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 Joyce Lohr-Clerk to the Session

Session meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7pm
 Presently serving Elders: James Clark, Marion Crull, Dick Damaske, Susan Derr,
 Michele Edmonson, Susan Harkey, Jay Hoyle, Marc Smith and Peter Snyder.
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Happy Easter to:



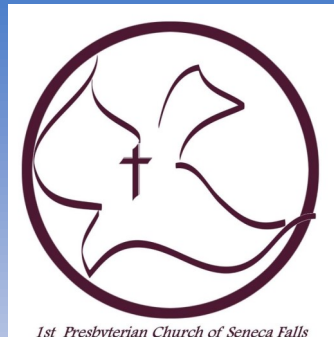
April Newsletter 2020

First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls

Toward a Church as **GENEROUS**

and **JUST** as God's Grace....

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Pastor's Corner

Well, a lot has changed since the beginning of March. I pray and hope daily that you all are coping well, using this time to deepen our relationships with God, ourselves and one another.

A friend of mine, who is a minister in Washington, asks people in her church to check in with these questions every day. I thought it was a good idea and I encourage all of us to use them as a guide.

I have learned many things during my time in isolation. Never has the church felt more like the people in my life as it does at this moment. So thank you all for checking in and connecting. Thank you for watching the services online together. Thank you for calling one another, writing letters and making phone calls. It means the world.

Easter and Palm Sunday will look a lot different, but they will be meaningful. We will have a town wide palm parade. Please decorate your windows or your yards with palms. You can make them, draw them, color them, be creative! Let us celebrate Holy Week together. We will be having the Maundy Thursday Service with our UMC friends, keep a look out for more information. We will also host a community wide Easter Egg Hunt. Please put an Easter Egg in your lawn, window or drawn on your sidewalk to let people in Seneca Falls find them and enjoy Easter.

Every Wednesday we will be checking in together on zoom. The instructions for how to do this, will be in the newsletter. The Check in will be 11am on Wednesday, until we can meet face to face again. Please send prayer requests via emails or letters.

Remember, if you are able, to get an Instacart app and shop online locally (Tops/Aldi/Walmart/also pharmacies). This will ensure that you have groceries, but you don't need to go into the store. If you do need to go to the store, in person, please wear a mask and gloves, even if you are not sick. We all are being encouraged to behave as if we are sick.

If you are able, we are also asking people to make facemasks to be used locally. The instructions will also be in the newsletter. Please contact me, or someone you know who works in the hospital, clinics of Senior Living Centers.

Times are different, but God is providing. Please know I am holding you all in constant prayer and surrounding you with love. May you feel God's love and presence.

DAILY QUARANTINE QUESTIONS:

1. What am I GRATEFUL for today?
2. Who am I CHECKING IN ON or CONNECTING WITH today?
3. What expectations of "normal" am I LETTING GO OF today?
4. How am I GETTING OUTSIDE today?
5. How am I MOVING MY BODY today?
6. What BEAUTY am I either creating, cultivating, or inviting in today?

Peace, Pastor Leah

Session Briefs

At its Monday, March 16, 2020 meeting, the Session:



- Heard comments from the Pastor regarding changes for the meeting: Zoom technology would be employed to provide audio and video presence for Elder Marc Smith at home and for clerk, Joyce Lohr at home, enabling their participation in the meeting. All other Elders were present, on-site in the church social rooms.
- Pastor announced that 60+ pies were baked for Pi Day on 3/14 and were sold out well before three PM
- Received notes of thanks from Bea Jones, Karen Beals, and Liza Merriam for cards, prayers, and flowers
- Learned from Dick Damaske, Property Chair that new doors have been installed at the front entrance of Eastman Hall; the Seneca Falls Historic Preservation people have approved replacement of seven windows for the manse; a gray-water pipe is newly installed under the church building; parking lot and driveway work is now scheduled by Upstate Paving to begin on a Saturday in May
- Was advised that heating in the church will remain at 60 degrees for the present time
- Approved spending \$16,800 for manse window-replacement by South Seneca Vinyl
- Authorized home-provided Communion [bread using local grains] for on-line worship
- Was advised that Pastor and Music Director have video-recorded Sunday worship services for remaining Sundays in March
- Moved to subscribe to Zoom service [can buy as needed] for on-line worship and meetings
- Moved to approve Pastor working mostly from home during the national health crisis
- Moved to allow Creative Choices use of church social rooms for school-age program if extra space is needed
- Heard report of Back Pack Program and other emergency food services and of the need for volunteers
- Moved to postpone Palm Sunday Brunch
- Asked to think of ideas for meaningful Easter Sunday observance and to share with Pastor Leah
- Recognized the importance of church leadership and presence for its membership and the wider community during the current very stressful times
- Acknowledged that we all have a great deal to do and to pray about

