

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.

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

The Holy Spirit at Work

Scripture Reading — [Acts 2:1-13](#)

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. — [Acts 2:4](#)

On May 23 we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost. This is what is called a moveable feast on the lectionary calendar, meaning it occurs on a different date in different years.

“Pentecost is not just something found in the New Testament, it is actually an Old Testament holiday tied with the Feast of Harvest, or the Feast of Weeks, noting the beginning of harvesttime.” Jewish people call their celebration *Shavuot*.

“Both Shavuot and Pentecost are celebrated after a count of seven weeks—which is why one means ‘weeks’ and the other means ‘fifty’ (7×7=49). Shavuot is celebrated seven weeks after [Passover](#), and Pentecost is celebrated seven weeks after Easter. This is not a coincidence. The Greek term ‘Pentecost’ is used by some authors of the [Septuagint](#) (an ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible) and by the author of Acts to refer to the Jewish celebration of Shavuot. Just as Easter (in Greek *pascha*) is a holiday derived of an adaptation of the Jewish Passover, so too Pentecost is a holiday that is derived from an adaptation of Shavuot. But for more than a thousand years, they have been very different holidays for their respective communities, with different meanings and rituals.”

In Jesus’ time, at Pentecost (Shavuot), “religious pilgrims would travel to Jerusalem from faraway lands. So ‘God-fearing Jews

from every nation’ are present for this event.

“A blowing, violent wind is followed by what appears to be tongues of fire separating and resting on the disciples. People from many nations gather to see what is going on. And something bewildering and wonderful occurs. Everyone can understand what is being said!

“The words of the disciples find their mark because those who are listening can hear the message in their own language. The Tower of Babel ([Genesis 11:1-9](#)), where God confused the people’s language, is reversed by the Holy Spirit so that people throughout the crowd can understand one another. And people are wondering, “What does this mean?”

“A harvest of souls is being gathered. This is an example of what Jesus meant when he taught his disciples: ‘Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for the harvest’” ([John 4:35](#)).

Prayer

“Lord of the harvest, thank you for sending your Spirit to empower us to be your witnesses in word and deed. May our words be guided and even translated by your Spirit. Amen.”

*Sources:
Today, by Julius Mendelblik
My Jewish Learning*

Pastor's Letter

You have heard me, reflecting the Scriptures, call sometimes of waiting good, and others less so. Well, in two ways, the wait is rightly (partially or fully) finally over!

For one, if you are fully-vaccinated, the worship of God needs you in-person as often as that is good. We are going to keep evolving how we worship, yet we are not going to go wild. The chances are I am more cautious than you. When you are physically present, you always change worship for the better; I know not all of you will believe me, yet it is no less true. I have a vision of all these Sundays ahead, with a bright light on the Sunday of **Pentecost, May 23rd!** Often called the birthday of the church universal, wear your reddest red! Actually bring red fabrics and art pieces to put in our worship space. It seems to me that never in our lifetimes have we ever be more primed to fully know what it is when the Holy Spirit blows through us in that gathered worship. If you are present, you are a part of the winds of change and illumination! Please come every week, and put a special protection of that time to be with us on May 23rd for a celebration! We will then see those summer rhythms come, beautiful in their own ways, but it may take until mid-September before we are all collected again. So let's take the Sundays coming to be together, colored in the bright red of God's Spirit on May 23rd!

The second hope and invitation, is that now with the new protections, we can finally enjoy what would have been the season of one year ago. That is, a new pastor gets individual time with each of the saints collected as First United. So, a peaceful imperative rather than many things that are more optional: I would like time with each of you. Think about the average visit of this type being 25 mins - 1hr. When you write or call to make a plan, we can select a walk/hike, or to sit at the church in the most comfortable seats, you might ask me over to your home, or we might sit somewhere public that has coffee or a snack. So many options! I know most of us have had *some* time together by now, but this invitation is to something more individual, less specific, and more deep as you are willing. We have already waited so long, so don't delay in contacting me to schedule. We'll plan this season of these types of connections to last all summer, and then of course you may always have more whenever you ask. Write PastorRyanFirstUnited@gmail.com or call 518-398-7117 with some ideas on day/time/place, please.

