

# TIDINGS

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## Eastertide

Greetings during this joyous Season of Easter! Resurrection Sunday has once again been celebrated with Easter flowers and the singing of Hallelujahs, but we're not finished yet - the Season of Easter continues on!

Eastertide lasts for fifty days. It begins on Easter Sunday and ends on the Day of Pentecost (which celebrates when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in the form of tongues of fire). The word Pentecost means "fiftieth day" in Greek.

The first forty days of Eastertide commemorate the time the risen Christ remained on earth, and the last ten are the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord. It is truly amazing to think about the period of time that Jesus remained on earth after he rose. I don't think I fully appreciated until later in life, that the Jesus in the Bible is not just the pre-crucifixion Jesus, but rather there are forty days before the Ascension in which people were able to share their lives with the risen Christ - in person!

The Bible tells us that Jesus appeared at least ten times over forty days after he arose from the dead. It is during these encounters that we see him living out the promises of both the Old and New Testaments.

Here are many of the recorded instances of Jesus meeting with people during those forty days:

- #1. Mary Magdalene: (Mk 16:9-11)(Jn 20:11-18)
- #2. Two people, one named Cleopas, on the way to Emmaus: (Mk 16:12-13)(Lk 24:13-35)
- #3. Peter: (Lk 24:34)(1 Cor 15:5)
- #4. The 10 disciples in the upper room (without Thomas): (Lk 24:36-49)(Jn 20:19-23)
- #5. The 11 disciples in the upper room (with Thomas): (Mk 16:14-18)(Jn 20:26-29)(1 Cor 15:5)
- #6. The 7 disciples while fishing in the Lake of Tiberias (Galilee): (Jn 21:1-23)
- #7. The 11 disciples on a mountain in Galilee: (Mt 28:16-20)
- #8. The disciples before His ascension at the Mount of Olives: (Mk 16:19-20)(Lk 24:50-52)(Acts 1:3-11)
- #9. More than 500: (1 Cor 15:6)
- #10. James (Jesus' brother): (1 Cor 15:7)



These forty days are when people begin to "spread the word!" It is the beginning of the Christian Church! At the end of the forty days comes the Ascension. This is when Jesus goes up to be with the Father, and before the Holy Spirit comes down to be our advocate. Have a look at the Book of Acts (Acts 1: 6-11) to refresh your memories on the Ascension.

Then ten more days pass and we get to the Pentecost. We are told:

"On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability." It is somewhat amusing that when the Apostles speak in tongues some witnesses in the crowd said, "They're just drunk, that's all!" (Acts 2: 1-14). I'm not sure that the defense that Peter responds with in Acts 2:15 is the best he could have come up with. However, he goes on to give a better defense when he reminds them of the prophecy of Joel.

For now, let's remember that even when the lilies and tulips have been removed from the sanctuary and we are singing fewer Hallelujahs, we are still in Eastertide. The promise of the Resurrection remains with each of us during the fifty days of Eastertide and beyond. Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed!



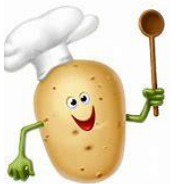
## May Birthdays

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| 02 – James Brussel   | 18 – Ron Stine         |
| 03 – Marla Mrowka    | 20 – Kaitlyn Clark     |
| 03 – Kevin Todd      | 21 – Emily Smith       |
| 12 – Diana Anastas   | 22 – Alyssa Jenkins    |
| 13 – Frank Anastas   | 22 – Vincent Keckison  |
| 13 – Marion Sleight  | 26 – Vincent Benedetti |
| 15 – Virginia Miller | 27 – Bea Boak          |
| 16 – Jackie Smith    | 27 – Kelly Rogers      |
|                      | 30 – Sheila Rogers     |

## May Anniversaries

- 08 – Bob & Peg Brussel  
 09 – Andy & Lynn Brussel  
 28 – Pat & Carol Hovey  
 29 – Tom & Sheila Rogers

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



## Baked Potato Luncheon

Be sure to join us after worship on **Sunday, May 7** for our annual Baked Potato Luncheon. This lunch, brought to you by the Special Gifts Committee, is always a favorite with the congregation. We'll have baked potatoes hot from the oven with your choice of a dozen different toppings: Bacon, Broccoli, Chili, Sauteed Vidalia Onions, Sauteed Mushrooms, Diced Ham, Cheddar Cheese, Sour Cream, Butter, Jalapenos, Salsa and Hot Sauce. Come and make your own "creation"! For dessert, we'll have Brownie Hot Fudge Sundaes. Everyone is welcome – if you would like to bring guests, please let the office know so we can plan accordingly. We hope to see you there!

