

# Midweek Message



**Midweek E-mail from First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, New York**  
**February 27, 2019**

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I remember one beautiful Sunday morning a while ago, on my way to church, I was reflecting on the scenic nature of the drive, happy to be early, with an agenda of stuff to do. As I passed the Stow exit, my car stalled and I coasted onto the Chautauqua Lake Bridge. I pulled off on the narrow shoulder out of gas. Suddenly my feelings of ease changed to fear and frustration. I tagged the car and set out irredoubtably towards the gas station in Bemus Point worried that my automobile would be towed from its unsafe place before I returned. I quickly realized that there was no rushing events and got around to enjoying my nice Sunday morning walk on the bridge.

In my youth (many years ago) there was no bridge or route 86. Route 17 was a two lane highway that ran through the southern part of western New York. The only way across Chautauqua Lake was the Stow Ferry. The trip from Corning to Jamestown was 4 hours and the bus took 6. I know this because I traveled, by bus, to my grandmother's apartment on the corner of Fifth and Pine in

Jamestown from our family home on, interestingly enough, Fifth and Pine in Corning. My Nana (Anna Fern Sherwood (Ross)), had a bumper pool table in her basement. She grew up around the corner from 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church at 115 Liberty. The Bus station was right down the street.

As years progressed, I witnessed the construction of what is now Interstate 86. My parents purchased homes on Chautauqua Lake and Corning – Chautauqua commutes were routine and frequent. I remember being profoundly disappointed that the new bridge was inaccessible to pedestrians. I really wanted to walk across the bridge.

It is always amazing to me how frustration and anger can cloud reality. It took a while to connect the dots. I had forgotten my wish to walk across the bridge because I thought it impossible. What I had initially interpreted as an inconvenience when I ran out of gas was an opportunity to accomplish an old dream on a beautiful day without any negative consequences. A great gift. A much better plan than mine.

Thank You.

### **REMEMBERING YOU IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Lucy Miller's son and grandson Shawn recovering from surgery; Linda Barber and her sister Lorraine; Julie Dudgeon; Don Greenhouse; Don Ray and his tiny steps of recovery; Lynda Howard's niece Sarah struggling with a brain tumor; Valerie's family; Prayers for those waiting for a diagnosis or test result and those with the flu or battling addiction; and thanksgiving for a new home for the Hairston family, a good hospital stay for Catherine's sister Nancy, and thanksgiving that Judy Bentley made it home from her trip.

**ACP Family for February:** Bella and Ayden and their family

**Staff Member:** Jennifer Poletto

*If you need a ride to church or a doctor's appointment, would like a visit from the Pastor, could use support from our Casserole and Cookie Crew, or would like to let us know about a prayer concern, please let the church office know. The Member Care Committee is ready to help you out.*

## Sunday, March 3rd

Sunday School Breakfast 9:00 am  
Story time at 9:15, then Sunday school classes at 9:30 am  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am  
Worship is in the **Chapel** at 10:30 am  
Communion will be served.

### Worship Leaders for March 3rd

Liturgist: Catherine Willard  
Greeters: Barb Potter  
Ushers: Holly and Peter Sullivan

### Worship Leaders for March 10th

Liturgist: Rosie Hagel  
Greeter: Craig Butler  
Ushers: Lisa and Doug Schutte, Beth and Bruce Archibald

# Help Wanted:

## TON

We need a few more people to serve as substitutes for our after school tutoring program on Wednesdays from 3:15 – 4:45 pm. With the loss of our “snow birds” until spring, there is a real need. If you have any suggestions of who might be able to help, or if you could help, please call Judy Kullberg before March 2 (708-2061), or you could call the church (487-1984), and the message will be sent over. Thank you.

# SPRING CLEANING

We're looking for help getting the Sanctuary ready for Worship when we move over on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in stocking pencils, some light picking up, stocking the pew bags, or some work in the Library with books would be greatly appreciated over the next two weeks. Thank you.

## Coming Soon!

### *Shrove Tuesday Party!*



Join us, Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm  
For Razz and the Dixieland Band  
And Pancakes!  
In the Sandra J. Merwin Fellowship Hall

# *Totally Trivial:* **SUPERHEROES**

**A FUNDRAISER FOR A CHILDREN'S PLACE DAYCARE**



Saturday, March 16, 2019  
Crystal Ballroom  
6:30 pm Registration  
7:00 Trivia Begins

BYO Food and Drinks  
Prizes: *Best Costume,*  
*Best Table, Best Food,*  
*Best Signature Drink*

\$25 per person or \$200 per team (up to 8 people)  
Proceeds benefit A Children's Place

Reserve your space now. Tables are going fast.  
For more information call the office and ask for Bob or Sara.

## A Member's Letter:

Dear Friends,

A Children's Place Day Care Center has been an important part of my life since its formation in the early 1970's. My father was on the board that started the day care for parents that needed quality care for their children while they worked. I started my teaching career as a high school student volunteering at ACP. I eventually became an employee, before I went to Fredonia State University to obtain a degree in Early Childhood Education. Fast forward ten years, and now I was looking for quality day care when Paul and I were working. Of course, I hoped and prayed that there would be an opening so our daughter Susan could

attend. She, and in years to come, Jenny, attended ACP in the four year old class and then both also attended Kindergarten. Here they received a positive educational foundation from a warm and caring staff. I knew that when I was at work, our children were surrounded by caring teachers, a safe environment, and a curriculum that put the developmental needs of children first. This has been such an important mission of my church and a part of my family for many years.

ACP has been an important part of many people's lives, and now we have a chance to give back. On Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, ACP will be holding their third annual fundraiser, **Totally Trivia: Superheroes** at the Crystal Ballroom. Paul and I are planning on once again attending this event to support this amazing group of children and adults. If you are not able to attend this fun filled night of trivia, please consider making a donation to **A Children's Place**.

Sincerely,  
Judy Bentley

*There are Lenten Daily Devotional calendars, a new Our Daily Bread, and new These Days devotional books out now. Stop by and pick one up. Also, the newsletter should be in your mailboxes by the weekend.*

#### DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Church Business Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

February 27 – TON 3:15 pm

February 27 – Artist Workshop 6:30 pm

February 28 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm

February 28 – Children's Choir 5:30 pm

February 28 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm  
February 28 – Society for Creative Anachronism 7:00 pm  
March 3 – Chamber Music Strings in the Chapel 4:00 pm  
March 4 – Chamber Singers 7:00 pm  
March 5 – Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm  
March 5 – Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Dixieland 5:30 pm  
March 5 – Barbershoppers 7:00 pm  
March 6 – Ash Wednesday Service Bellinger Chapel 12:00 pm  
March 6 – TON 3:15 pm  
March 6 – Artist Workshop 6:30 pm  
March 7 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm  
March 7 – Children’s Choir 5:30 pm  
March 7 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm  
March 7 – Society for Creative Anachronism 7:00 pm  
March 10 – Member Care Committee 11:45 pm  
March 10 – Youth Group 5:30 pm  
March 11 – Chamber Singers 7:00 pm  
March 12 – Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm  
March 12 – Barbershoppers 7:00 pm  
March 13 – Lenten Service Luncheon 12:00 pm  
March 13 – TON 3:15 pm  
March 13 – Artist Workshop  
March 14 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm  
March 14 – Children’s Choir 5:30 pm  
March 14 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm  
March 14 – SCA  
March 16 – ACP Trivia @ Crystal Ballroom 6:30 pm  
March 17 – Chautauqua Chamber Concert 4:00 pm