

# **Ilion Presbyterian News**

**April 2023**

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Easter, the flowers, the music, the celebration, the promise of the empty tomb. So much to celebrate and so little time. I have been thinking about that a lot. We set Easter aside with so much celebration I think we might be forgetting that in the early church Sunday was called Resurrection day. In other words, every Sunday was meant to be a celebration of the miracle of the Resurrection. How often do we truly celebrate when we come to church? I am as guilty as anyone. Some Sundays I feel as though I am just following the program and the order of worship.

It is understandable that we don't always have the same fervor that we have on Easter Sunday, but the resurrection is forever and our true hope in Jesus Christ. Yes, Easter Sunday we will have all the trimmings and all the joy we long for. There will be a baptism and a lovely reception after church to celebrate. We will spend time with our families over tables of good food, and we will give thanks for all we have and all we are.

My hope is that we will all find some way to carry that feeling into the future, so that everyday is a celebration of all that Easter means to us. I wish you and your families the most blessed of Easters and the feeling of Easter all year through.

One other thing, I am beginning a Sunday school class in May on the book of Lamentations. We will meet after church about 12. I hope you can come and will find it as interesting as I do.

Pastor Rick

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## **Easter Coffee Hour**

Because of the baptism of Jacob William Sterling there will be a reception & light brunch following worship on Easter Sunday.

If you wish to bring something light & "brunchy" to share, it would be appreciated.

The Deacons have organized 4 casseroles & yogurt with fruit & yummys on top.

There will be a cake for Jacob also.

You could let Betty Helmer know what you would bring. Thank you.

## **Buildings and Grounds**

The B & G Committee welcomes spring with open arms. Good bye winter! Crocus flowers are blooming and the tulips are up and soon the grass will be green and need mowing. The committee will be discussing a spring clean up at our next meeting. No date has been set as yet.

Our next B & G meeting will be held Tuesday April 11 at "noonish". If you would like to attend, just show up! We're in need of new ideas and new "eyes". If you have any suggestions, ideas or concerns please contact Don, Sue T. or George.

## **Easter Week Services**

**Maundy Thursday:** St. Augustine—covered dish at 5pm, Mass at 6pm

Morning Star ion Frankfort—covered dish at 5pm, service at 6

Mohawk Reformed—7pm service with Holy Communion

**Easter morning:** 7am joint service at Ft. Herkimer

10am at Trinity Lutheran in Herkimer following 8:45-9:45 breakfast.

Here at FPC: 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion & Baptism

## **MIS NEWS**

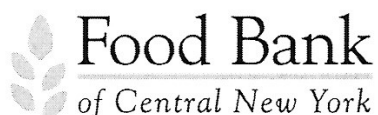
The blood drive held on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> was a resounding success. We had 26 registered donors, which was a combination of whole blood donors and Power Red donors. In all we collected 31 units. This was 11 units over goal!! My thanks goes out to all who donated and those who helped at the blood drive. The 31 units collected have the potential of saving 93 lives.

The dates for the next 2 drives are Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have never donated, please consider it.

It seems the greatest need today is more old-fashioned character and kindness; slowing up the rush long enough to realize we are here only a short time.

Author unknown...

Unconditional giving is love. Unconditional love is giving.



# FOOD \$EN\$E



*A monthly food-buying program for anyone who wants to stretch their grocery dollars*

**SIGN-UP: April 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Presbyterian Church**

**10 am. – 11:30 am**

**PICK UP: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**90 Morgan St., Ilion, NY**

**10 am. – 11:00 am**

**Reminder - you can order for May when you pick up your April order**

## **APRIL PACKAGE (\$20.50)**

**Chicken Tenderloins, 1.5 lb.  
(avg.)**

**Ground Beef, 1 lb.**

**Diced Pork, 1 lb.**

**Fish Sticks, 1 lb.**

**Eggs, Medium Dozen**

**Mexican Cheese, 8 oz.**

**Brown Rice, 1 lb.**

**Black Beans, 15 oz.**

**Frozen Corn, 1 lb.**

**Diced Tomato, 14.5 oz.**

**Fresh Produce #1**

**Fresh Produce #2**



## **MARCH PACKAGE (\$20.50)**

Pork Tenderloin, 1.7 lb. (avg.)

Chicken Drumsticks, 3.25 lb. (avg.)

