

Hamburg Presbyterian Church

The Towel and Basin



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*...AS JESUS HAS DONE TO US,
WE SHOULD DO TO OTHERS*

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Dear Saints in Residence:

I Thank Our God for You!

The Reverend James (Jim) D. Burton, Pastor

WORSHIP & MUSIC



September 7

Holy Communion
Music: Pastor Jim Burton
Children's Time: Pastor Jim

Thank You

Hi All,
 Thanks for keeping me in touch with the newsletter. I'm no in St. Albans, WV. It is near Charleston, WV. I've accepted a job as the Poker Manager for TriState Racetrack and Gaming. Right now I'm teaching folks how to deal Poker. It has been a great experience so far. Naomi is out of the Navy and will be a Camp Counselor for Young Life camp near Asheville, NC and Jeff is going to college at the College of the Redwoods in Eureka, CA. Gail is remarried and moved to Virginia Beach to be near her father. That about sums it up. Please tell Joanne that I do miss her and singing in the choir. My new address is:

Norm Clerc
 44A B Street
 St. Albans, WV 25177

With Sincere Thanks

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for the gift of a fruit basket and kind expression of sympathy.

Thanks for the cards and expressions of remembrance. Pat loved the folks at Hamburg church.

Marguerite Butler

Rev. Vern Pat Butler served as Minister of the Hamburg Presbyterian Church from July 1, 1975 through December 9, 1984

REV. DR. VERN W. BUTLER

May 27, 1926 - July 9, 2008

CASSOPOLIS - The Rev. Dr. Vern W. "Pat" Butler, 82, of Shavehead Lake, passed away at 9:45 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, in Doctors Lake Health Care, Orange Park, FL, after an extended illness. He was born in Chicago, IL, May 27, 1926 to Rev. Dr. Vernon Butler and Ruth (Hulse) Butler and moved to Cassopolis, MI area permanently in 1991, after vacationing here for many years. He married the former Marguerite Ellis, January 29, 1947 in Fort Edward, NY, and she survives. Also surviving are two children, Ellis Butler and his wife, Sheryl of Cassopolis and Dr. M. Kathleen Ebener of Orange Park, FL; three grandchildren, Dr. Robert Ebener and his wife, Laura, Emily Pryor and her husband, Will, Steven Butler and four great-grandchildren. Rev. Butler was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson and by his brother and sister. Rev. Butler was a member of the Wabash Presbytery of Indiana. He was a graduate of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and received his Doctorate degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago. He served congregations as the Pastor in Universal, PA, Park Forest, IL, Monmouth, IL, and Hamburg, NY, and had served as the Interim Pastor for churches in Elkhart, IN, Niles, MI, and most recently in 1997 for Westminster Presbyterian Church, South Bend. Rev. Butler has served his country as a submariner during World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater. A funeral service for Rev. Butler will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 14, 2008, in the United Presbyterian Church, Cassopolis. Officiating will be Rev. Allan Widerquist, retired Pastor and Rev. Stephen Kazar, pastor of the church. Interment will be at Plum Grove Cemetery, Union, MI, where military honors will be rendered by members of William E. Lozier VFW Post #10704 and by Efton James American Legion Post #206, both of Cassopolis. Friends may call in the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Memorials in Rev. Butler's name may be made to the United Presbyterian Church, Cassopolis.

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SHOCK CAMP!

In July the Lafayette Ave. Presbyterian Church sponsored a visit and tour to the Lakeview Incarceration Correctional Facility in Brocton, NY. Because of my strong interest in people and how they act and live their lives, I decided to participate. What a great opportunity to learn about a side of life that we are aware of, “out there somewhere”, but never become involved in.

Lakeview is a shock treatment center for male and female first-time non-violent offenders under the age of 40. When we were there, there were about 300 inmates in residence; there were also at least 200 “shock-ready” prisoners (those who have been accepted for the program, and were waiting for a spot to open –this can take from a couple of week to a couple of months). Shock is a correctional program with a military theme. Lakeview’s inmates are organized in “platoons” of approximately 50 men or women who march, calling cadence, almost everywhere they go. For six months, shock inmates rise at 5:30 am for calisthenics and a five-mile run, and go from there to a highly intensive, non-stop schedule of school, therapy, military drill, and strenuous work assignments. Meals are eight minutes long, with speaking prohibited; they are also given eight minutes in the mornings to dress, brush teeth etc., make beds, and be ready for their daily run.

When we took our tour, we saw inmates mowing the grass, gardening, cleaning in the buildings, marching with cadence; some are also taken off the grounds to do cleanup beside the highways. During our orientation, two of the female inmates were brought in so that we might see a typical inmate’s uniform. It was interesting to see the interaction between the corrections officer and the two women – of course, they were not allowed to speak to him, but he did have them smiling at times. Included in this visit was attendance at a graduation ceremony. While the “shock-ready inmates waited in the gym (they always attend each graduation, about one every 3-4 weeks), the other inmates passed in review outside for us and for the families and dignitaries gathered. The graduates then filed in, and a

very interesting 45 minute ceremony took place, with awards and certificates of graduation presented, and several short speeches given by some of the graduates, teachers, and directors.

