

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:



Jesus said "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

These words remind us of the critical reality of our life in Christ. We sometimes think we can do things in our own power and that we don't need anyone's help but if we are truly going to be a positive force for God's love in our often dark and needy world we need to be *connected*, connected with the true Source of love, light, nourishment and life, Jesus Christ our Lord, the True Vine.

Today we have many ways of staying connected with each other, cell phones, tablets, computers as well as the more traditional letter, card and actual visit. Our relationship with God however is our everlasting connection from which all good and nourishing fruit comes. Apart from that connection in Christ we can do nothing.

St. Paul underlines the reality of this connection and the amazing fruit it produces - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22) These are critical gifts that our children and youth, our men and women near and far, people of all walks of life and in all places need.

The New Testament book of Hebrews reminds us "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we can spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:23-25).

Our worship and praise, our prayer and our fellowship with one another are critical ways of keeping connected with Jesus, the True Vine, as is our love for God shown forth in our love for others. The Christian life is all about being connected to him.

We have only to think of a beautiful lamp, if its plug is pulled out of its electrical outlet it gives no light, it is no longer useful. The same goes for any electrical appliance, without its power source it is useless. How much more do we want to be truly connected to our divine power source, Jesus Christ the True Vine, so we can show forth the wonders of his love and grace?

With love in Christ our Risen Lord,
Carol

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Upcoming Events, Notices

* Events dates & times subject to change

All meetings/events in the Fellowship Hall unless stated otherwise.

Bible Study: Thursdays at 7 pm.

Session Mtg: Tuesday May 1 at 7 pm.

Women's Assoc.: Thursday May 10 at 1:00 pm.

Council of Churches: Friday May 18 at 10:30 am at St Anthony's Church.

Rural Life Sunday Service: This service of the Dutchess County Grange will be held at our Church Sunday May 6 at 4 pm followed by an Italian Buffet dinner at 5 pm (\$10 donation). Everyone is welcome! See Ryan for more information.

Chicken BBQ: Monday May 28, pickup after the parade. Carol Hart will have tickets.



Women's Assoc. Rummage Sale Report

The Women's Association would like to thank everyone who helped to make our annual rummage and food sale a success. We made \$2,460.95. This year we had many people show up on the Sunday prior to the sale to set up tables and bring boxes in from the basement and garage, others who stayed and emptied those boxes, others who worked tirelessly all week to arrange and mark, others who cooked and baked, others who were there to sell and of course those who came back on Saturday afternoon to clean up. As they say, "many hands make light work".

For fear of missing someone I will not name our helpers individually, you know who you are, please know how grateful we are for you all!

Carol Hart

Coming to Know My gr-gr-grandfather Fred Knickerbocker through his letters and photographs: A Coming of Age on a Pine Plains Farm via Honolulu and the Spanish American War ~ Justin Kemp with Melodye Moore

Tuesday, May 1 at 5:30 pm
Free Admission
At the Dutchess County Historical Society Annual Meeting at Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library and Museum, Hyde Park
Kindly RSVP if possible to bill.jeffway@dchsny.org or by calling 845-293-7711
www.DCHSNY.org



Servants' Calendar



Liturgist April - May 2018

May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	
Dyan Wapnick	Lynne Clinch	Jim Petrie	Roberta Cerniglia	
June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24	
Carol Hart	John Hart	Scott Chase	Doug Hart	

Communion: May – Scott Chase

Session Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month

Next Session Meeting: Tuesday May 1 at 7:00 pm

SESSION: Kathy Bartles, Bob Clinch, Jeanne Valentine-Chase, Scott Chase, Jim Jackson, and Linda Wendover.

Treasurer: Scott Chase

Clerk of Session: Kathy Bartles

Moderator: Pastor Carol Miller

DEACONS: Roberta Cerniglia, Lynne Clinch, Dora Hage, Carol Hart, and John Hart.

