

# BOVINA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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April 7 - Easter Bake  
Sale at the Bovina UP  
Church, 10:00—noon

April 7—Easter Egg  
Hunt, Bovina UP  
Church, 11:00

April 8—Sunrise Service  
at the home of Marie  
Burns, 6:30 AM

April 14—Readers of the  
Year Celebration at the  
Bovina Library, 11:00

## A letter from the pastor

As I ponder what to say and what to share, the number eight keeps popping in my head. This could be because Easter is April 8<sup>th</sup> and it is a little nerve wracking for your second Sunday as a new pastor to be Easter Sunday. This is true, yet I believe that the reason why number eight is floating around in my head is because of its numerological meaning: it is the number of new beginnings. I find this very significant because over the past year my life has been filled with many new beginnings: graduation from seminary, marriage, ordination, and my first call. Yet, I am not the only one that I know facing new beginnings. The other that comes to my mind is Bovina UP. You all are experiencing a new beginning with a new pastor, a pastor that is excited to share his new beginning with you.

New beginnings can bring about a lot of excitement and a lot of fear. It is my hope that God will use this excitement and fear to lead us, to nurture us, and to propel us to the place(s)

where we are called. In order for this to happen we need several things. We need to be attentive to what God is saying. We need to follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit. We need the love and support of Jesus. Just as importantly, we need each other. Without these things, we will come up short.

As we journey together in our new beginning, let us go with God. Always remember that no matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are going, God is with you.

God Bless,

Rev. Garrett Vittorio Schindler



## EASTER EGG HUNT

When: Saturday April 7, 11am

Where: Bovina UP Church

bring a basket/bucket for collecting eggs  
enjoy a snack and Easter craft

If anyone would like to donate plastic eggs or candy  
for this event, call Amy at 832-4836

## Prattling by Judi Gage

**I commend you all to the care of the Holy One in Three, as I hope in your prayers you will commend Rick & Me. We bid you all an affectionate farewell."**

**"I Wish You Enough"** by Bob Perks and Gary Lamb with permission

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.  
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.  
I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.  
I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.  
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.  
I wish enough "Hello's" to get you through the final "Goodbye."

My friends, I wish you enough

... And last of all from Bill and Ted's excellent adventure –  
**"Be Excellent to each other!"**

**Peace Out  
Judi & Rick**

## Joys and Concerns

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Hugh and Pat Lee, Len Cairns, Mildred Reinertsen, Ed Rossley Sr., Rosemary Stewart, and Jordan Dibble.

## Upcoming Events

Be on the look out for area children who will be seeking pledges for a **Bike-A-Thon** to help raise funds for a new church roof.

Bovina Yard Sale Day...stop in the church basement for our **"Gently Used Children's Clothing and Toy Sale"** (anyone cleaning out their closets or toy rooms????...we are accepting donations...drop off in bin at rear of church or call Amy at 832-4836 to arrange 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

Junior Choir—Wednesdays after school

## BOVINA YOUTH GROUP

The Bovina Youth Group has had a very busy and fun filled winter. After the Holiday season we dove into several community service activities. We made Helmet Coolers for our soldiers with the guidance of Margaret Hilson, Thank You Margaret! We also volunteered our dish washing talents at the Bovina UP Church Chicken-n-Biscuit dinner.

We said good-bye to Judi Gage and thanked her for filling our pulpit. We look forward to welcoming our new Pastor Garrett Schindler and his wife Marena to Bovina on April 1st.

The Youth Group will be holding an Easter Sunrise Service at the home of Marie Burns at 6:30 am on April 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing a light breakfast afterwards. Please join us!

On May 5<sup>th</sup> we will be participating for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk in Andes. We are collecting "Change for a Change" as our fundraiser for this community service. Last year we raised \$350 and hope to top that this year. If you would like to help us out you can drop off your bag of loose change with any youth group member or leader, leave it at Russell's Store or at the church on Sundays.

We meet the first Sunday of the month from 5-6:30 at the church to plan our upcoming activities and have a lot of fun just being with our friends. If you know any youth that is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older that would like to join us please feel free to send them in our direction.



## A BIG THANK YOU.....

To the Bovina Community for supporting our fundraising events this past year!!!

A special thanks goes out to all who donated time and supplies to make these events a success!

Thanks to all who came out for the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. It was a wonderful evening of community fellowship!

