



# Agape Harvest

**First United  
Presbyterian Church of  
Pine Plains**

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*To **know** the love of  
Christ; to **show** the  
love of Christ; and to  
**grow** in the love of  
Christ.*

- All are welcome to join us at our weekly Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m.
- Church School and childcare are available during the worship service.
- Join us for the warmth of coffee hours and fellowship following most weekly worship services.
- Pastor Carol's office hours are by appointment. Please call her at (518) 697-0025 (home), (845) 235-3569 (cell) or (518) 398-7117 (church office).

## *From Your Pastor:*

Dear Friends,

While Dr. Samuel M. Shoemaker was rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in New York City, he had an old building fixed up and began a mission to the down-and-out men of the Bowery. A famous cartoonist became interested in the Mission and drew for Dr. Shoemaker a moving poster, with a Bowery-type character standing against a wall, the Cross showing from round the corner, and the caption, "There's a place nearby, where a Carpenter still mends broken men."



The need of the world for Christ is so great today that someone must lift up his name. Someone must give voice to the recognition of his greatness and of his power to mend broken lives, to resurrect dead hopes, to set persons on the right path again, to enable them to live with dignity and purpose and wholeness, and to move our world in the direction of peace and brother and sisterhood.

As we join in this sacred remembrance of our Lord's death and resurrection, Holy Week and Easter, may we hear his voice calling us to rise up and follow him.

With love,  
Carol

Excerpts from Herchel H. Sheets.

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## *Upcoming Events*

\* Events, dates & times subject to change

### **April 2015 Calendar**

**Bible Study:** Thursdays at 7 pm.

**Women's Assoc. Mtg:** Thursday April 9 at 1 pm.

**Blood Drive:** Friday April 10 from 2:00 – 7:00 pm.

People can call 1-800 Red Cross or use Kathy Bartles' e-mail address to make an appointment.

[Dkbartles@optimum.net](mailto:Dkbartles@optimum.net)

**Council of Churches Mtg:** Monday April 20 at 12 pm at the Church of the Regeneration.

**Women's Rummage Sale:** The Women's Association Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, April 24th from 10:00 to 4:00 and on Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 to 2:00. The door to the kitchen will remain open the week before the sale for donation drop-offs.



(services at FUPC unless noted otherwise)

**Maundy Thursday,** April 2 at 7:00 pm at the Ancramdale Church, with Tenebrae and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Easter Sunrise Service,** April 5 at 6:30 am at the Amcramdale Church. A delicious breakfast will follow.

**Easter Service,** April 5 at 11:00 am. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children during Sunday School.

### **Thank You**

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed time, people power, baked goods, grocery items and money toward the support of our Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. This year we cleared \$1500 to assist with Church expenses! We especially wish to thank Carol Hart for stepping up to the enormous task of ticket sales this year. This dinner has become one of our most lucrative fundraisers and the support of our congregation is as important as the support of our community.

With appreciation,  
Jeanne Valentine-Chase and Dyan Wapnick, Co-Chairs

# Presbytery News

## *Selected Happenings in the Hudson River Presbytery*

### **Special Called Presbytery Meeting on April 26, Celebrating the Ministry of Susan Andrews**

Mark your calendars now for a memorable and heartfelt celebration of the ministry of our General Presbyter, Susan Andrews, who is retiring after nine years with HRP and a distinguished history of service to the church.

The event will be held Sunday, April 26 from 3:00pm-5:00pm at Holmes Camp and Conference Center. Susan's celebration is a specially called presbytery meeting with the only piece of business being her honorable retirement. Because it is a presbytery meeting, all teaching elders and ruling elder representatives from each congregation should plan to attend. Those who are unable to attend should submit their requests to be excused to Lori Hylton, [lori@hudrivpres.org](mailto:lori@hudrivpres.org).



**STONY POINT CENTER**  
**May 5-7, 2015**  
***Come to the Waters - The 2015-2016 Horizons Bible Study***  
**By Judy Record Fletcher**

***Come to the Waters*** by the Rev. Judy Record Fletcher is the Horizons Bible Study for 2015-16. The lessons of the study feature stories and images of water in the Bible. Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the passages on water nourish our spirits. The study opens with the chaotic waters of Creation and ends with the River of Life in the Revelation to John. Baptism, the absence of water, and streams of mercy are some of the other lesson themes.

Water is a universal theme - every living thing needs water. Plants, animals, and humans cannot live without it. Our bodies are 60% water and 75% of our brains are water. Before our birth, we humans live in water. Water is central in our daily lives and it appeals to our five senses as we enjoy looking at a lake or stream, listening to a babbling brook, smelling rain just before a rain shower, tasting a cold drink of water, or feeling waves roll over our feet.

