

# Agape Harvest

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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](http://www.hudrivpres.org)

**Let the Word of God speak first:**

*“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.”- James 2:14-16*

**From our national denominational leaders:**

The Presbyterian Church U.S.A, Office of Public Witness, is outraged by the senseless murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer. Derek Chauvin. This, in the midst of this of a pandemic where Black people, only 13 percent of the population, account for 23 percent of COVID-19 deaths, points to a larger systemic disregard for Black bodies. The racism, white supremacy, and anti-Blackness so prevalent within our country must end!

Racism is a sin against humanity. Our sacred text tells us that ALL humans are made in God’s image and likeness. As people of faith, we must honor the inherent value and dignity of all people and seek justice when that value and dignity is attacked. We are calling on Presbyterians to take action and “stand against racism in all its myriad forms.”

We urge you contact your member of Congress demanding legislation that defines racialized police violence as a hate crime.

From J. Herbert Nelson who occupies the most active leadership role in the denomination: <https://vimeo.com/424168164>

We, as a denomination, and *we as a church called First United Presbyterian* are **anti-racist**. This rich document defines the work of removing racism from its power holds and gives us steps to take:

[https://www.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/racialjustice/new\\_2016\\_antiracism\\_policy.pdf](https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/racialjustice/new_2016_antiracism_policy.pdf)

Any link meant to be used on the internet that you are unable to access, ask anyone, including Pastor Ryan. We are committed to leaving no one excluded because of technology access. The linked anti-racism policy we shall study together in a myriad of ways and with frequency.

A note from Pastor Ryan: These are times when good and joy show through, made absolutely amazing when we, who are informed by good sources and conscious effort, find horrors stacked upon each other in a previously almost unimaginable layering. This remains no time to be alone when you have God’s people ready and in need of being your help. You may start with me, as you will: [PastorRyanFirstUnited@gmail.com](mailto:PastorRyanFirstUnited@gmail.com) or 518-398-7117.

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## Upcoming Events and Calendar

\* Events dates & times subject to change

**All worship, events, and meetings other than through announced remote means, are cancelled at this time.**

**We meet and worship together *remotely* using Zoom:**

**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>**

**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 June 22 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.*

### June 14

- 11am - Zoom Worship - brings in the June season of celebrating the joy of LGBTQQI folks!
- SECOND EVENT, outdoor gathering - 4pm - Town gathering against racism - @ Town clocktower - face mask required, please

**June 21st** - Worship done in your home; No Zoom/online worship (order of worship included in this newsletter)

**June 22** - 7pm - Zoom worship - MONDAY Daily Prayer to open our Session meeting - all welcome!

**June 28th** - 11am - Worship

**July 5th** - Worship with Communion

June 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Pentecost 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship	June 1 Whit Monday	2	3	4	5	6
7 Trinity Sunday 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship	8	9	10	11 Corpus Christi	12	13
14 Flag Day 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship 4 pm - 5 pm Town Event Against Racism at Clock Tower	15	16	17	18	19 10:30 am - 11:30 am Council of Churches Mtg (Methodist Church)	20
21 Father's Day Sunday Worship in Homes - No Zoom	22 7 pm - 9 pm Session Mtg.	23	24	25	26	27
28 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship	29	30	1	2	3	4 Independence Day

# Worship

## Worship of God for June 21st, 2020 (and adaptable to any day of the year) Third Sunday after Pentecost

*Dear Family of God – this are trying days in God’s beloved world. As Christ’s church, sustained by the Holy Spirit, we have gifts and a call by which to care for one another and for our neighbors. Worship in which we encounter our living God and know ourselves connected to the body continues. We expand our worship into our homes this day, knowing that as we read the same Scripture and share in the same prayers, we are held together.*

