



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,

Since my niece Ashton lives in Washington State, my ears always perk up when I hear news from there. Recently I have been concerned about their raging forest fires. Newscasters remind us that one stray cigarette butt or misguided firework can set a whole forest ablaze. This reality is the very illustration the Book of James underlines. James' point is that like the tiny spark that sets a fire going one hurtful word can do some terrible damage to our relationships with one another. Our words have the power to heal or destroy so the Bible tells us to set a guard at our lips, to be mindful of what we say and what we do.

However, if we do fall short and we do at times, we have an Advocate with the Father, the Holy Spirit and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. I like a recent illustration that I read. It says when we have sinned, when we have failed to follow Christ in our words and actions, it's like we are stuck, glued down, imprisoned by our actions. But when we ask for forgiveness and accept it, we are unstuck, set free to live and love. And remember when we pray our Lord's Prayer we pray *forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors*. **In other words, forgive us O God as we forgive others.** When we forgive others we set them free as well as ourselves. Instead of creating a forest fire when we forgive we put one out.

Blessings for a wonderful summer,
Carol



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Upcoming Events

* Events, dates & times subject to change

July-August 2015 Calendar

Bible Study: Thursdays at 7 pm.

The Women's Association and Council of Churches will begin meeting again in September.

Pastor Carol will be taking vacation July 18-30. If you need pastoral care during this time, please call Lynne Clinch at 518-398-5358 (home) or 518-821-3377 (cell) from July 18-24, and Dyan Wapnick at 518-398-5822 (home) or 914-474-1963 (cell) from July 25- 30.



**Congratulations
to our
Confirmands
Troihunter
Cookingham and
Dariann Watson!**

Sunday School News

On June 21 we ended our regular Sunday School program for the year, although a summer Sunday School will continue with one teacher each Sunday. We said goodbye to long-time teacher Brendan Kilpatrick, while welcoming his new wife Lena and her two boys Kassidy and Layne to our church community. We are so thankful to have them join us!

Meanwhile we said hello to new teacher Jim Miller, a teacher at the Ancramdale Presbyterian Church who shared in the teaching of the Confirmation Class along with Tom Miller and the Pastor. Thank you guys!

Regular Sunday School will resume in September.

Servants' Calendar



Liturgist Schedule July-Sept 2015

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|---------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| July 5 | July 12 | July 19 | July 26 | |
| Doug Hart | Linda Bartolomeo | Lynne Clinch | Dyan Wapnick | |
| Aug 2 | Aug 9 | Aug 16 | Aug 23 | Aug 30 |
| Jim Petrie | Margo Jackson | Scott Chase | Carol Hart | Erik Lindmark |
| Sept 6 | Sept 13 | Sept 20 | Sept 27 | |
| John Hart | Doug Hart | Linda Bartolomeo | Lynne Clinch | |

SESSION : Next Session Meeting: Tuesday September 1 @ 7:00 pm

Meetings: 1st 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: August (Bob), 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.

Prayer

God our creator and provider,
please continue to sow us
with Gospel seed,
and cultivate it with your own
secretive care.
While we work or rest, play
or sleep,
let the word and way of
Christ Jesus
continue to grow within us,
that when the season is right,
we may produce a harvest
that brings joy to you
and a blessing to those around
us.
Through Christ Jesus,
who with you and the Holy
Spirit
are to be loved, served and
worshipped,
as the one God,
forever and ever. **Amen.**



Thank You

Thanks to Bob Clinch, Blake House, and TroiHunter Cookingham for picking the new donated refrigerator up and to Bob Clinch and Bobby Lee Couse for setting it up. This new one is very energy efficient so we will be using it on a regular basis, using the older one only when necessary. (The refrigerator was donated anonymously through Will Carter.)

Presbytery News

Assistance sought for the churches recently damaged by fire

LOUISVILLE (PNS) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), in collaboration with its ecumenical partners, is working to assist the churches recently damaged by fire. Over a two week period, seven churches with predominantly black membership burned in Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Ohio and Florida. Investigators speculate lightening may have been involved in a few, but arson has not been ruled out. The Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is still investigating. The multiple fires occurred after the June 17 shootings at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C., where nine people died. Authorities say it's too early in the investigation to draw any conclusions between the shootings and the church fires. In a joint statement released on July 1, PC (USA) leaders urged everyone to offer prayers and financial support to the churches.

Those interested in helping the damaged churches rebuild can give to a designated account, DR000126. Go to <http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/burned-churches/> to learn more.

Presbytery of New York City | 475 Riverside Drive | Suite 1600 | New York | NY | 10115

Vacation Bible School



August 10-14 from 9 am until noon at our church. Come join the fun! Please see Pastor Carol about volunteering and registering your kids.

