

# Ilion Presbyterian News

## April 2024

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Do you remember where you were when you first learned about Earth Day? For me, it was April 22, 1970, in a junior high school cafeteria. This was the first Earth Day, established to coincide with college spring breaks. Twenty million Americans participated and a whole new opportunity arose to focus on care for our planet. Now, 192 countries and billions of people take part in honoring the day and working towards a healthier and brighter future for the environment and all creation. The theme this year is Planet vs. Plastics. FPC is already engaged in this effort with the use of brown paper bags for the lunch program, recycling bottles and paper, and the collection of mugs kept for fellowship times.

Many of us look upon Earth Day as one way we follow God's command to be stewards, caretakers, of this amazing and beautiful world God has created for us to delight in and cherish as good. Let us celebrate not just one day but each day with joy and deeds for the goodness of creation.

May we join our hearts in prayer:

*God, creator of the universe,  
Fill us with your love for the creation,  
for the natural world around us,  
for the earth from which we come  
and to which we will return.  
Awake in us energy to work for your world;  
let us never fall into complacency, ignorance,  
or being overwhelmed by the task before us.  
Help us to restore, remake, renew. Amen.  
(prayer is from the Episcopal tradition)*

In peace,  
Betsy

## 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 Voultisios 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: First Presbyterian Church, Holland  
Patent; Matthew 25 Initiative, Presbytery of Utica; Seminary Students; Voice in  
the Wilderness Ministry, Greg Jenkins (New Worshipping Community)

## Worship Responsibilities

April 7 Reader—Steve Getman  
Martie Fischer Greeter—Cheryl Waldo  
Fellowship—Class Act

April 14 Reader – Anita Smith  
Betsy Jay Greeter – Carol Okusko  
Fellowship – Deacons

April 21 Reader – George Gullis  
Betsy Jay Greeter – Anita Smith  
Fellowship – Choir

April 28 Reader – Jan Heap  
Cory Jones Greeter –Sandra Eldredge  
Fellowship - Deacons

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

There will be an Earth Day Clean-Up for both the Iliion  
And Frankfort Marinas April 20th from 10:00am—12:00pm.  
If you can participate—register at the Iliion Tru-Value!!

*St. Augustine's Church is holding a fundraising luncheon  
Sat. April 27th from 11:00am—1:30pm.*

*Our dinners continue to be well attended and always  
bring positive feedback. Our volunteers that prepare,  
serve and clean up are nothing short of amazing.  
Want to be amazing too? They can ALWAYS use  
the help!*

## **FREE DINNER**

### **April 11th**

Ham

Scalloped Potatoes

Veggie, Bev. & Dessert

### **April 25th**

Pulled Pork

Baked Beans, Coleslaw

Beverage & Dessert



**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 April can still be placed at:**  
Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion on **April 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10am-11:30 am**

**PICK UP for all orders placed in April will be at:**  
Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion, on **April 26, 2024 from 10am-11am**

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

**APRIL PACKAGE \$20.50**

- Meatballs, 1 lb.
- Italian Sausage, 1 lb.
- Tilapia, 1 lb.
- Boneless Chicken Drumsticks, 1 lb.
- Mozzarella Cheese, 8 oz.
- Tomato Soup, 18.5 oz.

- Spaghetti Sauce, 24 oz.
- Rigatoni, 1 lb.
- Diced Tomatoes, 14.5 oz.
- Pears, 14.5 oz.
- Produce #1
- Produce #2

**APRIL SPECIALS:**

- **Breaded Shrimp, 3 lbs. for \$13.00:** The shrimp are butterflied, breaded, and 21-25 per pound.
- **Stuffed Chicken, 2 lbs. for \$10.00:** The chicken breasts are stuffed with apples and cranberries.
- **Beef with Broccoli, 22 oz. for \$6.50:** The beef and broccoli consist of beef strips, broccoli florets, and red bell peppers with white rice in a savory soy sauce.
- **Mozzarella Sticks, 3 lbs. for \$11.50:** The mozzarella sticks are par-cooked and ready for the oven.
- **Pantry Box 10 lbs. for \$11.50:** The pantry box is 9 items and consists of, Corn Flakes (7 oz.), Pancake Mix (32 oz.), Instant potatoes (13.3 oz.), Chicken in a pouch (4.5 oz.), Elbow Macaroni (1 lb.), Peanut Butter (18 oz.), Strawberry Spread (19 oz.), Applesauce (15 oz.) and Carrots (14.5 oz.).
- **Stuffed Shells, 3 lbs. for \$ 7.50:** The stuffed shells are frozen and have 18 shells per special.

**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**

The Lunch Program is 15 years old this month! We will be adding these cards to the lunches to let everyone know how we got started. Last year we served more than 15,500 sandwiches to 85 families—all made and delivered by volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday. If you'd like to be a part of this community outreach call the church or stop on in Tuesday or Thursday morning about 9:00.

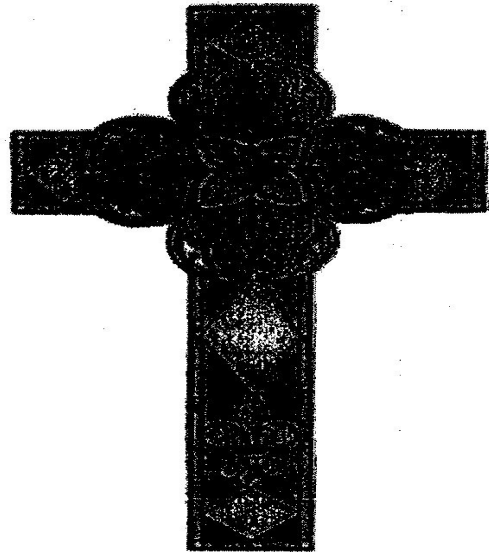
*Free Lunch Program*

*The "free lunch program" came to life in  
April of 2009.*

*The primary purpose was to get our church  
members and friends together twice a week to  
share with each other our joys, concerns,  
health and well being.*

*It is also a time to serve each other in our  
religious mission work.*

*Since its inception, the program has  
grown to include 'friends of friends'  
in our local communities.*



*Our meals are provided at no cost to the recipients.*

*However, cash donations are accepted.*

*The meals are also delivered to some of our recipients.*

*The people who deliver the meals are volunteers and  
receive no compensation of cash or fuel.*

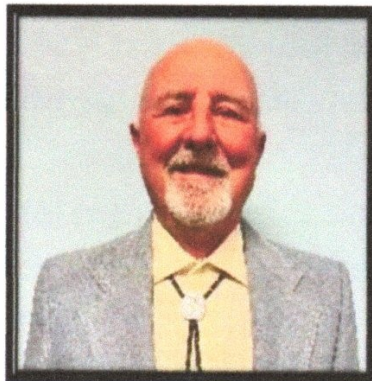
*This is one of our Mission Works and Community Outreach  
programs for our members and friends.*

*Please enjoy what our Lord has provided!!  
First Presbyterian Church of Ilion, NY*

*Congratulations to Don!*

**AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION FOR OUR  
CURRENT "ELK OF THE YEAR"**

*ELK of the YEAR Award Dinner  
Honoring: DON UNSINN*



*Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Cocktails/Cash Bar/Hors d'oeuvres at 5PM*

*Prime Rib or Chicken Dinner at 6PM*

*\$10 Per Person*

*Tickets available in the Bar.*

*Entertainment in the Lounge at 7PM*

Note: Entertainment is available to all members and guests. You are not required to attend the Elk of the Year party in order to enjoy the entertainment that follows.

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