

THIS WEEK AT UPC

Sunday, June 9 – Day of Pentecost

10:00a Worship service at Otsiningo Park
11:15a Annual Meeting (Part 2)
11:30a Church Picnic

Monday, June 10

Noon Bible study

Tuesday, June 11

9:30a Tai Chi
5:00p Community Meal

Wednesday, June 12

9:00a Sewing Group

Thursday, June 13

9a-1p Lourdes Mammography Van
9:30a-12:30p Care & Share

Sunday, June 16

10:00a Worship service

Looking Ahead

Monday, June 17

Noon Bible study

Tuesday, June 18

9:30a Tai Chi
5:00p Community Meal

Wednesday, June 19

9:00a Sewing Group

Saturday, June 22

Susan Mitchell memorial service

1:00p Visiting hour
2:00p Worship service

Sunday, June 23

10:00a Worship service
4:30p “Dinner church” worship service
5:30p Potluck dinner

Monday, June 24

Noon Bible study

Tuesday, June 25

5:00p Community Meal

Wednesday, June 26

9:00a Sewing Group

Sunday, June 30

10:00a Worship service

Monday, July 1

Noon Bible study

Tuesday, July 2

5:00p Community Meal

Wednesday, July 3

9:00a Sewing Group



Everyone is welcome here
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Special Notices ~ Service Opportunities

“Dinner Church” Evening Worship Service & Potluck Dinner – 4th Sundays in June, July, and August starting at 4:30pm

On the 4th Sundays of June, July, and August, the main worship service will be at 4:30pm in the Library Lounge. Come and join us as we gather around tables for conversation, worship, sharing, and communion, followed by a potluck dinner.

We’ll offer this service at 4:30pm on **June 23, July 28, and August 25** for late risers and early golfers and everyone in between. We’ve enjoyed this new style of worship several times over the past year, but if you missed out on those Dinner Church services, we invite you to try something new. It would be good to have you with us!

There will also be a “worship light” prayer service in the morning at 10am for those who are unable to be with us at 4:30pm.

“Connections” Dinners

The Spiritual Formation Team is sponsoring a season of congregational hospitality this spring and summer. Several special people in our congregation will host small gatherings for lunch, supper or dessert so that we can deepen our connections. The host will provide a simple main dish and guests will offer sides and drinks to complete the menu. We’re making these opportunities so that our congregation can get to know new people and can deepen our friendship with those casual acquaintances we know only on Sunday mornings. We hope that many of you will participate. See Marilyn Myers for hosting and people ideas, or leave a message for her at the church office and she can get back to you.

Take-out containers for the Community Meal

Do you have unwanted plastic containers around your house? You can donate them to the Community Meal!

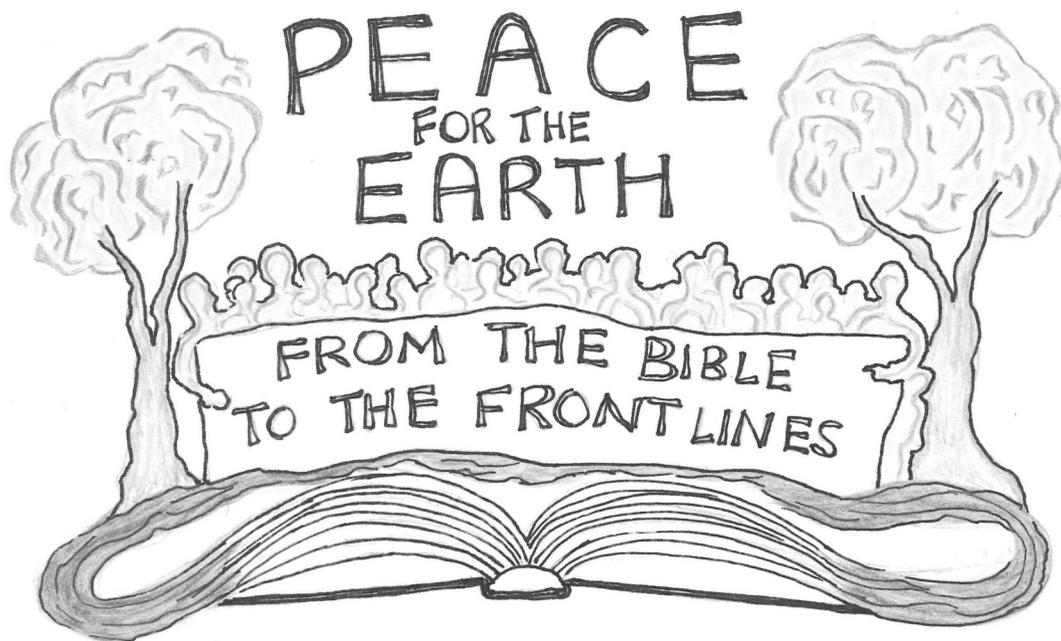
We can use leftover plastic containers from take-out (i.e. Chinese food) or other reusable plastic containers such as large tubs from cottage cheese, margarine, Cool-Whip, or ice cream.

