

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Dryden, New York
EASTER NEWSLETTER
April 2022

“Remember, Jesus Christ, risen from the
dead, born of David’s line.
This is the theme of my gospel”
(II Tim. 2:8).



Two thousand years have passed since the words of Paul in II Timothy were written, yet their truth is as firm today as when they were first penned. There is one theme to our gospel, and this is it: “Jesus Christ, son of God, born of David's line, is risen from the dead!” This month we commemorate the central point of our whole Christian faith.

It's too easy to let our belief in the resurrection of our Lord become little more than a verbal assent. We should never lose sight of the impact found in that initial cry on Easter morning, “He is not here. He is risen!” This is not some remote historical statement removed from our present-day experience. Jesus said, “Because I live, you shall live also” (John 14:19). The fact of Christ’s resurrection underscores and changes everything in our lives. We are not “a poor player who struts and frets his hour on the stage and then is heard no more.” We are grounded in the hope that “all things are being made new” (Rev. 21:5). In the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have the assurance that decay and death are not our goal. In the midst of life’s struggles, let us always remember that death in all its forms has been overcome. We are assured of life in Him, life without end, life without tears and sadness, life without death.

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection of life. He who believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever lives and believes in Me shall never die” (John 11:25).

Sincerely yours in Christ-- Pastor Jim Hicks

Call to a Meeting of the Congregation

Pursuant to the authority in us vested by the laws governing religious corporations in the State of New York, we the duly elected officers of the Corporation of Dryden Presbyterian Church situated in Dryden, in the state of New York, do hereby call the members of the aforesaid corporation to assemble in Congregational Meeting in the church sanctuary on Sunday, the 3rd of April 2022, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of voting on a candidate, the Reverend Nancy Didway, for the office of “pastor” for our church.

--- the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Dryden

Mission Statement

We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and love our neighbors as ourselves.



Church Contacts

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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Chair of Deacons: Connie Walker

Covid Policy

We are updating our Covid restrictions to conform with state and county regulations. The use of a mask for services is a personal choice. Adjustments will be made as conditions demand.



Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Do you have a special celebration coming up or one that took place recently that can be announced in a future newsletter? Please call (844-8321) or e-mail (*drydenpresoffice@gmail.com*) the church office, so your church family can share in the celebration.

Information for the
May newsletter
should be in the church office by
Monday April 18, 2022.

Federal privacy regulations prevent hospitals from giving out the names of people who have been admitted. That means that the Pastor may not be aware that someone in our church family is in the hospital and would like a visit. Please call the church office (844-8321) and let us know if a church member or friend been hospitalized.



Holy Week

APRIL 10 PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 14 MAUNDY THURSDAY

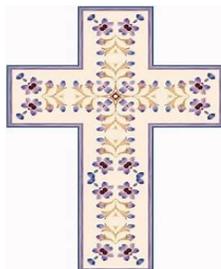
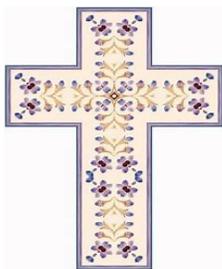
7:00 P.M. DRYDEN METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 15 GOOD FRIDAY



APRIL 22 EASTER SUNDAY

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



Palm Sunday



Good Friday

Dryden area churches are invited to join for a "Cross Walk" on good Friday, April 15. We are to gather at the Village Green at 12 noon for an outdoor witness to the cross that Christ bore for us for the sake of our salvation. Participants may join in scripture readings or shoulder the cross. The "Cross Walk" will conclude on the Methodist lawn at 1 p.m.

ALLELUIA!
CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Just a Note

In some traditions speaking, or singing, “Alleluia” is refrained from during Lent. Some choirs, ours has not been one, will go so far as to replace the word “Alleluia” with another word of similar meaning while preparing for Easter during Lent. Arguments both for and against this custom each have their value and I am not going to stick my neck out to endorse one or the other. However, I point it out because today’s topic is, as you may have guessed, choral Alleluias.

“Alleluia,” or “Hallelujah,” basically means “Praise Yahweh” or “Praise the Lord.” and the custom of Lenten refraining from its use seems to go back at least to the fifth century and is related to the penitential focus of Lent. I’ll leave the rest of the research for you to explore or ask the pastor but if you choose to refrain you may want to save this month’s “Note” for after Easter.

I went to J. W. Pepper’s website, they are a very large online music store, and typed in “Alleluia” in choral music. I received 2065 titles, 368 of which had titles containing only the word “Alleluia.” “Hallelujah” produced 1078 titles, 168 of them exclusively using “Hallelujah” as the title. Today’s offering will not include all the music out there. Rather, I am going to focus on some favorites.

