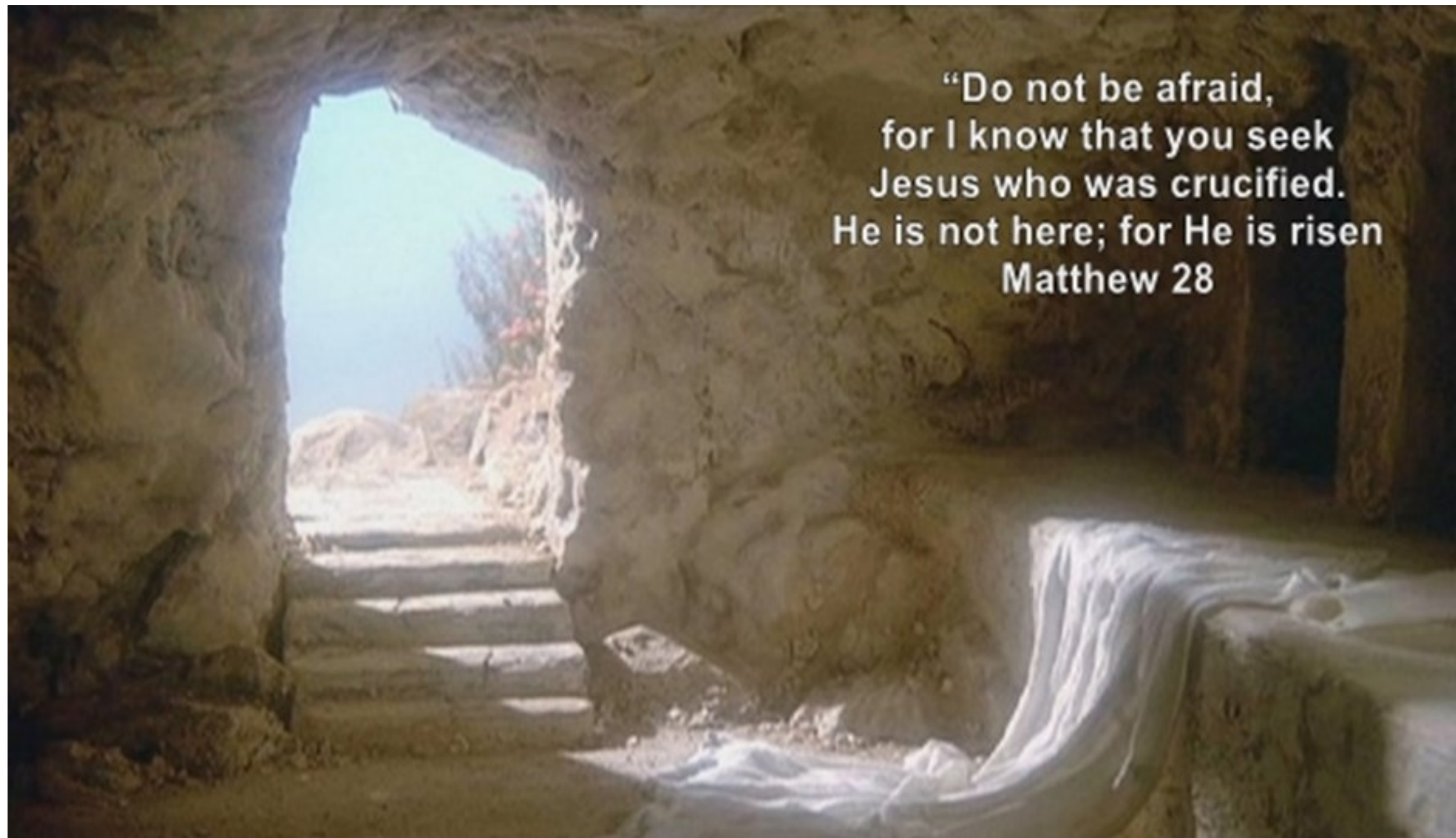


**“Do not be afraid,
for I know that you seek
Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here; for He is risen
Matthew 28**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ONEIDA



Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"

Mark 4:26-27

Our Mission Statement

The vision of the members of Oneida First Presbyterian Church is to LIVE God's plan for our family, our community and our world. TOGETHER with God's grace and guidance, we will reach out and sow the LOVE of Jesus Christ.



Welcome to those who have worshipped in this place for years.

Welcome to our first time guests.

Welcome to all generations, families, single people and couples.

Welcome to those who have no church home, need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ or do not believe.

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Beyond Belief

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

Luke 24:10-11

Three days later, he is gone. The future shattered when the earth quaked beneath their feet, and all their dreams were dashed to dust. Where is the hope when your world has crashed and burned?