*If you are worshiping today simply with this print order, be encouraged to prepare for a time of devotion with God that remains a good offering to God on Sunday, the Day of the Resurrection. Light a candle, or three. If you are gathering for worship with others in your home, find a shared place to spend some time, and take turns reading the Scriptures and prayers aloud. If you have children in the home, it might be special for them to stay in their jammies. See what works best for you. Have your own snacks/foods and good drink for a home coffee hour, if that is good. If it is just you, enjoy this intimate time with God, perhaps write down that which you might share with others in a worship space. You can also call a friend or family member and on speakerphone share in the worship order together. Establish some new home worship routines that will perhaps become precious to you during a daily form of prayer. Know that as you listen, pray, reflect, remember others, you do so in concert with our congregational family and God is there with you. Hold onto this order of worship, so you might use it, with a changing of Scripture reading and new questions you reflect on, any time you wish to worship.*

*It is intended that this worship happens without any need to come into our regular ZOOM telephone call or video online on June 21st, yet for at least a few minutes from 11am, someone will be there if you call or log-in, in case anyone forgets or needs a worship partner.*

**GATHERING** (this begins the worship service for June 21st, in your home)

**Lighting of the Candle** As you light a candle (or turn on your reading lamp), say: *“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”*

**Prayer:** Almighty God, we come to worship you today with open hearts and open minds. We want to hear and receive what you have to say to us in this service. Speak to us today as you spoke to those who went before us. Tell us the stories of your wonders and greatness. We are ready to hear them. Remind us once again of your grace and love. Help us teach your goodness to our children and the next generation. Amen.

### GOD’S WORD

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 10:26-27

26 So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

**Reflection** *For discussion with others, or personal reflection (maybe journal, or on a walk/hike):*

- In what ways are you uncomfortable, restless these days? Is it specific to this time of extremes, or are these things more lasting?
- Surely sometimes you have fear? What are the most regular things/people that trigger fear? What do you do with the fear? Are you only passive and wait for it to go away, or do you have other ways when in fear?
- What have you been “told”/taught/found that you have not shared, even as those things you know could be helpful in the sharing, needed by other, not best kept just between you and God? Do you have any ideas about who (one or some people) might need to hear from you?

## **RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

Song: What song of God, perhaps a hymn, do you know a verse of (or most of a verse) by memory? If you have one or more songs you know, would you be bold enough to sing it now, whether or not you are alone? If you can really not recall one verse of one hymn, make a mental note to grab the next song book you see. I imagine you are like me, and know a lot of them, yet need just a little reminder spark.

## **Offering Ourselves to God**

*You can still send your tithes in to the church by check in the mail: P.O. Box 313 Pine Plains, NY 12567. There are many additional ways to offer ourselves to God. Take a moment now or after worship to phone a person or several who need to hear encouragement that God knows and loves them. Make a quick list of what you intend to do, calls, monetary gifts, and beyond as service to God between now and the next Sunday worship.*

**Prayers** *If you are worshiping with others, you may take turns reading lines. Pause after each line and remember particular related needs in your family/friend group, town/region, and world today. Please remember to contact Pastor Ryan ([PastorRyanFirstUnited@gmail.com](mailto:PastorRyanFirstUnited@gmail.com) or 518-398-7117 if you have needs to share)*

**Today, we are all children of God, here to bless one another.**

**Short and tall, dark and light, bright, laughing, changing, in need of true uplift, dependent on God and others for the most joyous life.**

**Today, we pause to let others they are loved. We pause to remind ourselves and them of our promises we are called to make to them: to guard, guide, and defend them; to protect them from real dangers seen and unseen; to live lives worthy of witness in front of them; to never stop trying to be Spiritually-alive members of the church and ambassadors for Christ everywhere we go.**

**Loving God, bless us that we may be a blessing to our neighbor, that is the one near and far. The one easy to love and those who are challenging.**

**Help us remember who we are and from where we have come. Help us remember the things you have done for us, God, so we can use those recollections as teaching.**

**May we give hope and enthusiasm for the future, as we find those things for our own lives. May we give openness to forgiveness, grace, and love. May your word live in us, inform our moving, and bring light to all the current generations and those to come. Hear this prayer we offer today. Amen.**

