



# 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](http://www.hudrivpres.org)

So much has happened in the past year, many things that we never thought possible. As I looked over the March 2020 newsletter in preparing this one, there were upcoming meetings and events like our corned beef dinner, and the photos from our beautiful ordination service for Pastor Ryan on Sunday, March 1. Captured at a moment in time, our church life was continuing as normal.

But on that day, March 1, New York State had its first confirmed case of COVID-19. By March 9, New York had surpassed Washington State with the most cases in the nation at 142. By Sunday March 15, our church had closed for in-house worship. On March 20, Dutchess County had its first COVID- related death. On Sunday March 22, Pine Plains had its first confirmed case. Fast forward to February 2021, and the United States had reached the grim milestone of 500,000 COVID-related deaths. In just under one year.

With COVID, like most events, even personal ones, that transform our lives, we see a demarcation line with a clear “before” and “after”. That March 2020 newsletter is a window into what came before everything changed forever.

*Can anything good be said about “after Covid”?*

Already, we have seen where the reduction in industrial activity and the requirement to shelter in place has forced us to curb our carbon footprint, and in some places this has resulted in cleaner water and air. Even some wild animals have reclaimed their former habitats. It has been heartening to see that nature still has the ability to bounce back. But with climate change upon us, we will need to make permanent adjustments to how we live.

The United Nations has said, “the threat from coronavirus is temporary whereas the threat from heatwaves, floods and extreme storms resulting in the loss of human life will remain with us for years”.

According to [www.rfgroup.com](http://www.rfgroup.com), “how this global health crisis is handled will shape the ongoing climate crisis in the future...where neighborhood walks have taken the place of Sunday drives, we should continue to adapt our lifestyles to create a ‘new normal’ that supports both man and nature.”

Even with all the tragic deaths and uncertainty, “If there is one good thing to come out of the coronavirus pandemic, it would perhaps be the opportunity to rethink the way forward. It has exposed weaknesses in healthcare, economic, and even governmental systems, while simultaneously showing us what works. These are the tools that make for a stronger future.”

One such tool that has touched us all is Zoom. A year ago, few people had ever heard of Zoom, and now this virtual technology has become a way of life necessary for remote meetings, learning, and worship, and it is here to stay in some capacity.

What if our “after Covid” is, in fact, not really an end but our chance for a new beginning?

I think of the tragic Mary, Queen of Scots, who embroidered her cloth of estate while in prison with the motto: “En ma Fin gît mon Commencement” -- *“In my end is my beginning.”*

The concept of rebirth is found all through nature, but also forms the basis of one of the central tenets of the Christian faith: Jesus gave up his life on the Cross so that we would have eternal life.

*Dyan Wapnick*

## 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.

**See the Calendar for information on Holy Week services.**

## Announcements/Coming Events

### **Lenten Bible Study:**



**ONLINE ONLY – Tuesdays Weekly ending March 30 @ 7pm - Bible Study on Psalms**

We will again use Zoom platform (internet video or phone call only options). Please come even if you cannot make every session. We will be joined by our brothers and sisters from the Cornwall Presbyterian Church. It would be useful to you to have this book while you prepare and join us each week. You can order the book using this link:

<https://kerygma.com/products/psalms?fbclid=IwAR28z6g5iYQuGLLPxDhq15bdE8XynCVNjFAxolD2u-KK9yUvhGE1esA8ic8>

**Click to join our Zoom meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86270110857?pwd=ZjR4NCs2OE4xc2pVUjlaNUIJWFNCUT09>

OR

if you need to come by calling us on the telephone instead of using a computer, ask Pastor Ryan for those steps.

### **Stanford Grange Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner:**

While our Church cancelled the Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner this year, you can still get your Irish on and order a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner from the Stanford Grange on Saturday, March 13, 2021 - take out only at 5 p.m. at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. The menu will include Corned Beef, Cabbage, Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Homemade Irish Soda Bread, and Homemade Chocolate Stout Cake for Dessert. Dinners are \$15 each. Drive around to the back of the Grange Hall, pick up your food and pay through your car window, and take it home to enjoy! All CDC and Governor Cuomo's Health Guidelines will be followed including social distancing, face masks, and gloves. For reservations, call our Organist and Stanford Grange Secretary, Ryan Orton, at (845) 868-7869 and leave a message!



