



# 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:



Many years ago I had an elderly parishioner who had great difficulty sleeping at night. One day when I stopped by to see her she was very excited. She had found a way to relax and fall asleep at night. She said "I have discovered that if I meditate on the Twenty-third Psalm, reflecting on it and repeating over and over it calms me and enables me to relax and go to sleep."

Lately I've been waking up very early realizing that I need to relax and get a couple more hours of sleep. I too meditate on the Twenty-third Psalm but I have also found the Lord's Prayer to be extremely helpful. I love it first of all because its words are Jesus' words, we are praying with him. The prayer is connecting us intimately with God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Immediately "Our Father who art in heaven" connects us with God and with everyone in heaven and on earth who calls upon his holy name, the name that is above all names.

The Lord's Prayer is at the same time profound and practical. "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." "O God, we are praying that your gracious will of transforming love and grace, of peace, mercy and justice be done on earth as its in heaven." The prayer begins and ends with the focus on God and his holiness and that God's will be done in and through us.

This very brief prayer begins with the heavenly realm and the earthy realm and then goes to the personal realm. "Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts (trespasses) as we forgive our debtors (those who trespass against us). "Lord, please give us what we need for life and help us to live in the right relationships with you and each other, letting go of all that enslaves us, and keep us away from temptation that maims and destroys us."

The prayer brings us right back to our Source, our refuge and our strength, "For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

The Lord's Prayer is a gift to us directly from Jesus, our Lord and Savior. It is a gift that binds us to God and one another, teaching us how to pray and how to live.

Love,  
Carol

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## Upcoming Events, Notices

\* Events dates & times subject to change

**All meetings/events in the Fellowship Hall unless stated otherwise.**

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

**Session Mtg:** TBD

**Women's Assoc.:** Thursday April 12 at 1:00 pm.

**Council of Churches:** Friday March 20 at 10:30 am at St Anthony's Church.

### Women's Assoc. Annual Rummage and Bake Sale

Friday April 20 and Saturday April 21, 10 am – 2 pm. Donations can be left in the kitchen. The ladies will be staying after the coffee hour on April 15<sup>th</sup> to get started on the set up. Anyone who is able and willing to assist is welcome.



### Holy Week Services

A special thank you to Ryan Orton, our organist and choir director, for selecting the lovely special music for Maundy Thursday and Easter, for his direction and playing, and for believing in us (the choir) through it all.

Thanks to our choir and also to Monica Cleveland from Ancramdale, for putting in all of the time for the extra rehearsals.

Thanks to Jim Petrie for the special music at the Easter Sunrise service.

Thanks to Jan Brooks, for covering for Ryan on Palm Sunday and covering for Pastor Carol on Maundy Thursday and Easter.

### Corned Beef Dinner

Thanks to all for your assistance with our annual Corned Beef Dinner on March 17! Our gross receipts totaled almost \$2000 and we're anticipating approximately \$1400-1500 profit after expenses. We fed 122 people plus all of our kitchen and dining room helpers after the meal - and we had enough leftovers for lunch at Coffee Hour the next day!

We would like to acknowledge Judy and Ron Parlman for their very generous \$250 donation towards Corned Beef which was expensive again this year (approximately \$4/pound for 120 pounds) and we are quite fortunate that all other food and paper goods were donated by our congregation. For the past several years, we have purchased our meat from Peck's (at their cost), as we feel it's important to support our local businesses. We are trying to move toward more eco-friendly takeout containers but they presented a minor problem with cabbage juice causing softening of the boxes. We will persist and will tweak the process next year.

In addition to all of our kitchen help, bakers, servers and high school student volunteers, we especially wish to thank Carol Hart, Ticket Sales, Lynne Clinch, Student Liaison, and Roberta Cerniglia, Dining Room Chair.

Very special thanks to Pastor Carol who works with us throughout the entire event - kitchen prep in the morning, boxes takeouts in the afternoon, welcomes and blesses our dinner guests, and stays until the very end for clean-up. We have never had a Pastor who was so dedicated and worked so selflessly for her congregation!

