



# 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,

Learning about my grandfather's death was the beginning of my first connection with heaven. Knowing that he was there made it real for me. Heaven is beyond our human comprehension but the Scripture promises that Jesus has prepared a place for in that unseen reality.



David Roper shares a story in this regard about his friend Gus. Gus was a trout fisherman. Weekends usually found him in his little boat on a nearby lake, casting for fish. In a recent letter, his daughter Heidi said she had been talking about heaven with her grandchildren since Gus went to his home in heaven. Her six year old grandson, who also loves to fish, explained what heaven is like and what Great-Grandpa Gus is doing: "It's really beautiful," he mused, "and Jesus is showing Grandpas Gus where the best fishing holes are."

When Paul reported his God-given vision of heaven, words failed him. He said, "I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words" (2Cor. 12:4). Words cannot convey the facts of heaven. But as Mr Roper reminds us although we might gain some comfort from knowing more details about heaven, it is not the knowledge of heaven that assures us; it is our knowledge of God himself. Because we know Him through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, we know how much He loves us and Jesus has promised us that he has prepared a place for us.

Children, in their profound faith, often bring us closer to these divine mysteries. Jesus tells us we must become like children.

With love,  
Carol

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## Upcoming Events

\* Events, dates & times subject to change

### June 2015 Calendar

**Bible Study:** Thursdays at 7 pm.

**Women's Assoc. Mtg:** Thursday June 11 at 1 pm.

**Council of Churches Mtg:** Monday June 15 at 12 pm at the Church of the Regeneration.

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS will be at our church this year. ***Please see Pastor Carol if you are interested in volunteering.***

**Sunday School Closing and Picnic:** Sunday June 21.

**Confirmations:** Sunday June 21. Our confirmands will be Troi Hunter Cookingham and Dariann Watson. Please plan on joining in the celebration! We will be having Communion that Sunday.



On June 21 we will be saying goodbye and thank you to Brendan Kilpatrick as a Sunday School teacher. Brendan has been a Sunday School teacher at FUPC for just over 10 years. He won't be leaving the church, but feels it is time to take his place in the congregation where he will be joined by his new wife, Lena. In the Fall we will welcome Joe Miller from Ancramdale as a new Sunday School teacher, with returning teacher Jessica Peeze.

Brendan says that he has been honored to serve the church as a Sunday School teacher and will miss working closely with the children and their families. He is looking forward to his new family being a part of the church and the Sunday School.

**Congratulations** to Ariel Wapnick, daughter of Dyan Wapnick, who is graduating from Stissing Mountain High School this month. She will be attending Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, Pa. in the fall majoring in Zoo Science.

## Chicken BBQ Thank You

We wish to thank everyone who helped with our annual Memorial Day Chicken BBQ! ***Special thanks to Deb Jackson and Jeanne Valentine-Chase, and also Wesley Chase and the BBQ pit crew, for making all of this possible!*** The money raised goes toward the purchase of fuel oil/electric/water, paying the salaries of our pastor/secretary/Sunday School teachers/custodian, purchasing books and supplies, and much more.

## *Servants' Calendar*



### Liturgist Schedule June-July 2015

|               |                  |                |                |  |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| <b>June 7</b> | <b>June 14</b>   | <b>June 21</b> | <b>June 28</b> |  |
| Margo Jackson | Scott Chase      | Carol Hart     | John Hart      |  |
| <b>July 5</b> | <b>July 12</b>   | <b>July 19</b> | <b>July 26</b> |  |
| Doug Hart     | Linda Bartolomeo | Lynne Clinch   | Jim Petrie     |  |

**SESSION :** Next Session Meeting: Tuesday July 7 @ 7:00 pm

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 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.

## Nepal Earthquake April 2015



*And after the earthquake . . . a sound of sheer silence.  
Then there came a voice . . . that said, "What are you doing here?"*

1 Kings 19:12–13

The scale of the disaster facing Nepal after the April 25 earthquake is becoming clearer. The quake and its aftershocks have left thousands of people dead and thousands more injured. Buildings have been reduced to rubble, and roads, bridges and communication systems have been severely damaged. Its effects have extended to India and other neighboring countries.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas through our partner ACT Alliance and its members, who are already on the ground. PDA will remain active throughout the entire recovery process, accompanying our partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for rebuilding and resilience.

The needs are great. God's people are once again called to stand in the GAP.

**GIVE. ACT. PRAY.**

Yes, I want to help!

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## *Stewardship/Mission*

Each month we are going to highlight something with Stewardship or Mission in the Presbyterian Church USA.

### *‘Over there’ is right here*

Roger Dermody [GAMC Deputy Executive Director for Mission] closed the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) Board’s meeting Sept. 19 with a presentation, an invitation, and a charge. “The Living Missionally initiative seeks to inspire Presbyterian congregations to reach out to their communities through intentional acts of service in Christ’s name, which many of our churches are already naturally doing,” Dermody said. “This is an opportunity for you to get involved because — like Genesis [creation story] — this initiative is ‘formless and void.’” Because the board had just spent a full day on Sept. 18 exploring with Rebekah Basinger — a consultant in fundraising and board education — how to be the kind of board the PMA says the PC(USA) most needs, Dermody’s invitation to its members to contribute to the shaping and success of the initiative was both fitting and timely.

Dermody said that because Presbyterians have sought to be mission-centered from their inception and have a strong, unwavering belief that there is no other way to truly be the church, “this initiative calls us to reaffirm our historic commitment and reclaim our identity to be ministers to the immediate needs and hurts of the people in our neighborhoods and communities.”

