

# Presbyterian News



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April 2024



## April

### MARCH LENTEN LUNCHES

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### YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

### PALM SUNDAY FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

As I write this letter, Holy Week has begun. The week is full of opportunities to reflect upon the events that led to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Moreover, it is a time to contemplate the depth of God's love for us.

It is that love that we celebrate victoriously on Easter Sunday. It is a story that we learn in our early years of Sunday School and reflect on each Easter. While this story of all stories is celebrated with grateful hearts, we know the story so well that it is easy to forget that Jesus' resurrection is not about just one day.

My hope is that our congregation will carry this story with them all year long. The miraculous events of Easter are not just for Easter; they are what Christianity is all about. When times are difficult remind yourself that Jesus' death on the cross and his ultimate resurrection ensured life with him. The never-ending message of Easter sparkles light amidst any darkness we may face. It is a promise of hope eternal where we are never alone no matter how dark the current situations are.

Friends, I cannot tell you that all your trials and hardships can be wiped away during your time on earth. What I can tell you is that they will be one day in heaven.

The message to carry in the weeks, and months ahead is that because of the powers of the resurrection, Jesus truly is alive. He is risen. He is risen indeed! Because he lives the pain of this life will be wiped away forevermore. We will experience a life free from sin. No longer will we be the target of bullies or be subjected to a world of racism, oppression, hatred or greed. No longer will our bodies be consumed with disease. No longer will we suffer from broken relationships. Instead, we will enjoy eternity in all its splendor because of Jesus Christ.

That is a reason to rejoice! That is the Easter story to live and share.

May each of you be comforted by the depths of Christ love for you.

*Pastor Mike*

## **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.

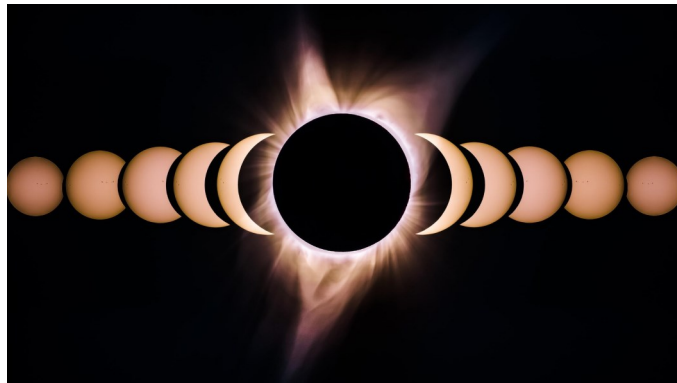


### **PRAYER MISSION APRIL**

## **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."



Come and join Voice In The Wilderness for "As I, In Awesome Wonder" Worship and Eclipse Watch, April 8 at 1:30pm. We will have our short worship service and then share this rare experience together. We have purchased 100 pairs of eclipse glasses that comply with ISO12312-2. You can reserve your glasses by emailing [voiceinthewilderness0@gmail.com](mailto:voiceinthewilderness0@gmail.com). Glasses will be handed out on the day of the event. Any glasses not reserved will be handed out on a first-come-first-serve basis. BRING A LAWN CHAIR. HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED.

**THE EXACT LOCATION: 3736 RECTOR ROAD, LOWVILLE, NY.** Turn onto Stowe Street at the light at Stewarts, drive to a stop sign and cross over West Rd onto Rector Rd.

This road will wind a bit and continue uphill. 3736 Rector Road will be on the left. It is a log cabin with a garage which both sit back from the road. **IT IS NOT ON THE SAME SIDE AS THE MAILBOXES. Look for the VIW Sign.**



## LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

*For the month of April 2024*

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)	Judy Sweet
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Louise Thompson
Becky Grasso	Jan Whiting
Mary Gwilt (Dan's mother)	
Alison Hilgenberg (Phyllis Little's Daughter)	
Wendy Holtz	

**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 CONCERNS

Kip Opperman (Cathy's brother-in-law)	Donna & Brian Kennedy
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Jim Hotaling	Andrew Lippert
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Bill Ausman	Tabitha Finster
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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 2024

Randy Bonville  
Frank Kordziel  
Lucille Merriman  
Pat Thorpe

### CLASS OF 2025

Kim DeRuby

### CLASS OF 2026

Paul Mancarella  
Perry Tooker IV

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:**

Lisa Miller (Friend of John Merritt)

## **SPECIAL CONCERNS:**

The citizens of Ukraine

Pray for those who are serving overseas and our Police/Fire Safety personnel.

All victims and survivors of gun violence.

Israel and all victims and survivors of terrorism

## **MISSION EMPHASIS:**

First Presbyterian Church, Holland Patent

Matthew 25 Initiative, Presbytery of Utica

Seminary Students

Voice In The Wilderness Ministry, Greg Jenkins (New Worshipping Committee)

## DEACONS

### CLASS OF 2024

Cindy Bonville  
Sue Kordziel  
Rachel Mancarella  
John Merritt  
Kathy Nichols  
Janet Sarensky  
Jennawade  
Skellham  
Sharon Warren  
Michelle Yeoman

### CLASS OF 2025

Kristin Tooker

### CLASS OF 2026

Elli Pfluke

## **PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:** Pray for those who are

stationed in non-combat zones: Stephen Cafalone, 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 currently serving in a combat zone:



## THIS MONTH AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Apr 6th, 20th, Restoration Fellowship

Apr 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th-

Senior Bible Study

Living Waters Youth

Apr 7th-Communion, Team Meetings,

Eclipse Brunch

Apr 8th, 22nd-Activ8 Her Women's BS

Apr 21st-Deacons Meeting

Apr 23rd-Newsletter Deadline

Apr 30th-Sesssion Meeting



Apr. 4	Linda Shay
Apr. 11	Paul Thompson
Apr. 14	Mitch Erion
Apr. 15	Lucille Merriman
Apr. 21	Phyllis Little
Apr. 22	Andy Froass, Robert Paul, Ryan Paul
Apr. 30	Peter Shay



**If anyone is need of a pastoral visit or knows of a congregation member who would like a visit, please let Pastor Mike know.  
(315) 761-2721**



### Scripture Readers for April

April 7th-Ian Farwell

April 14th-Framk Kordziel

April 21st-Lou White

April 28th-Paul Mancarella

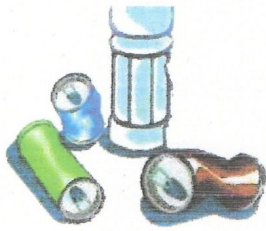
### Coffee Servers for April

April 7th-Randy & Cindy Bonville

April 14th-Ethel Abbott

April 21st-Lou White and Paul Mancarella

April 28th-Bob and Austin Williams



BOYS OF AMERICA TROOP 2

# 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)



"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



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE MAY  
NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 23RD**