Camp Whitman



- ◇ Registrations are now open for Camp Whitman—check out their website: www.campwhitman.org for the form and schedule. Or if you are looking for a summer job, find the application form to be a counselor!
- ◇ Camp Whitman is always looking for replenishment of their craft items: paint, t shirts, markers, crayons, chalk; and other items such as: flashlights, batteries, gardening gloves, gift cards.

Services

April 5th– Communion/Palm Sunday

Join us <https://fpressf.com/online-worship>
Use your own cup and bread to join us for communion.



April 9th—Maunday Thursday

Join us <https://fpressf.com/online-worship>

April 12th– Easter Sunday

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April 19th-2nd Sunday of Easter

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April 26th-3rd Sunday of Easter

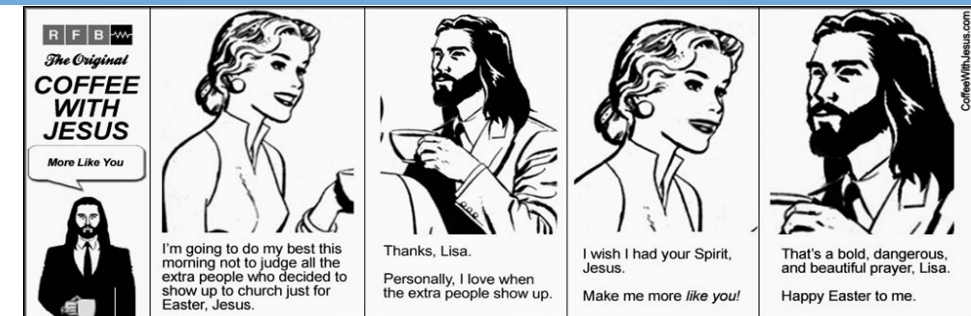
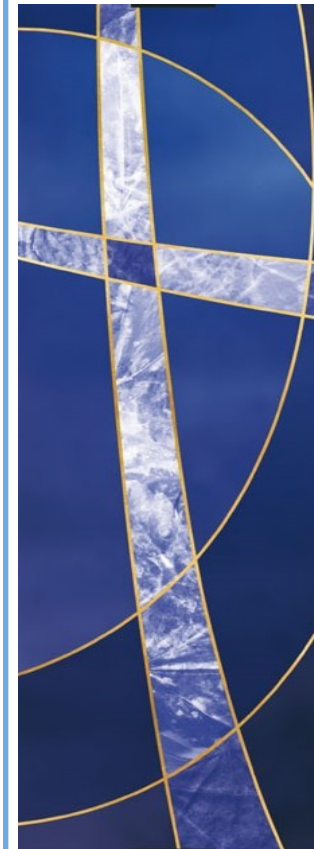
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May 3rd—Communion

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Use your own cup and bread to join us for communion.



Thank you for joining us!



Prayer List



Know someone ill or hospitalized? This month, please call: Carol Rook: 539-9192



To Keep in our prayers: Ed Chase; Cherie Clark; Kathy Cole; Sue Ellen and Peter Crego; Dalton(Honey's grandson); Cindy Danielson; Joanna Fuller; Betty Geraghty; Pat Gordon; Tori Guerina; Crystal Hanes; Greta Hauser & Family; Minni Hergert; Gary Ippolito; Max Jessop; Al Johnson; Bea Jones; Debra Kemp; Timothy Kent; LewAnn Backus Lawhorn; Bruce Levine; Joyce Lohr; Lucy and Nancy Lopez; Peggy McIntyre; Liza Merriam; Tyler Morgan; Patsy Mott; Cheri Murphy; Ken Poormon; Dean Potter; Jean Stenlake; Linda Warner; Darryl Wells; Gretchen Whittacre; Linda Zona; and all those suffering in the world.

