

BOVINA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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April 10

Spring Clean Up
Weather Permitting –
Youth Group

April 13

Bible Study at the
Church Celtic Christian-
ity 6-8 pm

April 17

Palm Sunday

April 17

Congregational Meeting

April 21

Maundy Thursday Ser-
vice 7:30 pm Cabin Hill
Presbyterian

April 22

Good Friday Andes
Presbyterian 7:30 pm

April 24

Easter Sunrise Service at
Marie Burns 6:00 am
lead by Youth

April 24

Easter Service 10 am
Special Music by Marie
Hetterich

May 7

Youth participate in Alz-
heimer's Walk

May 29

Worship in
Cemetery 10 am Honor
Guard

June 4

Bike- A-Thon at Lake
Jillienne

Pastoral Prattling by Judi Gage

It has been quite a while since our last communication. But Spring is here! With it comes our services for Lent and Easter and hope for new life! Hope you will join us. Special services are being planned and will be held April 17th for Passion/Palm Sunday, April 21 for Maundy Thursday at Cabin Hill Presbyterian Church at 7:30, and April 22 for Good Friday at Andes Presbyterian Church at 7:30. A short Easter Sunrise Service is being planned in Bovina at 6:00 am on Burns Road and then regular Service will be held at 10 am on Sunday April 24th. Lent and Easter remind us that as people of faith we are called to serve just as Jesus served the disciples at the last supper and washed their feet. We welcome you to a faith journey! Finding a faith that feels authentic! And helps us live into the example of "loving one another".

Many of you know we have been busy these past weeks and months. We are engaged in the community in a number of ways:

Ugly Quilts a project of making sleeping bags for the homeless. The folks working on these meet weekly on Wednesday mornings to sew. Each blanket is equipped with gloves, hats, sweaters, and some toiletries and given to local agencies that serve the homeless. This year we have delivered bags to Delaware Opportunities and The Salvation Army. Many thanks to Nancy Cianci for donations made to help this continue. Those interested can contact Christine Batey at 832-4859 or Francis Burns 832-4466.

Senior Citizens will begin meeting again regularly the second Monday of the Month at 12 noon for fellowship and various activities. Bring a dish to pass. Those senior citizens interested can contact Janet Stewart.

The Food Bank housed at Andes Presbyterian Church is currently open on Tuesdays from 11 am – 1 pm and Fridays 4-7 pm. We are asking if there are any volunteers who would be willing to work at the Food Bank

please call pastor Judi at 832-4490.

Donations of Food for the food bank can happen a number of ways 1) drop it off at the church in Bovina 2) If you shop at Freshtown in Margaretville – your accumulated points can be given to or transferred to the Food Bank for staff to purchase produce or other foods not readily available on the shelves of the Food Bank 3) You can drop food off on Tuesdays or Fridays to the church in Andes.

Alcoholics Anonymous—You may know that AA meets regularly in Bovina on Mondays at 7 pm at the church.

Wednesday afterschool program for kids up to 6th grade continues with direction from Monica Liddle, Lisa Stanton, Marie Burns and Margaret Hilson, and able assistance from Marian Jardine, Brandye Grommeck and Tara Hall. Mark Schneider is the elder in charge of Christian Education. Christine Batey has been there to provide musical expertise. Hats off to all of you!!

Youth Group meets the first Sunday of the month at the Church from 5-7 PM under the care of Colleen Heavey, Jen Aikens and Bobbi Burgin. For more information, please contact one of these ladies or Pastor Judi at new email address jagage93@gmail.com

The Surprise of Summer (SOS) is sponsored by the church. This is organized, non competitive games for kids ages 3 and up. Meet at the ballfield next to the library on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in July, weather permitting.

Vacation Bible School will happen again in the first week of August. 5-7 pm Monies from the offerings from our Fifth Sunday Worship Services are used for local mission efforts. Fifth Sunday is the time when The Andes, Bovina, & Cabin Hill Presbyterians and Andes Methodists worship together. The service is followed by a Pot Luck lunch. Worship rotates from church to church.

Pastoral Prattling continued...

