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SUMMER

CHURCH NEWS, 2016

(June, July, August)



summer schedule and summer highlights...

Summer 2016 Worship Schedule

Worship 10:00 a.m. – Children’s Summer Place for ages 3-9

July

- 3** **Celebration of the Lord’s Supper Preacher: Rev. Keith Tamlyn**
- 10** **Guest Preacher: Rev. Arlene Wilhelm...**
- RCA Minister of Word and Sacrament Certified Spiritual Director**
- 17** **Baptism/Special Music Preacher: Rev. Keith Tamlyn**
- 24** **Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Don Heringa**
- 31** **Guest Preacher: Rev. Arlene Wilhelm**

August

- 7** **Celebration of the Lord’s Supper Preacher: Rev. Keith Tamlyn**
- 14** **New Members Join Preacher: Rev. Keith Tamlyn**
- 21** **Guest Preacher: Preaching Elder Candidate: Elder Patrick Meaney**
- 28** **Preacher: Rev. Keith Tamlyn**

May you have an enjoyable summer, and remember to join us in worship when you are in town.

Blessings to you!

Rev. Keith W. Tamlyn

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together during church services. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. 'You're not supposed to talk out loud in church.' 'Why? Who's going to stop me?' Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, 'See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.'

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...Kris Rice, Christian Education Director

Our 2015-2016 Sunday School year is coming to a close and I would like to express a huge thank you to our ever faithful, dedicated teachers. Every week they are here helping build faith foundations by planting the seeds of God's love and word in the children's hearts. A thank you also to the youth who help us in our classrooms and the Nursery.

✠**Confirmation Sunday** was held on May 1st with 5 of our NHRC Youth being confirmed. It was a beautiful ceremony and we are so proud of them! God's blessings as they continue on their faith journeys!

✠**Vacation Bible School** will be held the week of August 8th - 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

This year our theme is "*Cave Quest*" Following Jesus - The Light of the World! Children 4 years old (going into Kindergarten in the Fall) through 5th grade will experience great Bible stories, terrific songs, crafts, and games during a wonderful, fun, faith-filled week.

VBS Registration forms are available in the Gathering Area or on the big desk in the Ed Center.

Many Volunteers are needed in order for Vacation Bible School to happen from Crew Leaders and assistants to behind the scenes help. It's a great week filled with excitement and enthusiasm! The rewards are tremendous! Sign-up in the Gathering Area or see me with any questions. (12 years old and up)

✠**Urgently needed!** - **Volunteers for "Children's Summer Place"** which starts on June 19th and runs through September 4th. Please consider being one of God's Helpers and sign-up for one or two Sundays this summer. Everything is set up for you (video, craft, snacks and playground time). It's a great way to give back to our church and be with a great bunch of kids! Sign-up sheet at the Gathering Area desk. Any questions? Please see me or email.

✠**Is the Holy Spirit calling You?** We are in need of a teacher for the 5th & 6th grade class this fall. I already have a member who has said yes! I need another person for a team so that you will teach twice a month. Please prayerfully consider being a part of a wonderful group of teachers and children!

In His Service,

Kris Rice

Christian Education Director

Spaghetti Dinner Results are In!...Thanks to the members and friends of NHRC for attending our Spaghetti Dinner on April 30. With your help, we raised \$733 toward Bridge Builders and Youth missions! Thanks to the youth for doing such a great job at the Spaghetti Dinner! We heard a lot of praise for your excellent service and for the great food! Special thanks to Lois Kapushoc for making the sauce, Jeff Wright for the meatballs, Joan and Paul Secor for getting the bread, Anna Edel for working in the kitchen, Johnny Hoppe, Erin Freck, and Susie Gilgert for their music, and to Arra Mowry, Donna Freck, Karen Gilgert, Jane Konitz, Christina Ramos, Robin Konitz, and Sharon Strack, for all their help!



Bible Study for Beginners, Mondays, 6:45-8:15 p.m. at the Meaney Residence... Please join us for a fun time discovering the Bible. No experience necessary! Youth (sixth grade and above) and adults are encouraged to attend. All are welcome. Please share your email address with Pat so that he can keep in touch. Bring a friend. Please contact Patrick Meaney at

meaneypj@gmail.com (or phone/text at 914-456-2613).