The women, ever the practical ones, to do what must be done. They go to care for his physical body, but it is gone. Instead, they are greeted by messengers in dazzling white. “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen” (v. 5). Really?

When any of us hear something just outlandish enough—the sick are healed, the children are empowered, the poor are lifted up, the dead are raised - we may find ourselves wondering if it is all an idle tale. Even as the women relayed the first sermon, they must have wondered if it was true. Easter’s good news is that everything is going to be OK, but OK is not going to look the way we expected. It is going to be beyond belief and exactly what we need.

(From “These Days” April 17th, 2022)



The Church At Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ONEIDA

Easter Sunday
Sunday, March 31, 2024 10:00 AM
Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

† Isaiah 25:6-9

† Acts 10:34-43

† John 20:1-18

PRELUDE

PROCLAMATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT

“He Is Risen! Risen Indeed!”

by Mark Hill

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are not eyewitnesses to an event, as were Mary and the disciples; we have not journeyed through a dangerous city to seek answers or consolation; we have not seen angels gathering at the rim of this day or wept in the garden this morning because we could not find Him.

But we are here to attest to a story that has not lost its power during twenty centuries of change and conflict.

We are here because those before us carried this story as if it were precious gold; cherished it as if it were the key to a hidden wisdom.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, take your places here today in celebration and in awe. What you are about to hear again, has the capacity to change the world. Your very presence attests to the rising up of life from the tomb of despair, and to the uncontrollable power of God.

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Father, you loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day.

Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and to love others as our Lord and Savior taught us. In His name we pray. Amen

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, “I have seen the Lord!” We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. In the name of Jesus I declare that we are forgiven.

ALL: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

“Glory Be to the Father”

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CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM **“Christ is Risen, Alleluia!”** **by Sally K Albrecht and**

Jay Althouse"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



PRAYER MISSION APRIL

Karing Kitchen

Volunteers from numerous Churches, Youth Groups, and other Civic Organizations help serve lunch, from 11:30am - 1pm, with a coffee hour at 10:30 am at this locally based soup kitchen. Every day of the last full working week of each month a hot lunch is served to members of the community at no cost. Take outs are available as well.

Karing Kitchen, however, is not just a lunch. At Karing Kitchen we offer an environment where anyone can come as they are and feel comfortable, have someone to talk to, a shoulder to cry on, and someone who cares for them. Karing Kitchen is about "providing a nutritious hot meal, ensuring food security and advocating for a person's rights and responsibilities."

Quiet bags are available in the Sanctuary under the information table. If you take one please return the clip board in the bag when you leave the church.

Thank you!



From the Fellowship Team

The Fellowship Team will be hosting an Eclipse Brunch on Sunday April 7th after service. The menu will include finger sandwiches, fruit salad, and Half moon cookies to celebrate the celestial event.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:		
<u>ELDERS</u>		
<u>CLASS OF 2023</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2024</u>	SPECIAL CONCERNS:
Paul Mancarella	Randy Bonville	All first responders, nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals dealing first hand during this global pandemic.
Dave Schellhase	Frank Kordziel	Presbyterian Covenant School—Nashville
Jan Whiting	Lucille Merriman	All victims and survivors of gun violence.
Cathy Opperman	Michael Merriman	The Citizens of Ukraine
Sharon Warren	Pat Thorpe	Pray for those who are serving overseas and our Police/Fire Safety personnel.
Becky Williams		PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones: Jack Sharkey, Mark Sia, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, John Goodwill, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Michael McMahon, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Michelle Ludwig, Peter Thompson, Dylan McClelland
		Those serving in combat zones:
<u>CLASS OF 2025</u>		
Kim DeRuby		
Doug Lippert		
<u>DEACONS</u>		
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Sue Kordziel	John Merritt	
Rose Lockwood	Jennawade Skellham	
Doug Lockwood		
Kathy Nichols		
Chrissy Thompson		
<u>CLASS OF 2025</u>		
		MISSION EMPHASIS:
		Forestport Presbyterian Church, Forestport



SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT	Isaiah 25:6-9 The Word of the Lord	OT Page 613 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
NEW TESTAMENT	Acts 10:34-43 The Word of the Lord	NT Page 121 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
GOSPEL	John 20:1-18 The Gospel of Jesus	NT Page 108 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
SERMON	<i>“Hope From An Empty Tomb”</i> Pastor Mike	
*HYMN	<i>"The Strife Is O'er</i> #119	
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical Version) <i>We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.</i> <i>We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.</i> <i>For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.</i> <i>We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen</i>	
<u>WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD</u>		

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN *"Christ is Alive"* #108

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *‘Christ is Risen, Alleluia!’* by Sally K Albrecht and Jay Althouse

POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshipping with us today! There is no coffee hour this week. Happy Easter!!!