Deacon Schedule:

1st Sunday: John Hart

2nd Sunday: Carol Hart

3rd Sunday: Lynne Clinch

4th Sunday: Dora Hage

5th Sunday: Roberta Cerniglia

NUTRITION

CORNER



By Lynne Clinch

Recipes from the Ladies

It never fails! When a group of ladies get together, no matter what the event, the topic of conversation will lead eventually to food; and in specific recipes. This is what happened at the rummage sale in April. Rae Hart and I were talking (imagine that) and I mentioned sharing recipes in the newsletter nutritional corner. Family favs was the goal. The very next day she brought me in several. I'll use them all in the next several months. Join the band wagon and share some favorites. I might add I'm happy to be home again but the warm weather didn't follow me as quickly as it should. For that reason I'm still using my crockpot. That is the introduction to the first recipe.

Mahogany Roasted Chicken

Wisk together: ¼ cup soy sauce, honey, and orange juice
 ½ cup ketchup
 2 T. Corn starch
 ¼ tsp. hot sauce, more to taste if desired (hot sauce is optional)

Pour this mixture over chicken thighs, boneless or bone in, and arrange in single layer in oiled roasting pan. Bake at 450 degrees for 40 minutes or crockpot for 6 hours on low. Add starch and veggie and you have a meal. Any cut of chicken will work. Just check for doneness to be on the safe side.

Rae recommends the following recipe because it's easy and is delish and very crockpot friendly.

Beef Burgundy

3 lbs. bite size beef cubes, browned in small batches (can flour, S&P, as desired)

2 containers sliced mushrooms (1 lb. total) sauté in same fry pan as beef. Then deglaze with ½ cup burgundy wine. (If you prefer use beef broth instead.) Put browned beef and mushrooms in Dutch oven or crockpot and add 3 cans cream of mushroom soup and 1 package Lipton onion soup. Mix well and bake in 325 oven for 3 hours. Or cook on low for 6 hours if using the crockpot. Serve over rice or noodles.

Orange Meringue Pie

Margo Jackson sent this recipe to me to share and I thank her for it. We all know the lemon meringue version and I will be trying this orange version very soon. (Margo's mom's favorite to have made for her; from *Betty Crocker's Cookbook*, 1976, New York: Golden Press, p. 333)

CRUST

Prepare and bake a 9-inch one-crust pie shell at 475 degrees for 8-10 mins. then let it cool.

FILLING

1 c. sugar
 3 tbsp. cornstarch
 3 egg yolks, slightly beaten (save whites for the meringue)
 1 c. orange juice
 1/2 c. water
 3 tbsp. butter
 1 tbsp. lemon juice
 1 tbsp. grated orange peel

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees. Stir together sugar and cornstarch in medium saucepan. Blend egg yolks, orange juice and water; gradually stir into sugar mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils.

Boil and stir 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in butter, lemon juice and orange peel. Immediately pour into baked pie shell.

Heap meringue onto hot pie filling; spread over filling, carefully sealing meringue to edge of crust to prevent shrinking or weeping. Bake about 100 minutes or until a delicate brown. Cool away from draft.

MERINGUE

3 egg whites
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
6 tbsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Beat egg whites and cream of tartar until foamy. Beat in sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time; continue beating until stiff and glossy. *Do not underbeat.* Beat in vanilla.

The above recipes sound excellent and I know I'll be making them soon. Get your favorites to me soon so they can be included in the next issue.

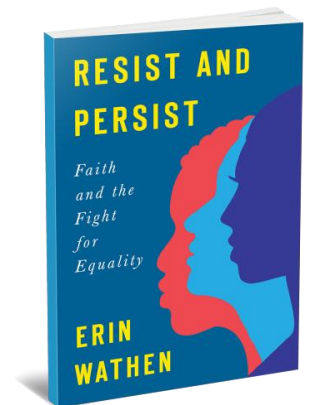
Resist and Persist: Faith and the Fight for Equality

New from Westminster/John Knox Press! Patheos blogger and Disciples of Christ pastor Erin Wathan's book champions the crucial role the church must play in advancing women's equality.

