

Midweek Message



Midweek E-mail from First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, New York
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“I am here to let you in!” The enthusiastic voice of our redoubtable CCYFM coordinator resounds down the hallway to the hordes awaiting entry to the church. She is welcoming families dropping off children at ACP but she might very well be speaking to and for all of us. The message is an affirmative embrace to all who step through our portals and an announcement to the world of who we are and why we are here. Jesus is here to let us in and accepting the invitation to enter empowers us to extend the welcome to others.

We need look no further than the beatitudes to understand the profound significance of Peggy’s animated salutation. To all who seek comfort; to all who show mercy; to all who mourn, the blessings of God pour forth in greater abundance than any one of us could ever keep for ourselves. To enter into the embrace of God is to accept the profusion of God’s blessings and to share them. “I am here to let you in!” is both greeting and summons. This is the message of Jesus to the hungry, the thirsty, the meek and the peacemakers; that God lets us in so that we might satisfy the longing of others for righteousness, peace and the inheritance of the earth.

To that end, let me hasten to remind you that there is always a red carpet laid for all who want to join us on Thursday evenings at Choir practice. To my musical heart, there is no more welcoming sound than that of our loyal and indomitable choir leading Sunday worship. If there were a ninth beatitude, I would hope that it would go something like this: “Blessed are the music-makers for their singing transports us across the gateway into God’s presence and gladdens heavy hearts with the spirit of renewal.” “I am here to let you in!”

David

REMEMBERING YOU IN OUR PRAYERS:

Don Ray; Julie Dudgeon; the family of Sandy Earsing mourning her loss; Linda Barber and her sister Lorraine; Jane Lockwood’s sister; Craig Colburn; Lucy Miller’s son Paul; Catherine Willard’s sister Nancy; Marge Cochrane; and people suffering from depression and mental illness or those who nobody loves, save for God.

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, February 10th

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

Worship Leaders for February 10th

Liturgist: Susie Stuart

Greeters: Paul Bentley

Ushers: Barb Potter and Gayle Schulte

Worship Leaders for February 17th

Liturgist: Carolyn Whitehead

Greeter: Russ Ecklund

Ushers: Stephanie Burdo and Gayle Schulte

Coming Soon!



Saturday, March 16th Registration at 6:30 pm; Program begins at 7!
Reserve a table in the Crystal Ballroom: \$25 person/\$200 table of 8
Taking reservations now!

Head's Up for Healthy Bones

Joanne Nelson will be starting another **Healthy Bones Class** on March 20th. This is an enjoyable and beneficial 10 week exercise class that has been proven to tone muscles and build stronger bones. Pre-registration is required for this class so either see Joanne at church or call her at 488-9547 to get on the list. You'll be glad you did!

Youth Group Lock-In

Join us Saturday, February 9th at 6:00 pm.

Bring a snack, water, hygiene items, bedding, and a change of clothes for Church. Breakfast will be provided.

5th and 6th Graders will be dismissed at 10:00 pm, older youth will stay until after the Worship Service on Sunday. After 10:00 pm, the doors will be locked and youth will not be allowed to leave unless a parent or guardian is picking them up. If you need to come into the building, call the church's phone number (487-1984) as this will ring throughout the whole church, including the Youth Room. We will not be able to answer the door buzzer unless someone is in the office at that time.

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If you have any articles you would like to have in March's Lenten Newsletter, please submit them to the office by February 19th. There will also be an April Easter Edition this year.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Church Business Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

February 6 – TON 3:15

February 6 – Artist Workshop 6:30 pm

February 7 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm

February 7 – Children’s Choir 5:30 pm

February 7 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

February 9 – Spinning Group 10:00 am

February 9&10 – Youth Group Lock-In beginning at 6:00 pm

February 12 – Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm

February 12 – Barbershoppers 7:00 pm

February 13 – TON 3:15 pm

February 13 – Artist Workshop 6:30 pm

February 14 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm

February 14 – Children’s Choir 5:30 pm

February 14 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

February 14 – Society for Creative Anachronism

February 19 – Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm

February 19 – Barbershoppers 7:00 pm

February 20 – Artist Workshop 6:30 pm

February 21 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm

February 21 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

February 21 – Society for Creative Anachronism

February 23 – Koinonia 4:30 pm