Onward!

In peace,
Pastor Ryan

Worship

Sunday Worship at **11:00 am** (indoors and adapted for COVID safety)

Notes on Current, Adapted Worship

We are back in the church sanctuary. We are taking extra precautions now that we are worshipping indoors, with open windows, fans etc., so we advise that if you do join us to dress warmly with heavy coat, hat, gloves etc. and to bring a small blanket or coverlet for warmth. There are two lap quilts in the back of church for warmth if needed. *If you come, please:* Bring a mask to wear. **We have disposable masks available as well.**

If you need to stay away from the gathering, we understand as we miss you. Worship service video streams at [facebook.com/groups/firstunitedpineplains](https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstunitedpineplains) Video is available there forever, to watch at any time. If you need another way to worship with us while you stay away from the gatherings, please ask Pastor Ryan. Perhaps a DVD you may play at home? Just ask.

May 23rd @ 11am - Worship of God for the Day of Pentecost 2021 - with Communion - in the sanctuary or online ([Facebook.com/groups/firstunitedpineplains](https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstunitedpineplains))

Session Update

- Met our new Presbytery (middle-governing body) Committee on Ministry liaison: Arne Christensen
- Met with Committee on Ministry's Rev. Martin McGeahy on conversion of type of pastoral call
- Voted to recommend to congregation that pastor be converted from "Pastor (for a designated term)" to "Pastor," which carries no term limit
- Received, with deep regret because we love serving with him, the voluntary resignation of Nate Chase from Session office, due to his time constraints. We thank Nate for his service.
- Voted for a summer worship series to include as many as four outdoor worship services
- Selected task force for specific mission partnership proposals
- Created new and adapted reservations systems for fundraising dinner
- Adopted a Session committee structure that is in some ways new, some ways merged
 - Five Committees: **Worship and Christian Formation** - Pastor Ryan, chair; **Finance** - Jim Petrie, chair; **Care of Congregation/Outreach/Communications** - Debbie Jackson, chair; **Mission** - Jeanne Valentine-Chase, chair; **Property** - no chair

SESSION: Doug Hart (Clerk), Jeanne Valentine-Chase, Samantha Chase, Scott Chase, Deb Jackson, Jim Jackson, Ryan Orton, Jim Petrie, and Dyan Wapnick.

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

Events

Food Addiction class begins this Sunday, May 2nd at 7pm by Zoom internet video, continuing each Sunday at 7pm for 90 days.

Enter this information into Zoom to join:

Meeting ID: 811 9516 1892

Passcode: 353844

Please complete the registration at: <https://www.fpcmontgomery.com/events> to receive updates. It is a limited audience subject on food addiction and is offered by the Presbyterian church in Montgomery, NY. "Satisfied: A 90-Day Spiritual Journey Toward Food Freedom" by Dr. Rhona Epstein is a book needed for the study. The ISBN-13 is 978-0998325323. If cost of materials is an issue, please let me know. Also, it is expected that not everyone will have the book right away, so join even in weeks you haven't be able to read. You may see a workbook that is available as well. That is not required. Also, while the class will drift in a Christian direction, it will be led like other 12-step programs so that it is open to those with other faiths or no claimed faith.

Applications are welcome for the Council of Churches scholarships 2021!

Eligibility is limited to a student graduating high school in 2021, who is actively affiliated with one or more of the following member church organizations: Church of the Regeneration; Pine Plains United Methodist Church; First United Presbyterian Church; or St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church.

Please write dyanwapnick@optimum.net for an application. Application to be submitted to the same e-mail address, mailed attn: Pastor Ryan Larkin to the church (P.O. Box 313), or delivered to the church building (placed on the desk in the Pastor's Study) by May 16th. In the case of mailing or hand-delivery, please alert Pastor to the submission (PastorRyanFirstUnited@gmail.com or 518-398-7117).