In a starred review, Publishers Weekly states, "Wathan looks at society and Christianity through a feminist and antiracist lens, mounting powerful arguments about why it's essential to raise boys as feminists and how social media can be especially dangerous for women."

Each of Wathan's chapters ends with a set of questions for discussion, a helpful tool for teachers and professors. This trenchant book is a much-needed manifesto for twenty-first-century Christian feminism."

Read more and find out where to purchase: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/new-book-explores-the-churchs-role-in-advocating-for-womens-equality/>



An Easter Prayer

When the world was young
at that first sunrise
and the new light
held a promise
of new days
and fresh mornings
The Word spoke...

...When the Word spoke
and creation sparked
and the alleluias unfolded
the dawn was set free...

...When the dawn was set free
the trees clapped hands
and mountains bowed
and the birds sang a new song
fresh every morning...

...Fresh every morning
the day holds a hope
that this day is God's
and this day holds the promise
and this day is a new beginning...

...A new beginning
is the song of the morning
that takes the shadows of night
and paints them gold and green
for the earth rejoices...

...The earth rejoices
for stones have rolled
and tombs have been empties
and angels are whispering
and death has been conquered...

...Death has been conquered
and resurrection
has left footprints in the dew
that tell us
he has gone ahead of us
he is not among the dead
he is not here...

Fannie Place's Obituary

Pine Plains, NY – Fannie Place, 100, passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Vassar Brother's Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY.

She was born on March 4, 1918 in Dover Plains, NY the daughter of Vernon J. and Minnie (Lawrence) Cookingham.

A homemaker and member of the Pine Plains Presbyterian Church. She also enjoyed playing cards, working in her garden. She would take bus trips frequently and was a past member of the Pine Plains Grange.

On September 30, 1935 in Town of North East, NY she married Charles Place. He predeceased her on July 9, 1956.

Survivors include her son, Charles V. Place and his wife Carol of Millerton, NY; six grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; a sister, Marion Pedersen of Sharon, CT;

She was predeceased by a daughter, Kathryn E. Law, seven brothers, Herbert, Melvin, Lawrence, Frank, Walt, Edward and Ernest; and three sisters, Mildred Baker, Harriet McGhee and Alice M. Chase.

Calling hours are Tuesday, May 1, 2018 from 4 to 7 PM at Peck & Peck Funeral Home 7749 South Main St. Pine Plains, NY.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 10 AM from the funeral home with Rev. Carol Miller officiating.

Interment will follow in Raymond Hill Cemetery in Carmel, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pine Plains Presbyterian Church PO Box 313 Pine Plains, NY 12567.

To sign the online register please visit peckandpeck.net.

News from Presbytery

Offices propose name change from ‘racial-ethnic’ to ‘people of color’

By Gail Strange | Presbyterian News Service



Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns, Racial Ethnic & Women’s Ministries recommend use of term throughout the PC(USA)

LOUISVILLE – In response to a referral from the 222nd General Assembly (2016) directing the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns (ACREC) to work with the Office of Racial Ethnic & Women’s Ministries (RE&WM) of the Presbyterian Mission Agency to determine more appropriate terminology than “racial-ethnic,” ACREC has recommended that the 223rd General Assembly (2018):

1. Direct all six agencies of the PC(USA) to replace references to “racial-ethnic people” with “people of color” in all documents, parlance and programs from this point forward.
2. Direct ACREC to change its name to “Racial Equity Advocacy Committee” (REAC).
3. Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board and the Committee on the Office of General Assembly to change ACREC to REAC in all documents, parlance and programs.

In a collaborative effort between ACREC members and RE&WM staff, theological and racial justice experts were consulted to determine the most appropriate name. After prayerful consideration it was concluded that “people of color” should replace “racial-ethnic people” within official PC(USA) documents, parlance and programs.

