

Worship - Sunday 10 AM
Sunday School - during worship
(Sep-Jun)

Twins Talk

April 2025

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Pastor's Corner

Hues of Gray is the pallet March is painting as she departs.

Those of us living in NNY love it here for lots of reasons and the sharpness and brilliance of the season's colors is but one of those special gifts. Yet the gift of Spring is touched by the dulcet colors winter shares with us as she departs.

Thank you for that beauty, now please dry up!

I had the pleasure of attending our third ecumenical service yesterday at the Unitarian Church in Barneveld. The Twins was well represented in number and joy. It was indeed a day filled with grace.

The planned pastor was not able to attend, so the Unitarians developed a service of music and meditation highlighted by the telling of 4 of the congregant's faith journeys. The renditions offered were touching and diverse as we learned the paths each had taken to their little church in Barneveld.

One of the stories sketched for us the journey taken as the search for peace and truth stretched out over a lifetime of different communities. As part of the sojourn, she "had been to several services in a Presbyterian Church where the minister coined God's personality as the benevolent Father who reaches under the bed where you might be hiding, and beckons you out with his love." We are all beckoned equally because we are all equal in God's eyes, everyone! This message of inclusion resonated throughout the service. Thank you.

One of the things I was reminded of is that in the sharing of our stories we are drawn closer to each other. Simply, steadily, gently, we are beckoned by God. The stories are all different and all the same. We search together.

We will be returning to the sharing of our stories in our services, and yours is important and beautiful. You can volunteer to share with an e-mail to me, that would be great. Or await the moment when the hand of invitation touches you.

As you read, please know you are a part of the mystery we all long to find.

And you are loved just the way you are.

Steve

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us!" 1 John 4:12

Holy Week Services



PALM SUNDAY – Apr 13– 10 am
MAUNDY THURSDAY – Apr 17– 6 pm
SUNRISE SERVICE – Apr 20 – 7 am
EASTER – Apr 20– 10 am



***There's still time to order
Easter Flowers!***

**All orders must be
received by
Sunday, April 13, 2025.**

Mail your donation to:
Kathy Lemieux, Treasurer
First Presbyterian Church of Holland Patent
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Holland Patent, NY 13354

Remember to include the name(s) of those to be honored. For more information, contact Kathy Lemieux at 315-865-5603.



A new ministry dedicated to providing trauma-informed congregational care and promoting mental wellness within our community.

Videos available on YouTube:

What is Trauma?

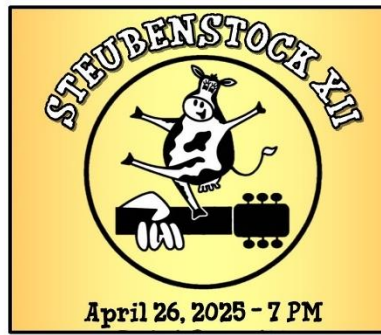
Holding Space for Healing:

This Transformational Trails with Aemina Razzano and Lee Vance discussion focuses on grounding practices and self-care. You'll be guided through various exercises and practices to help you feel safe, centered, and comfortable, including a Christian contemplation practice and a visualization exercise. The importance of recognizing physical cues, tolerating triggers, and using tools like math for grounding and regulation are also discussed.



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STEUBENSTOCK XII:
Historic Musical Event
April 26, 2025
Brett Says "Cheers"
to Twelve Great Years!

Steuben, New York: On April 26, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Steuben Town Hall at Steuben Corners, First Presbyterian Church of Holland Patent will host the *twelfth* anniversary of the acclaimed musical event STEUBENSTOCK! (Yeah, it amazes us, too . . .)

Featuring a virtual bounty of local performers (or is it people with bounties on them?) the musical gamut will range from bluegrass, country, folk, Irish and blues.

Featured performers include: 2 Friends (Donna and Amy), Alexis Loomis, Amandan Dubh, Cincinnati Creek, Pandemic Therapy, Pete Ruben and Carleton Boone, Rattlin' Bog, A Smattering of Beasleys, Without a Paddle, and Wildflower.

