



# 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,

The most well-known and beloved of all the Psalms is Psalm 23. I learned it when I was young and it was made real to me in the green pastures and still waters of Pine Plains.

Unfortunately I forget its amazing message of God's provision, compassion, direction and presence. Sometimes it helps to read the Scripture in a fresh translation and so I share Susan Secrest Waters' translation.



*The Lord is my Counselor,  
I shall not try to solve things on my own.  
He encourages me to trust Him.  
He teaches me to listen in quietness & stillness to His voice,  
He calms my anxious heart.  
He guides me down the paths that are best for me,  
Even when I think I know better.  
When I walk through the valley of frustration, worry, fear and overwhelmingness,  
He reminds me that He never sleeps or takes holidays off.  
I need not fear being alone, for He is always with me.  
His wisdom and advice, they comfort me.  
He knows everything that is going on in my life, but it remains confidential with Him.  
Blessings overflow through my sessions with Him.  
Surely my future is secure as I dwell in the house of the Lord, leaving my problems at His feet, and follow His advice that is free of charge, all the days of my life!*

With love,  
Carol

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## *Upcoming Events*

\* Events, dates & times subject to change

### **May 2015 Calendar**

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

**Women's Assoc. Mtg:** Thursday May 14 at 1 pm.

**Council of Churches Mtg:** Monday May 18 at 12 pm at the Church of the Regeneration.

**Chicken BBQ:** Memorial Day May 25 after the parade. Signup sheets for helpers are in the Fellowship Hall. Takeouts Only. See Shirley for tickets: all dinners are \$14.

### **Thank You**

On behalf of the Women's Association we would like to thank all those who made this year's rummage sale a huge success. The total for this year's rummage sale is \$ 2,200.15 which exceeds last year's total. The food sale alone took in \$ 700 which is the best we have ever done in the kitchen.

We also wish to thank Loretta Marshall for the beautiful handmade afghan and Linda Wendover for the beautiful handmade quilt which was raffled off. Linda also secured a gift certificate for dinner at the Texas Road House in Kingston. We thank her for that as well as the Texas Road House. The afghan was won by Dorothy Whitaker, the quilt was won by Karen Allen and the gift certificate was won by Linda Shapiro-Zochol.

We are so thankful to have the support of our church family and friends. We couldn't do it without you.



Service for David Cookingham will be at the Pine Plains Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.  
Calling hours at Peck & Peck Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 pm.

Services for The Rev. Lee Gartrell will be Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at the Reformed Church of New Paltz, 92 Huguenot Street.

**Condolences for Lee Gartrell:**

Joyce Gartrell  
100 Woodland Pond Circle, Apt. 444  
New Paltz, NY 12561

## *Servants' Calendar*



### **Liturgist Schedule May-June 2015**

<b>May 3</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>May 24</b>	<b>May 31</b>
Linda Bartolomeo	Lynne Clinch	Jim Petrie	Dyan Wapnick	Erik Lindmark
<b>June 7</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>June 28</b>	
Margo Jackson	Scott Chase	Carol Hart	John Hart	

**SESSION :** Next Session Meeting: Tuesday June 2 @ 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:** June (Dyan), 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.

***We are organizing a Youth Group. Please see Pastor Carol if you would like to participate.***

## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to earthquake disaster in Nepal

The death toll from the massive earthquake in Nepal continues to rise. Nearly 4,000 are known dead and more than 6,000 were injured when the 7.8 quake struck just west of the capital of Kathmandu on April 25. The quake, the worst in more than 80 years, along with many serious aftershocks has also caused damage in parts of India and Bangladesh.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas with our partner, ACT Alliance and its members who are already on the ground. Immediate response will help provide needed food, water, supplies and medicine to the impacted towns and villages. As long term recovery plans are developed, PDA will accompany and further financially support our partners in the area to insure that a comprehensive recovery is sustained.

**The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" – Give. Act. Pray.**

**Give:** Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR999999 with reference to Nepal. Gifts can be made [online](#), by phone [\(800\) 872-3283](tel:8008723283) weekdays between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (EST), or checks can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburg, PA 15264-3700.

**Act:** Learn how your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and [like](#) us on Facebook, [download resources](#) and share updates with your congregation.

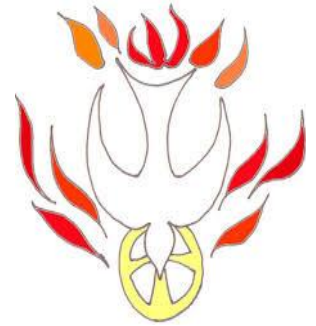
**Pray:** Pray for those who suffered loss of family or those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

For more information, visit [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda).

***"And after the earthquake....the sound of sheer silence,  
and a Voice said: 'what are you doing here?'" (1 Kings  
19:12-13)***

**Be the presence of God with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the people of Nepal.**

## ***Pentecost - 10 things you should know***



**We will be celebrating Pentecost on Sunday, May 24.**

1. Pentecost Sunday marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles.
2. Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days after Easter.
3. The Bible records the Pentecost in Acts 2:1-13.
4. Pentecost comes 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus Christ.
5. Pentecost is also known as "the birthday of the Church".
6. Pentecost fulfills Jesus' promise to send the "Counselor" and "Spirit of Truth" in John 16:5-15.
7. Pentecost launches the large-scale spreading of the Gospel after Jesus' ascension. Acts 2:41 records that after Peter spoke to the crowd after receiving the Holy Spirit, some 3,000 people were baptized.
8. The Pentecostal movement derives its name from the New Testament event in Acts 2.
9. Jews also celebrate Pentecost, but not for the same reason as Christians. The celebration by Jews of Pentecost is to observe God giving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai 50 days after the Exodus. The Pentecost in Jewish tradition takes place 50 days after Passover.
10. In Western Churches, Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.

