

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 newsletter article, the world is waiting for the landing of the newest Mars rover (February 18). By the time you read this, I'm sure everyone will have watched this exciting event and it will be the talk on everyone's lips over the next few weeks! ...No? What do you mean you didn't even know about it?!?! Really! This new Mars rover, the Perseverance, might actually discover that there were microbes living in a dried up lake, 3.5 billion years ago.

Ok, true confession, I never would have known about this interplanetary happening, except that I have a scientist for a son who was that excited about this event and wanted to make sure that I watched it. I have to admit, I don't know if I actually care... (yikes, good thing my son is all the way in Africa and can't hear about his mother's lack of scientific interest and ... you'd better not post this confession on face book!)

We all have our own interests and not everyone shares them. Some people are interested in cars or mechanics, others have a passion for watching sports, some like to watch Britain's royal family, rock collecting, skiing, fishing, crafting...It can be very exciting finding someone who shares our interests. But what a bore to listen to someone talk endlessly about something that you are not interested in at all. (see Mars rover)



Some people think that we as Christians can be a little fanatical over our faith. Why would anyone want to spend every Sunday morning at church? It might be okay to come a couple times a year – like Christmas and Easter – (what's the point of a new Easter dress unless you can show it off!)

If one sees Christian faith as just an interest like basketball or crossword puzzles, we can understand why it seems that church/church talk could be a real bore. But, faith is not an interest. It is about freedom from our past wrong living, it is about experiencing being completely loved, it is about a relationship with the creator of the universe, it is about life itself – this life and eternal life. There are lots of "right" ways to live out our faith. We live out our faith in the areas of interests we have. If you love cars – be a Christian loving cars, if you love skiing, be a Christian loving skiing. How? That is for you to discover with the Holy Spirit as your guide.

This is our challenge as Christians; to live our faith and let the love of Jesus shine, not just as a passionate interest, but in the midst of our passionate interests, as something that can be life changing for everyone. It is the right fit. We don't have to be perfect before we experience the love of God. *Romans 12:8* "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Can you bring someone with you to a Bible Study (zoom) or to church and help them to experience faith for themselves? Let your life be the precursor to the invitation. Let others see something they want in their own lives.

Now, I must find the channel that might be showing the Mars rover. Not my cup of tea, but Christianity is the best for everyone!

With peace and hope,
Pastor Molly



March 4	Amber Riddell
March 6	Diane Carpenter
March 7	Eva McLaughlin
March 8	Alice Stoddard
	Erik Connor
March 9	Evelyn Whitney
	Brianna Hetrick
March 13	Elise Pihlblad
March 14	Rory Connor
March 17	Linda Inkley
March 23	Lynn Myers
March 27	Dan McLaughlin
March 29	Sean Connor

Notes from Session

FEBRUARY 2021

- 2020 Mission Finance report received
- Per Capita for Presbytery of 34.10 approved. Total of \$2455
- Mission Committee 2021 budget of \$5250 approved
- Worship in person on Feb 7 had 28 people
- Souper Sunday donations came in well
- Ash Wednesday service will be pre-recorded and on YouTube
- Lenten Bible Study will be on Thursdays at 6:30 by Zoom
- Coffee/social time will be at 6pm on Thursdays by Zoom
- Session will ask congregation for ideas for the next Capital Improvement

UNTIL~ VACCINE

I miss my church.
Sitting in the sanctuary
Hearing the organ and choir,
Singing the hymns.
YouTube just isn't the same
Though Molly is first rate.

I miss the kids—
The older ones taking part,
The little ones on laps
Sweet voices joining in.
I miss my hugs, and
After the service, fellowship.

Though I miss these things,
Our people, who are the church,
Have stepped forward
With cards and notes
Plants and bouquets,
Outside my window at rehab.

Cupcakes, candy,
A box of activities
Numerous phone calls and Zoom,
Even a virtual hug via phone!
I pray for the strength
To do my part to stay well and safe—

Until~Vaccine. See you then!!!

Ann Duce

Lectionary for Sundays

WORSHIP TEAMS FOR MARCH

March 7

Liturgist— Nancy Pihlblad
Sound- Keith & Catherine Alexander
Communion— Nancy Pihlblad

March 14

Liturgist—David Golando
Sound- Keith & Catherine Alexander



March 21

Liturgist—Cathy Sutherland
Sound- Keith & Catherine Alexander

March 28

Liturgist— Tom Wade
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

March 7, 2021

Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

March 14, 2021

Numbers 21: 4-9

Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2: 1-10

John 3: 14-21

March 21, 2021

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 51: 1-12

Or Psalms 119: 9-16

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12: 20-33

March 28, 2021

Entry into Jerusalem

Mark 11: 1-11 or John 12: 12-16

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29

The Passion

Isaiah 50: 4-9

Psalms 31: 9-16

Philippians 2: 5-11

Mark 14: 1—15: 47

Or Mark 15: 1-39

(40-47)

Lenten Bible Studies

This year unfortunately we will not be able to meet together to share our soup meals. We will have a special Lenten Bible study on Zoom. This year we will study the "I AM" statements of Jesus.

