

PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

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NEWSLETTER

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United Presbyterian Church of Randolph

Dear Church Family and Friends,

As I write this May newsletter, I am sitting at my desk, looking at the snow! Yes, we are near the end of April and we had enough snow to send out snowplows. To those of us who have lived in Western New York for many years, this is not a surprise. It has been a little like weather whiplash this month. Look at the temperature variations, last Sunday, April 24, my car thermometer registered 81 as the outside temperature when I left church and today, April 27, I awoke to 2 inches of snow on my car. What a month! I saw a great facebook post about our April weather, posted here for you to enjoy.

Most places in the world are not quite as temperamental as Western New York, but very few places on earth are sunny all the time or rainy all the time and for the places that are, the unexpected rainy day or unexpected sunny day are a real treat! I had a parishioner who grew up on an island off the coast of Alaska. It rained nearly all the time. When there was a sunny day, the school would close so the kids could go outside to play. On the other hand, when my son lived in the Namib Dessert in Namibia, a rainstorm was a great cause for celebration. Our spiritual life can be a lot like weather.

We go through all kinds of weather in our spiritual life. We have days of great joy as well as days of great sorrow. This past year has brought its own slew of ups and downs during the worldwide pandemic. The Apostle Paul had his own share of ups and downs - from being treated like a God to being stoned and beaten to within inches of losing his life. The fourth chapter of Philippians is full of advice on how to get through the changeable spiritual weather. Here are some excerpts:

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God...I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. **I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation**, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:4-6,12-13

By the time you are reading this newsletter, we might be experiencing lovely spring or even summer like temperatures. We will be ready for whatever comes and keep our snowbrushes handy until June. Can we be ready for whatever comes in our spiritual walk? God is always with us whether we need a raincoat or sunglasses, the love of God never changes!

With peace and hope,

Pastor Molly

I'm ready
For the rest of this week!
I have my umbrella,
my flip flops,
my mittens,
my suntan lotion,
my winter coat,
my sunglasses,
my thermals,
my iced tea
and my hot chocolate!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 6 Connie Lockwood
May 7 Jalynn Ashdown
May 9 Caden Inkley
May 11 Andrew Pihlblad
May 16 Tom Wade
May 19 Amara Ashdown
May 20 Mason Garman
May 20 Julie Greeley
May 23 Jill Roberts
May 24 Bob Matson
May 25 Marla Frame



Notes from Session

APRIL 2022

- Per Capita for 2022 is set at \$36.00 per member
- Deacon's helping with aid for young man who lost all in fire.
- Reminder of May 14 and June 4 workshop about "Financial Survival."
- Vacation dates set for Pastor Molly. May 22-30 and July 11-17.
- Fellowship time following worship in Hospitality room approved to begin again.
- Reg reported that work has begun on the repainting of the outside cross at the front of the church.
- Heat pump for the sanctuary has been replaced.
- Deacons will be in charge of activities for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduation.

FLIGHT SCHOOL

Every spring,
On our front deck
Ringside seats for
Flight School.

Across the street
Atop a high bush
Perched Mrs. Blue Jay
With two big chubby babies.

A distance away
On another high bush
Mr. Blue Jay awaits.
At a chirp from the Mrs., he answers.

At dad's raucous call,
A chubby one flaps his wings
Encouraged by the sound
He uncertainly takes off.

Ever louder, dad's calls
Give confidence
For his wobbly flight
Soon he makes it to dad.

After several trips,
Mom chirps "Well done" to
The now proficient baby,
And dad proudly flaps his wings.

No time to be lost—
Dad raucously calls, "Next!"
New pupil, new lesson—
And God is smiling.

Ann Dahl Luce 2019



LITURGISTS FOR MAY

May 1

Liturgist— Nancy Pihlblad
Communion—Connie Lockwood

May 8

Liturgist— David Golando

May 15

Liturgist—Tom Wade

May 22

Liturgist—Barry Shields

May 29

Liturgist — Dan Pihlblad

June 5

Liturgist — Connie Lockwood
Communion — Nancy Pihlblad

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS

May 1, 2022

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 8, 2022

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

May 15, 2022

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 22, 2022

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

May 29, 2022

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Please pray for the missions we support

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS
DISASTER RELIEF
EMERGENCY FUND
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA SWAUGERS
FRIENDS OF THE NIGHT
GENESIS HOUSE
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
LAVID ORPHANAGE IN MEXICO
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SAMARITAN PURSE SHOE BOX
ST SUSAN CENTER
UCAN

FINANCIAL SURVIVAL WORKSHOP

A Financial Survival Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 14th here at the church. This will be a casual, informative event and all are invited to attend. Community members are also invited. The event will begin at 9:30am and will conclude at 12noon. The presenters will be Tom Wade and Connie Lockwood. You may contact Tom at 716-358-5951 or Connie at 716-358-6357 to sign up for the event.

