

Ilion Presbyterian News

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When I was four and for a number of years later, I knew only one thing about Lent. It was not about fasting or giving something up. It was not about the color purple. Nor was it about the devil tempting Jesus in the wilderness. The only thing I knew about Lent was that there was a special offering called the One Great Hour of Sharing.

One Sunday in early spring, we were given cardboard banks in the shape of a church (not a fish) in Church School. Throughout the next six weeks I would put pennies and even nickels in the bank. I learned that all that we gave, however little or however much, would help people in need, especially those who were hungry or refugees or whose homes and lives had been turned upside down in disaster and war. For people in the church, including children like me, there could hardly be a better way to follow in the footsteps of Jesus than to show our care and love for others by generously giving all we could. And it was wonderful to see a shelf full of little cardboard church banks and I set my bank on the shelf beside them on Palm Sunday or Easter.

The One Great Hour of Sharing was introduced in 1946, after the end of the World War II as an ecumenical effort to raise one million dollars in one hour for world relief. It really got going in 1949 (75 years ago) with a broadcast that included President Truman, leaders from a number of denominations, and other well known folks. Since then, there have been changes, but the essential purpose remains the same: to collect a special offering for those in need.

The PCUSA raises funds for hunger relief; building dignity through self-development of peoples; and providing assistance in disasters and their aftermath. In fact, over the past decade, communities and congregations in Herkimer and Oneida counties in Utica Presbytery have received disaster assistance. That includes us, First Presbyterian Church of Ilion. PDA gave us a grant to help rebuild the basement after flooding. Think about what this congregation has been able to do as a result, the impact in serving the community through meals and wellness.

It has been many decades since I dedicated my first offering to OGHS. It matters even more now to provide relief in scarcity and the distress of violence, war, and hatred. Please join in this offering for our troubled world. Cardboard fish and envelopes abound for the taking. We will dedicate our OGHS offering on Easter Sunday.

*Peace and all good to you,*

*Betsy*

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We are still attempting to update our email listing for online bulletins and the monthly newsletter. If you are not on our list and have an email, please send it to me so I can update my list and possibly remove some names from the mailing list. Thank you, Judy.

## Prayer List:



Men and women who protect us and our freedoms

Sue Cate (Marty March's niece) Sharon Chasteen Brianna Nicole Carole Jean Crimmins Scott Darling Allan Dickinson Barry Doolen Ed Douglas & family Lou Gemelli Ken Gill Bill & Julie Hulser & granddaughters Susan Jones Valerie Keller Jeffrey Maine Wes Maine Joe Maneen Joan Matteson Rebecca Mento Claire Miller Henry & Sue Miller The Orendorfs Mary Ratajack (Beth Margulis' friend) Patricia Ruller Donna Pritchard & Family Fred & Jean Sullivan Sue Thuener Utica Presbytery Ed Vennaro Tony Vennera Laurie Voultsios Jim Wildey Mike, whose parents are missionaries in Brazil Prayers for protection & healing for Kassandra & our homeless population

We join Utica Presbytery in praying for: Stone Presbyterian Church, Clinton First Presbyterian Church, Cooperstown The Committee on Ministry, of the Presbytery of Utica United Lutheran Presbyterian Parish, Dolgeville Forestport Presbyterian Church, Foresport

## Worship Responsibilities

March 3 Reader—Steve Getman  
Betsy Jay Greeter – Karen Macrina  
Communion servers –Karen Macrina, Sue Backus  
Fellowship – Class Act

March 10 Reader – Anita Smith  
Martie Fischer Greeter – Carol Okusko  
Fellowship – Deacons

March 17 Reader – Jan Heap  
Betsy Jay Greeter – Sandy Eldredge  
Fellowship – Choir

March 24 Reader – Sue Backus  
Cory Jones Greeter –Anita Smith  
**Palm Sunday** Fellowship - Deacons

March 31 Reader –  
Betsy Jay Greeter –  
**Easter** Communion Servers –  
Fellowship – Religious Studies

**PLEASE BE SURE TO NOTIFY  
THE OFFICE WHEN YOU HAVE  
A LOVED ONE IN THE  
HOSPITAL, OR IN NEED OF  
PASTORAL CARE.**

***Maundy Thursday***

***Communion Service***

***March 28th at 7:00 P.M.***

## Lenten Luncheon Schedule

February 21 - St. Augustine, 78 Second St., Ilion

February 28 - Morning Star/First United Methodist  
Acme Road, Frankfort

March 6 - First Presbyterian Church—90 Morgan St., Ilion

March 13 - Herkimer Reformed Church—102 Church St.,  
(corner of Main St.), Herkimer