ACREC’s goal is to ensure that the terminology changes will be made denomination-wide. And, while the first recommendation assumes the agencies will immediately update all web-based references of “racial-ethnic people” to “people of color,” in the spirit of good stewardship, existing supplies of printed materials will be depleted prior to reprinting. Newly printed materials will reflect the revised language.

The Rev. Thomas H. Priest Jr., vice chair of ACREC, said the committee worked with RE&WM and all agreed that the term “racial-ethnic” no longer represented the work and ministry for people of color.

The group reached the conclusion that based on their research, “people of color” better defined the work and ministry among people who are adversely affected by white supremacy and its components that perpetuate systems of white privilege and power.

Priest said, “Current and past ACREC members recognized that many racial concerns evolved from not being at the table where policy and governing decisions were/are made. Therefore, it is not about only addressing racial concerns but achieving racial equity by diverse voices participating in church governance.”

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/offices-propose-name-change-from-racial-ethnic-to-people-of-color/>



Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: the family of Fannie Place, 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: Ken Blackmar, Walter Krummenacher (Deb Jackson), Ron and Judy Parliman, George Koch, Mike Howay, Danny McGhee (Dorothy), Robert Wendover, Marge Palmer, Bill Dobie, Kim McDonnell (Cathy Fitzpatrick), Gene Gernigan, Barbara Gurbel, Deb Philips (Linda Wendover), Phil Amelio, Ron Osofsky, Darcy Hay (Linda Wendover), Cliff and Eleanor Goldsmith, Lauren (Judy and Ron's granddaughter), Courtney, Daniel Hegarty III, Gregg Pulver, Cookie Pecorella, Andy Babcock, Alyce Larkin, Ray and Kathy Enright, Chrissy McBeth, Ben Curtis (Linda Wendover), Bill Hendrickson (Lynne Clinch's brother), Bridget and Aylee, Tina Brunow (Cindy and Roberta), Dave Filipe, Joe Imperato, Steve Bracey, Lauranne Oliver, Jeanette Finkle, Harriet A'Brial, Marietta (Linda Rosado's daughter), Arlene Brower, Whitney and family (Susan), Chun Ok Blackie (Jim and Margo Jackson's sister-in-law), Caitlin Edge (Deb), Elaine Hage, Joann Amelio, Jen (Linda Wendover), Kim Bloodgood, Virginia Kemp, Mort Jackson, Luane Ballantine, Ruth Hart, Mary Douglass, Debra Rose, the family of Georges St. Laurent, Laura Dennis, Trudie Wilson, Marge (Laurie), the family of Lizzie Burger, Marjorie Bright, Lisa Spear, Karen Lane (Marva), Judy MacMorran (Barbara Gurbel's daughter), Debbie (Laurie), Helen Robinson, Shirley and Waldy MacPherson, Brittany, Debbie Kinney, Lotty Kate (Barbara Gurbel's great-granddaughter), Jennie Clark, Mikayla Clark.

At Thompson House: George Dennis

At The Manor at Woodside: Helen Travis and Rod Davis

At Noble Horizons: Rev. Herb Day

At Geer Village: Phyllis Ronner

At Geer Rehab: Dorothy Miller

At Sharon Health Care Center: Marion Doyle, Vinny Masarelli.

At The Pines: Muriel Swart

At the Baptist Home: Mary Jo Glozier, Betty Clinch, Dolly Thorpe

In the military or Reserves: Garrett Pendleton (South Korea), Zane King (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, Nathaniel Chase - Reserves (Marge's grandson), Dylan Humbert (Troii 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

Pine Plains Food Locker:

The monthly drive item for May is canned vegetable or fruit.

Toiletries are always welcomed.

Please send \$ donations to the Pine Plains Food Locker

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Share a Blessing!

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Submission deadline:

May 25, 2018

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