“So how is your church — or the churches in your area — living missionally,” Dermody asked the board as he invited them into small group discussions following his presentation. “What can we, the Presbyterian Mission Agency, most strategically do to help move this initiative forward? We want to come away with great ideas.”

One challenge Dermody identified in his small group was how to get congregations to see their neighborhood as the mission field.

“We see mission as being ‘over there,’” he said. “But could there be commissioning services for people who choose to be members of their school board or in sports coaching? We could be more intentional about commissioning lay people who are involved in their communities and get them to see that as a significant part of serving Christ. What is our role in blessing these people?”

Patsy Smith, a ruling elder from Trinity Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City, described a health initiative at her church that is ecumenical in nature. “Twice a year we offer a health education event for older adults,” said Smith. “We talk about things like stroke prevention and cardiac health. At the next event we will talk about end-of-life planning and advance directives. We need to engage the community with these kinds of efforts. We need to encourage churches — large and small — to combine their efforts by joining together and by working ecumenically. The Presbyterian Mission Agency can help by supporting, encouraging, and communicating this.”

Dermody identified the collecting and telling of “good news” stories as a recurring theme among board members in moving the new initiative forward. “What, if when people thought of Presbyterians, they thought about us being out in the community serving,” he asked. “That’s a role where we all have to be in it together. We all have a role of inspiring, equipping, and connecting the PC(USA) to serve Christ in the world.”

Dermody told the board they will see markers of progress when they next meet in April 2015.

“Knowing you have given us some ideas, it’s now on us,” he said. “We’ll have good things to report when we see you again.”

## *Nutrition Corner*

*Lynne Clinch*



I recently requested recipes from the congregation. My intent was to share perhaps family favorites and/or those which were popular at the food sales. I may even be able to show how the recipe may be converted to a more healthy choice. I'm a big proponent of the moderation gang but there are others who really do need to make a true lifestyle change. They are the people I'd like to show how to have their favorites but shave calories, fat or sugar from it as well. The premise is to take the original recipe and make dietary modifications; subtle changes to fit different lifestyles so all may enjoy it. Of course not all recipes will work well but will be fun just sharing. Aside from which I enjoy recipes and look forward to sharing new ones with you, the reader. Pass them on to me in church or email to [clinchl@yahoo.com](mailto:clinchl@yahoo.com)....Thanks!

We've been working on planting our garden. It's finally in the ground. Each year I say not too many plants and each year Bob decides on just 'one more veggie'. I remember the "good ole' days" where you planted and planted. Then at the end you canned for days. That brought to mind the pickles I made 3 years ago and are still eating. Had a chuckle over that....made my own pickle relish too that year. When we grilled hot dogs the other night I opened the last jar. And that leads me to BBQ season.

I made a pasta salad last year and took it to a picnic. It was made with Giardiniera veggies and of course I had to go shopping for them. I thought I'd like to can them this year. Went on line and found out you can marinate the veggies, put lid on and store in refrigerator for 5-6 months. The heat (spice) is controlled but a much longer wait to use. Oil can be used with the vinegar or not but solidifies when refrigerated. So the answer is to can!

What is Giardiniera? It's a mixture of veggies, pickled, and usually served as a condiment or side dish and often mixed into salads. It makes a great antipasto ingredient. It makes a great condiment to bring to a picnic.

I'll give you both a recipe for the sweet and the hot variety so you can choose. The veggies are the same. The marinade changes. It's ready to go if not canning but just note that this recipe needs to be doubled if planning on making 4-6 pints of canned product.

### **Basic Giardiniera Vegetables**

- 1 jar (12-16 oz.) green olives rough chopped
- 1 large yellow onion sliced
- 1-2 garlic cloves sliced thin or grated
- 2 carrots peeled and 1 stalk celery sliced diagonally
- 1 medium cauliflower florets cut into small chunks
- 1 cup broccoli florets (optional but omit in hot version)
- 1/2 both a medium red and green pepper diced – can add yellow and orange too
- 1/4 cup hot pepper or to taste in hot version ONLY

## For the sweet version

1/2 cup white vinegar and cold water

1/4 cup sugar

2 tsp. salt

6 peppercorns

1 Tb. Dry dill weed

## For hot version

1 cup both white vinegar and water

1 Tb. Salt

Directions are the same....Combine ingredients and bring to boil. Add the veggies except the olives and bring to boil for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add the olives. Carefully spoon veggies and liquid into prepared jars leaving 1/4 inch head room. Go to canning process and using water bath process for 10 minutes. Cool. Sweet version can be used within 2 days while it will take 2-3 weeks for the hot version to be acceptable.

There is no limit to the variety of veggies used. You can add green beans, yellow beans, pearl onions, mushrooms, baby corn, banana peppers or even cucumbers. You control the mixture as well as the size you cut the veggies. If you try this recipe let me know what you think.

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**“Wireless communication is nothing new.  
I’ve been praying for 75 years!”**

## *Prayer Requests*

During the coming week, please remember the following people in your daily prayers: the family of Karl Brenner (father of Ronnie Brenner-Walsh), the family of David Cookingham (son of Carol Hart), the family of Kristopher Cuddeback, the family of The Rev. Lee Gartrell, 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:** Sven Haaland family, 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), Ariel Wapnick, Andrea Calo (Bob Clinch), Cathy Roush, Sharon Kelly (Roseanne), Virginia Kemp, 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 (Jannet Watson), Robert (Linda Wendover's grandson), Vinnie Parliman, 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), Lotty 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

The monthly drive item for June is any kind of cracker. Leave in the narthex. Please send \$ donations to the **Pine Plains Food Locker P.O. Box 587 Pine Plains, NY 12567.**

Share a Blessing!

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