Tilapia Fillets, 1 lb.

Ground Turkey, 1 lb.

Apple Chicken Sausage, 1 lb.

Stuffed Rigatoni, 12 oz.

Frozen Carrots, 1 lb.

Mixed Veggies, 15 oz.

Elbow Macaroni, 1 lb.

Mandarin Oranges, 11 oz.

Bell Peppers, 2 pack

Celery, 1 sleeve

## **April Specials:**

- **Chicken Wings, 5 lbs. for \$7.50:** The chicken wings are fully cooked and have a hint of honey flavor.
- **Lobster Bites, 15 oz. for \$5.00:** The lobster bites can be fried, baked in the oven, or cooked in the air-fryer.
- **St. Louis Style Ribs, 1 piece for \$8.50:** The pork ribs are a St. Louis Style spare rib.
- **Italian Meatballs, 5 lbs. for \$15.00:** The Italian meatballs are fully-cooked and are in a five-pound bag.
- **Mozzarella Sticks, 3 lbs. for \$13.00:** The mozzarella sticks are par-cooked and ready for the oven.
- **Produce Box, 14 lbs. for \$13.00:** The produce box includes: onions (2 lbs.), apples (3 lbs.), carrots (1 lbs.), potato (5 lbs.), celery (1 sleeve), oranges (4 each), and zucchini (2 each).

**Food \$en\$e Shoppers:** Orders must be prepaid with CASH or EBT/SNAP. Please remember that sites cannot hold any packages after the scheduled pick-up time. If you have a conflict, give your receipt to a friend and they may claim the package for you or it will be donated to the Food Pantry across from Catholic Charities. If you have any questions, please speak to the site volunteers when you sign up or call Catholic Charities at 315-894-9917. Thank you.

**PICK UP DATE: Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00am – 11:00am**

## April Worship Responsibilities

## Prayer List:



Men and women who  
protect us and our free-  
doms

Tudy Brooks Sue  
Cate (Marty March's niece) Ray  
Chasteen (Rick's B-I-L) Alice  
Eldredge Crosier Brianna Nicole  
Gary Darling Allan Dickinson  
Barry Doolen Dennis Eldredge  
Betty Foor Mike Galvin (Janet's  
cousin) Cheryl (Darling) Hen-  
nessy Loren Hughes Bill &  
Julie Hulser & granddaughters,  
Josline & Paislee Bob Jones  
Don Lamphear Linda Laurin  
Christine Lawrence Avery Maley  
Lee Maley Joe Maneen Marty  
March Mike Marro Joan  
Matteson Rebecca Mento  
Laureen Mitchell The Orendorfs  
Janet Patterson Judith Pearson  
(Kim Bigelow's Mother) Cathy  
Price Patricia Ruller Jim Siver  
Marian Skinner (Donna  
Pritchard's mother) Jane Smith-  
son (Lynne O's mother) Fred &  
Jean Sullivan Kathy Thiery  
Laurie Voultsios

<b>April 2</b>	Reader - Steve Getman
Palm Sunday	Greeter - Sandy Eldredge
	Ushers—Kim Bigelow & Denise Goodale
	Fellowship - Class Act
<b>April 9</b>	Reader - Susan Backus
Easter	Greeter—Diane Lamphear
Baptism	Ushers— Karen Benham & Betty Helmer
	Communion Set-up— Jean Smith
	Communion Servers—Diane , Lesa
	Fellowship for Baptism—cake/coffee/punch
<b>April 16</b>	Reader - Karen Macrina
	Greeter—Susan Backus
	Ushers— Betty Helmer & Kim Bigelow
	Fellowship -The Choir
<b>April 23</b>	Reader— George Gullis
	Greeter—Karen Macrina
	Ushers—Betty Helmer & Kim Bigelow
	Fellowship –Betty, Kim & Denise
<b>April 30</b>	Reader— Lesa Decker
	Greeter—
	Ushers—Betty Helmer & Kim Bigelow
	Fellowship –Religious Studies Class

## FREE DINNERS

April 13 Meatloaf  
Baked Potatoes/Gravy  
Tossed Salad  
Mixed Veggies  
Chocolate or Banana Cream Pie  
Beverages



April 27 Pulled Pork  
Cole Slaw  
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy  
Green Beans  
Coconut or Vanilla Cream Pie  
Beverages



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