THE ANNUAL GENESIS HOUSE FLOWER SALE

The mission of the Genesis House is to provide secure temporary housing and supportive services as homeless adults and families transition to more stable housing. Please consider helping us by ordering our beautiful flowers.

Thank you for your continued support for our mission!

Geraniums

4 1/2" pots for \$7.00

3 for \$16.00

Red, White, Pink and Fuchsia

Hanging Baskets of Impatiens

\$28.00

Red, White, Pink, Salmon or Purple

Please contact Nancy Pihlblad at 716-665-1544 to place your orders or fill out an order form that you can find in the Narthex. Give your form to either Nancy or Karen.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE YOUR ORDERS ONLINE

Nancy will accept orders up until Monday, May 2nd.



MARCH MADNESS BRINGS COINS FOR CHARITY!

After finding 105 quarters for the 115 spots on our coin chart, plus the duplicates that were placed in the can, the total came to \$50 which will be part of our fundraising for Ukraine. Now is the time for everyone to set their own personal pledge for each quarter found. If you would like to match quarter for quarter, your donation will be \$26.25. A ten cent pledge would amount to \$10.50. There is already a pledge for \$1 per quarter and that donation will be \$105! What a unique and interesting way this was to collect funds for the Humanitarian Mission for Ukraine!

Please make checks payable to RUPC MISSION FUND with UKRAINE written on the memo line.

Cash donations may be placed in an envelope with your name and "for Ukraine" written on it.

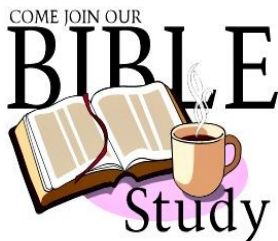
Thank you to all who diligently checked their quarters and for those making a FINAL FOUR donation!

Reg and Louise Boutwell, coordinators



Tune in to live Worship Services

Watch for an email for the link Sunday morning just before 10:00 or watch later by going to YouTube.com Search Molly Golando



The Thursday night Zoom Bible Study is studying the book of Revelation. Coffee Chat will begin at 6:30pm and the study will begin at 7pm. Pastor Molly will send a link out for all to access the study.

Please join us and invite a friend!



Knitting Group will be meeting at the church on the last Sunday of this month which will be **May 29th at noon**. Join us for fellowship and fun in knitting, crocheting or whatever needlework you desire.

Hope to see you there!



Pastor Molly will be on vacation from Monday, May 23rd through Tuesday, May 31st.

IT'S TIME FOR SPRING

RUPC SCRIP!

We are starting our spring campaign to order gift cards for delivery in May. **Orders must be placed by May 1st.**

Remember Mother's Day, Father's Day, High School and/or College Graduations are coming up. If you don't use gift cards for these, why not consider.....

Do you shop at any of these places?

Boscov's, Walmart, JoAnn Fabric, Old Navy, Pet Smart, Kohl's, Marshalls, Macys, Lowes, Staples, Home Depot or Sam's

Do you shop online at.....?

Harry & David, iTunes, LL Bean, Land Ends

When going out to eat do you go to any of these places?

Denny's, Red Robin, Red Lobster, IHOP, Olive Garden, Papa John's, Chipotle Mexican Grill or Panera Bread?

You don't need an occasion to purchase these gift cards. Consider ordering cards that you would use for grocery shopping, etc.

NOW, you've done your shopping, got those gifts for spring and made a donation to the Mission Scrip Fund at the same time.

We call this a **WIN—WIN!**

Thank you so much for helping!

