

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

Twins Talk

March 2025

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Pastor's Corner

Greetings from the sort of Frozen North! We are all experiencing a brief and welcome respite from the storms of the last few weeks. Thank you, Mother Nature, for your sense of Fair Play! But let us not forget where we live, don't put away your shovels.

The Vance's have safely returned from our family sojourn, mostly in one piece and in peace. Like most travelers, we really need some time to rest from our time of play. Thank you all for your thoughts

and prayers.

Please know there is no better use of our time and resources than to celebrate family: the one you are from, the one you created, the one you joined to enhance your journey with God. All members are precious and worth loving a little more. Every person is a gift!

This week marks our transition from the Sundays of Epiphany to the Sundays of Lent. Our service this Sunday will serve as a point of transition for our change of seasons. Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and we will formally begin to observe the season of Lent with a service at 6 pm. Please join us!

Our Hope Group met this week for the first time. We considered The Beatitudes and how these beautiful verses reflected Jesus' message to his followers then and his followers now. I invite you to read them and ask yourself how they reflect your heart and your actions.

More exciting reading is available by continuing Matthew 5 as the Beatitudes are the opening verses of the Sermon on the Mount. This sermon captures in one place Jesus' sense of morality and compassion, of his world view and societal expectations. These verses are a poignant way to begin your journey with him and us to Jerusalem.

Come join our Lenten journey. Come just as you are. Leave a little changed.

Steve

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



**Spring 2025
Showtime: 7:30**

Mar 15 – Cincinnati Creek
Mar 29 – The Dovetones
Apr 12 – On the Porch
May 3 – Jamcrackers
May 17 – Wildflower
Jun 7 – Local Favorites

LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

12 - 1 pm • Every Thursday in Lent

Join together in Christian fellowship for a brief Lenten Devotion followed by a delicious meal.

March 06.....Trinity Church
215 W Court St., Rome, NY- Pastor Karen Marshall

March 13.....St. Paul's Catholic Church
1807 Bedford St., Rome, NY - Fr. Bob Kelly

March 20..... First Presbyterian Church
Meeting at Zion Episcopal Church
140 W. Liberty St., Rome, NY – Rev. Edwina Landry

March 27.....First Baptist Church
301 W. Embargo St., Rome, NY- Pastor Letta Palmer

April 03..... Trinity Church
215 W Court St., Rome, NY- Pastor Karen Marshall

April 10.....First Methodist Church
400 N George St., Rome, NY - Pastor Shari Mahar



Worship with Our Neighbors

**5th Sunday
Ecumenical Service**

**Hosted by
Unitarian Church
of Barneveld**

Sunday, March 30

**REMINDER: No Service or Sunday School
at Twin Churches**



February 23, 2023

Author: Marvin Lindsay

1. **What is Lent?** Lent is a season in the Christian year. The word Lent comes from the Old English word *lencten*, which means springtime. In the northern hemisphere, Lent falls during the spring.
2. **How long is Lent?** Lent is the 40 days, not including Sundays, prior to Easter.
3. **Why 40 days?** The number 40 is significant in the Bible. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days and was tempted by the devil.
4. **Where did Lent come from?** We know from early Christian sources that Easter was a favorite day to baptize converts to the faith. People often prepared for baptism by undergoing a period of fasting and study. After Christianity became a state religion and most baptisms were performed on infants, Lent became a time for Christians under church discipline to do penance.
5. **Do all Christians observe Lent?** No. In fact, Presbyterians have only started observing Lent in the last century. Presbyterians from the 16th to the 19th centuries would fast, but on an irregular basis—in response to some natural or civil disaster, or to give thanks for an unexpected blessing.



March 2025

Mar 2 – Lynne Howard

Mar 9 – Deb Rowlands – 1st Sunday Lent

Mar 16 – Peg Curtacci & Kathy Lemieux

Mar 23 – Gaby McGhee

Mar 30 – No Coffee Hour - 5th Sunday at
Unitarian Church

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Did you know that the 211 service is celebrated nationwide on February 11th each year as a reminder of the essential role 211 plays in supporting communities and connecting people to vital resources?



Today we recognize the incredible impact 211 Mid-York had in our community in the aftermath of the tornadoes that touched down in Rome and Canastota NY, helping countless individuals find the services and support they needed to recover from such a devastating disaster as well as supporting those in need of resources in Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties.



What is 211 you ask?

