



The Good News

First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls

“We’re making friends of ALL people through Christ.”

April 2019



Pastor’s Corner

Few of us get excited for Lent like we get excited for Advent. Advent brings with it carols and evergreens and anticipation. Lent is somber and long, and leads to the betrayal and death of our Lord. In our avoidance of suffering, we are none too eager to go down the path that leads to that place. Who wants to be reminded of our frailty, our imperfections, our shortcomings? Who wants to end that journey with a story of torture and execution?

But without truly facing the darkness how can we learn to recognize it for what it is? How we can learn to overcome it? Lent is the time of year that we take on spiritual disciplines and pray prayers of repentance, because it is the season of the year in which we are called to look honestly at ourselves and who we are, and then to compare that to who God wishes us to be. It is, in many ways, a difficult season, but if nothing else, it reminds us that God is with us in holiness during our difficulties. Blessings during this Lenten season.

Peace,
Michael

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Rev. Michael Plank, Pastor

Home Phone: 636-3200

Pat Barron, Clerk of Session

Home Phone: 747-4573

Sunday Worship 10am

Nursery Care Available!
Church School K-8 (Sept—May)

Elder of the Month:

Windy Clark
Trustee: Dave Trevett

Care & Compassion:

Pat Barron, Heather Fowler,
Daryl Fowler

This newsletter is made possible through our giving to FPC Hudson Falls.

Scholarship Time!

Do you know someone who will be starting college, or pursuing higher education this year? They may qualify for one of the following:

- ♦ **Larue-King:** Given to assist a deserving Hudson Falls graduate in financing their Freshman year in college.
- ♦ **Presbyterian Scholarship:** Given to active members of our church with a definite need for financial assistance in any form of higher education.
- ♦ **Women's Association Scholarship:** Given to any student who is an active member of our church and may be renewable. May be used for any form of higher education.

- ♦ **David Dempsey Memorial Loan Fund:** A loan for church members only, and must be paid back.

All Presbyterian/WA applications must be picked up and returned to the church office by May 31st. Larue-King is due by May 18. Any questions, contact **Irene Marshall** at **518-681-7586**.



Session Notes

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls, NY was held on March 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM beginning with **worship and Communion**. The reading was **Psalm 102**.

Visioning: Marketing our church; Discussion of a new way to market our church in the 21st century, which is through Social Media. Zac had attended a training on the use of social media, and Rev. Plank has successfully used it to market his New Worshiping Community – Underwood Cross-fit. We can target a specific genre (age categories, Female, Male) and an add about our Easter service would appear on their news feed. It does cost money, but we can choose how much we want to do. A four week campaign to promote attendance at our Easter service could be run for four weeks before Easter.

Pastor's report: February:

Highlights from the last month have been: - Working with my peer group on continuing education; -Beginning premarital counseling with 2 couples who wish to get married in our church; - New member consulting

Clerk: Attendance 1/6 66; 1/13 61; 1/20 closed 15" snow; 1/27 (Annual meeting) 70 Av for 3 weeks 66 Communion Feb. 3 served to 50

Correspondence: Thank you letters from:

*Open Door for the donation; *Operation Santa for allowing them to use our facilities this past year. Out of the church house they did over 200 families and 575 children in two days.

*Midnight Run for the donation of \$100;

*Borderlinks for the quarterly donations of \$160 for a total for the year of \$640; *More Light Presbyterians for the donation of \$100;

*Washington County DSS for donation of \$32 March 4.

*Information regarding 'per capita' giving from PCUSA which will be used as information during the Stewardship campaign

Committee reports: Christian Ed: the youth challenged the congregation to join them in paying acts of kindness for Lent. The youth par-

ticipated in a lock in overnight with the Hebron youth. They all had a really good time. We continue to work with the other youth in the area. The younger children are learning about the many miracles that Jesus performed. We all will be working on our June service soon.

Outreach & Mission: We decided to switch to meeting every other month. Our next meeting is Sunday April 14th after service.

Stewardship: Signed up for a Stewardship Navigator which will provide ideas for year-round stewardship education. This first one gave ideas for Children and Stewardship... passing on to Christian Ed committee

New business: Discussion of our visioning project. A motion was made and seconded to run a campaign on social Media for 4 weeks prior to Easter to boost attendance at our Easter service at a cost of \$100. This \$100 would come from what is left over from our Taize money (money which was to be used to promote our church.). Approved. Rev. Plank will set this up for our church as he did for his New Worshiping Community... Underwood Crossfit.