## Treasurer

Scott Chase has done an outstanding job in the many years he has been our Treasurer, and the Session thought he might be long overdue for a little break. Therefore, we are wondering if anyone is interested in taking on this important task. The Treasurer does not need to be a member of Session. Please let Dyan or Pastor Ryan know. It requires a couple of hours a week.

## *Session Update*

- Made an invitation to the leaders of Willow Roots Food Pantry to discuss community care programming at next meeting
- Made an invitation to Presbytery to send collaborator(s) to next meeting to discuss recommending pastor's terms of call to congregation for their discussion and vote
- Celebrated clergy coaching, a voluntary program for ministry enhancement, with costs paid fully by Presbytery. Pastor Ryan has been participating since early February.
- Established a pastor's discretionary fund for ministry purposes not assigned a different budget line item, and those best to move more quickly than waiting for a Session vote. Fund is presently fully funded by payments offered to the pastor by outside parties when he works with families and funeral homes after a death. Session will be informed of how monies are used.
- Dyan Wapnick asked to explore any appropriate historic designations for our church
- Updates on Methodist church's continuing, monthly children's Sunday school at-home packets and programming

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

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

**Our next Session meeting will be on **Monday March 22 at 7:00 pm.**** There will be a Remote, daily prayer worship service prior to the meeting – all are welcome – meets via Zoom. Click or type to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9552836871>

## *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](mailto: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!

# Calendar

March 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	March 1	2 7 pm - 8 pm Lenten Bible Study on Psalms (online only)	3	4	5	6
7 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	8	9 7 pm - 8 pm Lenten Bible Study on Psalms (online only)	10	11	12	13
14 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	15	16 7 pm - 8 pm Lenten Bible Study on Psalms (online only)	17	18	19	20
21 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	22 7 pm - 9 pm Session Meeting and Worship (Zoom)	23 7 pm - 8 pm Lenten Bible Study on Psalms (online only)	24	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	29	30 7 pm - 8 pm Lenten Bible Study on Psalms (online only)	31	1 Maundy Thursday 7 pm - 8 pm Maundy Thursday Worship - Online Only	2 Good Friday 7 pm - 8 pm Good Friday Worship - Online Only	3 Holy Saturday

## Mission

### Food Assistance



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

**Willow Roots** - Willow Roots is a non-profit community-based food pantry on North Main Street that complements 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 March is laundry detergent.  
Toiletries are always welcomed.  
Please send \$ donations to the  
Pine Plains Food Locker  
2852 Church Street Pine Plains, NY 12567

### COVID-19 Financial Grants

Did you or someone you know find themselves ineligible for one or more COVID-19 Federal stimulus payments, yet are in need of financial help? Some Episcopalians have come together to offer alternative cash grants to those who were not eligible because of immigration status or otherwise. Please call Pastor Ryan to begin the process if one of these grants would be of help.

## [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](http://SunRiver.org)

## [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.

## *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.



*Lynne Clinch*

## What to do! What to do!

It's cold and snowy outside. Still have to stay away from socializing. The kids are still doing school remotely and I'm at a loss for what to cook for dinner. Can't go out. Have to watch my pennies. It's definitely going to be comfort food. Time to get the crockpot out and check the freezer for protein. I ran across a recipe recently that I plan on trying once I get back to NY. It calls for beef ribs but I see no reason why a small chuck roast or even stew meat couldn't be used. The reviews associated with the recipe suggested doubling the liquid so that's what I'm passing on as well.

### Slow Cooked German Short Ribs

Slow cooker on low for 8 hours, serves 6

2 T. flour and 1 tsp. salt mixed together. Use as dredge to 3 pounds beef short ribs. Heat 2 T. olive oil in large fry pan and brown the ribs. Meanwhile to crockpot add:

- 1 large-sliced onion
- 1 c. red wine or beef broth (original recipe called for ½ cup)
- 1/2 c. chili sauce
- 3 T. brown sugar
- 3 T. vinegar
- 1 T. Worcestershire sauce
- ½ tsp. mustard
- 1/8 tsp. black pepper
- ½ tsp. chili powder

Mix all well in crockpot. Snuggle browned ribs in, cover and turn to low. After 8 hours remove ribs and turn to high. Mix slurry of 2T. flour and ¼ c. water and thicken the sauce. Serve over mashed potatoes or buttered noodles. Add red cabbage and applesauce. This is not something you'd have every day but is easy, simple, satisfying and provides leftovers for lunch the next day. Ever make meatloaf in a crockpot? Easy peasy as the saying goes... Check this recipe out.

