

March Prayer List

Anthony L.	Deb	Karla	Timothy C.
Arnold	Diane	Larry P.	Tim O.
Bella R.	DJ	Laura	Veronica O.
Betsy	Elizabeth R.	Laurri K.	Walter M.
Betty	Frank	Linda	Wendy
Father Bill S.	Gretchen	Maggie C.	Mother Laurie
Bonita M.	Karen	Nicholas	Father Alistair
Brent B.	Jamal & family	Ryan	Alex
Brian H.	James M.	Sharon	Don
Chris	Jean	Sheldon	
Dakota C.	Jonathan	Skip	

We pray for those serving in the Military...

Brian M. Matt B.
 Christopher Ryan R.
 Connor W. Tim S.
 Dylan Will
 Guy H.
 Ian S.



The wine being used for the Holy Eucharist has been donated in loving memory of

Clark and Virginia Easterly, Thomas and Dorothy Briggs and Thomas Briggs, Jr.

by their family

We pray for...

- Our NOAH participants
- The inmates at Hale Creek Correctional Facility
- Those who come to the Prayer Table on Wednesdays
- Additional NOAH and Food Pantry volunteers
- Young people in recovery group
- The continued growth of our One Church Street ministries

Easter Memorial Flowers If you would like make a donation for Easter flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, forms are available in the entryway of the church and in the office on Mondays through Fridays. We are asking for a \$20 donation, but any amount is greatly appreciated.

Please remember those who cannot attend our services with a card or note. They include:

Audrey Baird
 Wells House
 201 W. Madison Ave.
 Johnstown, NY 12095

Tinker Baird
 Room 1A
 Pineview Commons
 201 S. Melcher St.
 Johnstown, NY 12095

Erika Crear
 Room 33
 Pineview Commons
 201 S. Melcher St.
 Johnstown, NY 12095

John Bernard
 Pineview Commons
 201 S. Melcher St.
 Johnstown, NY 12095

Millie Rathburn
 Willing Helpers Home
 226 W. Madison Ave.
 Johnstown, NY 12095

Cards or notes may be sent to Reverend Small at:

451 State Route 86
 Paul Smiths, NY 12970

Updates available online at www.caringbridge.org.



Music for Today's Service

Gradual Hymn: 532
(Verse 1 before the Gospel)
(Verse 2 after the Gospel)

Anthem: "The Twenty-Third Psalm"
 by Harter

Communion Hymns: 343
339
645

Recessional Hymn: 493



Please note:
 Hymns are also posted at the front of the Sanctuary.

Weekly Finance Update

March 19-25 2017

Pledges
 \$2,565.00

Plate
 \$14.00



May I receive communion?

If you are a baptized Christian you are invited to receive communion, no matter what your affiliation.

May my children receive communion?

Yes, if they receive communion at their own church. Some parents prefer their children receive first communion instruction prior to taking communion.

If I choose to receive communion, how is it done?

The ushers will direct you to the center aisle. The consecrated Bread is received with both hands and carried to the mouth. The consecrated Wine is received lightly grasping the base of the chalice with one hand helping the minister to guide it to our lips and tipping it up until you receive enough.

What if I don't wish to drink from the common cup?

You may dip the Bread in the Wine yourself, or leave the Bread in the palm of your hand. The minister with the Cup will pick up the Bread, dip it into the Wine and place it on your tongue.

Must I receive consecrated Wine?

No, if you wish to receive only the Bread, simply pass by the station with the chalice, or cross your arms over your chest to let the chalice bearer know.

What if I choose not to receive communion?

Then we invite you to receive a blessing at the altar. Kneel at the altar with those receiving communion, and cross your arms over your chest. The priest will give you a simple blessing. You can then stand up and return to your seat.

March-April Events & Happenings

Today's Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Earl S. Johnson was the pastor of First Presbyterian in Johnstown for 13 years. Currently he serves on the board of Mt. Valley Hospice, and he is a member of Albany Presbytery Peace-Making Task Force. Rev. Johnson is the author of several biblical commentaries and of additional books about the Presbyterian Church. He currently teaches classes in Biblical Studies at Siena College in Latham, NY. The title of his sermon today is "Even There Theology", using Psalm 139 as his text.

Throughout Lent the church will be open Wednesdays 4-6 p.m. for prayer.

Saturday, April 1st • Acolyte Training • 10:30 a.m.

Practice "Sacraments" Assisting the celebrant at the Eucharist.

Saturday, April 8th • Acolyte Training • 10:30 a.m.

Thurifer Training (Saturday before Palm Sunday)

For more information, please contact Mike Lawlor at mlawlor@citlink.net or (518)725-9445.

Sunday, April 9th • Palm Sunday • 10:00 a.m. Service

Bishop Love will be with us to administer the sacrament of confirmation!

Please pray for our confirmands:

Bobbi Jo Haverly • Caleb Blackmon • Emma Rizzo
Abbie Rizzo • Madisyn Wakefield

Also on Palm Sunday, there will be dramatic performance entitled "Who will see the King?" directed by Jen Rowland.



A Pilgrimage with Jesus

Friday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7

Good Friday, April 14

12:00 Noon - The Way of the Cross
7p.m. - Biblical Stations of the Cross with music and reflections

For the Holy Week Schedule, please refer to page 7.

Candy Donations needed for Children's Easter Egg Hunt

after the 10:00 a.m. service Candy donations are gratefully accepted in the Hawkins Room or in the office during the week.



Ministry and Church Information

Prayer table: The cold weather shortened the March 22nd prayer table hour.
Prayer volunteers for Wednesday, March 29th are: Pam Miller and Claudette Mayer.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." Proverbs 19:17 ESV

Operation Starfish 2017 The Outreach Committee invites you to take an Operation Starfish box home during this Lenten Season.

Just \$43.80 ~\$1.10/day of Lent - can feed a child for a year.

If you can find that in your daily budget - or even part of that - there is a child on this Earth who will be eternally grateful. Boxes will be collected at our Easter Service. Last year St. John's fed 37 children. his year we hope to feed 50!

Elizabeth & Eileen's Closet is open on Main Street next to the Sunflower Shop each Sat. morning 9-12, as well as Wed. 1-4 and the last Wednesday evening of the month, 6-8 PM. Beautiful prom dresses are available to borrow or buy at a huge savings.



For those who wish to make a contribution in memory of Christian Rohr, Mother Laurie's son, please know that the family will be selecting an appropriate charitable cause in the future. Be assured that this information will be made public once a decision has been made. Mother Laurie and her family would like to thank all of you for your compassion and your prayers.

Grief

It's something we all need to deal with throughout our lives. Brochures designed to help with the grief process for both adults and children are available in the church office and in the entryway of the church. Please feel free to take a brochure if you feel it would be of help to you or a loved one.

Also available in the entryway is a list of resources that might prove useful in managing grief.



Faith in Action: Alzheimer's Care Team members needed

Care Team info meeting on Sunday, April 2 at 2 pm at Johnstown Reformed Church. Volunteer only 2 - 3 hours per month. All training provided. Call Renee Mandarano to register: 518-238-4162



Girl Scout Cookies "Our" girl scout troop #2485 is coming to sell cookies this Sunday and next during the coffee hour after the 10 a.m. service. We will also have forms at the office so cookies can be ordered during the week. Support our St. John's troop!