

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

Twins Talk

March 2026

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Pastor's Corner

Greetings from the still Frozen North! I was looking at pictures on my computer the other day because I inadvertently hit the wrong button and I found a photo of our home inundated with snow dated 12/2/25. I used to long for "old-fashioned winters" we knew as children.....but not so much any more! As goes the old adage: "Be careful what you wish for."

As those in church learned this morning, after discernment, family discussions and prayer, the time has come to retire as your pastor. My thought is to stay until the end of the year, but if it facilitates an earlier transition, I will depart sooner. What is best for you is most important. As with any life decision this one is multifaceted, but the fact is at the end of each day I find myself with less energy than 4 years ago. It is time to take the next steps in the journey God has planned for me.

I am saddened far more than I had anticipated.

The Gift of being your pastor far surpassed any expectations. You sharing your lives with me has been a wonderful addition to my life. I am so grateful for your camaraderie, your laughter, your stories and your support. Thank you!

I read a meditation this week about the Israelites looking back fondly on Egypt while they suffered their 40 years in the desert. BUT... they were enslaved in Egypt! The point for the meditation is that we as humans do not like change! Yet constant change is a part of our lives. But if we embrace the new and trust in the future, we will prosper.

You embraced me when the change was fairly significant so I know you will rise to this change and embrace the joy of new beginnings.

You are loved more than you know: yes by me, but... there is another.

Steve

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



Session Scene

- Dave Dousharm did a walk through of the building to go over heating issues such as weatherstripping and storm windows. A list was made of needed repairs. Session approved hiring Dave to start work on the list and Bob VanGorder agreed to coordinate the work being done.
- A check was received from Gaby McGhee's family to purchase new choir chairs.
- Presbytery News: There is an active movement to join together the Presbytery of Northern NY with the Presbytery of Utica. It will be a very large geographical area. All meetings will be on ZOOM as well as in person. There is a joint commission which is working on the details.
- The next meeting will be on March 22.



It's time for Easter Flowers!

All orders must be
received by
Sunday, March 29, 2026

We will be ordering plants ahead of time and donations can be given in any amount to Kathy Lemieux at Sunday service or by mail to:

*Kathy Lemieux, Treasurer
First Presbyterian Church of Holland Patent
PO Box 303
Holland Patent, NY 13354*

With any donation, you can have a dedication or memorial to friends or family listed in the bulletin, so please remember to include the name(s) of those to be honored.

For more information, contact Kathy Lemieux at 315-865-5603.

Holy Week Services



PALM SUNDAY – March 29 – 10 am
5th Sunday Ecumenical Service at
Unitarian Church of Barneveld

MAUNDY THURSDAY – Apr 2– 6 pm

SUNRISE SERVICE – Apr 5 – 7 am
HP Village Green Gazebo

EASTER – Apr 5 – 10 am



If there is to be a **Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday** (April 5), we need a couple of volunteers to organize it. Both members of the Fellowship committee will be out-of-town. Someone is needed to make up and put out a sign-up sheet

asking for donations of food. Perhaps the same person could also make certain the tables are set up and provide tablecloths, and other paper products. A person is also needed to be the last one to leave after clean-up. This has been tricky some years when so many members need to leave to attend family brunches, lunches, etc.

If you are able to volunteer to help organize, please contact Janet Lanning by email or text (jlasc@me.com or 315-941-7409). Thank-you in advance!

Due to unavoidable circumstances



has been

**** CANCELLED ****

Check back next year for event updates.



Spring 2026 Showtime: 7:30

Mar 14 – Rattlin' Bog

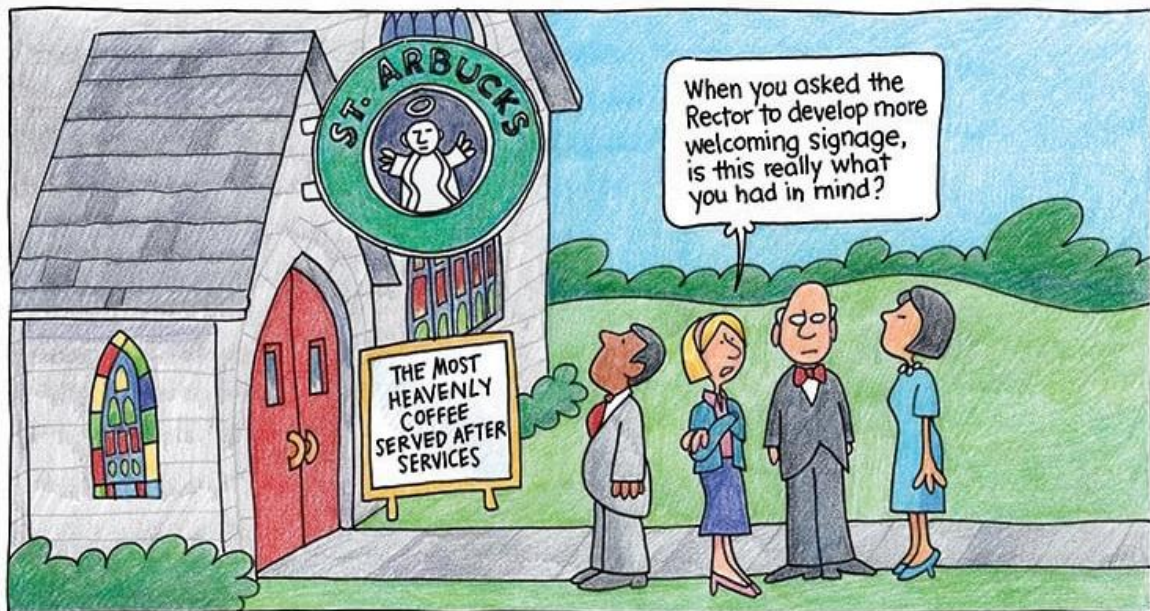
Mar 28 – Rebecca Miner Band

Apr 18 – Pepper & Sassafra

May 9 – Jamcrackers

May 23 – Cincinnati Creek

Jun 6 – Local Favorites





SYNOD of the Northeast
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Offers Scholarships

