

Presbyterian News



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April 3rd

Communion



April 10th

Palm Sunday

Deacons Meeting



April 14th

Pot Luck Dinner

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17th

Easter

April 19th

Presbyterian Women's Meeting



April 25th

Session Meeting



From Pastor Mike Yeoman



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this letter, I am envisioning God's artistry in the changing of the season. Spring is a time for renewal. It is a time to see the newness of God's mighty creation blossoming all around us. More importantly, as we head into April, our thoughts turn to the jubilation of Easter on April 17th. It is a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to proclaim that we can live in the present without fear, and with continual thanksgiving, because a victory far greater than any other victory has been won on our behalf.

Before we start thinking too far ahead, we have some work to do. Like the crowds over 2,000 years ago, will shout our hosannas... *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"* on Palm Sunday. We will gather on Maundy Thursday for a fellowship dinner at 5:30 PM. At 7:00 we will remember and celebrate the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples, hear the prediction of His death, meditate on His betrayal by Judas Iscariot, hear His arrest at the Garden of Gethsemane, and conclude with Scripture readings of the crucifixion during a very moving Tenebrae Service that you will not want to miss

I will be participating in the Oneida Area Council of Churches Good Friday Service at 12:00 Noon at St. John's Episcopal Church.

On Sunday, we will gather as a family of faith and celebrate the risen Lord with beautiful music, Scripture Readings, and reflection. Our sanctuary will be adorned with beautiful Easter flowers.

The last two years have been difficult, but through the challenges, our Lord continued to pour his blessings upon this church and our congregation. It is time to come back! If it's been a few weeks, months, or even years since you've attended a worship service at First Presbyterian Church of Oneida, Easter Sunday is the perfect Sunday to come back in person. The welcome mat has always been there for you, and everyone will be warmly received.

There is excitement with what the Lord is doing by honoring our past and embracing the future. You will learn more throughout this newsletter. Follow us on Facebook and connect with our website - oneidafirstpres.org.

Michelle and I extend our warmest wishes for a Happy Easter! May the joy of the Lord be your strength as you celebrate His goodness towards you and yours.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike

The Promise of Lent

SCRIPTURE READING CALENDAR

<i>Amazing love! How can it be That thou, my God, should die for me!</i>		<i>Ash Wednesday</i> ECCLESIASTES 3:18-20		² 2 CORINTHIANS 2:5-17	³ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-8	⁴ HEBREWS 4:15-16
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 1 COR 15:20-23	⁵ LUKE 13:18-19	⁶ 2 PETER 1:3-4	⁷ ROMANS 6:3-11	⁸ ISAIAH 55:8-9	⁹ JOHN 16:33	¹⁰ 1 PETER 2:9-12
<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> 1 COR 15:42-49	¹¹ 1 JOHN 1:5-9	¹² PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14	¹³ PSALM 30:4-5	¹⁴ ROMANS 8:28-32	¹⁵ PSALM 77	¹⁶ ISAIAH 61:1-7
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> JOB 19:25-27	¹⁷ ROMANS 8:1-11	¹⁸ PSALM 30:11-12	¹⁹ LUKE 4:16-21	²⁰ PSALM 103:1-5	²¹ PROVERBS 28:13	²² 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> ISAIAH 25:6-9	²³ EPHESIANS 3:1-8	²⁴ 2 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10	²⁵ JOHN 1:14	²⁶ EPHESIANS 1:11-14	²⁷ HEBREWS 12:25-29	²⁸ 1 PETER 2:9-12
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> ISAIAH 52:7-10	²⁹ ISAIAH 43:18-19	³⁰ ROMANS 4:18-22	³¹ 1 JOHN 2:15-17	³² 1 JOHN 5:4-5	³³ NUMBERS 23:19	³⁴ HEBREWS 3:1-6
<i>Palm Sunday</i> MATTHEW 21:1-9	³⁵ ZECHARIAH 8:1-2	³⁶ PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11	³⁷ HEBREWS 12:1-4	³⁸ <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 2 COR 6:1-10	³⁹ <i>Good Friday</i> PSALM 22:1-8	⁴⁰ <i>Holy Saturday</i> JOHN 20:19-23
<i>Easter Sunday</i> MATTHEW 28:1-9	<i>You have been given an opportunity to reveal the character and nature of God to the world. Let the light shining in your heart scatter its rays into other hearts around you.</i>					

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRE SERVICE POT LUCK DINNER!

Fellowship will be sponsoring a preservice pot luck dinner on Thursday, April 14th @ 5:30 p.m.

Fellowship will provide a Spiral Ham and drinks.

There will be a sign up sheet in the auditorium for the next few weeks for you to sign up for the event.





LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of April 2022

Bryce Bechtel (friend of Zach Thompson)
Steve Blair (friend of Ginny Pendleton)
Bob Butler
Pam Carrigan
Scott Colvin
Glade Cook Jr. (nephew of Warrens)
Peggy Eastman
Maria Erdo
John Ferguson
Jillian Felt
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)
Becky Grasso
Jamie Hubbard
Wendy Holtz
Susan Johnson (Nancy James' niece)
Millie Johnson
Victor Johnson
Victor Johnson III
Horace Keller

Jean Kowalik
Esther Ladd (Friend of the Church)
Maribeth Matthews
Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Tom Panasci
Mary Patricia
Dan & Claudia Rayome
David Rice
Rich Snyder (Jennifer Colvin's neighbor)
Judy Sweet
Harold Thompson
Jim Thorpe
Jan Whiting
Bill VanValkenberg (Friend of the Church)
Milicent Vidal
Anthony (Jerry Fuller's granddaughter's fiancé)
Nancy (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
Brittany (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)

Thank you for your prayers. If you know of anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or in need of our prayers, PLEASE call the Church Office, 363-7590.

