

# Agape Harvest

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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.

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How are y'all doing on my international trip stories? I know I talk about those days a lot. I am very thankful that you sent me. Here's another one: a greatest day I have ever known, I woke up in Barcelona in the home of a dearest human who has been a part of some of my other best days. I walked through his brilliant neighborhood to a train that quickly led to a small, bright yellow cable car. Below us was a magnificent mountain that seemed to jump out of an otherwise flat land. An eagle-eyed person in the car spotted a goat on a rocky cliff. The mountain was shrouded in fog, but in a gift, before darkness and before departure, the ceiling would lift to reveal a mountaintop that was said to have been carved out by angels with little saws. I cannot confirm that origin story, yet I can see what makes sense about it in the rare beauty. I was inspired also by the rhythms of this place, for as humans partnered with God here, they have set an abbey with a little more than 80 monks calling it home. It is Monserrat. With the clouds holding in the sounds, the glassy surfaces of stone shining with a thin rain, there is nothing like the giant bells on the rooftop that rang at appointed times throughout the day in a fabulous set of tones. These bells marked the times of prayer of the day. These prayers make the daily office. There are many iterations. In the rule of St. Benedict followed in this place and many others, there are eight per day. Beginning at midnight, the next follows at 3am, and so on. I was as inspired as I have ever been. I took some risk and shouldered some quite cold air to stay for a second performance of the famed Boys' Choir of this place. You will be glad to know that my inspiration from the place does not include inviting any of us to pray at midnight daily, or even three in the morning. Rather, how about three other times, perhaps more reasonable, each day from April 11-16? You may join me for all or some. You may be at the church with me or on Facebook (live or later when you are able).

These services are not like our Sundays, they are shorter, they include some things similar and some ways of worship a little different. The goal is to glimpse the life where other things fall away for prayer. Where we do not wait until one gets focused in worship a few Sunday mornings a month, and have that worship set fade an hour or a few into Sunday afternoon. Rather, for those who participate in these days of the daily office, it is never too long between times of quiet, times for God. We'll worship these days at 7am, noon, and 8pm. We'll keep this going on Wednesdays throughout Easter, a 50-day season with the last being June 1 preceding Pentecost. I am certain there will be beauty in these worships and these days. Tell me if you are looking for more beauty and want a partner in the searching.

There is nothing God wants to be in your way, and we can find paths together.

In peace,

Pastor Ryan

## *Worship*

**Sunday Worship** is at **11:00 am**  
(indoors and adapted for COVID safety)

### *Notes on Current, Adapted Worship*

We are worshipping in the church sanctuary. **Masks are now optional!**

If you need to stay away from the gathering, we understand as we miss you. Worship service video streams at [facebook.com/groups/firstunitedpineplains](https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstunitedpineplains) Video is available there forever, to watch at any time. If you need another way to worship with us while you stay away from the gatherings, please ask Pastor Ryan. Perhaps a DVD you may play at home? Just ask.

## *Holy Week Schedule*

**Palm Sunday April 10 @ 11:00 - Liturgy of the Palms**

**Apr. 11-16 Daily Office** (on Facebook and in-person in our sanctuary)

7am - Matins

Noon - Sixth Hour

8pm - Vespers/Compline

**Thursday, Apr. 14 @ 7pm - Maundy Thursday/Good Friday** combined worship with washing of the hands and feet.

### **Easter Day, Apr. 17:**

6:30am - Community **Sunrise Worship** - atop Winchell Mountain at Cemetery (corner of Pulver Rd. and Winchell Mountain Rd.)

9:30-10:30 - Community **Pancake breakfast** - our Fellowship Hall

10:30 - Community **Egg Hunt** - our backyard

11am - **Easter Worship** - our sanctuary

*We will be having Communion on Easter Day at the 11:00 service and every Sunday during the Easter Season.*

## *Session Updates*

**Our next Session Mtg. is Monday May 9 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Future planning began our meeting, led by church futurist Sam Chase**

- Report from Corned Beef sales and fellowship - about 113 dinners sold, net profit about \$1000
- Discussed Easter season worships and invitations to other faith communities to join us in select worships, Easter pancakes and egg hunt.
- Communion to be celebrated every Sunday Easter through Pentecost
- Church workday set (now completed - thank you excellent volunteers!)

