

TIDINGS

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“Walking the Path of New Life”

It is not surprising that in seventeen days we will celebrate Christ’s resurrection and the promise of new life busting out all around us, since already crocuses and daffodils are blooming all around us, even though the winter snows refuse to be melted away quickly.

Yet, this Easter Season beckons us to walk the path of new life and discover what mysteries and joys our future has in store for us. One joyous mystery will be the start of the search for the new pastor, which will begin later in April once the report of the Pastoral Characteristics and Competencies Survey is complete and sent to you, followed by the Session approving the Mission and Ministry Report and sending to the Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry for their approval April 19, followed by the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and their completing the on-line Ministry Information Form (MIF) based on the small group meetings, the identity statement, the demographic analysis and community observers’ reports and the result of the Pastoral Characteristics and Competencies Survey leading to the reception of Pastor Information Forms (PIF) of pastors matching the congregation’s MIF.

This will be a time of mystery because no one knows how what candidates will be matched to this congregation, when those candidates will be available for interviews, where those candidates are geographically located, and how long the process will take to yield the person the PNC believes is the one God is sending to serve this congregation. It will be a time of joy because the anticipation and preparations for welcoming the new pastor will create energy for new ministries to begin and energy for re-starting of ministries silenced by the pandemic such as the community dinners. This new energy will give a spring in the steps for those folks challenged to map out the ways of welcoming the new pastor from the day the pastor comes to lead worship as a candidate, to the pastor moving into the community and the pastor becoming part of the community both the congregational community and the Baldwinsville community. What will that first Sunday for the new pastor look like? What rituals and liturgy of welcome will be used? Will the pastor’s study be painted before her or his arrival? How will he or she get the keys to buildings?

However, even joyous mysteries along the path of new life will have some bumps, some stops and starts and will require patience and hope-filled persistence until the day of promise arrives.

For now, enjoy the beginning of the Easter Season of resurrection and the flowers of spring popping up to line the path of new life because in this season we affirm boldly and loudly, “Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen, indeed” and this is the foundation of our hope.

-Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser

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Interim Pastor-----Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser
 Administrative Assistant-----Elizabeth Bayer
 Clerk of Session-----Stephanie Stine
 Deacon Moderator-----Marty Pond
 Director of Music & Choir-----Rheta Jenks
 Organist -----Lee Johnston
 Nursery School Director-----Jessica Newcomb

Session Highlights

- “Healthy Congregational Retreat”
May/June 2022

As we redefine ourselves and move forward it is always important to learn from past mistakes or issues where we might have handled things differently. All organizations have conflict in varying degrees but having the skills to manage conflict with respect and courtesy is vital in keeping communication lines open. Rev. Carson will facilitate a congregational retreat that discusses methods for improving our communication and resolving issues where ideas and opinions may come in conflict with others. There will be more information about this once a specific date is scheduled.

- “Christian Education Committee”

The church is continuing its search to fill the position for a Christian Educator. During the search Rev. Carson will share his experiences and thoughts on our program and will be meeting with Session and Committee Members on how we might bring the program back into focus at First Presbyterian Church of Baldwinsville.

- “Buildings and Grounds”

It was reported that a few high-cost repairs, such as new doors, painting, tree trimming, and repairs to the east brick wall where it is thought there may be water leakage will be necessary very soon. R. Pond announced that April 30, 2022 is Spring Cleanup with a rain date scheduled for May 1, 2022.

- “Budget Report”

V. Jenkins reported that expenses are in line with the budget. Per the nation, investments have gone done over the last quarter but will hopefully improve with time. The “Special Gifts” fund has gone down by 7% and there will be a need to replenish this fund in May of 2022.

- New “Administrative Committee”

A committee entitled the “Administrative Committee” was approved as part of the

administrative cycle of First Presbyterian Church. In the reporting structure this committee would have the “Personnel” and another new committee, entitled the “Communications Committee” reporting on issues of filling open positions and the status of each one, and, then under “Communications” there would be structured policies and procedures developed on how we as a congregation communicate information both internally, and also to the public, i.e., our website. All members of the congregation are welcome to contact Rev. C. Mouser if they would like to serve on these committees as we establish a better communication process for everyone.

