



THE PRES

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HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY: Sunday, March 24th, 9:30 AM

Begin Christ's journey to the Cross. The Sunday School children will participate in this service and the Junior Choir will be singing with the Senior Choir. After the service there will be an Easter Party for all the children.



MAUNDY THURSDAY: Thursday, March 28th

7:00 P.M. MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: Continue the journey of our Lord. Communion will be served. Please, also bring a can of soup to donate to help stock the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry.



GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Friday, March 29th 6:30 P.M. This community service will begin in our sanctuary, and continue in the sanctuaries of our neighboring Pleasant Valley churches. Join with us as we walk with our friends from St. Stan's, St. Paul's, and the Methodist churches remembering Jesus' path to the Cross. (Please remember we will be walking to the other churches - dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes!)



SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE: Sunday, March 31st

6:30 A.M. A community service will be held at the Mill Park on Route 44. Breakfast will be served by the Women's Association in our Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

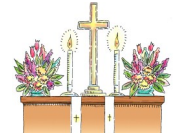


EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE:

Sunday, March 31st

9:30 A.M. HE IS RISEN!! Join in our celebration! Special music provided by our two vocal choirs, bell choir, and organ. CHRIST HAS RISEN!

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Sunday, March 3rd: Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Worship Service, Sunday School & Holy Communion
 10:30 am Coffee Hour

Wednesday, March 6th:

7:00 pm Lenten Service

Sunday, March 10th: Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Worship Service and Sunday School.
 10:30 am Coffee Hour

Wednesday, March 13th:

7:00 pm Lenten Service

Sunday, March 17th: Fifth Sunday in Lent

7:00 am Men's Communion Breakfast
 9:30 am Worship Service and Sunday School.
 10:30 am Coffee Hour

Wednesday, March 20th:

7:00 pm Lenten Service

Sunday, March 24th: Palm Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service and Sunday School.
 10:30 am Coffee Hour

Thursday, March 28th: Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 pm Worship Service in the sanctuary. Communion will be given.

Friday, March 29th: Good Friday

6:30 pm Service begins at our church and travels to the Methodist, Episcopal and ends at the Catholic Church.

Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service at the Mill Park
 9:30 am Easter Festival Service

Save the dates:

June 1: Chicken Barbecue

June 15: Spaghetti Dinner



We'll need people to help and people to come and eat!

Friendship Callers
March 19th 9:30 a.m.

The Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, March 19th to go visit our shut-ins. All are welcome. We meet in the Yellow Room at 9:30 a.m. Any questions please call Joan Smith at 635-3687.

April PRES:

All articles and information for the April PRES must be given to Wendy by March 22nd. Articles may be emailed to the church email address: secretary@pvpresby.org.

We would like to invite all of our church family to help us surprise & celebrate our Dad's (Paul Keck) 75th birthday on Sunday, March 10th during coffee hour. His special day IS March 10th and his family is serving up cake, finger-foods & refreshments to wish him a Happy Birthday! If you wish to contribute something special, please feel free to contact Tracy & Peter Keck 486-6179 or Lisa Wendell 889-8737. Thank you all for joining us on this special day.





Session Update

1. The Session met with Chesney Baker, Charlotte Papineau, and Iris Riccardi, and voted to receive them as members. They will be publicly received during worship on February 24. Session also voted to receive Tom Smith as a member, by letter of transfer from Pine Plains Presbyterian Church.
2. Pastor Shawn reported on members who are sick. Lenten services are being held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Shawn will report on her study leave to Israel during a program on April 20, with a pot luck supper followed by a slide presentation.
3. Pastor Shawn welcomed new elders. Session committees were reorganized with the following changes in Chairpersons: Christian Education, Debi Tyger; Worship, Judy Brandow; Personnel, Gary Murphy.
4. Stewardship/Church Growth Committee Chairperson Jerry Conklin reported that the Celebration Fund is now at 117% of its goal. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected in March. His committee is reaching out to members to invite them to Lenten services and events.
5. Fundraisers were approved by Session as follows: May Fest, May 10 and 11; Chicken Barbecue, June 1; and Spaghetti Dinner, June 15.

