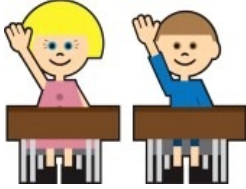


Middleburgh Reformed Church

News & Announcements

August 2014

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Sunday School begins September 7th. 9:45 a.m.

Brunch at the Otesaga Hotel, Cooperstown. Join us on August 10th at 12 pm for a all-you-can-eat buffet. Let Jim Spencer know if you are interested in going or have questions.

Picnic-Open House at the Kelley's Sunday, August 17th.

Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and something to sit on. You are welcome to come over soon after worship is over and stay to a reasonable hour.

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Worship Committee Mtg, Aug 13th, 7 pm.
Consistory Mtg, Aug. 14th, 7pm.

Upcoming Sermons & Worship Details

August 3rd: *Family, the Story of Isaac, Genesis 26-27*

August 10th: Genesis 25:27-35; 27:1-40, *Eating, the Story of Esau*. Celebrating the Lord's Supper

August 17th: Genesis 29:14-30
Marriage, the Story of Leah

August 24th: Genesis 29:14-20; *Work, the Story of Laban*

Camp Fowler

We are in camp season and several of our young people are headed to Camp Fowler.

Grace Beekman is headed to L.E.A.D week (#20) June 29-July 5, and will be returning for a SWiM week (Student Working in Ministry)

Rylie Smith is going to Una Tierra week (#60) July 27th- August 2nd.

Brody Smith is going to Triple A, (#70) August 3rd-9th.

Camp Scholarships were provided by the Billy Brown Fund

Pray for their week and the volunteers and staff at Fowler.

Camp Fowler 60th Anniversary

Open House- Saturday August 2nd. Details on the bulletin board in the hall.

Schoharie Valley Community Day Camp

Thank you for everyone who helped write notes to campers. It was a successful week and let's continue to pray for impact.

Operation Christmas Child



A Message from Your OCC Project Leader

It is time to get serious about our 2014 packing party! Our goal for this year is to fill 280 boxes. That will be a modest increase of 5 boxes over last year's packing party total. Since January we have been gathering gifts to include in our 2014 shoe boxes. They have been sorted and counted. I will need any gifts you have purchased and stored at your house as well as any gifts you purchase this month by August 31 to complete my inventory and determine what gifts are still needed. Please leave your gifts in or near the OCC basket in the foyer. Beginning on September 7, you will be able to choose tags from a Christmas tree and pledge to purchase additional gifts for our packing party.

Often the price of a few simple school supplies is more than a family who lives in poverty can afford. In many parts of the world, children are restricted from attending school if they do not have the necessary supplies. When we pack school supplies in our boxes, we are giving many children an opportunity to go to school! While the sales are on in many stores, please purchase **loose-leaf paper, pencils, pencil sharpeners, and crayons** during the month of August.

Franklin Graham has said, "We want to reach every child on earth with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ." Our gifts help to do that by serving as a tangible representation of God's love. The monetary donation that we send provides *The Greatest Gift* booklet for each child as well as covering shipping costs. Since we do not live in the communities of the children who receive our gifts, we must rely on the local church leaders to disciple the children. **Please pray for these men and women who are planting seeds for the Kingdom, that their labor may produce much fruit.**

My prayer for our church family is that in recognition and gratitude for all that God has provided for us, we will celebrate by giving generously to children who have very little. May all of our lives be enriched by participating in Operation Christmas Child! In Christ's service,

Mary Lou

The Table in the foyer has a sign up to participate in worship by reading Scripture or Children's message, or providing coffee hour. There are also two different daily devotionals for you to take for your edification, along a new RCA Today and other news and information.

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