



# SUNRISE



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**AS WE ENTER INTO SPRING AND WITH THE CURRENT  
SURCOMSTACES IN THE WORLD, MAY THE WORDS OF  
HYMN OF PROMISE  
BE A GUIDING LIGHT  
ALONG OUR PATH.**

1.

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.



## COLLIERSTOWN PW HAS A BUSY FIRST QUARTER

The Collierstown Presbyterian Women began the new decade with its winter meeting on January 23. A newly elected leadership team was introduced, a budget adopted, and reports were heard on the Annual Church Dinner and end of the year holiday activities. The purchase of new gas stoves and countertops for the church kitchen was approved.

The date of the 2020 Annual Church Dinner was set for November 7 with meals being served continuously from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. that day. Be sure to save that date! January 19, 2020 was "Blanket Sunday" sponsored by the Presbyterian Women. Each year the CPC PW sets aside the third Sunday in January to encourage the church family to donate funds to purchase blankets for distribution by Church World Service to needy individuals and families around the world. This year the 2020 goal was to purchase 100 blankets at a cost of \$10 each. A total of \$1270 was received between January 19 and February 2 making it possible to purchase 127 blankets, our largest donation ever! Collierstown Presbyterian Church is one of eight area churches that will face off in the 5th Annual Chili Cook Off sponsored by the Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity.

Originally scheduled for Sunday, March 29, the event has been postponed due to the Corona virus. Hopefully it will be held before the next SUNRISE issue. Proceeds from the event's ticket sales will be used to fund building materials for Rockbridge Area Habitat homes. Those in attendance will sample each church's chili and have the opportunity to vote and choose a winner. A fun filled afternoon is planned with special music provided by Lee Martin and the Jive Cowboys.

CPC and its members have helped with the building of Habitat Homes for many years. Participation in this year's Chili Cook Off is another way we can assist in providing housing for families in our area. The Presbyterian Women will be coordinating the church's team and are ready to start cooking when the event's date is set. There will be a table at the event with

pictures of past CPC work done on Habitat homes. The "Collierstown Cooks" cookbook prepared by the PW and in its second printing will be sold with all proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity. STAY TUNED to see how we fare in the next edition of SUNRISE.

Submitted by Debbie McCormick  
PW Communications Coordinator

## IVENHOE AND WARDENSVILLE SHARES

Pastor Joel Thornton from Ivanhoe and Wardensville churches sent his Worship Service and Sermon on-line so that it could be read/printed out. Another Pastor, Heather Rogers, used the Zoom Computer program to reach out to her congregations. My daughter, Kelly also used the Zoom program to reach out to her Sunday School Class of Teens. She had about 8 students who participated from their homes, some of them in their pajamas. She asked them the question, "What have you learned from this experience so far?" One boy answered, "Not to panic, because it does not help." and another girl answered, "to not take anything for granted-even going to school." I think that is good advice for us all from the younger set.

I know there are many scripture verses and prayers we think of and are comforted by during this crisis. These three verses remind us that God is still in control and will never leave us:

From 2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV "If My people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

From Habakkuk 3:17-18 "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to go on the heights."

From Matthew 28: 20(b) "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

May God bless you all with His presence, protection, and provision.

SHARED BY CONNIE WOODS

## NEWS FROM MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
To help prepare for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, we are collecting bags of small wrapped candy to hide in the eggs. Candy may be left in the office area.

- Children's Choirs will Sing at Sunnyside

Our Children's Choirs will be singing at the Sunnyside worship service on Sunday, March 22nd. There will be no Faith Village Sunday School classes that day (ages 4-5th grade) and families are invited to attend the 9 am service.

- Thank you for supporting Open Doors!

The Mission and Service Commission and Open Doors Team thanks the congregation for their faithful efforts hosting Open Doors last month. This year we accepted the invitation to host two weeks, in order to help with the space needs of this ministry- our second week begins March 23rd.

Throughout that week we will welcome the hospitality of several community congregations and organizations who will prepare dinner for our guests. We will be seeking volunteers from Massanutten to provide support to them.

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Many of the Presbyterian Women have helped with two weeks of hosting Open Doors at the church. Those who are able have helped serve food and share hospitality; others have helped with clean-up each morning; still others have donated items - food, paper goods, pillows, blankets and many other things. Trinity Presbyterian and other local churches have collaborated and helped to make guests feel welcome, with hearty meals and a warm place to sleep.

Looking ahead, the Women's Birthday celebration is being planned for Sunday, May 31. A luncheon and short program will follow Worship that day. PW has helped to coordinate the congregation's opportunities to respond to the Church World Service blanket offering, and Sunnyside Links of Love offering. The overall mission emphasis for PW this year is the Baja Mission trip, coming up in July, in which a number of our members will participate.

SHARED BY CAROL LOWN  
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