

PRC CONNECTIONS



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Spring Offerings from the Pastor

Tea at Two

Beginning Sunday, March 6th and continuing through April 10th, Nancy and I will again be hosting *Tea at Two* in the parsonage parlor. This gives us time to have some personal time together to share, laugh, cry, pray and simply have fellowship. Even though the name has tea, which was chosen for alliteration, doesn't mean you can't have coffee, soda, or even a glass of wine if you wish. We can also offer either caffeinated or decaffeinated drinks. Couples, families (yes, bring your children we'd love to see them!), or come with a friend or two. Sign up in Trinity Hall, call the church office, or drop an email and we'll get you on the list. If you missed your slot in the Fall, well, try, try again.

Lenten House Blessings

This practice may be unfamiliar to many of you. It is a practice in many churches (especially Catholic, Orthodox, and Anglican) for the minister to go around to houses during the Lenten season to bless houses and/or businesses of parishioners. We do this in recognition that God came to dwell with us and to be a blessing in our lives. The places where we dwell are a big part of our lives.

My visit to your house can be as brief as you would like, and I'm not there to take a tour of your home to discover your secrets. I'm simply there to pray for you, your family, and your place of dwelling (or if you prefer business). I usually will anoint the entryway of your home, and you as well. I do this using an anointing brush that I made (a practice among the Orthodox), along with anointing oil which has been deeply prayed over and had the four Gospels read during the three day preparation cycle. The anointing oil comes from the most ancient formula's I could find, again from Orthodox tradition, and did my best to reconstruct. I will be testing for Covid prior to the visits and will also wear a mask at your request. Who knows what this virus will bring?!

The visits will begin Saturdays, March 5th, and continue through April 2nd, and will be offered at 10:00, 12:00, and 2:00. If at all possible I would like the visitations to be filled in that order, so that I don't have a gap between the 10:00 and 2:00 visits.

Adult Education

The Spring Education Series will be six sessions beginning Sunday, March 6th starting around 11:15 (following service). The topic is timely and it focuses in on the activity of the Protestant Church (Reformed and Lutheran) during the Weimar Republic of Germany (1919-1930), The period prior to the National Socialists seizure of power. I will focus especially on Karl Barth's (1886-1968) early theological responses to this alliance between the Church and a political party. I think you will find it as fascinating, illuminating, and disturbing as I do. So please plan on attending: We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, so we have some room to spread. Perhaps Covid will even give us a break by then. The name of the course will be: *An Unholy Alliance: Lessons the Church Should Learn*.

Peace,
Pastor Eric



Caring Hands

February Meeting Dates

Thursday, Feb. 3rd 12:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12th 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 17th 12:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26th 9:00 a.m.

The Quilt of Many Stories



Caring Hands has regularly made items for the Camp Fowler's annual fund raising auction. So during last summer we started planning. We had some beautiful Noah's Ark fabric already in our stash of donated fabrics. We had a pattern that just might show it nicely. A while later some other fabrics were found that would look great for what the Noah's Ark fabric and the pattern needed. We even had the perfect large piece of fabric needed for the back of the quilt. But there was no announcement or information regarding an auction. We reluctantly put that project aside since we did have others to do. Finally, the online auction was announced. With much enthusiasm we worked on that quilt. There were new skills to learn as well as a pattern new to us to see come together.

One of the most anticipated times is after the top, filler, and backing are layered as in the picture, stitched around the outside edge, and FINALLY "birthed". That is, the whole quilt is turned right side out by pulling it through a small opening in that stitching. Obviously, this process can lead to all sorts of stories both silly and sad.



Margie Setchell happened to stop in the Caring Hands room while this birthing was in progress. She made the wonderful association with the birthing of ideas and creativity, even faith.

So the quilt was shown in church a couple times and auction time arrived. There was some bidding action since more than one person wanted that Noah's Ark quilt. Including Margie. Also, she and John wanted to support Fowler as well as encourage Caring Hands and they did win the auction.

