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March, 2022
A Letter from Pastor Hansen

Recently, someone asked me, "why do we say "holy catholic church" when we recite the Apostles' Creed?" The same question could be asked of the Nicene Creed, which states "we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church." And these are not the only places we find the word "catholic" being used in our tradition. The Scots Confession declares that the "Kirk [the Church] is catholic, that is, universal […]." *Book of Confessions*, 3.16. Question 54 of the Heidelberg Catechism asks "What do you believe concerning 'the holy catholic church'?" *Book of Confessions*, 4.054. Section F-1.0302 of our *Book of Order*, which is titled "Marks of the Church" begins by stating "With all Christians of the Church catholic, we affirm that the church is 'one holy catholic and apostolic.'"

The answer lies in the meaning of the word "catholic." The word 'catholic' comes from two Greek words that when paired together mean "according to the whole." From very early in the Church's history, the word 'catholic' referred to the whole of the Church and the Church's sense of being one in the body of Christ, even as it was made of many members. At its heart, the word 'catholic' describes our connection with each other through our union in Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, the history of the Church is not one of oneness and unity. Rather, it is one of disagreements, divisions, factions, violence, and persecution. It is because of this history that it is important that we understand the meaning of this ancient word and embrace its meaning and hope. And despite the confusion caused it, we need to continue to use it as a constant reminder of not only our history, but as a constant reminder of our call to affirm our oneness with our siblings in Christ.

When we affirm our belief in the "holy catholic church," we are affirming our belief not just in the church that we see, but more importantly in the church that we do not see. A church that extends throughout time and space and is united not by doctrines, liturgical practices, or theological exactness, but by the communion of the Holy Spirit, the love of our God, and the faith of Jesus Christ. By professing we believe in the "holy catholic church," we are confessing our faith in a God of grace who refuses to be bound or contained by the divisions and barriers we create, but instead seeks to unite us in the faith of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It also points to our hope in the transforming love of God and our belief that the Holy Spirit calls us and empowers us to be "a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down [which points] beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord." Book of Order, F-1.0301.

We live in a world divided. Our history witnesses to the fact that we have always found ways to be divided from one another and the that Church is no exception to this. In such a world, when we profess our belief in the "holy catholic church" we are not professing empty, meaningless words, but we are confessing our faith and belief that by the power of Holy Spirit we are truly connected and made one with each other in Christ – even when we cannot see it ourselves.

Warmly in Christ,

Pastor Evan

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https://www.facebook.com/North-Presbyterian-Church

Visit Our Website

https://www.northpres.church/

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

If you would like to donate Chancel flowers ($35), please contact Lori Lee at 739-3176.
Available Sundays for March and April 2022 are:
March 13, 20 & 27 and April 3, 10, 17 & 24.
Please take the flowers home to enjoy after the service.
If you are not in the sanctuary on your chosen date, we will be in touch with you to make a plan.

March Worship Volunteers

Tech Booth

March 6	Bill Furnas
March 13	Steve Allison
March 20	Ed Wilson
March 27	Bill Furnas

Ushers

March 6	Janice Williams, Phil Carpentier
March 13	Jerry Russell, Joe Rolls, Bob Russell
March 20	Wendy Swatling, Barb Duryea
March 27	Amanda Korfmann, Ann Motley

Communion

March 6	Ann Motley, Janice Williams, Linda Palmer Kate Hansen, Jim Mosher
March 20	Ann Motley, Janice Williams, George Batrowny, Linda Palmer, Jim Mosher

Greeters

March 6	Ann Motley
March 13	The Seveys
March 20	Janice Williams
March 27	Linda Palmer

Counters

March 6	Jim Mosher, Janice Williams
March 13	Allison Sevey, Wendy Swatling
March 20	Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards
March 27	Cindy & Kurt Kalweit

Wee Worship

March 6	Allie & Scott Sevey
March 13	Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea
March 20	Liz Wilson, Brenna Wilson
March 27	Deb Stamp, Brenna Wilson

Worship Assistant

March 6	Jeff Richards
March 13	Jim Mosher
March 20	Suzie Hoskins
March 27	Linda Palmer