From the time these young people arrive at Lakeview to when it’s time for them to graduate six months later:

- a. One third of them will have dropped out and will be spending the remainder of their sentence in a conventional prison (most sentences would be two to seven years; they spend six months here)
- b. One quarter of them will receive their GED, and three quarters of them will be trained in some vocational field
- c. Physically they improve immensely; they also receive counseling and group skills
- d. Most of them do not become repeat offenders

I think that what “got” to me the most that day was the number of young people, both men and women, who get into trouble with the law and must serve out their sentences. This is only one facility of how many others throughout the area, state, country, etc..... And how do these people really deal with the strict regimen that they must adhere to, along with the loss of privacy, freedom, and everything that that entails? But I do believe that this facility is working! And I’m most appreciative to the folks at Lafayette Ave. Pres. Church for including me (and Dudley!) in this most unique opportunity to witness a part of our society.

Joanne Hollenbeck

The Pastor’s Discretionary Fund is used for the needy and unforeseen “people needs” around the church and in the Hamburg community. Your giving to this church benevolence fund is appreciated.

SESSION

Clerk of Session: Sue Ganey

Class of 2008

**Bob Beach
Sharon Fisk
Elyse Perry
Karen Provvidenza
Joe Smith**

Class of 2009

**Lamont Beers
Guy Hummel
Bill Brodie**

Class of 2010

**Tom Conway
Jim Lewis
Janie Smith
Blair Webster**

THE DEACONS

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Jim Wilson**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- ◆ **to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,**
- ◆ **to support the mission of the church worldwide,**
- ◆ **to work for justice and peace, and**
- ◆ **to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.**





FELLOWSHIP TIME

SEPTEMBER

September 5	Bells of Praise (snack)
September 14	Session (beverage)
September 21	Presbyterian Women - Elizabeth (beverage)
September 28	Nominating & Personnel (beverage)





In Need of Continued Prayers

Pam Henrich's daughter-in-law, Natalie and friend Adeline
 Robert Shirkey ♦ Nancy Crossan ♦ Jim Felger
 Shari Gallagher's friend, Beth ♦ Dan Strong
 The Wheaton's granddaughters, Sophie and Stella
 Terry & David Cavanagh Jr. ♦ Peggy DeTombe
 Donna Burns ♦ John Mouw's friend, Carol
 Connie Crossan ♦ Brian Wittmeyer
 Marilyn Monckton's son, Richard
 Michael Kalisz ♦ Bob Bergner ♦ Peter Bodnar
 Shari Gallagher ♦ Lou Lester ♦ Helen Papp
 Wendy's friend, Audrey ♦ Karen Provvidenza's friend, Sandy
 Maureen Androff ♦ Harry Toney ♦ Sharon Weyand
 Jackie Strong's father, James Beckett
 Mary Rey's aunt, Dorothy ♦ Jack Carey
 Lynn Bushen's friend, George ♦ Mary Jane Davis
 Nicholas, a friend of Kathy Blood
 Brigit Reynold's friend, Catie ♦ Our Military
 Edith Friebis ♦ Barbara Marsh
 Winnie Bergner's relatives, Ann and John
 Terra Ann Dickerson ♦ Scott and Barbara Green
 Elyse Perry's brother-in-law, Larry
 June Streamer's cousin, Janet Dietzen
 Margaret Ambrose's nephew, John
 The Cimorelli's friend, Chloe
 JoAnne Reed's friend, Brenda Ryan
 Marianne Burton's mother, Marianne King
 Joyce Huen's friend, Eileen
 Jan Frank's friend, Kathy
 Addison Kinderman

September Birthdays

2 Carole Mitchell
 2 Lizzie Stockman
 2 Carol Wilson
 3 Bill Brodie
 3 Alexander Browning
 3 Shawn Browning
 5 Andrew Gow
 * 5 **Norma Horton**
 5 Christopher Webster
 6 Trey Cimorelli
 7 Emily Walker
 9 Sue Almond
 9 Joe Bocchiaro
 9 Lisa Rotino
 10 Nelson Wheaton
 12 Cindy Rotino
 13 TJ Petrilla
 13 Wendy Zimmerman
 14 August Miklasz
 18 Joanne Hollenbeck
 19 Molly Brogan
 *24 **Mildred Allen - 100 years!**
 *26 **Harold Millar**
 27 Shari Gallagher
 28 Judy Heiler
 28 Alexis Ross
 28 Cameron White
 30 Jeanne Tompson



* Special Note:

We congratulate members on reaching the wonderful milestone of 85 or more!

If we've missed a birthday in your family or have printed incorrect information, please phone the church office with the updates at 649-1970.

God's Kids and Joyful Noise Choir

Save the date!

The Second Annual Choir Beach Party
Join us on Saturday, September 6th at the Hummel's.
All Hamburg Presbyterian Church children are invited.
More information will be available as the date draws nearer.

Worship Services

Worship Services at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. September through May

and one service only at 9:30 a.m. June through Labor Day.

7:15 p.m. Christian Nurture - the fourth Tuesday of each month

Service for the developmentally disabled individuals in area group homes.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the **October** issue of the Towel & Basin is **Wednesday, September 17, 2008**. Please label articles with your name and telephone number and deliver them to the church office. (No article will be accepted without identification.) You may also submit your articles via e-mail to:

hpc.hpc@verizon.net.

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