However, that quilt was just not meant to be hers. When he saw it, grandson Hendrix immediately and completely cuddled up in it and has claimed it since.

LENT 2022

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. We will be having a 6 week Lenten study beginning on Thursday, March 10th at 9:30, either in the Agape Room or Fellowship Hall, depending on class size. The book we will be using is entitled "Easter Earthquake" by James Harnish. He invites us to explore how Jesus' resurrection shifts our assumptions about ourselves and God. "The earthshaking promise of Easter is that God has not forsaken any of us. The risen Christ will meet us along the confused, chaotic, fearful paths of our lives and speak the same words the women hear at the tomb, 'Do not be afraid.'" This will be a great time to be together, pray together, study together, share thoughts together and just BE, as we wait for Easter and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. If you think you would like to be a part of this study, please sign up in Trinity Hall or let Karen know in the office, so that we will be prepared with enough books.

WayneCap Head Start would like to thank Pultneyville Reformed Church for your donation. The money was used to buy a winter wardrobe, including snow pants for three children. I actually met the family during our warm clothes drive at the Williamson Fire Hall. The mother told me her two youngest children went to Head Start and she needed warm clothes for all three of her children. We had some items for her at the warm clothes drive, but no pants or snow pants and few shirts for the boys. I was able to follow through with this family, and with your generous donation, I was able to provide a winter wardrobe, including snow pants (went to 7 stores to find some :-). Thank you, again.

I just wanted to comment that I believe we have angels amongst us. I had the privilege of delivering gifts and food to an Angel Tree family. It was wonderful to see the gratitude and excitement from the family. They were overwhelmed at the generosity they received. - Julie Fuller

Angel Tree Thanks

Hello Members of the Pultneyville Reformed Church,

I continue to be filled with pride and joy when I think of **our collective efforts** to provide for those in our community during this holiday season, even when COVID 19 continues to turn our day-to-day life and the way we work upside down.

Please accept my warmest thanks for your church's support of our St. Max Christmas Sharing Program this year. Pultneyville Reformed Church very generously provided **gifts and food for seven families** to support our efforts. We are very grateful for all those who support our program year after year. Every donation, monetary or material, allows us to offer this program year after year.

Wishing everyone in your church, a happy and blessed New Year,

Pamela J. Hatch

Chairperson, St. Max Christmas Sharing Program

Our Missionaries

Nathan & Nozomi Brownell

Kenneth, Raymond, Luke

Japan

www.rca.org/brownell

Felipe & Janell de Waard-Silva

Luca, Sofia, Mila

Romania

www.rca.org/silva

Liturgists in February

6th Matthew Yost

13th Jane Morgan

20th John Setchell

27th Tom Moenter



Communion on Sunday, February 6th

The Communion Offering is designated for Scarlet Thread Ministries. Scarlet Thread Ministries is a youth focused ministry that exists to connect with youth by helping to meet the spiritual, social and physical needs of middle and high school youth throughout Wayne County, New York. These lasting

connections are made in after-school Youth Centers and through purposeful events and service projects. Our desire is to help teens make a lifelong connection with Christ and with the local Church. From tutoring, to Bible studies, to recreation and regional events, we are committed to demonstrating Christ's love as we meet youth where they are.

Sunday, February 6th

The Missions Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Come-Unity Center. Baskets are available in Trinity Hall and Shalom Lounge for your donations.



Seek God for the City

Prayer effort targets all our neighborhoods

By Nancy Titus, Missions Chair

As I stated last month, the biggest need in missions is not money but prayer. While we may acknowledge that, the truth is that most of us could probably use a little help in improving our prayer lives.

Toward that end, Pultneyville Reformed Church will join with Christians across the country this Lent as we focus our hearts and prayers on those we encounter in our daily lives.