### Crockpot Meatloaf

5 to 5 ½ hours on low, 6 servings

Mix together 2 eggs, ¾ c. milk, 2/3 c. seasoned breadcrumbs (store bought or your own homemade), 2 tsp. minced dry onion, 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. sage, ½ c. sliced fresh mushrooms. Once mixed breakup 1 ½ pounds ground meat and stir until it is combined. Shape into round loaf and place in crockpot. Cook on low 5 to 5 ½ hours.

Then whisk together in small bowl:

- ¼ c. ketchup
- 2 T. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. mustard
- ½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce

Pour over top of meatloaf and continue cooking 15 to 20 minutes longer until sauce is heated. Remove from crockpot and let set 10 min before slicing. Serve with mashed potato and green beans. If any leftovers can be reheated for another meal by adding scalloped potatoes and beets or hot meatloaf sandwiches and a veggie of choice or cold sandwiches for lunch.

I saw this recipe for making 4 pounds of pizza dough and thought what a great idea. Something for family game night, movie night or just plain dinner. Make your own pizza, add a salad and simple sweet treat for desert and you are the 'bestest' parent there ever was... Freeze extra dough for next time. Great idea.

### Big Batch Pizza Dough

Makes (4) 1 pound dough balls

\*I'd use my Kitchen Aid for this for ease

2 T. sugar  
 2 packages active dry yeast (about 4 ½ tsp total)  
 1/3 c. olive oil  
 8 c. flour plus more for dusting  
 1 T. plus 1 tsp salt

Misc.: pizza sauce, assorted toppings, mozzarella, parmesan, oregano, basil, red pepper flakes etc.

Heat 2 2/3 cups of water to lukewarm. Add sugar and dissolve then add the yeast. Let sit until foamy (about 10 minutes). Stir in oil. In the large bowl of the stand mixer whisk the flour and salt. Add the yeast mixture to dry ingredients and combine. Continue kneading by mixer 4 min. longer until dough springs back when pushed by finger. If doing by hand; make a well in the dry ingredients and pour the liquid ingredients into it and mix until dough comes together. Turn out and knead 4 to 5 min. In either case, when dough has been kneaded place in clean oiled bowl, cover and put in warm place to rise. When double in bulk punch down, turn out on board and divide into 4 equal pieces. Wrap unused dough well and freeze for up to 1 month. Put pizza stone OR invert baking sheet on lowest rack in a 500-degree oven. Roll dough out 12 to 14 inch round on parchment paper. Proceed to add sauce and toppings. Once oven comes to temperature slide finished pizza parchment paper and all onto the sheet or stone. Bake 10 to 14 min. Remove, let stand 2 min., cut and serve. I'm assuming you know how to assemble the pizza and toppings. To use frozen dough remove from freezer the night before and defrost overnight. Bring to room temp prior to forming the pizza round. Be creative and enjoy....

See you all in April. Until then stay safe. And as always 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](mailto:dyanwapnick@optimum.net)

The family and friends of 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.

Dot Whitaker, Rev. Becky Branton (Pastor Ryan's friend), Patty Hall (Linda), Judy Parlman, Margo Jackson, Carol Foley (Regeneration Church), Marva Blackmar, Irene Dieter (Ancramdale Church), Danny Larkin (Alcyce Larkin's husband), Deb Phillips, Adalyn Forgey and her family (Carol Hart), Kelly Wilkie (Pastor Ryan's sister), 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 - Helen Travis, Rod Davis  
Noble Horizons - Lek McNeill, RuthAnn Pulver, Charlie Napoli

**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.*

### March 7~ Third Sunday in Lent

Croton Falls  
Dobbs Ferry, South  
Gifts of Women

### March 14 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent

Eastchester  
Florida, First  
Self-Development of People

### March 21 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

Goshen, First  
Haverstraw, Central

### Justice Advocacy Sunday

### March 28 ~ Palm/Passion Sunday

Highland, First  
Matthew 25: Build Vital Congregations Sunday

## Share a Blessing!

Next Issue: April 2021

Submission deadline: March 25, 2021

Send submissions to:

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