Bridge Builders... Bridge Builders is a summer camp experience where youth (entering 7th grade through college age) attend a week-long camp while helping to meet the needs of our community through service. Service includes yard work, light construction projects, visiting nursing homes, and playing games and sports with younger kids. There are also times for worship, fellowship, and free time activities. The week runs from Sunday evening, July 31 through Friday evening, August 5. Cost will be \$275, due in late May (or less, based on fund raising proceeds). For more information, please contact Patrick Meaney (email: meaneypj@gmail.com, text/cell: 914-456-2613). Forms and a sign-up sheet are available in the Youth Room.

Pat Meaney

Youth Director

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY....

Mary Lou Grott, R.N., Parish Nurse

462-0810, Ext. 110, Tues. and Wed.



Yoga classes have returned to NHRC on Wednesday mornings, in Room 11 of the Education Center. The Parish Health Ministry is delighted to welcome our new **Certified Yoga Instructor, Toni Farkas**. She has over 30 years of experience teaching dance, movement, and yoga, and has worked with all ages, from seniors to toddlers.



In her own words about these classes:

Gentle Yoga 9:30am to 10:45am will gently stretch, strengthen, and lubricate your joints, help calm your mind and renew your spirit. Beginners are welcome! Bring a yoga mat or large towel.

Chair Yoga at 11am to 12:15pm promises to relax, energize, gently stretch and strengthen your body, deepen your awareness, and cultivate your peace of mind. All are welcome!

Please wear comfortable clothing and plan to join us as we continue to learn what yoga is all about! Yoga will continue through the summer on Wednesday mornings here at the above times, with a fee of \$10/class.

For those of you who previously attended our evening yoga class, Toni teaches evening yoga classes at the Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30pm (\$10 fee/class) and invites all ages to join her. Your first evening session will be free - just mention to her that you are from NHRC!

Questions? Call Mary Lou at ext 110.

Separation / Divorce Recovery for Women

Introducing RADiCAL, a 10-week program of healing and transformation for any woman who is struggling through a separation or divorce. If you or a woman you know is going through this difficult transition, contact Tina Brent for more info or to sign up: tina.brent@icloud.com 845-797-7717. Weekly classes starting on Thursday evenings in September.

RADiCAL= Rising Above Divorce in Confidence And Love
(Reasonable cost for course book and materials.)

Lyme Disease - I know you've heard it before, but here are some good reminders from the Mayo Clinic website (mayoclinic.org) about prevention of Lyme Disease, which is so prevalent here in Dutchess County:



*The best way to prevent Lyme Disease and other tick-borne illnesses is to avoid areas where deer ticks live, especially wooded, bushy areas with long grass. You can decrease your risk of getting Lyme Disease with some simple precautions:

***Cover up.** You all know the drill by now...when in grassy or wooded areas or working in the yard or garden - wear shoes, long pants tucked into your socks, a long-sleeved shirt, a hat and gloves. Try to stick to trails and avoid walking through low bushes or tall grass. Keep your dog on a leash.

- ***Use insect repellents.** Apply insect repellent with a 20% or higher concentration of DEET to your skin or clothing. Parents should apply repellent to their children, being careful to avoid their hands, eyes, and mouth, keeping in mind these repellents can be toxic. Apply products with Permethrin to clothing or buy pretreated clothing.
- ***Do your best to tick-proof your yard.** Clear brush and leaves where ticks love to live. Keep woodpiles in sunny areas.
- ***Check yourself, your children, and your pets for ticks.** Be especially vigilant after spending time outside in wooded or grassy areas. Deer ticks are often no bigger than the head of a pin, so they are easy to miss unless you look carefully. It's helpful to shower as soon as you come indoors. Ticks often remain on your skin for awhile before attaching themselves. Showering and using a washcloth might help remove unattached ticks.
- ***Don't assume you are immune.** You can get Lyme Disease more than once.
- ***Remove the tick as soon as possible with tweezers.** Gently grasp the tick near the head or mouth, close to your skin. Don't squeeze or crush the tick, but pull carefully and steadily until it releases. Dispose of the tick and clean the bite area with an antiseptic.
- *I also encourage you to call your Primary Care Provider to let them know you've had a tick bite and determine their treatment protocol. **Mark your calendar** with the date of the tick bite, as symptoms may not occur for several days or weeks.