## EASTER GOODIES BAKE SALE

Saturday April 7  
10-Noon  
Bovina UP Church

Carrot Cakes.....Hot Cross Buns.....Bunny Cupcakes.....and other goodies!!!!



## Bovina Library 95th Anniversary Maple Avenue Barbeque

On Bovina Day—July 21

As a part of the festivities celebrating the 95th anniversary of the Bovina Public Library, we will be having a barbeque following the day of lawn sales (free will donation appreciated). To continue the tradition, the church will host games for children and adults, including pie eating contests and the famous tug of war!

To tip off the barbeque, the library will be sponsoring a

### Casserole Contest.

So put your chef's hat on and dig out those favorite family recipes to win great prizes!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Bovina Historical Society

The Bovina Historical Society is planning a Russell's Store Museum event in early May. Because the second floor of the store, where we store artifacts, cannot be open to the public because of fire regulations, specific groups of items will be shown. The Session of the Bovina UP Church has granted us permission to temporarily remove artifacts from upstairs for this event.

We look forward to Russell's Store reopening on March 21st when Bea Sohni, proprietor, returns from vacation.

Additionally, an event called Scottish Dancing is in the works, and may not take place until the fall.

We always welcome new members and volunteers. Please call Donna Bray 832-4552 or Jan Bray 832-4521 for more information.

### Bovina Public Library

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR READERS OF THE YEAR!!!

Adult reader of the Year: Jack Burns

Juvenile Reader of the Year: IT'S A TIE!!

Libby Lamport & Sara Roberts

Family of Readers of the Year: The Hilson-Schneiders  
& our latest

LIFETIME MEMBER

AGNES BURNS

We thank you all for your commitment to reading & to the Bovina Public Library. Please join us in celebrating these Readers of Excellence during **National Library Week**, Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 11a.m.-Noon.

The Bovina Public Library has applications and information on **SCHOLARSHIPS** available to all Delaware County Students (*high school seniors graduating this spring or those already in college or grad school*) who are pursuing degrees in Education,

the Physical Sciences, Engineering & other related technical fields. For more information or to pick up an application, please stop by the library during our open hours.....**DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION IS 4/16/12**

POST YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS or REFERENCE LINK on the Bovina Library's WEB SITE.....simply e mail us your web address at [bovinalib@delhitel.net](mailto:bovinalib@delhitel.net) or call us for **more information**.

The Bovina Public Library has Notary Public service - \$1.00 charge per affirmation or acknowledgement .

**THANK YOU to the following who gave us books, videos, DVDs & etc. this month:** Christine & Scott Egan, Joan Burns, Lorrie & Larry Karam, Tim Mirabito, Marni & Mel Greenberg, Hugh & Pat Lee as well as several anonymous donors; we couldn't make our collection dollars stretch without you!!

### Bovina Fire Department & Emergency Squad

#### Feel like becoming a Volunteer?

The Bovina Fire Department and Emergency Squad are always looking for new volunteers to join our organization. Being a Volunteer is not only good for your community it is also good for own self esteem. Contact any member if you have questions on how to become a part of a very rewarding experience.

Any girl's ages 14-19 interested in becoming Fire Queen mark you calendars for the last week of June, flyers will be posted and mailed out to eligible girls in the Bovina Fire District. Any question's contact Fire Chief Bob Burgin at 832-4857.

Keep Safe...as we enter into spring we are also entering into grass and brush fire season, with lots of dead grass and foliage around it's very easy to turn the smallest brush pile into an un-

controlled fire. Be Smart, Think ahead and be Prepared. Pay attention to the burn bans posted by the local county Emergency Services, ask yourself before you start that fire, is it too dry, and is it too windy, do I have a water source available if I need it. Also be courteous of your local volunteers and let your local fire department know if you are planning to have a controlled burn. A little bit of planning can save a lot of unneeded chaos.

As always the Bovina Fire Department and Emergency Squad would like to thank all of the community members that give of their time and talents to serve their organizations and would like to thank every one who comes out to support the organizations fund raisers through out the year. Your monetary donations are greatly appreciated and are always put to good use.

## Bovina United Presbyterian Church Ministers

### by Ray LaFever, Town Historian

When Garrett Schindler becomes pastor of the Bovina United Presbyterian Church this month, he'll be the 22nd person to hold that position. Like several Bovina ministers, such as James B. Lee from Ohio, William Samson and Hugh K. Galloway from Iowa and Hugh Speer and John Mahaffy from Illinois, Garrett hails from the mid-west, in this case Indiana. Some Bovina pastors came from even further away. Four pastors were born overseas. Robert Laing, Bovina's first pastor, came from Scotland, as did the second pastor, John Graham. Graham came from Montrose, Scotland. Stanley McMaster (1950-55) was born in Belfast, while Ambrosio Patascil (1959-61) was born in the Philippines.

