



Agape Harvest

From Your Pastor:



Dear Friends,

Recently I met one of our Episcopal neighbors. She began talking to me about Stewardship, the giving of our time, talents and financial resources to God's work. She said they were using portions of a little book each week to help to help raise the congregation's awareness about giving. I decided to order the book and one of the first items I came to was the following.

The first key to good stewardship in a congregation is the pastor.

1. Is the pastor comfortable about money?
2. Does the pastor tithe (contribute 10% of one's income)?
3. Is the pastor comfortable about preaching and teaching about money and the tithe?

In the Old Testament, one finds many explanations of tithes and offerings. In Genesis, Abram is blessed by Melchizedek after he brings his tithe to the priest. In Deuteronomy, the Hebrews are told to set aside a tithe of their harvest to give thanks to give in a wonderful celebration of Thanksgiving. Jesus has more to say about us and our possessions (our wealth) than about any other subject of our spiritual life. He tells us:

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:32-43.

There used to be a joke "If I can't take it with me I'm not going." Our possessions are not going to make it to heaven, we are by God's grace. Jesus tells us to love people and use things! The question always is who do we worship? What do we worship?

When it comes to giving, it has always worked best, even in times of financial crisis, to set aside the gift for God first rather than last. With that practice in place, it has been an amazing experience, even in financial hardship, to have one's needs provided for.

The peace of Christ be with you,
Carol

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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).

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Upcoming Events, Notices, and Thanks

* Events dates & times subject to change

November 2015 (all meetings in the Fellowship Hall unless stated otherwise)

Tue. 10: Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Thurs. 12: Women's Association Meeting @ 1:00 pm

Sun. 1, 15, & 29: Bereavement Group at 6:30 pm

Thurs. 5, 12, & 19: Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

Mon. 16: Council of Churches Meeting @ 12:00 pm at the Methodist Church



There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 7:00 pm at St. Anthony's. Father Kent Wilson will be the officiant.

Thank You Men!

Thank you to Bob Clinch, Bob Couse, Ken Blackmar, John Hart, and Greg Wesley for all the work you have done to keep the church property looking good and ready for winter.

Thank you from the Women!

The First United Presbyterian Church Women's Association would like to thank everyone for their assistance in making this year's bazaar a huge success. The profit from the sale was \$2,923.05.

On Labor Day, Monday, September 7th, Kathy and Don Bartles picked up donations from Hammertown Barn. In the days that followed Jeanne Chase inventoried all the items. Additionally, some of the ladies spent time hand crafting items for the bazaar. We were also blessed with donations which needed to be packed up and brought to the garage. Bob and Lynne Clinch and John Hart were on hand to help with that project. On Sunday, October 11th, John Hart, Bob Clinch and Dave Roush helped to move items in from the garage and basement to the fellowship hall. And on October 12th the women began to organize for the bazaar. That week there were others who cooked and baked for the food sale. And then, of course, there was the cleanup. All this to say that this bazaar is not a one day event nor does it take a few people to pull it off. It takes a lot of time and a lot of people to make the bazaar the success it was. We thank each and every one who helped in any way!

Carol Hart

Editor's note: Thank you Carol!!





More Thanks ... from Dominica

Tropical Storm Erika of August 2015 was the deadliest natural disaster to strike the island nation of Dominica in the Caribbean since Hurricane David in 1979. Some people from our congregation sent money to former parishioner Arlette Williams to help (she and husband Andy are from Dominica and have family there; her father The Rev. Crisford Vidal has preached at our church). Here is the article that appeared in the online newspaper *Dominica News Online*:

Members of Grace Communion International Church donated school supplies to teachers and students of the Coulibistrie Primary School, Colihaut Primary School and Petite Savanne Primary School on October 21 and October 22, 2015. The donations were made possible through support of the Pine Plain Presbyterian Church in New York, Grace Communion International, Orlando and Grace Communion International Dominica. Upon hearing how the children of Dominica were affected by Tropical Storm Erika, the pastors of the US based churches immediately mobilized their members and a school supply drive was started. Supplies were shared among a total of 130 children at the various schools. Principals of the respective schools welcomed this timely initiative.

Pastor of Grace Communion International (Dominica), Mr. Crisford Vidal, said, “It was a pleasure of very hard work in serving the young children in need after Tropical Storm Erika. We left them very excited and joyful for having been served by people from far and near.”