Men's Communion Breakfast

Sunday, March 17th at 7:00 am will be this year's Men's Communion Breakfast. The ladies will prepare and serve eggs, ham, juice, coffee, milk, and delicious homemade hot cross buns. Communion will also be served. Our guest speaker will be announced in the Sunday bulletin. To reserve a place, please see Barbara Huneke (635-3918) at coffee hour or call the church office. Adult admission - \$6.00, Children 5-12 - \$3.00, Children under 5 free.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

Jean Albrecht, Cory Albrecht, Gretchen Burnett, Garrett Burnett, Brenda Daley, Emmalee Dolfi, Karen Haight, Kevin Haight, Thomas Halliday, Harriet Mark, Frank Mears, Bill Plass, John Thurston, Ted Traver, Erika VanDeWater, Skip Walker, & Sarah Williams

March Anniversaries

David & Marilyn Brands
Joe & Andrea Kirchoff



Stewardship

Yearly pledges to the everyday life of our church and its missions are still needed to meet our 2013 budgetary goals.

Please send your pledge to the church office as soon as possible.

Pledges for the Celebration Fund have exceeded our goal. However, our pledging period does not end until the fall of 2015. Any additional pledges to the Celebration Fund will be used to cover any cost over-runs or future needs of our church and will be placed in the Perpetual Capital Campaign Fund. They will be used as deemed necessary by our congregation.

May Fest

Friday, May 10 & Saturday, May 11

Mark your calendars for this year's May Fest! We are planning to have the following booths:

Attic; Baked Goods; Books, CDs, DVDs; Children's Toys; Games; Plants; & Kitchen

We will need donations of household and decorative items for the Attic, baked goods, books for all ages, CDs and DVDs, toys and games for children, and plants. All items should be clean and in good condition.

Last year our fundraisers were vital in obtaining the needed financial resources for our church. Please plan to help and to attend! Call Marilyn Brands at 223-5717 if you have questions or wish to help.



Prayers for **Jack & Janet Lashway**. Jack is recovering at The Pines from a fall and Janet is home recovering from a recent hospitalization.

Prayers for **Layla Kirchoff** who is struggling with illness.

Prayers for **Lee Budley**.

Prayers for **Heather** (Pastor Shawn's daughter) who is struggling with MS.

Prayers for **Lee Ann, Jim, Colin & Madeline Eckhardt**. Jim is recovering from a traumatic brain injury.

Prayers for **Tom Albrecht** who is stationed in Kyrgyzstan for 7 months.

Prayers for **Laura Rouse, Dort Traver & Harriet Purhamus** who are at Lutheran Care.

Prayers for **Butch Hollingsworth**.

Prayers for **Ian Adams & family** (friends of the Albrecht Family.)

Prayers for **Andy** (Hilde McQuillan's cousin's husband), **Dennis** (Friend of Barbara Komondorea), **Hugo Dachenhausen** (Dawne Fay's Uncle), **Theresa Forgione** (a friend of Pastor Shawn's), **Corey Lattrell** (Barbara Huneke's great-grandson), **Rick Fay, Sally Lashway, Edith Provencher** (Donna Sheak's mother), **Peter MacWilliams** (Donna Mears brother), **Walter Knapp** (Traci Haight's grandfather), **Alan Arnfield** (Evelyn Frank's father), **Bert** (Karen Haight's Uncle), **Eiluned Aikman, Sue Morey, John & Jane Barden, Carl Freiberg, Carla** (a friend of Pat Zerbe), **Jesse** (Karen Haight's niece), **Wylee Marie Spera** (granddaughter of Frank & Cindy Spera), **Bill & Nan Ritchie, Doris Perotti** (Wendy Cady's Grandmother) who are all struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Jennifer Kotas** (former Sunday

School student), **Paul** (friend of Hilde McQuillan), **Bill Boyce** (Tara Carney's uncle), **Don Taylor, Janet Arms, Shirley Kinne** (Steve's sister), **Jennifer** (Karen's Cousin), **Anita Wolf** (Roxanne Wolf's mother), **Iris Riccardi, Cassidy Way, June, Steve, Matt, Pattie Thomas** (Judy Brandow's cousin), **Trisha** (Kathi Clark's sister-in-law), **Jean Armstrong, Gina Beckman, Charlie Haight, Cindy DeGarmo, Gary Guido, Mike Wetzel, and Zachary Cookinham** who are all battling cancer.

*To add names to the prayer list, submit a written request to the pastor, or call the Church Office. Names will be on for a month, but a request may be renewed. Please use this list in your daily prayers.

Bill & Nan Ritchie made it to California with their daughter. Here is their new mailing address:

William & Annie Ritchie
155 Eagle Lane
Brentwood, CA 94513



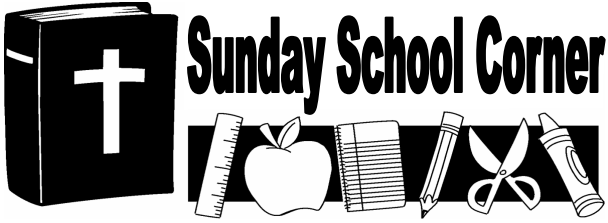
Carl Freiberg has now been placed in a nursing home. Carl's new address is:

Carl Freiberg,
Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home,
Unit A Room 111, 112 Ski Bowl Road,
North Creek, NY 12853

I would like to thank you for all your prayers, cards, and phone calls. It is very comforting to have a church family that are truly caring. I am so grateful and touched by all.