211 Mid-York is a free, confidential service available 24/7 that connects individuals and families to the essential resources and services they need, including assistance with housing, food, healthcare, and transportation and much more. 211 can be accessed by phone, by texting 898-211 or by visiting www.211midyork.org.

211 The More You Know

Last year, the 211-network fielded 15.4 million requests for help in the U.S., including 424,000 requests in Spanish. 211 is free, confidential, and available in more than 180 languages. Locally, 4,566 211 calls were received from Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties including 1,499 calls received from 7/16-9/30 2024 following the tornadoes in Rome and Canastota.

With 211, you'll be connected to one-on-one assistance of an experienced, highly skilled problem solver who will:

- ~ Listen and respond confidentially
- ~ Assess your needs and provide referrals
- ~ Offer emotional support
- ~ Conduct follow-up
- ~ Advocate on your behalf



UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Schedule

Mar 2 - Steve Vance – Communion

Mar 5 - Ash Wednesday Service - 6:00 pm - Steve Vance

Mar 9 - Steve Vance - 1st Sunday Lent

Mar 16 – Bonnie Tryon

Mar 23 – Steve Vance

Mar 30 - 5th Sunday at Unitarian Church

(No Service or Sunday School at Twin Churches)

Events

Choir Practice – Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Mar 2 - Session Meeting after worship

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Mar 5 - Stone Soup - see Betsy Allen for time

Mar 13 - Hope Session at 1:00 in the Meeting Room

Mar 15 - Park Coffee House - Cincinnati Creek

Mar 25 - Hope House Volunteer Day - Cook 12-2:30,
Serve 3-5 - Contact Gaby McGhee

Mar 29 - Park Coffee House - Dovetones

Check our website at "twinchurches.org"
for a complete calendar of events

March

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| 2 | Megan Hinge |
| 3 | Ebony Finn |
| 4 | Geri Gates |
| | Paul Mueller |
| | John Niedzielski |
| 5 | Kerry (Allen) Welcome |
| 6 | Ryan Meade (Jessica Aubry's husband) |
| 8 | Bob VanGorder |
| 10 | Lawson Condrey |
| 11 | Evan Grenier |
| 12 | Todd Finn |
| 13 | Ian Phillips |
| 16 | Elias Vannicola |
| 19 | Virginia Kelly |
| | Joe LeBuis |
| 20 | Gary Harvey, Jr. |
| 21 | Gavin Doell |
| 23 | Taylor (Beasley) Fitzgerald |
| | Marcia Jones |
| 24 | Trace Finn |
| 26 | Ryan Bliss |
| 28 | Hailey Carnright |
| 31 | Joanne Gates |
| | Harry Finn |
| | Dwight & Gail Putnam (A) |





bits & pieces

Prayers are asked for:

- Bev Seifried and her family on the death of her husband, Dan, on February 13.
- Dwight Putnam who hit a deer. Dwight is ok, but his vehicle is not.
- Dave Heburn who had hip surgery this week.
- Brenda and Paul Castle who have undergone many distressing events over the last several years. Brenda is now experiencing severe back and neck pain. Paul has been diagnosed with end-stage renal failure, requiring dialysis and they are in need of our prayers and support.
- The Vannicola Family as Cathy is now at home with Hospice care. The children are all making trips home so they can spend time together. Vince, who has been struggling with his own issues, shared that his health is currently stable. Please give a call in advance, if you have an opportunity to visit.
- Janet Broadbent, who has returned to Eastern star, but her continuing medical story now includes another case of COVID. Prayers that Janet can soon have a time of peace and health.
- Heidi Curtacci who had a very small mini stroke, is gratefully doing well and is adjusting to new health requirements.
- Janet Stengel who is dealing with extreme fatigue. Also traveling mercies as she goes to Iowa by train.

Joys are shared for:

- Bonnie Tryon that she is doing well after foot surgery and is back with the congregation. Bonnie thanked all who reached out to her while she was recovering.
- Taylor (Beasley) Fitzgerald and family as they travel to Disney World for vacation. Safe travels!
- The support Peg Curtacci has received from the church family and friends in her efforts to raise Chiari Awareness. Peg is starting her 25th year of Chiari Advocacy and has made a big impact in our area.
- David Heburn's daughter, Megan, and her boyfriend, Joe, as they became engaged.
- Debbie Bliss's daughter whose side-by-side has been repaired so she no longer has to carry buckets of water to the barn for the horses.

Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci phone: 315-867-7898 or email: [pcurtacci.1947@gmail](mailto:pcurtacci.1947@gmail.com)