

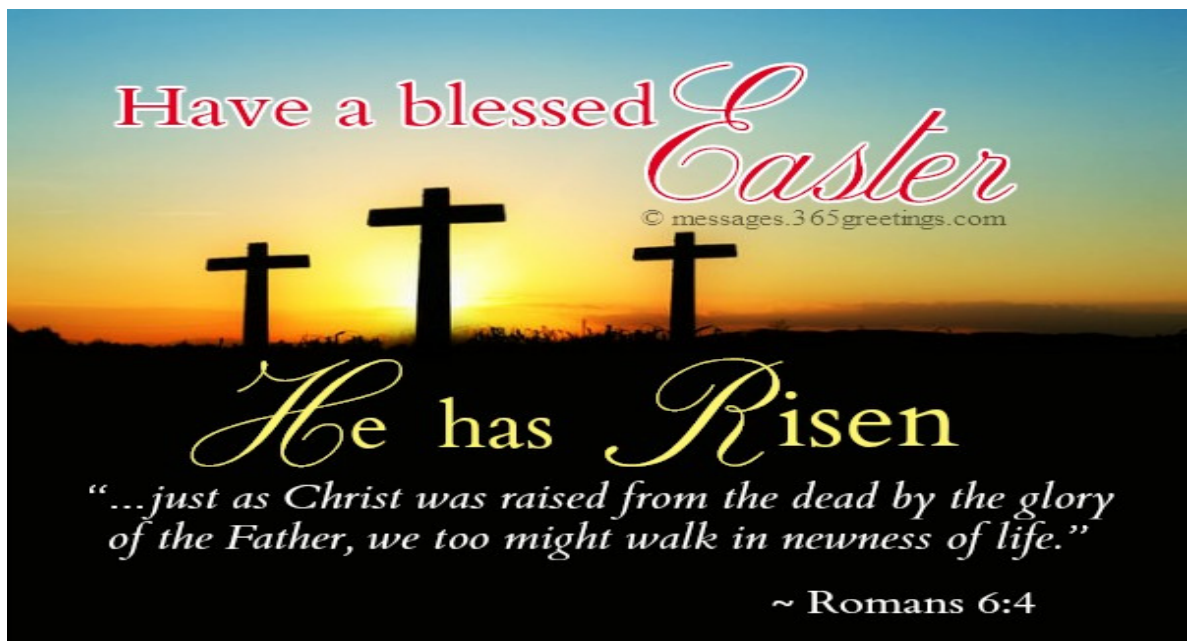


R.S.V.P 2022

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CHURCH STAFF

Ministry Staff

Pastor: Reverend Gail Y. Heimberger

Clerk of Session/Church Secretary: Lisa Datthyn

Trustee Treasurers: Lorie Ribis and Steve Moore

Treasurers: Lorie Ribis and Keith Blackall

Financial Secretary: Kate Daratt

Custodial Care: Mike Mulberry

Organist/Choir Director: Douglas Blackall

Joyful singers Director: Tracey Fox Allen

Handbell Director: Anne L'Hommedieu

Church Historian: Anne L'Hommedieu

Sunday School Coordinator/Teacher: Paula Chapman

Nursery Care Coordinator/Teacher: Nancy Lopez

Deacons Chairperson: Cindy Rolston

Sodus Council of Churches: Nancy Lopez

Groups using the church

AA Meetings: Wednesday and Saturday, 12:00 Noon

Worship and Sunday School: Sunday @ 10:00 am

Pastor's Letter:
April 2022

Dear Friends,

Barbara Brown Taylor says, Lent and also the following Easter Season, are seasons of renewal, a springtime for the soul." It is a time when, with God's help, we open ourselves to the process of transformation into a new person in Jesus Christ.

As we think about the process of transformation in this season, both individually and as a church, there are several assumptions that we, as Christians, make about our journey.