2 Wedding requests: June 5 at 3:00 PM and September 7. Approved

***Confirmation class:** Tammy Madison and Christian Ed suggested a confirmation class. She is not sure exactly how many of the youth are interested at this time. Motion to have this confirmation on June 9 as an appropriate time as this is when the children will be doing the church service. This would be a 6 week class with Rev. Plank using the Confirmation version of Presbyterian Theology for kids. Must sign up by Palm Sunday if interested.

*Plans for a Community picnic June 23 still in the planning stage. More information to follow.

Commissioner for March 26 Presbytery meeting in Delmar: Pat Barron

Next meeting will be April 11
Pat Barron, Clerk

Florida Reunion!

A warm hello from Florida!
Pictured is (back to front) Rog & Sue Gilbert, Bill & Trudy Scheidegger, Dave & Jane Otoupal, Jim & Sherrill Graham, Wes & Steph Ecker, and Don & Irene Marshall. Photo taken during this year's annual winter reunion with Rev. Jim and Sherrill Graham in Bradenton, FL.



Join Us! Fellowship Dinner at Sweet Basil

Saturday, April 27th at 5:30pm
Sweet Basil Restaurant, 1012 Rt 9,
Queensbury

Order off Early Bird Menu
\$16.95 + beverage, tax, and gratuity

Choices: *Baked Boston Scrod, Broiled Salmon, Stuffed Shrimp, Sweet Basil Stuffed Chicken, Chicken Parmigiana, Chicken Francese, Schnitzel Cordon Bleu, Stuffed Pork Chops. All include salad bar & choice of potato.*

Please sign up by April 21st.
Separate checks will be issued.

Any questions, see Sue or Roger Gilbert
518-792-0158.



Trustee Notes

TRUSTEE MINUTES, March 5, 2019

The Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting in the church house conference room.

Present were Dale Dickinson, Dave Trevett and Ron Shaffer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was also read and approved.

The following items were discussed and /or actions were taken:

1. The church house hallway wall paper was removed because of the age and bad condition. The walls were painted light green and all items that were originally on the wall were reinstalled.
2. The fellowship room walls will be painted during March.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30

The next meeting will be April 2, 2019

Dale Dickinson, President

Dave Trevett, Secretary

Hospitality Spotlight



This month has seen some improvements in both the church and church house. The house hallway's wallpaper has been replaced with a fresh coat of mist-green paint, and it looks fantastic. In the church, pew cards have been add-



ed to the pews. Each displays the visitors' welcome message and the service how-tos. The hymns (all 125) have all been updated to include the musical responses that had been printed in the bulletins.

Monthly Scripture Readings

April 2019 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

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APRIL

Fifth Sunday in Lent—April 7

Isaiah 43:16–21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b–14
John 12:1–8

Passion / Palm Sunday—April 14

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28–40
Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a
Psalm 31:9–16
Philippians 2:5–11
Luke 22:14–23:56 or Luke 23:1–49

Monday of Holy Week—April 15

Isaiah 42:1–9
Psalm 36:5–11
Hebrews 9:11–15
John 12:1–11

Tuesday of Holy Week—April 16

Isaiah 49:1–7
Psalm 71:1–14
1 Corinthians 1:18–31
John 12:20–36

Wednesday of Holy Week—April 17

Isaiah 50:4–9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1–3
John 13:21–32

Maundy Thursday—April 18

Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14
Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19
1 Corinthians 11:23–26
John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Good Friday—April 19

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9
John 18:1–19:42

Easter Vigil—April 20

A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading should always be used. (The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.)

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

Psalm 46

Genesis 22:1–18

Psalm 16

Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18

Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6

Psalm 19

Isaiah 55:1–11

Isaiah 12:2–6

Isaiah 61:1–4, 9–11

Deut. 32:1–4, 7, 36a, 43a

Ezekiel 36:24–28

Psalm 42 and 43

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 143

Daniel 3:1–29

Song of the Three 35–65

Jonah 1:1–2:1

Jonah 2:2–3 (4–6), 7–9

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Psalm 98

Romans 6:3–11

Psalm 114

John 20:1–18

Resurrection of the Lord—April 21

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43

John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12

Second Sunday of Easter—April 28

Acts 5:27–32

Psalm 118:14–29 or Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4–8

John 20:19–31

Sermons are posted on our website! Read or hear the weekly sermon and read our monthly newsletter. fpchudsonfalls.org

