure. All of us are truly grateful to God and to you for making our ministry together possible.

As you reflect on our work together and all that goes into making our “story” a living reality may God continue to abundantly bless you and us. In this way we can continue all the good works God has placed before us – and even more!

### Narrative Budget Summary:

- 1. Enthusiastic Mission in our Community and in the World \$22,684.00
- 2. Inspiring and Equipping the People of Christ to Serve 43,085.00
- 3. Maintaining our Home Base for Mission 38,810.00
- 4. Caring for the People 17,103.00
- 5. Preparing the Next Generation and Nurturing Young Christians 16,752.00

Total Expense \$138,434.00

### Where we get the money to accomplish our ministry and mission

Estimates of Giving	\$118,583.00
Loose plate	3,000.00
Use of facilities	2,000.00
Manse Investment Income	4,000.00
Dinners	4,565.00
Rummage Sales	5,110.00
McMillian Royalty	200.00
Bake Sale	776.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 138,434.00</b>



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1. Enthusiastic Mission in our Community and in the World  
 “You are the light of the world.” Matthew 5:14

Mission is not an after thought for us – it is the primary purpose that drives our entire ministry. We have been called to be the light of the world and to share our light with as many as we can. Our community involvement is what gives visibility to the hope and power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our mission work demonstrates that our ministry is not just words, but the deeds that reflect those words. Our generous God provides more than enough for us to be the light of the world.

<b>Local Mission</b>	<b>\$2,200.00</b>
Focus on the Children	
Livingston County Hospice	
Avon Food Pantry	
Local individual needs	
Theological Education Fund	
Requests for community activities for youth	
<b>Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly Mission Causes</b>	<b>\$9,566.00</b>
(local, regional and beyond)	
Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network; Alternatives for Battered Women;	
Farmworker Legal Services; Genesee Orleans Ministry of Concern;	
Livingston County Council of Churches; and many more mission projects in our region.	
To see what our mission giving makes possible on a national and world wide basis through our General Assembly of our Presbyterian Church (USA) visit <a href="http://www.pcusa.org">www.pcusa.org</a>	
<b>Special Offerings</b>	<b>beyond the budget</b>
The Christmas Joy Offering	
One Great Hour of Sharing	
LEAF – hearing assistance in Livingston County through Catholic Charities and LCCC	
<b>Ecumenical Mission</b>	
Avon Interfaith Council	\$195
Livingston County Coalition of Churches (LCCC)	\$1,121
12% Pastoral Share	\$9,602
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$22,684.00</b>



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2. Inspiring and Equipping the People of Christ to Service  
 “I am the Bread of Life” John 3:35

The world pushes and pulls us in many directions, but in worship we share regularly an inspirational experience of God's love in Jesus Christ that is proclaimed, sung, prayed, taught, nurtured and shared. Our worship is the “bread” that feeds us so that we can enjoy a healthy spiritual life. Our gracious, generous Holy Spirit provides more than enough to help us grow as God's servants and children.

**Celebration and Praise**

- Sunday Worship
- Special Seasonal Services: Avon Interfaith Thanksgiving Service,  
 AIC Blue Christmas Service, Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, Baccalaureate
- Communion and Baptism
- Ordination of Elders and Deacons
- Commissioning of Sunday School Staff and Church Officers
- Organist, Choir Director, Choral Choir, Substitute Organist
- Bell Choir
- Sacred music for Choral and Bell Choirs
- Acolytes, Greeters, Ushers
- Nursery Care
- Pulpit Supply (substitute worship leaders)

**Christian Education**

- Sunday School
- Special Sundays: Rally Day, Sunday School Christmas Program,  
 Christmas Cantata, Children's Day

**Leadership Training**

- Training for new Elders and Deacons
- Safety Policy Training
- Commissioned Lay Pastor Mentoring

38% Pastoral Share

\$ 12,680.00  
 \$ 30,405.00  
 \$ 43,085.00

Total



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**3. Maintaining our Home Base for Mission**  
*“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go the house of the Lord.’” Psalm 122:1*

God has blessed us with a wonderful legacy of witness and faith in our beautiful, historical Sanctuary. God blesses us further with a welcoming and useful Fellowship Hall, kitchen, Sunday School rooms and offices. We know that our ministry is really the people of Christ living out their faith, and we also know that through God's abundant blessings we have a wonderful church home in which to gather, shelter, and from which to serve. And to make this all possible God has blessed us with personnel and office operations that under gird and enhance the ministry we do. Clearly God's countless blessings are proving more than enough to provide us with an effective, efficient and welcoming house of God.

