

The Good News

First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls

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

June 2019

Elder Thoughts - Zac Perry-LaPoint

At our most recent Session meeting we talked a lot about trusting God enough to follow where God leads. That’s not always easy – in fact, more often than not, doing what God requires of us is a challenge and not one we welcome with open arms. Nevertheless, in the face of doubt and questioning, as people of faith, we can trust that what God calls us to do is worthy and important. With that in mind, I share this prayer with you from Frances Sheridan Goulart’s *God Has No Religion*. The prayer comes to us from the Daughters of the King, a U.S. based, Episcopal women’s service group.

*I am but one,
But I am one.*

*I cannot do everything,
But I can do something.*

*What I can do,
I ought to do.*

*What I ought to do,
By the grace of God,
I will do.*

Lord, what wilt thou have me do?

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Sunday Worship 10am

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

Elder of the Month:

Zac Perry-LaPoint

Trustee: Dave Trevett

Care & Compassion:

Bonnie Trevett, Norma Shaffer,
Jim Hirst

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Pastor's Corner



Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

As Memorial Day brings the unofficial start of summer, I cannot help but be amazed at the lushness of creation that surrounds us. There is, to be sure, excessive heat, unpleasant humidity, and sometimes too much rain, but in the summer we are also undeniably surrounded by life! The hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (#267) comes to me often these days, and I share it with you here.

*All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.*

*The purple-headed mountain, The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning That brightens up the sky,*

*The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.*

*God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.*

May you find peace and joy this summer,
Michael

From Our Youth

Our **Children's Sunday Service** will be on **June 9th**, which is also Pentecost. We would like to do a special collection that day of body care products (shampoo, soaps, body wash, deodorants, etc.) which will be given to the church office for distribution to our community members in need.

Since Pentecost is when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles and the Holy Spirit is represented by a dove, we are asking for Dove body care products. Any brand will be welcomed but we liked the connection of Dove and the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your support of our efforts.



Session Notes

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls, NY was held on May 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM beginning with worship and Communion. The reading was **Luke 5:1-11**.

Visioning: Marketing our church: Rev. Plank spent \$100 for 4 sponsored ads for Palm Sunday and Easter. The first two ads received some hits, but the next had many hits showing many people viewed the ad. We voted to try again for our Spring and Fall Rummage sales and for Christmas Eve. Easter Attendance: 2017 - 88 2018 -100 2019 -110

Pastor's report: April:

Facebook marketing seemed to go well... more information to follow during the meeting. I was pleasantly surprised at Maundy Thursday attendance. It was higher than I expected. Pre-marital counseling with Jaclyn Dudley and Will Farrell who would like to get married on October 12, 2019.

Clerk: Checked rolls for a member; answered a survey for PCUSA; forwarded emails to session from Presbytery. Thank you from Washington County Food Pantry for March and April donations

Attendance 4/7 62; 4/14 83 (Palm Sunday; 4/18 31 Maundy Thursday; 4/19 130 (Easter Sunday) Communion Easter 110; 4/28 61; total 4 weeks 336 average 4 weeks 84; total Maundy Thursday and Good Friday 49. Total including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday 385 Communion May 5 served to 55.

Committee Reports:

Outreach and Mission: Purchasing two "All are welcome here" yard signs to further emphasize the part of our visioning that seeks to make us known as a welcoming and hospitable congregation.

The local share (40%) of the funds from Pentecost Special Offering, which must be used to support children's causes, will be donated to the Moreau Community Center toward the cost of their Camp Moreau program for a family in need of financial assistance.

We are open to hearing more about a Hudson

Falls food pantry, which Rev. Plank has been approached about by the Baptist Church in town.

New Business: Four requests authorized: 1) a wedding request 2) new member request (Rev. Plank is working with both counseling for wedding, education with new member) 3) request to borrow tables 4) Fellowship would like to change vendors for coffee supply.

Trustees want to dispose of the **upright piano** in the Fellowship hall...it cannot be tuned any more and is taking up space. They would like session approval to remove it. They would also like to create a 'lounge space' where the piano was. This could be used by committees for meetings during coffee hour. We will put a notice in the bulletin and on the Facebook page to see if anyone wants it.

Commissioners for Presbytery June 1 in Hebron: Mike Barron and Pat Barron. Clerk will also attend Peer review of 2018 session minutes will be after the meeting.

