

# Presbyterian News



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## *From Pastor Mike Yeoman*

Happy Easter!

In a recent New York Times Opinion published on the first day of Passover, author Shalom Auslander penned that “In this time of war and violence, of oppression and suffering, I propose we pass over something else: God”.

Satan was surely doing his happy dance when this article not only reached nearly 878,000 New York Times readers, but received 24-hour news coverage on virtually every national news network.

Should we be concerned? My answer is **NO**.

Yes, evil is very active in our society. Evil is active in our neighborhoods, on our streets, and in our schools. Evil can be found anywhere that we might be looking to find it. It can influence and even destroy lives. In my career I have seen it face-to-face.

But here’s the thing ... by His death on the cross Jesus was victorious over the forces of evil. This victory also gives us triumph over the evil forces that will seek to control us. Getting us to believe that God is the one responsible for war and violence is just one of many tactics to divert the truth.

We are in the Season of Easter – a 50-day period of joyful celebration from Easter Eve to Pentecost. It is a season for focusing on the core doctrines of our faith and seeing the tremendous opportunities that God is putting before us to grow in love and service to Him, our neighbors, and each other.

Jesus wants each of us to walk with Him in peace and transform our lives and the lives of others with the power and promise of the Resurrection.

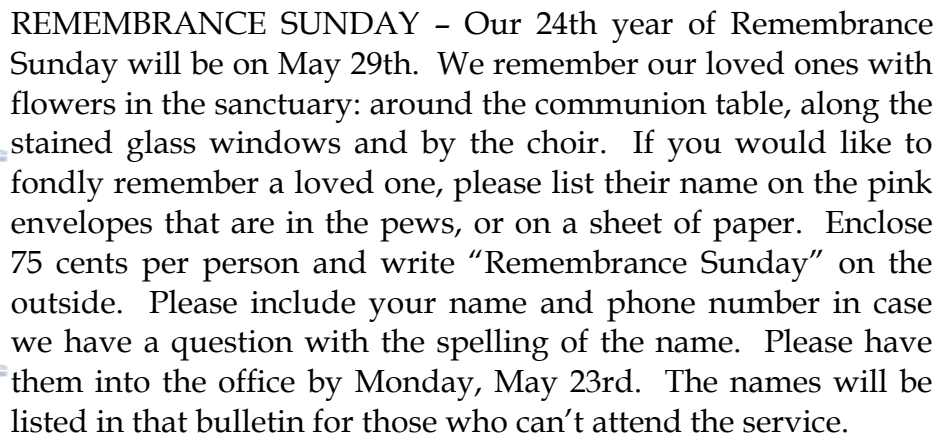
Consider this revision in Auslander’s Opinion “In this time of war and violence, of oppression and suffering, I propose we submit to the will of God knowing that good will overcome evil”.

Shalom,

*Pastor Mike*



**Contemporary Service will be held on Wednesdays @  
7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – Our 24th year of Remembrance Sunday will be on May 29th. We remember our loved ones with flowers in the sanctuary: around the communion table, along the stained glass windows and by the choir. If you would like to fondly remember a loved one, please list their name on the pink envelopes that are in the pews, or on a sheet of paper. Enclose 75 cents per person and write “Remembrance Sunday” on the outside. Please include your name and phone number in case we have a question with the spelling of the name. Please have them into the office by Monday, May 23rd. The names will be listed in that bulletin for those who can’t attend the service.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

## **May Prayer Mission**

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of Justice, resilience, and sustainability. Through One Great Hour of Sharing.....we stabilize, we strengthen those who are weak, we connect. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs,

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

**Presbyterian Hunger Program**

**Self-Development of People**

There are three ways to give:

Through local donations to your church

Donate by credit card online at [pcusa.org/give-oghs](http://pcusa.org/give-oghs)

Text OGHS to 91999





## LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

*For the month of May 2022*

Bryce Bechtel (friend of Zach Thompson)	Jean Kowalik
Steve Blair (friend of Ginny Pendleton)	Esther Ladd (Friend of the Church)
Pam Carrigan	Maribeth Matthews
Scott Colvin	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Glade Cook Jr. (nephew of Warrens)	Tom Panasci
Peggy Eastman	Mary Patricia
Maria Erdo	Dan & Claudia Rayome
John Ferguson	David Rice
Jillian Felt	Rich Snyder (Jennifer Colvin's neighbor)
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Judy Sweet
Becky Grasso	Harold Thompson
Jamie Hubbard	Jim Thorpe
Wendy Holtz	Jan Whiting
Susan Johnson (Nancy James' niece)	Bill VanValkenberg (Friend of the Church)
Millie Johnson	Milicent Vidal
Victor Johnson	Anthony (Jerry Fuller's granddaughter's fiancé)
Victor Johnson III	Nancy (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
Horace Keller	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  
Bob Heller

Abby Bartell

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.



*The Little family wish to express deep gratitude for the prayers visits phone calls and food.*

*All your support is greatly appreciated at our time of grief for Allan*

*Gratefully The Little Family*



## 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:**

Roger Warren	Donna E. Carmen
Deb Johnson	Allan Little
Willard Merrell	Betty Wesseldine
Bob Butler	

## **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, Ilion  
Church of the Lakes, Inlet  
First United Presbyterian Church, Little Falls  
First Presbyterian Church, Lowville  
Special Offerings of the PC(USA) (One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy, Pentecost, Peacemaking)

## **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, May 10th @ 10:00 a.m.**



The Youth Group will be meeting on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions ask Pastor Mike or Becky Williams

The Church has free Covid 19 test kits for anyone who wants to have them. Please contact Pastor Mike or John to get some.



### *Coffee Servers for May*

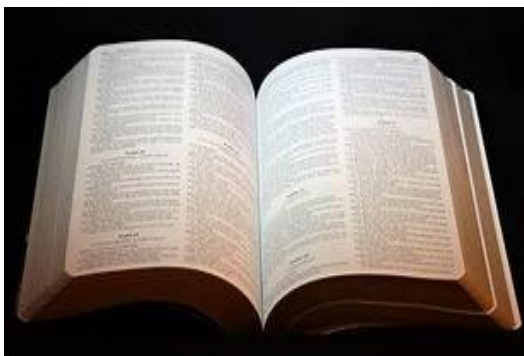
May 1st - Bob, Austin, and Andy Williams

May 8th - John Merritt

May 15th - Fellowship

May 22nd - Jennawade Skellham and Laura Reckentine

May 29th—Peter and Linda Shay



### *Scripture Readers for May*

May 1st - Paul Mancarella

May 8th - Ian Farwell

May 15th - Jen Colvin

May 22nd - Doug Lippert

May 29th – Scott Colvin



## Scholarship

### Applications



It's that time of year again! The scholarship applications will be available on website, by email or mail or in person. They can either be returned by email or mail or in person. Take one, fill it out, and bring it to the church office or you can hand it to one of the Deacons by May 31st. Absolutely **NO** applications will be accepted after **June 1st**. If you

have any questions, please contact either **Chrissy Thompson** or **John Merritt** at the church office. The deacons have changed the application for the Helen McKay scholarship due to the limited activity that has been allowed during the pandemic. The award criteria has been changed to be 50% scholastic ability and 50% essay. The applications will be available mid April to the end of May. Winners will be awarded their scholarships on Baccalaureate Sunday June 19th.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE  
NEWSLETTER IS MAY 23rd**