Youth Worship Assistant

March 13	Alexii Hoskins-Thomas

Youth Ushers

March 6	Alexii Hoskins-Thomas
March 13	Payton Hoskins-Thomas
March 20	Analyse Ferriter
March 27	Paityn Perry

Together... WE ARE A FAMILY

March 6:
Tessa Hoskins

March 13:
William, Theresa, Aubri and Hayden Houck

March 20:
Donald & Erin Jacob

March 27:
Michaela Johnson

**Jesus tells us
to pray without ceasing
for the good of God's people.**

Our Homebound Friends

March 6:
Hal & Donna Wolf
42 Sing Sing Rd.
Horseheads, NY 14845

March 13:
Glen & Dorla Bolt
105 Morrow St.
Elmira, NY 14904

March 20:
Hope Dubois
8 Aspen Ridge Apartments
Elmira, NY 14904

March 27:
Gary Doolittle
Bath VA Medical Center
76 Veterans Avenue
Bath, NY 14810

We would like to remind everyone that they are welcome to attend Session Meetings.

If you are interested in attending one, please contact the church office.

Weekly Prayer Chain Email

Did you know that you can pray or be prayed for? You are invited to let the church office know how you would like to be involved.

We are stronger together.

Children and Youth Ministry March 2022

Happy March everyone!!! Let's hope spring and its promise of renewal is just around the corner. There are quite a few things we had to cancel due to the omicron surge during January and February. We are hoping to get youth group back on track and also have a few game nights and maybe a dinner or two. We are also working with Karen Wilson and Pastor Evan to plan a confirmation class for our Jr./Sr. high kids. If you know of a child who would like to attend class please contact Karen Wilson or Pastor Evan with their information.

At the January C.E. meeting we decided on "Monumental", Celebrating God's Goodness, for our VBS theme. VBS will be held Sunday July 17th – Thursday July 21st this year. We are looking for volunteers to head Bible and Crafts, so if you think you might be interested please let me know. We will also be looking for volunteers to help Rec., the kitchen and with each age group.

We just completed a training session for junior ushers and it went quite well. Six of our youth have answered the call to help with the worship service and we are excited to have their help. As you may have noticed, we have a youth reader once a month and wee worshippers who bring down their own offering. It is such a joy to have them participate in worship and gives them a real sense of purpose.

As we enter into this Lenten season, let us reflect on our lives and where our path, chosen by God, is leading us.

Blessings in Christ,
Deb Stamp
Dir. of Children and Youth Min.

Did You Know?

COVID RULES FOR NORTH PRES

- To the extent allowed by the State of New York, masks are now optional in our building and in the sanctuary, including during worship.
- We will continue our contact tracing measures.
- Pews have been roped off to encourage social distancing.
- The lyrics for the praise songs and hymns will continue to be sent with the Zoom link .
- We will revisit our COVID rules as new information/mandates are received from NYS.
- Thank you all for your patience and understanding. We're all in this together!

Parking Lot Worship:

- Please use only the North Entrance (towards Roe Ave.)
- Please tune your radio to 1700AM.
- Please exit through the South Entrance (towards the college).

Zoom Worship

- Zoom service Link will be emailed each week for those who would like to participate via Zoom.

Sanctuary Worship:

In order to comply with the CDC/NYS guidelines, the following COVID guidance was adopted during the February 12, 2022 Session meeting.

- Seating during worship will remain socially distanced.
- **To the extent allowed by the State of New York, masks are optional in the building and the sanctuary, including during worship.**
- **Congregants will still need to register at the Welcome Center.**
- The service will always appear on the large screen at the front of the church.

FOOD PANTRY

SHOPPING LIST

March Food Pantry

Shopping List:

The following items are needed this month for the Food Pantry:

Cleaning supplies (Pledge, Lysol, Windex, etc.)

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Twist ties/ tags (to tie up bags)

Monetary donations are also welcome.