I suspect that “The Hallelujah Chorus” comes first to mind when we think of Choral “Hallelujahs”

The Royal Choral Society (who better than the British)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUZEtVbJT5c>

Here are some other notable “Alleluias”

“Alleluia” by Randall Thompson
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAhPD9zAlmI>

“Alleluia” by Ralph Manuel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVQuCDgx-RQ>

“Alleluia” by J. S. Bach (of course he wrote more than one)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0S6Tjvaj19Q>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENdFgqybOas>

Here’s one more of the “Hallelujah Chorus,” this was too good to leave out.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRhjWdr-LAA>

Not related to “Alleluia” but remarkably appropriate to current events I came across “A Ukrainian Prayer” by British Composer, John Rutter, written in response to the Russian invasion. I’ll close with that for today.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJI3kVwI2-U>





Welcome Back!

The crocuses and daffodils are poking their heads through the soil to alert us that spring and better weather is coming. The Covid restrictions are being lifted, and we are all praying for a return to a more normal life at church. We continue to mask our faces once seated in alternate pews and when moving around the church building. We still maintain personal distance while maintaining distance during periods of conversation. We miss you and hope that you will return for a more meaningful worship with your church family in the sanctuary than from your couch with coffee cup and cat at home.

Our pastor, choir, session members, deacons and PNC have kept OUR church functioning for the last year and are eager for your participation as we prepare to welcome new life for The First Presbyterian Church of Dryden.

Hands are needed for basic programs of communions, mission programs, choir participation, ushering, Sunday school and Bible classes, as well as community outreach, coffee hours and church maintenance. These things make us a WORKING body not an EXITING one. We thank you for signing up for these services as you return.

A special thank-you is extended to the folks who are doing repairs and handling emergencies—including the damaged window in the link where a hawk attempted to join our services. Thanks especially to the interior decorator who has adorned the Social Room in spring attire.

We remember to keep the following people in our prayers: David Gross, Bob Sincerbeaux, William Merrill, Gretchen Young, and Milo Jones.

- - - Jeanine Scott

We have often wondered how long our church has supported Heifer International. This note, now posted in the church hallway, seems to answer that question.

"Dear First Presbyterian Church, Since 1988, you have continued to show up for small-scale farming families to help them end their hunger and poverty. You make sure that they have their proper nutrition, a sustainable income, training, and so much more.

Thank you!, Rachel Merrill, Heifer

- - - Chuck Nydam



The Dryden Clothing Shed

Winter is here! Please check your closets for those coats, hats and mittens you never wear. You can easily donate them here. The shed is open during the same time as the Kitchen Cupboard.

If you would like to volunteer hanging and folding clothes, please contact Phyllis Byrn.

Easter Lilies

We are sorry for the inconvenience caused by having such a brief time to order lilies for Easter Sunday. The problem arose by Agway's previous supplier going out of business and they having to find a new supplier. The committee will try to find a new supplier for Christmas. Since the new supplier doesn't include foil, the committee will take care of that problem. If you did not get your order in with the church, you may wish to purchase one and put it in the kitchen by April 13. Please place your name on your lily and notify Arlene to put your name on the dedication list.

Dryden Kitchen Cupboard

If you know of anyone who needs food, please refer them to the Dryden Kitchen Cupboard. The cupboard is open Monday and Friday 11am to noon, Wednesday 5-6 pm. The last Saturday of the month the cupboard is open 11 am to noon.



One Great Hour of Sharing

When natural or human-caused disasters impact communities, **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** is poised to respond and work closely with congregations and local mission partners to bring Christ's love and healing.

PDA is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the **One Great Hour of Sharing**, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

Giving envelopes will be in the April 3rd and 10th church bulletins. Please give generously.



The PNC is making progress in the process of searching for a new pastor. Please continue to pray that our years of searching will soon come to fruition.



Christian Education

Christian Education committee reminder-Lenten Devotional series on Wednesday evenings continues through the week up to Easter. Jump in at any time. Use church zoom site starting at 6:45 with the series talk starting at 7 PM.

"Breaking News-Jesus is Alive" is the skit that will be presented by the church youth on Palm Sunday, April 10, during the morning worship service. Please join us at church or on zoom for this informative and entertaining look at the Good News.

Finance and Facilities

January through February Operating Results	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget
Pledge Receipts	\$ 12,977	\$ 12,542	\$ 16,842
Non-Pledge & Plate Contributions	1,097	1,874	1,333
Interest, Dividends & Misc Income	1,038	1,032	1,167
Expenses	(17,312)	(17,044)	(18,499)
(To) From Reserve Accounts	(600)	(600)	(600)
From Reserve Accounts	-	-	-
Net Operating Income	<u>\$ (2,800)</u>	<u>\$ (2,197)</u>	<u>\$ 242</u>

() denotes reduction to Income.

Operating Results...