**Building and Property**

Regular building and property maintenance	\$ 1,750.00	
Special Repairs		Supported by the 52 Club through the Church Repair/Building Fund
Plowing		
Lawn mowing		
Landscaping		
Utilities: Fuel, Water, Telephone, Propane Gas, Electric		Primarily through volunteer support
Custodial Services	8,594.00	
Custodial Supplies	2,784.00	
Organ and Piano maintenance and repair	300.00	
Insurance: property, liability and workman's comp.	700.00	
	2,700.00	

**Fund Raising**

Fall and Spring Rummage Sales	
Fall Harvest Dinner	
Spring Dinner	

**Office and Administration**

Secretary	3,687.00
Office Supplies	1,200.00
Post Office expenses/WeatherVane and other mailings	700.00
Periodicals	150.00
Treasurer	4,243.00
Session and Committees	\$ 26,808.00
15% Pastoral Share	12,002.00

Total \$ 38,810.00



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4. Caring for the People  
*“There was not a needy person among them” Acts 4:34*

While committed to mission and ministry to our community and world, we also attend to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ in our own church family. In ministries of comfort, compassion, hospitality and care we find that God gives us more than enough to meet our own needs and so be able to share with one another and all who come our way.

<b>Deacons</b>	\$200.00
Cheer Committee	
Keep in Touch Ministry	
Coffee Socials	
Ministry to the home bound	
<b>Crisis Aid</b>	100.00
Responding to the needs of the ill and grieving:	
Meals in times of need	(many donations from grateful families,
Receptions for grieving families	and countless hours of volunteer services)
Transportation	
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	
Marriages	
Funerals, memorial services, graveside services	
Confidential consultations and counseling	
<b>Fellowship Activities</b>	800.00
Celebration Sunday Brunch	
Advent Brunch and Christmas Tree decorating	
Special Coffee Socials	
Fellowship Activities throughout the year	
<b>20% Pastoral Share</b>	16,003.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 17,103.00



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5. Preparing for the Next Generation, Nurturing Young Christians  
“You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” II Timothy 2:1

Our young brothers and sisters in Christ are a vital part of our mission and ministry right now. And they are the ones who will carry our legacy of faith and service. They cannot know that legacy without our sharing it, nurturing their faith and telling them of the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ. Further it is by our commitment to their spiritual and emotional growth that proves to them, and to us, that indeed God provides all that we need and more than enough to sustain God's love and truth through the generations.

Youth Ministry

Christian Education Coordinator	\$ 2,500.00
Christian Education- Sunday School	1,000.00
Youth Group	
Youth Triennial	300.00
Presbyterian Women	200.00
Camperships	750.00
S. Augusta Taintor Memorial Scholarship	
Confirmation Classes	
Adult Education	
Seekers Bible Study	
WeCare Bible Study for Presbyterian Women	
	From Taintor Memorial

15% Pastoral Share

\$ 12,002.00

Total

\$ 16,752.00



## From the Church Family

In the last few weeks we have extended our condolences to the families and friends of: Irene Sharp, Larry Briggs, Marissa Ozzimo, Roger Wright, John Herzog Sr., Barbara Doliver Wilson, Steve DiMarino, Tom Tyson, and Todd Wiggins.

