



**The First Presbyterian Church  
of Washingtonville**  
***The Good News-Letter***



April 2016



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## IN CASE OF PASTORAL EMERGENCY



We have pastoral emergency coverage for our congregation. If you know of a need for emergency care please call the church office (496-3814) and leave a message if Cynthia is not there. Pastors from area churches have volunteered to help us during our time of transition.

We have a church officer checking the answering machine daily when Cynthia is not working. Any questions, please contact Elder Lois Dunikowski.



### Civil War Living History & Tour

There will be a Civil War living history and cemetery tour on Saturday, April 30, 2016, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM on the front lawn of the church.

We will need volunteers to make soup and chili and volunteers to serve it during the day. See Sue Hegmann with any questions.

## Worship

He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! We were so blessed for the worship leadership during this most holy season by Dr. David Jacobsen on Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday and with the Rev. Glenn Henricksen on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

Many thanks to the cooks and bakers for Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday sharing their delicious soups and breads!

Guests in our pulpit for April are as follows:

April 3	-	Dr. David Jacobsen
April 10	-	Lynn Costa
April 17	-	Dr. David Jacobsen
April 24	-	Dr. David Jacobsen

A prayer from your worship ministry: Dear God, help us to be the Resurrection People all year long. Give us the mind and heart of Christ Jesus so that we might share the Good News of the Gospel and live as you would have us live. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

Easter Alleluias.

The FPC Worship Ministry

## Deacon Ministry

**Food Pantry** - The food pantry welcomes all donations. Needed items for April are: will be: canned tuna or chicken, jelly and peanut butter. Please add at least one of these items to your shopping list. Donations can be placed in the wicker basket outside Hazekamp Hall.

**Coffee Hour Needs** - Needs for the coffee hour are as follows: decaf coffee. We can always use goodies (baked or store bought). Thank you all for helping the Deacons keep the kitchen stocked!

**Prayer Shawl** - The Deacons are so happy to have this special ministry to help with their shepherding.

**E Prayer Circle** - Please contact Lois Dunikowski at [lbd9999@hvc.rr.com](mailto:lbd9999@hvc.rr.com) if you have any prayer requests.

**Emergency Use of the Church Building** - If any person in our church family is without power, water, or heat, and needs to use the church as a safe haven, please contact your deacon shepherd so he or she can direct your need to the appropriate ministry elder(s).

The Deacons are very happy to serve the members of this congregation. Please let your deacon shepherd know if he or she can help you in any way. (There is a list posted on the bulletin board in the Denniston Room if you are not sure who your deacon shepherd is.)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>APRIL</b>					1 2:30-4:00 PM Girl Scouts #493	2 11AM-1PM Girl Scouts #592 4:00-5:30 PM N.A.
3 10:00 Worship, Dr. David Jacobsen 8:00 PM A.A.	4 7:00 PM Troop 416 Leadership Meeting	5 7:00 pm Troop 416	6 8:00 PM A.A.	7 9:00 AM Bible Study 3:30 PM WWWF 7:00 PM Bible Study at Peggy's home 7:00 Venture Crew 7:30 PM N.A.	8	9 11AM-1PM Girl Scouts #592 4:00-5:30 PM N.A.
10 10:00 AM Worship, Elder Lynn Costa 8:00 PM A.A.	11 7:00 PM Session	12 7:00 pm Troop 416	13 8:00 PM A.A.	14 9:00 AM Bible Study 3:30 PM WWWF 7:00 Venture Crew 7:30 PM N.A.	15 2:30-4:00 PM Girl Scouts #493	16 11AM-1PM Girl Scouts #592 4:00-5:30 PM N.A.
17 10:00 AM Worship, Dr. David Jacobsen 1:00 Habitat Walk 8:00 PM A.A.	18 7:00 PM Troop 416 Summer Venture Meeting	19 7:00 pm Troop 416	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:00 PM A.A.	21 9:00 AM Bible Study 3:30 PM WWWF 4:00 -5:30 PM Girl Scouts #503 7:00 Venture Crew 7:30 PM N.A.	22	23 11AM-1PM Girl Scouts #592 4:00-5:30 PM N.A.
24 10:00 AM Worship, Dr. David Jacobsen Annual Clerk of Session, Stony Pt. 8:00 PM A.A.	25	26 7:00 pm Troop 416	27 8:00 PM A.A.	28 9:00 AM Bible Study 3:30 PM WWWF 7:00 Venture Crew 7:30 PM N.A.	29	30 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Civil War Re-Enactment at FPCW and Washingtonville Cemetery 11AM-Scouts #592
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Sundays - 10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Coffee Hour

Church Office Hours are:  
Tuesday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO



- 6 Susan Hegmann
- 12 Laura Fuentes
- 14 Lori Paulus
- 19 Nancy Bruscano
- 25 Flo Radcliffe

## **Solid-Rock Faith**

Read: Psalm 18:1-3, 46

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.

- *Psalm 18:2*

My wife and I both have grandmothers who have lived past 100. Talking with them and their friends, I detect a trend that seems almost universal in the reminiscences of older people: They recall difficult times with a touch of nostalgia. The elderly swap stories about World War II and the Great Depression; they speak fondly of hardships such as blizzards, the childhood outhouse, and the time in college when they ate canned soup and stale bread 3 weeks in a row.

Paradoxically, difficult times may help nourish faith and strengthen personal bonds. Seeing this principle lived out, I can better understand one of the mysteries relating to God. Faith boils down to a question of trust. If I do stand on a solid rock of trust in God (Psalm 18:2), the worst of circumstances will not destroy that relationship.

Solid-rock faith allows me to believe that despite the chaos of the present moment, God does reign. Regardless of how worthless I may feel, I truly matter to a God of love. No pain lasts forever, and no evil triumphs in the end.

Solid-rock faith sees even the darkest deed of all history, the death of God's Son, as a necessary prelude to the brightest moment in all history - His resurrection and triumph over death.

*Lord, You are the Rock, the object of my faith. My faith stands on You and not on my shifting feelings; otherwise I would be sure to fall.*

*Christ, the Rock, is our sure hope.*

**INSIGHT:** Psalm 18 is a song of thanksgiving. The long superscription, taken from 2 Samuel 22:1, gives the circumstances that led David to write this song of deliverance: "A Psalm of David the servant of the Lord, who spoke to the Lord the words of this song on the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul." David used seven metaphors to describe the Lord: He is a rock, fortress, and deliverer. He is our strength, shield, horn of salvation, and stronghold (vv. 2-3).

--Our Daily Bread

With blessings of love from the Nurture Ministry



## Calendar of Prayer for our Congregations and Leadership

The endorsed calendar of prayer is a way for us to be united. It's an awesome responsibility and gift to pray for one another. To make our offering on behalf of one another. Each member congregation, staff member, elected servant leader, ministry team, and mission commitment of our Presbytery is represented:

First Church Florida, Scotchtown PC Middletown, The Rev. Heath K. Rada General Assembly Moderator, Mount Kisco PC, Commissioned Ruling Elder Dr. Hans Hallundback, HRP Prison Partnership Coordinator, Hitchcock PC Scarsdale, First Church Pleasant Valley, Rural and Migrant Ministry, New Hempstead PC New City, Good Shepherd PC Yonkers, and the Youth of our Churches.



Newsletter articles for  
the May 2016 issue are  
due before  
**April 20!**

### VISION STATEMENT

*Together, we worship God through our  
Study, Stewardship, Service, and Song.*

Call Cynthia at **496-3814** or send an e-mail to [firstpres@frontiernet.net](mailto:firstpres@frontiernet.net)  
to share your news with our church family!



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