Jan-Feb pledge receipts are about the same as last year and \$4,300 below 2/12ths of the annual amount pledged. Non-pledge and plate receipts are higher than last year and the budget. Overall, contributions are 2% above last year and 20% below the budget. Expenses are virtually the same as last year and 8% below the budget. Net Operating Income is negative \$2,200 which is about the same as last year.

The Birds...

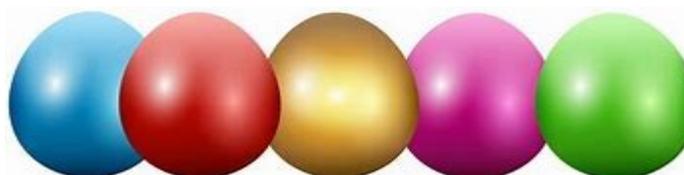
It seems like the Alfred Hitchcock movie "The Birds"... Over the weekend of March 5th, a huge Red-Tailed Hawk smashed into one of the windows in the Link, breaking the outer pane into shards and killing the poor bird. We have had several birds hit the north side in the past but this is the first on the south side and first to break the glass. We are in the process of getting it replaced.

Overhead Projectors...

In the near future, two overhead video projectors will be installed in the sanctuary to modernize and expand the video capabilities of our services. These devices, which project computer images, will replace the old 1960's overhead projectors that used transparencies and will eliminate the need for the TV monitor in front of the sanctuary. Each projector costs about \$1,000. There is currently \$1,880 in the Video Equipment Reserve that was funded with contributions from our congregation and \$132.22 is left in a reserve funded by the Staying Connected Grant from Presbytery. These funds should cover most or all of the cost of the projectors.

Spring Clean-up...

Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th (rain date the following Saturday, May 14th). We'll start at 9:00am. A sign-up list with suggested projects will be in the Fellowship Hall. Bring tarps & tools. The Village truck has been reserved and Dave Parsons will bring his "toys" (loader, etc.). If you can't make it on the 7th, feel free to chip in some other day before the 7th.



Bible Word Search: APOSTLES / DISCIPLES

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SIMON Peter
JOHN
THOMAS
THADDAEUS
MATTHIAS

ANDREW
PHILIP
MATTHEW
SIMON
PAUL

James ZEBEDEE
BARTHOLOMEW
James ALPHAEUS
Judas ISCARIOT

Instructions:

Find and circle the words shown in all capital letters. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

After Judas betrayed Christ, Matthias was chosen by the disciples to take his place. Saul (who changed his name to Paul) was chosen by Jesus. (Acts 9:3-6). The apostles are listed in Matthew 10:2-4.

Source: Bible Book of Lists at SusanCAnthony.com

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Quips and Quotes

(submitted by the Temporary Pastor)



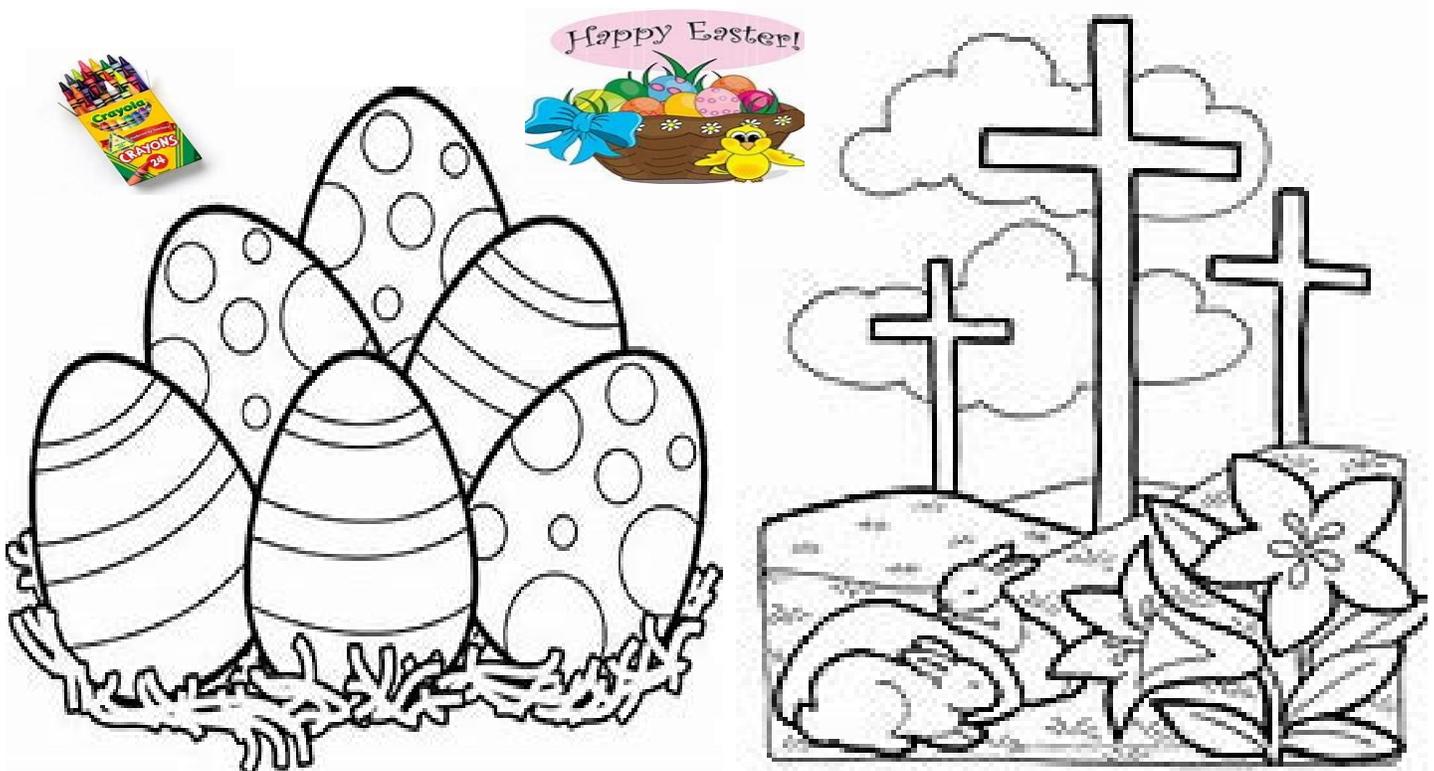
If we're not supposed to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the refrigerator?