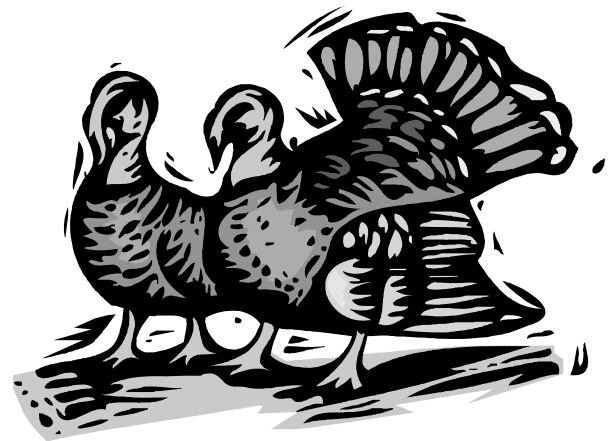
We have also included in our prayers the following: Kathy Russell, Martha Bishop, Barb Freese, John Orman, Tim Downes, Timmy Connor, Judy Cobb, Seth Powell, Marian Marshall, Judy Leinbach, Alvie Mahar, Gladys and Walter Smearing, Evelyn Schwartz, Elena Hopkins, Dylan Gruschow, Amanda Joy Mayer, Warren and Alverda Brill, Michelle Ryan Brown, Jeanette Ryan, Lillian Pragel, Sandy Piampiano, Patty Yates, Karen Kaiser, Rene Strassner, Bob Neth, George Bahrenberg, Tom Ippalito, James Dietrich, Brian Earsing, Joan Francis, Arlene Stewart, Dave Whitney, Glenn Ackerly, Wanita Crosby, Lois Swann, Brian and Wes Farms, Reagan Recter, Nicole Grover, Catherine Perry, Erin Tetraut, Mary Folts, Crystal Bowen, Jimmy Wilbur, Pat Brogan, Linda Kline, Jim Medic, Terry Maxwell, Betty Monett, Cathy Diedes, and Tom Wiggins and for Annie Labine and Sam Loriot as they consider colleges.

We have prayed for safe travel Ron and Kathy Russell, Clark Ryan to China, Tim and Dan Toland to Germany, for all the Neths as they go to Charlie's wedding, and Susan Blease.

We continue to pray for all of our first responders and their families, as well as all who serve our nation at home and abroad, especially: Craig See, Joshua Davidson, Gilbert Gaxiola, Mark Woodard, Kyle Bilanic, Kyle Cameron, Derek Dumas, Aaron Facalski, Benjamin Williams, Nathan Lubba, Jr., Scott Sutherland, Michael Woods, and Richard Darcy.

We have given thanks and praise for: Jeanne Ceisner doing better; our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders; that Al Culbertson is doing well; that God has the whole world in his hands; for our

Sunday School Staff and new Christian Education Coordinator, Beth Hatfield; Richard Leinbach's birthday; the baptism of Max Melsom; the wedding of Melanie and Mike Deis-Enright; Sue Culbertson's job has gone to permanent status; Vincent Mininny's surgical procedure went well; the John Bedell is home from overseas; and for our wonderful music ministry of the last 200 years especially Helen Partridge, our Choir Director, our Choral Choir, our Bell Choir and for Joanne Cole and her 25+ years of service to our family of faith.



## Just for Laughs...

Last Thanksgiving, I had my chance to do the traditional thing of shooting my own turkey. Man, you should have seen the people scatter in the meat department.

When everyone at the table takes turns saying what they are thankful for, say, "I'm thankful I didn't get caught," and refuse to say anything more.

Keep your eye off the turkey dressing. It makes him blush!

## Sunday School & Youth Ministry Page

It has been a great start to the Sunday School year! We have a busy year ahead. On October 31<sup>st</sup> the children of the Church were invited to wear their Halloween costumes while they sat in church as it was Children's Sunday and Halloween. The Youth Group had some fun activities to celebrate the Fall Harvest when we went out to the Fellowship Hall following the Children's Sermon. Starting the first Sunday in November the children will begin practicing for the Christmas play which is scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope you can all join us each week as we prepare for the performance.

The Youth Group had its first get together with the Sister Churches when we went to carve pumpkins at the Geneseo Presbyterian Church. The kids had a great time meeting and getting to know other youth that are active with their home churches; and the pumpkins turned out great! We have the privilege of hosting the next get together at our church on Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are planning on decorating Christmas cookies with the other Youth Groups and are looking to the "bakers" in the congregation to help us make this a great time by donating unfrosted cut-out cookies for us all to decorate. If you are interested in helping please let Beth Hatfield and/or Susie LaBine know and we thank you in advance!

