

Midweek Message



Midweek E-mail from First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, New York

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We are now well into the new year and already I find that resolutions made two weeks ago are beginning to show signs of cracking. This is not to say that resolve has vanished; only that it has moderated a tad. I **STILL** plan to get to the gym more often and to substitute more fruit snacks for the chocolaty ones that Christmas gave me permission to gorge on. The intention is still strong but the steps in that direction that I have taken are decidedly less weak. Coming right after the Sunday that marks the Baptism of the Lord, the analogy to a newborn taking first steps is frankly irresistible. I have been thinking a great deal about the season of Epiphany that leads us to the Transfiguration that takes place just before we enter the season of Lent.

If Lent is a time of preparation for the Passion of Jesus, then the road to Transfiguration is a highway in need of spadework. For me that means to remember that it is not merely about fulfilling good intentions but about paving the way for the meeting between human nature and the very being of God. When Jesus took the Apostles up the mountain, they were shown the Savior in

resplendent glory. Thus it is that the faithful come to know God and to realize that Jesus is the bridge.

For me it all comes back to baby steps taken without great success but empowered by certainty that the road is the right one. We may move quickly; we may stride confidently; we may totter unsteadily, but the light of God will shine just a brightly at road's end. I think after all that, I need to spend some time on the stationary bike.

David

REMEMBERING YOU IN OUR PRAYERS:

The family of the Lockwood's friend Bob who passed unexpectedly last week; Don Merrilee Harrington; the Ukraine winter camps going on this week; Linda Barber and her sister Lorraine; Brooklyn Ayers; Lucy Miller's son Paul; Catherine Willard's sister Nancy; Margie Cochrane's sister Barbara and all her care givers; Claire Murray; Mick Yates; Julie Dudgeon; Don Ray; Pauline and MacKenzie; and thank you for the small delicate but unmistakable signs of growth in our church family.

ACP Family for October: Sophia and her Mother Sarah

Staff Member: Shari Stevens

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, January 20th

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 January 20th

Liturgist: Sherra Babcock

Greeters: Jim Dahlie

Ushers: Jane Lockwood and Barb Potter

Worship Leaders for January 27th

Liturgist: Jim Babcock

Greeter: Betsy Shepherd

Ushers: Rudy and Diane Mueller

Coming Soon!

Family Night Dinner

Don't miss this month's Family Night Dinner!

Thursday, January 17th at 5:30 pm

Sandra J. Merwin Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a delicious dinner and conversation
with church friends and ACP family

Free for all, bring the whole family!

Come at 5:00 pm if you can help setup.

Youth Winter Event

If Snow, then sledding behind Karen's house

If NO Snow, then something fun in Fellowship Hall

And we'll pretend like it's winter with indoor winter games

Sunday, January 27th at 1:00 pm

Birthday Celebration

Fellowship, Cake and Hot Coffee on a frozen Sunday!

Join us after Worship this Sunday to

Celebrate Mark Naeser's 65th Birthday

Announcing!

There is a new **Sunday Worship Flower Chart** hanging in the Cloister so members can reserve a Sunday to dedicate a floral arrangement in honor/memory of loved ones for the worship service. After the service, these flowers are delivered to our members in the hospital or home bound and very much appreciated. It doesn't have to be a huge investment. You can partner with someone, pick up a couple of bunches of flowers yourself and use one of the many church vases (ask Karen Gould to show you where they are kept), or you can make a donation and we will order it for you. If you forgot what you did last year, the old calendar is still hanging up too. Pick your Sunday, write down your name, then contact the church office for more details. (487-1984) Thank you.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Church Business Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

January 16 – TON 3:15 pm

January 16 – Artist Workshop 6:30 pm

January 17 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm

January 17 – ACP Committee 4:00 pm

January 17 – Building and Grounds meeting 5:00 pm

January 17 – Family Night Dinner 5:30 pm

January 17 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

January 20 – Birthday Party Reception for Mark Naeser

January 22 – Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm

January 22 – Barbershoppers 7:00 pm

January 23 – TON 3:15 pm

January 23 – Session 7:00 pm

January 24 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm

January 24 – Children's Choir 5:30 pm

January 24 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

January 27 – Mission Committee 11:45 am

January 27 – Youth Group Winter Event 1:00pm