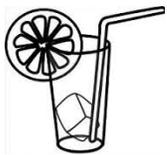
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COUNCIL...

Lemonade Time is coming!

As you know, in the summer months, we serve lemonade after the service.

We will be needing lemonade servers starting June 19. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area.

Please help!



Our Sabellico Mother's Day fundraiser netted us \$204.25 profit. All money earned was put towards the Kitchen Fund. Thanks to all who purchased gift certificates and flowers! Don't forget to water and fertilize!

WANTED... People who enjoy easy exercise, like to flip pancakes and burgers, are willing to go shopping, have a ready smile and want to join a winning team. Your paycheck is the satisfaction of supporting your church family.

CONTACT Marian Pedersen-Grover 297-1985 or email mpg348@optonline.net for more details. NO experience or referrals needed to join the Congregational Life Council.



Greetings from Kermit!

We've reached that time of year when things wind down for a little while.

June's Wednesday Morning Workshops will be on the 1st, 8th, and 15th, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 15 of the Ed Center. After that, the Workshops will not meet through the summer, resuming on September 7th. Also, be sure to mark December 3rd on your calendar - that's the date of this year's Piggy Bank Bazaar!!

There were 93 Take Home Kits available this year, and a Great Big Froggy Thank You goes out to all of you who took one or more to do over the summer. Mrs. Ray (my human friend who is already thinking about September, when the Workshops resume) tells me that it would be wonderful if you could return your completed Kits by the end of October, so they can all be featured in the Gathering Area showcase in November. Completed Kits can be returned at any time to Room 15. This year's Kits were designed by Carolyn Gordon, Bonnie Hawes, Joan Kavanagh-Secor, Carolyn McLaughlin, Sally Allen, Leslie Urbanski, Lois Kapushoc, Peggy Roe, Laurel Morschauer, and Carol Ray.

Thinking ahead to September, supplies we need include plastic tubs, polyester stuffing and batting, felt, tennis ball containers, new pencils and pens, scrap booking paper and supplies, yardsticks, mugs, floral foam, small containers for flower arrangements, silk flowers and leaves, shiny Christmas balls, ribbon, yarn, fabric, craft paint, paint brushes, new nails, screws, washers, and hooks, saw tooth hangers, large gift bags or store bags with handles, gift wrapping, and assorted other craft supplies. In December we'll need bunches of potted plants - they are always popular.

I'm off now to a summer of lounging by the pond, picking off bugs as they fly by. I hope you have a summer that's just as wonderful! See you in September!!

Yours in Love,

♥Kermit

Outreach..



June - Dutchess County Office for the Aging

Dutchess County Office of the Aging connects plans, coordinates and provides an array of community based services to the elderly and persons who require assistance in the long term care system, in an effort to promote independence, dignity and quality of life.

Through its distinctive role of committed advocate and community partner, the agency strives to ensure clients' needs will continue to be met now and in the future..

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Business Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday - Friday

July - New Brunswick Theological Seminary

Called in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, New Brunswick Theological Seminary participates in God's own laboring to fulfill God's reign on earth. Founded in 1784, historic New Brunswick Theological Seminary develops effective leaders who have a transformative effect in the places they live, work and worship. We offer distinguished academic training that is rooted in classical theological disciplines yet made relevant for a complex, modern world through practical courses and hands-on ministry experience.

We consider it a privilege and a responsibility to train people from many denominations and from a wide variety of backgrounds for all forms of ministry. Our innovative curriculum is built upon our great diversity, resulting in an educative process which values each person's unique calling and gifts. As a result, our NBTS community is ecumenical and highly multi-cultural, reflecting the rich diversity of God's people.