*The Special Gifts Committee:  
 Victor Jenkins (chair), Andy Brussel, Lynette Durkin, Doris Hildebrandt, Tom Rogers, Barb Winegard*

## Highlights from Session

**Spring Clean-Up** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, with a rain date of **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** following church services. The handrails surrounding the Nursery School are too high for children and are broken in many areas. They shall be replaced over the next few months.

**A new coat of paint** has been proposed for the entranceway to the CEC, the gymnasium, and the Fireside Room. Final colors and other updates are under discussion.

**Baskets were made** for shut-ins for Communion on Palm Sunday. Palm fronds were also put together to send along with the baskets. Thanks to everyone involved in this preparation for the Easter Celebration.

**Eye screening** is required for all preschoolers. PNS shall be contacting the appropriate places to adhere to these new guidelines and form contractual agreements with outside resources.

**Congregational members** shall soon receive a letter that asks for updated information, such as addresses, and/or name changes that will enable FPC to contact you if necessary. (We will respect privacy concerns.)

**An information technology assessment** was obtained that showed we need to consider updating our technology platform to ensure we are using both current and supported technology, as well as meet standards for privacy and security of our information.

*-Stephanie Stine, Clerk of Session*

### 2023 Session Elders

Tricia Adams	Kathy Bowen	Andy Brussel
Mark Chamberlin	Jamie Gruppe	Victor Jenkins
Doug Russell	Stephanie Stine*	

*\*Clerk of Session*



## Spring Clean-Up!

The Annual Spring Grounds Clean-Up will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday May 6. Join the crew to get some fresh air and exercise. We will reward ourselves with pizza and chocolate chip cookies after! A rain date is scheduled for the next day, Sunday, May 7, after worship.

### 2023 Board of Deacons

Shane Adams**	Bea Boak	Peg Brussel
Marge Calkins	Andrea Ducharme	Tom Eckrote
Heidi Henderson	Marty Pond*	Nancy Runyans
Martha Stevens	Barb Winegard	
	<i>*Moderator</i>	<i>**Co-Moderator</i>



### A BIG THANK YOU from the Floral Committee!

The floral committee would like to express our appreciation to the congregation for participating and supporting our Easter flower sale. This beautified the church during our Easter season and then the flowers brought joy to some of our members who could not attend in person. Also, a special thank you to Johanna and Doug Russell for providing the palms, and to Alyce Bullis for the beautiful wreaths that she created and placed on all of the church doors.

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.

## From the Deacon's Desk



The Deacons visited our church members on our caring list with Easter goodies and a copy of the Easter Sunday bulletin. They were happy to see us. If you know of someone we should call and/or visit please let a Deacon know.

We continue to be a big supporter of the Bee-Full program at Baldwinsville's Baker High School. Words are not enough to express our thanks to everyone who has contributed either food and/or Aldi gift cards.

Do you enjoy the goodies at coffee hour on Sunday mornings? Would you be willing to bake two dozen cookies, brownies, coffee cake, muffins etc., to help out on Sunday mornings? We'd like to put together a list, and the Deacon in charge of coffee hour will call you to see if you're available to bake for that particular Sunday. Easy? Simple? We hope you're willing to help us out by volunteering to bake. Please reach out to Marty Pond at 315-440-0779 or [mpond77@verizon.net](mailto:mpond77@verizon.net) Thank you!



### Collecting Donations!

For the month of May 2023, we will again support the **Volunteer Center of Baldwinsville** by collecting shampoo and conditioner, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. There will be boxes for your donations in the sanctuary and church office.

### Our goal is 500 products!!!

There will be a special prize when we reach this goal!

Church Office - Education Center 64 Oswego St.

