

**Wysox
Presbyterian
Church**

“Glad Tidings”

September 2013

St. Pauly Clothing Shed

The Wysox Presbyterian Church is now sponsoring a clothing drop off shed as a fundraiser and service to the community. Earlier this summer, St. Pauly Textile installed one of their clothing collection sheds (pictured below) at the Wysox Presbyterian Church for the community to use as a drop off for clothing. The clothing will be distributed all over the United States and world to those who can use it. Wysox Presbyterian Church will in turn receive \$40 for every 1,000 pounds of clothing that is donated.

This program keeps clothing out of the landfill, helps out those in need, and helps out Wysox Presbyterian Church with funding.

St. Pauly is a family-owned company based in Upstate NY and is an A-plus rated member of the Better Business Bureau. St. Pauly collects useable clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, blankets and drapes. In 2012, more than 59 million clothing garments were distributed to an estimated 7.5 million people all over the world through the St. Pauly program.

St. Pauly currently has over 600 clothing drop off sheds all over NY and parts of PA, CT, MA and VT. For the complete list of sheds and more information about St. Pauly, visit <http://www.St-Pauly.com>

Wysox Presbyterian Church is located on Route 187 just north of the Route 6/187 intersection in Wysox.



50 Plus Year Members

In an effort to update our records, we have come up with the list below of members that would have reached the 50 year member milestone since 2000. Please check and let Crystal or Loretta know if there are any omissions or corrections.

<i>Harry Ackley</i>	<i>Eileen Clayton</i>	<i>Thomas Jennings</i>
<i>Esther Pipher</i>	<i>Ronald Irvine, Sr.</i>	<i>Marion Lent</i>
<i>Rachel McCarty</i>	<i>Nancy Irvine</i>	<i>Andrew Springer</i>
<i>Retha Tewksbury</i>	<i>Joyce Walker</i>	<i>Sandra Hollenback</i>
<i>Luella McCormack</i>	<i>James Schmieg</i>	<i>Barbara King</i>
<i>Pearl Jennings</i>	<i>Dorothy Schmieg</i>	<i>James Allen</i>
<i>George Barto</i>	<i>Margaret Gordon</i>	<i>Janet Allen</i>
<i>Delores Barto</i>	<i>Betty Cook</i>	<i>Evelyn Neiley</i>
<i>Claudia Cook</i>		

Looking for Foster Parents

The NHS Human Services of Bradford/Sullivan County is looking for families that are interested in opening their homes and hearts to children in need by becoming Foster Parents. If you are interested and/or would like more information, you can call NHS at 570-888-0051.

Sewing Society

Many of our members, and a few non-members, contribute food, money and/or their time to our monthly Tuesday dinners. Because of these donations of food and time, our group is able to contribute \$6500.00 to our annual budget. In 2009, we gave \$5200.00, and in 2010 we gave \$7200.00. You are right; it is a lot of hard work!!! Now, we are hoping to have another goal. Do you know where you can go to be overly warm in the summer, and overly chilly in the winter? The answer, Ferguson Hall!!!! We are looking into installing air conditioning; however it would be more practical to have a unit with a heat pump to help warm up the hall in winter, as well as cool it during the summer. Since this is far more expensive than our group can manage, we will be asking for your aid in the upcoming months. Anyone who would be willing to contribute to this worthy cause can make a check payable to: Wysox Sewing Society, and mail it to our treasurer, Sandra Hollenback, 21565 Rt 187, Towanda, Pa. 18848.

Prayer Circle

Well, We made It!!! We finished studying the book of Romans. Our heads surely must be larger, as we consumed all of Paul's vast knowledge. Pastor Jira deserves a "gold medal" as he was always outnumbered on many issues. But, we relented, and came to understand the true meaning of these messages. We expect to next visit, Genesis. We are all thoroughly enjoying our fantastic Bible studies with Pastor Jira, and we know you would like it also. Please plan to join us every Wednesday morning at 9.30 in the conference room for Bible study, prayer and signing the many cards which we send on behalf of our ministry. See you there!! You are always welcome.

The following were remembered on our Prayer List

July 24th thru August 21st

Prayer Circle Listing

Angel List

Makayla Evans
Mason Barto
Ashley Weed
Marisa Ivey
Betty Miller
Nancy Irvine
Andrew Pardoe
Deb Mathers
Shawn Mastrantonio
Abbriella Brown
Caiden Irvine
Carolyn Russell

Current List

Whitney Rockwell	Ed McPherson
Hunter Shaw	Ann Hill
Danny Schmeckenbecher	Marty Coates
Thomas Schmeckenbecher	Margaret Chilson
Marion Lent	Carol Clark
Jim Allen	Bob Soper
Walt Ellinger	Jim Christini
Robert Allen	Sally Groff
Carol Wright	Pat Savercool
Otto Brown	Rev. Dwight Albers
Daniel Fassett	Eulalie Hurley
Gladys Derr	Joan Watkins Family
Colleen Close	Brian Mastrantonio Family
Marilyn Quiggle	Darleen Hillyard Family
Cindy Estelle	Fred Erich Horn Family
Bill Bub Anderson	Dorothy Benjamin

Church Chat...As we are nearing the time for the fall school sessions to start, we want to wish all our students a very successful year. May you excel in all you do!

Session Minutes

WYSOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION MEETING JUNE 10, 2013

The regular meeting of the Session of the Wysox Presbyterian Church was called to order by Pastor Jira Albers on June 10, 2013 at 7:02 PM at the Wysox Presbyterian Church.

