

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

Whether it is a creed or a confession, the statement that we stand for and recite every Sunday is an integral part of our worship service. What are these statements, and why is affirming our faith together in this manner so important to us as Christians? (Note: a few Christian denominations, such as Quakers, do not profess a creed).

The English word “creed” is from the Latin *credo*, “I believe”.

*“In its earliest days, the Church developed statements of belief to guide its foundational activities. The **Church’s evangelizing mission** to the nations was aided by concise statements proclaiming the identity of Jesus and his saving work, many of which are preserved in St. Paul’s speeches and letters. The **Church’s baptizing mission** was accompanied by a profession of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The **Church’s teaching mission** was facilitated with summaries of Jesus’ instructions and the central truths of the faith. In the ancient Church, the creed was instrumental in fulfilling this threefold ministry of the Church, and it continues to serve these same purposes today... As the authentic and authorized summary of Christian truth, the creed is a symbol of the faith of the whole Church. It provides a sign of reception into the Church and of membership in the community of faith. By reciting the creed, we state our personal and communal identity. We affirm that we are united in faith with the ancient Church and with our fellow believers.” -- Stephen J. Binz for *Our Sunday Visitor*.*

It is necessary at times for the church to respond to heresies. One way to refute false teachings is by summarizing particular doctrines in Scripture. It was the need for such a response that resulted in the [Nicene Creed](#), the first uniform Christian doctrine and one of the primary tasks of the First Council of Nicaea in AD 325, a council of Christian bishops convened by the Roman Emperor Constantine in the city of Nicaea (now İznik, Turkey) and the first worldwide council of the Christian church.

Including creeds in worship, “*adds theological depth and integrity to services. Creeds give biblical authority to worship because the creeds are based on the Bible... Reciting biblical words aloud together often helps worshipers move from doubt to belief... and helps us focus on the essentials that unify Christians instead of the non-essentials that divide the church.*” – Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

As Presbyterians, the [Apostles’ Creed](#) is probably more familiar to us. It most likely originated in its present form in Roman Gaul in the 5th century. There are other ancient creeds as well, each with its own origin story and purpose.

Not all creeds are from ancient times. A modern creed that we have become familiar with recently at First United is the [New Creed of the United Church of Canada](#), which dates from 1968.

As Protestants, we sometimes substitute a confession for the creed in our liturgy. While a creed is a summary of what one believes, a confession is a more detailed explanation of the Christian faith. The word “confession” comes from the Latin *confessio*, which means “I acknowledge.” The earliest confessions have their origins in the Reformation of 16th century Europe.

Lastly, the congregation usually stands during the recitation of the creed or confession. Standing during worship is a sign of reverence and it is indicative of the importance of our statement of faith.

Dyan Wapnick

Worship

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

Notes on Current, Adapted Worship

We are worshipping in the church sanctuary. **Masks are now optional!**

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.

Session Updates

- Annual realignment had every existing leader stay in their chair/other roles, plus Sam Chase taking on two new ones. Several serve on committees beyond ones they chair. We are thankful to all for their extra and continuing leadership.
 - Doug - Clerk
 - Scott - Treasurer
 - Debbie - Care/Communication
 - Jim Petrie - Finance
 - Pastor - Worship/Christian Formation
 - No chair by design - Property
 - Sam - Mission and newly formed role of Church Futurist
- As listed above, established a leadership role of Church Futurist, to assist the Pastor and Session, dealing with things beyond the day-to-day and looking at the “big picture”
- Discussion of heating needs 2022 and beyond
- Approved unity worship away from our building for Feb. 27 and Ash Wednesday, Mar. 2
- Removed all COVID-related restrictions, with masks and personal protective decisions still fully welcome for any who wishes

Our next Session Mtg. is Monday March 28, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Leaders

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

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

Mission

Local Assistance



Willow Roots: Willow Roots is a non-profit community-based food pantry on South Main Street 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. Distribution is every Saturday *except* the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Pine Plains Food Locker:

The monthly drive items 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
Distribution is on the 2nd Saturday of the month.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

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!

Events and Committees

COFFEE HOURS return!

Our Mar. 13 worship will be followed by the return of COFFEE HOUR! A most-missed fun and fellowship during all

the confusion and safety measures, we are back to our time together around food and brewed goodness. **Please find a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall and put your name on it!** Hosting can be as easy as brewing the coffee we have in the kitchen, maybe add a little snack for 12 people or so. Others are welcome to bring more elaborate faire, yet this is not expected in the hosting. It is just as if some friends are coming by, and the host makes ready a few little items for hospitality. If you wish to host yet need some help paying for the snacks you want to provision, please see Pastor Ryan. Coffee continues weekly unless otherwise noted.



Coffee Fellowship

Our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Takeout Dinner

Saturday, March 19. Cost is \$17 per dinner. Pick-up will be from 4:30-5:30 pm in front of the church. You can reserve your dinner by either calling the church phone at 518-398-7117 or email Dyan at dyanwapnick@optimum.net. Volunteers welcome (let Dyan or Jeanne know if you can help)

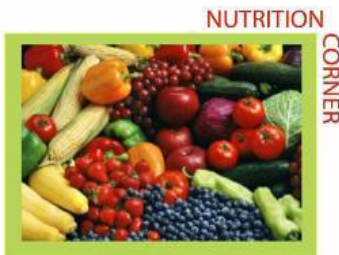


Calendar

March 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30 am - 10:30 am Sunday Worship (Ancramdale Church)	28	March 1	2 Ash Wednesday 7 pm - 8 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Pine Plains Methodist Church)	3	4	5
6 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	14	15	16	17	18	19 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Corned Beef Dinner (Take-out Only)
20 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 11 am - 12 pm Sunday Worship (Church)	28 7 pm - 9 pm Session Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	29	30	31	1	2

Looking for Newsletter Contributions

Do you have something you'd like to share with the congregation? Perhaps an announcement, or photos from a recent family event or travel experience? Send it along – we'd love to hear from you! However, there is a small caveat. Since photos do not copy well on our office equipment, any photo contributions will only be able to be featured in the emailed version of the newsletter.