**NUTRITION
CORNER**



by Lynne Clinch

Picnic/BBQ sides with a Dessert too!

I asked and have some recipes to share. It's funny how things do work out too. Those that I've received are very appropriate for the picnic season. Wonder no more what you can bring to the next get together! I have a few ideas.....

Anyone who has been to a coffee hour after church that Linda Wendover had a hand in can appreciate her potato salad. She told me "Oh it's easy and simple to make." I said "Write it down." Little did I know it's easy and simple to make!

Linda's Potato Salad

5 #s cooked potatoes, cooled and medium diced
2 bunches Scallions diced
8 Eggs hard cooked and chopped fine
Hellman's mayonnaise and only Hellman's

Combine all ingredients adding enough mayo to come to proper consistency. Then salt and pepper to taste. Put in serving dish to chill.

I can't find fault with a good recipe but can offer a suggestion to add celery, green or red peppers or even a red onion for additional flavor.

Marva Blackmar gave me 2 recipes that are not 'the usual' but easy to make and transport to a picnic; or from the refrigerator to the table, your choice....

Marva's Cucumber Salad

3 medium cucumbers, peeled and sliced 1/4 inch thick
1 medium onion, sliced and separated into rings
3 medium tomatoes, cut into wedges
1/2 cup vinegar
1/4 cup sugar
1 cup water
1/4 cup oil
2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. pepper – fresh ground black is great

Combine all ingredients in large bowl mixing well. Chill at least 2 hours before serving.

Note: Using different flavors of vinegar would alter the taste. The same is said for the oil. Choose your favorite. A red onion would add interest also.

Marva's Broccoli Salad

For dressing mix together: 1 cup mayo, 2 Tbsp. Balsamic vinegar, 2 tsp. sugar

Salad ingredients

2 bunches broccoli --- florets only (should be 5-6 cups)
1 medium red onion chopped fine
1/2 cup raisins
10-12 sliced bacon, fried and crumbled

Blanche the broccoli for 1 minute, drain and immediately put into ice water to stop the cooking. Drain well and mix with remaining salad ingredients. Add the dressing and stir. Refrigerate for several hours.

I've had this salad and have to say it's very good. I've also had ones similar to it that had grapes and those bacon bits found in the grocery store. I've even had it with both broccoli and cauliflower florets. You have the basic recipe now make it your own.

Anyone who worked at the church bazaar this spring had the good fortune to sample Kathy Bartles' dessert squares. Shirley and Carol provided lunch for the workers and someone bought the dessert. I immediately asked Kathy for her recipe. SO this dessert recipe has been burning in my mind since April. Thankfully, she is willing to share!

Teddy's Applesauce Bars

Line a 9x13 inch pan with foil

Cream together:

1 stick margarine
1/2 cup Brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
Add 1 egg and 1cup unsweetened applesauce
Beat in 2 cups flour
1 tsp. Baking soda
1/2 tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Cinnamon
1 tsp. Nutmeg
1/2 tsp. Cloves
Mix in 1 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Spread in pan and bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

When cool, frost with confectioners' sugar glaze.

This is so good and putting the glaze on is optional. No wonder its Ted's favorite....

Remember to get me those recipes so I can share with my readers. Have a great summer and will touch base again in September.

Prayer Requests

During the coming week, please remember the following people in your daily prayers: the family of Linda Stevenson, 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: Laurie Meccariello, Bev Traver (Erik's aunt), Tammy (Nan), Roxanne, Lisa Spear, Karen Lane (Marva), the Kaitlin Briggs family, Lynn (Linda Wendover's sister), Bridget and Zack McDonnell, Judy MacMorran (Barbara Gurbel's daughter), Hal Flatau, Mel Pierpoint (Lynne Clinch's brother-in-law), Caitlin Edge (Deb Jackson), Andrea Calo (Bob Clinch), Cathy Roush, Sharon Kelly (Roseanne), Debbie (Laurie), Dan (Melanie), Brad and Eli Dickinson, Pete and Helen Robinson, Betty McGhee, Shirley and Waldy MacPherson, Jessica Pezze, Bob Coburn (Trudie Wilson's son-in-law), Mary Lou Jenson, Vinnie Maserelli (Linda Wendover), the Mathew family (Margo), 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 and Jack 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 (Janet Watson), Robert (Linda Wendover's grandson), Vinnie Parlman, Mary and Tom Briggs, Paul Molloy (Carl Bartles' friend), Dustin Hale, George Frenzel (Delores Dickinson's brother), Phairah Dickinson, Harriet A'Brial, 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, Marion Doyle.

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

Please send \$ donations to the **Pine Plains Food Locker P.O. Box 587
Pine Plains, NY 12567.**

Share a Blessing!

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August 25, 2015

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