Wurffel-Sills Scholarship and Interest-Free Student Loan Application

It's time to apply for the 2026-2027 Wurffel-Sills Scholarship and Interest-Free Student Loan Program! ***This application is open to all members of any church within the Synod of the Northeast.***

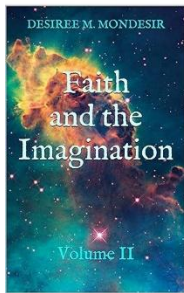
We are accepting applications for the following students:

- Full-Time Undergraduate Students
- Full-Time and Part-Time (At least half-time) Seminary Students (MDiv & MRE Studies)
- CRE Certification Studies

To apply go to our website: www.synodne.org and choose Wurffel-Sills Student Aid under the Grants tab. The deadline for applying and providing all required documentation is April 30, 2026.

If you are applying for the first time, you will create your own profile to keep track of the status of your application. You can start, stop, and save your progress during the application to include (attach) required documents as needed. There are some documents and/or questionnaires that require others to complete on your behalf within the application. Please pay close attention to all the requirements and the application deadline of April 30, 2026.

Always feel free to contact Stacy Galloway at Stacy.Galloway@synodne.org or (315) 446-5990, if you have any questions.



CLINTON AREA MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERIES

Wednesdays

6:00 pm

St. Mary's School, Clinton, NY

Lenten Soup & Study Series: Faith & Imagination

Join us and Clinton church neighbors **on Wednesdays in Lent at 6:00 pm** at St. Mary's Catholic Church school on Prospect Street for a **tasty soup supper** and exploration of faith and imagination. In the Lenten season, we will listen together for how God might speak to us in our own imaginations and one another's.

Each session stands alone, so all are welcome to join as able.

- Feb. 25: Lenten Hymns & Prayers-Fr. Dan Caruso
- Mar 4: Watercolor Prayers-Mtr. Joanna Benskin
- Mar 11: Service Bulletin Blackout Poems-The Rev. Abel Roy
- Mar 18: Faith & Poetry-The Rev. Janet Griffiths
- Mar 25: Jesus as Storyteller-Pastor Scott Leonard

Golden Knight Spotlight



Being a Golden Knight means **taking pride in our school community**, and I'm truly proud to be part of Holland Patent. I love teaching first grade and feel lucky to work with **such an amazing team**. Teaching foundational skills at GWF is one of my greatest accomplishments. First grade is full of exciting "ah-ha" moments, and I love watching students **grow, learn through play, and develop a genuine love for school and reading**.

Katherine Hovey
First Grade Teacher



Congratulations, Katie! We are so lucky to have you on our Sunday school teaching staff, too!

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



March

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
18	Debbie Bliss
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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Schedule

- Mar 1** - Steve Vance - *Communion, St. David's Day*
Mar 8 - Bonnie Tryon
Mar 15 - Steve Vance
Mar 22 - Steve Vance
Mar 29 - 5th Sunday at the Unitarian Church - *Palm Sunday*

Events

- Choir Practice** - Thursdays at 5:15 pm
Mar 1 - Mission Committee meeting - after worship
Mar 4 - Stone Soup - *see Betsy Allen for time*
Mar 14 - Park Coffee House - *Rattlin' Bog*
Mar 22 - Session Meeting - after worship
Mar 28 - Park Coffee House - *Rebecca Miner Band*
Check our website at "twinchurches.org" for a complete calendar of events

March 2026

- Mar 1** - Sonnell Suba - *St. David's Day*
Mar 8 - Lynne Howard
Mar 15 - Patty Aubry & Laurie Grenier
Mar 22 - Curtacci, Lemieux, Taubert
Mar 29 - NO COFFEE HOUR - 5th Sunday at the Unitarian Church

Janet Lanning - Phone 315-941-7409
Email jlasce@me.com



bits & pieces

Prayers are asked for:

- Janet Stengel as she recovers from surgery on her finger.
- Vince Vannicola, who continues to surprise us all. He was even able to join us for worship last week. He is truly blessed with an amazing care team.
- Betsy Allen's brother in South Dakota who is having health problems, and his wife who is supporting him.
- Ruth Walker and her family on the death of her brother, Marvin Jones.
- Brenda and Paul Castle who have been traveling a rough journey with Paul's health and other family difficulties.
- Kathy Lemieux's daughter, Shawn, who has been diagnosed with tachycardia.

Joys are shared for:

- Betsy Allen (though it's a concern for the rest of us). Betsy is moving to Albany in May to be close to her son and daughter's families. She is also downsizing from a 5-bedroom house to a 2-bedroom apartment. We hope she visits often!
- Church neighbor, Randy Pflieger, who is a frequent village walker and often stopped to shovel the church steps on his way by. His act of kindness is so appreciated.
- Vicky Allen's daughter, Kerkira and boyfriend, Spencer, who were engaged over Christmas.

Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci phone: 315-867-7898 or email: pcurtacci.1947@gmail.com