**Charge and Blessing** (ends the worship service for June 21st)

Place your trust in the God who sees your need and showers compassion upon you. See others through the compassionate eyes of Christ, and demonstrate God’s love to them. May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

## Mission



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

### Pine Plains Food Locker:

**The monthly drive item for June is crackers.**

**Toiletries are always welcomed.**

**Please send \$ donations to the Pine Plains Food Locker**

**2852 Church Street Pine Plains, NY 12567**

### Willow Roots

Our church secured a grant of \$1000 from our denomination which we are using to support Willow Roots in Pine Plains, which is run by Nelson and Lisa Zayas with the help of many volunteers. This grass-roots organization has grown in a short time to where it is feeding about 121 people a week, supported by local restaurants, and our mission committee felt this was a vitally important outreach in our community and that this money would best be put to use towards their ongoing mission (see below).

*The mission of Willow Roots, Inc. is to alleviate hunger and prevent food waste by identifying the resources and opportunities available to individuals, families, in the Pine Plains community to enhance their self-reliance.*

*Our vision is of a peaceful and sustainable world based on communities living in harmony with nature; to halt and reverse environmental degradation and depletion of natural resources; nurturing the Earth's ecological and cultural diversity, and securing sustainable livelihoods.*

*We are committed to bringing and creating a desirable, safe, and productive environment that allows and fosters positive and creative efforts to better the lives of all people regardless of race, religion, economic status, or sexual orientation. We fully embrace the diversity, complexity, and the uniqueness that all people should be allowed to express safely and without judgement. Our mission is to bridge these elements into a cohesive and acceptable manner that brings well-being for our planet and all those in need in the Pine Plains community by using available resources for all.*

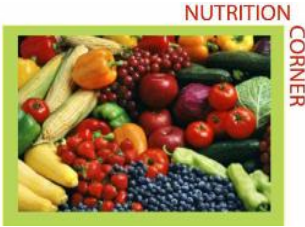
### Council of Churches - Vacation Bible School

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.

## 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](mailto:schase560@yahoo.com) or call (518) 398-5247. Thank you for all you do.

## What you didn't know you needed to know



*Lynne Clinch*

One has to say, it's been an interesting few months. Learned a few things along the way too. Almost every aspect of our lives has changed including grocery shopping. It's amazing what you can learn to live without. It's also amazing to discover you like cooking/baking and don't have to go out to have a great meal. You can do it yourself. I had never experienced limitations on items in the grocery store to this extent but it's real. Can't find yeast, limited in buying milk and eggs, flour, chicken etc. Your favorite flavored creamer not on the shelf. Well time to go on a search for the recipe.

Well, my food/recipe sites have come in handy and I'm about to pass that info on. Didn't know that I needed to know how to make my flavored creamer from scratch, but I did. And you know what? It's cheaper and tastes good so I call that a win-win. Very simple once you buy half and half.

### **Homemade Vanilla Creamer** **16 servings of 2 T. each**

¼ cup water  
½ cup powdered sugar  
1 ¼ cup half and half  
1 T. vanilla

Combine and warm the water and sugar until dissolved. Add vanilla and stir well. This will evaporate the alcohol in the vanilla. Let cool. Pour into a container like a mason jar and add the half and half and give it a shake. Other flavors can be added at this point; chocolate or any other syrups, hazelnut, and spices such as pumpkin or cinnamon. What fun!

- I also found another creamer recipe made with 1 ¾ c. milk, 14 ounces condensed milk and 2 tsp. vanilla. As about a variety of flavors can be used to enhance the taste. I'm not a fan of having to be aware of expiration of milk and therefore of creamer.
- Flour is in short supply too. Need to use cake flour? Make your own. For each cup of all-purpose flour (AP flour) remove 2 T. and replace with 2 T. cornstarch. Sift 3 to 4 times to combine well.
- Self-rising flour needed? Take 5 C. AP flour, 7 ½ tsp. baking powder and 2 ½ tsp. salt. Sift several times and you are all set.
- Homemade Bisquick tastes better and is healthier and is easily used. The basic recipe is....

