

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

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Out of Chaos, Hope

Out of Chaos, Hope. Whether this motto existed before Katrina or was created as a response to the hurricane, it has become so familiar to Presbyterians because of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

At the beginning of Lent, as we started the journey toward Jerusalem and a focus on our spiritual practices, the world was shaken by the tragic images of the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan. In our focus on orienting ourselves with God, we are forced to look not just at ourselves and God, but to our neighbors across the world who are hurting and devastated. Questions can easily be raised, if God is a good God, why do bad things happen? From the laments in the Psalms, we know that is okay to question, to be angry, to cry out and to call upon the Lord. As the Psalmist cries out in anguish, the Psalmist always comes back from the complaint with confidence, naming the goodness of God. Look at Psalms 22 and 42. You will see evidence of this. The great assurance we see again and again through scripture is that God is with us no matter what. God is present in the joys of life as well as times of pressure, despair and pain. In his letter to the Romans, we are reminded by Paul "that nothing in life nor in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

Therefore, since God is present we can name hope in the midst of chaos. We are not on the journey alone. In talking about tragic events in the news on Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, Fred Rogers spoke about letting children

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know that we will do all we can to keep them safe in any scary time. He told the following story on the show and shared it many times over again with the young people with whom I worked at the seminary.

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." To this day, especially in times of "disaster," I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers – so many caring people in this world." ~Fred Rogers

Fred's words help us to name hope in the midst of chaos. They also inspire us to think about how it is we can contribute at such times. Each year during Lent, the children of the church put together cardboard fish banks that we collect on Palm Sunday as One Great Hour of Sharing. These banks are available in Communications Hall.

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in

Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

You may wonder where the money goes? The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent. Immediately after the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown in Japan, One Great Hour of Sharing funds, collected last year, were sent to support an initial response through our ecumenical partner.

In response to the present disaster in Japan here are some things you can do:

GIVE—Financial support for relief efforts wherever disasters occur can be designated to DR000148. Support exclusively for these disasters in Japan can be designated to DR000117. Donations may also be made to One Great Hour of Sharing, which supports PDA. Gifts can be made online at www.pcusa.org/pda, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by mailing a check to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

ACT—Congregations and individuals can put together Gifts of the Heart hygiene kits and baby kits. Stay informed through the PDA website and Rapid Information Network e-mail reports.

PRAY—Join with others in lifting up the people of Japan and those providing aid. Learn more at www.pcusa.org/pda.

Community Healing Service

Community Dinner and Service of Healing & Holy Communion First Thursday of the Month—Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Healing Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 7th at Saron Lutheran Church in Youngsville Rev. Sandra Jones, Preaching May 5th at St. Paul Lutheran Church Rev. Mark Fischer, Preaching June 2nd at Bethany Lutheran Church Rev. Beth Costlow, Preaching

While worshipping with First Lutheran Church after Christmas, we were invited to join the Lutheran Churches of Warren County and Trinity Episcopal Church in a Service

of Healing and Holy Communion the first Thursday of each month through June. Worshipers are offered an opportunity, as part of the service, to approach various lay or ordained healing teams. There they can share their and/or their friend's needs for God's healing power and then have the team pray for their needs with them. Anointing with oil also is offered.

The meal before the service is a soup and sandwich meal provided by the participating congregations. All non-host churches are asked to provide sandwiches for the meal. If you have a desire to do so, please let Rev. Johns know

Joys and Concerns

We extend our sympathy to ~

- Carla Mae Gay and family upon the death of Carla's mother, Marion J. Gay, 101, who died Monday, February 14, 2011 at her residence.
- Bill and Ellie Dyke upon the death of Bill's brother-in-law, William Krieg, 85, of Clarendon, who died Wednesday, March 2, 2011.
- Susie and Jim Spangler upon the death of Susie's uncle, Frank Sokol, 90, of Kittanning, PA, who died Saturday, February 26, 2011.
- Betty and Charles Steklacic upon the death of Betty's sister, Dorothy M. Siliano, 84, who died Sunday, March 6, 2011 at the Rouse Warren county Home in Youngsville.