Prayer Chain

For prayer requests, please call one of the people on the following list. That person will call the next person, and the last will call the first, so all members of the chain receive the request:

Pat Barron	747-4573
Windy Clark	926-0523
Mary Dickinson	792-0654
Daryl Fowler	747-5876
Connie Fuller	747-5259
Carol Moyer	793-1960
Bonnie Trevett	747-4530

Care & Compassion

Mar. 31 - April 13	Pat Barron
April 14 - April 27	Heather Fowler
April 28 - May 11	Daryl Fowler
May 12 - May 25	Carol LaPoint
May 26 - June 8	Bonnie Trevett
June 9 - June 22	Norma Shaffer
June 23 - July 6	Jim Hirst
July 7 - July 20	Roberta Clute
July 21 - Aug 3	Pat Barron
Aug 4 - Aug 17	Heather Fowler
Aug 18 - Aug 31	Daryl Fowler
Sept 1 - Sept 14	Carol LaPoint
Sept 15 - Sept 28	Bonnie Trevett

Coffee Hour



As of 3/28/19:

April 7 - [Volunteers Needed](#)
April 14 - Roger & Sue Gilbert
April 21 - [Volunteers Needed](#)
April 28 - [Volunteers Needed](#)

Thanks to all who have volunteered! Please sign up in the Narthex or kitchen if you'd like to volunteer.

Adult Fellowship

Upcoming Dates 2019 - Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, April 27 - **Dinner at Sweet Basil's**
May - TBA - **"Old Friends at Saratoga"** Greenfield Center & Lunch - Families Invited
June - TBA - **Roger's Island Museum**, Ft. Edward & Lunch at Anvil Inn
Saturday, July 20th at 1:30 pm, **Lake Party at the Gilberts'**
Saturday, August 17th at 1:30 pm, **Pool Party at the Otoupals'**
September -TBA- **SUNY ACC Culinary Institute Dinner**
October 19th at 5:00 pm, **Progressive Dinner** - Hosts TBA



We Remember:

William Dixon

Gary Northrup

Lois Kirk



Women's Association

The **Spring 2019 Rummage Sale** will be held **May 16th - 18th**. Donations for spring are now being accepted!

Prayer Shawl Ministry & Craft Night

Do you like to knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? How about joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry Group? We meet on the first Thursday of each month. Yarn, hooks, needles and instruction are all available.

If you like doing crafts but aren't into knitting or crocheting come to "Any Craft Night" on the third Thursday of each month. Bring a craft to work on while enjoying wonderful fellowship.

Prayer shawls and lap blankets are available. If you know of someone who would benefit from the love, warmth and prayers that are worked into each one, please contact the Church Office or complete a request card (located in the narthexes).

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Spring Rummage Sale

May 16 - 18, 2019

9 River St., Hudson Falls

Thurs. 9:30-4

Fri. & Sat. 9:30-12:30

Something for everyone!



Questions?

See Diane Lapan, Diane Macintosh, Mary Dickinson or Sue Gilbert.

Newcomers are always welcome!

- **Prayer Shawl**
April 4 @ 7pm

- **Any Craft**
Maundy Thursday



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy April Birthday to:



1	Don Marshall	28	Andrew Craner
10	Maureen Vanderwerken	30	Paul Blackmar
10	Eric Georgi	30	Gwyneth Gaulin
14	Trudy Scheidegger	30	Adam Bancroft
15	Nathan Schaffer		
17	Jordon Mandwell		
18	Thomas Barron		
23	Eric Fitzgerald		
27	Renee Trevett Murphy		

Happy April Anniversary to:

Holly & Matt Mabb (April 7)
Diane & Doug MacIntosh (April 15)

Amazon Smile



The church has set up an account with Amazon Smile where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase to our church at no cost to you or the church. In order for us to receive a donation when you shop at Amazon login into smile.amazon.com and you will see a spot when you can donate to a charitable organization. Just type in “**First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls**” and our church name will pop up with our address of 9 River St., Hudson Falls, NY 12839. Shop as normal and our church will receive a donation from your purchase.

Prayers & Concerns

If you'd like to add someone to the list, please place their names in the offering plate during Sunday Worship, or call the church office at 747-3013. Please notify when name is to be removed.