Chicken BBQ!!!

The Chicken BBQ is back on Memorial Day, May 31, with pick-up in the Fellowship Hall from 11 am – 1 pm. We will take walk-ins, too!

Dinners will be \$16, which supports the year-round mission of the church. Payments can be made with cash, check, or using the Venmo smartphone app.

Reserve your dinner by calling the church at 518-398-7117 or emailing Dyan at dyanwapnick@optimum.net.

Menu:

- 1/2 a BBQ Chicken (1 each of wing, breast, thigh, and leg)
- Coleslaw
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Dinner Roll
- Brownie

A call for volunteers to help will be going out soon.

Special Thanks to Carol Hart, who has retired after many years as our Ticket Person for our events.

Calendar

Happy Mother's Day!! (Sunday May 9)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	26	27	28	29	30	May 1
2 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church) 7 pm - 9 pm Class (Zoom)	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church) 7 pm - 9 pm Class (Zoom)	10	11	12	13 Ascension Day	14	15
16 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church) 7 pm - 9 pm Class (Zoom)	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Pentecost 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church) 7 pm - 9 pm Class (Zoom)	24 Whit Monday	25	26	27	28	29
30 Trinity Sunday 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church) 7 pm - 9 pm Class (Zoom)	31 Memorial Day 11 pm - 1 am Chicken BBQ	1	2	3 Corpus Christi	4	5

Stewardship

From Scott Chase (Ruling Elder/Treasurer) - "We still need your financial support. As we go through this time 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 or call (518) 398-5247. Thank you for all you do."

We also offer online giving with Venmo!

1. Log into the Venmo app on your phone or tablet
2. Click "Pay or Request" -- the big blue button at the bottom
3. In the "Add Recipients" box type @FUPCPP (stands for First United Presbyterian Church Pine Plains)
4. Select "FirstUnitedPresbyterianChurch Pine Plains" if it doesn't populate automatically
5. Enter how much money you would like to donate
6. Add "what it's for" -- you can do this in emojis which is fun!
7. Click "Pay" on the bottom right-hand side
8. Select your payment method
9. Click "Pay" -- the big green button at the bottom
10. You're all set!

Mission

Food Assistance



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Willow Roots: Willow Roots is a non-profit community-based food pantry on South Main Street (**new address**) that compliments the Pine Plains Food Locker based at the Methodist Church. Willow Roots began several years ago by Lisa and Nelson Zayas as a way to receive excess produce donated by local farmers and gardeners and distribute to residents who experience food insecurity from around the Tri-state area. Willow Roots doesn't accept state or federal aid and relies exclusively on donations. They currently service 40+ households.

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
2852 Church Street Pine Plains, NY 12567

Immigration Assistance: Grace Immigrant Outreach (GIO)

Eliza Petrie - Caseworker
845-407-1068

Office Hours
Thursdays, 3 PM - 7 PM
Episcopal Church of The Regeneration

GIO assists immigrants in need of finding medical care, legal counsel, translating, educational opportunities, public assistance, and transportation to job interviews and doctors' appointments, among many other services. They support and collaborate with Rural and Migrant Ministry, Inc., which seeks to overcome some of the prejudices and poverty facing the immigrant population in rural Dutchess County.

[Opioid Use Disorder Services](#)

Do you have questions about opioid use? Do you want more information for yourself or a loved one? Do you want to know more about medication-assisted treatment (MAT)?

Call Deborah Hagan at (845)745-1745 to learn about services and programs in your neighborhood.

Visit us in our Mobile Health Center Van

Location: Church of the Regeneration Parish House, 18 Pine Street

Dates: Monthly on 2nd and 4th Mondays from 4-8pm and 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 11am-3pm

Other programs we offer include:

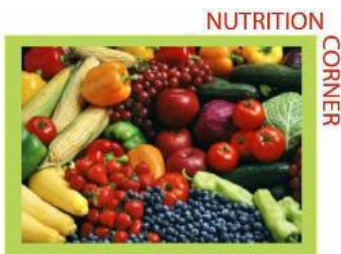
- Narcan Training,
- HIV and Hepatitis-C services, including Pre-Exposure medications (PreP)
- Sexual-transmitted illness information
- Hygiene products and snacks
- Fentanyl test strips

For more info, visit SunRiver.org

Christian Education

The Methodist Church continues their offering of Sunday School at-home to *any* who would enjoy. You may find the video lessons at <http://bit.ly/sundayschoolathome>. To begin receiving the beautiful, fun, accompanying craft packet deliveries for free, please call First United Methodist Pastor Nathan Badore at 518-398-5521.

Air Fryer Secrets



By Lynne Clinch

I arrived home on Easter Sunday. Walking into my home on my way through the kitchen I noticed a new appliance sitting on the counter. I recognized it immediately from the infomercials....an air fryer! Bob had mentioned one after we had food cooked from one. A rather thick instruction book accompanied it and Bob bought 2 cookbooks too. So come to find out he's had it since February so he knows how to use it. I have to play catchup but he loves using it. We've had many a food from it including grilled cheese. No fat or very minimal fat (oil) is needed and the food tastes good. I made a rotisserie chicken one Sunday. This was my first attempt and it was yummy and cooked rather quickly.

So what is the advantage to using an air fryer? Well simply stated it cooks the food by blowing hot air around it. The force of the hot air forces a convection oven effect that not only cooks but browns the exterior of the food in the basket. It cooks faster than using the oven and uses just a spray of oil. It really is ideal for two people since there is a limitation of the amounts of food cooked at the same time. Everything has to be in a single layer. And nothing with a liquid batter, like onion rings or batter dipped chicken, can be done. So needless to say, I've been reading up on how to use this appliance and the recipes that can be done. I asked for recipes at Trudy's going away Women's Association luncheon earlier this month and it was then that the suggestion was made to make that my next newsletter article.

I decided to approach my new challenge in a clinical manner. As I did my research I soon discovered that my existing recipes could easily be converted to air fryer cooking. New recipes used things I don't normally use for one reason or another. And we do watch the salt content. That's what prompted me to do the rotisserie chicken. Taking a 5-pound bird I patted it dry. Rubbed a little oil over the skin and generously sprinkled a no salt chicken rub over the bird. I inserted the spit threw the cavity making sure it was secure enough to rotate. Next came trussing the bird so as to not drag on the drip tray. Put it on the preset control and its ready 40 minutes later. Take it out and let sit while the rest of dinner is finished. So easy to do and tastier than oven roasted chicken.

I've also taken my chicken croquette recipe and converted into patties as Bob cooked them along with home fried potatoes while I made the veggie and sauce for the patty. My croquette recipe is made with 1 pound ground chicken, ¼ to ½ cup each diced red and green peppers and small diced onion, non-salt seasoning (about 1 tsp.) and about ½ cup panko. Make much like a meatloaf but no egg binder. I make patties and dredge in panko and let sit in fridge for several hours. I use a basic white cream sauce as the binder and start of the accompanying sauce. This consists of the basic white sauce with some cheddar cheese melted in and maybe about ½ to 1 tsp. prepared mustard. (Usually per taste) Good to go!

Meanwhile Bob continues to become the master chef of the air fryer. He makes a great veggie cheese breakfast casserole. I make it and it takes an hour to bake. He makes it and it's ready in 20 minutes. Just so easy using day old French bread cubed up or substitute leftover homefries. Top with any veggie of choice and include diced onion. Sprinkle grated cheese over veggies and pour beaten eggs over all and cook. Center may still 'jiggle' but let sit for a few minutes to finish cooking. Cut and serve. Can add cooked sausage or cooked cut up bacon along with the cheese. Actual recipe is as follows. 8 slices bread cubed, 2 c. milk, ½ tsp. salt, 2 cups grated cheddar cheese, 3 T. butter, 1 # cooked sausage, and 6 eggs. It uses a 9x13 baking dish. This makes way too much for 2 people so I cut it by about half but did use 4 eggs. I also used an 8 inch fry pan to cook in. Although 325 oven was good it still took almost an hour to bake.