Committee/Coordinator	Email Address
Audit	audit@northpres.church
Buildings & Grounds	campus@northpres.church
Building Use	building_use@northpres.church
Clerk of Session	session@northpres.church
Deacons	deacons@northpres.church
Education	education@northpres.church
Fellowship	fellowship@northpres.church
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Staff Relations	staff_relations@northpres.church
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Treasurer	Financial_sec@northpres.church
Worship & Music	worship@northpres.church

Staff	Email Address
Church Administrator	office@northpres.church
Director of Youth Ministries	youth@northpres.church
Music Director	music@northpres.church
Organist	organist@northpres.church
Pastor	pastor@northpres.church

Meet the Staff

Pastor Evan Hansen — **Pastor**
pastor@northpres.church
Open Door Office Hours: T & W 1:30-4pm

Paul Holland — **Music Director**
music@northpres.church

Sharon Reynolds — **Organist**
organist@northpres.church

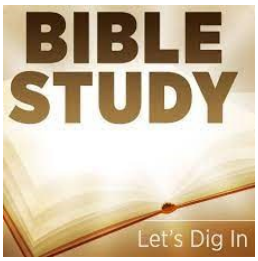
Deb Stamp — **Director of Children & Youth Ministries**
youth@northpres.church

Gretchen Duffy — **Office Administrator**
office@northpres.church

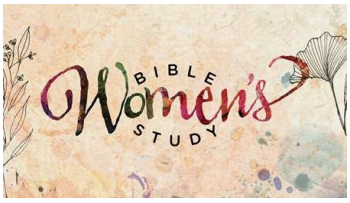
NOTICE: As CDC/NYS guidelines change, please stay tuned to our FB page & website for updates.

Important Reminders:

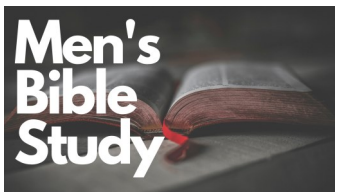
- The church office needs your contact information. Please let us know if anything has changed.
- If you need to contact the church office for any reason, please feel free to email office@northpres.church or call (607) 734-2977 Tues-Fri 9am to 3:30 pm.
- Please be sure to check the bulletin or our FB page for any updates to our COVID procedure.



Wednesday Noon Bible Study
is meeting weekly in the Brisbane Room
Everyone is welcome and may bring their lunch!



Women's Bible Study
is on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
and will study Elijah with Priscilla Shirer. Please contact Suzie Hoskins if you're interested.



Men's Bible Study
is meeting on Mondays at 6:00 pm in the Edmunds Room.
They are studying "The Overcomer", by Dr. David Jeremiah.
Please contact Kurt Kalweit if you're interested.

Adult Sunday School is meeting after worship each week. They are studying Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Sunday School is meeting after worship each week. This year's curriculum is "Gospel Light".

The Good News Singers' practices are from 10:45 to 11:00 am Sundays.

Bell Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:00 pm during Lent.

Faith & Fellowship

Wholeness of mind, body & spirit

Weekly Coffee Hour has resumed!

We will have coffee

directly following worship.

Coffee and pre-packed treats will be provided.

Men's Breakfasts have resumed!

Breakfasts will be just prior to the

Saturday Work Day each month.

Please join us!

SHROVE TUESDAY

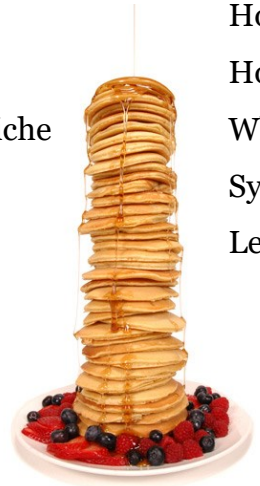
Shrove Dinner

Tuesday, March 1st at 5:30 pm.

Please come to help us celebrate "Fat Tuesday".

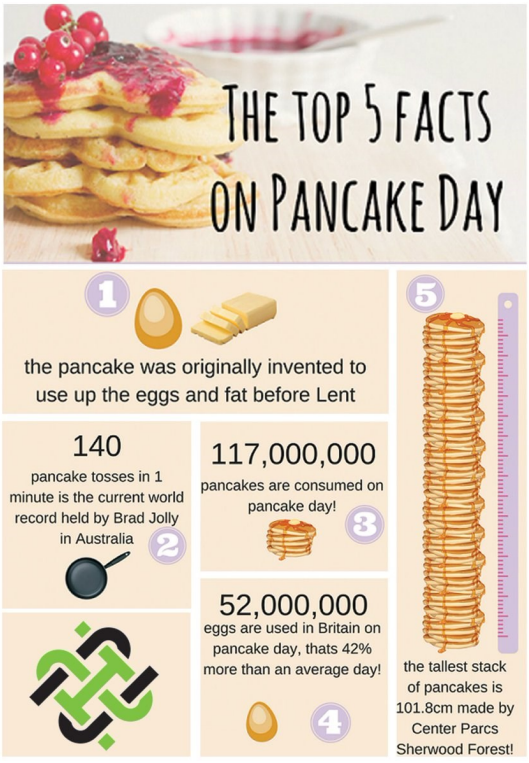
We will be serving :

