



March/April 2021 Communiqué

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Do You Believe Like Jesus?

Rebekah Simon-Peter (*what a great last name!*) says that in order for Jesus' disciples to live out their true calling as apostles (first **students** of the gospel and then **agents** of the gospel) they would need to make a fundamental shift. They would need to move from believing **IN** Jesus to believing **LIKE** Jesus. If this did not happen, they would not be able to bring Jesus' kingdom dream into reality. And the message would die when Jesus did.

But what did Jesus believe?

Simon-Peter believes that believing like Jesus is not only possible, but that it is essential in today's world. Here is Simon-Peter's essential list of what Jesus believed.

What Jesus Believed

1. **Partnership:** Jesus believed he was one with God. Through this partnership, he co-created miracles with God.
2. **Prayer:** Jesus believed his prayers had power. He spoke of God hearing and answering his prayers and how his prayers had a positive effect on others.
3. **Superpower:** Jesus believed he had superpowers. His greatest superpower was working with ordinary people, places, and things to bring about brand new realities.
4. **Purpose:** Jesus believed his life had purpose. He allowed it to guide his daily living and decision-making.
5. **Potential:** Jesus believed in people's potential and held himself accountable for the fulfillment of their potential.
6. **Possibility:** Jesus believed in possibility. He trusted in faith more than he trusted his fears.

Where do you believe like Jesus? Which of these beliefs of Jesus are hard for you to believe? What is your life purpose? (Know that your life purpose can change over the course of a lifetime.) What are the beliefs that guide your daily living and decision-making? Maybe it is time to stop and reassess. What is your superpower?

The weeks of Lent leading up to Easter Sunday are an ideal time to become more aware of what it is we believe and how it is that we do, or do not, live in accordance with our beliefs. I invite you to use these weeks to look within, explore and discover what seeds of new life God has planted within you.

Rev. Marie

Rebekah Simon-Peter is the author of [Dream Like Jesus: Deepen Your Faith and Bring the Impossible to Life](#), [The Jew Named Jesus](#), [Green Church](#), and [7 Simple Steps to Green Your Church](#).

We CARE about YOU.

Yes, we care about you! Please let us know when you are in need of prayer.

- Are you having surgery? Let us know, because we care about you.
- Are you ill and desire some prayers for patience and healing? Let us know, because we care about you.
- Are there circumstances in your family or friends for which prayers would be appreciated? Let us know because, we care about you.

Whatever the circumstance, we want to support you in prayer. Here are some ways you can let us know.

- Send Rev. Marie an email at: myhansel@yahoo.com or call or text at (585) 409-3277.
- Call, email or text your deacon. (See enclosed Deacons' Lists)
- Leave a message at the church (334-2130).

**Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.**

– Philippians 4:6

Worship Schedule

Worship during the month of March will continue to follow the same schedule as January and February.

In-person worship will be available in the JCPC building on the first and second Sundays of the month. An invitation to a Zoom meeting will be sent out for these two Sundays, which will allow those worshipping from home to participate in worship in real time. The services will also be recorded and emailed out following worship for those who wish to worship at a later time.

Communion will be served on the first Sunday. Individual elements of bread and cup are being used in worship to prevent the spread of the virus through shared touchpoints. Please participate from home with your own bread and cup.

Looking Ahead

We are hopeful that we will be able to return to weekly worship in the building beginning with **Easter Sunday, April 4** at 10:00 a.m. Of course, we will continue to monitor the situation to ensure the safest opportunities for worship for all. When weekly worship is restored, Zoom participation and recordings of worship will still be available for those who continue to worship from home.



Session Highlights from January/February

- Approved the expenditure of \$3,150 to fix the ceiling in the 4 year old RNS classroom. This includes removal of the plaster, which is falling down and cracking, re-painting, and re-hanging the lights.
- Agreed to maintain hybrid model of worship for March (March 7 and March 14 in-person, March 21 and March 28 online).
- Agreed to resume in-person worship for all Sundays beginning Easter Sunday, April 4, unless conditions do not permit safely doing so.
- Approved and filed the RNS lease for July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.
- Approved changes to the RNS lease, which reflect that month's bills are being paid.
- Determined chair and committee responsibilities for 2021.

