

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.

Pastoral Care:

Pastor Ryan can be reached for *urgent and emergency* needs on his personal mobile phone 24/7, (518) 261-0834. For non-urgent calls, please leave a message on the church office phone: (518) 398-7117, which is checked as few as seven times/week and not every day.

Hudson River Presbytery:
www.hudrivpres.org

Notes from people who love you:

From Dyan (Ruling Elder – elected leader/Secretary) - So much has happened in only a few short weeks. We gathered in the church for worship on Sunday, March 1 and ordained and installed a new pastor. What a beautiful and happy day of celebration! Then, less than two weeks later, we were faced with the prospect of cancelling our corned beef dinner and closing our church doors indefinitely, all because of COVID-19.

However, closing the doors of the church is only a physical act. In a spiritual sense our doors are still open, and they will stay open. And due to the miracle of modern technology, we are able to bring our worship services right into your homes!

We are living in difficult and scary times. There is so much uncertainty about what lies ahead. We worry about our health, our loved ones, and our financial futures. Our lives have been turned upside down, and many of us feel lonely or depressed. It is during times like this that we turn to God for answers and for the strength to get us through each day.

Here is a prayer from *World Vision* that you may find comforting at this time:

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them. Amen.

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From Scott Chase (Ruling Elder/Treasurer) - “We still need your financial support. As we go through this time when we cannot gather together and hold services at our church, please remember we still need to keep up with our financial support. We continue to pay our employees, provide funds for mission work, and maintain our buildings. Your support is greatly appreciated and critical to helping us serve our church family and the broader world community. You can mail checks to **First United Presbyterian Church PO Box 313, Pine Plains, NY 12567**. If you need another way to give, please write me schase560@yahoo.com or call (518) 398-5247. Thank you for all you do.

From Pastor Ryan - Dyan and Scott have told you above most of what you need to hear this space we are trying to reserve for the urgent purpose of getting information for the month ahead to those 30 or so persons who do not get what we send in e-mails. My future is to ask you to pray, very often. Let God’s hope pour in. Stay in good touch with me, sending pictures and telling of surprising joys along with every need we might help. Throw out any notions of what was norm, and call me and call others where you might have waited for the call before. Worry not about what else I and your neighbors may have going on, we need to hear from you, that is primary and it helps when you do the dialing. Push yourself to ask for what you need, offer what you can, be bold in caring for yourself and others. (518) 398-7117 for many matters, but always when you need me now: (518) 261-0834 God loves you and is with you where you are. I love you, too. Your church loves you, also.

Holy Week Worship Services

We invite you to join us for worship during Holy Week using Zoom or phone-in!

We will be joining our brothers and sisters in the Hudson River Presbytery for these special services, and we’ll add our Easter Sunrise tradition. **Just select the method you prefer, as directed on the flyer on the following page** (the same methods we have been using, they will not change, every Sunday at 11 am plus the bonus worships always use the same ways every time).

We will still celebrate Communion together, remotely – gather your own elements, whatever is safe to prepare.

Sunday April 5 Palm Sunday at 11 am with Communion
 Monday April 6 (Session/Council meeting begins with worship) at 7pm
 Thursday April 9 Maundy Thursday at 7 pm with Communion
 Friday April 10 Good Friday at 7 pm
 Sunday April 12 Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am with Communion
 Full, second Easter Service at 11 am



Our Sunday 11:00 am worship services will continue remotely until further notice.

All worship, events, and meetings other than through announced remote means, are cancelled at this time.

Our next Session meeting will be on Monday April 6 at 7:00 pm. There will be a worship service prior to the meeting.

WE MISS YOU!



(even if we haven't met)

First United Presbyterian Church

of Pine Plains is fully active and distanced

until we can come back to the house of God for which we care. You and the whole world are welcome, no need to have a particular faith or any known faith at all!

You will find us on Sundays at 11am, as always, but now only by one of these means:

Just make a phone call!

Make a regular phone call to: **(646) 558-8656**

A voice will ask for a code. Type in all these things: **9552836871##**

You are IN! You will hear sound by 11am every Sunday.