## *Our Leaders*

**SESSION:** Doug Hart (Clerk), Samantha Chase, Scott Chase, Deb Jackson, Ryan Orton, Jim Petrie, and Dyan Wapnick.

**DEACONS:** Marva Blackmar, Lynne Clinch, Dora Hage, Carol Hart, Pam Meccariello, and Amanda Zick.

### **Ordinations and Installations**

On Sunday, March 27, we installed Pastor Ryan as our called pastor. We also ordained Amanda Zick as a new Deacon and installed Marva Blackmar as a returning Deacon. The beautiful service was followed by a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, our first time gathering in this way in two years.

## *Mission*

### Local Assistance



**Willow Roots:** Willow Roots is a non-profit community-based food pantry on South Main Street that compliments the Pine Plains Food Locker based at the Methodist Church. Willow Roots began several years ago by Lisa and Nelson Zayas as a way to receive excess produce donated by local farmers and gardeners and distribute to residents who experience food insecurity from around the Tri-state area. Willow Roots doesn't accept state or federal aid and relies exclusively on donations. They currently service 40+ households. Distribution is every Saturday *except* the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

### **Pine Plains Food Locker:**

The monthly drive items for April is dish liquid.  
Toiletries are always welcomed.  
Please send \$ donations to the  
Pine Plains Food Locker  
2852 Church Street Pine Plains, NY 12567  
Distribution is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

**A food box has been set up on the back porch of the Pine Plains Free Library. People can pick up/drop off non-perishable food items at any time.**

## *Stewardship*

### *Online giving with Venmo!*

1. Log into the Venmo app on your phone or tablet
2. Click "Pay or Request" -- the big blue button at the bottom
3. In the "Add Recipients" box type @FUPCPP (stands for First United Presbyterian Church Pine Plains)
4. Select "FirstUnitedPresbyterianChurch Pine Plains" if it doesn't populate automatically
5. Enter how much money you would like to donate
6. Add "what it's for" -- you can do this in emojis which is fun!
7. Click "Pay" on the bottom right-hand side
8. Select your payment method
9. Click "Pay" -- the big green button at the bottom
10. You're all set!

## Events and Committees

### COFFEE HOURS have returned!

Please find a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall and put your name on it! Hosting can be as easy as brewing the coffee we have in the kitchen, maybe add a little snack for 12 people or so. Others are welcome to bring more elaborate faire, yet this is not expected in the hosting. It is just as if some friends are coming by, and the host makes ready a few little items for hospitality. If you wish to host yet need some help paying for the snacks you want to provision, please see Pastor Ryan. Coffee continues weekly unless otherwise noted.

### Easter Breakfast

Ryan Orton is organizing and we are inviting the town to have pancakes Easter morning from 9:30-10:30. A children's egg hunt will follow at 10:30am. Make invitations widely to anyone who likes good people, warm breakfast, and certainly the young ones who like to hunt for eggs. If you will like to help prepare the hospitality and/or clean-up, please tell Ryan Orton.

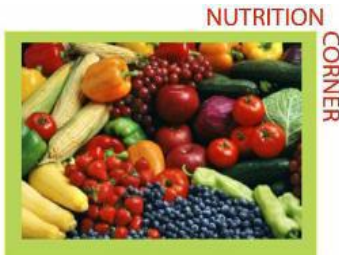
## Thank You

Another successful Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner was held on March 19. We have switched to a takeout-only format which has greatly simplified the process. We are thankful to our congregation and family members who volunteered in the kitchen in the morning and boxed dinners in the afternoon and to all those who generously gave food, supplies and monetary donations. The support from our congregation, pastor and community was overwhelming and very much appreciated!