I am looking forward to working with and getting to know all of the children and appreciate the members of Session allowing me the opportunity. Additionally, I am thankful to Linda Heeler for her years of service to the youth of the church and for her continued guidance as I continue my transition into the Christian Education Coordinator position .

Beth Hatfield



**Bicentennial News** Submitted by Nancy Toland



Our Bicentennial Celebration year is coming to a close. The Committee hopes you have enjoyed meeting our past and present members through our presentations.

Our worship service on October 17th recognized the music leaders and groups who have graced our services. Beginning in 1814, and continuing to the present, we have had a great number of people share in our music ministry, with Singing School, concerts, soloists, junior and senior choirs, folk group, bell choir, and more. We thank our historians Alida Taintor Squires and Marion Marshall for providing us with a record of our music groups through the years. Sarah Mongeau read a brief history, including the contributions of current members Gladys Smearing, Susie and Jerry Rothrock, and Elaine Neth. We also heard of many who have passed on.

Special recognition was given to the dedication and talent of our current organist, Joanne Cole. She started with us in 1985, and has served as choir director, bell choir director, and organist. She was very helpful with planning the music for our celebration, including making arrangements for our commissioned Anthem, "Praise The Lord On This Glorious Day". We repeated it on Oct. 17th, together with "Love Grows Here", which we adopted as our theme for the restoration project and for our bicentennial year. The bell choir played the Introit, "A Round Of Praise", which was beautifully done.

Joanne was honored with a small gift of thanks, and a special cake.

November 7th is the wrap-up of activities under the Bicentennial Committee. The final activity is to have everyone present re-affirm our Covenant, which was first signed on November 9, 1810. We will have communion, and special music, and gather for a shared meal, prepared by our Supper Committee, right after worship.

We have remembered many of the members and families who were here before us, and who inspired generations to keep this ministry alive. We have had tough

times, and times of great plenty, and through it all we have remained a committed congregation, keeping the faith, and with the vision that what we have done, and what we have said, will give those who come after us hope to carry on for another 200 years. Wouldn't that be wonderful!



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# November 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <b>Each Mon.</b> 5:30pm AA	2 Election Day (no Seekers)	3 6:00 pm Sister Church Network at Honeoye Falls	4 <b>Each Thurs.</b> 12:15 AA 7:30pm AA & Alanon	5 No Sister Church Youth meet this month	6 <b>Each Sat.</b> 12 Noon SIS  4pm Lima Pres. Roast Pork Dinner
7 10:00am Worship w/ Re- Dedication of Founding Charter, 11:15 Re- Dedication Celebration Dinner	8	9	10 1:30pm <b>WeCare</b>	11 Veteran's Day	12	13
14 10:00am Worship w/ Lori McEvoy	15 7:00pm Session 	16 7:00pm Seekers <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><b>Dec/JanWV art. due 11/ 21 !</b></div>	17	18	19	20 10am PW Crafter's Bazaar and Bake Sale
21 10:00am Worship w/ Stewardship- Celebration*	22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">*11:15 Stewardship Brunch 4:00 Avon Interfaith Thanks- giving Service at Avon Central Presbyterian Church</div>	23	24	25 Thanks- giving Day	26	27
28 10:00am Worship w/ 1st Advent Sunday	29 Dr. Taylor Leads worship at Avon NH	30	Combined Youth Group Event on <b>Dec.3</b> at FPC. Be There! 7pm to 9pm			

# Christmas Poinsettia Sale 2010

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- Red Cross Red / Burgundy
- White
- Pink
- Marble
- Jingle Bells / White Glitter
- Cyclamens (Assorted, color may vary)



In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks for \$6.25 (per plant) payable to **American Red Cross**. Place order and money in the envelope on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds go to Local Disaster Fund for food, clothing and shelter. **Final orders due by Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Questions – please call Gail Simpson at 585-781-0514

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