Every week we give out several take-out meals, so we’re always in need of more containers. If you want to donate yours, you can bring plastic containers that are **clean** and **intact** (with their proper lids, and no holes or cracks) to the church office. Thanks!

Save the Date for our Church Retreat – October 25-27

This year’s all-church retreat at the Stony Point Conference Center is scheduled for Friday, October 25, through Sunday, October 27, 2019. The Stony Point Center in the Hudson River Valley has access to beautiful walking trails, an abundant garden, an art studio, and places to gather for worship and prayer. We hope that you all will join us!

Presbyterians for Earth Care 2019 National Conference
August 6–9, 2019 at the Stony Point Center



Our rapidly changing global climate presents each and every person on the earth with both a challenge and an opportunity like none other in history. We need all hands on deck. We. Need. You. Now! Plan now to participate in the 2019 national conference of Presbyterians for Earth Care. Our keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. William Brown, will explore the biblical call to peace that calls us to solidarity with all creation, especially the people and places most vulnerable to our changing climate. In a plenary session, Dr. Susan Clayton will speak about caring for the psychological well-being of individuals and communities as we face the realities of climate change.

A diversity of workshop leaders including national staff, ecumenical representatives, environmental nonprofits, and interfaith coalitions will share current resources and nurture faithful response to climate change. Highlights include GreenFaith's workshop on Multifaith Organizing for the Green New Deal, a panel focused on the ins and outs of building local earth care teams, and several opportunities to explore new ecologically focused liturgical and study resources for congregational use.

Don't miss this invitation to creation care community. Full conference program: presbyearthcare.org/events. Registration: stonypointcenter.org/presbyearthcare

Please register early. The Early Bird discount lasts only until July 9. Young adults (ages 18–30) and individuals with low income register for \$100.

This Week in Faith

June 9 – Shavuot (Judaism): The word *Shavuot* means weeks, and it occurs seven weeks (on the 50th day – also why it is sometimes referred to as Pentecost) after the observance of Passover. This period between the two is called the *omer*, meaning *counting*. The origins of Shavuot are biblical, recalling when the Israelites offered God the first fruits of the harvest. Shavuot was one of the three times during the calendar year that Israelites were required to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. As the Jews shed their agrarian lifestyle, the meaning of Shavuot shifted to become the festival at which Jews celebrated the revelation at Mount Sinai.

Today, Shavuot is one of the less-observed festivals on the Jewish calendar. In the Jewish community today, Jews may enjoy a special dairy-based meal, engage in an all-night or late-night study session, and recognize the maturity of their teens by holding confirmation services as a part of this holiday's services.

June 11 – St. Barnabas: First introduced in Acts 4:36, Barnabas (a name meaning “son of encouragement”) sold his estate and gave the proceeds to the church. Barnabas introduced Paul to the leaders of the church in Jerusalem, and accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey in 45 CE after they had been ordained apostles in Antioch (Acts 13:2). Upon their return (about 50 CE), Barnabas and Paul went to Jerusalem to address the council on the matter of the controversy surrounding the admission of Gentiles into the church. After the Jerusalem Council, Barnabas broke with Paul to go to Cyprus with John Mark.

Prayer of the Week



The Spirit Likes to Dress Up

The Spirit
likes to dress up like this:
ten fingers,
ten toes,
shoulders, and all the rest
at night
in the black branches,
in the morning
in the blue branches
of the world.

It could float, of course,
but would rather
plumb rough matter.

Airy and shapeless thing,
it needs
the metaphor of the body,
lime and appetite,
the oceanic fluids;

it needs the body's world,
instinct
and imagination
and the dark hug of time,
sweetness
and tangibility,

to be understood,
to be more than pure light
that burns
where no one is —

so it enters us —
in the morning
shines from brute comfort
like a stitch of lightning;
and at night
lights up the deep and
wondrous
drownings of the body
like a star.

—Mary Oliver