Buildings & Grounds—Shared Session Responsibilities

Building – Elder John Stever

Grounds – Elders Carol Johnson and Jody

Safety and Inspections – Elder Cindy Freeman

RNS liaison; Plumbing and Electric – Elder Janet Marventano

Emergency Contact for RNS – Randy Hamilton

Piano and Organ Maintenance, including tuning of both – Clerk Ellen Best

Committee Chairpersons

Personnel – Elder Janet Marventano

Stewardship – Elder Cindy Freeman

Worship & Christian Education – Elder Carol Johnson

Mission/ Outreach – Elder Jody Day

Commissioners to Presbytery – Ellen Best and Elder Jody Day

Peace and blessings to all,

Ellen Best

Clerk of Session

From the Deacons

Have you been vaccinated yet??

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – Feb 11, 2021

Your Board of Deacons wants to provide some general information about getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

Now that vaccines for COVID-19 have been authorized for emergency use by the FDA, the next question on many of our minds is “How do I get the vaccine?” If you have made the decision to get vaccinated (and that is your personal choice), learning if you are currently eligible, and if so, then trying to schedule an appointment to get the shots (current vaccines require two shots) is a daunting, confusing, and frustrating task. At present, the demand to get vaccinated far exceeds the availability of the vaccine supply. Appointments fill up very fast, sometimes in minutes, so getting an appointment can be difficult. **Don't give up!** Appointments are slowly becoming more plentiful and therefore easier to schedule.

Eligibility is governed by New York State and, to a lesser degree your county's health department. Vaccines are given by appointment and are available at several locations. Locations include state-operated sites, county-operated sites, VA Centers for veterans, hospitals / health centers, and private sites such as pharmacies. You must schedule your appointment directly with your chosen provider using their scheduling system. There is no universal scheduling at this time.

Following is a collection of resources you can use to verify if you are currently eligible. Then, try to schedule an appointment for the shots. **Please Note: This information changes and evolves routinely and quickly.**

Mark Sundman

New York State-Operated Vaccination Sites:

Step 1: Determine eligibility and schedule an appointment. The Am I Eligible app (<https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>) is the quickest way to see if you're eligible and make an appointment. You can also call the New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829). Once you have successfully scheduled an appointment, you will receive a confirmation email that contains a barcode. You will need to bring this to your appointment.

Step 2: Complete the Vaccine Form. *Once you have a confirmed appointment*, you must complete the New York State COVID-19 Vaccine Form. This form should be filled out online and you will receive a submission ID indicating completion. You will need to bring the submission ID to your appointment. If you cannot submit the form online, it will be available at the vaccination sites.

Your second appointment will be scheduled for the same time and at the same location, three weeks following your first dose. You will receive a card onsite with the date and time indicated and a confirmation email will follow a few days later. Please keep in mind when scheduling your first appointment that your second appointment will occur at the same time of day.

Rochester Dome Arena, Henrietta is the NYS-Operated site in our area.

VA Centers:

- Some VA health facilities now offer COVID-19 vaccines to Veterans who already receive care at VA Centers and are at high risk from COVID-19. We base risk on VA and CDC COVID-19 risk criteria. At many facilities, this group includes Veterans who are at least 75 years old.

If you're a Veteran who's already receiving care at VA, we'll contact you when you can get a vaccine.

Monroe County Clinics:

As vaccine becomes available, find updated information at www.monroecounty.gov/health-covid19-vaccine. Monroe County Health Line: (585) 753-5600.

Note: Some clinics announced as “pop-up clinics” have been closed events. Appointments for those clinics are intended for specific groups and NOT open to the general public.

Hospitals and Health Centers:

- **Jordan Health:** Jordan Health will contact its eligible patients to schedule vaccine appointments when vaccine is available. To learn more, visit <https://www.jordanhealth.org>.
- **Rochester Regional Health:** Rochester Regional Health is contacting eligible patients of Rochester Regional Health and its affiliated offices to schedule vaccine appointments. To learn more, visit <https://www.rochesterregional.org/coronavirus-covid19/vaccine>.
- **Trillium Health:** Vaccine appointments are not available at this time. For updates and to learn more, visit <https://www.trilliumhealth.org/covid-19/covid-19-vaccinations>.
- **UR Medicine:** UR Medicine is contacting its patients age 65 and older in a random order to schedule vaccinations. To learn more, visit <https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/coronavirus/coronavirus-vaccination.aspx>.