With thanks,  
 Jeanne Valentine-Chase + Dyan Wapnick, co-chairs

## Calendar

April 2022						
<b>10</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 11 am - 12 pm <a href="#">Sunday Worship (Church)</a>	<b>11</b> 7 am - 8 am <a href="#">Matins</a> 12 pm - 1 pm <a href="#">Sixth Hour</a> 8 pm - 9 pm <a href="#">Vespers/Compline</a>	<b>12</b> 7 am - 8 am <a href="#">Matins</a> 12 pm - 1 pm <a href="#">Sixth Hour</a> 8 pm - 9 pm <a href="#">Vespers/Compline</a>	<b>13</b> 7 am - 8 am <a href="#">Matins</a> 12 pm - 1 pm <a href="#">Sixth Hour</a> 8 pm - 9 pm <a href="#">Vespers/Compline</a>	<b>14</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7 am - 8 am <a href="#">Matins</a> 12 pm - 1 pm <a href="#">Sixth Hour</a> 7 pm - 8 pm <a href="#">Maundy Thursday Service</a> 8 pm - 9 pm <a href="#">Vespers/Compline</a>	<b>15</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 7 am - 8 am <a href="#">Matins</a> 12 pm - 1 pm <a href="#">Sixth Hour</a> 8 pm - 9 pm <a href="#">Vespers/Compline</a>	<b>16</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b> 7 am - 8 am <a href="#">Matins</a> 12 pm - 1 pm <a href="#">Sixth Hour</a> 8 pm - 9 pm <a href="#">Vespers/Compline</a>
<b>17</b> 6:30 am - 7:30 am <a href="#">Easter Sunrise Service (Winchell Mountain)</a> 9:30 am - 11 am <a href="#">Community Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) followed by East Egg Hunt</a> 11 am - 12 pm <a href="#">Sunday Worship (Church)</a>	<b>18</b> <b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 11 am - 12 pm <a href="#">Sunday Worship (Church)</a>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



By Lynne Clinch

### Tips and a great recipe

I recently read a great article about shopping and menu planning during this time of high prices. Obviously, it had a great emphasis on menu planning, coupon collecting and no impulse buying. I think we've all heard that so many times so I won't elaborate further.

My take away was the information about the pantry and what it may contain; not only from the dry storage but making use of the freezer too. Briefly, if something was on sale, i.e. frozen corn, pick up an extra bag.

Another interesting thing was buying frozen vegetables over fresh as the frozen lasted longer. The way that they are now processed from farm to freezer had them retaining the nutrients. Because of the processing of canned vegetables those nutrients leach out in the liquid in the can. Exception is that of tomatoes since we use that liquid in the cooking. I will admit I prefer fresh veggies but do fall back to frozen and have used canned in certain recipes. Always be aware of the salt content in canned vegetables although they do make low sodium now. So I use them all.

The pantry depends on the amount of storage available. I'm very lucky since during one of my husband's renovation projects, (while I was in Florida), was to make me a large storage area. I've learned how to shop to keep it well stocked. Extra mayo, mustard, ketchup and tuna can be found there always careful to look at expiration dates rotating accordingly. I have gallon jars with tight fitting lids for flour and sugar. Stored with that are brown sugar, baking powder and baking soda and yeast packets. Found also is bottled water, and both vegetable oil and EVOO, a small variety of cake mixes, brownie mixes and quick breads. And an emergency can or two of frosting is with them.

A large variety of pasta is also stored there. Any pasta plus a protein and binder can have a meal on the table in a very short time. Whether it be a tomato or cream sauce or even a can of cream soup a casserole or a pasta with meat sauce provides a quick and inexpensive meal. It can even provide leftovers for a second meal. That's called a win-win!

I found a great dessert recipe in the paper and I wanted to share it with you all. With Easter Holiday this month and a family meal to prepare this dessert recipe would be perfect. It's a mini lemon cake with lemon cream cheese frosting. Refreshing, easy and make ahead --- how good is that.

Now if you have a mini Bundt cake pan that's wonderful. If not, use a cupcake pan. Either would work. Baking time would be almost the same. I'd start checking after 15 minutes but normal time would be 17 to 18 minutes at 350-degree oven.

#### Mini Lemon Cakes

Yield 24 cupcakes, bake 350 for 15 to 18 minutes

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 c. granulated sugar        | 1 tsp. baking powder      |
| Zest of 1 lemon (about 1 T.) | 1 ¼ c. flour              |
| ½ c. butter (1 stick)        | ½ c. milk, take the chill |
| 2 large eggs, room temp.     | off in microwave or sit   |
| ½ tsp. salt                  | out for an hour.          |

In large mixing bowl rub the sugar and lemon zest together. Using your mixer add the butter and beat until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time beating well after each addition. Scrape bowl as needed. Combine in separate bowl flour, salt and baking powder. Add alternately with the milk beating well after each addition. Using an ice cream scoop or measuring drop batter into prepared baking pans. (I'd use cupcake papers in cupcake pan) Bake. Remove from oven and spoon over each cake about ½ to 1 tsp. of lemon syrup made while cupcakes are baking. Take ½ c. sugar and the juice from 2 lemons (1/4 cup) and heat over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Cool completely. Then frost with lemon cream cheese frosting.

