

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:

For non-urgent calls,
please leave a message
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www.hudrivpres.org

This is a time of year when we particularly remember those in need. Here at First United, this means caring for our community by supporting local mission projects such as the Mitten Tree and the Adopt-a-Family program. However, our church also supports a child abroad through World Vision. Let me tell you about her and the program.

Daniela Yanahi is a 7 year old in grade 2 and lives in Sierra Lenca, Honduras. Our support has provided her and her family COVID-19 health supplies, Christian education and leadership, hygiene education along with a hygiene kit for personal use, and child-friendly spaces.

In a recent correspondence, Daniela told us some things about herself. She says her grandmother is someone special to her because she feeds and takes care of her, so it sounds like she is her primary caregiver. Daniela likes to play, sing, and dance, and she likes school and church.

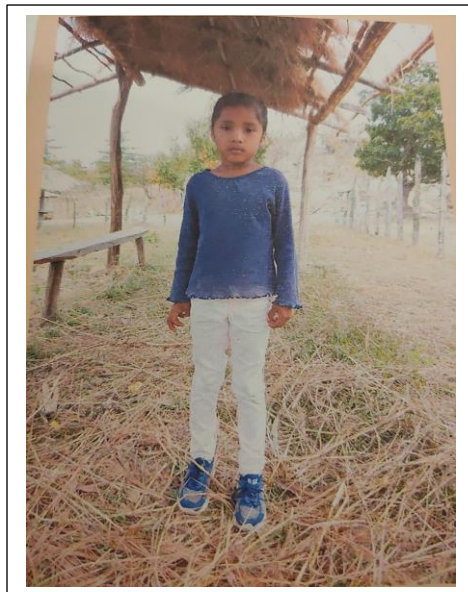
The questionnaire Daniela filled out that was sent to us is meant to be answered and sent back so Daniela learns some things about her sponsor as well. Let us know if you wish to help with this.

World Vision is an evangelical Christian humanitarian aid, development, and advocacy organization, founded in 1950, with a charity rating of 93%. It continues to respond to the devastating impact of COVID-19 in more than 70 countries. Trained staff around the world strictly follow safety measures from both the World Health Organization and local governments, as it continues to bring hope to the most vulnerable children.

World Vision will partner with a community for approximately 15 years. Because of our support and the support of others like us, 338 people in Sierra Lenca now have access to handwashing stations and safer toilets and water systems, helping to protect them from disease. Also, 2,523 children are safer and feel secure at school now that the community child protection board is raising local awareness of child rights and child protection, and 120 families received tools or farming supplies, helping them to improve their production so they have food throughout the year and can sell extra to the community.

Honduras has a mortality rate of 17.6 for those under age 5, compared with 6.5 in the U.S. The average number of years at school is 6.6 (U.S. is 13.4). The Gross National Income is \$5,308/person (U.S. is \$63,826).

Here is a photo of Daniela.



Worship

Sunday Worship is at 11:00 am.

Yes, we are open!!!

Here is the list of guest clergy we have over the coming weeks:

Dec

11 Rev. Glenn Henricksen

18 Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck

24 Christmas Eve Rev. Jan Brooks

Our Leaders

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

DEACONS: Marva Blackmar, Lynne Clinch, Dora Hage, Pam Meccariello, and Amanda Zick.

Our next Session Mtg. is Monday, December 12 at 7pm on Zoom.

Stewardship

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!

Turkey Dinner Recap

The turkey dinner was a huge success and thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. Before expenses, we took in \$2305, selling 150 dinners. Also -- *none of the leftover food went to waste!* All of it was donated to Willow Roots the next day to help families in need.