- “Baked Potato Luncheon”

This luncheon shall be served on May 8, 2022. Members present raved about the toppings that have been available in the past and how everyone enjoyed the food and socializing. Rev. Carson will plan on announcing a “Minute for Mission” that will discuss methods for donating to the church.



2022 Session Elders

Tricia Adams	Harry Boak	Andy Brussel
Jamie Gruppe	Victor Jenkins	Jeanne Le Porte
Rush Pond	Stephanie Stine*	

*Clerk

April Birthdays



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| 01 – Leesa Hovey | |
| 04 – Victor Jenkins | 18 – Ron Stine |
| 04 – Sandy Smith | 19 – Chuck Hunter |
| 06 – Linda McMahon | 21 – Michael Soeder |
| 11 – Candace Edwards | 22 – Robin Sandwick |
| 13 – Matt McGivney | 24 – Margaret Sollish |
| 14 – Rheta Jenks | 26 – Erin Gruppe |
| 15 – Marylyn Jenkins | 26 – Roger Pohl |
| 18 – Ellie Lyness | 28 – Ralph Cowdery |

April Anniversaries

- 10 – Dan & Jodi Sheehan
- 27 – George & Margaret Sollish

Add your or a loved one’s birthday or anniversary date to our list by contacting the church office.

Assessing Baldwinsville Community Needs

The Reports by the Community Observers and the Demographic Analysis Team were received by the congregation following worship on March 13. The results of those reports led the members of the congregation in attendance to conclude the Baldwinsville Community has the following needs:

People living in poverty who are food insecure, may have transportation needs, access to healthcare needs, ability to access clothing on a seasonal basis- particularly families with children, and help paying heating bills during the winter.

Barb Winegard is planning to restart the senior/retiree community dinners this fall and is looking for folks to join her. Barb will be organizing the dinners on the odd numbered months beginning in September and is looking for someone to organize the dinners for the even numbered months. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, contact Barb.

Other possible ministries are transportation for disabled persons who lack access to a vehicle, ministry programs for children, childcare needs, elder care, education needs for children and older

adults as well as addressing possible social justice issues such as gentrification and income inequality.

In addition, the members of the congregation attending the meeting noted that there may be a need to sponsor refugee families because of the war in Ukraine. The congregation has a legacy of being active in refugee resettlement and this is a ministry the congregation may want to engage.

Also, the need to create better communication practices both within the congregation and to the community was addressed. Session has approved the creation of a Communication Committee to meet this need.

A summary report of the demographic analysis and community observers will be sent to the congregation, so that everyone in the congregation may have the opportunity to explore the ministry needs of the Baldwinsville community.

What is important about identifying the ministry needs of the community is for each member of the congregation to discern where their passion for ministry meets the needs of the community because where need and passion intersect is the place God is calling the congregation and each person to serve God and neighbors. So, where is your passion intersecting with the local or global community’s need? Or as the hymn asks, “Who will go for us?”

-Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser



From the Deacon’s Desk

- Deacons continue to call, visit, etc. members who we feel could use a little extra love or support. If you can think of anyone, please contact Marty Pond at 315-440-0779 or the church office.
- We are providing lunch at The Samaritan Center on Saturday, April 23. Please see the article in Tidings and contact Barb Winegard if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.
- Deacons are giving out our famous "Blue Bags" to all visitors. If you see a visitor that we don't, please reach out to any Deacon to get a bag.
- Bee-Full continues to be our ongoing mission to support the food pantry at Baker High School. Please bring non-perishable items and/or Aldi gift cards to the red box in the sanctuary or bring them to the church office during the week.

What is on the Calendar?



Sundays 10 am
Worship in the sanctuary

Mondays 7 pm
6:30 p.m. - Bell practice in the Sanctuary
7 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 107
Fellowship Hall

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Sat. April 2 - 2 p.m.
Memorial Service for Harold "Mic" Jenkins
Reception to follow at Beaver Lake Nature Center

Sun. April 3 - 10 a.m.
Communion and Coffee Hour after worship

Weds. April 6 - 6:30
Special Gifts Committee, Media Center

Sun. April 10
Palm Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.