August - Friends of Seniors

We are a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, incorporated in 2004, that provides basic support services to the Dutchess County older adult community, age 60 and older. We are volunteer-based and we all drive our own cars. In 2014 Friends of Seniors volunteers provided assistance to 313 Dutchess County senior citizens, drove 90,975.5 miles to 2,716 non-emergency medical appointments and provided 2,202 hours of in-house support which includes visiting, telephone reassurance, grocery shopping and respite for primary caregivers.

We provide services to all of Dutchess County with the exception of the towns of Amenia, Northeast and Pine Plains. Please call 518-789-4259 for service in those areas. However, if you need a ride TO Amenia, Northeast and Pine Plains, i.e., the VA Clinic in Pine Plains, we will do our best to get you to your appointment in those towns.

RCWM - Birthday Dessert 2017, May 3rd.

There are still plenty of tables available to host. You can choose your own theme and your table size. Sign up on the RCWM bulletin board next to the Bell Directors office. Join the fun and entertainment. The 2016 Birthday Dessert featured Johnny Hoppe and the Cleaver Brothers. The music was so good and people were dancing in their seats. We are looking forward to another great year of musical talent in 2017. So, grab a friend or two, sign up, you have 11 months to come up with a theme.

Blood Drive - July 26... 1pm - 7pm

Come and donate a pint. During the Summer, many people go on vacation so there is no time to donate. This is when blood shortages occur the most. The Meaney family are hosting the drive and you will also enjoy delicious, mouth watering special treats, prepared by Sue and the family.

Hudson River Housing - Overnight Shelter

There are still one month open to volunteer to cook and serve a meal at the shelter. November is still open. Grab some friends or family, prepare a nice meal for up to sixty homeless guests. It doesn't have to be elaborate. They are thankful for any meal you prepare. Instructions along with directions to the shelter are available with the sign-up sheet at the information table. Financial assistance can be brought to Arra's attention.

SPCA



There is still a great need to cat and dog food for our homeless fur-friends at the SPCA. They can use both canned and dry food. If you have any pet dishes that are clean and not damaged, they will take them as well. Collars, leashes, crates, pet clothing, litter boxes and litter etc are also welcomed. As always, financial gifts are welcomed to help purchase needed supplies and medical needs. If you want to donate financially, simply make out a check to DCSPCA, put it in an envelope and put it in Hazel Gregson's mailbox. She will be happy to forward it on to the SPCA. The collection box is located right outside Hazel's office (Church Office). All donations are tax deductible.

Liberty Station - Housing for Homeless Veterans

Outreach continually collects food for our American Heroes. While they will accept any non-perishable food item, they are really in need of meat based canned meals such as Chef-Boy-Ar-De meals in a can as well as, canned chili, beef stew and corned beef. Collection boxes are located in the Education Center as well as in the Gathering Area. All donations are tax deductible

Rural & Migrant Ministry

NHRC will once again be hosting the dinner for the RMM Campers. Menu will be the same, baked ziti, bread, raw veggies and a dessert. Volunteers are always welcome to help with this wonderful event with setting up tables and chairs as well as cleaning up and breaking down the tables and chairs, serving, preparing the pans of ziti and cutting up veggies etc. More detailed information will be available as the date gets closer. Stay tuned.....

→ Please take a moment to look at the Outreach Bulletin Board near the main kitchen. Letters of thanks for our financial support from our many missions as well as upcoming events are posted on a regular basis. It's because of your support they are able to receive funding.

RCWM...

Reformed Church Women's Ministry... will be having their Annual Planning Meeting on Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 7B. Please plan to attend. All ladies are welcome to attend and meet us!! We will be discussing programming and fund benevolent disbursement.



GIRLS' NIGHT OUT...LUAU...

All ladies are invited to our Annual Luau on Wednesday, June 15th, 6:30 p.m., our tropical paradise (by the playground or Fellowship Hall in case of rain.) Please bring a Hawaiian/tropical finger food to share as we enjoy a tropical, torch-lit evening of friendship and fun. Frozen desserts will be provided. Sign up in the Gathering Area for one of our favorite get-togethers of the year!!



RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY...

The MARCH FOR FARMWORKER JUSTICE kicked off with a rally in Smithtown, LI on Sunday, May 15th. Each day the core group of 15-20 marchers was joined by others along their route. They were welcomed at Churches, Synagogues, Community Centers and Union Halls. The warm hospitality has been greatly appreciated and the sincere interest and support of folks all along the way has been awesome.



The group has been joined by farmworkers who have sacrificed a day or two of pay to be part of the march. They have shared their stories and have helped participants to understand the issues faced by these humble folks by whose hands (and back breaking work) we are fed!

FARMWORKER ALBANY DAY was held on Wednesday, June 1st, in Albany. The Marchers arrived by 10:00 a.m. and were joined by many others at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Avenue, Albany. An introduction to the day began at 10:30 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. everyone joined the March, led by the Mariachi Viva Mexico band, to a Rally on the West steps of the Capital. Lunch in Capital Park was followed by Legislative visits and at 3:30 p.m. folks gathered back at Westminster Presbyterian Church for some closing words and thoughts before boarding the busses for the trip home.

To view highlights of the March and all the events that surrounded it, check the rmm website:
<http://ruralmigrantministry.org/farmworker-march>

A special thank you to...

- The New Hackensack Church family for hosting the Marchers on Wednesday, May 24th and providing them with a hearty breakfast before they resumed their March next morning.
- Planet Fitness for welcoming the Marchers and providing warm showers - their generosity was much appreciated by all.
- Pastor Keith for his enthusiastic and willing support.

SUMMER OVERNIGHT CAMP is on the calendar...August 21 - 17....

Once again we will welcome the campers and staff to dinner on Wednesday, August 24th. This

year's camp trip will offer a morning stop and lunch at the Roosevelt Estate where they will enjoy some special moments before heading off to the Dutchess County Fair for the afternoon. (More details will be forthcoming in next month's Church News.)

In the meantime, RMM seeks your help in identifying local businesses or persons who would be possible sponsors for some of our specific camp needs:

- \$1500 - Transportation for the Camp Day Trip
- \$1000 - Stipend for an artist for the week (6 are needed)
- \$500 - Partial Stipend or support for other needs
- \$250 - Artist/Camper Supplies

SUMMER CAMP NEEDS...

Single bed fitted sheets (these need not be new, but laundered) - each camper receives a sleeping bag when they arrive at camp; we use the sheets to cover the mattresses. Also needed, large bath or beach towels...(these do not have to be new, only clean and good for the lakeside beach!)

We will be doing School Kits again, so be prepared to jump on the early Back to School sales that seem to come earlier every year! (More details will be forthcoming in next month's Church News.)

HELP NEEDED DESPERATELY...SUMMER CAMP NEEDS A SECOND NURSE FOR THE WEEK... If you are a nurse or know someone that is a LPN or EMT who would be able to volunteer and like to spend a week with some great kids and adults, RMM needs you. Robin Konitz is the head nurse but we need at least two nurses on site all week. For more information, call Robin at 845-699-8367 (cell).

HELP NEEDED for RMM CAMP DINNER...WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24th...

- 15 Cooks to make large pan of ziti - Pans will be available with the recipe in Gathering Area. These can be made ahead of time and frozen either at your home or at the church.
- Donations of funds to purchase veggies/dressing or fruit. If you wish to donate the item, just let us know by checking off on the list what you can help with.
- Help the 24th to arrange the baking of the ziti that has been prepared ahead of time, servers, clean up crew

When you take a pan, please sign your name on the sheet so we can keep track of who has them or contact Joan Kavanagh-Secor, 485-2784, joanpaul26@aol.com or Jane Konitz, 297-5864, c.konitz@verizon.net.

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This year RMM will celebrate 27 years of providing a special week of fun and opportunities for youth ages 8 to 17 to learn and grow. Professional artists work with the young people through the arts to create and develop their talents through art, music, dance and theatre. Swimming, soccer matches, hikes in the woods and 'just being' make RMM's Overnight Camp a special summer 'home' for many of the campers.