Deacons' Visitation List

Cambridge Warren

Anna Mae Howe

Golden Living Center—

Kinzua

Carol Budd

Richard Jones

The Rouse Home or Suites

Jo Brown

Loverine Chittester

Marjorie Cornwall

Elizabeth Hartwick

Pat Hibner

Eleanor Jones

Martha Jones

Violette McAmbley

Vera McClymonds

Warren Manor -

Kathryn Brown

Lois Conrad

Karl Hoffmann

Eleanor Morris

Winnie Wills

At Home -

Sally Kasper

Leroy Korb

Geneva Nagy

Kim Warner

Donations and Gifts

Since the last newsletter, the following donations have been made:

- to the Capital Campaign Fund in memory of Fred Martin
- to the Capital Campaign Fund in memory of Eunice Martin
- to the Capital Campaign Fund in memory of Madame Marguerite Greib
- to the General Memorial Fund in memory of Marion Gay
- to the Capital Campaign Fund in memory of M. Neil Judson
- to the Scholarship Fund in honor of Jeffrey and Molly Bonavita
- to the General Memorial Fund in memory of William Krieg
- to the Bereavement Committee in memory of Marion Gay
- to the Bereavement committee in memory of Brenda Bonace Martin

Silent Auction

Sunday, April 3 at 11:15 AM

Come all and enjoy! We will be having the Silent Auction after church on April 3rd. In addition to being able to enjoy a great lunch of Beef on Wick, chips, beverage and dessert, we will all have the chance to bid on a great selection of baskets. We are gearing up for summer by having baskets that will fill your "Outdoor Grilling Party" needs and a huge variety of other surprise baskets as well. We will

have the baskets on display for all to see one week prior to the actual auction so you will be able to think about what you want to be "YOURS," once the auction is all said and done.

After church, April 3rd, you will just mosey on down to Fellowship Hall and take part in this great fundraiser whose proceeds are donated to Relay for Life. See you all there.

Spring Rummage Sale

Friday and Saturday, May 6 & 7, 2011.

Many of us are already anticipating spring. The obvious reason is that we would like this winter weather to come to an end. Others are anticipating spring for a completely different reason. We will be organizing another Spring Rummage Sale being held to support the Youth Mission Trip to New York City. When that spring cleaning bug hits and you don't know what to do with all that great, gently used stuff that has accumulated in

your basement and attic, just pack it up and donate it to the Spring Rummage Sale. Bring it to the church and our group of highly efficient volunteers will take care of it from there. We are looking forward to having lots of great merchandise and another hugely successful sale.



Broadway Night Fundraising Dinner and Pr



Special thanks to all of the participants as well as the wonderful audience. Not only have a fun night, but we (per audience) also were able to pr \$1,055.50 to the Am Cancer Society.



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Easter Flowers

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Flower Memorial Fund for the Easter celebration is requested to do so by Palm Sunday (April 17). There is no set price. Please contribute as you wish. Easter plants may be placed in honor



or in memory of loved ones. These flowers will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday (April 24).

Your donation and this completed order form should be received in the church office no later than Palm Sunday (April 17). Please make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church** designating **Easter Flowers** in the memo portion of the check.

Donor: _____

In *memory* of: _____

In *honor* of: _____

_____ I wish to pick up my plant after church.

_____ Please dispose of my plant for me.

Sharing Place Schedule

GROUP ONE

Susie Spangler, Captain	723-9363
Beverly Callahan	757-8475
Ann Ferguson	723-4494
Sylvia Follett	723-9734
Richard King	723-8256
Ida Ruland	723-6466
Jan Scott	723-3632

March 17, 2011 July 28, 2011
December 15, 2011

DESSERTS

Louise Crozier	723-8690
Carrie Duckett	723-2453
Joyce Hill	723-2134
Tina Huey	726-2917
Ida Ruland	723-6466
Dorothy Wingert	723-6656