Water is a central issue before the world today. At the time of this writing, twenty-four states are in drought and the prediction is over thirty states in just a few years. Millions of people walk miles each day to have even a small supply of water for the day.

As the author, my hope is that women studying *Come to the Waters* will have their spiritual thirsts quenched as they grow in faith and understanding. I hope the study of these lessons on water images in the Bible and their implications for our Christian living today will be compelling and meaningful.

**Judy Fletcher** is a teaching elder in the PC(USA). In her forty plus years in ministry, she served as Christian educator, pastor, and co-pastor with her husband, David, in North Carolina, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma. She served as Executive of Synod of the Sun for fourteen years before retirement in 2011.



She grew up in Texas and received her BA from Lamar University and her MDiv from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary where she received the Distinguished Alum Award in 1993.

She has written publications and materials for many denominations, and served as keynote, preacher and director for conferences across the church. She has served as chair of special committees of the General Assembly. In 2011 she accepted an invitation from the Council of Churches of Cuba to teach workshops on how to include the arts in worship.

She lives in Carrollton, Texas, and enjoys traveling with her husband, spending time with son, Brett and his wife, Jessica, cooking, gardening, and dabbling in the arts.

**For more information on Stony Point Center including transportation requests and or to register online, please visit us at [WWW.STONYPONTCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.STONYPONTCENTER.ORG)**

***The full program begins with dinner on TUESDAY and ends with lunch on THURSDAY. Registration and check-in will start on Tuesday at 4:00 PM.***

***Cost covers meals and a shared double room in one of our lodges. If requested at registration, a limited number of private rooms may be available at an additional cost.***

***Call 845-786-5674 x 107 with any questions.***

## *Servants' Calendar*



### **Liturgist Schedule April- May 2015**

<b>April 5</b>	<b>April 12</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>April 26</b>	
Scott Chase	Carol Hart	John Hart	Doug Hart	
<b>May 3</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 28</b>
Linda Bartolomeo	Lynne Clinch	Jim Petrie	Dyan Wapnick	Erik Lindmark

**SESSION :** Next Session Meeting: Tuesday April 7 @ 7:00 pm

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**Session:** Kathy Bartles, Ed Casazza, Scott Chase, Doug Hart, Brendan Kilpatrick, Melanie Lindmark, Dyan Wapnick and Linda Wendover.

**Treasurer:** Scott Chase

**Clerk of Session:** Kathy Bartles

**Moderator:** Pastor Carol Miller

**2015 Communion Schedule:** April (Linda), May (Kathy), June (Dyan), October (Brendan), and November (Doug).

**DEACONS :** Marva Blackmar, Lynne Clinch, John Hart, Jim Jackson and Erik Lindmark.

**Deacon Schedule:** 1st Sunday: Jim Jackson; 2nd Sunday: John Hart; 3rd Sunday: Lynne Clinch; 4th Sunday: Erik Lindmark; Alternate: Marva Blackmar.

***We are organizing a Youth Group. Please see Pastor Carol if you would like to participate.***

## ***Nutrition Corner***

*Lynne Clinch*



### **More of this and that**

I won't waste time with idle chit chat. I found some other homemade mixes I thought you might like. So I'll get right to it!

#### **Homemade Italian Seasoning Recipe Ingredients**

1/2 cup Basil  
 1/2 cup Marjoram  
 1/2 cup Oregano  
 1/4 cup Rosemary  
 1/4 cup Thyme  
 2 tablespoons Garlic Powder (optional, especially if you cook with fresh garlic)

Place all herbs in a jar and shake well. Store in dry cool place.

#### **Almost Emeril's Essence Seasoning Mix**

2 1/2 TB paprika	2 TB salt
2 TB garlic powder	1 TB black pepper
1 TB onion powder	1 TB cayenne pepper
1 TB dried Oregano	1 TB dried thyme

Combine all ingredients and store in airtight container.

Use on fish, meat before baking, braising or grilling

Make your own delicious homemade **pudding** with this easy and inexpensive make ahead pudding mix. Various flavored pudding recipes follow.

#### **Basic mix (Vanilla flavor)**

8 C. nonfat dry milk powder  
 4 C. sugar  
 1 vanilla bean, cut into pieces (with seeds)  
 3 C. cornstarch (1 lb.)  
 1 tsp. salt

Measure all ingredients into a large bowl, blend well until thoroughly combined. To make sugar free substitute Splenda for the sugar. Store in tightly covered 12 cup container or package into 1 cup servings in vacuum storage bags. Plastic storage containers work well.