Seek God for the City is a tool designed to help believers “pray God’s highest hopes for your city’s deepest needs.” It presents 40 days of prayers with scripture designed for use during the 40 days of Lent leading up to Palm Sunday. This year that will be from March 2 to April 10. It also includes an additional Ascension to Pentecost: Ten Days of Praise for the period of May 26 to Pentecost on June 5.

The prayer guide has been powerful in my life as I read the scriptures and pray with focused intensity for all manner of people living near me.

One thing I like so much about this guide is that it lifts me up as I focus on the injustice and hurt that plague so many areas of our society. It does that because it focuses on God’s heart, God’s promises, and God’s ultimate conquering power. It is not by our own wisdom that we can solve the problems that threaten to tear our communities apart. We need more than what humans can do. We need God to intervene. Prayer is engaging in the task of bringing about God’s purposes in our world.

The guide presents a theme each week and offers New and Old Testament scriptures along with specific prayer prompts, including a group of people to focus on each day.

By Nancy Titus, Missions Chair

For example, on Day 17 last year, we were invited to “Seek God to overcome evil powers.” Verses were given from Psalm 110 about how the Lord rules in the midst of enemies as well as Luke 10 in which Jesus tells His disciples not to rejoice that “demons submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The particular group we prayed for was children, that “God’s fatherly heart would be revealed to kids, especially those who may have been wounded or disappointed by their parents.” What a need in today’s world and how wonderful to think to pray for such wounds to be healed by Father God!

As we go through Lent, focusing our thoughts on Jesus heading toward Jerusalem and His crucifixion, we also pray for the world — from the continents furthest from Jerusalem to those nearest.

The prayer guides will be available soon on the Missions table in Trinity Hall for a suggested donation of \$2. Give if you can; don’t worry if you can’t. The more tech-savvy among us may prefer the app for smartphones and tablets, available for \$1.99.

I hope that you will consider joining this prayer effort in whatever way works for you. Don’t be put off by thoughts of not wanting to commit to a project. Be encouraged that any prayer is better than no prayer and that God wants us all to grow in the matter of prayer.

PRC Benevolent Fund 2021 Year End Report

Communion Offerings

RCWS	\$140.00
Scarlet Thread	\$270.00
Come-Unity Ctr.	\$1,000.00
Camp Fowler	\$1,120.00
H.O.M.E.	\$890.00
Pines of Peace	\$340.00
Head Start	\$115.00
Family Promise	\$455.00
Missionary Gifts	\$805.00

Note: Caring Hands Communion - \$365 held
in the Caring Hands Fund

Note: Deacon's Fund Communion - \$500 held in
the Deacon's Fund

Total Communion	\$5,135.00
Refugee Offering	\$2,040.00
Bless Our Pastor	\$2,185.00
Sunday Offerings	\$18,311.57

TOTAL INCOME **\$27,671.57**

Missionary Support

deWaard-Silva	\$3,400.00
Brownell	\$3,400.00

Total Missionary Sup.	\$6,800.00
Communion Offerings	\$5,135.00

Miscellaneous Expenses

Postage	\$141.20
Caring Hands	\$513.25
Bless Our Pastor	\$2,185.00
Refugee Offerings	\$4,191.50
Tornado Relief	\$2,000.00

Total Misc. **\$9,030.95**

Year End Disbursements

H.O.M.E.	\$500.00
Pines of Peace	\$1,000.00
Family Promise	\$1,000.00
Scarlet Thread	\$1,000.00
Deacon's Fund	\$1,545.00
Come-Unity Ctr.	\$1,660.62

Total Y.E. Disbursements **\$6,705.62**

TOTAL EXPENSE **\$27,671.57**



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Jim Peters
4	Chelsea Manahan
6	Elizabeth Peters, Noah Scileppi
18	Mark Fiegl
19	Mary VanDerMeere
20	Janet Allard
24	Anne Vander Byl
25	Bryant Brozik, Adam Fiegl
26	Chris Gowan, Steve Mascari
27	Jamie Sonnevile
28	Nathan DeNagel, Lucile Manahan, Sharon Moenter

Did You Know?

