

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

Covid-19 by Audrey Chuang, 11

The news rings in my head
The anger and negativity swirling around me
I can't settle
My heart won't settle
Everyone's hearts won't settle
Every pair of anxious eyes
Waiting for the image
For the image
Of crime
Death
The old book that I have read millions of times by
now
Is wrinkled
And words are faded
I can't go outside to play
I can't imagine without going to the library
I can't imagine without reading a new book
I can feel my heart beating every time
Something bad happens like the stock
Rising up and down
Like the heartbeat
of a patient
Waiting for the doctor
I can feel the pain that the world is facing
It feels like its pulse is in my hands
Ready like a flying fish
Out in the sky
Open to the new
Open wide world
That used to be
Full of people
Now nothing
But a mere ghost town
Waiting to swallow you up
And make you face the crime
And the pain people are talking about in the news
You know it
You have it
You feel the pain of who you are
Until you fall into the jaws
Of the people
Who recovered
And died
You don't know who is next
But it may be you
Watch out for the coronavirus
Doctors and nurses
Are waiting to
See how to stop the jaws
Of the Covid-19.

“Every time I turn on the TV, I see the Covid-19 update, just like when my mom turns on her phone, all she sees is the updates of more face masks, homemade food or some sort of thing that relates to Covid-19. I wrote the poem ‘Covid-19’ because it mattered to me and the rest of the world. When I started to write this poem, I felt this was very important to me as there was something behind it and I wouldn’t know until I finished it. I knew that on the day I started writing this poem it gave me inspiration to rethink the people and the world around me. What I want to express in this poem is that the Covid-19 is very dangerous and still, some people are not taking it seriously and this is risking doctors, nurses, and others’ lives. Just like a flying fish wanting to fly and see the world and see what it feels to be out of the water, and to watch out for the sky and waters above and beneath, people need to be careful of Covid-19 and keep social distance before we defeat this virus. Always, there is a lantern of hope in my heart, and for that, my poem has the shape of a lantern to let people see it as a kindle of hope.”

Audrey Chuang, 11
Portland, OR
from Stone Soup Magazine



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Mile Marker on the Journey – Pastor's Report

Church,

We have come to a sense it is safe for some of us to gather. Remember how recently that would have been a ludicrous thing to even discuss. We are a church. Excepting a couple Sundays a year when winter weather is too much, we meet on Sundays! Then, the unimaginable of novel virus. Remember that in our way of understanding God, attending a worship service is a personal choice. There is much to consider when thinking about gathering. That is why, a remote option remains.

You may have heard, to accommodate those worshipping outside in summer weather, we are starting worship services promptly at a new time, 9:30am!

Remote Worship

You may have heard, for Sunday worship, the remote option has migrated to our church's Facebook group. You will find it at: [facebook.com/groups/firstunitedpineplains](https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstunitedpineplains). July 5th's worship service is there now for viewing.

Moving to this more helpful format now that we are hybrid-worshipping, with some folks in-person and others remote, means there is no longer any active way to hear worship by making a phone call for those less comfortable with the video options. However, a multitude of options are available for you to hear and even see a worship service. If you need more options, your church wants to the help. Just tell Pastor Ryan you want to worship with us, but do not yet know how, and paths will be made. These extended options are no burden and quite easy, we only need to know there is interest.

In-person Worship

For those of you ready for **in-person worship**, we have developed a **two-option plan** while it is safer to be outside and the weather is not cold. You may say, that's too complicated, why two possibilities each week? Weather and facility access are the answers. We loved worship in the beauty of creation in our church backyard July 5th. However, there is no covered area if a Sunday was to be rainy. So, on the Sundays when cover is needed, the Lion's Club has offered their outdoor pavilion which will be a fabulous space. We would be there automatically every week, yet the indoors of the Lion's Club is not yet open, so at this site we will *not* have restroom access. We have planned short worship services in all places to reduce the possible need, yet please know that on rain plan Sundays at the Lion's Club, there will be *no* restrooms available. So your path each Sunday is this, no need to guess, if you think rain was forecast or know it is falling, call the church office at **518-398-7117**. If there is no answer, stay for the voicemail message that will tell you where to find us. If you forget, we'll make sure there is a notice at the church if we have gone to the Lion's Club.

We know our outdoors season is going to work well, because we had a fabulous one July 5th. Smiles were broad. There was a lightness to those who are gathered, so glad to be together. We prayed with and for all those who want to be worshipping in one place but cannot yet. Folks took all the steps to make it safe. There were plenty of chairs brought (please bring your own seating to any venue, as you are able), with extras to share. We heard music. We heard birds and church bells.

Please, be with us in-person or by remote means.

