



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



March 2015

Holy Week

**Palm Sunday
Worship Service - March 29, 10:00 AM**

**The Upper Room Experience
- March 31, 7:30 PM**

**Soup & Bread Supper
- April 2, 6:15 PM**

**Maundy Thursday
Worship Service - April 2, 7:30 PM**

Good Friday Service April 3, 12:00 PM

Good Friday Prayer Vigil April 3, 12:30 PM

**Easter Sunday
Worship Service - April 5, 10:00 AM**

First Presbyterian Church
of Washingtonville

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CRE Anne Wood

Clerk of Session
Deborah Chedister

The Session

Nancy Bruscano 2015
Lois Dunikowski 2015
Doris Dunn 2016
Nancy Popoloski 2016

Board of Deacons

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Peggy Wright 2015*
Beth Cooke 2016
Beth Tyrrell 2017
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IN CASE OF PASTORAL EMERGENCY



Important News: Pastoral Emergency Care

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.

Easter Lily Orders



Every year during Lent, we give our Sanctuary that special touch that only Easter lilies can bring. If you wish to place your lily in memory or in honor of someone special, please place the **order form along with a check** in the offering plate or in Cynthia's mailbox.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 15th. Order forms are in the Sunday bulletin or in the Narthex and Denniston Room.

The prices are: 6" \$8.00
8" \$19.00
10" \$28.00

Worship

We began our observance of Lent with a very moving Ash Wednesday service led by Dr. David Jacobsen. Dr. Jacobsen's Ash Wednesday Meditation, Compassionate Sacrifice, focused on three P's: Prayer, Preparation and Penitence. As has been our tradition, we gathered prior to the service in Hazekamp Hall for a simple supper of homemade soup and bread.

In March we will welcome the following worship leaders:

March 1 - Rev. Pamela Lupfer, Celebrating The Lord's Supper

March 8 - Rev. Pamela Lupfer

March 15 - Lynn Costa

March 22 - Margery Rossi

March 29 - Rev. Glenn Henricksen, Palm Sunday

There will be several opportunities to gather in worship during Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday at 10:00 AM, led by Rev. Henricksen. The Upper Room Experience will take place on March 31 at 7:30 PM led by The Sisters in Spirit.

The Maundy Thursday worship service will be on April 2 at 7:30 PM led by Rev. Henricksen & preceded by a soup & bread supper in Hazekamp Hall at 6:15 PM.

The Good Friday service will be on April 3 starting at 12:00 Noon led by Elder Nancy Popoloski with the Good Friday Prayer Vigil beginning at 12:30 PM.

Easter Sunday Communion Service will be April 5 led by Rev. Glenn Henricksen. As we look to the cross during this most holy season, may our faith grow stronger and our love increase!

Blessings, The FPC Worship Ministry



The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 20th of each month. Please submit the news you want to share, to Cynthia on or before the **20th** of each month at firstpres@frontiernet.net.

Remember the next issue is a combined issue for the months of December and January.



- a HUGE THANK YOU to Bill Cooke who has gone above and beyond caring for our building during this extremely cold winter.
- to Bill Hooper for volunteering his services to help with much needed repairs to our organ.

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1 8:45 AM Choir 10:00 AM Worship, Rev. Pam Lupfer 1-5PM Scouts#600/4 8:00 PM A.A.	2 7:00 PM Troop 416 Leader's Meeting	3 7:00 PM Troop 416	4 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 G. Scout#405 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Girl Scouts #493 8:00 PM A.A.	5 7:00 Venture Crew 7:30 PM N.A.	6 World Day of Prayer 3:30 PM Girl Scouts #493	7 1-4PM Tarsio Lanes Midnight - Daylight-Saving Time begins
8 8:45 AM Choir 10:00 AM Worship, Rev. Pam Lupfer 8:00 PM A.A.	9	10 7:00 PM Troop 416	11 9:30 AM Bible Study 4:30 PresbyBuild - Goshen PC 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	12 7:00 Venture Crew 7:30 PM N.A.	13	14 6:00 PM Murder Mystery Potluck Dinner
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Sundays - 10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour

Church Office Hours are:
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO



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| 3 | Gert Roosje | 22 | Wendy Spierling |
| | Doris Dunn | 28 | Thomas Beasley |
| 19 | Marissa Pappas | 28 | Nick Fraser |
| 22 | Cynthia Carey | | |

Sunrise

There was a magnificent sunrise this morning, but I was too busy to enjoy it. I turned away and became preoccupied with other things. I thought about that sunrise a few moments ago, and I realize I lost an opportunity for worship this morning.