Concern from Treasurer: This month (April) she couldn't pay our quarterly basic witness support (\$1505). We have always paid this on time. We start the year with \$6,000 in our treasury, and this gives us a cushion for paying bills. These past few months after paying bills we have had a dwindling amount left: After paying bills: Jan \$4,782.37, Feb \$2,946.90; March \$1,607 This was for information.

Pat Barron, Clerk

Congregational Meeting

There will be a meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls, New York on **Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 11:00 AM** in the church sanctuary following the 10 AM worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate and elect church officers for the church year 2019-2020.

Trustee Notes

TRUSTEE MINUTES, May 7, 2019

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

Present were Dale Dickinson, Dave Trevett, Ron Shaffer and Tremayne Morse.

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. Spring cleanup of the church grounds was accomplished on May 4th.
2. The men's bath room on the church landing needs repair.
3. Many things need to be accomplished outdoors but the weather is not cooperating.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The next meeting will be June 4, 2019.

Dale Dickinson, President

Dave Trevett, Secretary

2019 Spring Rummage Sale - Record Sale!



The Women's Association would like to say 'thank you' to all who helped make this year's Spring Sale a huge success. Together we made over **\$5,516.30! This is a record total!** Thank you to those who spent many hours sorting items, and to those who provided refreshments and food to volunteers. It was a great time, for a great cause. We are looking forward to the Fall Sale, scheduled for October 24-26, 2019.

Monthly Scripture Readings

June 2019 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

[Year C]

JUNE

Seventh Sunday of Easter—June 2

Acts 16:16–34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21

John 17:20–26

Day of Pentecost—June 9

Acts 2:1–21 or Genesis 11:1–9

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

Romans 8:14–17 or Acts 2:1–21

John 14:8–17 [25–27]

Trinity Sunday—June 16

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1–5

John 16:12–15

Second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 7)—June 23

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 19:1–4 [5–7] 8–15a

Psalm 42 and 43

Galatians 3:23–29

Luke 8:26–39

Complementary

Isaiah 65:1–9

Psalm 22:19–28

Galatians 3:23–29

Luke 8:26–39

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 8)—June 30

Semicontinuous

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14

Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Luke 9:51–62

Complementary

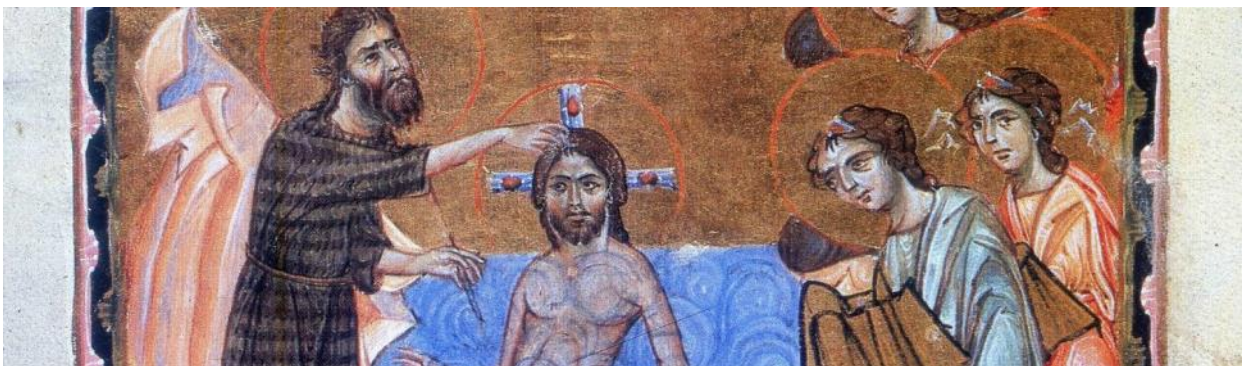
1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Luke 9:51–62

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

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
Sept 29 - Oct 12	Norma Shaffer
Oct 13 - Oct 26	Jim Hirst
Oct 27 - Nov 9	Roberta Clute

Coffee Hour



As of 5/21/19

June 2	Volunteers Needed
June 9	Steph & Wes Ecker
June 16	Volunteers Needed
June 23	Volunteers Needed
June 30	Fifth Sunday - bring a dish to pass!

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!

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



Memorial Service for Lois Kirk

A memorial service for Lois Kirk will be held **Friday, June 14 at 10am** at the church. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



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).



