

★ First Presbyterian Church ★

PRES NOTES



MARCH



"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

On more than one occasion I have heard the old adage that some people stop coming to church during transitional or interim times in the life of a congregation. There are many reasons that it doesn't make sense to me but it does make sense for those who step away for a time. Nevertheless, I am reminded of a story shared by Rabbi Harold Kushner in his best-selling book, When Bad Things Happen to

Good People. He passes on the following gem attributed to Harry Golden:

That wonderful storyteller Harry Golden makes this point in one of his stories. When he was young, he once asked his father, "If you don't believe in God, why do you go to synagogue so regularly?" His father answered, "Jews go to synagogue for all sorts of reasons. My friend Garfinkle, who is Orthodox, goes to talk to God. I go to talk to Garfinkle."

This brief story reminds us better than any scholarly commentary of the reason why we, as the community of faith, should "not neglect to meet together." There is simply an aspect of our worship of God that is missing if we view it as strictly a private, individual matter. Being with God's people in acts of worship and service can provide a source of support in times of hardship, transition, and grief. It can give us an ear when we just need someone to listen. And better still, it takes us outside ourselves so that we can be more attentive to the problems and joys of others.

In other words, meeting together as the community of faith reminds us that there is a place where we will always belong (even when we cannot physically be there!) It fulfills a need in us in such a powerful way that even an unbeliever can experience the grace of God as he treks off to the synagogue to see his pal.

If you have been "neglecting to meet together" with the community of faith, come join us on Sunday mornings. Those of you who are already here, please don't take for granted what a blessing it is to talk to God and to talk with one another.

Join us as we continue on our Lenten Journey together in worship on Sundays and on Wednesdays as part of the Ecumenical community. Let's walk together as we experience Holy Week beginning with Palm/Passion Sunday, moving to the Upper Room on Maundy Thursday, and facing the Cross on Good Friday. Thanks be to God that Good Friday is not the last word. Let's worship together on Easter Morning as we encounter the Risen Christ!

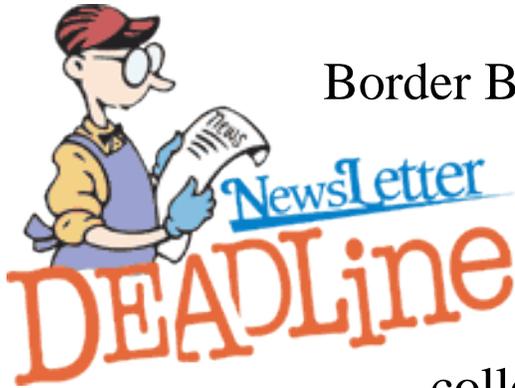
Grace and peace

Pastor Cheryl Ann



March 11th

March 19th



Border Buddies Ministry, which is one of the ministries we as a congregation currently support, has asked area churches to collect medical supplies for their 2018 Medical Mission Trip to Honduras.

They have asked us at the Horseheads First Presbyterian Church to collect **large** bottles of Tylenol (Acetaminophen). Please put any contributions in the basket

in the Narthex now through the
end of March.



WORSHIP INFORMATION

- March 4 Third Sunday in Lent**
Communion
Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 12:54-56; 13:1-9
"The Extra Year"
- 11 Fourth Sunday in Lent**
Psalm 32; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
"Grace Will Lead Us Home"
- 18 Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Isaiah 43:16-21; John 12:1-8
"Sneak Preview"
- 25 Palm Sunday**
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Luke 19:28-41
"Do You Really Mean It?"
- 29 Maundy Thursday**
Service of Tenebrae

WEDNESDAY EVENING ECUMENICAL SERVICES DURING LENT

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|-------|----|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| March | 7 | St. Matthew's | Luke 4:1-13 | Laura Daly
Theme: Fasting in faith
Jesus' fasting and temptation in the wilderness |
| March | 14 | Horseheads Presbyterian | Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 | Beth Frigard
Theme: Fasting as repentance
Rend your hearts and not your clothing |
| March | 21 | United Methodist | Acts 11:1-12 | Cheryl Ann Elfond
Theme: Fasting for reconciliation
Peter's vision of clean and unclean food |

All services begin at 6 p.m. and begin with dinner.

Proceeds will go to the Southern Tier Food Bank Backpack Program (as they have several times)

Ecumenical Good Friday Service

The Community Good Friday service will be held on March 30th at Noon at Horseheads United Methodist Church.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE WORDS FROM WORSHIP

Easter Season 2018

There are a number of activities that take place as First Presbyterian Church, its members and friends prepare for the Easter Season and ultimately Easter Sunday. Listed below are the activities and times so that you have time to plan ahead for them.

February 14 – Ash Wednesday – Dinner 6:15, Service – 7:00

Ecumenical Lenten Dinners – Wednesdays from Feb. 21 – March 21 additional information will be available.