In the midst of the busyness and stresses of our days, there are patches of beauty all around us, glimpses of God's goodness that we catch here and there along the way. These are the places in the walls of the universe where heaven is breaking through—if only we will take the time to stop and to reflect upon God's love for us.

What if Moses had taken only a fleeting glance at the bush that was burning but “was not consumed”? (Ex. 3:2). What if he had ignored it and hurried on to other things? (He had those sheep to take care of, you know, and important work to do.) He would have missed an epic, life-changing encounter with the living God (vv.4-12).

Sometimes in life we must hurry. But overall, life should be less hurrying and more noticing. Life is the present. Life is being aware; it is seeing God's love breaking through. It is turning aside to the miracle of something like a sunrise. Something transitory, yet symbolic of the eternity that awaits us.

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free. —Scott

--Our Daily Bread, March 2014

With blessings of love from the Nurture Ministry

**Thank you Peggy Wright
and all your helpers for
making the annual
spaghetti dinner a great
success!!**





Congregational Life



The Congregational Life Committee is hosting a Murder Mystery Potluck Dinner Night.

DATE: Saturday, March 14

TIME: 6:00 PM

You can play a roll or just come to help solve the murder.
It's sure to be fun for all.
Contact Sue Hegmann or Hanora Sullivan for details.



5th Annual Bowl-A-Thon Strike out homelessness

Saturday, March 7, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Tarsio Lanes - 173 South Plank Road (Route 52)
Newburgh, NY 12550

\$20.00 each ticket; 3 hours of bowling, shoes & ice cream
\$10.00 spectator ticket
ice cream & 5 tricky tray raffles

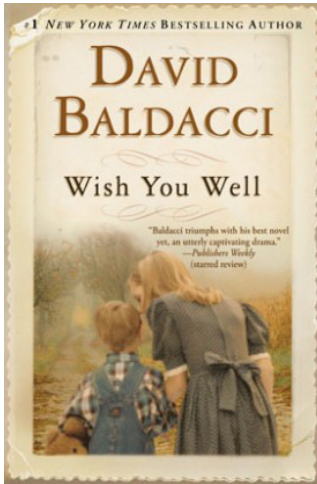
Tricky tray raffle at 3:30 (must be present)
Flat screen TV raffle at 4:00 (need not be present)



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT FAMILIES RIGHT
HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY

For tickets contact Jane: jbrown6@hvc.rr.com or (845) 401-7009

“Wish You Well” by David Baldacci



Precocious twelve-year-old Louisa Mae Cardinal lives in the hectic New York City of 1940 with her family. Then tragedy strikes - and Lou and her younger brother, Oz, must go with their invalid mother to live on their great-grandmother's farm in the Virginia mountains.

Suddenly Lou finds herself coming of age in a new landscape, making her first true friend, and experiencing adventures tragic, comic, and audacious. When a dark, destructive force encroaches on her new home, her struggle will play out in a crowded Virginia courtroom...and determine the future of two children, an entire town, and the mountains they love.

The Savvy Soul Sisters of Syntax are reading this book for our March meeting. Date and location to be determined.

Board of Deacons

Food Pantry - The food pantry welcomes all donations. Needed for March will be: spaghetti sauce, pasta, dry or canned soup and flour. 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 - All kinds of cookies are welcome. 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@hrc.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.)



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 Washingtonville, First Church Philipstown-Cold Spring, Scarborough PC, Roscoe PC, HRP Gun Violence Response Network, Brewster PC, First Church Hamptonburgh-Campbell Hall, The Rev. Jed Koball-Mission Co-Worker in Peru, All Souls PC- Port Chester, Otisville PC-Mt Hope, The Rev. Gradye Parsons-General Assembly Stated Clerk, First Church Florida, Scotchtown PC-Middletown, and Heath K. Rada-General Assembly Moderator.



Newsletter articles
April 2015 issue are
due before
March 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
to share your news with our church family!



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