Jeanne Valentine-Chase and Dyan Wapnick, Co-Chairs

# Servants' Calendar



*Liturgist April - May 2018*

April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Carol Hart	John Hart	Scott Chase	Doug Hart	Lynne Clinch
May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	
Dyan Wapnick	Margo Jackson	Jim Petrie	Roberta Cerniglia	

**Communion:** May – Scott Chase

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

**Next Session Meeting:** TBD

**SESSION:** Kathy Bartles, Bob Clinch, Jeanne Valentine-Chase, Scott Chase, Jim Jackson, and Linda Wendover.

**Treasurer:** Scott Chase

**Clerk of Session:** Kathy Bartles

**Moderator:** Pastor Carol Miller

**DEACONS:** Roberta Cerniglia, Lynne Clinch, Dora Hage, Carol Hart, and John Hart.

**Deacon Schedule:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: John Hart

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Carol Hart

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Lynne Clinch

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Dora Hage

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Roberta Cerniglia

## NUTRITION

## CORNER



*By Lynne Clinch*

## Just Recipes

### Slow Cooker Sauerbraten Recipe

8 servings Cook: 6 hours

- 1 bottle (14 ounces) ketchup
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon mixed pickling spices
- 3 bay leaves
- 1 boneless beef chuck roast or rump roast (3 to 4 pounds)
- 4 cups water
- 1-1/2 cups crushed gingersnap cookies (about 30 cookies)
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup cold water

Mix first six ingredients. Place roast in a 5-qt. slow cooker; add water. Pour ketchup mixture over top. Add cookie crumbs. Cook, covered, on low until meat is tender, 6-8 hours. Remove roast from slow cooker; keep warm. Strain cooking juices; skim fat. Transfer 4 cups juices to a saucepan; bring to a boil. Mix cornstarch and water until smooth; stir into cooking juices. Return to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, 1-2 minutes. Serve with roast. Yield: 8 servings.

### Oatmeal Molasses Crisps Recipe

- 2-1/2 cups butter, softened
- 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 5 cups sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1/3 cup dark molasses
- 3 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 4 3/4 cup old fashioned oats
- 2 cups finely chopped pecans or walnuts

Preheat oven to 375°. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Beat in molasses and vanilla. In another bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and baking soda; gradually add to creamed mixture. If necessary, transfer to a larger bowl; stir in oats and nuts. Drop dough by heaping teaspoonful (or use scoop) 2 in. apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake until edges are firm, 10-12 minutes. Cool on pans 3 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool. Yield: about 15 dozen. Note: may freeze unbaked cookie dough.

### Pickled Sweet Onions Recipe

- 8 cups thinly sliced sweet onions
- 2 tablespoons canning salt
- 1-3/4 cups white vinegar
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme

Place onions in a colander over a plate; sprinkle with canning salt and toss. Let stand 1 hour. Rinse and drain onions, squeezing to remove excess liquid. In a Dutch oven, combine vinegar, sugar and thyme; bring to a boil. Add onions and return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Carefully ladle hot mixture into four hot half-pint jars, leaving 1/2-in. headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace, if necessary, by adding hot mixture. Wipe rims. Center lids on jars; screw on bands until fingertip tight. Place jars into canner with simmering water, ensuring that they are completely covered with water. Bring to a boil; process for 10 minutes. Remove jars and cool. Yield: 4 half-pints.

### Grandma's Rosemary Dinner Rolls Recipe

- 1 package (1/4 ounce) active dry yeast
- 1/4 cup warm water (110° to 115°)
- 3 cups bread flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup warm 2% milk (110° to 115°)
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup canola oil
- **EGG WASH:** 2 T. milk and large egg yolk

In a small bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Place the flour, sugar, 2 teaspoons rosemary and salt in a food processor; pulse until blended. Add the warm milk, egg and yeast mixture; cover and pulse 10 times or until almost blended. While processing, gradually add oil just until dough pulls away from sides and begins to form a ball. Process 2 minutes longer to knead dough (dough will be very soft). Transfer dough to a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Punch down dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; divide and shape into 12 balls. Roll each into a 15-in. rope. Starting at one end, loosely wrap dough around itself to form a coil. Tuck end under; pinch to seal. Place 2 in. apart on greased baking sheets. Cover and let rise until doubled, about 30 minutes. For egg wash, in a small bowl, whisk egg yolk and milk; brush over rolls. Sprinkle with remaining rosemary. Bake at 350° for 18-22 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pans to wire racks; serve warm. Yield: 1 dozen.