March 4 – Appleridge Senior Living Service – 1:00-1:30 (at Appleridge)

March 25 - Palm Sunday – 10:30 Service

March 29 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00

March 30 – 30 Hour Vigil begins at 3:00 PM

April 1 – Easter Service – 10:30

April 1 – Appleridge Easter Service – 1:00-1:30 (at Appleridge)

WATCH AND PRAY VIGIL

This vigil is in response to Jesus' request to his disciples that they "watch and pray" with him in the Garden of Gethsemane on the evening of his betrayal. As a congregation, we carry this out by watching and praying from home or in the sanctuary from the time of the crucifixion (3:00 p.m. on Friday) until the resurrection (6:00 a.m. on Sunday). We will have the church open during the day, and those who have a key may come whenever they prefer.

Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for further information and sign up sheet.

Thank you for participating in this Lenten tradition.
Worship Committee



Easter Flowers

We will be ordering Flowers from Zeigler's to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday worship.

Tulips (assorted colors) for \$14.50 each
(no lilies this year)

Please note:
Orders **must be turned in** to the church office by
Sunday, March 18th at Noon.

(Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church)

Flowers may be taken home following Easter worship at 10:30 A.M.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER – Checks to First Presbyterian Church

Your Name:

Tulips – (how many) _____ x \$14.50 each = (total) \$ _____

Dedication:

IN HONOR OF:

IN MEMORY OF:

MARCH

	LAY READER	HEAD USHER	Coffee Hour	Communion
4th	Jan Stillman	Jim McIntosh	Deacons	Doug Day & Jim McIntosh ----- Gale Howard & Ellen Benedict
11th	Allen Oldfield	Doug Day	Community Meal	
18th	Judy McIntosh	Guy Stillman	B&G / Mission	
25th	Ellen Benedict	Joe Matejka	Christian Discipleship	



A Neighbor's
Independence
Depends On You

FAITH
IN ACTION

Wednesday, March 14

9:30 - Registration/Coffee
10-12:00 - Program
12-1:00 - Working Lunch
1-2:00 - Group Sharing

**CareFirst**

MEMORY LOSS: A CALL TO SERVE

Over 400,000 people in NYS are living with Alzheimer's disease / dementia. Well over 1 MILLION of our neighbors around NY are serving as care partners to loved ones with memory loss. They live in our communities.

They attend our faith gatherings.

They need our help.

Join in this creative brainstorming workshop, as we hear from members of congregations who have developed **ministries to caregivers**, and imagine how YOUR faith community might meet the needs of those within and beyond your walls.

LOCATION: CAREFIRST

3805 MEADS CREEK RD., PAINTED POST

WORKSHOP IS FREE; SIMPLE LUNCH PROVIDED

PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 11:

(CLICK HERE) - TRICOUNTYFAITH.BPT.ME

OR CALL: (607) -324-1138



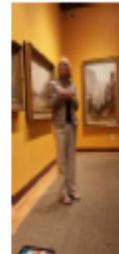
Forget-Me-Nots
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Happy March! Here are some of the events & outings that are interesting to me as a person living with Early-Stage Alzheimer's disease. What is interesting to you? Let's share our ideas for outings, classes, sports events, etc. Thanks so much. Blessings & Peace,
Cynthia Huling Hummel 607-742-5247 revchh@hotmail.com

Meet Me At The Museum- On Monday, March 12, 2018 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM guests attending the Meet Me at the Museum program will be hosted to an afternoon of exploring the sights, textures and scents of selected pieces from the Museum's Collection. Guest will whiff the rich aromas of a majestic landscape and discover the textures of an action packed larger than life painting. The afternoon will conclude with light refreshments. Registration for the Meet Me at the Museum Programs is strongly encouraged. Please contact the Alzheimer's Association to register by calling 800.272.3900. If you would like more information about the program, please contact Mary Mix, Senior Museum Educator by calling 607.974.4305 or by mail at mixm@rockwellmuseum.org. We look forward to seeing you!. Please meet in the gift shop. The address is 111 Cedar Street in Coming.



Syrup Making at Theresa's Maple Ridge Mountain. Learn about how maple syrup is made as you enjoy a fun afternoon with your friends from the Alzheimer's Association. Please rsvp by calling 800-272-3900. The date is **Thursday, February 15th from 1:30-3:00pm.** FREE for those with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or a related dementia and a care partner (or friend). The Address is 78 Park Station road in Erin. The phone number for Theresa's is (607) 796-5252. Please dress for the weather. You might want to buy a souvenir or two from her gift shop. Evanna Koska will be the volunteer host for the day.

Art Reflects – 2018 No Art Reflects in March—but save the date: Art Reflects will return on **Thursday, June 21st from 1:30 – 3:00.** Art Reflects is presented by Community Arts of Elmira. This special program is designed for those living with memory loss and a care partner or friend. More to come!!