Pharmacies:

- **Rite Aid:** For updates, visit <https://sr.reportsonline.com/sr/riteaid/NYS2021>. Call 1-800-RITE-AID, 1-800-748-3243.
- **Tops Friendly Markets:** Locations include: Gates, Hamlin, Irondequoit, and Greece (3507 Mt. Read / Maiden Lane). For updates visit <https://www.topsmarkets.com/Covid19Vaccinations> or call 1-800-522-2522.
- **Wegmans:** Locations include: Eastway, Pittsford, Chili-Paul, Mt. Read, East Avenue. For updates, visit <https://www.wegmans.com/covid-vaccine-registration> or call 1-800-207-6099, Monday – Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Line is active only when appointments are available.
- **Miller’s Pharmacy,** West Henrietta, NY Miller’s Pharmacy has been receiving a small weekly vaccine shipment typically on Tuesday or Wednesday. Once we have vaccine in stock, appointments will show available here. Please check our website daily for updates. They will not book vaccination appointments over the phone. For appointments use <https://millersappointments.timetap.com/#/>
- **CVS Pharmacy:** Vaccine is now available at CVS Pharmacy® in Fairport, NY by appointment only. When you're eligible, schedule your first and second doses of the vaccine online <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>. Check back for updates on appointment availability and additional locations as they become available.
- **Walgreens Pharmacy:** You need to have or set-up a pharmacy account with Walgreens to check on appointments. Vaccine is now available at select Walgreen Pharmacy locations by appointment only. Check on-line (https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp?ban=covid_vaccine_vanity) for updates on appointments and locations as they become available.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent (February 17 – April 4), each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

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Because Healing Empowers

“Mama O” is a survivor, a healer.

Her moment of greatest need led her to Black Women’s Blueprint, a civil and human rights organization headquartered in Brooklyn, New York. Since 2008, Black Women’s Blueprint is specifically focused on the needs of Black women and girls. At 65 years of age, Mama O is among the eldest survivors of sexual violence in the organization.

Despite living with the lifelong trauma that results from sexual violence, Mama O is a pillar of strength for other survivors, both young and old. Our One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are helping Black Women’s Blueprint in its vital mission to take action on social justice issues and to deliver educational resources and support services to women like Mama O.



Because Water is Life

When Manuel Nazario casts his net into the water these days, his catch is far less plentiful. In the remote area of Bolivia near the Paraguay-Argentina border, Manuel and the members of his indigenous community are finding that fishing, their traditional livelihood, is now in severe jeopardy.

The Capirendita community is grappling with the devastating impact of climate change, irregular rainfall patterns, prolonged droughts, disease and mining pollution. As a result, their age-old ways of life and their means of economic support are increasingly threatened. The degradation of the environment and the mounting lack of access to water threatens their very survival.

Because We Are the Church, Together

Life during COVID has been challenging. That feels like an understatement, right? At times, we have all felt disconnected, confined. Missing family, missing friends. Lonely. Worried about the groceries holding out. Unsure of what the future may hold. Imagine feeling all of those things but living in a place or in a situation that was already challenging each and every day without the added pressure of the pandemic. A place where access to food is day to day. Access to vital health care is questionable. Finding clean water is a daily struggle. A place where you are denied racial justice or plagued with outright violence and oppression.

But one thing remains steadfast and true: We are the Church, together, no matter where we are, and the Church belongs with those struggling for justice, righteousness and peace for life.



Updates from the Rush-Henrietta Food Cupboard

The list of needed items continually changes for many reasons, including marketplace demands and/or shortages.

Generally needed items include the following, although requirements can change:

- Boxed cereals
- Hamburger and Tuna Helpers
- Pasta Sauces
- Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Baked Beans
- Pet Foods (cats/dogs – wet or dry foods)
- Monetary donations are also appreciated, as they allow purchase of perishable items, such as eggs, meats, milk, bread and other fresh items.

Currently, most needed items are: Instant Rice and Chunky Hearty Soups.

Thank you for your continued support in these trying times. The donations made by both JCPC and the R-H community are what keeps us going, a little at a time.

Jody Day

HAPPY NEWS!

Welcome to: Liliana Best Galusha – born on Friday, February 26th!
19 2/3” long 7.4 lbs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOM AND DAD – Laura and Evan Galusha