This year the entire camp will be guests of the National Parks Service at the Roosevelt Estate in Hyde Park where they will be given a special tour and have lunch on the grounds before heading off for an afternoon of fun at the Dutchess County Fair on Wednesday, August 24th., We will have the opportunity to host them for dinner before they return to camp. Dinner at NHRC has become almost as important a tradition for the campers as their annual scavenger hunt crafted by Executive Director, Richard Witt, and special camp songs without which camp just wouldn't be the same!

SCHOOL KITS NEEDED...

Once again this year we will be collecting school supplies in kits to give to all the children when they leave camp in August. Our goal is to have 200 or more kits so that all the children and youth that participate in our programs this summer will receive one.

Kits for **Elementary School Children** should include: 4 composition books (no spiral notebooks); 1 pkg. of notebook paper; 4 sturdy 2 pocket folders; 1 box of primary color Crayola markers; 1- 24 count - box of Crayola crayons; a soft pencil envelope (no hard plastic ones) that fit in a binder with 1 pkg. of 12 #2 pencils (preferably Ticonderoga brand), an eraser and pencil sharpener, a non-flexible plain ruler, 3-6 ball point pens, 2 glue sticks, a pair of school scissors (reversible for lefties, if possible) and a small package of construction paper.

Kits for **7th thru 12th Graders** should include: 6 spiral notebooks, 6-8 sturdy 2 pocket folders; 2 pkgs. of notebook paper; a soft pencil envelope (no hard plastic) that fit into a binder with 1 pkg. of 12 #2 pencils (preferably Ticonderoga brand), a pencil sharpener and an eraser; a pkg. (12) good quality ball point pens; 2 yellow highlighters; and a non-flexible ruler.

Please put all the materials into a large zip lock plastic bag. Collecton boxes will be located in the Ed Center and the Gathering Area until August 15th. Watch for Back to School Sales!

EXTRA LISTS for SCHOOL KITS are available at the Information Center.

Dear Friends,



Thank you for your cards and prayers regarding Joan's minor surgery recently. Special thanks to Pastor Keith and Mary Lou Grott for their support at such a busy time. We both feel blessed to be part of such a caring congregation.

Sincerely, with love,
Joan and Paul Palmateer

Dear NHRC Family,

There should be a rule against both husband and wife getting disabled at one time, but you were there for us to get us through.

Your calls, cards, prayers, and trips to the doctor and the great food made us feel loved and safe. You will surely be missed, but never forgotten. You will be in our memories and our prayers.

With love,
Bernie and Helen (Rullman)

Thank you....Ada Casement appreciates all your prayers and cards and well wishes. Ada is doing much better.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE...



The Property Committee will move its monthly meetings to the **second Tuesday** of each month at 7:00 p.m., effective immediately. this is being done to work better with the schedules of various members.

Campanola Ringers will commence rehearsals September 19, 2016

We rehearse Monday nights at 7:30 and this year's performances are:

October 23

November 20 Thanksgiving Sunday

December 18 Christmas Sunday

December 24 Christmas Eve

We are always hoping for new members. The more, the merrier! You don't have to be a professional musician, just enjoy making music to enhance the worship experience for our congregation. It is alright if you cannot be available for all the performances as long as we know at the beginning of the season. We also have substitutes available; let us know if you want to be a sub only. If you are interested, please contact Pat McCullough (845) 240 - 6451 by August 15.



HERE IT IS....the much-requested meatball recipe from the Youth Spaghetti Dinner:

1/3 pound ground pork

3 Tablespoons water

2/3 pound ground beef

1 Tablespoon parsley

3/4 cup bread crumbs

1 clove garlic

1/2 cup grated cheese

1/4 Teaspoon salt

3 large eggs

1/8 Teaspoon pepper

Mix all ingredients and roll into golf ball sized meatballs (makes about 16)

Bake at 400 degrees for 15 - 20 minutes.



TWO LITTLE BOYS

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!' The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'Where is God?' Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'