Pancakes
Waffles
Cheese Quiche
Bacon
Coffee



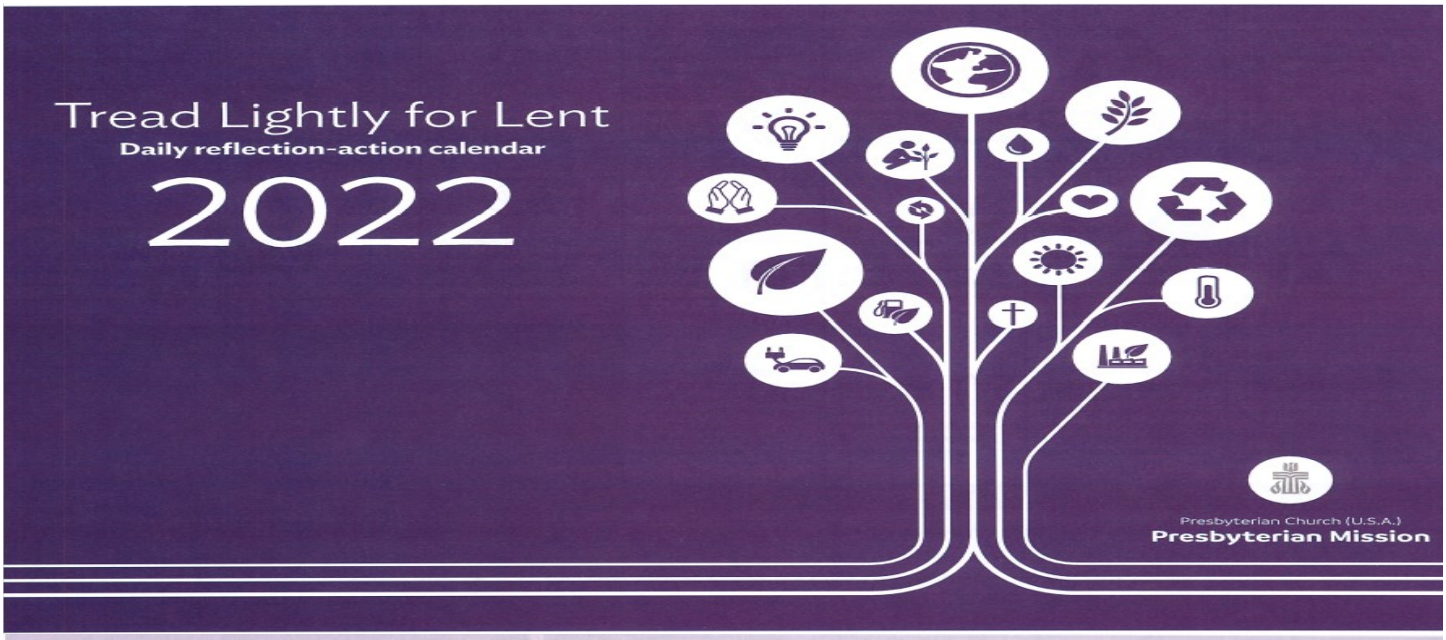
Homemade Apple topping
Homemade Blueberry topping
Whipped Cream
Syrup
Lemonade

Please make your reservation by calling the church office at 607-734-2977.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us



The Presbyterian Hunger Program strives to walk with people in moving toward sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and Creation. As people of faith, we seek to "serve and preserve" God's world. However, some of our collective choices have led to a changing global climate. To turn this tide, we must commit to treading lightly on God's Earth.

In Lent, we reflect on Christ's ministry, death and resurrection. We slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us.