1. Thursday, Feb. 26 "I am the bread of life." (*John 6:35, 41, 48, 51*)
2. Thursday March 4 "I am the door of the sheep." (*John 10:7,9*)
3. Thursday March 11 "I am the good shepherd." (*John 10:11, 14*)
4. Thursday March 18 "I am the true vine." (*John 15:1, 5*)
5. Thursday March 24 "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (*John 14:6*)

HOLY WEEK

March 28 Palm Sunday/ Passion Sunday 10:00 am worship service— We will celebrate Christ's entry into Jerusalem and be reminded of the events of Holy Week

April 1 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Final Zoom Lenten Bible Study "I am the resurrection and the life." (*John 11:25*)

April 2 Good Friday We are planning an interactive service that will be available in written form or on line. This will be a cross walk – that you can walk or do in your own homes. Please watch for details

April 4 Easter Sunday We hope to have a sunrise service, breakfast maybe and a 10:00 Celebration of the resurrection. Watch for details.

Holy Humor Sunday April 11

Two years ago, we had fun at the church, with costumes, jokes, even unicycle riding. Last year we had lots of fun on line in a zoom Holy Humor Sunday. This year... who knows what will be in store. Dust off your comedy acts and look for some good jokes. Put the date on the calendar. This will be a fun Sunday!



One Great Hour of Sharing

March is the month where we take up the One Great Hour of Sharing collection. We will have offering envelopes and banks available along with information. Pick up a bank and use it as a Lenten practice to give up a cup of coffee (coins in the bank) or that unneeded candy bar (coins in the bank) or other ways to give to others. Envelopes and banks will be collected on Palm Sunday.





Bob and Evelyn Whitney are beginning the next phase of their lives together as they move into assisted living. We wish them the very best and remember all that they have done for our church and the community during their time here. Evelyn worked at the Randolph Academy caring for the children there as a teacher's aide. Bob served our church in many different ways when he returned to Randolph after retiring; notably as a member of the Mission Committee.

Let's shower them with good wishes in their new home!

*Bob and Evelyn Whitney
Tennyson Court
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Buffalo, NY 14221*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Loss:

Remember those who have lost loved ones

Home Bound:

Remember with a call or visit :

Alice Stoddard
Ann Luce
Bob & Evelyn Whitney
Bettie Alexander
Kathy Dalrymple
ALL THOSE IN QUARANTINE

Health:

Alicia Johnson covid
Amber Anderson
Ann Luce
Audrey Wicks
Bob & Sandy Chubon
Bob Whitney

Health:

Brad Young
Carol Brown
Carol Gardner –Rosie's sister-in-law
Carrie Congdon
Carrie R
Cassie w/cancer
Cheryl (Rhonda's sister)
Cheryl Farnham
Deb Warner
Debbie O'Carroll
Connie Dalbo's sister
Debbie (Jim's Mom)
Derek Marsh leukemia
Donna Chubon
Fletcher Schultz hip
Helen from Haiti
James Berg cancer
Jamie Carpenter
Jason
Jeff
Jerry Hay covid
Judy Sterns heart
Karen
Katherine (Michelle's mom)
Kathy Fallen (Keith's sister)
Keith G. cancer
Kevin's mother

Health:

Linda Wilcox
Lois Berg Cancer
Madison
Marian Wade
Mike (David's friend)
Natalie Wade
Nick Kinney
Pastor Buck
Pat (Jill's step Mom)
Reagan Smith
Rob (heart attack)
Robert Rice
Rosamond & Merle Flagg
Sadie Belle Kinahan
Simon (Sean & Hannah)
Tammy Miller
Tommy Speight cardiac arrest
Tyler Searle Covid
Verna Miller cast
Vicki Fowler

Encouragement:

THE WHOLE WORLD

The country & children of Haiti
Haitian Sewing Women
Those rebuilding from disasters
Those struggling with the effects of the virus
Moses & Tammy's family
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

	January 2021	Year to Date
Total Expenses	\$ 6,342.72	\$ 86,889.73
Total Receipts	\$ 3,725.00	\$ 85,547.02
Gain or (Loss)	(\$2,617.72)	(\$1,342.71)

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





We are looking for new ideas regarding the Church's capital needs. Let's all put on our thinking caps and come up with some new and different ideas. Please call the office or email us with your suggestions.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8PM AA	2	3 Pastor 9-12	4 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30 Zoom	5	6
7 Third Sunday in Lent	8 8PM AA	9 SESSION 7:00 Zoom	10	11 Pastor 9-12 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible study 6:30 Zoom	12	13
14 Fourth Sunday In Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins	15 8PM AA	16	17 	18 Pastor 9-12 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible study 6:30 Zoom	19	20  First Day of Spring
21 Fifth Sunday In Lent Mission Sunday	22 8PM AA	23	24	25 Pastor 9-12 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible study 6:30 Zoom	26	27
28 Sixth Sunday In Lent Palm Sunday	29 8PM AA	30	31			



*Daylight Savings Time begins on
Sunday, March 14th. Turn your clocks
ahead on Saturday evening or you'll be late
for church!*

CHURCH LEADERS

PASTOR

Rev. Molly T. Golando

CORPORATION OFFICERS

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Treasurer—Rosie Swan

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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.

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