By Lynne Clinch

Snow Day Treats

Winter is not over yet! With that, the dreaded school cancellations haunt every parent's mind. What to do with the kids. Of course that depends on the age. A lot of young kids are lucky to have grandma/grandpa watching or supervising them. I remember doing that and enjoyed baking cookies or fixing lunch with them. And you never know; you might have a budding chef! I can remember building a play house out of blankets and furniture while using pillows as the floor. What a neat place to have lunch. Great fun and memories you'll always have.

I recently was searching for a recipe when I ran across an article on just this subject. Treats pertaining to kids that were healthy, easy and fun to do and did not take hours to finish. Consider what your child likes and especially the age. Attention span can vary and that would ruin the project. Let me plan your next snow day....

- Roasted chickpeas...take 1 can of garbanzo beans drain, rinse and pat dry. (The next steps you have to do but the child can measure the ingredients and put in small bowl.) Put in 425-degree oven for 22 minutes. Take out and toss with 2 tsp. olive oil, salt and pepper to taste and return to oven for another 22 minutes. Stir several times until golden. Remove and cool. Instant snack instead of M & M's.
- Need chips for lunch ...who thought a sweet potato and an apple would be the answer. This requires more adult hands but is delish. Heat in small sauce pan ¼ c. olive oil and about 1 tsp. vanilla. Use very low heat or microwave until fragrant. Set aside to cool down. If you have a mandolin use it for next step. Otherwise, your cutting blade on the food processor is the way to go. Peel the sweet potato and cut in half. Core an apple and likewise, cut in half. Run through your processor making thin slices. Place in bowl. In small bowl mix 2 T. brown sugar, 2 T. olive oil, ½ tsp. cinnamon, pinch each of salt and nutmeg. Sprinkle over potato apple mixture and stir well. Place on a foil covered rimmed baking sheet. Put in 400-degree oven for 10 minutes. Then remove from oven, increase temp to 425. Using a spatula turn apple potato mixture over and return to oven for additional 10 minutes more. When golden remove from oven and serve.

- Ice Cream is a treat. So why not introduce snow cream like we made back in the day. Need a large bowl and about 8 to 9 cups fresh snow. Shake well and open a can of sweetened condensed milk and pour over the snow. Add 1 T. vanilla and mix well. May need to be placed in freezer but if not use your or the child's imagination for additives: i.e. fruit, chocolate chips, sprinkles, etc. Have fun!
- Pizza, who doesn't like pizza? Many options with this and make your own rates on top. Of course making the crust from scratch is an option but that takes time. Try using bagels, English muffins, left over Italian or French bread, flat bread or even taco or floured tortillas. Open jar pizza or spaghetti sauce and spread on the "crust". Toppings are up to you and what's in the fridge. Top with cheese and bake in 350-degree oven until cheese has melted. This should be about 10 minutes.

Enjoy the pizza with the potato/apple chips. Have snow cream for dessert. Best part is climbing into your "playhouse" for a rest. After that its snack time and you have the chickpeas for that.

With my time in Florida getting shorter I'll see you soon. Until then be healthy and stay safe. 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

During the coming month, please remember the following in your daily prayers: our congregation, all our children, our pastor, our loved ones, and all who mourn.

Bill Bartlett, Malachi (17-month old with leukemia), Erica (family friend of the Hages), Ray Wendover (Linda's husband), Darcy (Linda's daughter), Bob Clinch, Marva Blackmar, Laura Dennis, Marge Parlman (Shirley's sister), Ron Brandt (Ancramdale), Roberta Cerniglia, 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), Clifford Thorpe, Carol Foley (Regeneration Church), Irene Dieter (Ancramdale Church), Adalyn Forgey and her family (Carol Hart), Bridget and Aylee, Laurena Mesnard, Teresa Maleonski (Marva), Craig Shelley, Joe (Susan), Barbara Gurbel, Randy Burns (Dyan), Jim Fabrizio, Kyleigh Cummings, Millie Sheldon, Bobby Wendover, Carey (Amanda Zick), Ron & Cathy Osofsky, 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

Noble Horizons: Lek McNeill, RuthAnn Pulver, Charlie Napoli

The Manor at Woodside: Rod Davis

Northern Dutchess Hospital: Richard Thorpe (brother of Clifford)

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 Moskowicz, 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 (Fort Campbell, KY).

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.

March 6– First Sunday in Lent

Croton Falls
Dobbs Ferry, South
Celebrate the Gifts of Women; PDA Blue T-Shirt
Sunday

March 13 – Second Sunday in Lent

Eastchester
Florida, First
Self-Development of People Sunday

March 20 – Third Sunday in Lent

Goshen, First
Haverstraw, Central
Mr. Rogers Day

March 27 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Highland, First
Matthew 25: Build Vital Congregations Sunday

Share a Blessing!

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Submission deadline: March 25, 2022

Send submissions to:

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