Questions?

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

Newcomers are always welcome!

- **Prayer Shawl**
June 6 @ 7pm
- **Any Craft**
June 20 @ 7pm



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy June Birthday to:

- 1 Carol Moyer
- 3 Patrick Mercure
- 10 Claire Murphy
- 11 Josh Mance
- 11 Jared Hunt
- 13 Claire Snowball
- 14 Bill Scheidegger
- 17 Garth Linscott
- 18 Jack Meneely
- 18 Roberta Clute
- 20 Lynn Meneely
- 21 Christine Barron
- 23 Sadie Bancroft-Arenas
- 26 Steven Marshall
- 30 Holly Mabb

Happy June Anniversary to:

- Jamie & Elaine Fitzgerald (June 10)
- Jane & Michael Barron (June 11)
- James & Elizabeth Davis (June 20)
- Cindy & Kendall McKernon (June 26)
- Bill & Trudy Scheidegger (June 28)

We have received **\$13.12**
from **Amazon Smile**, to make
\$153.16 collected to date!

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

Those in Our Prayers

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.**

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

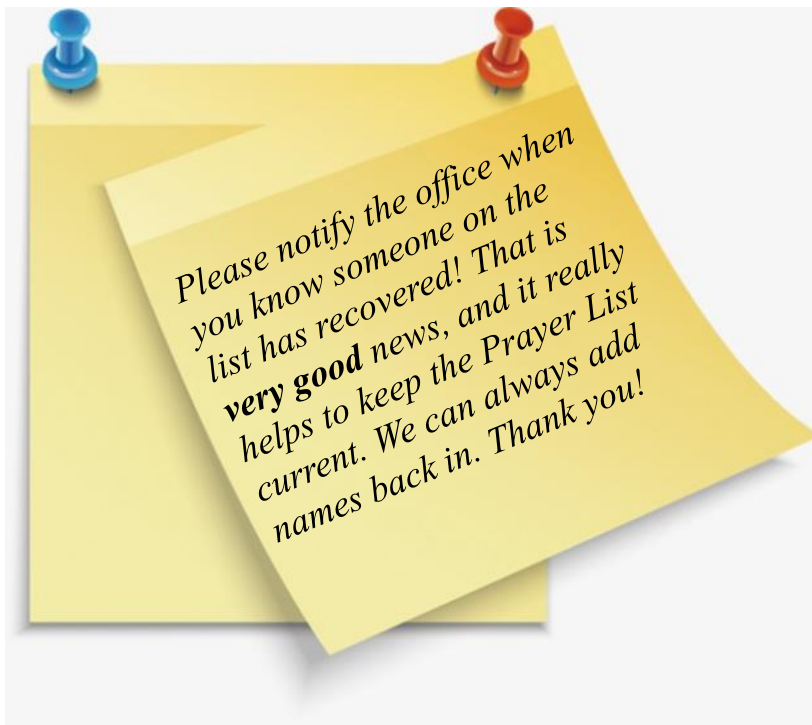
Edward Thompson
 Kathleen McKernon
 Jean Wood
 Nancy Ellis
 Elaine Fitzgerald
 Lukas Lemery
 Dawn Bishop
 Virginia Fitch
 Deborah Scarpetti
 Those In The Armed Services
 Hunter Chase
 Volunteer Firefighters
 Carol LaPoint
 Government Leaders
 Emergency Medical Technicians
 Jane Stuebing (Martin)
 Edna Sheldon
 Kendall & Cindy McKernon

(Bold = New this Month)

5/21/19

In Nursing Homes:

Jane Stuebing (Martin)
 Judy Bronk
 Cindy McKernon



First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls

June 2019

Sundays

10 am, Worship

Mondays

8 pm, AA - Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays

6 pm, TOPS

7 pm, AA - Fellowship Hall

June 4, Trustees, 7 pm

Wednesdays

7 am, AA Meditation -- Classroom

10 am, Exercise Group -- Fellowship Hall

Thursdays

8 pm, Al Anon -- Classroom

June 6, Prayer Shawl, 7 pm

June 13, Session, 7 pm

June 20, Craft Night, 7 pm

Fridays

June 14, Memorial for Lois Kirk, 10 am at the Church

Saturdays

10 am, AA -- Lounge

June 1, WA Luncheon at Cooper's Cave

3 Through him all things were made;

without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:3 NIV