Do not attend any gathering if:

- You have a fever (100.4 or above is the official, too high reading)
- You feel at all sick (no time to guess, if you feel ill, worship remotely)
- If you are subject to the quarantine becomes you have traveled in the last 14 days to one of the NY/NJ-listed states of increased COVID risk

If you come, please:

- Bring a mask to wear. If you've not yet been able to obtain one, please ask Pastor Ryan if you need help having one ready for your next time in a public setting.
- If you can safely, bring your own chair, like for a picnic. This helps limit cleaning in this time of COVID.
- Dress for a picnic. We are never concerned about fancy dress, and especially not in this season.
- Park, if you are able, on the street. Vehicles in the back lot will be complicated as we worship outdoors, yet if you have need, come on and we'll help you find a way to park and shorten your walk.

Safety notes:

- There will be no part of worship where you will have to decide to participate or take a safer health route. We have changed all the COVID-dangerous parts of worship.
- The worship service is planned as about 30 minutes, with hopes that folks can feel free to move on when they need, without the need to access the building. Of course, the restroom will be available.
- We can do more with any questions/concerns/special needs you have before Sunday morning, so please alert Pastor Ryan to anything as soon as you are able.

In peace,

Pastor Ryan

Stewardship

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 may 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.

We now offer online giving with Venmo!

How to tithe 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!

Worship

For the Sunday morning worship services listed below, please note:

* If joining remotely we are now on Facebook, not Zoom for Sunday mornings. You will find us at [facebook.com/groups/firstunitedpineplains](https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstunitedpineplains)

* If you wish to be with us in-person, we have two locations depending on the weather. In good weather, we worship in the backyard of our church. In the expectation of or actual event of rain, we move under the Lion's Club Pavillion (intersection of Beach Road and Stissing Avenue, Pine Plains 12567). Please call the church office to find out where we'll meet. Listen for the message if no answer: 518-398-7117

Zoom events (where noted) use the same means as before:

*Dial on your telephone (646) 558-8656; then hearing a voice ask you dial further: 9552836871# #
This address serves you for the OPTION of VIDEO: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/955283687>*

Worship Schedule

July 12 - 9:30am - Worship - Come by Facebook or in-person

July 19 - TWO EVENTS

9:30am - Worship with the baptism of Elizabeth Zick

Come by Facebook ([facebook.com/groups/firstunitedpineplains](https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstunitedpineplains)) or in-person at your choice. If rain forecast or actual rainfall may have moved us from the church backyard to the Lion's Club pavilion

6:30pm – Zoom Education Event - The Church, Politics, and Current Matters

July 20 - 7pm - Zoom worship - **MONDAY Daily Prayer** to open our Session meeting - all welcome!

July 26 - Sept. 6 - Worship at 9:30am Sundays

Upcoming Events and Calendar

* Events dates & times subject to change

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.

Thank you for your service!

Our next Session meeting will be on Monday July 20 at 7:00 pm. There will be a Remote, daily prayer worship service prior to the meeting – all are welcome – meets via Zoom call and internet video.

July 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship	29	30	July 1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5 9:30 am - 10 am Sunday Worship	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 am - 10 am Sunday Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 am - 10 am Sunday Worship with Holy Baptism 7 pm - 8 pm Zoom Worship	20 7 pm - 9:30 pm Zoom Worship Followed by Session Mtg.	21	22	23	24	25
26 Parents' Day 9:30 am - 10 am Sunday Worship	27	28	29	30	31	1

Share a Blessing!

Next issue:
September 2020

Submission deadline:
August 25, 2020

Send submissions to:
dyanwapnick@optimum.net

Mission

Our church supports two food pantries in our community:



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Pine Plains Food Locker:

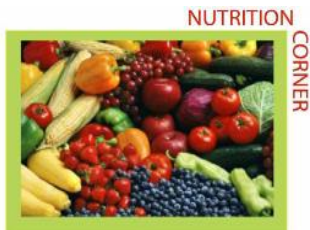
**Toiletries are always welcomed.
Please send \$ donations to the Pine Plains Food Locker
2852 Church Street Pine Plains, NY 12567**

Willow Roots

Run by Nelson and Lisa Zayas from their home on North Main Street with the help of many volunteers.

Council of Churches - Vacation Bible School

There are plans underway for holding the Council of Churches VBS this summer, but because of COVID it will not be in the traditional format. If you are interested in being a part of this, either in the planning or otherwise, please let Dyan or Carol Hart know.



Lynne Clinch

Summer Seafood

Bring out the grills! It's finally summertime. With the difficult times we've all been going through our summer picnic backyard get togethers are also on hold. Graduation parties are taking on a new look. People are not too quick to say yes to a friendly visit. Shopping continues to be a challenge. Kudos to those who work there. Let's not forget to say thank you to them. It is nice to see the smile in their eyes when you do.

So I've decided to make each meal this summer special. Bob loves to eat, enjoys trying new recipes and often helps with the cleanup. That being said I love to cook and especially trying new recipes. We like a variety of seafood and eat quite a bit of it especially when in Florida. My food site sent a whole slew of fish recipes for both on the grill and for stove top cooking.

Who doesn't like a clambake? The nice thing is you can use whatever seafood you have. You can also grill it in a fry pan, grill pan or cookie sheet. As long as you include clams I'm in! A little prep work is needed and amounts can be increased to accommodate more than 2. Add a side salad and crusty bread and you're all set.