Our hope is that this Lenten calendar will be the beginning of actions intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Download the Sustainable Development Study Guide from the Office at the U.N. at bit.ly/3G7PvTC to connect environmental and human health around the world.	7 Read and reflect on Genesis 2:15–17.	8 Write down everything you throw away today. Challenge yourself to reduce the trash you produce for the remaining days of Lent.	2 **Ash Wednesday** Read Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21. Consider these questions: What do we see as treasure here on Earth? How do or don't those treasures draw us closer to God?	3 Use the OGHS map at presbyterianmission.org/oghsmap to find the OGHS partner closest to you and say a prayer for them.	4 Even though many of us aren't gathering in a traditional sense, there is still a place for sustainable palms in your virtual worship. Learn more and order online: pcusa.org/eco-palms.	5 Challenge yourself to drink only water. It takes 600 cups of water to produce a single cup of coffee, and 125 cups of water to produce a cup of tea.
13 Understand the environmental and social impacts of what you are buying. Do research on products you commonly use and find information on more Creation-friendly products at ethicalconsumer.org.	14 Read and reflect on Matthew 25.	15 Consider where you see Christ today. Share this with one person.	9 Read and reflect on Psalm 130. Consider our responsibility to be part of God's redemption in Creation.	10 Take a walk to appreciate the Earth's natural beauty. Remember why preserving the Earth is crucial for the health of future generations.	11 Download a prayer at faithclimateactionweek.org so you can be prepared for the National Climate Prayer on Earth Day (April 22) at noon local time.	12 Read and reflect on Psalm 8.
			16 Pray: *God, show us, your people, how to honor your gift of Creation. Let us not be selfish with our gift, rather allow us to share as generously with each other as you have shared with us. Amen.*	17 Explore Creation Care Prayers from other traditions: blessedtomorrow.org/six-interfaith-creation-care-prayers.	18 Learn more about your personal ecological footprint: footprintcalculator.org.	19 Pray: *God of Enough, let us remember those in this world who still have not been able to realize your abundance because we have taken more than what we need. And let that remembering drive us to change. Amen.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 Download "Considering Our Treasure" from PHP and take one of the action steps listed in the study. tinyurl.com/y27szc3z.	21 Read and reflect on Isaiah 65:17–25.	22 Pray: *"In the rising and setting of the sun and the cycles of the seasons, in the patterns of the shining stars, may we remember the goodness of God. Amen."*	23 Refresh your memory regarding which items your city or town allows for curbside recycling. Remind your family, friends and coworkers to recycle.	24 Learn about the U.N.'s Children's Climate Risk Index at bit.ly/3EphRZk.	25 Watch this short video on environmental injustice's disproportionate impact on people of color: youtu.be/dREtXUij6_c.	26 Participate in Earth Hour by switching off all electricity at 8:30 p.m. local time in solidarity with global efforts to secure nature and our home: earthhour.org.
27 Take PHP's Climate Care Challenge at pcusa.org/ccc.	28 Read and reflect on Genesis 1:29.	29 Pray: *"Creator of the rivers and oceans, who washes us clean and refreshes us daily, help us to be like a cup of cold water to others in your name: refreshing, cleansing and relieving. Amen."*	30 Pick up as many pieces of litter as you can and challenge a friend to do the same.	31 For Easter baskets, buy Fair Trade chocolate, dried fruit, tea and coffee or small gifts made by women's cooperatives! Fair trade helps farmers and workers around the world. See pcusa.org/fairtrade.	*April* 1 Use the map at bit.ly/3IgW2xf to find the closest Earth Care Congregation to you and say a prayer for them.	2 Unplug the chargers for your cellphone and laptop when you leave your home or office today to minimize the energy many electronics and appliances continue to draw even when they are off.
3 Celebrate the Animal Kingdom by singing along to "A Place in the Choir": youtube.com/watch?v=-iP27eatYxE.	4 Read and reflect on Philippians 3:4b–14.	5 Sign up for Blessed Tomorrow's Climate Ambassador Program: presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/2021/11/22/btclimateambassador training.	6 The consumption of 500 gallons of gasoline every year per U.S. driver creates as much as 10,000 pounds of carbon dioxide. Walk somewhere you would have driven today.	7 Donate to offset your carbon use. Visit presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/presbyterian-carbon-tree-fund to learn more.	8 Check your tire pressure. Low tire pressure means high energy/fuel consumption.	9 Learn where your food comes from. Calculate your food footprint at eatlowcarbon.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 **Passion/Palm Sunday** **HOLY WEEK** As we think about Christ's journey this Holy Week, take space to acknowledge that while it is easy to be overwhelmed with climate injustice, we do not travel alone.	11 Download ecoAmerica/Blessed Tomorrow's info sheets on various climate topics at ecoamerica.org/research.	12 Visit the Eco-Justice Journey blog at presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey and read an entry you haven't seen before.	13 Remind yourself of the PC(USA)'s policy on engaging with issues of climate change by visiting presbyterianmission.org/lordsearthpolicy.	14 **Maundy Thursday** Urge elected officials to support legislation making justice and Creation-care a priority. Download this helpful guide: ecoamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/advocacy-policy-makers-climate-solutions-p2p-ea.pdf.	15 **Good Friday** Learn more about environmental injustice using the poster at presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/PHP-Poster-Environmental-Racism.pdf and consider who is most impacted.	16 **Great Vigil of Easter** Visit lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=130 to reflect on poems and prayers for Holy Saturday.
17 **Easter** Read Zephaniah 3:14–20. Give with joy to the One Great Hour of Sharing.						