Video Option: 

For those who want more, use this web address to see **video** via a service called Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9552836871>

No account or smartphone needed.

COME, and tell us anytime what you need:

PastorRyanFirstUnited@gmail.com or (518) 398-7117

God loves you! We do, too!

Servants' Calendar

Using our new mode of worship, we were able to Ordain and Install our newest Session members. Jim Petrie was ordained and installed, and Deb Jackson was installed, during a special worship on Monday March 23 prior to our Session meeting. It was important to do this as soon as possible so that they are able to become fully functioning board members with voting capability.

SESSION: Jeanne Valentine-Chase, Nathaniel Chase, Samantha Chase, Scott Chase, Deb Jackson, Jim Jackson, Doug Hart, Ryan Orton, Jim Petrie, and Dyan Wapnick.

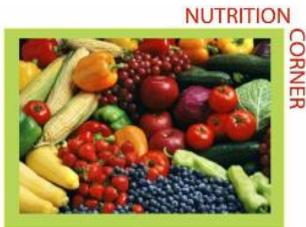
DEACONS: Roberta Cerniglia, Lynne Clinch, Dora Hage, Carol Hart, and Pam Meccariello.

Our Deacons will be expanding their current duties to include pastoral care to those homebound or in nursing homes, which during this time will be through remote means such as phone calls and Zoom.

Thank you to everyone for your service!!

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship	30	31	April 1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship	6 7 pm - 8 pm Session Zoom Mtg.	7	8	9 Maundy Thursday 1 pm - 2 pm Women's Assoc. Mtg. - CANCELLED 7 pm - 8 pm Maundy Thursday Service	10 Good Friday 7 pm - 8 pm Good Friday Service	11 Holy Saturday
12 Easter 6:30 am - 7:30 am Easter Sunrise Service 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship	13 Easter Monday	14 10 am - 11 am Deacon's Meeting - CANCELLED	15	16	17 10:30 am - 11:30 am Council of Churches Mtg (Methodist Church) - CANCELLED	18
19 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Women's Rummage Sale - CANCELLED	25 Women's Rummage Sale - CANCELLED
26 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship	27	28	29	30	1	2



Lynne Clinch

Some Thoughts

We are currently going through some difficult times. We've all had to adjust in some way or another. I'm home 10 days early from Florida and about to embark on my first shopping experience in a grocery store here in NY. I had some limited experience in Florida. They had senior hours also but let's face it...they're all seniors where I stay...lol...

Many are facing challenges of children being home and no school. Well, aside from the quality time spent with the child turn this time into a learning experience. Depending on age and I started when the grandchildren were very young, try cooking/baking with them. Every child of all ages likes cookies. Think of the chemistry lessons, math lessons, learning to tell time, reading lessons, measuring, cleaning techniques not to mention sanitation skills you can pass on. An older child can figure out the cost of the end product. So many skills can be taught. Don't let this time go by without passing on life experiences.

It's a known fact that if the child helps make a meal then they are willing to try something new. I've mentioned in the past to have a child help make their lunch along with suggestions. Well now is the time to put that into action. Make that pizza from the English muffin or better yet from scratch. I know this isn't for everyone but it's time away from the tv or gaming.

My Mom was an excellent cook and wonderful teacher in ways of the kitchen. So as a newlywed I tried to carry on the tradition. I made all meals from scratch, canned, froze and maintained a good size garden. I even made my own bread. Of course, things changed over the years but now that we're home more and the kids are around try to recapture the good old days. Found several recipes to have fun with so try them.

Have dinner all set for tonight and wanted to add that special something, something. Try this and no laughing!

Easy no yeast dinner rolls

375 oven, bake 18-20, 1 dozen, child friendly

Now the decision: using a large bowl or better yet a gallon size zip lock bag put in the following:

1 cup flour
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
 2 T. mayo

Mix well until all ingredients are combined. Spoon into greased muffin tin. Here's where the baggie comes into play. Just snip off a corner and squeeze into the muffin tin. Easy no mess. Fill muffin cups halfway and bake. Throw away the baggie and the mess is gone --- no dishes.... Don't you think the kids would love this? I know I would.