- 1) **God has a vision for the church and community.** There is a design for what we, as First United Presbyterian Church in Sodus, can do that will further the vision expressed in Jesus' words: "I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me.... just as you did it to one of the least, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35-40) God has that vision for us, a vision that will enable us to reach out to others.
- 2) **God has given each person spiritual gifts to be used for all.** It may be compassion, a gift to build, a gift to care for others, administrative skills... the list is endless, but we can use these skills for God's vision for us.
- 3) **God calls us to be in mission.** How do we help the hungry, the stranger? How do we help those in need?
- 4) **The way we view the world should be based on our Christian beliefs.** We believe we need to reach out to others. We believe in community. We believe that Jesus came to bring peace, not the sword. We believe that greed is sinful. Our vision and our actions need to reflect our beliefs.
- 5) **We need to be intentional in building communities of faith.** How can we invite others into our midst? How do we show hospitality to others? How can we strengthen each other's faith? In what ways can we give people the opportunity to express their faith?
- 6) **To follow Jesus is an invitation to change, to be transformed and to be healed.** We do not change for change's sake, but we do work towards healing. We all need to be healed in some ways. We all have anxieties, fears and ways of thinking that limit us in what we do. The community does as well. As we are able to heal and change, then we are more able to go into the world ready to carry out God's vision for us.

And may that be so for you and for our church as we wind our way through our Lenten Journey.

Blessings and love,

Gail



Keep in Prayer

All who are at Care Facilities:

Gordon Neal who is in Maplewood Nursing Home.
Lucy Lopez who is in the Wayne County Nursing Home.

All who face Health Issues:

- Bonnie Bolling, Roger and Debbie Gill, Nancy Gulino, Janie Hyland, Anne Martini, Ed and Judy Merkel, Kevin McKeon, Steve Pope, Collen Powers, Maxine Rawden, Jody Rolston, Joyce Small and Pat Yates.
- The family of Scott Lockwood as they grieve their loss.
- Alan Davidson's family as they grieve the loss of their mother who went to be with her Lord at age 103.
- Merrill Gray who is in the hospital with multiple issues, pneumonia, low grade sepsis and multiple fractures of L2 in his back.
- The family of Rev. Dr. Harold Delhagen as they grieve their loss.

Janie's address

Janie Hyland 335 Paradise Blvd., #58
Indialantic, FL 32903

*Now I lay me down to Sleep
I pray the Lord my soul to Keep
Angels watch me through the Night
And wake me with the morning Light
Amen*



- *Doug and the Choir for their beautiful awe-inspiring music that they offer us for worship.*
- *Anne L'Hommedieu and the HandBell Choir for their beautiful music.*
- *Jim Hopkins and Roy Pickering for broadcasting our services.*
- *Our "baggers," Joan Miller, Carol Martini, Cindy and Doug Coomber, Amy Johnson, Alice Irwin, Anne L'Hommedieu, Nancy Lopez, Cindy Rolston and Sue Mulberry for the Wednesday Bagged Lunches.*
- *Cindy Rolston for providing a beautiful worship space.*
- *Gary and Connie Preston and Mike Mulberry for continuing to keep our grounds looking beautiful.*
- *Harry Stiokas, Doug Blackall and Jim Hopkins for the work on the sound system.*
- *Our Cross-Bearers, Ron Trawitz and Mike Mulberry.*
- *Anne L'Hommedieu for working on our church history.*
- *Our Liturgists: Nan Hanna, Anne L'Hommedieu, Bill Bolling, Tom Miller, Marianne Nelson and Carleen Frost.*
- *Our Lenten readers: Carleen Frost, Julie DeBadts, Amy Johnson and Sue Mulberry.*
- *Penny Stiokas, Carol Blackall, Julie DeBadts and Casey Stiokas for the Community Dinner. They served 50 dinners in record time and were out the door at 5:15 pm! We received \$54 in donations.*
- *Our Communion Servers, Kate and Frank Daratt and Carol and Keith Blackall.*
- *Lois Fiegel for filling in for Doug for March 13 and 27.*
- *Nan Hanna-Paquin for serving as Liturgist.*
- *Nancy DeHond, Chris Gedney and Sue Ternoois for the Coffee Hour!*

Congratulations to:



Ecumenical Candle Lighting Service for Peace in the Ukraine, SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 6:00PM, here at the Presbyterian Church.

Bible Study, Thursdays, downstairs in Nursery School Area, 4:00-5:00 pm

New COVID Updates

We will be adhering to the new masking policy, which allows individuals to make their own masking decisions.

Items on table in Dining Hall

You are welcome to take any of the items from the table in the Dining Hall including any of the pictures in the albums or on the table.

Take a book, Share a book

Our Little Free Library has been officially registered with the international organization (<https://littlefreelibrary.org/>). The books are located on the shelves in the Yellow Room, which is outside the downstairs Bible Study room. There are books for both children and adults to take. If you would like to donate some especially good books, please feel free to do so by placing them on the desk next to the shelves. (If you have a lot of books to pass along, please support the Sodus Community Library by taking your books there for their next book sale.)