Servants' Calendar



Liturgist Schedule Nov. – Dec. '15

November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
John Hart	Jim Petrie	Doug Hart	Linda Bartolomeo	open
December 6	December 13	December 20	December 27	
Dyan Wapnick	Carol Hart	Dyan Wapnick	Margo Jackson	

Communion: November – Doug Hart; **December** – open.

Session Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month. **Next Session Meeting: Tuesday 11/10 @ 7 pm**

Session: Kathy Bartles, Ed Casazza, Scott Chase, Bob Clinch, Doug Hart, Brendan Kilpatrick, Dyan Wapnick, and Linda Wendover.

Treasurer: Scott Chase

Clerk of Session: Kathy Bartles

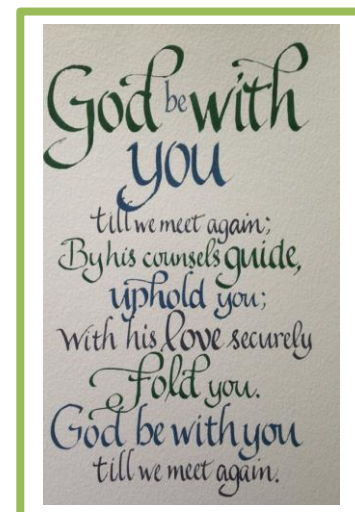
Moderator: Pastor Carol Miller

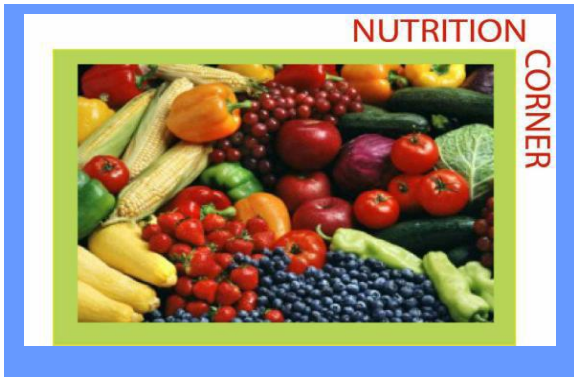
DEACONS : Marva Blackmar, Lynne Clinch, John Hart, and Jim Jackson.

Deacon Schedule:

1st Sunday: Jim Jackson
 2nd Sunday: John Hart
 3rd Sunday: Lynne Clinch
 4th Sunday: open
 Alternate: Marva Blackmar

Thank you Erik and Melanie Lindmark for being a part of our congregation and serving as a Deacon and Elder, respectively. You will be missed! May your new life in Tucson, Arizona be blessed in every way.





by *Lynne Clinch*

Thanksgiving Leftovers

Hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner but a reality check says that it is. That means that Christmas is not far behind but that is another subject. Cooking a turkey and all the goodies that go with it leaves the house smelling so good. Then the real problem arises: what to do

with the leftovers. I personally can eat turkey 3 or 4 days in a row but Bob frowns upon that! So I usually try a new recipe and freeze whatever I can to re-introduce a later date.

There's always good old turkey soup, with either rice or noodles. But I found that while working at the old St. Francis Hospital many years ago that the cooks had a great wild rice soup. They used either chicken or turkey and if there was ham left then that was cubed and added also. Always good since it was considered a 'dump soup'. We've all made those.....

I found a Turkey Wild Rice Soup recipe in my latest Country Woman Magazine I'd like to share. Makes 3 qts. And only takes 30-35 min. to make.

1/2 c. butter
 2 carrots finely chopped
 2 celery ribs finely chopped
 1 medium onion chopped
 1/2 c. flour
 4 c. turkey (or chicken) broth
 2 c. cooked wild rice
 2 c. cubed turkey
 2 c. half and half (can use milk if desired)
 1 tsp. dried parsley
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1/4 tsp. pepper

Melt butter in large pot adding carrots, onions and celery cooking until tender. Stir in flour. Add broth gradually stir constantly. Mixture should thicken. Add remaining ingredients adjusting seasoning. Enjoy!

Found another recipe that looks interesting and is quite far from the traditional turkey leftover meal. I've not made it so if you do let me know if it is a keeper or not. Makes 6 servings and another 30 min. meal.

Turkey Curry with Rice

In a large sauce pan mix 1 & 1/3 c. chicken broth, 2 T. each curry and fresh cilantro (*parsley if you don't have cilantro), 3 minced garlic cloves, 3/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, 3 carrots sliced, 1 medium onion chopped and 1 (16 oz.) pkg. frozen cauliflower. Bring to boil and cook 10 minutes. Stir in 3 c. cubed turkey and 1/2 c. mango chutney. In small bowl mix 1 c. coconut milk and 2 tsp. flour and add to hot mixture stirring constantly until slightly thickened. Serve over cooked rice. Top with additional chutney if desired.