March 20 - OPEN

March 27 - Trinity Lutheran — 443 Henry St., (corner of  
German St.), Herkimer

### **FREE DINNER**

March 14th

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Beverage & Dessert

March 28th

Turkey a la King

Veggie, Bev., & Dessert



**EASTER SUNRISE**  
**COMMUNITY WORSHIP**  
**7:00AM-MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**FT. HERKIMER CHURCH**  
**575 NY-5S**  
**MOHAWK, NY 13407**  
Breakfast to Follow at Community Center  
ALL ARE WELCOME





### NEW On-Line Ordering Available

You can now place your Food \$en\$e orders online in three easy steps!

1. Visit [foodsense.foodbankcny.org](https://foodsense.foodbankcny.org) and select your participating pick-up location.
2. Select the items you would like to purchase.
3. Pay with your credit or debit card.

**In person cash and EBT/SNAP orders for March can still be placed at:**  
Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion on **March 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10am-11:30 am**

**PICK UP for all orders placed in March will be at:**  
Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion, on **March 29th, 2024 from 10am-11am**

Reminder - you can place an order for April when you pick up your March order

### MARCH PACKAGE \$20.50

Pork Tenderloin, 1.8 lbs. (avg)  
Chicken Drumsticks, 2.4 lbs. (avg)  
Marinated Beef Portions, 1 lb.  
Pollock Fillets, 1 lb.  
Ground Turkey, 1 lb.  
Stuffed Rigatoni, 12 oz.

Peas and Carrots, 1 lb.  
Frozen Strawberries, 1 lb.  
Elbow Macaroni, 1 lb.  
Applesauce, 15 oz.  
Fresh Produce #1  
Fresh Produce #2

### MARCH SPECIALS:

- **Spiral Hams, 9 lbs. for \$13.50:** The spiral honey ham is bone-in, fully cooked, and averages 9 lbs. per special.
- **Lasagna Roll-Ups, 2.5 lbs. for \$6.50:** The cheese lasagna roll-ups are stuffed with ricotta and Romano cheese and are over two and a half pounds.
- **Meatloaf, 2 lbs. for \$9.00:** The meatloaf is a traditional meatloaf made with 100% ground beef.
- **Stuffed Pork Chops, 2 lbs. for \$9.00:** The pork chops are stuffed with apples and cranberries.
- **American Cheese, 5 lbs. for \$12.50:** The sliced American cheese is not individually wrapped.
- **Chicken Wings, 5 lbs. for \$11.50:** The chicken wings can be cooked in the air-fryer or oven.

**Food \$en\$e Shoppers:** 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.

**For Questions, please call 315-894-9917**





Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



## Blood Drive First Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall  
90 Morgan Street  
Ilion, NY 13357

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

DOUBLE the RED!

Consider a Power Red Cell donation if you are O Neg, O Pos, A Neg or B Neg!

Don't forget, please complete RAPIDPASS on the DAY OF the drive!



Come to give March 1-24 for a \$10 e-gift card to a pet supply merchant of choice! Give blood, treat your pet & make a paw-sitive impact this spring. PLUS automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$3K gift card (5 winners)! Terms: [rcblood.org/Pets](http://rcblood.org/Pets).



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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# VEGGIES ET O GO

FREE locally grown vegetables

PLEASE JOIN US AT

First Presbyterian Church  
90 Morgan Street  
Ilion, NY 13357

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024  
1 - 4 PM**



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## FREE EASTER DINNER

traditional baked ham menu

**SUNDAY, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**12:00-2:00**

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**THE WORD CHRISTIAN CENTER**

27 Main St. Mohawk, NY

**TAKE OUT**

**by reservation only**

**Call: 315-731-7217**

**9AM – 5PM, Monday -Friday**

**before March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

to reserve your meal and a pick-up time.



*Community Singers  
Annual Spring Concert*

*Sunday, March 10, 2024, 7PM  
Mt. Markham High School  
West Winfield, NY  
No Admission Charge - Refreshments*

The First Presbyterian Church

90 Morgan Street

Ilion, New York 13357-2260

Address Service Requested