



HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!!

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FIRST SATURDAY WORSHIP CONTINUES

Join us on **March 6, 5:30 pm** as we sing a new song to God. Sunday morning worship is the heart of our life together, but worship is not restricted to one form or one time. During these Saturday evening services we will worship God with prayer and scripture and communion...and with contemporary music, videos, and dramas. Sometimes lively, sometimes reflective, this worship is not a replacement for Sunday morning, but will offer new avenues for experiencing God.

YOUTH GROUP

Pathfinders (5th-12th graders) will meet after church on **March 7** to plan some special events (painting project, retreat, etc). We'll also have lunch together and a game or two. Bring a friend and come to this important meeting.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us on **Wednesdays during Lent** as we explore the Gospel of Luke and its understanding of Jesus. We meet from 7:15-8:30 for lecture and discussion. Everyone is welcome!!

LENTEN RETREAT

This year's Lenten Retreat is **Saturday, March 13 (10:00-2:00)** with a focus on Jesus' prayers in the Gospel of Luke. Scriptural exploration will guide our prayers during the day. Lunch will be served. Please sign up if you are able to attend by signing up in Fellowship Hall or calling the church office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men from the church are invited to enjoy our fellowship of food, camaraderie, and friendly conversation at 8:00 a.m., **Saturday, March 13**, at the Castlewood Cafe, 1707 Burrstone Road in New Hartford. Please let Ian Millen know by Friday, March 12 if you will be there. Contact him at home or by email. Thanks!

IRISH NIGHT

Join us at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, **March 21st** for an event for the entire church family featuring Irish hospitality and good cheer. Ed Jekel will bring us a taste of Ireland with a special meal. Skip Mansur and the group Craobh Dugan will fill Fellowship Hall with the sounds of Irish Dance Music. Be sure to mark your calendars and sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

FAITH FORUM

Who Knows the Face of God? It is important to engage in dialogue with other Christians and followers of other religions. But it is also important to be able to articulate our beliefs to those who do not believe in God. We will explore some of the major arguments atheists make, and consider Christian responses to these arguments at our Faith Forum on **March 28** at 5:00 PM. A light supper will be served. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND FELLOWSHIP

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

- March 7 Luke 15:1-10
- 14 Philippians 3:4-11
- 21 John 12:1-8
- 28 Palm Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes for all ages (preschool/ kdg, 1st-5th, 6th-12th, adult) are offered at 9:30 each Sunday morning. We are never too young or too old to learn about God's love and our call to be disciples. Hope to see you at school in 2010.

SESSION WILL RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS

The session will meet on **March 14 at 7:00 pm** to receive new members. If you are interested in joining NHPC at this time, please contact Janet Hoover.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesdays 7:15: Morning Prayers

Thursdays 9:00-4:00: The parlor will be open for personal prayers. A variety of prayer resources will be available for your use.

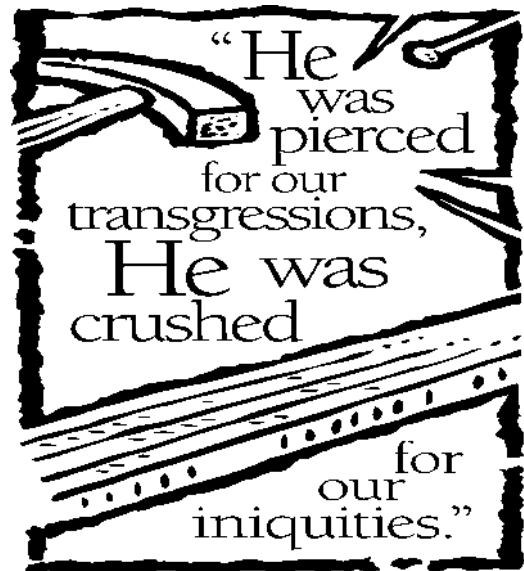
Good Friday Prayer Vigil--Please sign up to be part of a vigil of prayer on **Good Friday, April 2**. Select the half-hour that you will spend in prayer and meditation (between 5am-11:30pm). You will receive suggestions for scripture passages on which to meditate. You can pray at home, at work, as you travel— wherever you are. The Sanctuary will be open 8:00-6:00 pm.



SENT

Just for Kids answer:

Pray in faith. Pray for each other. Pray earnestly.



Isaiah 53:5

REPORT FROM PRESBYTERY

Presbytery met Jan. 26, 2010 at the Presbyterian Home, New Hartford. Names of Church Officers who passed on in 2009 were read. NHPC lost 2 church officers. William Barrick and Eric (Tom) Huggins. A Pastoral Care Course will be offered starting in April, 2010. Registration is free and is open to everyone. Reports from committees were heard. The Offering received was designated to the Haiti Relief Fund. (Presbyterian Mission)

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Philo, Elder Commissioner

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT

...for **Herb Freeman** and his family in the death of his wife, **Mimi** on February 1, 2010

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CELEBRATION...

...for **Benjamin Pfeiffer**, born to **Paul and Katie Pfeiffer**, and grandson of **Bill & Meg Pfeiffer**, on February 8, 2010

...for **Alexander Schuller**, son of **Peter and Stacy (Millen) Schuller**, and grandson of **Ian & Sandy Millen**, born on January 25, 2010

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all of my friends at NHPC for all the cards thoughts and prayers I received on the occasion of my 99th birthday.

Ruth Nill

Thank you for the outpouring of support and the sharing of memories following Mimi's death. The Women's Association hosting the reception following Mimi's service added an important personal touch. I appreciate over the years the way in which we were included/invited to participate in church activities, your friendly advice and offers of assistance. Mimi felt at home and enriched by her participation in church activities. The last complete sentence that Mimi could say was the Lord's prayer. You are a very special congregation to whom my family and I are indebted.

Sincerely,
Herb Freeman

March Birthdays



- 2 James Bisaccia
- 2 Jane Harris
- 2 Sally Miner
- 3 Theo Lafferty
- 3 Michael Haile
- 3 Karima Wines
- 7 Stephanie Ruzsala
- 9 Patrick King
- 9 Christopher Roberts
- 10 Jeanne Jones
- 10 Sue Wu
- 13 Dave Pendasulo
- 14 Karen Taylor
- 13 Michael Revenaugh
- 14 Hagen Estabrook
- 17 Evie Tierno
- 17 Sean Wendt
- 18 Jonathan McConnell
- 18 Abigail Morgan
- 18 Daisy Stevenson
- 20 Olivia Bessey-Nolan
- 20 Brian Wendt
- 21 Michael Huey
- 21 Jon Sittig
- 22 Shawn Recore (Jr.)
- 23 Jonathan Stewart
- 24 Nancy Keefe
- 24 Deborah Recore
- 25 Matthew Ruzsala
- 25 Jan Brown
- 25 Shirley Hunziker
- 28 Carolyn Welsh
- 29 Alex MacDiarmi

Please call the church office if we've missed your birthday so we can update the list.

