



# Agape Harvest

**First United  
Presbyterian Church  
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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 Members and Friends,

Phillips Brooks was the rector for many years of Trinity Episcopal Church on Copley Square in Boston, MA. He was the author of the wonderful Christmas hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem". Brooks was also very influential in the building of Trinity Church, and its interior proclaims the Glory of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Brooks was a man of great faith and I would like to share one of his prayers for thought and meditation.



*O God:*

*Give me strength to live another day;  
Let me not turn coward before its difficulties or prove recreant to its duties;  
Let me not lose faith in other people;  
Keep me sweet and sound of heart, in spite of ingratitude, treachery, or  
meanness;  
Preserve me from minding little stings or giving them;  
Help me to keep my heart clean, and to live so honestly and fearlessly that  
no outward failure can dishearten me or take away the joy of conscious  
integrity;  
Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things;  
Grant me this day some new vision of thy truth;  
Inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness;  
and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls; in the name of the  
strong Deliverer, our only Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

It is a prayer I would like to pray regularly. May God bless you and give you strength to be Christ's followers day by day.

With love,  
*Pastor Carol*

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## *Recent Events, Notices & Thanks*

### **BBQ THANKS**

To All,

We wish to thank everyone who helped with our annual Memorial Day Chicken BBQ! We are happy to have so many help w/ baking brownies, making salads, roasting chicken, packing takeout containers and boxes, helping w/ tickets and advertising, and washing dishes. It takes the help of many in order to have these successful fund raisers which help to support our church. The money raised enables us to purchase fuel oil/electric/water, pay the salaries of our pastor/secretary/Sunday School teachers/custodian, purchase books and supplies and much more.

Proceeds after expenses are projected to be about \$2600. Wesley Chase donated chicken marinade supplies and beans were donated by Jeanne and Scott Valentine-Chase. We made some menu changes this year to help w/expenses, i.e. eliminated rolls/butter and congregation baked brownies and individually wrapped them in lieu of watermelon. This change also helped to save on labor in the kitchen the day of our BBQ. ***Donations to help defray our costs would be greatly appreciated.***

Thanks again,

Your Co-Chairs

Deborah Jackson and Jeanne Valentine-Chase

***Thanks to Deb and Jeanne, and also Wesley Chase and the BBQ pit crew, for making all of this possible!***

### **Congratulations to our dancers!**

On Saturday, May 31, the Stissing Loft School of Dance presented their 35<sup>th</sup> dance recital, sponsored by the Stissing Theatre Guild. Congratulations to the young dancers from our church, Jenna House, Lacey Pezze, Raegan Smith, Lilliana Tagg, and Ariel Wapnick, with a shout-out to Sydney Cleveland from Ancramdale. Also, congrats to our adult dancers, Stissing Divas Rosann Kemp and Monica Cleveland from Ancramdale. You, and all of the dancers in the show, were wonderful and make our community proud!!





## *Upcoming Events*

\* Events, dates & times subject to change

**Work Day:** there will be a work day after church on Sunday, June 8. You don't need to be an experienced handy-person to help; there are always plenty of projects for everyone.

**Rural Migrant Ministry Walk-a-thon for Campers:** Saturday June 7 at 10 AM. Walk followed by a luncheon prepared and served by the Culinary Christian Fellowship of the Culinary Institute of America. Beginning and ending at St. James' Church, 4526 Albany Post Rd. in Hyde Park. Walking route: Vanderbilt loop (3 miles). **Registration 10-11 AM** at St. James'; \$20 adult/\$10 child registration fee includes luncheon; luncheon alone is \$20/person or \$40/ family. This event, in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, is a fundraiser for RMM's summer camp programs for the children of migrant workers in New York State.

**A Taste of South Africa:** On Saturday July 12 from 2:00 – 5:00, Pine Plains Fine Wines and Spirits will host, in conjunction with Wines of South Africa, US, and the Tourist Board of South Africa, an encore of last year's sellout event, A Taste of South Africa, an authentic South African Braai (BBQ), to benefit the Pine Plains Food Pantry. Celebrity chef Hugo Uys, a Johannesburg Restaurateur, will provide an exotic, unusual, and delicious 5-course tasting of grilled meats and special side dishes. An exceptional collection of outstanding South African wines to taste, savor, and enjoy will complement the chef's creations. Our church is providing our kitchen for the chef's use. Tickets are \$25 and prepaid credit card reservations can be made by calling 398-7633. Come out for a good cause and delicious food and wine!!