Returning as emcee for the evening will be the ever popular, fair-to-partly-humorous Joe Rowlands. Assuming they let him out for the evening, that is . . .

Admission for this musical extravaganza is only \$10 (you can't get a better deal than that) with proceeds to benefit the Capital Fund of the First Presbyterian Church of Holland Patent—a landmark on the National Register of Historic Places and the Mohawk Valley Bluegrass Association. Mass quantities of refreshments and home-baked goods to consume liberally will be at the back of the house for an equally liberal donation.

Come early to celebrate with CHEERS to TWELVE GREAT YEARS of Steubenstock!

The evening is, and will always be, a loving tribute in memory of our good friend and founder of Steubenstock, John Brett.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING March 5-April 20

Ending hunger, repairing after disasters, and promoting the self-development of all people.

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

SAVE THE DATE

May 16 - 3rd Annual Spring Tea



July 19 - 2nd Annual Picnic
with the Unitarians

Details to come!

The Women of Worship Awards

Community wide faith-based recognition event for women who have served selflessly, with humility, excellence, and without acclaim, in their church, parish or synagogue.

Nominations are now open for the 17th Annual Women of Worship Awards! This is your opportunity to recognize women in area churches and synagogues who have a profound effect at their place of worship and the individuals and families served.

2025 Nomination Form

Women can be nominated for multiple categories. A completed form is needed for each nomination. Nomination Forms are available in the Narthex or contact Carol Heburn (315-865-5307 or carol.heburn@gmail.com).

Nomination Deadline is April 30, 2025

Qualifications: Women must be 25 years of age or older and a church member for a minimum of 3 years, and with qualities and attributes that align with the selected award.

Awards to be presented Saturday, June 7 - Harts Hill Inn

A Most Amazing Man



Presented by

Adirondack Community Chorus

Directed by Peg Nuspliger
Accompanied by Josh Weiler
Narrated by Pastor Greg Jenkins

Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Lowville Presbyterian Church

Donations from this concert will go to the Volunteer Transportation Center

let's do lunch

DATE: Tuesday, April 29

PLACE: Johnny B's (Floyd)

TIME: 1:00 pm

**Everyone is Welcome
Bring a Friend!**

Contact Muriel Werbovetz for reservations:

Email: murkar1964@gmail.com

Phone: 315-865-5816

*****RSVP by April 20*****



SAVE THE DATE:
HOPE HOUSE ANNUAL

*Give Them Hope
Celebration*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH
5:00PM-8:00PM

We are thrilled to invite you to an upcoming event that's close to our hearts, the 'Give Them Hope' Celebration! Please mark your calendars for this wonderful evening of charity, good food, and great company.

The event will take place on **Wednesday,**

May 14th, from 5pm to 8pm at the upscale Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro.

In addition to the delightful meal, the evening will include entertainment, a 50/50 raffle and an exciting basket auction, giving you plenty of chances to win some fantastic prizes while supporting a worthy cause.

We truly hope you can join us for this special event. Your presence would mean a lot to us and to those we are striving to help.



Fused-Glass by **SONGBYRD STREET STUDIOS**

RELAY FOR LIFE - TEAM OF RAINBOWS & HOPES

at First Presbyterian Church, Rome

140 W. Liberty St. Rome, NY (Zion Episcopal Church)

RELAY FOR LIFE

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**Thursday,
May 22, 2025
6 to 8 pm.**

**\$10 RFL DONATION
at the door.**

**Projects Range...
\$25-\$40.**

**Glass is pre-cut.
(315) 336-1380
Reservations.
Light Refreshments.**



Worship Schedule

- Apr 6** - Bonnie Tryon - *Commur*
- Apr 13** - Steve Vance - *Palm Sunday*
- Apr 17** - Maundy Thursday Service - 6 pm - Steve Vance
- Apr 20** - Sunrise Service - Janet Stengel - 7 am Village Park
- Apr 20** - Steve Vance - *Easter*
- Apr 27** - Janet Stengel