Can't go out to eat and take out just not the same unless its pizza and wings. WELL, try one of the following condiment hacks. It's not the same but might satisfy that craving.

Chick-fil-a Sauce

Whisk together $\frac{1}{2}$ c mayo, 2 tsp. prepared mustard, 1 tsp lemon juice, 2T. honey, 1 T BBQ sauce. Use as dip for chicken nuggets or sauce for sandwich.

Blooming Onion Sauce

Mix together $\frac{1}{3}$ c mayo, 2 T sour cream, 2 T horseradish, 1 T ketchup, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp paprika and garlic salt. Cover and refrigerate at least an hour before use.

Texas Roadhouse Butter

Whip together 2 sticks butter, softened to room temp., $\frac{3}{4}$ c powdered sugar, $\frac{3}{4}$ c honey, 2 tsp cinnamon. Put in airtight container and refrigerate. Use on sweet potatoes or rolls.

Hacks:

- Cornstarch will remove all kinds of knots. Rub some in shoelaces, chains, string...try it!
- Toothpaste removes ink from clothes. Apply to stain, let dry then wash.
- Cottage cheese and sour cream will last twice as long if you turn the containers upside down.
- Throw a dry towel into the dryer and it will cut the time in half.
- If a shirt shrinks, put it in bowl of ice water with 1 c hair conditioner. Leave for an hour. The size will be restored.
- You can add 2 eggs and $\frac{1}{2}$ c oil to any cake mix and make it into a cookie dough.
- Forgot to grease cake pan? When it comes from the oven set on damp towel for few minutes. Then turn out of pan.

Glad to be back home. Send those family fav recipes and I'll share. Until next time Happy Cooking....

The following is being placed in front of homes, businesses, and churches. Print it (or post it if you are receiving this already printed) as you wish to share in this act of love.



As a sign of solidarity
during this lonely and anxious time
please tie your ribbons and cloth
in this space
so we can see you have been here

...

you are reminded
you are not alone



During the coming week, please remember the following people in your daily prayers: the family and friends of Daniel Hegarty III, the family and friends of Helen Robinson, 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: Cora Jackson, Laurena Mesnard, Teresa Maleonski (Marva), Craig Shelley, Katherine Sweeney, Jen Thorton, Joe (Susan), Pastor Laurie's Mom, Melissa McKinney, Phyllis Shanks, Barbara Gurbel, Randy Burns (Dyan), Jim Fabrizio, Kyleigh Cummings, Peggy Hart, Bobette Costello (friend of Carol and John), Mort Jackson, Judy Parlman, Donald Cerniglia, Millie Sheldon, Pastor Laurie, Bobby Wendover, Victoria Hull (Dot), Carey (Amanda Zick), Ron & Cathy Osofsky, Rich Cummings (waiting on kidney), Caeden Boyce (Cindy and Roberta) small child with leukemia, Anthony Silva, Emo #4 (Rosanne's son-in-law's aunt), Lynn (Linda Wendover's sister), Antonio Gonzalez (Dyan), Melissa and Anthony, Gene Jernigan, Bridget and Aylee, Arlene Brower, Chun Ok Blackie (Jim and Margo Jackson's sister-in-law), Caitlin Edge (Deb), Elaine Hage, Joann Amelio, Debra Rose, Marge (Laurie), Marjorie Bright, Judy MacMorran (Barbara Gurbel's daughter), Debbie (Laurie), Brittany.

At Geer Nursing Home: Linda Bartolomeo

At Thompson House: George Dennis

At The Manor at Woodside: Helen Travis and Rod Davis

At Noble Horizons: Lek McNeill, RuthAnn Pulver, Charlie Napoli

At The Eddy Memorial Geriatric Center (Rm. 23A, Burdett Ave., Troy, NY 12180): Muriel Swart

At Meadows (formerly named the Baptist Home): Mary Jo Glozier

In the military or Reserves: Joey Bayne, Pierre Mesnard, Spencer Johnson (Iraq), Jason Craddock, Patrick Brooks, Garrett Pendleton (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, 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!

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April 25, 2020

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