

# PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

MAY 2021

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, high of 84° on April 7 and high of 36° on April 21. 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!**



Ann's Easter Poem was inadvertently not included in April's Newsletter. I'm including it in May's because it is beautiful and I want everyone to have the opportunity to enjoy it.  
Thank you for all you do Ann!

## GLORIOUS EASTER

<b>May 6</b>	<b>Connie Lockwood</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Jalynn Ashdown</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Caden Inkley</b>
<b>May 11</b>	<b>Andrew Pihlblad</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Tom Wade</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Tim Plaskett</b>
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Amara Ashdown</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Jason Braymiller</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Mason Garman</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Julie Greeley</b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Lindsey Plaskett</b>
<b>May 23</b>	<b>Jill Roberts</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>Bob Matson</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Marla Frame</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Martha Wood</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Betty Brown</b>

Emerging from the  
Dark days of Lent-  
A time of sacrifice-  
We learn of the empty tomb  
And step into the light  
With our risen Lord.

I remember Easters past:  
Easter sunrise service  
At the Girl Scout camp  
Singing in our  
Thin early morning voices  
Praises.

Always a new outfit..  
A hat,  
A corsage,  
Eggs we colored,  
Easter baskets,  
And family.

## Notes from Session

### APRIL

- UPC received PPA federal grant funds.
- Audit Committee found church books in good order for 2020.
- Worship in person going well with plans to allow more seating in sanctuary now.
- Technology and audio needs discussed.
- Plans to honor for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduation discussed.
- Approved Catherine Alexander's use of the building for young ladies group.

Help us, O Lord  
At this special time.  
Help us to confirm our love  
For You, and remember  
Your sacrifice for us  
And Glorious Easter!

Ann Dahl Luce

## WORSHIP TEAMS FOR MAY

### May 2

Liturgist— Cathy Sutherland or Nancy Pihlblad  
Sound- Keith & Catherine Alexander  
Communion— Nancy Pihlblad

### May 9

Liturgist—Barry Shields  
Sound- Keith & Catherine Alexander

### May 16

Liturgist—Tom Wade  
Sound- Keith & Catherine Alexander

### May 23

Liturgist— Dan Pihlblad  
Sound- Keith & Catherine Alexander

### May 30

Liturgist-David Golando  
Sound—Keith & Catherine Alexander

# JUNE

### June 6

Liturgist—Connie Lockwood  
Sound—Keith & Catherine Alexander

## Pray for our Mission Projects

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

## LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS

### May 2, 2021

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

### May 9, 2021

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

### May 16, 2021

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

### May 23, 2021

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### May 30, 2021

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17



Please note that Coffee Hour is being held on Thursdays from 6pm to 6:30pm through Zoom. Not everyone is able to attend Sunday Worship, so it is so nice to be able to see and chat with those who tune in. You won't be sorry you did!

Our new Bible Study started on April 15 and we are studying the Book of Acts (Luke's sequel). If you'd like to catch up with us, just go to Molly Golando @ YouTube and you will easily find it. Pastor Molly is recording our study sessions; so if the allotted time doesn't work for you, you're able to watch it on YouTube at your convenience.

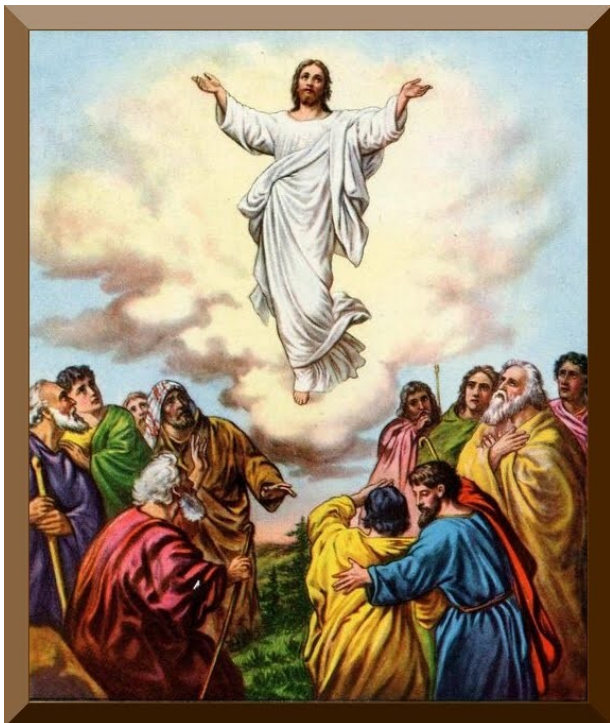
We have such a nice time and we are learning so much.  
Hope you will join us!