**To use:**

1 c. Mix

3 c. boiling water

Stir constantly over low heat until thickened.

**Chocolate Pudding:**

Add 1 square unsweetened chocolate, chopped to master recipe

**Coconut Pudding:**

Add 1/2 cup coconut to master recipe

**Lemon Pudding:**

Add 1 T. lemon juice

1 T. butter to master recipe

**Diabetic Whipped Cream (about 10 servings of 2 Tbs. each)**

1/3 c. instant nonfat dry milk

1/3 c. ice water

1/2 tsp. sweetener

Chill small glass bowl and beaters. Combine ingredients and whip on high speed with mixer until consistency of whipped cream. This does work but everything HAS to be cold.

As I write this article my time in Florida is drawing to an end. I truthfully will miss looking out the sliding doors and not seeing the ocean. But I am looking forward to home. This article will be in print about the time I do get home so I'm looking forward to seeing you all again.

## *Prayer Requests*

During the coming week, please remember the following people in your daily prayers: our Pastor, our congregation, all our children, our loved ones, and all of those who have lost loved ones in the past year.

**At home:** Mel Pierpoint (Lynne Clinch's brother-in-law), Caitlin Edge (Deb Jackson), Ariel Wapnick, Andrea Calo (Bob Clinch), Cathy Roush, Sharon Kelly (Roseanne), Virginia Kemp, Debbie (Laurie), Dan (Melanie), Brad and Eli Dickinson, Pete and Helen Robinson, Devon (Nan), Betty McGhee, Shirley and Waldy MacPherson, Jessica Pezze, Bob Coburn (Trudie Wilson's son-in-law), Mary Lou Jenson, Vinnie Maserelli (Linda Wendover), Marion Doyle, the Mathew family (Margo), Kelsey Hart (Doug's daughter-in-law), Andrew (Nan), Richard (Dyan), John (Nan), Barbara Strudwick, Roy Watson, June Emerson (Linda Wendover), Dave Dennis (Laura Clark), Gil (Nan's brother), Brittany, Christine Neubert, Katherine King, Pam Meccariello, John Westfall, Bob Stickle (Erik Lindmark), Karen & Abigail (Brendan), Steven, Diane, and Allen Dam (Bob Clinch), Debbie Kinney, the family of John Falcone and prayers for forgiveness, Kyleigh Cummings, Tracey Bowser (Jannet Watson), Robert (Linda Wendover's grandson), Vinnie Parliman, Mary and Tom Briggs, Paul Molloy (Carl Bartles' friend), Dustin Hale, George Frenzel (Delores Dickinson's brother), Phairah Dickinson, Harriet A'Brial, Bridget and Zack McDonnell, David Jones (Linda Wesley's brother), Scott, Kate, and Ella (Cathy Fitzpatrick), Jerry and Betty Chestney, Fanny Place, Martha Baldwin, Ryan Hawk (Dawn Robinson's son), Maryanne (Harriet A'Brial), Lottye Kate (Barbara Gurbel's great-granddaughter), Cathy Fitzpatrick, April Leonard, Laura Clark and the Clark family, and Bill Boyles.

**At Noble Horizons:** Rev. Herb Day

**At Geer Village:** Dorothy Miller and Phyllis Ronner. (77 South Canaan Rd., Canaan, Ct. 06018)

**At Sharon Health Care Center:** Kathryn Mergendahl.

**At Avalon:** Gail Smith (1629 Rte. 376, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590)

**At The Pines:** Muriel Swart (2405 15th Street, Troy, NY 12180)

**In the military or Reserves:** Garrett Cummings, Daniele Casazza, Kyle Moskowitz, Brian Coons, Tyler Larsen (Louise Coons' great grandson), Sarah Anderson, Matt Cade, Zach McDonnell - Reserves, John Cort, Mark Hall, Jacob Coons, Danny Hoysradt, Brian Montross, Nathaniel Chase (Reserves; Marge's grandson), Dylan Humbert (Troj and Cole's brother), Eric Wiltsie (Tom and Renee Strudwick's nephew).

*And all those who have served in our military.*



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

The monthly drive item for April is dish liquid. Leave in the narthex. Please send \$ donations to the **Pine Plains Food Locker P.O. Box 587 Pine Plains, NY 12567.**

Share a Blessing!

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**April 25, 2015**

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