Opening devotions and prayer led by Elder Michelle Irvine

Elders Present: Kim Barnes, Dave Blascak, Lori Blascak, Mary Bruce, Michelle Irvine, Ronald Irvine Jr., Dody Savercool, and Loretta Stevens

Elders Excused: Betty Conner, Deborah King, Julie Palmer

Elders Absent: None

Guests Present: None

ORDER OF THE DAY:

1. The Docket for the meeting was approved with one correction on a motion by Elder Lori Blascak and seconded by Elder Ron Irvine.
2. On a motion by Elder Ron Irvine and second by Elder Mary Bruce, the minutes of the Session Meeting on 04/08/2013 were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 Thank you letter from TACO for our faithful and generous donations of money and supplies
- 2 Letter from Environmental Services Labs regarding water testing
- 3 Copy of May invoice from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
- 4 Email from National Archives regarding historical information on the founding fathers of WPC. This will be referred to Fran Baumgartel for her input.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Music & Worship: Elder Savercool reported:
 - a. The Children/Youth service and church picnic were successful.
 - b. VBS is still in need of volunteers and donations.
 - c. Arrangements for special music will be made throughout the summer months.

2. Christian Education: Elder M. Irvine reported:
 - d. Sunday School year finished on a positive note with increased participation.
3. Membership & Evangelism: Elder Stevens reported:
 - e. The newsletter will not be published in July. August will be the first month using our new method of emailing and "in church" pick up to eliminate as many mailings as possible. The newsletter is also available on our website.
4. Mission: Elder Palmer: No report
5. Memorial: No report
6. Property: Elder Ron Irvine reported:
 - f. Letter received from the Wysox Township Municipal Authority for hook up to the new water system. Hook up must be done within 90 days, and a quote of \$1350 has been received.
 - g. On a motion by Elder R. Irvine and seconded by Elder Bruce, and unanimously approved, White's Refrigeration was selected to fix the compressor on the air conditioner.
 - h. The purchase of a trash receptacle/ dumpster will also be investigated.
7. Personnel: Elder Ron Irvine
 - i. A motion was made by Elder R. Irvine, seconded by Elder Savercool, and unanimously approved, to hire Julie Palmer to fill the cleaning position.
8. Finance & Investments: Elder Lori Blascak:
 - j. Presented and reviewed the accounts as reported by the committee.
9. Recognition: Elder Mary Bruce
 - k. 60th Anniversary recognition for Schmiegs

SPECIAL REPORTS

1. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. The monthly financial report was accepted on a motion by Elder M. Irvine, seconded by Elder Stevens, and unanimously approved.
 - b. Greg McLaud provided an update on the payroll account for April 2013.
2. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Albers shared his report of activities for the past month.
3. **Lackawanna Presbytery:** Pastor attended the Stated meeting of Presbytery, and reported that there is a language change for catechism, and plans are underway for "All Presbyterian Day" at Camp Lackawanna on Oct. 6th.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Research by Elder Stevens continuing regarding the Membership plaque.
2. On a motion by Elder M. Irvine, seconded by Elder Barnes, and unanimously approved, it was agreed to enter into an agreement with St. Pauly Textile for a clothing collection box on church property.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. It was suggested to session by a member of the congregation to consider moving worship to an 8am start time for the summer months. After some discussion, it was decided to stay with our current start time.
2. Due to vacation and other conflicts, and a light docket, it was unanimously agreed, on a motion by Elder D. Blascak, seconded by Elder Barnes, to cancel the July session meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Closing Prayer lead by Pastor Jira Albers

Next Session Meeting: August 12, 2013 @ **7:00pm**

Respectfully recorded and submitted by:

Kim D Barnes
Clerk of Session

Please note... The Session minutes are not included in the newsletter until after they have been reviewed and approved by session, which means the Session minutes will always run at least a month behind. This month, the newsletter minutes are two months behind since there was not a meeting in July.

In Remembrance of Sept.



Social Hall Rental Policy

Wysox Presbyterian Church Social Hall Rental Policy/Agreement

Members:

Use of the Social Hall for members of the church is provided without a rental fee, on a first come, first serve basis. Members must confirm the date for availability of the hall with the church secretary. While there is no rental fee, there are a number of required policies to be followed.

1. If you use the hall for an event, you are responsible for cleanup of the hall and grounds. Facilities must be returned to pre-use condition. Tables are to be cleared, garbage bagged and placed in dumpster, decorations removed.
2. No smoking is permitted in the facility.
3. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the premises.
4. You are responsible to make sure all lights, etc. are turned off, and all doors are locked.
5. Maximum of 150 people.

Non Members:

Use of the Social Hall for non-members of the church must have a "member sponsor", and is subject to approval by Session. The date for availability must be confirmed with the church secretary, and a \$100 security deposit is required to reserve a date. The \$100 will be refunded within 10 days after the event, if no damage is found to our facility. Date will not be considered "reserved" until security deposit is received.

- ½ day use (up to 5 hrs) - \$125.00 - Due and payable one week prior to the event
- Full day use - \$250.00 (up to 10 hrs) - Due and payable one week prior to the event

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Use of kitchen facilities is not included, and is not permitted.

Commercial Rental (offering a product or service for sale) will not be permitted.

Caterer: Any catering service used must have a catering license, and be pre-approved. Caterer must furnish their own tablecloths, dishes, silverware, cooking utensils, etc.

Renter assumes the responsibility for any and all damages to the facility.

This policy does not apply to any WPC Sewing Society catered event.

Adopted by Session 8/12/13