Blessings,
Donna Sheak

A message from Eiluned Aikman: She wants you all to know that she is very grateful for your love and support. She wishes that she could write everyone, but that task is very difficult for her. Please keep her in your prayers, and send her cards and letters as often as possible. She is very lonely without Tom.



Sunday School Corner

By Melissa Palestro, CE Coordinator
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A note from our First Grade Class:

As we learn about sharing God's love and helping others, we have talked about what we CAN do every day. One project that we have started is to collect can pull-tabs to donate to The Ronald McDonald House at Westchester Medical Center. The profits from selling these pull-tabs as scrap metal helps buy supplies for the Ronald McDonald House. Please bring your pull-tabs to church to help us help others.



Thank you.
 Mrs. Sauer's First Grade Sunday School Class

Easter Egg Hunt



This year the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24 after service. Invite your friends and family to come and search for eggs filled with candy and prizes.

Save the date!

June 9 Children's Sunday
 July 8-12 Vacation Bible School.

Look for registration forms in the April PRES!



*Easter plant order time is here! Please help decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday with a lily or spring flower. Orders are being accepted now through **March 17th**.*

Please send your order and payment (\$12 check payable to the First Presbyterian Church) to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Questions? Call Pat Zerbe at 486-0258.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Bulletin to read: _____

Number of plants at \$12 each:

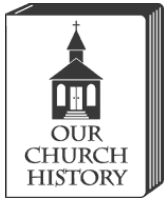
_____ Lily _____ Spring
 _____ Either

Please check one:

_____ *I will pick up my plant(s) after the last Easter Service.*

_____ *I would like the deacons to distribute my plant(s) to some one who is sick or shut-in.*

Please include payment with your order!



THE HISTORY CORNER

By Joan Traver

To begin focusing on our Anniversary Celebration in 2015, we are repeating a column called "The History Corner" which appeared in the PRES several years ago. Recent members may not be familiar with these vignettes; others may enjoy re-visiting them.

THE EARLY YEARS

What was it like back in 1765, here in Pleasant Valley? Well, there was a small settlement here but it wasn't called Pleasant Valley. It was called Charlotte, for it was located in Charlotte Precinct, a division of the Great Nine Partners Grant, one of many land grants established by King George III of England. Of course there was no United States then either. All people living here were the subjects of King George. Independence from England was 11 years away.

Indians still camped along the Wappingers Creek and had an extensive campground along what is now North Avenue, where an apartment complex is currently located.

A few miles east of Charlotte, in what is now Washington Hollow, was another little settlement called Pittsburg, or Pittsbury. A group of Presbyterians living there had built a small church in 1747 but they had no regular minister. People living in Charlotte traveled there for services whenever a "missionary" preacher was in town. One of these preachers was a young man named Wheeler Case.

On Nov. 12, 1765 he was ordained and installed. A memorandum made by Rev. Case states that he found 8 worshippers at Charlotte. These were the first members of our church. He names 6 of them: John

Woosley and his wife, Fredrick Ham and Catherine, his wife, Ephraim Mills and Mary Hallock.

A church building was constructed in what was to become Pleasant Valley in 1770. By then, the settlement had grown larger than the one at Pittsburg, partly because of business generated by a mill operated by Henry Lott, near the Great Bridge.

The first church building was a wooden structure. The walls were unplastered and there were no pews until 1786. The congregation sat on boards laid on blocks of wood. The officers and choir sat under a high pulpit that was supported by a single wooden pillar. Psalms of David were part of worship, with a "reader" reciting each line which was then sung by a designated "singer".

Rev. Case and his family lived on a small farm a mile east of the village. Nearly everyone had a small farm then. Even if you had a shop in the village, you probably had a cow, a few chickens and, certainly, a vegetable garden.

Although there were no actual battles fought here during the Revolution, there were skirmishes as British soldiers passed through, intimidating the locals and often stealing from them. Rev. Case was one who was robbed of nearly all he possessed, but he fled with his family to the village for safety. The Pittsburg church was used as a barracks for British soldiers and was badly damaged. There was a skirmish there in which several people were killed.

Wheeler Case served as pastor for 26 years, until his death at age 56. His wife, Maria, had died the previous year at age 47. Both are buried in the cemetery here.

To be continued....

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