Hope you try any or all of these recipes. Will see you all soon.





## *News from Presbytery*

### **Five Wishes Living Will Workshop & Community Meal, April 21**

Do you want your dying to be consistent with your living, a reflection of who you are? Having a living will is one way to help make it so. Please join us at **Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 10:00am-2:00 pm** for a workshop on the Five Wishes living will document. Five Wishes is unique among living wills, in that it speaks to the whole person, their emotional, spiritual and personal needs, as well as medical and legal issues. The workshop will guide participants through completion of the Five Wishes document, and offer advice about how to have those often difficult conversations with families and physicians. The event will finish with a community meal to celebrate everyone's accomplishment.

Thanks to a grant from the HRP Challenge to Change Fund, the event is free; space is limited, however, so registration is required. Please contact Church Coordinator Alayne at 845-889-4019 or [pleasantpchurch@optimum.net](mailto:pleasantpchurch@optimum.net) to sign up. Pleasant Plains Presbyterian is located at the corner of Hollow and Fiddlers Bridge Roads in Staatsburg.

What better way to "live resurrection" than to pull life-giving and life-affirming moments out of our final days? We hope to see you there.

### **Presbyterians join hundreds of thousands in march against gun violence**

*By Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service*

LOUISVILLE – Across the country and the world Saturday, hundreds of thousands of people took part in rallies and demonstrations against gun violence. The March for Our Lives was organized by students in various communities.

The main event was in Washington, D.C., led by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, where 17 students and staff were gunned down on Feb. 14. The crowd demanded that Congress enact stricter gun-control legislation to crack down on school shootings. As of Saturday, there have been 17 school shootings in the U.S. since the first of the year where someone was either hurt or killed, according to national law enforcement officials.

The Office of Public Witness participated in the D.C. march.

“It was fabulous and I think it was a watershed moment for building a movement on gun and community violence. I was impressed with how many young women of color participated and the powerful messages they brought,” said Nora Leccese, OPW’s associate for domestic poverty and environmental issues. “We were impressed that most of the speakers at the event were under the age of 18 and we believe that students will play a key role in making the changes that we need in this country.”

OPW coordinated a gathering of Presbyterian demonstrators on Saturday morning at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. The group marched together from the church to the noon rally on Pennsylvania Avenue.

“We had between 300 to 400 people gather at the church prior to the march, coming from other states and communities. New York Avenue provided a great service to the community by opening its doors and hosting the people for rest and meeting space,” said Leccese. “It was very multigenerational, from tiny babies to older folks. We helped provide a wheelchair for an 88-year-old who was determined to march with us.”



Presbyterians take part in a similar march in New York City. Photo provided

Even though it was a solemn subject, Leccese says she felt a lot of energy, high spirits and determination at the march.

Organizers estimate that as many as 800 protests were planned across the U.S., including marches in New York City, Boston, Los Angeles and Dallas.

Rob Trawick, the former moderator of Hudson River Presbytery and a professor of ethics at St. Thomas Aquinas College in New York, participated in the Rockland County, New York, march with other Presbyterians. He said the attendance was significantly higher than expected. Organizers were planning for a few hundred and more than a thousand showed up.

“The student speakers brought a lot of passion to the event and certainly seemed to have a directed energy,” he said. “They knew what they were standing for and I didn’t get the sense that they were being used by some larger group. This was grassroots and the concern that bubbled up came from students who were concerned for their safety.”

Trawick is the father of a teenage son and he takes school violence personally.