Mission

Local Assistance

Willow Roots: Distribution is every Saturday *except* the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Pine Plains Food Locker:

The monthly drive item for December is cereal. Please send \$ donations to:
 Pine Plains Food Locker
 2852 Church Street Pine Plains, NY 12567
 Distribution is on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Calendar & Events

Please stay after worship on Sunday Dec. 18 for another **Coffee Hour and pancakes.**

"He is born, the divine Christ Child; play the oboe & bagpipes merrily!" The **Annual Christmas Concert** is back! Come to the Church on Saturday, December 17th at 3 p.m. to hear holiday favorites from many talented local musicians. Refreshments will be served following the concert. If you know of a local musician that would like to participate, please let our Organist know! "Let us have music for Christmas...Sound the trumpet of joy and rebirth; Let each of us try, with a song in our hearts to bring peace to men on earth." ~Mildred L. Jarrell

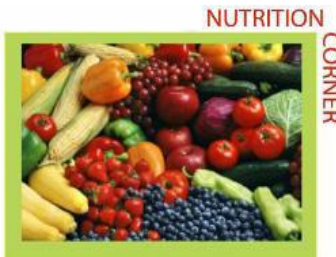
Our **Christmas Eve service** will be Saturday Dec. 24 at 8 pm. Since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, **there will not be a Sunday worship service on Dec. 25.**

Christmas Outreach
 We have our "Mitten Tree" in our sanctuary this Advent Season and a tub by the back door. This is a long-standing project begun many years ago by our Sunday School teachers and our congregation has continued this tradition. Donations of children and adult size mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and socks are greatly appreciated and will be distributed to Willow Roots and the Community Food Locker.

We will also participate in the "Adopt A Family" project that is spearheaded by Stacey Moore in Millerton. Monetary contributions are distributed by Stacey's group to families in need in Pine Plains and Northeast.

Send to:
 Adopt-a-family c/o Moore and More Printing
 PO Box 880
 Millerton NY 12546

December 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 First Sunday of Advent 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	28	29	30	December 1	2	3
4 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	5	6	7	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9	10
11 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	12 7 pm - 9 pm Session Meeting (Zoom)	13	14	15	16	17 3 pm - 4 pm Christmas Concert
18 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 8 pm - 9 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
25 Christmas Day No Worship	26	27	28	29	30	31



By Lynne Clinch

Cookie Edition

Thanksgiving is over and we had a wonderful time with the family. Good food, lots of laughs, just great fun! Big question of the day was when I was going to be baking the Christmas cookies. I said I was not this year. You never saw smiles turn into frowns so fast! I had to tell them I was only kidding....

So let me get to some recipes. The first one is for fudge and makes 5 pounds. It originally came from the Farmer's Almanac and was given to me many years ago. It's fairly easy to make but **MUST** boil exactly or will not harden correctly.

Fudge

12 x 18 foil or parchment lined pan

Into a stand mixer put

- 1 - 12 oz. bag semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 3 - 4 oz. bars sweet cooking chocolate (break up pieces)
- 1 - 7 oz. jar of marshmallow cream

In large pot (Dutch oven size) put

- 4 ½ cups granulated sugar
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2 Tb. Butter
- 1 - 14oz. can evaporated milk

Bring to boil stirring constantly. Turn heat down to maintain a slow steady boil and time for 6 minutes. (Not 5 min., not 7 min.) Stir occasionally. After 6 minutes pour immediately over the chocolate in stand mixer. Let sit for a minute or two and then mix until all the chocolate is melted. Add 2 cups chopped nuts of choice and mix together. I use walnuts but pecans would be nice too. Pour into buttered pan that has been lined for easy removal of finished fudge. I usually score the top into squares at this point. It makes for easier cutting when ready. Set in cool area over night or refrigerator. Cut and enjoy. Store in covered container.

I've made the following recipe for years. Great fun when baking with children or grandchildren. It came from another Dietitian when we decided to have a cookie exchange in our office. It makes a delish cookie!

Sour Cream Sugar Cookies

350 degree oven, 10-12 minutes Makes 2-3 dozen

- 1 c. shortening
- 1 ¾ c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 4 ½ c. flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ¼ tsp. salt

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and mix well. Add vanilla and sour cream and mix well. Combine dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture. Mix only until combined. I find it best to chill dough at this point. Roll out to ¼ inch thickness on lightly floured board. Cut with a variety of cookie cutters and bake. When completely cool (or next day) frost or glaze and decorate with sprinkles.

Need a quick fast cookie that's easy to do? It's the cookie made from cake mix. Simply take any cake mix and add 1/3 cup oil, 1 tsp. vanilla and 2 eggs. Mix until combined. Roll into balls (size of walnut) or drop from teaspoon or use a scoop. Vary by adding flavoring extracts or nuts or any variety of chocolate chips. Bake at 350 degrees 9-11 minutes. Cool on cookie sheet.