Did you know that President's Day, originally established in 1885 in recognition of

President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as

Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's

Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.



*On Sunday, January 23rd
we welcomed
Carolyn Youngs
into our church
family through
Reaffirmation of Faith*

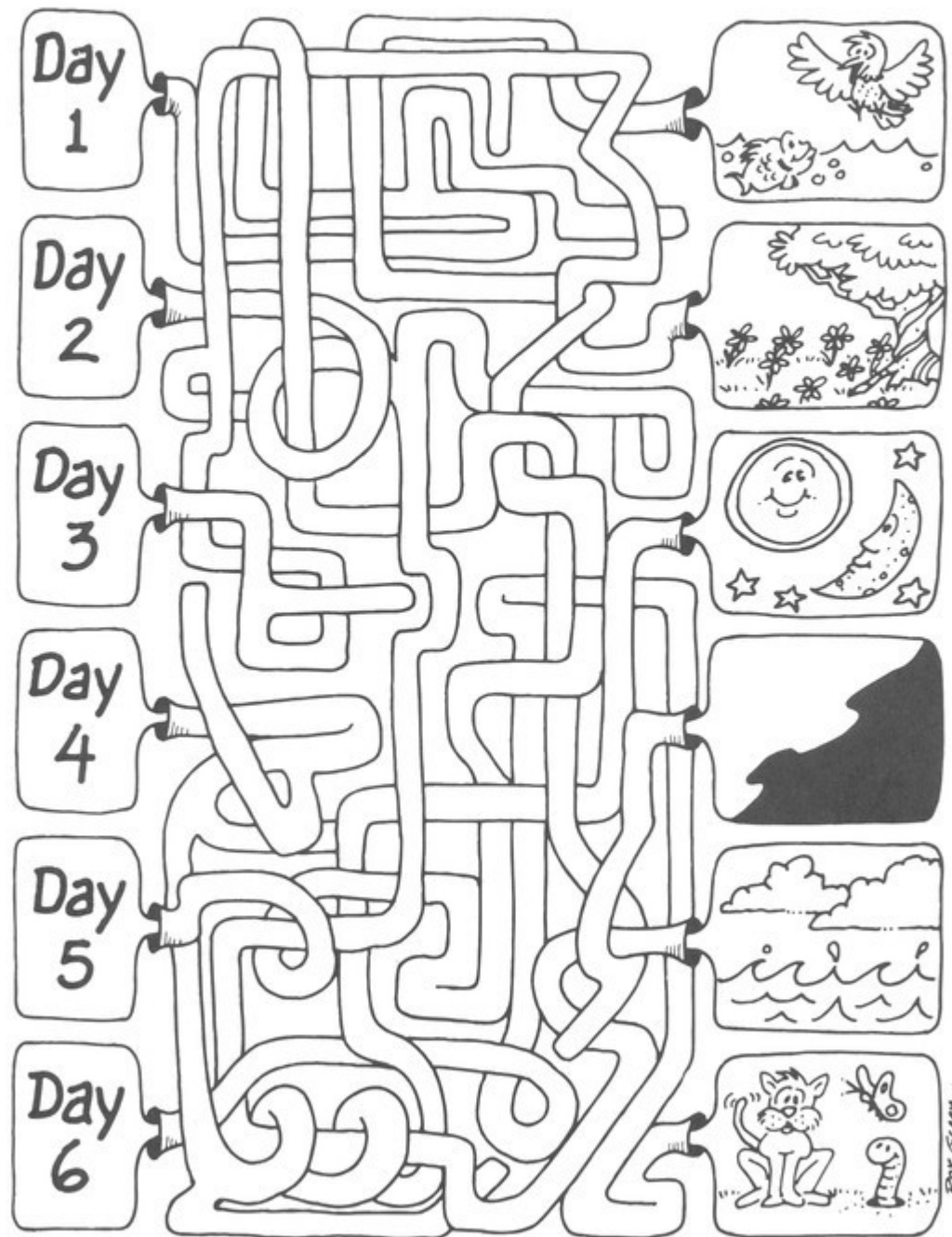


Where? Williamson United Methodist Church
4146 Ridge Road, Williamson
When? February 21st - February 25th
What time? 8:45am to 12pm