Tues. April 12 - 7 p.m.
Session - Media Center

Thurs. April 14 - 7 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship

Sun. April 17 - 10 a.m.
Easter Sunday Worship

Tues. April 19 - 7 p.m.
Deacons Meeting, Media Center

Thurs. April 21 - 12:30 p.m.
Meals on Wheels Board Meeting,
Media Center

Sat. April 23
Volunteers at the Samaritan Center

Mon. April 25 - 5:45 p.m.
Girl Scout Troop #60735

Sat. April 30 - 9 a.m.
Grounds Cleanup (Rain date May 1)

2022 Board of Deacons

Peg Brussel	Pam Keckison	Martha Stevens
Marge Calkins	Matt McGivney	Peggy Suddaby
Mark Chamberlin	Marty Pond*	Barb Winegard
Heidi Henderson	Joanne Rodriquez	
	*Moderator	

April 3 - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
April 10 - Luke 23:1-49
April 17 - Luke 24:13-49
April 24 - John 20:19-31

***Remember in Your Prayers
& Correspondence,***

since our last newsletter

- ♡ GRIEVING
Marylyn Jenkins and her family upon the loss of her husband, Harold "Mic" Jenkins
Jeanne Le Porte upon the loss of her daughter-in-law Sara Le Porte
- ♡ HEALTH CHALLENGES
Barry Bullis
Nancy Dobbins
Sally Clark, mother of Andrea Ducharme

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Generally, names remain on the prayer list for one month. Please let the church office know if you wish otherwise.



"No Winter lasts forever;

No Spring skips it's turn"

-Hal Borland

The Scouting Page

This past February, Troop 107 has been working on strengthening our troop and helping younger scouts become more comfortable in leadership positions. We want our younger scouts to be more independent and take initiative not only in Scouts, but also in their daily lives. One way we have been assisting them to get there is by continuing to work on Eagle Scout rank required merit badges. In order to become an Eagle scout, 13 required merit badges must be earned along with an additional 8 merit badges of the scout's choice. There are many other requirements to achieve the prestigious rank, but scouts often find the merit badge process to be tedious and long. Given that only 6 in every 100 scouts in America receive this honorable title, we are helping prepare the younger scouts for this task by starting it with them.

We started the "Citizenship in the World" merit badge in January, finishing it this February! The scouts in our troop who did their research now have the badge and the knowledge that goes along with it.

The First Aid merit badge was also started in January, but this one took more time and was continued throughout March. This badge allows the average scout to gain important first aid knowledge and prepares them for potential emergency situations. Our very own Dr. Padalino, a First Aid merit badge counselor, has been so kind as to assist scouts during the process of earning the badge alongside giving informational presentations on First Aid situations and protocol.

Early on in February, on the first Saturday of the month, 5 scouts and a handful of parents ventured out to Longbranch Park with intentions to participate in the Klondike Derby. The event is an annual series of tasks that are completed by scout patrols in the snowy cold weather and given points based on time, efficiency, completion, and other factors depending on the activity. We placed 2nd overall, but it was a close call!

One of the last things done this past month, right before winter break, was a campout in the snow! A couple of scouts drove up to Redfield, NY



on Friday the 18th, stayed overnight in a cabin, then woke up early the next day to dig out snow caves. Bright and early on Saturday morning after breakfast, everyone went outside, picked their spot, and started digging. This year snow caves ended up looking more like igloos due to the compact snow. That night, those who built their own snow caves slept in them for the night. Surprisingly, scouts weren't cold despite the single digit weather outside! It was a great start to the upcoming week-long break from school!

-Cam Padalino, Troop 107 Scribe



Coffee Hour

You will be happy to hear that Coffee & Goodies on Sunday mornings will resume in April. Please join us in the Chancel Hallway (behind the organ) after worship for fresh coffee, homemade baked goods, and most importantly - conversation and fellowship with your church family. After two loooooong years, it will be nice to "hang out" together after church. If you are not comfortable socializing with others, please feel free to pick up a baggie with a few treats to take home.