Church Family News



- ◆ **Thank you's received**—our church has been extremely fortunate to have had members leave a legacy to the church by naming us in their wills. One of those special funds was left by Lenora Johnson, she wanted to make sure everyone felt the whole church's presence during an illness or in times of need so we are able to send flowers, fruit baskets, etc. at a time when members need it most. So if you have been a beneficiary of those gifts, know they are also sent with love and thoughts from previous generations. Also rest assured the cost is covered by this legacy and not our operating budget and are received with great gratitude and appreciation.
- ◆ **"Back to Work Wardrobe"** - First United Methodist Church in Seneca Falls has opened a clothing closet specifically for women going "back to work". The closet consists of suits, dresses, shoes, skirts and clothing suitable for face to face job interviews to anyone in need. There is no cost and each person will be given the clothes. Shopping will be open Wednesdays from 10am-2pm in the lower level of the church (on hold for right now). Call 315.568.6306 for more information. If you know anyone in need please share this opportunity. (This has been organized to augment the House of Concern and has been done with their blessings.)
- ◆ **Pies for Pi Day** - Thank you to all for the tremendous efforts for your baking, buying and selling them—thank you! We raised \$664! And thanks and congrats to The Pi Team! 
- ◆ **Pledges**— Even though we are not holding services right now and staff are working from home so utilities should be lower, we do have ongoing expenses. Please consider paying your pledges by check (mail-PO Box 383, Seneca Falls, NY), PayPal, or through your bank bill paying service. Greatly appreciated! 
- ◆ **Italy Update**—As many of you have been praying for Karen and Stephen Beals' daughter, Lorienne, in Italy with her Italian family, we thought you might like to know that so far your prayers and thoughts are working. They are healthy, staying at home, ordering groceries online to be delivered (although many items are out of stock), working from home, constantly aware of all the ways needed to be safe—plastic gloves when accepting deliveries, leaving packages outside for as much time as possible to make sure the virus has died off before handling... the list goes on. They are in touch with Karen and Stephen daily, mainly to make sure they are behaving! They ask everyone to be as aware and to stay safe and send their love to you.

Members and Friends to Keep in Our Thoughts:

Name	Address
Ed Chase	1 Leland Drive, Seneca Falls, NY 13148
Dorothy Dickieson	303 Ferris Hills, Canandaigua, NY 14424
Betty Geraghty	8 Iroquois Lane, Waterloo, NY 13165
Carson Lankford	3120 Patton Drive, Seneca Falls, NY 13148
Liza Merriam	369 E. Main Street, Huntington Living Center Rm #108, Waterloo NY 13165
Jean Morris	Lockport Presbyterian Home, 305-327 High Street, Lockport, NY 14094
Jean Stenlake	Steuben Center, Room 125 7009 Rumsey Street Ext. Bath NY 14810



Women's Circle



In compliance with advisories for "social distancing", the Women's Circle will not meet in the usual way in April; that is: in the Hawley Room at church, seated comfortably munching our lunches and sipping tea together . . .

Until we come up with another way to "be together", let's all continue reading the Book of Ruth print-outs supplied by Michele and writing between the lines . . . if you haven't picked up a print-out, call **Joyce at 315-568-9639** and she'll mail one to you.

We could also chat a bit by phone, to ease the isolation some of us very likely are feeling or soon will be, during this national health emergency.

Barb will have lined up a card-sender for April for the list of people we are asked to keep in our thoughts and prayers, but we could each of us send out a card now and again or make a phone call. **Let's all make an effort to reach out!**

HOUSE OF CONCERN item for April : Breakfast Cereals

All food items: soaps, paper products, diapers are also always welcomed [Place donations in the basket at the TOPS table at the back entry to the church]



*May the Lord watch between thee and me
While we are apart, One from the Other . . .*



April Birthdays
 Carolyn Seem-4/5
 John Damaske-4/15
 Carolyn Jessop-4/16
 Atticus Ntuala- 4/18
 Ginny Konz- 4/22
 Simon Ntuala-4/24
 Gary Ippolito—4/24
 Abigail Rescorl-4/29
 Romona Lobdell-4/30
Happy Birthday!!



May Newsletter
 Articles are due by
Thursday, April 16th
 Newsletters will be sent out
 April 29th



Instructions for Wednesday Chats

Pastor Leah has set up another way for us to keep in touch. She has scheduled an 11am chat every Wednesday with a variety of ways to participate – phone, cell, or computer. Here are the dates:

- Apr 1, 2020 11:00 AM
- Apr 8, 2020 11:00 AM
- Apr 15, 2020 11:00 AM
- Apr 22, 2020 11:00 AM
- Apr 29, 2020 11:00 AM

Here are the ways to connect:

- Join Zoom Meeting via computer or cell phone <https://zoom.us/j/201632306>
Meeting ID: 201 632 306
(If you are able to connect this way and have never used Zoom, here is the link to set it up: Please sign up a Zoom account and then click the link below to accept the invitation within 30 days: <https://zoom.us/jm/add?code=oKCRABcYGKfq-Qklq8QUuwcHzF59J2SFOiL4w5suXo.BQgAAAFw7h4QMQAnjQAWM1V2SVdaamlRdmlqXopFVlZRSmZHdwQAZAAAFmpyS2RmUzNnVExPU3FTMVBITG9EaVEAAAAAAAAAAAA>)
- One tap mobile
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- Or by phone 1 929 436 2866 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 201 632 306

Also – Jim Clark has offered to help those with computers and internet who do not know how to connect. He can do this remotely so if you need assistance you can email him or call 315.568.8987 and he can help you with the technology.

House of Concern

The 2020 Seventh Annual Little Black Dress Fashion Show Committee had planned some really exciting changes this year which now also have been changed. Tickets were to be for the Luncheon on Friday: \$40.00 each/2 for \$70 or a table of 8 for \$260 and for Saturday dinner Fashion Show with live music: \$60 each, 2 or more \$55 or table of 8 for \$400. This has become the Seneca County House of Concern’s major fundraiser bringing in over \$14,000 on average each year. This will now be a virtual Fashion Show asking for folks to donate what they would have spent on the luncheon or dinner (or both) to the House of Concern. The needs are higher than they have ever been before as each of us knows. So keep an eye out for more information or go ahead and send a check today with Virtual Fashion Show in the memo to SC House of Concern, 35 State Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148.

The Little Black Dress...

Wants the World to Know



All Proceeds Benefit the Seneca County House of Concern

How to make a Face Mask

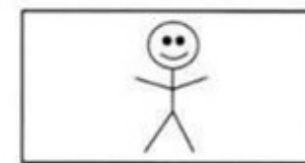
You will need a cotton fabric, a pretty print is best
Cotton flannel for the backing
Rope elastic; beading cord elastic will work (You may also use 1/8" flat elastic)
Cut the elastic 7" long and tie a knot at each end (DO NOT knot the ends of the flat)

You can make 2 sizes: Adult and Child

1. Put right sides of cotton fabric together
Cut 9x6 (Adult) or 7.5x5 (Child).
2. Starting at the center of bottom edge sew to the first corner, stop. Sew the elastic with the knot out into the corner. A few stitches forward and back will hold this.
3. Sew to the next corner, stop, and bring the other end of that same elastic to the corner and sew a few stitches forward and back.
4. Now sew across that top of the mask to the next corner. Again put an elastic with the knot out.
5. Sew to next corner and sew in the other end of the same elastic.
6. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5" to 2" open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn inside out.
7. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are the same direction.
8. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.

It is so easy to make this.

Be sure any fabric design is placed horizontally.



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Full Tutorial on our Facebook and Website