### The Clergy Corner

John A. Baxter
First Presbyterian-ChurchAndover, N. Y.
Is Your Life Off-Center?

In Your Life Off-Center?

The mysteries of the universe are still largely unknown to us. However, we have discovered that the earth turns upon itself much like a potter's wheel. Not only is the earth centered on its own axis, but the whole universe seems to be centered like clay on a potter's wheel, revolving in a huge circle. What power is at the center of the universe? What is the Mystery at its very immost part? As Christians, we believe that God is at the center of the universe, that he is loving and can be known through Jesus Christ.

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As a potter, the first thing I must do to create a vessel, is to center the clay upon the wheel, as the earth is centered upon its axis and as the universe seems to be centered. It also seems that a person must also be centered if his life. And This center must make his life something that has form and substance. It must not his life together. Many people have no center in their lives today and as a result; always feel off balance, out of killer and unhappy The Apostle Paul compares God

and as a result, always reer on balance, out of kilter and unhappy. The Apostle Paul compares God with a potter saying, "Surely the potter can do what he likes with the clay." And I believe God does come to us somewhat like a potter that is, with the skill of a craftsman, working with us and our limitations, to help us become some think beautiful, usoful and ultimate-ly a glory to the eternal Potter Himself. The prophet Jeremiah went to the potter's studie and noticed that the potter occasionally spoiled a pot But he did not simply throw it away, but rather remolded the clay into an other form more to his liking Jeremiah concluded that God, like the potter, would remake his people into another form. He would not just cast them aside.

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In spite of all its imperfection and the quality of some of the material found in it. I believe that the church is the studio where God takes reople, works with them, and fashions them into vessels for nit use in the world. Some of us may have imperfections, a few may be, leaky vessels, many are marred but God is working with us and we make ourselves available to Him. Hopefully he will create something beautiful out of our ciav-like selves.

If you find your life out of center and more than a little wobbly the divine Potter is still at work in his studio and he never has too much clay to work with: The churches of Andover invite you to make yourself avadlable to God who can center your life and create something beautiful out of you. There is no shortage of studio space on Sunday mornings and no waiting in line.

### Greenwood

The Board of Education agreed to the change in the School Calendar. BOCES classes will be held Nov. 21 - 22. Transportation will be provided for those 2 days. Boys Basketball practice and tryouts began November 1. Spanish classes will have a field trip to Alfred November 8.

The school is honored to have another Exchange Student Marcos-Lopex Garmando from Cumanay Venezuela, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kinner. He is 17, as senior, and Catholic in religions and likes sports and music. He is the fourth Exchange Student sponsor ed by GCS.

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The County 4-H Achievement Night was October 22 in Bath to present awards for the 4-H year At school the first year members of Greenwood Busy Bee Club that received certificates and first year pins are: Carol Cook, Tessa Helgerson, Lori Ordiway, Zoe Pittman, Mary Ann Zuschin, Penny Mullen and Charrle Summers.

Greenwood Busy Bee Club members who received certificates for completion of the second year are Louann Ahearn. Camille Atherton Wendy Baker, Bobbi Sue Bianco Cynthia Butler, Patricia Harken rider, Kelly Moore, Vickie Studer Lisa Tracy and Falth Reisman Greenwood Busy Bee Club members who received certificates for completion of the third year are Glna Duretta, Denise Hulsc, Pam Hulse, Thersa Hulse, Colleen McNeill, Jeanne Mullen, Brenda Orm Hulse, Thersa Hulse, Concention Neill, Jeanne Mullen, Brenda Orm

#### Presbyterians Pray For South Africa

For South Africa

The Adult Sunday School Class of the First Presbyterian Church of Andower, N. Y., in response to news reports concerning wide-spread arrests and repression ir South Africa, has decided to join in prayer daily at 6:00 p. m. The purpose of the prayers is to request divine intervention in the hearts and minds of the Vorster government leadership, which enforces rigid segregation and alkowe no basic rights for blacks, such as the right to vote and protection against false arrest and imprisonment for white and black.

William P. Thompson, Stated Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church said, "The black people of South Africa, among whom are the highest percentage of Christians of any country in Africa, have no way to reach the American people except through their fellowship in the church of Jesus Christ. They may be strengthened in the

ship in the church of Jesus Christ. They may be strengthened in the knowedge that we pray for them at this time."

The Rev. John A. Baxter of the Andover Church declared: "Our people are extremely concerned about the South African Governabout the South African Government's turn toward REPRESSION in the arrest of so many moderate leaders, particularly following the murder of non-violent leader Steve Biko while in poice custody. We hope that God himsef, if no one else, will influence the minds of those behind the arrests of church leaders, journalists and social workers, who have attempted to help the poor of that country."

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Before his arrest, Percy Qoboza editor of The World, said, "Finally, I will not lie to you that I have answers to South Africa's problems, because I do not. But what I do know is that if we together can sit around that conference table, we will find the answers to the problems facing our nation today. Together we built South Africa to what it is today and together we have the moral responsibility to insure that it remain intact, with the possibility of making this an even greater nation." (from a paper read to a Cepe Cod conference sponsored by the University of Pretoria).

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It is the hope of the Andover people that other churches will ioin them in prayer at 6 p. m. daily until the prisoners are re leased from prisons and house ar-rest.

sby Roxanne Porter, Cindy Sherman, Linda Updyke, Lisa Woodworth and Melinda Lamphier. The Greenwood Busy Bees 4-H Club which includes all of the above girls, won a 100% completion certificate and ribbon for heir Club by all finishing their projects and completing their record sheets The Junior High Greenwood Gala 4-H Club members who received rertificates of completion of their fourth year are: Monica Harken rider, Maureen McKenna, Sally Sekoll and Pauline Sky.

The Bubbly Buttons 4-H group

The Bubbly Buttons 4-H group held another meeting to start the year. The following officers were elected: Amy Louisberry, Presi

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Ralph Allen, Mayor

Village of Andover Main Street Andover, New York 14806 Dated: November 09, 1977

dent; Pamela Hulse, Vice President; Denise Hulse, Secretary Beth Hulse, Treasurer; Theresa Hulse, News Reporter; Laurie Lounsberry, Song Leader; Terlann Hulse, Recreation Leader We also planned our projects for the year. year. News Reporter, Theresa Hulse

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