For further learning and action

- *Support the sustainable living work of the Presbyterian Hunger Program through gifts to the Hunger Fund H999999.*
- *Celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing, an offering that strengthens earth care ministries, disaster response, and hunger and poverty alleviation: pcusa.org/oghs.*
- *Download a poster about sustainability and Earth care concerns at presbyterianmission.org/resource/php-post-fall-2020.*
- *Sign up for the Presbyterian Justice and Peace e-newsletter: pcusa.activehosted.com/f/164.*
- *Lead your church in a study on the biblical and theological basis for eco-justice using resources from pcusa.org/environment.*
- *Find a more complete list of ideas for congregational Earth-care activities in the Earth Care Congregations guide: pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations.*
- *Become a member of the grassroots organization Presbyterians for Earth Care: presbyearthcare.org.*
- *Read our blog, Eco-Justice Journey: presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey.*
- *Connect to ecumenical programs: creationjustice.org.*
- *Stay up to date on public policy concerns through the Office of Public Witness: pcusa.org/washington.*
- *Lead a study group with the Lent 4.5 materials. Email php@pcusa.org for copies.*

Please visit us at pcusa.org/hunger to learn more about ongoing opportunities for simple living, environmental justice, alleviating poverty and eliminating root causes of hunger.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

Missions

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

During the season of Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection and connects us with "those who have least" - that's how Matthew 25 puts it—and that's what One Great Hour of Sharing is all about. **Connecting.**

Our gifts provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support fro the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

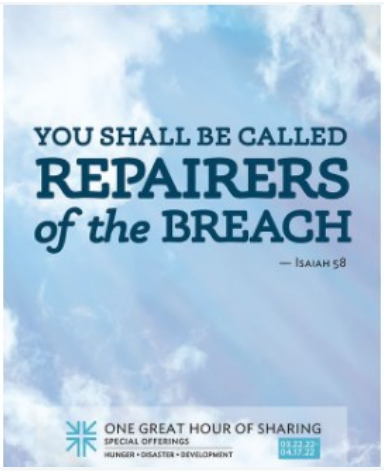
Together
WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Stories of Impact

Because of our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we connect with the Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment in Albuquerque to halt environmental degradation and its impact on the people of the Navajo Nation.

Our gifts connect us with the Civil Society Coalition for Poverty Eradication in Northern Nigeria, where cycles of conflict and food insecurity have been a tragic reality for years.

One Great Hour of Sharing is Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.
We will begin collection for this ministry on Sunday March 20, 2022.



MATTHEW 25

Three easy ways to stay up-to-date on all things Special Offerings.

pcusa.org/blogs/weekly_offerings

facebook.com/specialofferings

twitter.com/pcusa_so

Renovation house

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF MEN

North Presbyterian Church
921 College Ave.
Elmira, NY 14901

Dear Friends and family of Renovation House,

The Lord has brought us through safely to 2022. January began beautifully with fasting and prayer, so we lit a fire under our outdoor Tabernacle that burned 24/7. As we continued to maintain that fire the Lord worked and moved in the hearts of our students and staff. The initial 40 days have come and gone yet the students continue to keep the fire burning… and it's evident in their hearts and lives.

