



First Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, NY Newsletter April 2022



Holy Week Opportunities

There are several opportunities for worship together during Holy Week this year

- Bacon Memorial is hosting a prayer vigil online, April 9 at 7 PM.
- Maundy Thursday, First Presbyterian is hosting lunch at noon followed by worship at 12:45. For those who would like to worship in the evening, Riverside is having a soup supper at 6:00 followed by worship at 7:00 PM.
- Good Friday from 12 noon until 3:00 PM First Presbyterian is hosting meditations on the Seven Words from the Cross. You are welcome to come for all or part of the service. Pastors from the community will be leading the meditations.
- Easter Sunday we will worship together at 11:15 in our sanctuary. If you are an early riser there is a sunrise service at Fort Niagara at 6:30 AM or Gatwick Park in North Tonawanda at 7:30 AM. You are welcome to attend and or all of these special services as we move through this holy time.

Dear Friends,

First, let me thank you for all of your care and concern for me over the past few weeks. It has been such a roller coaster ride with Jon's death followed so closely by my own vision problem that required so much time for healing. Your prayers and cards and flowers and texts have lifted my spirits and reminded me of how special our church family is.

This season of spring is one that I love. As the green shoots begin poking through the soil, the trees brighten at the tips of their branches, the air is filled with the calls of birds, the days lengthen. This renewal of life demonstrates the intricate ways God weaves all of creation together. As our part of the world is waking, stretching as if from a long rest, other parts of the world are beginning to wind down for a long period of rest. I am reminded of Psalm 8.

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honour.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

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all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Let us join together in celebrating the majesty of the creation during the coming days.

Blessings,

Cathy

Easter Memorial Flowers

Forms for Memorial Easter Flowers to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter are available on the table in the Church vestibule. Forms and a donations of \$10.00 per flower are due Palm Sunday, April 10. If you cannot attend worship service and would like to have a loved one remembered on Easter Sunday, you can mail in your request along with your donation. Mailed requests must be in the office no later than Friday, April 8.



Lenten Lunches

Island Presbyterian will host weekly soup lunches and conversation at 12:00 noon, Thursdays during Lent. Weekly study questions from the devotional material –Vincent Van Gogh and the Beauty of Lent will be discussed. If you are uncomfortable gathering in person or can't get away during the day, a similar discussion will be on Zoom Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.



The Lenten Cross is back in the Sanctuary. Thank you to the volunteers who made it possible

"Happy Easter..May the renewal of life

At Easter bring new
Blessings of love, hope,
Peace, good health &
Happiness to you and
Your loved ones..

Embrace the renewal of life."

–Babz



Our Christian Corner April 2022

Abraham McLarahmore, Jr. & Christine King

The words "Feed my sheep" (John 21:17) were declared by Jesus to His disciple Peter. In keeping with our Lord's instructions, we offer the following... Spiritual feeding is to be "Christ-like" - i.e. in our daily lives we should

1. Say yes to God and no to the flesh (the natural person).
2. Die-to-self daily (try to let go of our bad habits) in compliance with our Lord's teachings.
3. God must increase and we must decrease in all aspects of our lives. God wants us to apply His wise counsel in our daily lives wherever we trod. He has promised to equip us in carrying out His will for us - to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we are being transformed (molded) into His image.

Worshipping God our Father in church on Sundays amongst the fellowship of others is important. Jesus teaches that "For where two or three gather together in My name, I will be there among them" and He further states "Do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together."

However, our understanding is that implementing Jesus' methods is the most important part of our Christian life-style.

God is love and Jesus is the incarnate and expressed manifestation in whom all things consist.

Agape love is what Jesus did for us on the Cross. It is the love of humanity. It is self sacrificial love. It is the love Jesus asks of Peter in the opening Scripture verse. It is discipleship - Calvary love. Paul spends much time in his writings teaching the newly formed churches that we must love each other. Two of his most famous writings are Galatians 5:22 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-7



Christian love should be practiced both in the home and in public; in our thoughts and in our words, actions and deeds.

God speaks to us through His living and inspired Word in the Bible.

Some of us have embraced the following acronym:

Basic
Instructions
Before
Leaving
Earth

We hope our message will strengthen your faith and draw you closer to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. God is Love and to Him be the glory

**Please Pray for Those
Who are Sick or Shut-in
Shut-Ins**



Dolores Coleman

Prayer List

Charlene Bush Margaret Smith
Christine King Andrew Hinchliffe
Mark Tarbell Cissy Malinowski
Bill Karches Monique Wilson
Joe Mallary Cathy Rieley-Goddard

April Volunteer Schedule

Lay Readers

April 3 - Carol Dashineau

April 10 - Lis Slenk

April 17 - John Goddard

Easter Sunday

April 24 - Carol Dashineau

Communion Servers

April 3 - Lis Slenk. John Goddard

April Birthdays

April 7- Dylan Mott
April 22- Janet Roat
April 24 - Carol Dashineau
April 27- Robert MacNaughton
April 29- Sihyeon Kim

Happy Birthday

Fish Boxes are available at the front of the Sanctuary. The Fish Boxes are a special offering during Lent that supports the Presbyterian Mission. The Presbyterian Mission provides relief from natural disaster, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed.

Sunday Worship on You Tube

Each week Session makes a video for the week's Sunday Service. The Sunday video is available at 4:00 PM Sundays on You Tube. The link to You Tube is youtube.com/channel/UCV8PmvV_gWm7wjggyl-q03g.

Bell Ringing Circle

Hand Bell Ringing Circle is on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. All are welcome. Come join the group for laughs, learning and fellowship. Musical talent not needed

Budget Report for February 2022

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
GIVING	1,406	6,124	7,332
Investment Income, Other	543	543	4,666
TOTAL INCOME	1,949	6,667	11,998
EXPENSES	9,395	22,549	22,302
NET (Deficit)	(7,446)	(15,882)	(10,304)

The investment income was from the L.T. Marshall Trust. Expenses included \$1922 for gas and \$550 for snow plowing.



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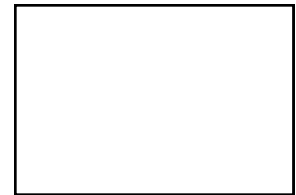
Sat

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3 <i>Fifth</i> <i>Sunday in</i> <i>Lent</i> <i>Communion</i>	4	5	6 <i>Bell</i> <i>Ringin</i> <i>Circle</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>	7	8	9
10 <i>Palm</i> <i>Sunday</i> 	11	12	13 <i>Bell</i> <i>Ringin</i> <i>Circle</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>	14 <i>Maundy</i> <i>service 12:30 pm</i> 	15 <i>Good</i> <i>Friday</i> <i>Service</i> <i>1:00 pm-</i> <i>3:00 pm</i> 	16
17 <i>Easter</i> 	18	19	20 <i>Bell</i> <i>Ringin</i> <i>Circle</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>	21	22 	23
24 <i>2nd Sunday</i> <i>of Easter</i>	25	26	27 <i>Bell</i> <i>Ringin</i> <i>Circle</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>	28	29	30

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CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 am
to 1:00 pm

Telephone: 716-285-3555

Sunday Worship 11:15 am
Communion First Sunday of Month

BOARD MEETINGS

Session — 3rd Tuesday of the month—7:00 p.m.

Rev. Cathy Rieley-Goddard office hours are Tuesday
9:30 am to 1:00 pm and Thursday by appointment.

Mask and social distancing are recommended at
Worship Service .

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