For information, call, text or email
Deb DeRue, VBS Director @ (315)576-9165
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or visit our website at
[https://williamsonumc.faithlifesites.com/
vacation-bible-school-2022](https://williamsonumc.faithlifesites.com/vacation-bible-school-2022)
Online Registration Available

Let There Be ...

Read Genesis 1:1–25. Starting with Day 1, find the correct path through the maze to the things God created on that day. Do this until you have matched all the days with the correct pictures.



Our Homebound Church Family



Marilyn Bixby
Wayne County Nursing Home
1529 Nye Road
Lyons, NY 14489
Birthday: March 7th

Don DeMarree
900 Cherry Ridge Blvd.
The Glen – Apt. 118
Webster, NY 14580
Birthday: April 17th

Louise Hermetet
Victor Views
1440 Rt. 444
Victor, NY 14564
Birthday: September 25th

Jennie Hubright
Solstice Senior Living
55 Ayrault Road Room 113
Fairport, NY 14450
Birthday: October 19th

Anne Hotchkiss
6186 Willow Drive
Williamson, NY 14589
Birthday: September 21st

Alice Morgan
2301 Lake Road
Ontario, NY 14519
Birthday: March 27th

Ruth Naylor
St. John's Home
150 Highland Avenue
South 481A
Rochester, NY 14620
Birthday: September 29th

Dave Scheffinger
1016 Railway Crossing
Webster, NY 14580
Birthday: June 30th

Jo SomDeCerff
4233 Scarlet Sage Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Birthday: October 25th

Ray and Lorraine Walvoord
4281 Congdon Road
Williamson, NY 14589
Birthday – Ray: June 2nd
Birthday – Lorraine: October 21st

Financial Report

1/1/21-12/31/21

	Starting Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Operating Fund	0	162,654.39	159,536.65	3,117.74
Benevolent Fund	0	27,671.57	27,671.57	0
Capital Improvement	28,318.00	511.58	466.73	28,362.85

Daily Scripture Readings

Tuesday, February 1	Isaiah 6:1-8
Wednesday, February 2	Psalms 84
Thursday, February 3	Hebrews 2:14-18
Friday, February 4	I Corinthians 15:1-11
Saturday, February 5	Luke 5:1-11
Sunday, February 6	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Monday, February 7	Jeremiah 17:5-8
Tuesday, February 8	Jeremiah 17:9-10
Wednesday, February 9	Psalms 1
Thursday, February 10	I Corinthians 15:12-20
Friday, February 11	Luke 6:17-19
Saturday, February 12	Luke 6:20-26
Sunday, February 13	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Monday, February 14	Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Tuesday, February 15	Psalms 37:1-11
Wednesday, February 16	Psalms 37:39-40
Thursday, February 17	I Corinthians 15:35-38
Friday, February 18	I Corinthians 15:42-50
Saturday, February 19	Luke 6:27-38
Sunday, February 20	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Monday, February 21	Exodus 34:29-35
Tuesday, February 22	Psalms 99:1-5
Wednesday, February 23	Psalms 99:6-9
Thursday, February 24	II Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Friday, February 25	Luke 9:28-36
Saturday, February 26	Luke 9:37-43
Sunday, February 27	Transfiguration Sunday
Monday, February 28	Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 12:00 Caring Hands	4	5
6 COMMUNION 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship	7	8	9 7:00 Elders	10	11	12 9:00 Caring Hands
13 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship	14	15	16 7:00 Consistory	17 12:00 Caring Hands	18	19
20 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26 9:00 Caring Hands
27 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship	28					