We are experiencing something of an in house revival, complete with salvations and baptisms.

There is an answer to the complex problems and issues people are facing today. Jesus is still the answer, and He is sovereign enough to bring freedom, healing, peace and joy, to the most needful among us.

New ground is being broken as the Lord begins to use Renovation House as a place of rest for ministers and lay leaders. They come and be refreshed, while partaking of our 160 acres of trails, ponds and streams. As well as the structure of our classes, chapels, meals and prayer times. The presence of the Lord occupy this sacred and Holy Ground.

We hope to add a pottery studio this year as well. He is the potter and we are the clay. It fits nicely here as students come to receive the Hand of the Lord upon their lives.

Thank you for praying and investing in all that happens here. May the Lord continue to Bless, Keep and Favor all that pertains to your life and family.

With much love and Appreciation,

Rev Dr, John P Earley

From the Presbytery

Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) is partnering with the Presbyterian-focused CPJ Training Day, organized by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Compassion, Peace & Justice (CPJ) ministries. The theme of this year's EAD is Fierce Urgency: Advancing Civil & Human Rights, and as it usually does, the CPJ event will have the same emphasis. For more information, you can read *the rest of the article* here.

https:/www.presbyterianmission.org/story/save-the-date-for-ecumenical-advocacy-days-and-its-presbyterian-prelude/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Daily+News+from +the+Presbyterian+Church+%28U_campaign=Daily+eNews+%7C+Jan+26%2C+2022

GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Committee on Mission & Witness' 2022 Session Endorsed Matthew 25 Grant Application is now available and posted on our website! Please click here to visit the committee webpage and download the application and supplemental information. **Note that applications are due to the committee by April 1, 2022.**

https://www.presbyteryofgeneva.org/committee-on-mission-witness

From the Presbytery

The Presbyteries of Genesee Valley and Geneva Present

CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING DAY

This Congregational Learning opportunity focuses on elder/deacon training and pastoral leadership development with two courses

Saturday, March 5, 2022
9:00AM - 1:30PM via Zoom

We are delighted to include both Geneva and Genesee Valley Presbyteries as part of the learning day.

COURSE 1 – Called and Equipped: Training for Elders and Deacons

COURSE 2 – Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory

9–9:15 m. Welcome & instructions for COURSE 1

9:15–11:15 – COURSE 1 – Called and Equipped: Training for Elders & Deacons

11:30 – 12 noon Worship – for registrants attending one or both courses Led by the Harvest Neighborhood of Presbyterian Churches and our ecumenical friend, Albion First Baptist Church. Also featuring specially created music by Laurence Tallman, music director at Byron Presbyterian Church.

12 noon – 1:30 p.m. – COURSE 2 – Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory

Register on line: Congregational Learning Day - Presbytery of Genesee Valley (pbygenval.org

MARCH EVENTS

March 1

March 13
Daylight Savings
Time begins

March 17
St. Patrick's

March 1
Shrove Tuesday Dinner
at 5:30 pm

March 3
Ash Wednesday,
Lent Begins

Installation of Elders

The installation of new Elders will be on Sunday, March 13 during worship.

There will be a Saturday Work Day on March 12th.

Please join us!

There will be Lenten Services on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm throughout Lent.

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Our local chapter of TOPS meets on Mondays at 5:30 in Willits Hall. If you're interested, please call the church office for information.

MARCH EVENTS

Ham & Cabbage Dinner
to benefit Youth Ministry
March 19th 4:00 - 6:00 pm.
Dinner will be take out and pre-order only.
Cost $12

Dinner will include: ham, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rolls, dessert and beverage.
This will be a take out only dinner. Please call the church office to reserve your dinner.

The Orchestra of thee Southern Finger Lakes will perform a concert in the NPC sanctuary on March 25th from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Please check on Facebook and in your weekly bulletin announcements for more details as they become available.

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on March 3rd starting at noon. If you're interested in signing up to give blood, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800 RED CROSS.