Pastor-----Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret  
 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

## The May Calendar

### Sundays 10 am

Worship in the sanctuary

### Mondays

6:30 - Bell practice in the Sanctuary

7:00 - Scouts in the Fellowship Hall

### Mon., May 1

10:30 - Worship & Music Committee in the Media Center

### Tues., May 2

10:00 - Book Club in the Fireside Room

### Sat., May 6

9:00 - Spring Grounds Clean-Up (Rain Date May 7 after worship)

9:00 - A Stated Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse has been called. This meeting will be held in-person only at the First Presbyterian Church of Chittenango.

### Sun., May 7

10:00 - Worship & Communion

11:00 - Baked Potato Luncheon

2:00 p.m. Communion at Buckley Landing

### Tues., May 9

7:00 - Session, Media Center

### Sun., May 14

Mother's Day

### Tues., May 16

7:00 - Deacons, Media Center

### Mon., May 29

Memorial Day - the Church office is closed

**May 7 - John 14:1-14**  
**May 14 - John 14:15-21**  
**May 21 - John 17:1-11**  
**May 28 - John 20:19-23 or**  
**John 7:37-39**

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

♡ HEALTH CHALLENGES

Nancy Dobbins

♡ GRIEVING

Amy Miller, upon the loss of her Aunt, and our beloved church member, Lillian Olsen

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



### **From the Mailbox**

Dear Rev. Kirsty and Congregation,  
 Thank you so much for the generous donation of money to help our families in the community. We are so blessed for your generosity and support. We are grateful to you for assisting us in achieving our mission.

Happy Easter,  
 Michelle, Barb and  
 the volunteers at County West Peace, Inc.

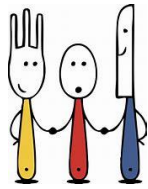
Dear Deacons,  
 On behalf of all those who benefited, I would like to thank you for your generous support of the meal program here at the Samaritan Center! Your donation helps us provide a nutritious, well-prepared and dignified meal daily, without conditions, to men, women and children.

Your involvement makes it possible to offer a place of safety, hope and opportunity to individuals and families struggling with hunger and poverty. It could not happen without you.

I cannot fully express the difference you make in the lives of those we serve through your support and generosity. I can only offer my sincerest thanks and gratitude for your faith in us and the work we do to help those in need.

With deepest appreciation,  
 Mary Beth Frey  
 Executive Director, Samaritan Center

## Community Dinner Information!



The April Community Dinner was a success, with 142 happy people enjoying sit-down dinners, take-outs or deliveries. Many thanks to everyone who pitched in to help: cake bakers, food prep, servers and clean-up. It was truly a group effort. Mark your calendar for the **next dinner on Thursday, June 1**. We will serve Swedish Meatballs, Egg Noodles, Broccoli/Cheddar Casserole, Copper Penny Salad, Rolls & Butter and Cherry Crisp ala mode.





As you are spring cleaning, think about the Rummage Sale on August 4 & 5. Donations will be

accepted beginning Monday, July 24. We are unable to store them before that time.

As usual, we do NOT accept TV's, computers and most other electronics.

### Nursery School News!



We've loved some of these unseasonably warm days. The 4-year-old class was even able to have their Teddy Bear Picnic outside! Our last 6 weeks of school will be jam packed. During community helpers week we will have visits from a police officer and firefighter. Our year wraps up with class picnics at Lysander Park.

For the upcoming fall we have a couple of openings left in the 4/5-year-old class. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them call the school 315-635-7391.

-Jessica Newcomb, Director, PNS



**Lynn Pohl**  
**The Hearth at Greenpoint**  
**150 Old Liverpool Road, Apt. 138**  
**Liverpool, NY 13088**

### Identity Statement

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

### Does Your Estate Plan Include Your Church?

Your Church has played an important part in your life. Please remember it in your last plans. Here are some ways to help your Church:

- Wills
- IRA Beneficiary
- Annuity Beneficiary



### CHARITABLE GIVING THROUGH YOUR IRA

The IRA charitable transfer is a great way to make a gift to your Church. Consider making the most of your IRA as you plan your required annual minimum distribution. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) are gifts to your Church made directly from an individual retirement account. This is an easy, tax-advantaged way to lend support.

**Grace Episcopal Church** is hosting their:

**56<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken BBQ**  
**Saturday, June 3**  
 Noon until sold out  
 Drive-thru only



Slow cooked chicken over the BBQ pit, salt potatoes, baked beans, roll with butter and dessert.

**\$13 for a half chicken meal**

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