Taking naps sounds so childish; I prefer to call them "horizontal life pauses."

Life always gives you a second chance; it's called "tomorrow."

When you have nothing left but God,
then you become aware that God is enough.

Before you criticize someone else, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away and you have their shoes.





Nancy Hicks	1
Linda Nydam	5
Connie Walker	6
Carol Singbusch	7
Mike Shay	10
Kyle White	13
Matty Hamel	22
Al Macomber	22
Lily Singbusch	25
Trisha Morgan	25
Sue Bahny	27
Maeve Riggs	27

Happy Anniversary

Mark and Jeannine Dodds

Coffee Hour

On the second Sunday of every month the Church Life Committee will be offering Coffee Hours once again to those who choose to share conversations following the Sunday service. Thank you for remaining masked until participating in the dessert-and-beverage time.



Dave Parsons,
Thank you for the new computer in the office!
A nice surprise and it was well needed.

- -Arlene



Seeds of Trust

Remember, friend, when fear sets in
That you're held up in prayer.
Recall what God has brought you through,
For it shows how much He cares.
And then while you're recovering,
He'll hold you in His arms.
Embrace the love He offers you;
He'll keep you from all harm.
Just say these words: "Lord Jesus please..."
Then leave to Him the rest.
He'll see you through and you will know
He always knows what's best.
We humans see shortsightedly
And wonder at our pain,
Not realizing nothing grows
Without a little rain...
And sharing in Christ's suffering-
Though we may shed some tears-
The seeds of trust are watered, and
Will bloom throughout the years.
So let it rain a little while-
You stand where Jesus stood.
He knows about our sufferings
And makes them work for good.
So thank Him for the care He gives
And the love He sends through friends,
For sometimes with the threads of love
...Our broken heart He mends.

*trust in him
at
all times*

- - Denise De Wald

The Family of Kevin Ashman

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sara Ashman and to her family at the passing of Kevin. May God's love and grace console and strengthen the Ashman family at this time of bereavement.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April</h1>					1 Church office closed KC 11-12 April Fools Day	2
3 Worship 10:30 In-person and Zoom Rev. Nancy Didway preaching Congregational Meeting 11:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent One great Hour of Sharing	4 KC 11-12	5	6 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	7 Choir 7:00	8 Church office closed KC 11-12	9
10  Palm Sunday Youth Skit Worship 10:30 In-person and Zoom One Great Hour of Sharing Coffee Hour	11 KC 11-12	12 Quilters 10:00 Finance 7:00	13 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	14 Dryden Methodist Church 7:00 p.m.  MAUNDY THURSDAY	15 Good Friday Church office closed Dryden Cross Walk 12:00 Village Green KC 11-12	16
17 Easter  "HE HAS RISEN!" Luke 24:6 Worship 10:30 In-person and Zoom	18 Newsletter articles due for May KC 11-12	19 Deacons 6:15 Session 7:00	20 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	21 Choir 7:00	22 Church office closed  EARTH DAY KC 11-12	23
24 Worship 10:30 In-person and Zoom	25 KC 11-12	26 Quilters 10:00	27 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	28 Choir 7:00	29 Church office closed KC 11-12	30 KC 11-12
    KC =Kitchen Cupboard    						