Coffee Chat Sign-ups on Hobbie Case

Rummage Sale is On! Date to be Determined!

Do You Need a Piano to Practice On?

The piano in the downstairs Bible Study room has been cleaned and tuned and needs to be played to stay in good shape, so feel free to play it.



- April 3: Ecumenical Candle Lighting Service for Peace in the Ukraine, SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 6:00PM, here at the Presbyterian Church.*
- April 6: Deacons, 9:00 am
Bagged Luncheons, 11:00 am*
- April 7: Bible Study, 4:00-5:00 pm
Women's Book Club at Carol Blackall's, 5:30 pm
Sodus Town Historical Society mtg., 6:00-8:00 pm, Dining Hall*
- April 10: Palm Sunday
HandBell Choir playing*
- April 11: Youth Group, 11:00-1:00
Session, 6:00 pm*
- April 13: Bagged Luncheons, 11:00am*
- April 14: Bible Study, 4:00-5:00
Maundy Thursday Service, Dining Hall: 6:00 pm*
- April 15: Good Friday: Procession of Cross, Noon
Services at Methodist Church, 12:15 pm*
- April 17: Easter Sunday
HandBell Choir playing*
- April 19: Community Dinner, 5:00 pm*
- April 20: Bagged Lunches, 11:30 am*
- April 21: Bible Study, 4:00-5:00 pm*
- April 28: NO BIBLE STUDY*
- April 22,28: Gail on Vacatio)*

Treasurer's and Stewardship Report: (Keith Blackall)

	<u>2021 to Date</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>2022 to Date</u>
General Giving	\$15,491.00	\$8,875.15	\$19,050.15
Benevolence	\$531.00	\$516.00	\$1,007.00

- Keith Blackall stated that we have gone with a different payroll which is to include direct deposit for the employees, and the church will stay with the Worker's Comp that we have currently.

Pastor's Report: (Reverend Gail Heimberger)

- The Sodus Council of Churches is planning a worship service for Peace, United for Peace, here at the Frist United Presbyterian Church in Sodus on April 3, 2022, at 6:00 pm.
- We will be adhering to the new masking policy, which allows individuals to make their own masking decisions.
- Nancy DeHond has graciously stated that she will head-up the Rummage Sale this year.

Clerk's Report: (Lisa Datthyn, Clerk of Session) No report

Fellowship/Christian Education (Jim Hopkins)

- Update on Carly Chapman's Gold Project. The Girl Scouts approved Carly's project to update/rework the Nursery School area located on the west side of church. There will be a meeting in March.

Mission (Kelly DeMarree/Lynn Brussel/Nan Hanna-Paquin) No report

Property (Keith Blackall/Jeff Sondervan/Doug Coomber)

- The boiler system was completed two weeks ago.
- Keith gave thanks to Doug Coomber who helped fixed the kitchen faucet and snowblower. Thanks to Jim Hopkins who fixed a light switch.
- An update was given on the Lift. The lift was installed in 1993 and needs a new motor at the cost of \$3,078.00 and will need \$1,539.00, which is half, to order and start the repair. A **motion** was made by Keith Blackall, seconded, **carried** to approve Lorie Ribis to send the deposit of \$1,539.00 to Access Lift.

Worship: (Julie DeBadts/Ron Trawitz)

- On February 27 Communion was served in the glass cups and the bread was served in a cup.
- The HandBell Choir will perform three (3) songs on Easter Sunday.
- Ash Wednesday Service will be held at St. John's at 7:00 pm on March 4.
- Maundy Thursday will be held in the dining hall along with the Agape Dinner.
- At the meeting held on March 6 it was determined to keep the Offering Plates at the back of the church and volunteers are needed for the Coffee Chats.
- Bible Study will resume on March 24, 2022.