GROUP THREE

Lynda Slocum, Captain	726-4990
Beverly Callahan	757-8475
Ron Carlson	723-5209
Sylvia Follett	723-9734
Kass Judson	563-2249
Richard King	723-8256
Deane Passmore	723-1443
Don Scott	723-4677

June 16, 2011 October 27, 2011

DESSERTS

Mindy Colvin	726-2844
Martha Holtz	723-8734
Tina Huey	726-2917
Carole Mayer	726-0441
Lynn Sears	723-9479

GROUP TWO

Patti Anderson, Captain	757-9268
Deane Anderson	757-9268
Beverly Callahan	757-8475
Ron Carlson	723-5209
Sylvia Follett	723-9734
Richard King	723-8256
Barbara Mader	726-1903
Bill Mader	726-1903
Audrey Patton	723-8796

April 28, 2011

September 8, 2011

DESSERTS

Mindy Colvin	726-2844
Jennie Dobson	723-1190
Connie Johnson	723-7208
Tina Huey	726-2917
Audrey Patton	723-8796

SUBSTITUTE DESSERTS

Martha Goodman	723-1262
Jan Scott	723-4677
Lynn Sears	723-9479

SUBSTITUTE SERVERS

Kathy Lang	726-1780
Lynn Sears	723-9479
Susie Spangler	723-9363
Dottie Wingert	723-6656

Patty Lundahl 726-3767
Call Patty if you need help setting tables.

NOTE: Team Captains and "Early" people should be at the kitchen at **3:00 p.m.** All others should be there at **4:00 p.m.**

If you can not be there at your assigned time, please arrange for your own substitute. It is not your Team Captain's responsibility! All members of each team are responsible to help the *two* kitchen aides with clean up after everyone has eaten.



April 2

<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>Non-Perishable Food Collection</p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:15am CE Luncheon & Silent Auction</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>12:00pm Red Cross Blood Mobile 6:30pm Troop 8</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>10:00am Book Discussion Group 12:00pm AA 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Worship Committee 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Community Lenten Service@St.Paul's</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>3:15pm P.A.C.F. 6:15pm Scotlan 6:45pm Evange 7:00pm Colleg 7:30pm Sanctu Rehearsal</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>Last Day to Order Pies</p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am Youth Misstion Trip Parents & Students Meeting 11:20am Deacons' Board Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>6:30pm Troop 8 6:30pm Care & Spiritual Growth committee</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>10:00am Book Discussion Group 12:00pm Private Reception 12:00pm AA 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Community Lenten Service@FPC</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>3:15pm P.A.C.F. 6:15pm Scotlan 6:30pm Proper 7:30pm Sanctu Rehearsal</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Fellowship Hour</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hosanna!</i> HOSANNA! <i>Hosanna!</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>5:15pm Finance Committee 6:00pm Cooking Class 6:30pm Troop 8 6:30pm Little Bach/Jr. Philomel</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>10:00am Book Discussion Group 12:00pm AA 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm AA</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>3:15pm P.A.C.F. 6:15pm Scotlan 7:30pm Sanctu Rehearsal</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Easter</p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Building Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>10:00am Book Discussion Group 10:00am Newsletter Assembly 12:00pm AA 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm AA</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>3:15pm P.A.C.F. 6:15pm Scotlan 7:30pm Sanctu Rehearsal</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		April 1	2
		6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	4:00pm Scout Spaghetti Dinner 
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E. and Bell Rehearsal Melism Committee e Club ary Choir	12:00pm Lenten Service at FUMC 4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:00pm Lt. Supper & Healing Service @ Saron Luth 6:30pm District Scout Committee 6:30pm Biggest Loser	6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	
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27	28	29	30
E. and Bell Rehearsal ary Choir	4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:30pm Session Meeting 6:30pm Biggest Loser 7:00pm NA 	6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	PW's Spring Gathering@Irvine