5 c. AP flour  
¼ c. baking powder  
2 T sugar  
1 Tsp salt  
1 c. butter or shortening

Sift dry ingredients together and cut in butter until crumbly. Store in air tight container in refrigerator. If using shortening and be left at room temperature. Can be made gluten free by using gluten free flour and increasing baking powder by 2 T.

- Homemade powdered sugar could not be easier. Take 1 cup sugar and put in blender. Start and wait. Any amount of sugar can be used but works best with 1 cup at a time. This works!
- Common baking emergencies:
  - Buttermilk – for 1 c. use 1 T lemon juice or vinegar plus enough milk to make a cup. Let stand 5 min and use the sour milk as substitute. Also 1 c. plain yogurt would work.
  - Honey - for 1 cup substitute 1 ¼ c. sugar plus ¼ c. water

- Margarine – for 1 c. substitute 1 c. butter or 1 c. shortening plus ¼ tsp salt.
- Baking powder - for 1 tsp substitute ½ tsp cream of tartar plus ¼ tsp baking soda
- Whole vanilla bean equals 1 T. vanilla
- Molasses – for 1 cup substitute 1 c. honey
- Brown sugar equals 1 cup sugar plus 2 T. molasses
- Balsamic vinegar – For 1 T use 1 T cider or red wine vinegar plus ½ tsp sugar
- Mascarpone cheese – for each ounce use equal amounts of cream cheese

I know I've enjoyed making a few mash-up recipes simply because I didn't have something. Just don't be afraid of making a mistake because in these times there are no mistakes, just adventures. Happy cooking....



June is Pride Month, an annual celebration commemorating the 1969 Stonewall Riots, which took place in New York City and launched the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer rights movement in the United States. Pride Month is also a time to honor the many contributions of LGBTQ individuals. Please take a moment to reflect on this poem by Cameron Awkward-Rich. (from poets.org)

### **Centó Between the Ending and the End**

Sometimes you don't die  
 when you're supposed to  
 & now I have a choice  
 repair a world or build  
 a new one inside my body  
 a white door opens  
 into a place queerly brimming  
 gold light so velvet-gold  
 it is like the world  
 hasn't happened  
 when I call out  
 all my friends are there  
 everyone we love  
 is still alive gathered  
 at the lakeside  
 like constellations  
 my honeyed kin  
 honeyed light  
 beneath the sky

a garden blue stalks  
 white buds the moon's  
 marble glow the fire  
 distant & flickering  
 the body whole bright-  
 winged brimming  
 with the hours  
 of the day beautiful  
 nameless planet. Oh  
 friends, my friends—  
 bloom how you must, wild  
 until we are free.





During the coming month, please remember the following people in your daily prayers: those who love George Floyd, the family and friends of Travis Perry (Pastor Ryan's former football coach), the family and friends of Stacey Wilson (mother of Sam Chase's friend), the family and friends of Dale Thorton, the family and friends of Stanley Kilmer (Dot Whitaker's cousin) who died of COVID-19, the family and friends of those essential workers who have died while serving during COVID lockdown, 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:** Kellie 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, Donald Cerniglia, 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:** Joey Bayne, Pierre Mesnard, Spencer Johnson (Iraq), Jason Craddock, Patrick Brooks, Garrett Pendleton (South Korea), Keith Jackson (Saudi Arabia), 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.*

### June 7 - Trinity Sunday

Middletown, Scotchtown

Middletown, United

### June 14 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Livingston Manor, For Faith Parish

PC(USA) United Nations Office

### June 21 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

Mahopac, First

Jean Kaiser, Office Manager, Presbytery

Presbyterian Men

### June 28 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Millerton, First

Milton, First

Presbyterian Historical Society

## Share a Blessing!

Next issue:

**July/August 2020**

Submission deadline:

**June 25, 2020**

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