Bovina's first pastor, Robert Laing, was by far Bovina's oldest pastor – he was 64 when he started as pastor in 1814, five years after the congregation was created. Laing served as pastor until 1823 but stayed in Bovina until his death in 1839. Laing was followed by another Scots, John Graham. Graham was Bovina's second longest serving pastor, being in the post for 21 years starting in 1832. Graham wrote his autobiography late in his life, after he had moved to Iowa. It's invaluable as a source of information about the early days of Bovina. Graham was succeeded by Bovina's youngest pastor. James B. Lee was only 23 when he came to Bovina from Cadiz, Ohio in 1856. He chose Bovina over two other calls partly for his health – it was felt that living in the mountains would be the best for him. When he settled in Bovina, he built a house next to the church, the house now owned by Amy Burns. As well as being Bovina's youngest pastor, Lee was its longest serving, staying for 32 years. He moved on to another pastorate, but when he retired from the ministry in 1904, he came back to Bovina to spend his declining years. Reverend Lee's long tenure was followed by one of the shortest.

Mason W. Pressly came two years after Lee's departure and stayed only two and a half years. While in Bovina, he built a house, now occupied by John and Margaret Hilson. Pressly was very active in his brief tenure. He continued on to a couple more pastorates, also quite brief, before leaving the ministry and becoming a prominent osteopath, having been one of the founders of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Two other Bovina ministers had tenures the length of Pressly's, Hugh Galloway (1918-1920) and Carl Keefer (1955-1958). In the 20th century, two pastors served just over 10 years – Frank N. Crawford (1920-1931) and his immediate successor, Harvey H. McClellan (1931-1942). The latter half of the 20th century saw tenures ranging from Ambrosio Patascil's just under two years to John Kloepfer and Karen Patricia, who each served eight years.

Karen Patricia was Bovina's first female pastor when she was installed in 1985. She served until 1993. Judi Gage was

Bovina's second female pastor and the first Lay Pastor, having received a commission from the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley to serve as Lay Pastor for the Bovina UP Congregation. Part of her mission while in Bovina was to prepare the church in its search for a new minister. Garrett Schindler was formally called to be Bovina's next pastor at the end of January. He officially started April 1.

Here's the full list of the 22 people who have served as pastor of the Bovina United Presbyterian Church:

Robert Laing, 1814-1823  
 John Graham, 1832-1853  
 James B. Lee, D.D., 1856-1888  
 Mason W. Pressly, 1890-1892  
 William L.C. Samson, 1896-1906  
 Hugh B. Speer, 1907-1911  
 John A. Mahaffey, 1912-1917  
 Hugh K. Galloway, 1918-1920  
 Frank N. Crawford, 1920-1931  
 Harvey H. McClellan, 1931-1942  
 Wade W. Miller, 1942-1949  
 Stanley McMaster, 1950-1955  
 Carl Keefer, 1955-1958  
 Ambrosio Patascil, 1959-1961  
 Maynard Grunstra, 1962-1967  
 Robert Hammer, 1968-1975  
 John Kloepfer, 1976-1984  
 Karen Patricia, 1985-1993  
 Edward McNulty, 1995-2001  
 Scott Conrad, 2003-2008  
 Judi Gage, 2009-2012  
 Garrett A. Schindler, 2012-

## Senior Citizens

### ALL ARE INVITED!

The Senior Citizens Club will begin meeting again on Monday, April 9th. We will have our meeting in the basement of the Bovina UP Church. Please bring a dish to pass. Dues of \$6 plus \$1 for coffee will be collected at the meeting. Hope to see you then!

  
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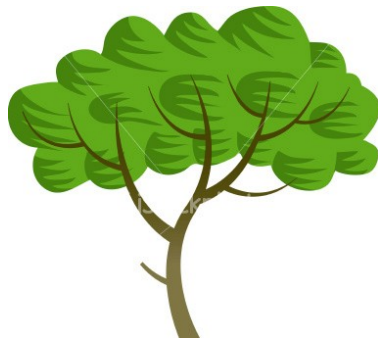
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