### June 2014

**Tue. 03:** Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm

**Thurs. 05, 12, 26:** Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

**Sun. 8: Pentecost** (wear red!); WORK DAY

**Thurs. 12:** Women's Association Meeting @ 1:00 pm

**Sun. 15:** Father's Day

**Mon. 16:** Council of Churches Meeting @ 12:00 pm, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church

**Sun. 22:** Baccalaureate service @ 4:00 pm at the Methodist Church.

**Sun. 29:** Sunday School ends for the summer.

### July 2014

**Tue. 01:** Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm

**Thurs. 03, 10, 17, 24, 31:** Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

**Thurs. 10:** Women's Association Meeting @ 1:00 pm

**Sat. 12:** A Taste of South Africa at Pine Plains Fine Wines and Spirits (benefit for Food Pantry)

**Mon. 21:** Council of Churches Meeting @ 12:00 pm, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church

## What is Pentecost ?

On Sunday June 8 this year, Christians everywhere will celebrate Pentecost (or as it's known in the UK and Ireland, Whitsunday). What does the word Pentecost mean? Why do we celebrate it? Why do we wear red?

The word has its origin in the Jewish tradition. The word *Pentecost* is from the Greek for "fiftieth day", and was a name that Hellenistic Jews gave to a Jewish holiday called **Shavuot** which occurs on the fiftieth day after Passover. The ancient Jews called it Shavuot, which means "weeks" in Hebrew, because in Leviticus 23:15-16 God commanded the Jews to count seven full weeks (the length of their harvest season) beginning on the second day of Passover, and then present offerings of new grain to the Lord. So, it was a celebration in thanksgiving to God for the blessing of the harvest. Because of this it is also sometimes called "The Feast of Weeks", "Festival of Reaping", or "Day of the First Fruits". The Jewish holiday has a dual significance in that it also commemorates the day that God gave the Torah to the people through Moses on Mount Sinai fifty days after the Exodus. Jews today celebrate by decorating their synagogues and homes with greenery, eating dairy foods such as cheesecakes and cheese blintzes, and holding confirmation celebrations.

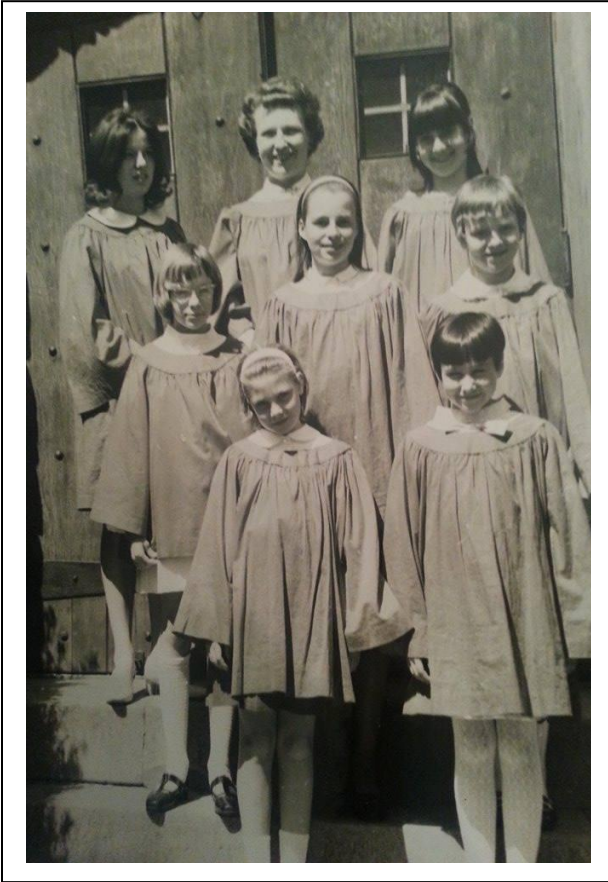
Christians celebrate their own Pentecost seven weeks (50 days) after Easter (inclusive of Easter Sunday), but the similarity to the Jewish holiday pretty much ends there.

Before his ascension, Jesus had instructed his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received the gift of the Holy Spirit, which would empower them to go out into the world and be his witnesses. In Acts 2:1-21 we are told that on the day of (Jewish) Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together in one place when "suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each." Peter got up before them and explained that this was the fulfillment of prophecy. Acts 2:41 records that after Peter spoke to the crowd some 3,000 people were baptized. Pentecost therefore achieved new significance to the early Christians because it launched the large-scale spreading of the Gospel after Jesus' ascension which was necessary for the growth of the Church, and for them it eventually lost its Jewish meaning. Traditionally, Pentecost is celebrated as the birthday of the Church.