Nick Anderalli is our guest musician on trumpet. As a Band Director for over 30 years, Nick has worked with countless students in the Oneida City School District for 27 of those, including with the OSMS Band, OSMS Jazz Band, and Oneida Marching Band. Nick also works with the New Hartford Marching Band during their Field Band season. He and his wife Janine live in Sherrill with their two children.

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



Jude Alexander (Mancarella’s great nephew)	Millie Johnson
Abby Bartell	Victor Johnson
Kevin Bedford	Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God)
Brody	
Richard Brown	Jean Kowalik
Tom Burleson(Cathy Opperman’s Brother-in-law)	Florence LaRock
	Suzie Meraz
Marty Canning	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn’s brother)
Pam Carrigan	Michelle Newman
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey’s Father)	Becky Nichols
Elizabeth Coulby	Michael O’Bryan (Mike’s Brother in law)
Cora Cramer (Ethel Abbott’s sister)	Mike Oot
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet’s sister)	Audrey Opperman (Cathy’s Mother-in-law)
Peggy Eastman	Tom Panasci
John Ferguson	Jenelle Patchin (Mike’s daughter)
Robert Feldmann (Melinda’s Father)	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Jillian Felt	Megan Roberts (Young mother with cancer)
Andy Froass	Doug Rosekrans
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt’s Father)	Brian Stites
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson’s Mom)	Judy Sweet
Becky Grasso	Louise Thompson
Mary Gwilt (Dan’s mother)	Jan Whiting
Alison Hilgenberg (Phyllis Little’s Daughter)	
Wendy Holtz	

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Kip Opperman (Cathy’s brother-in-law)	Janet Franklin (Kim DeRuby’s mom)
Jim Hotaling	Andrew Lippert
Bill Ausman	Tabitha Finster

If you have a prayer need, there are cards in the pews. Fill it out and hand it to an usher. If you know of anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or in need of our prayers, PLEASE call the Church Office, 363-7590. Please let us know also when they are healed and can be taken off the prayer list.



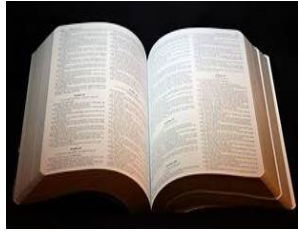
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March 31st-Frank Kordziel

April 7th-Paul Mancarella

April 14th-Lucille Merriman

April 21st-Perry Tooker IV



Scripture Readers for March/April

March 31st-Pat Thorpe

April 7th-Ian Farwell

April 14th-Framk Kordziel

April 21st-Lou White



Coffee Servers for March/April

March 31st-No Coffee Service

April 7th-Randy & Cindy Bonville

April 14th-Ethel Abbott

April 21st-Lou White and Rachel Mancarella



Projection Team for March/April

March 31st-Dan Gwilt

April 7th-Trish Vrooman

April 14th-Ian Farwell

April 21st-Dan Gwilt



These Days for April, May and June are in and can be found in the Narthex, Sanctuary and Hall way outside the Boardroom.

Our Daily Bread for March, April, and May are in and can be found in the Narthex, Sanctuary and Hall way outside the Boardroom.



Upcoming Blood Drives For April



Thursday, April 4th: St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Verona, NY

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

PROM DRESS GIVEAWAY

There will be a second prom dress give away on Friday April 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Jan Whiting Community Center.



Ushers for March

March 31st (Easter Sunday)

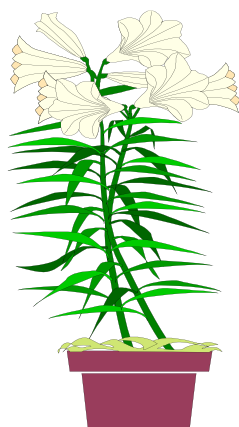
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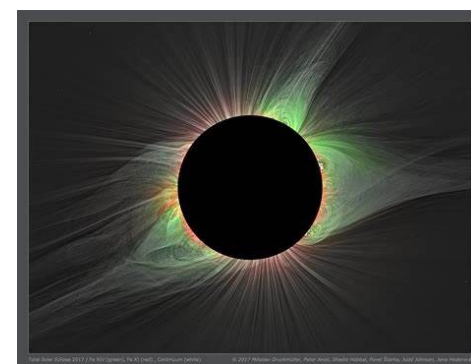
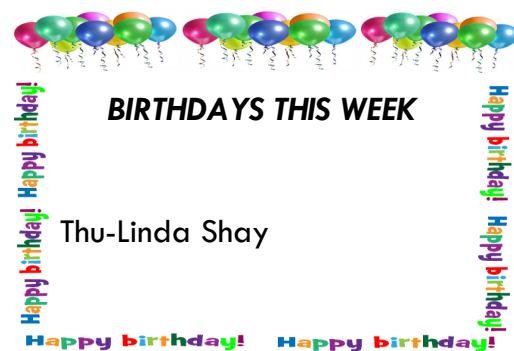
Liam Burdick