#### Cream Cheese Frosting

- 4 oz. package cream cheese at room temp. NO low fat or reduced fat
- 1 ½ T. lemon juice
- 1 T. heavy cream (can sub. milk or ½ and ½ )
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 4 c. confectioners' sugar (1 pound)

Beat first 4 ingredients until smooth and creamy. Add sugar 1 cup at a time. Adjust final consistency as needed. (Add more sugar or milk). Frost the mini cupcakes and wait for the compliments. Store in refrigerator.

Whether you're cooking or invited to someone's home for dinner these are a great dessert to have. I think you'd could always use a white, yellow or lemon cake mix and add lemon juice as part of the water and zest of that lemon too if you didn't want a scratch cake. In any case..... happy cooking.....



To add to these prayers, Pastor Ryan is always glad to pray with you (518-398-7117 to find the best ways). If you wish to directly add to the list, please e-mail [dyanwapnick@optimum.net](mailto:dyanwapnick@optimum.net)

During the coming month, please remember the following people in your daily prayers: the family and friends of Dick Hart (Doug Hart's brother), Ronald Wendover (Linda's nephew), our congregation, all our children, our pastor, our loved ones, and all those who mourn.

Maci Cayea (5- year-old w/stage 4 neuroblastoma), Bill Bartlett, Malachi (toddler with leukemia), Ray Wendover (Linda's husband), Darcy (Linda's daughter), Bob Clinch, Marva Blackmar, Laura Dennis, Marge Parliman (Shirley's sister), Ron Brandt (Ancramdale), Roberta Cerniglia, Steven Hay (Linda's son-in-law), Trang (Linda's friend), John and Piper (Laura's daughter), Ellen White, Shirley and Walden MacPherson, Millie Hinsch (Dora's mother), Ola Yannetta (Linda Wendover's aunt), Liane McGhee (Jim and Margo Jackson), Clifford Thorpe, Carol Foley (Regeneration Church), Irene Dieter (Ancramdale Church), Adalyn Forgey and her family (Carol Hart), Bridget and Aylee, Laurena Mesnard, Teresa Maleonski (Marva), Craig Shelley, Joe (Susan), Barbara Gurbel, Randy Burns (Dyan), Jim Fabrizio, Kyleigh Cummings, Millie Sheldon, Bobby Wendover, Carey (Amanda Zick), Ron & Cathy Osofsky, Anthony Silva, Emo #4 (Rosanne's son-in-law's aunt), Lynn (Linda Wendover's sister), Antonio Gonzalez (Dyan), Melissa and Anthony, Gene Jernigan, Chun Ok Blackie (Jim and Margo Jackson's sister-in-law), Caitlin Edge (Deb), Joann Amelio, Debra Rose, Marge (Laurie), Judy MacMorran (Barbara Gurbel's daughter), Brittany.

**Geer Nursing Home:** Linda Bartolomeo

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

**The Manor at Woodside:** Rod Davis

**Northern Dutchess Hospital:** Richard Thorpe (brother of Clifford)

**In the military or Reserves:** Pierre Mesnard, Spencer Johnson (Iraq), Garrett Pendleton (South Korea), 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), TroiHunter Cookingham (Fort Campbell, KY).

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



## Hudson River Presbytery Prayer Calendar 2022

*As a Presbytery family, we hold each other in prayer – all of us sisters and brothers in Christ. We invite you to lift up prayers for our churches, our staff, and our ministry partnerships, including them in your pastoral prayers each week, and in your church bulletins. The Church is all of us - made one in Christ.*

### April 3 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Hillburn, Brook

Justice Advocacy Sunday; Prison Partnership

### April 10 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Hortonville, For Faith Parish

Theological Institutions

Special Offerings (PC)USA

### April 17 – Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

Deborah Milcarek, General Presbyter

Irvington

One Great Hour of Sharing; International Day of Farmers'

Struggles

### April 24 – Second Sunday of Easter

Jeffersonville, First

Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

Christine Lazarus, Office Assistant, Journal Clerk,

Presbytery

### Share a Blessing!

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