Like the Jewish Pentecost, in many Christian churches the day is popular for confirmations. For many denominations it also begins a period of Ordinary Time on the Liturgical calendar which continues until the first Sunday of Advent.

And the color red? It symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. So, remember to wear red on Sunday!!

## *Presbyterian Junior Choir, June 1969*



Left to right, top to bottom:

Joyce Coons, Doris Hoysradt (Choir Director),  
Margo Blackie Jackson; Mindy Kemp, Roanne  
MacPherson Farina, Evelyn Parlman Tirey;  
Susan Blackmar Newland, Lorrie Blackie.

## *Hudson River Presbytery News*

Thinking about camp this summer? The Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in Holmes, NY, offers both summer and day camps for children of all ages, adults, families, even grandparents! A summer camp experience at Holmes develops self-esteem and self-confidence by encouraging each camper to:

- Engage in Bible study and verbally demonstrate an understanding of Christian community.
- Demonstrate respect for self, authority and the rights and property of others.
- Develop responsibility through group living tasks.
- Form an interest in exploring and enjoying the natural environment.
- Express creativity through crafts, problem solving, worship and personal interactions.

**See Pastor Carol if interested in finding out more.**

### *Are you in the loop?*

*Stay abreast of Presbyterian events, resources, grants, and opportunities. Subscribe to Hudson Happenings, the bi-weekly online newsletter of the Hudson River Presbytery. Subscribe here*

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## *Servants' Calendar*

### Liturgist Schedule June – July 2014

June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Carol Hart	Jim Petrie	Dyan Wapnick	Margo Jackson	Erik Lindmark
July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27	
Scott Chase	Carol Hart	John Hart	Doug Hart	

**SESSION :** Next Session Meeting: Tuesday June 3 @ 7:00 pm

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

**Session:** Kathy Bartles, Ed Casazza, Scott Chase, Bob Clinch, Doug Hart, Brendan Kilpatrick, Melanie Lindmark, Dyan Wapnick and Linda Wendover.

**Treasurer:** Scott Chase

**Clerk of Session:** Kathy Bartles

**Moderator:** Pastor Carol Miller

**DEACONS :** Harriet A'Brial, John Bilski, Bob Couse, Marva Blackmar, Lynne Clinch, John Hart, Jim Jackson and Erik Lindmark.

#### Deacon Schedule:

1st Sunday: Jim Jackson

2nd Sunday: John Hart

3rd Sunday: John Bilski

4th Sunday: Erik Lindmark

5th Sunday: Marva Blackmar

#### ONGOING DONATION OPPORTUNITY

The Homeless Shelter in Poughkeepsie which serves 60 people every night and Hillcrest House is in great need of the following:

Used, in good condition: **Towels Sheets Pillowcases Blankets**

**Dry Cereal**—not in individual boxes is also needed.

Donations can be left at the church marked for Kathy Bartles, who will deliver them to the shelter.

## *Nutrition Corner*

Lynne Clinch



### **Amish Cooking 101**

I love to travel into the Lancaster, PA. area and visit the Amish Countryside. It doesn't matter if I've been to the same place numerous times there is always something new. Over the years I have bought furniture and other odds and ends. The Amish are wonderful craftsmen. I also try to collect cookbooks from areas that I have visited. My cookbook collection does continue to grow. I've made things and am always amazed to find that things are not always as they seem. Case in point, I made potato bread expecting to have 2 loaves when in reality I had 3. The recipe called for 7-8 cups of flour but took 10 cups. These recipes are like the ones passed down from family. Never exact but close!

I'd like to share several recipes that are unique to the Amish.

#### **Barbequed Limas**

2 T. butter  
2 T. flour  
2 medium onions  
1 ½ c. tomato juice  
1 T. vinegar  
½ c. water  
2 T. brown sugar  
lima beans

Fry onions in butter. Add everything else except the limas. Bring to simmer. Meanwhile, cook the limas in boiling water 5-10 minutes. Drain and add to sauce; pour into baking dish. Bake in 350 oven for 30 minutes. Note bacon or ham (diced) can be added when frying the onions.