*If using dried parsley reduce to 1 Tablespoon

Leftover Turkey Pot Pie

425 degree oven --- bake 30-35 min --- serves 6

1 c. each frozen peas, carrots and green beans
 1/2 c. thinly sliced celery
 2/3 stick butter
 1/3 c chopped onion
 1/3 c flour
 3/4 tsp. salt
 1/2 tsp. pepper
 1/4 tsp. each celery seed, onion powder, Italian seasoning
 1 c. chicken broth
 2/3 c. milk
 2 c. cubed turkey
 1 pkg. refrigerated rolled unbaked pie crusts

Par cook the peas, carrots, green beans and celery and drain well. Melt butter in saucepan and cook onion. Stir in flour and seasonings. Slowly add broth and milk and whisk until thickened, about 3 minutes. Add turkey and veggies and cool. Line a 9 inch pie plate with pie crust. Pour turkey mixture and top with the top crust. Seal the edges well. Can egg wash the crust or not. Place several slits in top crust then place in oven. Cook until filling is bubbly.

For ease with this recipe can use bag of mixed frozen veggies. Best to defrost prior to using though. Also I'd make my own pie crusts, double this recipe and freeze one pie for a snowy day! Since I don't worry about that I'd make smaller pies, freeze and leave baking instructions for Bob to fix.

A trick I learned some time ago was to cook the leftover stuffing in muffin tins instead of a casserole pan. (No liners needed.) Easy to serve on the big day. Easy to reheat the next day or take from the refrigerator during the middle of the night. You know who you are....You've all heard of Chicken Bowls from a fast food chain. Well, make your own starting with these stuffin' muffins, sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, leftover veggies and gravy. Talk about yummy!

Next issue is the December one and I typically share cookie recipes. If you have any you wish to share please get them to me soon. We leave on November 22nd. Time is getting short.

From the Book of Order

G-1.0304 The Ministry of Members

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church.

Such involvement includes:

proclaiming the good news in word and deed,

taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,

lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,

studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,

supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,

demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,

responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,

living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,

working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,

participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and

reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.



At home: Cathy Fitzpatrick, Sandy Caswell, Caren Bunce, Don Bartles, Debbie Pomeroy, Debra Rose, Elaine Hage, Dorothy Whitaker, Steven Dam (Connie Coons), the family of Georges St. Laurent, Samantha Chestney, Laura and George Dennis, Jolene Forgey, Trudie Wilson, Steve Georgious (Linda W.), Marge (Laurie), Marianne Groeling, the family of Lizzie Burger, Marjorie Bright, Jason Craddock, Marie Herow, Laurie Meccariello, Tammy (Nan), 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, Caitlin Edge (Deb Jackson), Debbie (Laurie), Dan (Melanie), Pete and Helen Robinson, Betty McGhee, Shirley and Waldy MacPherson, Mary Lou Jenson, the Mathew family (Margo), Andrew (Nan), Richard (Dyan), John (Nan), Barbara Strudwick, June Emerson (Linda W.), Dave Dennis (Laura Clark), Gil (Nan's brother), Brittany, John Westfall, Bob Stickle (Erik Lindmark), Karen & Abigail (Brendan), Debbie Kinney, the family of John Falcone and prayers for forgiveness, Kyleigh Cummings, Tracey Bowser (Jannet Watson), Robert (Linda Wendover's grandson), Mary and Tom Briggs, Paul Molloy (Carl Bartles' friend), Dustin Hale, George Frenzel (Delores Dickinson's brother), Phairah Dickinson, Scott, Kate, and Ella (Cathy Fitzpatrick), Jerry and Betty Chestney, Fanny Place, Ryan Hawk (Dawn Robinson's son), Lottye Kate (Barbara Gurbel's great-granddaughter), April Leonard, Laura Clark and the Clark family, and Bill Boyles.

Albany Medical Center: Mary Douglass

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: Marion Doyle, Vinny Masarelli.

At The Pines: Muriel Swart (2405 15th Street, Troy, NY 12180)

In the military or Reserves: Garrett Cummings, Daniele Casazza, Kyle Moskowit, Brian Coons, 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.



Pine Plains Food Locker: November

The monthly drive items for November are toothbrushes and toothpaste for both adults and children.

Please send \$ donations to the Pine Plains Food Locker
P.O. Box 587 Pine Plains, NY 12567

Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Share a Blessing!

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November 25, 2015

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