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Sharing Place Helpers

March 31, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Dottie Wingert Marguerite Lyle Debbie Vicini
April 7, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Sandy Ransom Mary Merenick Debbie Vicini
April 14, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Elsie Giegerich Donna & Virgil Carlson Debbie Vicini
April 21, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Bev Callahan Nancy Oliphant Debbie Vicini
April; 28, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Susie Spangler Marty Goodman Debbie Vicini
May 5, 2011	Rummage Sale	NO MEAL
May 12, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Melinda King Debbie Vicini Sarah Wilson
May 19, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Dottie Wingert Marguerite Lyle Debbie Vicini

Beverly Callahan	757-8475	Nancy Oliphant	757-8455
Donna & Virgil Carlson.....	723-4098	Sandy Ransom	723-5107
Marty Goodman	723-1262	Melinda King	723-8256
Susie Spangler	723-9363	Debbie Vicini	723-1658
Marguerite Lyle	723-1682	Sarah Wilson.....	723-5984
Mary Merenick	726-0147	Dottie Wingert	723-6656
Betty McAmbley	726-1698		

DUTIES FOR KITCHEN AIDES

1. Help the cook with food preparation when needed.
2. Make coffee.
3. Allow the host committee to take over other responsibilities when they arrive at 3:15.
4. Help the cook prepare plates for serving.
5. Make certain all food is marked and properly wrapped for storage in the freezer.
6. See that all dishes and equipment are put away in their proper places.

What's for Dinner

April 18th from 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:30 p.m.

(The kitchen off from Fellowship Hall)

Flip for Frittatas

Got leftovers but you don't want to eat the same old, same old?
Have houseguests and you would like to provide them with a great breakfast?

The solution to all of these situations: Make a frittata!
A frittata is the Italian word for omelet but the preparation is different.

Ramie Colvin will be the celebrity cook for our final cooking class. She describes herself as a Foodie. As defined by Wikipedia, a foodie is an amateur who simply loves food for consumption, study, preparation and news. While gourmets simply want to eat the best food, foodies want to learn everything about food. Cooking is one of her primary and most fulfilling hobbies. Roger, her husband of over forty years has difficulty understanding how spending hours in the kitchen can be relaxing to her. However, he, their two sons, family and friends frequently appreciate and enjoy the benefits of those hours.

Growing up on a farm in Clymer, NY, and being the oldest of five children, Ramie was introduced at a young age to the importance of meal planning, nutrition, budget constraints, and food preparation. Her mom was a wonderful cook and encouraged her daughters and sons to develop culinary skills. As a result, the meals at her family gatherings are something to be appreciated. Now retired from the clinical laboratory at Warren General Hospital, it is her pleasure to continue learning and improving her cooking skills.

Come join us for our last class for a chance to win a door prize and to sample various frittatas. No reservations needed, just a \$2.00 donation to help cover our costs.

Our cooking class has enjoyed meeting on the third Monday of each month for the last three years to help answer the question, "What's for Dinner?" Our "celebrity" cooks have shared their time and tasty talents with us, along with many delicious recipes we have all loved to sample. The friendships and the fellowship along with all of the graciously donated door prizes have made for many a fun-filled evening.

Thank you to our church staff and Carole Mayer
in helping to make this program a success.

All of our recipes are available at our church web site www.presbyterianwarren.com.

NYC Youth Mission Trip

Time to Commit –Youth Mission Trip

On April 10 I would like to invite all youth interested in participating in the New York City Mission Trip, June 12-18th, to attend an informational meeting after church, in my office. We will discuss an intended itinerary for the trip, remaining fund raisers that they need to participate in, and suggestions they might have for free time activities on the trip. We

will discuss where the youth will be staying, volunteering and discuss what the financial responsibility will involve. I would like each youth to reserve their spot for the trip that day by placing a \$25 deposit toward their financial responsibility. All participation toward fund-raising will be taken into account.