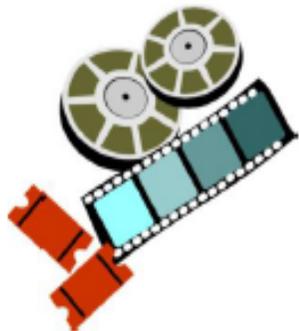
The 15th Annual Horseheads St. Patrick's Day Parade at Historic Hanover Square. FREE: Starts at 2pm For Additional information, Please call (607) 259-0633

Yates County Council for the Arts: Exhibit opening on Friday, **March 2 from 5-7 pm.** Come meet potter, Hannah Graeper, painter Brandi Marino, and other artists! Taste some wine from Rooster Hill and enjoy homemade hors d'oeuvres and live music from Artistic License. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. The address is 127 Main St, Penn Yan, NY 14527

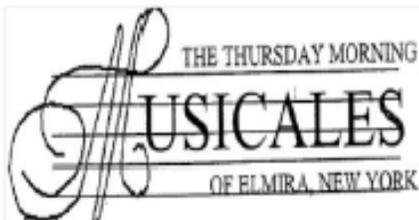




Daylight Savings Time – begins March 11; remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night. Longer days to do enjoy all those outdoor times in the evening.



Movie Night- at the Horseheads Community Library: (a Movie about Living with Alzheimer's) **Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter**. Sponsored by the Chemung Office on Aging. 5:30pm Synopsis: This Academy Award-nominated film takes a moving personal story, illuminates it with insight and humor, and makes it universal. In recounting her attempts to come to terms with her mother's advancing Alzheimer's disease, Deborah Hoffmann explores the relationship between mother and daughter, parent and child, and the tenacity of love. The address of the library is: 405 S Main St, Horseheads, NY 14845. For additional information click here: [More on the Movie](#) RSVP by calling 607- 737-5520.



Thursday Morning Musicales presents Wan-Ling Chuang and the Chanson String Trio **Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 10:15 a.m.** in Mandeville Hall Tickets: Free Admission. The Thursday Morning Musicales, founded in 1908, is a unique organization in the Southern Tier because of its long history of promoting music, offering outstanding

musicians a chance to perform, and recognizing the abilities of students pursuing musical studies.



Coming Museum of Glass- FREE Event: 2300 on **March 15, 2018 6:00pm to 8:00pm**

Ready to warm up and get out of the house? We've got the answer for you! Come on out to 2300° to shake off the winter snow and heat things up a few notches. At 2300° Fahrenheit, hot glass gets interesting—and so do things at The Corning Museum of Glass. Enjoy glassmaking demonstrations, live music, and great food and drink. Free and open to the public. **Live Glassmaking Demonstrations** Things have been known to get hot—*really hot*—during our 2300° glassmaking demonstrations! Watch live as some of the glass world's most incredible artists show off their unique skills and artistry alongside our own Hot Glass team. **Live Music featuring the Red Hot Chilli Pipers** Could it get any better than a rockin' bagpipe band on Saint Patrick's Day? Not likely! The Red Hot Chilli Pipers will bring "bagrock" to the stage featuring a fusion of traditional Scottish music, contemporary pop/rock sounds, and some major bagpipe attitude. You won't want to miss this! **2300° Museum Shops Sale** Take 23% off your purchase in the Museum Shops, beginning at 5 pm through the event. Offer valid on all non-sale items. **Hot Food and Cold Drinks Round Out the Night** Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks are available. Heartier fare is also available for purchase. **Free shuttle bus service** from the Museum's I-86 parking lot is available.



FINAL FRIDAYS **URBAN ARTS CRAWL** CORNING, NY

Urban Arts Crawl: March 30th (the last Friday of the month) from 5pm-8pm. The Urban Arts Crawl is held in Downtown Corning, New York. This self-guided experience includes stops at museums and galleries. Artist demonstrations, wine and beer tastings, and live music also add to your Friday night experience.

Diane Edwards reminds us that **SPRING BEGINS** – March 20. At long last, a hope for sunny days, warmer temps, blossoming flowers, and green grass under our feet!



Happy St. Patrick's Day!! I love getting together with YOU!



Stay Warm! Be Well! Find Joy!

Cynthia

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00p Prayer Shawl Group	2	3 9:00a Men's Breakfast
4 10:30a Worship Service 1:00p Worship with Communion at Appleridge	5 10:00a Coffee and Conversation 6:30p PNC	6	7 6:00p WEDNESDAY EVENING ECUMENICAL SERVICES DURING LENT @ St. Matthew's	8	9 4:30p Community Dinner	10
11 10:30a Worship Service	12 10:00a Coffee and Conversation 6:30p PNC	13 1:00p Building & Grounds Meeting	14 * 1:00p Bible Study	15	16	17
18 <i>Session Meeting (after worship)</i> 10:30a Worship Service	19 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:00a Coffee and Conversation 6:30p PNC	20 1:00p LBA (widow & widower's group) 6:30p Mission Meeting	21 1:00p Bible Study 6:00p WEDNESDAY EVENING ECUMENICAL SERVICES DURING LENT @ United Methodist	22	23	24
25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p Deacon's Meeting (after service)	26 10:00a Coffee and Conversation 6:30p PNC	27	28 1:00p Bible Study 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	29	30 <i>Good Friday</i>	31
					Prayer Vigil 3 pm Good Friday - 6 am Easter	