*From the Christian Post.*



## *Nutrition Corner*

*Lynne Clinch*



### **Mother's Day Brunch**

At this past months Women's Association meeting I asked the ladies for help with my newsletter article. I'd written quite a few and was running out of ideas. They offered several suggestions which I have now filed away. Then Sunday after church this week we were treated to coffee hour hosted by Jen Chase. She had a lovely and tasty brunch. As I was eating my mind started working and I decided what I was going to write about this month. It occurred to me that while I was in Florida this year I was having company one Saturday. Of course you have to feed them! What to do....It would be too early to have lunch and too late to have breakfast. Brunch was the answer --- a combination of the meals.

So what do you make? Develop a menu first. For me it's making a list of foods I think would be good. Then crossing items off until I get to something well balanced, goes together, is easy to have on the table at the same time and most important, is tasty. In my case I went to the computer and researched recipes. I finally decided on oven French toast, sausage links, fresh cut up fruit, orange juice and coffee cake. The toast was put together the night before, taken out of the refrigerator while the oven heated and baked off that morning.

So as you prepare to fix that special brunch and start searching for recipes a few definitions are necessary. What's the difference between a strata and frittata and omelet and quiche....Here is the basic answer.

- Omelet is thin layer of scrambled egg slowly cooked undisturbed in fry pan on top of stove with fillings added rolled onto itself then on a plate.
- Frittata is egg/milk mixture that has fillings cooked into it and not added on top like an omelet. Often is finished in the oven after being started on top of the stove.
- Strata is a casserole made by pouring egg/milk mixture over bread or bread cubes that have a mixture of meat, veggies and/or cheese. It is left to soak overnight in the refrigerator, taken out the next day and baked in oven.
- Quiche is similar to frittata but mixture is poured into unbaked pie shell and baked in oven.

Whichever you decide to do make it easy on yourself. Make sure you have time to enjoy the time visiting. And be sure to include a sweet treat. That could be a yogurt parfait, coffee cake, muffins or scones. Scones? What is that! Well since you asked here is a quick and easy recipe.

## Scones

Oven 375 degrees bake 20-25 minutes

3 cups baking mix\*  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 cup yogurt (or sour cream)  
1/3 cup milk  
1 Tbsp. vanilla  
1 cup chocolate chips any flavor

Mix altogether until just combined. Turn onto floured board and knead gently 10 times. Pat into approximately 9 inch circle. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar mixture then cut into 8 wedges. Bake until golden brown.

\*9 cups flour, 1/4 c. baking powder, 1 Tbsp. Salt and 2 c. shortening. Cut the shortening into the other dry ingredients. Store in airtight container in cool dry spot or freezer. This recipe differs from the previous one I gave in February in that it has no dry milk in it. Your choice....

I remember seeing recently an idea I thought I'd use in the future. You use frozen shredded potatoes as a crust like a quiche. Also mixed with egg put into muffin tin. Use fingers or small juice glass push up sides and thin out bottom. Bake until golden. Take out of oven, break egg into each one and put back in oven. OR make a frittata mixture and pour into each potato cup. Bake.

What about the bacon you say. Well that can be done in the oven on a broiler pan, 350 degrees for about 15 minutes. Same thing with sausage patties – bake in oven. Do the links in fry pan on top of range with just a small amount of water added to avoid burning. Keep covered.

So now that you have the information you can put together that menu. No better day to do it than Mother's Day. Have it before church or after. There is no greater gift then to do something nice for another person. It will be appreciated despite the skill level of the "chef".



**Note: Lynne Clinch is looking for your favorite family recipes. You can either catch her in church or email her at [clinchl@yahoo.com](mailto:clinchl@yahoo.com).**

## The Writing on the Wall: A Poem for Mother's Day

A simple poem has been circulating on the Internet by an unknown author. It speaks of unconditional love in a beautiful way: A weary mother returned from the store, lugging groceries through the kitchen door. Awaiting her arrival was her eight year-old son, eager to relate what his younger brother had done.

“While I was out playing and Dad was on a call,  
 T.J. took his crayons and wrote on the wall!  
 It’s on the new paper you just hung in the den.  
 I told him you’d be mad at having to do it again.”  
 She let out a moan and furrowed her brow.  
 “Where is your little brother right now?”  
 She emptied her arms and with a purposeful stride,  
 She marched to his closet where he had gone to hide.  
 She called his full name as she entered his room.  
 He trembled with fear--he knew that meant doom!  
 For the next ten minutes, she ranted and raved  
 About the expensive wallpaper and how she had saved.  
 Lamenting all the work it would take to repair,  
 She condemned his actions and total lack of care.  
 The more she scolded, the madder she got,  
 Then stomped from his room, totally distraught!  
 She headed for the den to confirm her fears.  
 When she saw the wall, her eyes flooded with tears.  
 The message she read pierced her soul with a dart.  
 It said, “I love Mommy,” surrounded by a heart.  
 Well, the wallpaper remained, just as she found it,  
 With an empty picture frame hung to surround it.  
 A reminder to her, and indeed to all,  
 Take time to read the handwriting on the wall. [Source Unknown]





## *Prayer Requests*

During the coming week, please remember the following people in your daily prayers: 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:** Lynn (Linda Wendover's sister), Bridget, Riley Camburn (Mort Jackson's great-grandson), 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 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, Bridget and Zack McDonnell, 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

The monthly drive item for May is canned vegetables and fruit. 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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**May 25, 2015**

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