Scholarship News

Calling all first time college students and returning students. The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Tim Greenlund (chairperson), Amy Davidson, Jim Higgins, Kathy Lang, and Vickie Eggleston, wish to invite you to apply for scholarships made available through the church. You will soon be receiving an information packet that will need to be filled out and returned to the Committee (via the Christian Education office). We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity to the youth of our church. This year there will be two levels of help available to the youth applying. First time college students who show a high level of participation in church activities will qualify for a \$600 dollar scholarship.

Other students applying will receive a \$300.00 scholarship. Returning students who show continuing participation in their church will qualify for a \$300.00 scholarship and other students applying will receive \$150.00.

Students that are entering college in the fall have a deadline of April 15 for their scholarship applications. Returning students need to have their request in by May 15.

News of students receiving scholarships will be available in June.

We thank everyone who supports the activities that make this program possible.

On Tuesday, April 12, our church is hosting the interdenominational Lenten evening service. After the service, cookies and refreshments are provided by the host church for those who remain for conversation. Cookies are needed for this event and your help in fulfilling this need would be greatly appreciated.

Please leave your cookies in the upstairs kitchen marked for the Tuesday evening Lenten service. Thank you so much for your support of this event



HOT CROSS BUNS

Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

What you need:

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!

Heifer Project

In an effort to create more interest in the young stewards of the church, we are going to ask them to choose a Heifer project to channel their offering to each week. Once chosen, we will keep track of the goal needed to be able to accomplish that project. There are a variety of choices for the children to choose from. Options for this project are Gift of a Heifer-\$500 / Share of a Heifer-\$50. Gift of Goats \$120 / Share of a Goat \$10. Gift of a Pig \$120 / \$10. Sheep \$120 / \$10. Rabbits \$60 / share of a rabbit \$10. Flock of chicks, \$20. Gift of Honeybees, \$30. Gift of a Llama \$150 / share of a Llama \$20. Once the children have chosen their project, we will keep the congregation informed. If anyone is interested in helping the youth reach their goal they

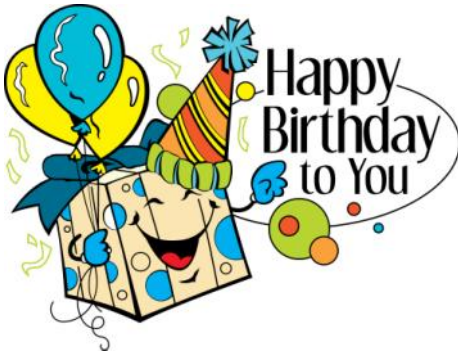
would be more than welcome to participate. If you would like to know more about the Heifer projects and the organization, use the following web site: <http://www.heifereducation.org>

As we participate in this project, the information describes how the animal provides for families in need and offers them a way to get on the road to self reliance. After the family has received their training and have prepared appropriate facilities for the animal or project, they then receive a healthy animal. As this animal helps them and as offspring are produced, the new animals are passed on to other families in need. It is truly a wonderful, productive program. We will keep you all informed.



Youth Birthdays

J. Taylor Huey	April 20
Christine Huey	April 24
Rachel Dietsch	April 25
Natalie Dietsch	April 29



Birthday Information

Birthday information is published based on the information available in our data base. Changes, additions, and corrections are ongoing, so please let us know of any errors, additions, or corrections that you may be aware of. Thank you!

Adult Birthdays

Beverly Callahan	April 4
Tim Greenlund	April 5
Mark VanDervoort	April 6
Barbara Chester	April 8
Richard Gaillard	April 8
Dennis Waite	April 9
Bonny Jones	April 10
Mary Walker	April 10
Richard Freeburg	April 12
Helene Hetesi	April 14
Kimberly Leathers	April 17
Kevin Ignatius	April 18
R. Garrett King	April 18
Eleanor Jones	April 19
Nancy Cornelius	April 20
John Walker	April 20
Elisa Franklin	April 21
Margia Scott	April 21
Peggy Graham	April 11
Katherine Lindquist	April 23
Fred Callahan	April 24
Loverine Chittester	April 24
Gloria Lasher	April 24
Lori Scott	April 24
Michael Barrett	April 30
Peggy Cree	April 30

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