

**NEW OPEN BURING REGULATIONS  
NEW YORK STATE DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Effective October 14, 2009, all open burning is prohibited in New York, except as follows:**

- Barbecue grills, maple sugar arches and similar outdoor cooking devices, using only propane, charcoal or untreated wood
- Small cooking and camp fires, using only untreated wood
- On-site burning of limbs and branches between May 15<sup>th</sup> and the following March 15<sup>th</sup>, in any town with a total population of less than 20,000
- On-site burning of organic agricultural wastes, but not pesticides, plastics or other non-organic material, on certain agricultural lands
- Liquid petroleum fueled smudge pots to prevent frost damage to crops
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires
- Disposal of a flag or religious items
- Burning on an emergency basis of explosive or other dangerous or contraband by police, etc.
- Prescribed burns performed according to state regulations
- Fire training with some restrictions on the use of acquired structures
- Individual open fires to control plant and animal disease outbreaks as approved by DEC upon the request by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets
- Open fires as necessary to control invasive plants and insect species.

## **Fabius Christian Church**

For over 200 years, the Fabius Baptist Church and Fabius United Methodist Church have been an integral part of the greater-Fabius community. They have not only served the spiritual needs of our citizens, but have helped develop and educate our young children, provided meeting places for many local organizations, and been the home of countless weddings, baptisms and dedications, and funerals.

Earlier this year, our churches joined together to form the Fabius Christian Church, which meets in the former Fabius Baptist Church building. The result is a church that while honoring our individual beliefs and histories, is better positioned to continue serving the needs of our community far into the future.

Our first priority in preparing us for the future is to insure that our church building (which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Fabius Village Historic District) is structurally sound, functional, and maintains a proper aesthetic appearance. One of our most pressing needs in this area is our upcoming project to re-paint/reside the church, and repair the deteriorating woodwork of the steeple. Our goal is to complete this project this year, and if you have been by the building recently, you know that this is a project that is long overdue. Looking forward, we are also planning a building expansion that will allow us to meet the growing spiritual needs of the community, and provide a permanent home for our church-sponsored *A Time to Grow Nursery School*.

We are starting a capital campaign to help raise money for these endeavors. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to this campaign and be a part of ensuring the future of our historic building, please fill out and return the enclosed pledge form. Any support that you could provide will be greatly appreciated.

In His Service,  
Fabius Christian Church