One last recipe yet to try but will soon!

Best Air Fryer Fried Fish

1 # cod, cut into strips, salt and pepper them
½ cup flour seasoned with 1 tsp. old bay seasoning
1 egg, beaten
2 cups panko bread crumbs

Set up dredging station. Dip fish in flour then egg then panko pressing to coat fish. Place in basket of fryer. Cook at 400 for 10 to 12 minutes turning half way through and fish is golden. Serve with lemon wedges and tartar sauce. I would serve with baked potato and roasted vegetable medley. Might add cole slaw too.

So until next time; Bob continues to cook and I man the stove. Sounds like a win-win to me! Happy cooking!



To add to these prayers, Pastor Ryan is always glad to pray with you (518-398-7117 to find the best ways). If you wish to directly add to the list, please e-mail dyanwapnick@optimum.net

The family and friends of Ursula Foster, Helen Travis, Jeannette Bartles (Don and Kathy's mother), Margaret Faulkner, Deb Phillips (Linda's cousin), Danny Larkin, Patti Ladoceour, Kay Koch, Clifford Goldsmith, Lee Hauser, Elder Ben Sung who passed away from COVID, Charlie Place, essential workers who have died while serving during COVID lockdown, and our congregation. Pray too, for our congregation, all our children, our loved ones, and all of those who have lost loved ones in the past year, and our pastor.

Connie Coons, Judy Parlman, Liane McGhee (Jim and Margo Jackson), Loren (Dora and Pete Hage), Clifford Thorpe, Eliza Petrie, Jerrod Dorozynski (Lynne Clinch), Rev. Becky Branton (Pastor Ryan's friend), Patty Hall (Linda), Margo Jackson, Carol Foley (Regeneration Church), Marva Blackmar, Irene Dieter (Ancramdale Church), Adalyn Forgey and her family (Carol Hart), Bridget and Aylee, Mort Jackson, Brian & Jessica Weglinski & family, Laurena Mesnard, Teresa Maleonski (Marva), Craig Shelley, Joe (Susan), Melissa McKinney, Phyllis Shanks, Barbara Gurbel, Randy Burns (Dyan), Jim Fabrizio, Kyleigh Cummings, Millie Sheldon, 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, Chun Ok Blackie (Jim and Margo Jackson's sister-in-law), Caitlin Edge (Deb), Joann Amelio, Debra Rose, Marge (Laurie), Marjorie Bright, Judy MacMorran (Barbara Gurbel's daughter), Debbie (Laurie), Brittany.

Geer Nursing Home - Linda Bartolomeo
The Manor at Woodside - Rod Davis
Noble Horizons - Lek McNeill, RuthAnn Pulver, Charlie Napoli
The Baptist Home - Ron Parlman

In the military or Reserves: Pierre Mesnard, Spencer Johnson (Iraq), Patrick Brooks, Garrett Pendleton (South Korea), 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), TroiHunter Cookingham (Basic Training, Fort Sill). *And all those who have served in our military.*



Hudson River Presbytery Prayer Calendar 2021

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.

May 2 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
Katonah, First
Freedom Plains United
Legacy Giving Sunday
May 9~ Sixth Sunday of Easter
Lake Huntington, For Faith Parish
Board of Pensions Staff
May 16 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter
Katonah, First
Projects funded by Grants Committee
Intercultural Church Sunday
May 23 ~ Day of Pentecost
Larchmont Avenue
Liberty, First
Pentecost Offering
May 30 ~ Trinity Sunday
Marlboro, First
The Synod of the Northeast
Mission Worker Sunday

Share a Blessing!

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