

Central Lakes District News

Bishop blesses new home of CCRM director.

I watched Ethan guide his little sister from the legs of his dad through the circle of adults to his mother.

He gently led her with a kind outstretched arm to the familiar warm embrace of Keri. What a vision that reminds us of the ministry the Huber family engages in each and every summer: arms outstretched, welcoming young souls from the strange adult world into the familiar warm embrace of their Creator. This is summer camp as so many children know it – a gentle world of nurturing and care.

As the Bishop led us in the house blessing, we were reminded that it is people that make a home. The Hubers are grateful for their new space that envelopes you with warmth as you follow Ethan from one room to the next. The home is filled with family art work and pictures, a home filled with love and laughter.

If the beautiful taupe walls could talk they would tell us a story of grace and dedication. May the grace of our Lord dwell richly in their home and the sounds of laughter echo through their halls as their children grow in the familiar warm embrace of their parents.

Thank you Mike and Keri for opening your home to us and Ethan thank you for the joyful tour!

Text by the Rev. Heather Williams; photo by the Rev. Beth Benham.



Bells at Homer Avenue UMC ringing once again

The tower in the Cortland: Homer Avenue United Methodist Church is once again ringing music to the glory of God.

The chimes have not made a sound for about 35 years, but thanks to a couple who wish to remain anonymous the “bells” are ringing once again.

When a wish was made known to

hear the tower ring again, Stephen W. Sigourney, the pastor of the church, remembered Syracuse Time & Alarm who installed a Chime Master Digital Electronic Carillon System in his previous church at Little Utica UMC in Baldwinsville.

The carillon was dedicated during worship on Sunday, March 18.

Lay Speaking workshops held at Auburn First UMC

Central Lakes District held Lay Speaking workshops on May 2 to 4 at Auburn First United Methodist Church, 99 South Street, Auburn.

The Rev. Deborah O'Connor-Slater

led “Basic Lay Speaking” and Rev. Alan Kinney led “Becoming a Contagious Christian – Evangelism.”

For information on future workshops, contact the district office.

2008 CCRM spring work – clean up days announced

Aldersgate and Casowasco need willing volunteers to come and help up prepare for the spring and summer camp and retreat season. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to bless others through a day (or more) of service projects. Individuals, friends, families, or church groups (youth, men, women, adult Sunday school) are invited to come and spend the day helping us ready each site for another great spring retreat and summer camping season. This is the perfect opportunity to work on a worthwhile project while enjoying fellowship with other Christian brothers and sisters dedicated to helping Casowasco and Aldersgate to be the best we can be.

Aldersgate work-clean up day: May 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Casowasco work-clean up days: May 10 and May 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Types of projects

The object of the work-clean up days is to help get the sites in shape for summer camp and spring retreats. There will be a whole range of projects, including light construction, cleaning, painting, raking, and much more! We will do our best to

match your skills with a project which needs completing.

Tools

Although each site has some tools, there may not be enough for a work day with many participants. Therefore, if you have tools you could bring, that would be helpful. Please call in advance to find out what tools would be most needed.

Skills

Participants who possess special skills which may be helpful (carpentry, plumbing, electrical,) should let us know in advance so that your talents may be put to the best use.

Lunch will be provided for all that sign up a week or more in advance and a free will offering will be taken to help defer the cost of the meal. We look forward to see you and working alongside you in joy and service.

With your help, we can make a difference. Thank you!

Please call 315-364-8756 or e-mail info@casowasco.org or info@aldersgate-ny.org for more information or to let us know you are coming.

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