“This issue is important to me individually and theologically,” he said. “The idea that we would put some sort of private interest above the communal good strikes me as decidedly unreformed and I’m angry that I have to worry about whether my child comes home from school.”

Events were also scheduled in other parts of the world, including Liverpool, England, and hundreds of other cities.

Despite the large numbers and success of the weekend marches, Leccese says they will continue to monitor the actions of both state and federal lawmakers with no plans to ease up on the pressure.

“There are some poorly thought-out pieces of gun policy coming out of Congress that the administration is lifting up as the ultimate solution,” she said. “We want to make clear that these bread crumbs offered in the budget are not the kind of gun legislation we’re looking for. We will keep pushing these legislators, or the legislators we replace them with, to actually take meaningful action.”

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterians-join-hundreds-of-thousands-in-march-against-gun-violence/>

### *Indifference*

When Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged Him on a tree,  
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a Calvary;  
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were His wounds and deep,  
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham they simply passed Him by,  
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die;  
For men had grown more tender, and they would not give Him pain,  
They only just passed down the street, and left Him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do,"  
And still it rained the wintry rain that drenched Him through and through;  
The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see,  
And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.

*Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy (1883-1929)*  
*(written while he was a chaplain during WWI)*



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:** Robert Wendover, Carol Miller, Judy Parliman, Marge Palmer, Bill Dobie, Kim McDonnell (Cathy Fitzpatrick), Gene Gernigan, Barbara Gurbel, Deb Philips (Linda Wendover), Phil Amelio, Ron Osofsky, Darcy Hay (Linda Wendover), Cliff and Eleanor Goldsmith, Lauren (Judy and Ron's granddaughter), Courtney, Daniel Hegarty III, Gregg Pulver, Cookie Pecorella, Andy Babcock, Alyce Larkin, Ray and Kathy Enright, Chrissy McBeth, Ben Curtis (Linda Wendover), Bill Hendrickson (Lynne Clinch's brother), Bridget and Aylee, Tina Brunow (Cindy and Roberta), Dave Filipe, Bev VanVoorhis, Joe Imperato, Steve Bracey, Lauranne Oliver, Jeanette Finkle, Harriet A'Brial, Marietta (Linda Rosado's daughter), Arlene Brower, Whitney and family (Susan), Chun Ok Blackie (Jim and Margo Jackson's sister-in-law), Caitlin Edge (Deb), Elaine Hage, Joann Amelio, Jen (Linda Wendover), Kim Bloodgood, Virginia Kemp, Mort Jackson, Luane Ballantine, Ruth Hart, Mary Douglass, Debra Rose, the family of Georges St. Laurent, Laura Dennis, Trudie Wilson, Marge (Laurie), the family of Lizzie Burger, Marjorie Bright, Lisa Spear, Karen Lane (Marva), Judy MacMorran (Barbara Gurbel's daughter), Debbie (Laurie), Helen Robinson, Shirley and Waldy MacPherson, Mary Lou Jenson, Brittany, Debbie Kinney, Lotty Kate (Barbara Gurbel's great-granddaughter), Jennie Clark, Mikayla Clark.

**At Thompson House:** George Koch, George Dennis

**At The Manor at Woodside:** Helen Travis and Rod Davis

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

**At Geer Village:** Phyllis Ronner

**At Geer Rehab:** Fannie Place, Dorothy Miller

**At Sharon Health Care Center:** Marion Doyle, Vinny Masarelli.

**At The Pines:** Muriel Swart

**At the Baptist Home:** Mary Jo Glozier, Betty Clinch, Ron Parliman.

**In the military or Reserves:** Garrett Pendleton (South Korea), Zane King (South Korea), Keith Jackson (Saudi Arabia), Lewis and Denzel Jackson (Keith Jackson's sons), Garrett Cummings, Daniele Casazza, Kyle Moskowitz, 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

## Pine Plains Food Locker:

The monthly drive item for April is dish liquid.

Toiletries are always welcomed.

Please send \$ donations to the Pine Plains Food Locker

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## Share a Blessing!

Next issue:  
**May 2018**

Submission deadline:  
**April 25, 2018**

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