Easy Clambake for Two

Prep time 15 min. Cook time 10 min.

½ stick unsalted butter
6 cloves garlic chopped
½ lb. shell-on deveined shrimp
½ lb each clams and mussels, scrubbed (that's a total of at least 24)
I may add a few more
½ lb small red potatoes

2-3 ears corn, shucked and cut into 3 to 4 pieces
¼ cup beer or white wine. Can sub clam juice or chicken broth or even water.
1 T. Cajun seasoning
3 dashes black pepper (pinch)
1 tsp. chopped parsley (optional)
Melted butter and lemon wedges

Par-boil the potatoes and corn until done. Drain and set aside. Using a cast iron fry pan, if you have it, otherwise a heavy bottomed skillet, melt the butter and saute the garlic. Add the shrimp, clams and mussels. Give it a stir. Add the cooked potatoes and corn, beer or wine, Cajun seasoning and pepper. Turn heat to low, cover and cook about 10 min. Garnish with parsley and serve with melted butter and lemon wedges. The nice thing about this recipe is to adjust as you see fit. Things may not be available in the stores. Just be flexible and enjoy a summer clambake for 2. And don't forget the bread for mopping up the juice.

Another clam recipe caught my eye but certainly can be made with mussels. I liked it because you have options. Use it as an appetizer or main entrée when you add cooked linguini or spaghetti. Again a meal for 2, a simple green salad and crusty bread can make this a satisfying meal.

Italian Sauteed Clams

Cook time 5 min. Prep time 10 min.

1 ½ lbs little neck clams scrubbed
 2 T. olive oil
 4 cloves garlic, minced
 ½ cup white wine or clam juice
 1 lg tomato cut in small cubes (about 1 c.)
 Pinch salt and pepper
 ½ T. lemon juice
 1 T. chopped parsley
 Lemon wedges

Heat olive oil in cast iron or heavy bottomed skillet and saute the garlic. Add the clams trying to spread evenly. Add the wine and tomatoes, cover and cook until the clams open. Uncover adding the S&P, lemon juice and parsley. Stir to combine. Garnish with lemon wedges or pour over the top of the cooked linguini and enjoy.

Both of these recipes can be made on the grill. Another one for the grill are shrimp packets. This is a nice little add on or the protein source for your meal. In any case, they are good. Just divide into double lined heavy-duty foil, add pat or two of butter, sprinkle of garlic powder, drizzle of lemon juice and dash of Italian seasoning, S&P. Close and cook overheat about 5 min. Take care if it takes longer to cook. May need to drizzle olive oil over to prevent burning. Careful opening the packets due to steam. Serve with lemon wedges. Enjoy!

Whatever you do, don't be afraid of cooking seafood. The availability of it fresh is suspect but frozen can be found. I use frozen shrimp all the time. (Made a great Newburgh recently but that's for another time.) Just defrost and pat dry. Have fun using different kinds of fish, not just the clams, mussels and shrimp I've written about. And as always happy cooking....

Prayer for Summertime

Lord God,
 Creator of all things,
 guide our steps and strengthen our hearts
 during these months of summer and vacation days.
 Grant us refreshment of mind and body.
 May we constantly strive to make a meaningful
 difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the
 world around us as we enjoy the warm days of
 summertime.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.



During the coming month, please remember the following people in your daily prayers: those who love Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, the family and friends of those who have died: Donald Cerniglia, Stacey Wilson (mother of Sam Chase's friend), Dale Thorton, Stanley Kilmer (Dot Whitaker's cousin) who died of COVID-19, essential workers who have died while serving during COVID lockdown, our congregation. Pray too, for our congregation, all our children, our loved ones, and all of those who have lost loved ones in the past year, and our pastor.

At home: Adalyn Forgey and her family (Carol Hart), Kelly Wilkie (Pastor Ryan's sister) and the people of Spartanburg (SC) Regional Hospital dealing with COVID and other illnesses, Bridget and Aylee, Dot Whitaker, Mort Jackson, Brian & Jessica Weglinski & family, Paul & Sarah & Rhonda Murphy, Laurena Mesnard, Teresa Maleonski (Marva), Craig Shelley, Katherine Sweeney, Dale Thorton, 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), Judy Parlman, 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, 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: Pierre Mesnard, Spencer Johnson (Iraq), Patrick Brooks, 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).
And all those who have served in our military.



Hudson River Presbytery Prayer Calendar 2020

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.

July 12 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Montgomery, First

Monticello, First

July 19 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Mount Kisco

Mount Vernon, First

July 26 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

New City, Germonds

New City, New Hempstead

August 2– Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

New Hampton, Denton

PC(USA) Office of Public Witness

August 9 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Newburgh, Calvary

Candidates and Inquirers for Ministry

August 16 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Newburgh, Union

Presbyterian Women

Youth in the Church and World

August 23 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

New Rochelle, KPCOW

New Rochelle

August 30 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

New Windsor, Bethlehem

PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteers