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Sunday Worship at 10am. Nursery Care available
Coffee Hour following worship.

Rev. Leah Ntuala-Pastor
 Rev. Dr. Peter J. Crego-Pastor Emeritus
 Karen Beals- Office Manager
 Marion Crull-Treasurer
 Peter Snyder- Sexton
 Hedra Harrison- Music Director
 Carol Millis- Handbell Choir
 Joyce Lohr-Clerk to the Session

SPRING

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.
 Joyce Lohr, Clerk to the Session and with Pastor Leah as Moderator

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Happy Spring to

March 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

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.
 ~ L.R. Knost

Lent is almost upon us; Ash Wednesday is on February 26th. We will be holding a 12pm service with Imposition of Ashes, followed by a light lunch in the Social Hall. I hope everyone will be able to join us. It is a great way to set your intentions for Lent.

Jesus' ministry was intentional. Every step, every act, every word and deed was done on purpose. He lived a very present life with God. His ministry came into focus, his call made clear, in the 40 days he spent in the desert. Lent honors those 40 days and invites us to focus on God, to repent for those times we lost focus and to be present with God.

So how do we do this? How do we live intentionally? We look at as the model of Jesus and we ask who is God asking me to be? For those of us who need more direction, we offer a devotional (available in the Narthex) to use throughout Lent. I also invite you to join me in an exercise.

The purpose is to focus in on these ten topics during Lent and ask ourselves two questions in relationship to each of these areas of focus. "Who does God want me to be in regard to my (fill in the blank, 1-10)? Who am I committed to being in regard to my (fill in the blank, 1-10)?"

1. Spirituality
2. Physical health
3. Mental wellbeing
4. Work or life purpose
5. Environment or surroundings
6. Restoration (self-care, hobbies, joy)
7. Romance/ marriage
8. Friends and family
9. Finances
10. Personal growth¹

Set aside time every day to spend with God asking these questions. Notice how it changes your focus, your attitude, your goals and your relationships. Begin to engage with what you discover. I look forward to observing the Season of Lent with you.

Peace, Pastor Leah

¹ <https://hellosensible.com/intentional-living/>

Session Briefs

Monday, February 24, 2020



The agenda was approved for the meeting. The minutes from January were approved as submitted. In addition:

- Session received the church financials for January showing \$19,442 in total revenue and total expenditures of \$14,800.
- Approved to donate \$250 for Right to Run in July during Convention Days .
- Membership and Parish life will prepare a Palm Sunday brunch with Jim Clark at the helm.
- Christian Ed deemed Valentine Sunday as a success.
- Worship & Music are preparing for our Ash Wednesday service and lunch and decorated the sanctuary for Lent.
- Property work: fixed sump pump, working on replacement windows for manse, researching the drain pipe issues.
- Session members signed up for coffee hour hosts and programs but more are needed.
- Set March 8 as Scout Sunday.
- Pastor Leah received card from Angela Carver (please see Pastor Leah if interested in update or reading or writing her.)
- Congregation is asked to review our church on Google as currently we have a 4 star rating and the higher ratings we have, the easier it is for others to find us.
- The session discussed live streaming the church service via Facebook. We will purchase a swivel stand on a trial basis to see how it will work. The total cost for the package is \$1,441 if we decide to purchase it. Leah Ntuala and Jim Clark will work together to test the system.

Next Session meeting is Monday, March 23 at 7pm.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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| Carol Rook-3/8 | Marjorie Fahrenholz-3/23 |
| Virginia [Lay] Brady-3/10 | Betty Geraghty-3/25 |
| George Elysée-3/11 | Tim Geraghty-3/25 |
| Jim Clark-3/13 | Susan Derr-3/28 |
| Rebecca Wilson-3/17 | Elaine Ritter-3/30 |
| | Wendy Kain-3/31 |



April Newsletter articles are due on **March 19th** It will be sent out On March 27th

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Ushers, Nursery and Candle Lighters

March 1st– Communion, 1st Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Mason Ntuala and Atticus Ntuala
Candle Lighter: Atticus Ntuala
Communion Servers: Dick Damaske and Susan Derr



March 8th-2nd Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Scouts
Candle Lighter: Scouts

March 15th– 3rd Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Barry Porsch and Marion Crull
Candle Lighter: Barry Porsch

March 22nd– 4th Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Barb VanKirk and Ginny Konz
Candle Lighter: Mason Ntuala

March 29th– 5th Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Jim and Cherie Clark
Candle Lighter: Atticus Ntuala

April 5th - Communion– Palm Sunday

Ushers: Mason Ntuala and Atticus Ntuala
Candle Lighter: Mason Ntuala
Communion Servers: Michele Edmondson and Susan Harkey



Please trade dates with someone if you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday. Thank you for serving.

Liturgist List



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| March 1st– Ginny Konz | March 22nd– Marc Smith |
| March 8th– Scouts | March 29th– Marion Crull |
| March 15th– Barry Porsch | April 5– Bob Seem |

Coffee Hour and Prayer List



- March 1st:** Fellowship Hour; Host: Sue Harkey
March 8th: Coffee Hour: In Case Stuff Happens-Pastor Leah ; Host: Susan Derr
March 15th: Coffee Hour: My Family, Copper & Chile –Marc Smith; Host: Peter Snyder
March 22nd: Coffee Hour: Famous Christians in History-Pastor Leah; Hosts: Michele Edmondson and Susan Sholar
March 29th: Coffee Hour: Kenya-Pastor Leah; Hosts: TBD

Know someone ill or hospitalized? This month, please call: Nadine Held – 315.568.6615

To Keep in our prayers: Kathy Cole; Sue Ellen and Peter Crego; 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; 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

♦ **2 cents a meal bottle and cans:** Thank you to Peter Snyder! He's been bringing the bottles and cans for redemption and the money is going toward the 2 cents a meal program. Thank you to those who have been doing this!



♦ **Easter Memorials:** You may bring in flowers for the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday and have them in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please give the names of your loved ones to Karen so she can put them in the bulletin for Easter Sunday. There is a form on the desk in the Church office, or you can email the information to Karen. The flowers can be delivered to the Church on Saturday, April 11th.

♦ **Meetings on Communion Sunday:** Just a reminder on the first Sunday of the month there is no coffee hour program. Please take this time to meet with your Ministry Team members. You should be meeting monthly. If you want your meeting reports to go into the newsletter, please send them to Karen by the deadline each month.

♦ **AmazonSmile:** For those of you who order from Amazon, remember to do so on AmazonSmile and indicate First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls as YOUR charity and we receive 5% of your purchase. In the past four years we have raised \$655!

♦ **Coffee Hour**—We are in need of programs and hosts so if you have any folks you would like to schedule to come in and share, give them a call to set up a Sunday. Have some extra crackers, cookies, fruit at home— bring them in one Sunday and share! This has become a welcoming, warm, sharing part of our church community—consider sharing with us.

♦ **Lenten Devotion booklets** are available in the Narthex and in the Church office. Just three minutes a day with a theme of Messages of Trust.

Daylight Savings Time!



Sunday, March 8th is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Set your clocks **ONE HOUR AHEAD** when you go to bed on Saturday, March 7th! Spring is almost here! Let's hope the snow and cold are coming to an end soon!!

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 Ctr 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 St Ext



Women's Circle



Meets on Monday, March 2nd at 12:30 PM in the Hawley Room

At the February meeting we discussed chapters in the Jen Wilkin book: *Women of the Word* and talked about how to apply some of her ways to read scripture; bearing in mind her six tasks for study: purpose, perspective, patience, process, prayer, and pulling it all together for the end goal of getting to know God and what God would have us know about Him.

We decided for the next month [March] to study The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians [there are six chapters] and to use the questions listed in the Wilkin book on p. 64 as a basis for discussion. Michele offered to get double-spaced printouts for ease in making notations. She has now done so, using the NKJV. Some of us will look in other Bible translations, as well. And we thank Michele for undertaking the printout work!

In the business part of our meeting, Joyce told us that she and Ginny had recently gathered the many items donated by the congregation for the Victim Resource Center and took several bags-full to Newark. Pastor Leah had also taken several bags twice in the Fall, so we are happy with the response. We plan to look at items we have on hand and begin gathering what's missing; to fill at least ten personal care kits in April. They will go to the Geneva Women's Shelter.

**Special item in MARCH for House of Concern:
CANNED MEATS & FISH**

[There is now a donation basket at the TOPS table near back-door entry]

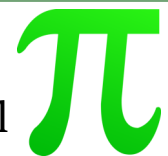
In a recent note of thanks from the House of Concern for the many packages of diapers donated at Christmas time, they mentioned "never seem to have enough [diapers] especially in larger infant and toddler sizes..." **We hope readers will always feel free to donate DIAPERS at any time of the year !**

We thank each person who remembers our needy neighbors with donations each month to the House of Concern and those who so faithfully make a monetary donation on Communion Sundays.

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Pi Day Excitement-Pi Day Fundraiser



Pi Day is March 14, and on this day we hope to sell upwards of 50 pies from our social room, but this can only happen if all of us who bake pies commit to baking at least 2 (or more) pies to be sold that day for \$10 each. Notice I said we would bake them – do not go to the store and buy them, the lure is for homemade pies. People will be at the church Friday from 3-7pm and Saturday from 8 am on through the 10-3pm selling period for you to drop off your pies. If that doesn't work for you, call the church at 315-568-6636, Ginny Konz at 315-712-4182, or Barb Van Kirk at 315-568-9908 to arrange for pick-up.

International Women's Day



Together, we help to empower

In recognition of the vital role women play in all societies, the Presbyterian Giving Catalog offers gifts specifically selected to help empower women and girls around the world. From supporting education and entrepreneurship to reducing the burdens of daily tasks and enhancing dignity, every gift makes an important contribution to expanding opportunities for women and girls.

This year, as you plan to recognize International Women's Day (March 8) in your church, turn to the category of gifts for Empowerment of Women and Girls in the Giving Catalog to find the perfect gift for your congregation to make together.

These gifts include:

Health for Mothers and Newborns

Women's Empowerment Project

Latrine

Teacher Training

Jerry Cans

Pie Sale on Pi Day
March 14, 2020
10am-3pm



Who says Science and Religion aren't compatible?
Please join us for Pi Day on 3.14 for our
Homemade Pie Sale

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