Volunteers from our congregation will travel to the Samaritan Center on Saturday, April 23. The Center is in a renovated church on Salina Street and is absolutely gorgeous. Now that mask restrictions have been lifted, patrons are able to eat in the warm, welcoming dining room. We will prepare the meal, serve, clean up, and do whatever odd jobs they have for us. The person in charge will assign tasks based on everybody's interest and abilities. Please consider volunteering to help out - it's a rewarding experience. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the sanctuary.

Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.



Welcoming Easter!

Spring is officially here and hopefully the weather will reflect the same! Come and join the Floral Committee Saturday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we prepare our church for Easter Sunday.

Also, if you wish to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion by providing flowers on a Sunday, please indicate that on the Floral Committee Calendar, which is posted on the back wall of the church. Thank you to everyone for your participation in making our church more inviting to all.

-The Floral Committee

Save the Date!

The Baked Potato Luncheon will return in 2022! Don't make any other plans after church on Mother's Day, May 8. The Special Gifts Committee will serve perfectly baked potatoes for you to create your own masterpiece with a choice of a dozen toppings: Bacon, Diced Ham, Broccoli, Chili, Grilled Onions, Sauteed Mushrooms, Jalapenos, Chives, Grated Cheddar Cheese, Butter, Sour Cream, Hot Sauce and Salsa. We'll have chicken nuggets for kids (young and old) who may not care for baked potatoes. For dessert, enjoy Brownie Hot Fudge Sundaes. Mmmm, mmmm good!



Keep'em Coming!

Paper, deposit bottles and empty printer cartridges can be put into special receptacles in the church and CE Center entryways. Deposits provide funds for the CE program. Recycling of cartridges provides us with money for office supplies.

In addition, each month we are credited with 10-15% of our *and your* purchases at Staples! Just tell the cashier that your church is part of their Rewards Program.

From Your B & G Committee

- A new entry/security light has been installed at the front entrance to the Christian Ed. Center.
- As we look ahead to Springtime, we are planning to have of Spring clean-up on Saturday April 30th at 9 am. The rain date will be Sunday May 1st after church.
- We are also starting the planning to get the outside of the church painted to match the new windows. This will be a big job so we are getting several bids for this work.
- We believe we have found the source of the water that has been dripping onto the ceiling at the top of the stairs in the Chancel Hallway, causing the paint to peel off the ceiling. The area of suspected penetration above that location has been sealed off. Once we are sure it's been sealed and is dry, we will repair the ceiling.
- The Village of B'ville conducted our annual fire inspection. Two minor violations were identified. One was corrected the same day. The other was corrected within a week. The Village has been advised of the corrections and was pleased that they were completed in a timely manner.
- Other projects being considered include purchasing new doors for the CE Building and having all the trees on our property trimmed.
- As we look forward to Spring and Summer, we are counting on those who signed-up to help with weeding of our flower beds to start early and maintain those areas throughout the growing season. If you have forgotten if/what you signed up to do, please ask Bea Boak. Thank you!

Rummage Sale!



The Rummage Sale is scheduled for August 5 & 6! We will begin to collect donated items on July 24, so clean out your closets and set your items aside!



Nursery School News

Spring is an exciting time at nursery school. We have a chance to watch and learn about the changes that occur around us during this season. The children get very excited to be able to use the playground again, after playing in the gym all through the winter months.

Spring naturally lends itself to many themes that are fascinating to young children. Flowers, wind, kites and rainbows to name a few. Learning about the world around them is such a beneficial thing for children this age.

- Jessica Newcomb, Director, PNS

A Church Garden

Three Rows of Squash

1. Squash indifference
2. Squash criticism
3. Squash gossip

Four Rows of Turnips

1. Turn up for meetings
2. Turn up with a smile
3. Turn up with a visitor
4. Turn up with a Bible

Five Rows of Lettuce

1. Let us love one another
2. Let us welcome strangers
3. Let us be faithful to duty.
4. Let us truly worship God.
5. Let us give liberally



-Shared by Ethel Frost