Hospital Admittance Update

Due to HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) the First Presbyterian Church will not be notified if you, or a loved one, are hospitalized. **Please call the Church Office (747-3013) to let us know that you, or a loved one, have been hospitalized.**

When admitted, be sure to list Hudson Falls First Presbyterian Church as your affiliate and **give permission to release the information so that Rev. Plank or a member of the Care and Compassion Committee can visit. Otherwise, your admittance and room number will not be available.**

Those in Our Prayers

Maximus Bancroft
 Emily Hilder
 Timothy Oathout
 Cindy French
 Paula Coon
 Hayes Doster
 Adam Omiecinski
 Alisha Ingram
 Alonzo Clark
 Andrew Blalock
 Bentley Smith
 Breanna Ruffing
 Brian Peceu
 Bruce Barron
 Carolyn Spangler
 Chuck Bailey
 Clute Family
 Dottie DeMell
 Florence Phillips
 Gary & Dolores Dingmon
 Helen Rauch
 S. Jane Story
 Steve Rice

Angelica Nichols
 Pat and Don Hassett
 Jim Hirst
 John Coon
 James Harney
 Janet Monroe

 Jim and Becky Smith
 Kathy Harrison
 Kathy Nolte
 Kathy Rezendes
 Keri Rooks
 Lacy O'Quinn
 Linda Honaker
 Margot Vankempen
 Marian Lemery
 Mary Carpor
 Pam Corenetto
 Rebecca Rozell
 Rene Peceu
 Rita French
 Rob Mackle
 Robert Smith
 Tanya VanVranken

For Longterm Consideration

Edward Thompson
 Kathleen McKernon
 Jean Wood
 Nancy Ellis
 Elaine Fitzgerald
 Lukas Lemery
 Dawn Bishop
 Virginia Fitch
 Deborah Scarpetti
 Those In The Armed Services
 Hunter Chase
 Volunteer Firefighters
 Carol LaPoint
 Government Leaders
 Emergency Medical Technicians

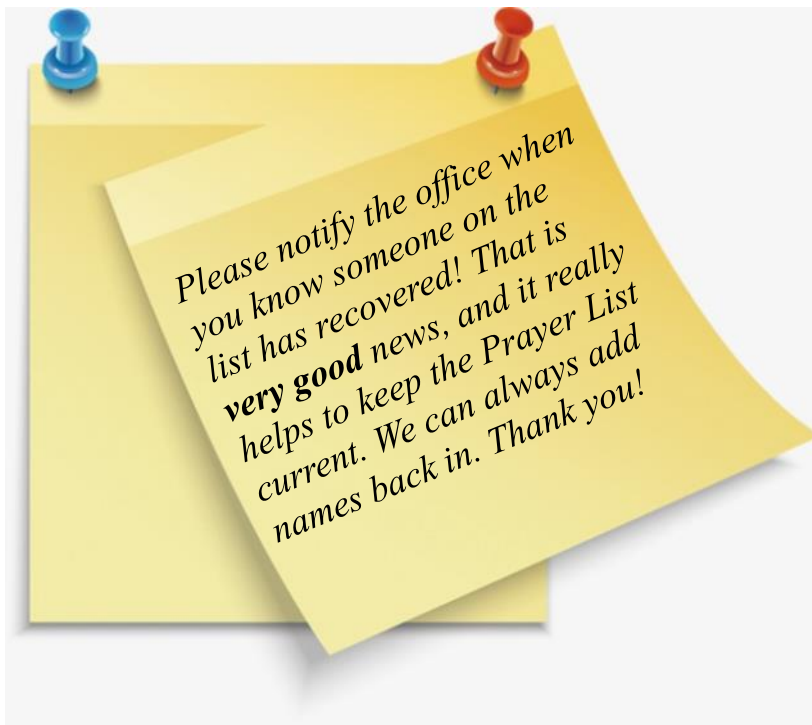
 Jane Stuebing (Martin)
 Edna Sheldon
 Kendall & Cindy McKernon

(Bold = New this Month)

3/27/19

In Nursing Homes:

Jane Stuebing (Martin)
 Judy Bronk
 Cindy McKernon



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Sundays

10 am, Worship

April 14, Palm Sunday, Service 10 am

April 21, Easter Sunday, Service 10 am

Mondays

8 pm, AA - Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays

6 pm, TOPS

7 pm, AA - Fellowship Hall

April 2, Trustees, 7 pm

Wednesdays

7 am, AA Meditation -- Classroom

10 am, Exercise Group -- Fellowship Hall

Thursdays

8 pm, Al Anon -- Classroom

April 11, Session, 7 pm

April 18, Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm

Fridays

April 19, Good Friday Service, 7 pm

Saturdays

10 am, AA -- Lounge