Yoga meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:45 in Willits Hall. If you're interested, please contact the church office for more information.

Kindermusik

Kindermusik meets on Tuesdays at 3pm and Thursdays at 10 am.

For information on how your child can participate, please contact the church office.

NPC Board of Session

Session Summary

6:00 p.m. Sunday, February 20, 2022

Meeting held via ZOOM

The Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

Rev. Hansen called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

The minutes of the January 16, 2022 stated Session meeting, Minutes of the 127th Annual meeting of the Congregation, and the minutes of the February 13, 2022 Special Session meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

The Session reviewed the Financial Statements including the Profit and Loss Budget Performance for January 2022 and the Account Activity Summary for the Endowment Fund. The Treasurer's report was received, with thanks, by the Session.

Session approved the formation of an ad-hoc committee to review the NPC By-Laws as they pertain to Associate Members. The committee is charged with drafting language to amend this section of the By-Laws. All proposed revisions would be reviewed/approved by Session before they would be presented to the congregation to approve. The committee members are George Batrowny, Suzie Hoskins, Barb Duryea, and Cindy Kalweit.

Session approved Sunday, March 13, 2022 for Installation of Elders.

Session approved NPC's participation in an ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service to be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Each participating church will meet in their own sanctuary. NPC will be the ZOOM host for the meeting. Pastor Hansen will be providing the sermon and Paul Holland will be leading (most of) the music.

Session approved 7:00 p.m. as the time for all Lenten worship services, including Maundy Thursday.

Session approved a carry-out Ham and Cabbage dinner to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Proceeds from the dinner will support youth activities.

Session approved a family game event (sponsored by Christian Education) to be held on Sunday, May 15, 2022 from 2-4 pm.

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Session approved Sunday, June 5, 2022 as Children and Youth Sunday. Sunday school will continue through June 19, 2022.

Session approved July 17-21 as the dates for VBS. The theme this year is Monumental.

Session approved NPC's participation in four special offerings of the PCUSA: Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Christmas Joy as well as the Church World Service blanket Sunday(s) offering.

Session approved youth who are baptized members of the congregation, who are of a certain age/ grade level to serve communion (once they have received proper training).

Session approved Sunday, May 22, 2022 (time TBD) for a free organ recital by Timothy Tuller. Session approved a free-will offering to be taken to benefit a ministry to be designated.

Session authorized use of the video of the January 22, 2022 Presbytery meeting worship service, hosted by NPC via ZOOM Arkport Presbyterian Church (and other churches who may request in the future) to use.

Session approved the use of NPC's employment forms as a template for the Presbytery of Geneva, Committee on Operations.

Session approved the request of the Chemung County Board of Elections to speak to the congregation, at a time yet to be determined, regarding the opportunity to become an Election Inspector.

The meeting adjourned in prayer at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kalweit,

Clerk of Session

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:45 am Yoga 1:00 pm Mission & Outreach Meeting 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 5:30 pm Shrove Dinner 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study	2 Bulletin Info Due Ash Wednesday 10:00 am Food Pantry 12:00 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:00 pm Bell Choir practice 7:00 pm Ash Wed. Service	3 8:45 am Yoga 12:00 pm Blood Drive	3 10:00 Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	5
6 9:30 Worship Service 9:30 am Communion Coffee Hour 10:45 am Good News Singers Practice 11:00 am Sunday School	7 5:30 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study	8 8:45 am Yoga 10:00 Comm. & Tech 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm B & G Meeting	9 Bulletin Info Due 9:30 am Finance Mtg 10:00 am Food Pantry 12:00 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:00 pm Bell Choir practice 7:00 pm Lent Service	10 8:45 am Yoga	11 10:00 Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	12 Men's Breakfast Saturday Work Day
13 Daylight Savings Time Starts 9:30 am Worship Service Installation of Elders Coffee Hour 10:45 am Good News Singers Practice 11:00 am Sunday School	14 5:30 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study	15 8:45 am Yoga 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study	16 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 12:00 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 4:00 pm Christian Ed 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Lent Service	17 St. Patrick's Day 8:45 am Yoga 9:00 am Thursday Morning Musicales	18 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	19 4:00—6:00 pm Ham & Cabbage Dinner
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