## **Pentecost Sunday is May 23, 2021**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were altogether in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. Acts 2

Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them. God knew, that when Jesus would go to Heaven, the Christians would need more than the written word of God to spread the Gospel. They would need access to the same power that Jesus used. Pentecost is now the day that the Holy Spirit entered the Apostles and is considered the birth of the Christian Church.

We will have a great celebration. Wear red for this Birthday Party!



## **ASCENSION SUNDAY is May 9, 2021**

For forty days after his resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Bible says that Jesus travelled and preached with his apostles, preparing them for his departure from Earth. Ascension Day marks the moment Jesus literally ascended into heaven before his disciples at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem.



# PRAYER CONCERNS

## Loss:

Katherine (Michelle's Mom)

## Home Bound:

*Remember with a call or visit :*

Alice Stoddard

Ann Luce

Bob & Evelyn Whitney

Bettie Alexander

THOSE IN QUARANTINE

## Health:

Amber Anderson

Ann Luce

Audrey Wicks

Autumn (Marta's daughter)

Betty Brown

Bob & Sandy Chubon

Bob Hutto Mary's brother

Bob Whitney hip surgery

Brad Young

Carol Brown

## Health:

Carol Gardner –Rosie's sister-in-law

Carrie Congdon

Carrie R

Cassie w/cancer

Cheryl (Rhonda's sister)

Cheryl Farnham

Debbie O'Carroll  
Connie Dalbo's sister

Debbie (Jim's Mom)

Dennis Root

Derek Marsh leukemia

Donna Chubon neck pain

Fletcher Schultz hip

Helen from Haiti

James Berg cancer

Jamie Carpenter

Jason

Jeff

Judy Sterns heart

Karen

Kathy Fallen (Keith's sister)

Keith G. cancer

Kevin's mother

## Health:

Linda Wilcox

Lowell Wilcox

Lois Berg Cancer

Lori Linquist cancer

Madison

Marian Wade

Marion Ridell injuries/fall

Mike (David's friend)

Natalie Wade

Nick Kinney

Pastor Buck

Reagan Smith

Reese optic nerve tumor

Rob (heart attack)

Robert Rice shoulder rehab

Ron Sample back issues

Rosamond & Merle Flagg

Ryan Schroeder

Sadie Belle Kinahan

Shamaella (Haiti)

Simon (Sean & Hannah)

Tyler Searle Covid

Vicki Fowler

Westfield Presbyterian Church

## Encouragement:

### THE WHOLE WORLD

The country & children of Haiti

Haitian Sewing Women

Those rebuilding from disasters

Those struggling with the effects of the virus

Ruth & Dan McLaughlin

Care Givers

EMT's

Families dealing with Addictions

Prison Ministry (CCM)

Foster Care Parents/children

Dorcasse and family

### Our Church:

Deacons & Elders

General Committees

Church Staff

### Travelers:

Gregory Golando

### PRAY FOR OUR NATION




## General Fund Treasurer's Notes (update not available at printing)

	February 2021	Year to Date
Total Expenses	\$ 4,672.22	\$ 11,013.94
Total Receipts	\$ 7,590.00	\$ 11,315.00
Gain or (Loss)	\$2,917.78	\$301.06
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 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 8PM AA	4	5	6 Pastor 9-12 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible study 6:30 Zoom	7	8
9  Ascension Sunday	10 8PM AA	11 Session Meeting 7pm Zoom	12	13 Pastor 9-12 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible study 6:30 Zoom	14	15
16 Mission Sunday	17 8PM AA	18	19	20 Pastor 9-12 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible study 6:30 Zoom	21	22
23	24 8PM AA	25	26	27 Pastor 9-12 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30 Zoom	28	29
30 Capital Sunday	31 memorial DAY 	<p><b>Calling all graduates!</b></p> <p>Please notify the church office with any information you have in regards to upcoming graduates so we can feature them in an upcoming newsletter.</p> 				



## NEWSLETTER

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### PASTOR

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### CORPORATION OFFICERS

**President**—Reg Boutwell **V. President**— Kay Wade  
**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

### DEACONS

#### **CLASS OF 2022**

Marta Johnson  
Kay Wade  
Stacy Halla

#### **CLASS OF 2023**

Barry Shields  
Carrie Congdon

### STAFF

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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.