Ben Burdick



PRAYER **SHAWLS**

*Prayer shawls are available
for
anyone who needs a little
extra comforting and
support. They are stitched by
church members and come
with a card bearing a
prayer. They are on the stage
in the auditorium.*



LIFE at ONEIDA ***FIRST PRESBYTERIAN***

Week of March 31st-April 7th

Sunday, March 31st

10 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 1st

Tuesday, April 2nd

Wednesday, April 3rd

1 p.m. Seniors Bible Study

3 p.m. Connection

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Living Waters Youth Group

Thursday, April 4th

Friday, April 5th

Saturday, April 6th

5:00-9:00 p.m. Fellowship Restoration

Sunday, April 7th

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Team Meetings

Solar Eclipse Brunch





In loving memory of Doris Bailey by Deb Owens

In loving memory of Sharon Ruth Hotaling by the family

In loving memory of Barrie White by Lou White, Paul and
Rachel Mancarella

In loving memory of Edward Merriman from Lucille and
Michael Merriman

In loving memory of Rick Tianello from Lucille and Michael
Merriman

The flowers today are given in the glory of God

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*In loving memory of Delores and Dan Dryer by
Margaret Dryer*

In loving memory of my parents Bradley and Lois Abbott
from Ethel Abbott

In loving memory of Charles and Gertrude Arnold by Jack
and Barb Arnold

In loving memory of Bob and Betty Sweezy by Jack and
Barb Arnold

In loving memory of Frank and Gladys Merrell and
Susan Froass

The background of the entire image is a soft, artistic illustration of white lilies with yellow centers and green leaves. Small, delicate butterflies are scattered throughout the scene, adding a gentle, natural feel to the memorial cards.

In loving memory of David and Nancy DeMassa by Shane
and Traci Todd

In loving memory of Jane and Harlan Alvord by
Donna Laurin

In loving memory of Oliver and Everdina Tooker by Kristin
and OP Tooker IV

In loving memory of Lonnie Fox, Arch and Helene Merritt,
Joe and Jane Merritt by John Merritt and Linda Fox

In loving memory of Pat Heller by Bob Heller

In loving memory of the Whipple family and Thorpe families
by the Thorpe family

In loving memory of the Merrell family and Thorpe families by
the Thorpe family

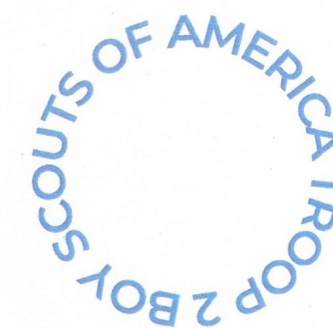
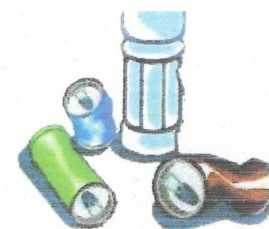
In loving memory of Larry and Joyce Yeoman, DeLoryce
and Dick Prior by the Yeoman family

In loving memory of our daughter, Kara Sweet Gobron by
Jim and Judy Sweet



“A note to our church family: Thank you for the many cards, calls, and prayers you sent. We could feel your support and it did give us strength to face each new day. God bless each of you.

James and Dorothy Hotaling



Bottle and Can Drive

SATURDAY, APRIL 6,
9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.
ONEIDA CASTLE
VILLAGE HALL CASTLE
STREET



Gabriel Stone's Eagle Project
Exercising Body and Mind
at Oneida Castle Park
Call or text (315) 525-5282
for pick up (Limited)



APRIL

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	2	3 1 p.m. Senior Bible Study 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Boy Scouts	4	5	6 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Restoration Fellowship
7 10 a.m. Worship Communion 11:15 a.m. Solar Eclipse Brunch Team Meetings	8 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Activ8 Her Womens BS	9	10 1 p.m. Senior Bible Study 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Boy Scouts	11	12	13
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