Events

- Choir Practice** - Thursdays at 5:30 pm
- Apr 2** - Stone Soup - see Betsy Allen for time
- Apr 2** - Hope Session at 1:30 in the Meeting Room
- Apr 3** - Lenton Luncheon - *Trinity Church at noon*
301 W. Embargo St, Rome
- Apr 6** - Mission Committee after worship
- Apr 6** - "A Most Amazing Man" by Adirondack Com. Chorus
4:00 pm (See poster above)
- Apr 10** - Lenton Luncheon - *First Methodist Church at noon*
400 N George St, Rome
- Apr 12** - Park Coffee House - *On the Porch*
- Apr 13** - Session Meeting after worship
- Apr 22** - Hope House Volunteer Day - Cook 12-2:30,
Serve 3-5 - Contact Gaby McGhee
- Apr 26** - Steubenstock - 7:00 pm
- Apr 29** - Lunch at Johnny B's in Floyd - 1:00 pm
RSVP to Muriel Werbovetz by Apr 20

Check our website at "twinchurches.org"

UPCOMING EVENTS



Session Scene

Committee Reports:

- **Mission** – Upcoming events:
 - **April 29** - Luncheon at local restaurant - details to come
 - **May 16** - High Tea (Artie Finn Host) – details to come
 - **June 15** – Vicky & Taiba to speak on immigration during coffee hour
 - **Sept 21** – Peace Pole Gathering
- **Property** – There was some additional ceiling water damage from ice dams on the roof connecting the two church buildings, but the recent roof repairs prevented much more serious damage.
- **New Business:**
 - Unitarian Church invited our congregation to 2nd annual ecumenical picnic on July 19. Details to come.
- The next Session meeting will be April 13 following worship.



April 2025

Apr 6 – Bonnie Churcher
Apr 13 – Curtacci, Lemieux, Aubry, Grenier – *Palm Sunday*
Apr 20 – VOLUNTEERS – *Easter (sign up sheet in coffee hr)*
Apr 27 – Carol Heburn

Janet Lanning – Phone 315-941-7409
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April

- 1 Connor Dorsino
- 2 Sienna Aiken
- 3 Lydia Brown
- 4 Kate Vannicola
Jaime (Lemieux) Worden
Douglas Wynne
Cole Jensen
- 5 Shelley Wall
Bob Griffith
- 6 Catherine Westlake
- 7 Janet Stengel
- 8 Sarah & Ryan Palmer (A)
Andrea Larry
- 9 Carol Beasley
- 10 Joshua Clemmons
Jeff Larry
- 11 Julia Larry
Ella Buchanan
- 13 Padric Moore
- 14 Kimberly (Aubry) Dunn
Sally Preston
- 16 Elias Vannicola
- 17 Brynne Moore-Stark
- 20 Adam Dittl
- 24 Sally Steffen
Shari Haguss
- 25 Brenda & Jim Capodiferro (A)
- 26 Barb Field
- 27 Joe & Debbie Rowlands (A)
Kim & David Dunn (A)
- 28 Nancy Hinge



bits & pieces

Prayers are asked for:

- Continued prayers for the Vannicola family. Vince thanks everyone for their support, visits and acts of kindness during Cathy's illness, calling hours and funeral.
- Sally Preston who brought her brother, Curt Morse, from Maine to live with her.
- Brenda and Paul Castle as Paul undergoes dialysis 3 times a week.

Joys are shared for:

- Gaby McGhee who had a great visit with Janet Broadbent. They feasted on Whopper Jrs (hold the onions) and discussed the Thursday night trivia group. As we all know, Janet loves dogs who are allowed to visit. If anyone would like to visit with their dog, she would be delighted - just call her in advance at 315-316-7017.
- Taiba who is expecting a baby girl.

Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci phone: 315-867-7898
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