

Pilgrim Holiness Church, Rt. 145, Middleburgh, New York

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On this Labor Day weekend, we extend a friendly greeting to all worshipers. Welcome! And may God's guidance and strength be with us all.

*Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come... and save you.*

*Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water:*

*And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it;*

*No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:*

*And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

Isaiah 35: 4-10

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The second offering this morning is our monthly Building Repair Fund offering.
- **September 11** - Patriot Day (remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001)
- **September 13** - Missionaries Dale & Judy Sherman will be speaking in our evening service.
- **September 18** - Zone Rally at Rockwood
- **September 19** - Church Picnic at noon
- **September 20** - PVBI musicians will be ministering in our morning service
- **TBA** - Sunday School Seminar - The week of September 21-25 (exact day not known as yet.)
- CDs of the preaching from Binghamton Camp are available to borrow. These are practical messages that will be profitable to your soul. Listen to them all!
- Be sure to check out our church web site for updates, bulletins, and pictures of recent church events.

*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 8:45 AM Morning Worship 9:00 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM, Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week we are praying for the Crooksville, Ohio church. The pastor is Roger Ellers, who has terminal cancer.
- School will be starting this week. Pray for our students and teachers.
- Pray for **revival** in our church and community.
- Recent requests from the Cobleskill church include Ralph, Todd, Sharon, and Laverne.
- Pray for
  - The Mincers and Bowmans
  - Neighbors, relatives and friends with spiritual needs for whom special prayer has been requested
  - Our young people
  - Decisions to be made about the renovation of our church building.
  - Conference President Case and the Council
  - Our armed services personnel
  - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Recent requests include:
  - Betty Case (in hospital with heart problems), Doris Cook (in hospital), Doris Bates (bad fall), Earl Bickford, Glenn Hockmeyer (very low).
- Continue to pray for:
  - Gary Vosburgh, Susan Ford, Claire, Kathy Moltzen, Noreen (in hospital), Richard Berg, Lillian Jamison, Duane Maxey, Johnny Cuscuna.

### *Suggested Daily Scripture Reading*

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Song of Solomon 1:1-4:16	Song of Solomon 5:1- 8:14	Isaiah 1:1-2:22	Isaiah 3:1-5:30
NT	II Corinthians 8:16-24	II Corinthians 9:1-15	II Corinthians 10:1-18	II Corinthians 11:1-15
PSA	Psalms 50:1-23	Psalms 51:1-19	Psalms 52:1-9	Psalms 53:1-6
PROV	Proverbs 6	Proverbs 7	Proverbs 8	Proverbs 9
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Isaiah 6:1-7:25	Isaiah 8:1-9:21	Isaiah 10:1-11:16	
	II Corinthians 11:16-33	II Corinthians 12:1-10	II Corinthians 12;11-21	
	Psalms 54:1-7	Psalms 55:1-23	Psalms 56:1-13	
	Proverbs 10	Proverbs 11	Proverbs 12	



## Labor Day thoughts

There is a deep insight in the words of Genesis that tell of the Lord planting a garden in Eden. Then “the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it” (Genesis 2:15).

God intended for people to have meaningful work. “The earth is the Lord's,” as the psalmist says, but God has turned the care of the earth over to us. Think of this beautiful world as God's gift to us. Think also of God's intention that we be good stewards of the earth, to use the fruits of the earth wisely to “work and take care of” what belongs to the Lord. Think of all the “hidden secrets of God’s creation” yet to be discovered.

To Adam, God said in essence, “I have a job for you to do. You are my garden keeper. You will find meaning in life by doing the work I need for you to do.”

On Labor Day we would do well to recall that work, meant to be fulfilling and satisfying, should help provide us a reason for living. Wise Ben Franklin said, “The man who achieves makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all: doing nothing.”

The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them.

-Robert Frost

Give of your hands to serve, and your hearts to love.

-Mother Teresa

Find a job that you love and you'll never “work” a day in your life.

-John P. Grier