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERN

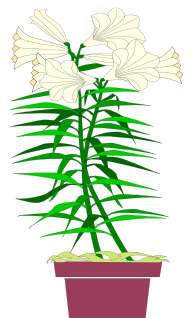
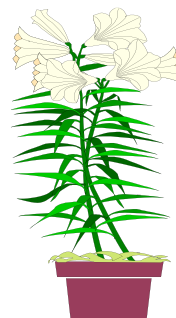
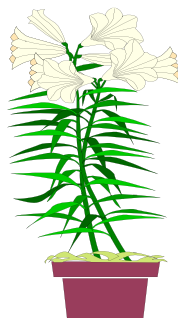
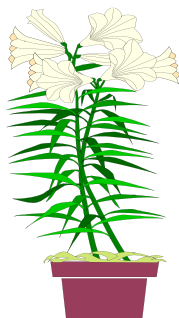
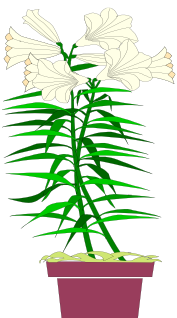
Jen Colvin

Melinda Phoenix-Heart

Abby Bartell

Deb Johnson

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.





ELDERS

CLASS OF 2022

Donna Ausman
Kim DeRuby
Carol Miller
Becky Williams

CLASS OF 2023

Paul Mancarella
Nancy Rinehard
Dave Schellhase
Jan Whiting
Cathy Opperman

CLASS OF 2024

Randy Bonville
Frank Kordziel
Lucille Merriman
Michael Merriman
Pat Thorpe

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Alan Vrooman (Sara and Bradley's Dad)
Roger Warren

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

All first responders and health care providers who are on the front line during this global pandemic.
The citizens of Ukraine

MISSION EMPHASIS:

First Presbyterian Church, Holland Patent
Matthew 25 Initiative, Presbytery of Utica
Seminary Students
Voice in the Wilderness Ministry (New Worshiping Community)

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones: Dylan McClelland, Stephen Cafalone, Jack Sharkey, Mark Sia, Peter Thompson, Howard Bantle, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, John Goodwill, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Michael McMahon, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Nate Borchardt, Michelle Ludwig, Colin Whitcombe

Those currently serving in a combat zone:

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2022

Sue Kordziel
Rose Lockwood
Doug Lockwood
Kathy Nichols
Chrissy Thompson

CLASS OF 2023

CLASS OF 2024

John Merritt
Jennawade Skellham



The Presbyterian Women will be meeting on Tuesday, April 19th @ 10:00 a.m.



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."



Coffee Servers for April

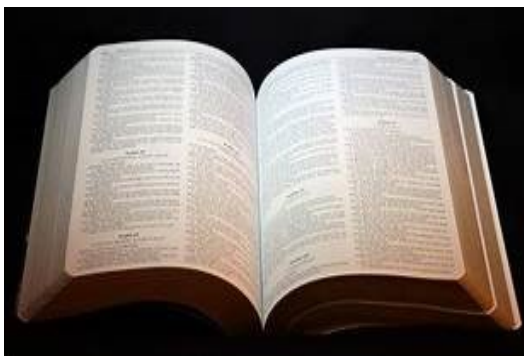
Apr 3rd - John Merritt

Apr 10th - Cindy and Randy Bonville

Apr 17th - Mike and Dylan Bartell

Apr 24th - Carol Wells and Nancy Rinehard

April 31st—Lou White and Rachel Mancarella



Scripture Readers for April

Apr 3rd - Paul Mancarella

Apr 10th - Barb Schwartz

Apr 17th - Becky Williams

Apr 24th - Frank Kordziel

Apr 31st—TBD



SEVERAL TIMES WITHIN THE PAST MONTH WE HAVE COME TOGETHER TO PRAY FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION THAT NEEDED PRAYER. THESE PRAYER VIGILS ARE VERY MOVING EXPERIENCES - SO MUCH SO THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO HAVE A MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL STARTING APRIL 12TH AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHAPEL.

IT IS PROVEN THAT WHEN BELIEVERS GATHER TO PRAY, IT PROVIDES REGULAR, CONSISTENT, AND FREQUENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE TO CRY OUT TO GOD IN PRAYER AS A FAMILY OF FAITH AND, AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST. MOREOVER, THE IMPORTANCE OF COMING TOGETHER ON A CONSISTENT BASIS TO REACH OUT TO THE LORD CAN SUBSTANTIALLY ENHANCE OUR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND HEART-FELT LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US. YOU CAN PRAY FOR YOURSELF, FOR OTHERS, FOR THE CHURCH, FOR OUR COUNTRY, OR FOR WHATEVER THE SPIRIT IS MOVING YOU. WE WILL PRAY FOR ALL OF THE NAMES ON OUR PRAYER LIST. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT SEEK PRAYER, PLEASE EMAIL PASTOR MIKE AT ONEIDAFPCPASTOR@GMAIL.COM.



The Creekside Inn in Verona highlighted our church on their Facebook and Instagram page during the month of March. Which culminated on a March 23rd 10% profit donation to the church.

Owners Kelly and Mike Miller have a deep faith in God and hope that through this effort that more people will attend the local churches and through that, they would come to know the love of God and the peace that He provides in a chaotic world. Mike and Kelly have always wanted to do something more to honor God. and hope this will lead to more.

The March 23rd donation event was able to raise \$530 for the First Presbyterian Church to use for it's various community outreach programs. The congregation, staff, and persons in the community who will benefit from this generous campaign thank all who came to dinner that night

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**DEADLINE FOR THE MAY
NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 22nd**