The next Fifth Sunday Service will be in May at Andes Presbyterian Church. Bovina will be having its Memorial Service in the Cemetery that day.

Besides the above mentioned programs, did you know that the Bovina United Presbyterian supports a number of benevolences such as St. Judes, Alternatives to Violence and Habitat for Humanity to name a few, as well as the local out-reach mission to our community including:

- The church has hosted luncheons & hospitality for be-reaved families.
- At Christmastime, more than 30 baskets of fruits and other goodies were made and delivered to senior members of our community.
- In the past year, we were able to offer 63 worship services through our church, the nursing home and special services with ecumenical partners.
- More than 130 Hospital, Emergency and Health related Home visits were made.
- One of our members faithfully offers music to our friends and neighbors at the Country Side Care Center in Delhi. The pastor provides worship on an as available status.

GIVING FOR JAPAN

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is set up a direct response account for Japan earthquake humanitarian aid. If you would like to donate to this cause you can send a check directly to:

Presbyterian Church USA
PO Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Account # DR000117 this account is designated for **JAPAN**. This is a tax deductible donation – please mark your check with the account number For questions, please contact PCUSA at 1-800-728-7228.

Currently there are 10 PDA mission workers in various cities in Japan. You can track efforts through the PCUSA website Japan's Country webpage For all who are inclined, please keep this in your prayers.

As a whole, the congregation remains faithful to their history, the pastorally beautiful and safe environment that they call home. We have some strong traditions that begin with our Scottish heritage, we value education, creativity and have history of resourcefulness. We think we have much to offer to those who are seeking a faith home. Hope you will join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10 am as well as for fellowship, Bible study and church activities.

Look for us on facebook: United Presbyterian Church, Bovina or at AmericanTowns.com under Bovina United Presbyterian. Or email me at jagage93@gmail.com.

Thank You!

This year's Chicken and Biscuit dinner was a huge success! It raised more money than ever before to support the mission and programs of the Bovina UP Church, thanks to the generous donations of chicken, desserts and biscuits and to the many people who came out to support us. It was great to see so many faces after the long winter! Hope to see you next year!

CHURCH ROOF CAMPAIGN DRIVE



The Bovina UP Church is beginning a campaign drive to replace the church roof in 2012. Please look for our fund raisers in the coming months. If you would like to make a donation to help preserve this historical building, checks may be mailed to:

Bovina United Presbyterian Church
Roof Fund
PO Box 26
Bovina Center, NY 13740

Stewardship

The Bovina United Presbyterian Church recently celebrated the 200th Anniversary of its establishment. Since 1809, the Church has been a fixture in the Bovina Community.

Over the years, the Church has touched the lives of many, and if you read the "Pastoral Prattling" section of this newsletter, you can see that the Church continues to reach out to others through a variety of programs and activities.

It is our hope that the Church can continue its service to others for many years to come. To do this, we need your support:

- **Church Members**....We ask that you prayerfully consider giving of your time, talents and resources to support the Church and its activities. (a stewardship campaign is being planned for the fall)
- **Friends and Community Members**....We welcome you to join in any of the Church's activities. If you would like to volunteer or if you have a special talent you could share, please let us know.

Together we can make a difference...

Thank you,
Amy Burns, Session Member

Anyone wishing to make a financial contribution can do so by mailing a check to:

Bovina United Presbyterian Church
PO Box 26,
Bovina Center, NY 13740

BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE

TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH ROOF FUND AND
BOVINA CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

BOTTLES AND CANS MAY BE DROPPED OFF
UNDER THE ALCOVE BEHIND THE CHURCH OR
CALL 832-4611 TO ARRANGE A PICK UP



Bovina UP Church News

The Bovina UP Church welcomes you to worship with us Sunday mornings at 10 AM. If you are interested in joining the church, please contact a member of the Church Session. Session members are Amy Burns, Jack Burns, Tom Hilson, Mark Schneider, Janet Stewart, and Mike Worden.

Sunday worship—10 AM. Please come join us!