This recipe comes from "Grandma Cook." Short version of the story is PFC TroiHunter Cookingham is stationed in Romania. His Grandmother, Carol Hart sent him cookies. He shared with his friends. They declared her a great baker and refer to her as "Grandma Cook". So what does she do? Baked enough cookies to feed the entire Company. Here is that recipe.

Chocolate Chip Cookies

375 degree oven, Bake 8-10 minutes, makes 7 Dozen

2 ¼ c. flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 c. butter, softened
¼ c. granulated sugar
¾ c. brown sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 package vanilla flavor instant pudding, 4 serving size
2 eggs
1 package 12 oz. size chocolate chips
1 c. chopped nuts

Mix flour and baking soda together and set aside. Combine butter, both sugars, vanilla and pudding mix and cream until smooth. Beat in eggs. Gradually add flour mixture. Stir in chips and nuts. Drop by teaspoon about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Note: can vary flavor of cookies by changing the pudding.

My new cookie this year is a 5 ingredient Butter Pecan Cookie I found on Pinterest. I think I may have tried a Butter Pecan Cookie in the past but without success. This one may be the answer. Doesn't make many though so might want to double the recipe.

Moist Butter Pecan Cookie

350 degrees for 13-15 minutes.... Makes about 1 dozen

1 stick butter
1/3 c. sugar
1 ½ tsp. vanilla
1 c. flour
¾ to 1 c. chopped pecans

Using a hand mixer cream butter, vanilla and sugar well. By hand add the flour and stir until combined. Add the nuts and mix. Roll into balls (size of walnut) and put on cookie sheet. Flatten the dough using the bottom of drinking glass or measuring cup. Bake until lightly golden 13-15 minutes.

Well there you have it. Let me know if you tried any of these recipes and how you liked them.

Until next time Happy Cooking (and Baking)!



If you wish to directly add to the list, please e-mail dyanwapnick@optimum.net

During the coming month, please remember the following people in your daily prayers: the family of Betty Chestney, our congregation, all our children, our loved ones, and all those who mourn.

Bob Clinch, Jim & Margo Jackson's daughter Cora, Louise Woodcock (Linda's sister-in-law), Maci Cayea (5-year-old w/stage 4 neuroblastoma), Bill Bartlett, Malachi (toddler with leukemia), Ray Wendover (Linda's husband), Marva Blackmar, Laura Dennis, Marge Parlman (Shirley's sister), Ron Brandt (Ancramdale), Steven Hay (Linda's son-in-law), Trang (Linda's friend), John and Piper (Laura's daughter), Ellen White, Shirley and Walden MacPherson, Millie Hinsch (Dora's mother), Ola Yannetta (Linda Wendover's aunt), Liane McGhee (Jim and Margo Jackson), Carol Foley (Regeneration Church), Irene Dieter (Ancramdale Church), Bridget and Aylee, Laurena Mesnard, Teresa Maleonski (Marva), Craig Shelley, Joe (Susan), Barbara Gurbel, Randy Burns (Dyan), Jim Fabrizio, Millie Sheldon, Carey (Amanda Zick), 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), Judy MacMorran (Barbara Gurbel's daughter), Brittany.

Geer Nursing Home: Linda Bartolomeo

Noble Horizons: Lek McNeill, RuthAnn Pulver, Charlie Napoli

The Manor at Woodside: Rod Davis

In the military or Reserves:

Matt Cade, Daniele Casazza, TroiHunter Cookingham (Romania), Jacob Coons, John Cort, Garrett Cummings, Mark Hall, Danny Hoysradt, Denzel Jackson, Spencer Johnson, Zach McDonnell, Pierre Mesnard, Brian Montross, Kyle Moskowitz, Garrett Pendleton, Eric Wiltsie

And all those who have served in our military.



Hudson River Presbytery Prayer Calendar 2022

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.

December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

Washingtonville, First
Wassaic, South Amenia
Commissioned Ruling Elders

December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Yonkers, Bryn Mawr Park
Yonkers, Good Shepherd
Christmas Joy Offering

December 25 – Nativity of the Lord/Christmas

Yonkers, South
Yorktown Heights, First
Rural and Migrant Ministry

Share a Blessing!

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Submission deadline: December 25, 2022

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