#### **Baked Corn**

2 c. corn, fresh or canned	1 t. salt
2 T. fat	1/8 t. pepper
1 ½ T. flour	2 eggs
1 c. milk	½ c. butter crumbs
1 T. sugar	

Melt fat and add flour. Gradually add the milk stirring constantly until thickened. Add corn, sugar, S&P and heat. Remove from heat and add the eggs (Slightly beaten). Pour into baking dish, sprinkle with crumbs and bake at 350 for 35 minutes or until casserole is set.

#### **Creamy French Dressing**

1 medium onion chopped fine  
1 c. sugar  
1 t. salt  
½ t. pepper and garlic powder  
¾ c. oil  
¼ c. water  
1 can tomato soup  
½ c. vinegar

Beat all together. Makes 1 quart. I remember this recipe from years ago and have made it. I always used a blender, poured into quart jar and refrigerated.

I've had to expand on the directions of the above recipes in order to have them make sense. Case in point: the limas. Still have no idea how much to cook but would start with a 1 pound package and add another. I'd like to end with....

\*Recipe to Live By

\*Re printed from Amish Cooking

Blend 1 c. of love, add ½ c. of kindness. Add alternately in small portions 1 c. appreciation and 3 c. of pleasant companionship into which has been sifted 3 t. of deserving praise. Flavor with 1 t. carefully chosen advice. Lightly fold in 1 c. cheerfulness to which a pinch of sorrow has been added. Pour with tender care into small clean hearts and let bake until well matured. Turn out on the surface of society, humbly invoke God's blessing and it will serve all mankind.

## *Prayer Requests*

During the coming week, please remember the following people in your daily prayers: the family of Bill Parliman, the family of Gail Kelly Lamothe, the family of Melvin Hoysradt (Carol Hart's and Bob Clinch's great uncle), 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:** Gil (Nan's brother), Emily Jackson, Carol Hart, Brittany, Christine Neubert, Katherine King, Carl Freiberg (Kathy Bartles' father), Nancy House, Raj (John Bilski), Roseanne Waldron, Pam Meccariello, John Westfall, Bob Stickle (Erik Lindmark), Dariann Watson, Karen (Brendan), Steven and Allen Dam (Bob Clinch), Cliff and Eleanor Goldsmith, David Rouch, Debbie Kinney, the family of John Falcone, Steve (Linda Wendover), Kyleigh Cummings, Tracey Bowser (Janet Watson), Robert (Linda Wendover's grandson), Donna (Erik's mom), Deb Steidle (Martha Shultz's sister-in-law), Vinnie Parliman, Mary and Tom Briggs, Paul Molloy (Carl Bartles' friend), Nan, Victoria, and Marie Herow, Dustin Hale, George Frenzel (Delores Dickinson's brother), Phairah Dickinson, Brad and Eli Dickinson, Harriet A'Brial, Bridget and Zack McDonnell, David Jones (Linda Wesley's brother), Ann Cramer (Ruth Smith's aunt), Scott, Kate, and Ella (Cathy Fitzpatrick), Rev. Herbert and Evelyn Day (Nan Herow's parents), Jerry and Betty Chestney, Fanny Place, Martha Baldwin, Doris Vater, Lonnie Vater, Ryan Hawk (Dawn Robinson's son), Maryanne (Harriet A'Brial), Lottye Kate (Barbara Gurbel's great-granddaughter), Hunter (Linda Wendover's nephew), Kay Phillips (Ruth Smith's aunt), Cathy Fitzpatrick, April Leonard, Laura Clark and the Clark family, and Bill Boyles.

**At Mt. Sinai Hospital (Manhattan):** Mike Humbert.

**At Geer Village:** Dorothy Miller.

(77 South Canaan Rd., Canaan, Ct. 06018)

**At Sharon Health Care Center:** Kathryn Mergendahl.

**At Avalon:** Gail Smith (1629 Rte. 376, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590)

**At The Pines:** Muriel Swart (2405 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Troy, NY 12180)

**In the military:** Garrett Cummings, Daniele Casazza, Kyle Moskowitz, Brian Coons, Tyler Larsen - Louise Coons' great grandson, Sarah Anderson (Afghanistan), Matt Cade, Zach McDonnell (Africa), John Cort, Mark Hall, Ron Potter (Kuwait), Jacob Coons, Danny Hoysradt, Nathaniel Chase - Marge's grandson, Brian Montross, Dylan Humbert (Troj and Cole's brother), Eric Wiltsie (Tom and Renee Strudwick's nephew).



Pine Plains Food Locker: June

Monthly Drive Item: Crackers of any kind.

Share a Blessing!

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**July-August 2014**

Submission deadline:

**June 25, 2014**

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