Sunday School for Children preschool through 6th grade during worship

Communion served—1st Sunday of every month

Session Meeting—7PM—3rd Tuesday of every other month

Fellowship Coffee Hour following worship service—2nd Sunday of every month

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I SIGNED UP OVER TWO MONTHS AGO AND YOU
ARE THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAS FRIENDED ME

Joys and Concerns

Congratulations to Josh and Carrie Choquette on the birth of their daughter, Emilie and to Jason and Karen Hewitt on the birth of their daughter, Alivia.

Congratulations to John Finn and Wendy Buerge on the birth of their daughter, Chloe and to Taylor Foster and Josh Allen on the birth of their son.

Congratulations to Bovina's high school graduates: Sarah Burns, Mary Hetterich, Tallulah Guadagnino, Marlee Condon and Virginia Perez.

Condolences to the family of Norman Hall on his recent passing.

BOVINA YOUTH GROUP

By Heleena Hilson, Katie Aikens, and Ally Heavey

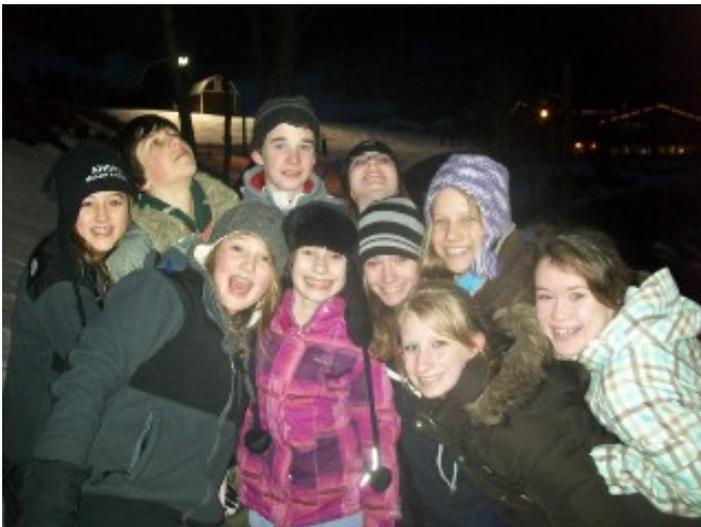
In the past year, the Bovina UP Church Youth Group, has come together quite well. We have completed several service activities as well as spent time together for recreational activities. Youth Group has been a lot of fun, and we hope to continue our monthly meetings in the years to come.

The service activities that we have completed are significant to this community. For instance, we walked in the annual CROP walk for hunger. It was 6.2 miles, and our church alone raised over 500 dollars. For our own church we ran a coffee hour, helped with the Christmas Eve service, and helped pack and deliver the Christmas bags for members of our community. We also made soup and gave it to several people in town. This spring, we plan to walk in the Alzheimer's Walk to help raise money for those with Alzheimer's disease. We also plan to have a spring lawn clean up to help people with various lawn chores.

We have had a really fun time with recreational activities within our youth group. We went to the night-time corn maze at Sunflower Farm where we had some good scary fun. We enjoyed a game night in the community hall, with fun games like basketball, ping-pong, and wii. This winter, we went snow tubing at Plattekill Mountain in Roxbury and had a chilly time! We attended the first ever Delaware County Youth Rally; "Jesus Rocks My World". We listened to a Christian rock band called "Yesterday is Waiting" and heard an inspirational speech from local Delhi pastors Derek and Keith.

As you can see we've had a lot of fun with our friends this year in youth group. We hope that we can continue this for many years to come.

(Youth group is open to any youth 6th grade through 12th grade. If you would like to join contact Jen Aikens, Roberta Burgin, or Colleen Heavey)



Having fun at the Christian Youth Rally



Noah Dougherty and Joe Burgin preparing soup.

BIKE-A-THON

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011

10:30 – 12:00

**LAKE JILLIENNE,
COULTER BROOK RD, BOVINA**



AGES 3 AND UP

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
BOVINA UP CHURCH ROOF FUND**

**SPONSORED BY BOVINA YOUTH GROUP
CONTACT COLLEEN HEAVEY FOR PLEDGE
FORM**

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Bovina Public Library

**Please Join Us this coming Saturday,
April 9th, 2011** the FIRST day of
National Library Week
from **11:00-Noon** at the BPL
when we will also be saluting the following
Life Time Members:
John & Maureen Gucker
Gertrude Hall
& Celia Coulter
Adult Reader of the year: **Marni Greenberg**
Family Readers of the year: **The Rieras**
and, finally, our Juvenile Reader of the year: **Jack Stanton**
**A delicious Confection donated by Pink Street Cakes will
be available for consumption.....**
**THANKS TO A GENEROUS DONATION,
WE HAVE BOVINA MAPLE SYRUP FOR SALE to
benefit the Library**
**\$20 per quart, 'Grade A' Medium and Light Am-
ber.....**

And many thanks as well to Corneel Verlaan for his
Delaware Country Air & Space Exhibit now showing at the

County Historical Society, Rte 10, Delhi, NY through May 10th. Additionally, local Artist **Gary Mayer's Caricatures** along with a selection of his Children's Illustrations will be on display at the library from June 15th thru the end of July; an opening to celebrate the exhibit will be held from 6-8pm on Wednesday the 15th of June - please join us!

The Bovina Public Library's Art Camp 2011 is coming up! This year there will be SIX individual sessions led by SIX different local area artists (suggested donation, \$5.00 per session, all proceeds cover art supply costs) Each session will be 90 minutes long, and ART CAMP is open to kids from ages 4-15 (all children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times) Our first session will be June 23rd, second on June 30th thereafter July 7, July 14, July 21 and July 28 all Thursday at a time TBA and our annual ART CAMP Art Show & Open House will be held as usual on the same Thursday in August when the Bovina Fire Department has their Annual Chicken Barbeque.

Don't forget—our Annual Book Sale will be held on Bovina Day in July.

Bovina Fire Department & Emergency Squad

The Bovina Fire Department and Emergency Squad have been keeping busy with Fire calls and Emergency Calls throughout our district and mutual aiding for our neighboring communities. Volunteering a lot of long hours on a moments notice whenever the need arises.

We appreciate all the support our Community gives us through the year and hope to see you at our yearly fundraisers. This is a chance for you to get out and support your local volunteers and a time for catching up with friends and neighbors. Look for the yearly Fire Department Chicken BBQ to be held in late August and the Emergency Squads Chili Supper to be held the first Saturday in October.

The Fire Departments Annual Fire Queen contest will take place at the end of June, any young lady living within the Bovina Fire District between the ages of 14-19 are welcome to participate. Letters will be sent out and fliers will be posted. Anyone with any questions concerning this contest can contact Fire Chief Bob Burgin at 832-4857. Being selected as Bovina Fire Queen not only gives you a chance to represent the Bovina Fire Department in local parades and events, it also qualifies the young ladies for scholarships in the community service categories. We hope to see a lot of young ladies taking advantage of this opportunity.

Anyone who hasn't had the opportunity to stop in and see the newest addition to our Fleet of Fire Trucks you should stop in and see the New 2010 International 2000 gallon tanker that was purchased with the assistance of a Federal Firefighters Assistance Grant. This truck replaces the 1972 pumper tanker which was the oldest truck in the fleet. The Fire Department has been fortunate in the past to qualify for the Federal Firefighters assistance grants for various forms of equipment, this was the first time we have qualified for a grant specifically for a fire truck.

The Bovina Fire Department and Emergency Squad are always looking for new members to volunteer and join us. Every community is finding it hard to recruit new members with all the demands for training that come with the positions. I'm sure if you asked anyone who has made the time to volunteer their time for their local fire department and emergency squad you will get the answer of it's a lot of hard work but it's worth every minute just to know you have helped out your local community and to hear them say THANK YOU!!

Please come join us...we would love to have you in our volunteering family!!

Bovina and the Civil War

by Ray LaFever, Town Historian

It was 150 years ago on April 12 that the American Civil War began with the attack on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. The impact of the war was nationwide, even in states where no actual engagements took place. New York contributed more soldiers than any other state to the effort.

And the war had its impact on Bovina. Over 80 men with Bovina connections served in the war, though coming up with a definitive list of the soldiers from Bovina is challenging. Records of soldiers vary from source to source. And who do you include? There were soldiers who enlisted in Bovina to help the town meet its quota, but they did not come from Bovina. There are some men who settled in Bovina after the war but were not Bovina natives. And some of the Civil War soldiers buried or commemorated with memorial stones in Bovina were not Bovina residents at the time of their deaths, such as brothers Thomas and James Elliott and James Oliver.

Officially, eleven soldiers from Bovina died in the conflict. Roman Palmer and William Stott both died in action. The other nine soldiers that died in the war, including Solomon Coulter, Sinclair Burns and William Storie, died of typhoid fever. Of the eleven Bovina fatalities, only Sinclair Burns' body was returned for burial (and maybe that of Solomon G. Coulter – one source says he was buried in Hilton Head, SC while another says he was buried in Bovina). Bovina also had a Civil War soldier missing in action. David S. Elliott was reported missing in June 1864 and is said to have died at Andersonville prison, but what really happened is not clear.

Most of Bovina's Civil War soldiers enlisted, though a few were drafted. All males between 18 and 45 had to enroll for military service. Thirty-three men in Bovina eligible for service applied for an exemption from such service, mostly for health reasons, though one exemption was filed by a father claiming that his son was too young. Two men claimed an exemption because they were teachers (Edward Boggs and William H. Seacord). Some men who could not claim an exemption paid for a substitute to go in their stead.

As the war progressed, President Lincoln issued calls for more soldiers, with each community given a quota of men they were to provide. In order to entice them into service, bounties were offered to soldiers for enlisting. Bovina taxpayers in 1863, 1864 and 1865 were asked to ante up money for these bounty payments. Though the town overall supported the effort, the June 1864 bounty was approved by a single vote. The amount per soldier went up each time a vote was held. Starting at \$150, by the last vote in January 1865 (which passed 96 to 57), the bounty was \$800 per enlistment.

The Bovina United Presbyterian Church saw a major impact when its minister, James B. Lee, took a leave from the church to serve as a chaplain - and suffered serious illness as a result. In 1864, the Presbytery chose Lee to go to the front

in the Civil War as one of 3000 special chaplains ordered by General Grant. From July to September 1864, Lee served with the 18th army corps on the Appomattox and in front of Petersburg, Virginia. He found himself under fire frequently while he provided food, medicine and religious tracts to soldiers in action. He was involved in nursing the sick and helping to bury the dead. Lee returned home that fall to escort back to Delhi a fellow clergyman, Rev. J.H. Robinson, who was suffering from camp fever and acute dementia. When Lee got home, he too was stricken with camp fever, which kept him in bed for weeks. Camp fever was a somewhat general term for a typhoid/malarial type illness. Symptoms included a pronounced chill followed by an intermittent fever, abdominal tenderness and nausea, general debility, diarrhea, retention of urine, and furring of the tongue. Lee continued to have a fever off and on for several months, with attacks on alternate days, though apparently never on the Sabbath. Lee and Robinson both recovered from their illnesses. Lee was pastor of the Bovina church for 24 years after his Civil War service. Lee left Bovina in 1888 but returned upon his retirement in 1904, dying in Bovina 10 years later. While there is no official military record of Rev. J.B. Lee (at least, not in any of the sources I have reviewed so far), he is considered to be a Civil War veteran. Though he never fired a shot, Lee obviously was in the thick of it for several months, risking his life and limb to tend to the soldiers.

My Bovina history blog (bovinanyhistory.blogspot.com) will have monthly articles about Civil War and its impact on Bovina throughout 2011. And I will do a future article or two for this newsletter on Bovina and the Civil War.

Historical Society

The Historical Society has been working diligently these past few months to weatherize Russell's Store. Stop in and visit Bea!

Look in the next newsletter for our Bovina Day events in July.

Senior Citizens

Our first meeting of spring will be April 11th, weather permitting, at 12:00 at the Bovina UP Church. Please bring a dish to pass. A visitor is coming to talk to us about health issues.

Plans for this year include possibly going on a trip this summer, a luncheon out, a picnic one month and a dinner in the late fall.

Please come join us!

News from the Town of Bovina

The final report for the Bovina - Andes shared services study is available at the town clerks office.

Transfers Station Update

Summer transfer station hours are as follows

Wednesday 1-4 pm

Saturday 8am - 12:30 pm

Effective May - September

Remember that you must have a sticker on your window to use the transfer station. If you need a new sticker please contact the town clerk at 607-832-4302.

Spring Road Posting

Highway superintendent Robert Burgin reminds us that the recent rainfall and alternating warm and cold weather has lead to very saturated soil conditions which are very susceptible to freeze and thaw action. Whereas roads are very susceptible to damage from heavy loads traveling over them the town feels it is necessary to protect their road infrastructure from damage by limiting heavy loads. The following roads are posted with a four ton per axle limit.

Lee Hollow, Bramley Mountain, New Road and New Kingston Mountain Road. Schabloski Road is closed until further notice.

Farming Bovina

by Evelyn Stewart

Every day I drive home from my job in Margaretville. As I descend from the mountain into Bovina the first thing that catches my eye is the beautiful farm in the valley of Mountain Brook. All winter there has been this blanket of white snow with the Monroe farm standing there like a beacon that guides me home. Now spring has melted the snow and added hints of green to the valley. This amazing view never fails to give me joy that I come home here, to Bovina, the community that I love, this beautiful place that we are all fortunate to live in.

In the past few years as you have traveled around our beautiful town, have you noticed that you are seeing fewer and fewer of those pristine green meadows that have always been part of the landscape that is Bovina? As you drive by your local farmer, is he or she still there? Are they still farming? We are all aware of the hard times that our farmers are facing.

I believe that if things remain as they are that Bovina may lose all of its farms in the next generation. I also believe that this will change the rural character of Bovina forever. I live in Bovina because it is rural and I never want that to change. I will be happy to follow behind Dominic Gullow as he drives his tractor down the road at fifteen miles an hour for the next twenty years.

In early 2011 I decided the time had come to gather anyone interested together to get a feel for how Bovina felt about sup-

Bovina Community Hall

Over the past few years, several improvements have been made to your Town Community Hall. These have included, but not limited to, new windows, refinished floors, upgraded kitchen, painting, window covers, lighting upgrades, etc.

Recently, we have noticed several instances of misuse and vandalism at the Hall. So as to ensure continued enjoyment of the facilities for everyone, these destructive activities need to stop. Should they continue, the Town Board may need to limit future use to organized groups and community functions.

Anyone who may have questions or information regarding this destruction and mischief should contact any one of the Town Board members. Thank you for your understanding and support.

The Bovina Town Board,
Tina Mole - Supervisor
Chuck McIntosh
Evelyn Stewart
MJ Robson
Ken Brown

porting our farming community. From this meeting Farming Bovina was born.

Farming Bovina will be a not for profit organization dedicated to helping farmers remain on their land and help Bovina continue to keep its rural character. We would like to assist local farmers with anything that they need to start or expand a value added product, receive funding, create advertising campaigns, market their products, websites and more.

We are very excited about Farming Bovina and believe that we can do great things for our local farmers. If you would like to be involved in Farming Bovina or would like to donate to our cause feel free to contact us at 607-832-4418 or by email at farmbovina@yahoo.com.

It is amazing to me that our little community has such an array of talented people living here, from the farmers that have so much knowledge about the land and animals, to the lawyers, CPA's, grant writers, educators, marketers, computer experts, and many more. I also believe that having so many people who are willing to give of themselves for our community is part what makes Bovina such a wonderful place to live.

Farming Bovina will meet again on April 16th at 1:00 in the Bovina Community Hall.


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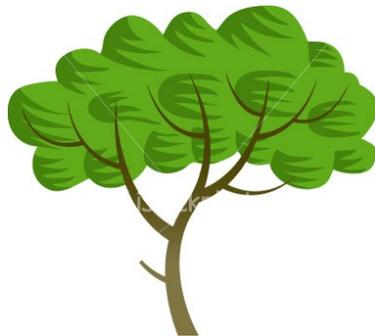


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832-4611 or Lisa Stanton
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