Mary Myers, coordinator

IT'S TIME FOR SPRING PLANTING



Four of our seven beds in the Community Garden have already been spoken for. Three to our church, and one for a community resident. Before we advertise in the May issue of the Randolph Register, we'd like to ask if there are any church members who would like to reserve a bed. If so, please let Reg Boutwell know asap. You may reach him at 716-358-4848 or by email to popopweeze@gmail.com.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Loss:

Family of Wayne Wright Sr.
 Family of Alan Beck
 Family of Reed Smith
 Family of Judy Ross

Home Bound:

Remember with a call or visit :

Alice Stoddard
 Bob Whitney
 Bettie Alexander
 Dan & Ruth McLaughlin
 Those in quarantine

Health:

Alice Stoddard
 Amy (Stacy's friend)
 Betty & George Brooks
 Bob Whitney
 Bob & Sandy Chubon
 Brad Young
 Byron Ashdown
 Carol Brown

Health:

Carrie Congdon
 Carrie R
 Chris Parker (diabetes)
 David Dunbar
 Congestive heart failure
 David Myers pneumonia
 Derek Marsh leukemia
 Don (shingles)
 Don Showers
 Donna Chubon
 Father Joe (St Patricks)
 Gavin Larson surgery
 Harry Uhl
 Hunter Young cancer

Jeff (Marta's boyfriend)
 Jennifer Smith (hip replacement)
 Joy Golando (broken elbow)
 Karen Howell (knee & back issues)

Health:

Madison
 Mike (David's friend addiction)
 Natalie Wade
 Nick Kinney
 Renee (Pastor's friend)
 Rosamond Flagg
 Ryan B. (addictions)
 Sue Robinson
 Susie (broken foot)
 Tad house fire
 Teresa Chadwick (waiting for kidney)
 Tom & Kay Wade
 Verna Miller
 Westfield Presbyterian Church

Military Personnel & Their Families:

Aaron Wellman
 Mike Fleischmann
 Anthony Schwartz
 Erin Connor
 Matt Kinahan

Encouragement:

UKRAINE
RUSSIA
 THE WHOLE WORLD
 Our Nation
 Disaster Victims
 Care Givers
 Police Officers
 Medical Personnel
 Military Personnel
 Families of fallen soldiers
 Families dealing with Addictions
 Prison Ministry (CCM)
 Foster Care Parents/children
 Dorcas and family (immigration papers)
 Jill Roberts while Jim is commuting for work

Our Church:

Deacons & Elders
 General Committees
 Church Staff

Travelers:

Jim Roberts commuting for work

General Fund Treasurer's Notes

<u>MARCH 2022</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Expenses \$ 5,111.02	\$ 21,222.93
Total Receipts \$ 2,938.80	\$ 30,437.86
Gain or (Loss) (\$2,172.22)	\$ 9,214.93
Capital Improvement Fund	\$12,985.97
Driveway Fund	\$5,030.51
Paying Forward Fund	\$807.05

For further information, ask a member of session or the treasurer, Reg Boutwell.



MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9am Worship 10am <u>Scrip orders due to Mary</u>	2 <u>Flower orders due to Nancy</u> 8pm AA	3	4 Pastor 9-12	5 Coffee Chat 6:30pm Bible Study 7pm	6	7
8 Sunday School 9am Worship 10am Mother's Day	9 8pm AA	10 <u>Office open</u> Session Meeting 7pm	22 <u>Office open</u> Pastor 9-12	12 <u>Office closed</u> Coffee Chat 6:30pm Bible Study 7pm	13	14
15 Sunday School 9am Worship 10am Mission Sunday	16 8pm AA	17	18 Pastor 9-12	19 Coffee Chat 6:30pm Bible Study 7pm	20	21
22 Sunday School 9am Worship 10am	23 8pm AA	24	25	26 Ascension of the Lord	27	28
29 Sunday School 9am Worship 10m Capital Sunday	30 8pm AA	31				



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CORPORATION OFFICERS

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Treasurer—Rosie Swan

CLERK OF SESSION

Mary Myers

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2022

Tom Wade
Mary Myers

CLASS OF 2023

Jim Roberts
Reg Boutwell
Connie Lockwood

CLASS OF 2024

Keith Alexander
Dan Pihlblad

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2022

Marta Johnson
Kay Wade
Stacy Halla

CLASS OF 2023

Barry Shields
Carrie Congdon

CLASS OF 2024

Rosie Swan

STAFF

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CHURCH SECRETARY—Karen Howell

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To celebrate and continue the work of Christ by ministering to all people, supporting each other as a loving family, and working together in Christian service.