Camp Whitman Support:

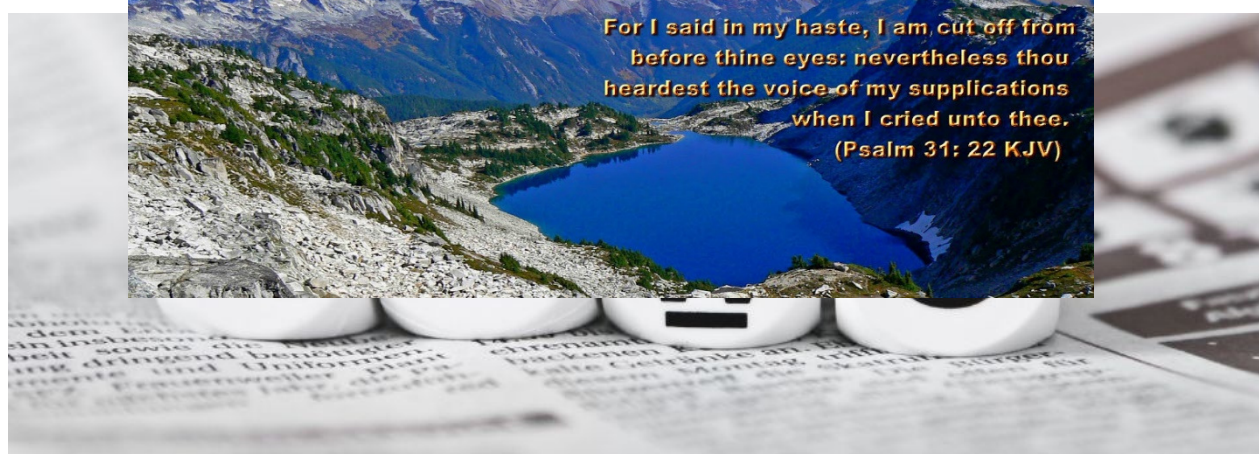
- Melanie DeBadts has offered to head up Camp Whitman registration this year.

Coffee Chats –

- An email was sent to the congregation to have people volunteer/help with the Coffee Chats.

Nominating ()

New Business –



Mugs for Sale

Paula and Carly Chapman still have mugs for sale at \$20.00 and are located on the Hobbie Table.

Food Pantry: *We are back to collecting food for the food pantry. Please feel free to bring items to church Peanut Butter, Jelly, canned low sugar fruits, low sodium soups, and other canned goods are extremely helpful. Please put items downstairs on the shelves by the south stairs. Thank you!*

Yarn Wanted:

Judy Nortier's sister and friend are "mad knitters" and are "knitting up a storm" for our mitten tree. If you have any yarn to donate, please bring in so the ladies can continue their knitting. There are boxes for yarn in the former nursery school classroom that are labeled with the different colors.

Help with Community Dinners

Let Alice or Gail know if you can help with our monthly Community Dinners

Thank you to all who contributed socks!

*A big thank you to all who contributed new socks! I took them to Family Promise this past week. Family Promise was ever so grateful to receive our donation of nearly 200 pairs of socks. They did tell me that they have a real need for **SOCKS FOR CHILDREN**, so children's socks may be deposited in the "sock box" in the entry way. There is nothing like a nice pair of new clean socks!!!!*

Wednesday Baggers Needed

We are in need of help for our Bagged Lunches program on Wednesdays, from 10:00 -12:00. Let Gail know if you can help some of the Wednesdays.

A Message from the Property Committee March 29, 2022

Here is an update on several things' property is working on:

Welcome to Doug Coomber! Doug became an Elder in February and has joined the Property Committee. Many thanks to Elder Frank Daratt who retired from Session in February after serving 6 years as Co-Chair of the Property Committee.

Handicap Lift

The lift was found to making abnormal noises. Inspection by the vendor determined it needs a new motor. The lift was installed in 1993 and has operated trouble free since then. Property obtained a quote for the new motor (\$3100.00) and Session promptly approved the purchase. The motor was ordered March 8 and should be delivered to the vendor April 1, then a service call will be scheduled to install the motor and get our lift back in service.

Boiler valve Replacement

During the routine inspection in February our boiler tech found the zone valve supplying the Sunday School area was worn and not operating efficiently. It is older than the boiler and the last of the old-style valves. Session followed the recommendation of Property to replace the valve at a cost of \$3500.00. this work will take place on Wednesday April 6, Doug Coomber will be supervising this work.

Spring Cleanup

Jeff Sondervan has accepted the challenge to lead this years' Spring cleanup. Jeff will be working with Mike Mulberry to set up the date and the work to be accomplished. All volunteers are appreciated so get your gloves and rakes ready!

Downstairs Bathroom

We are formulating plans to refresh the downstairs bathroom area including replacing the doors.

Nursery School area conversion

The former Nursery School area is being repurposed as a meeting room. Carly Chapman Is leading the group as part of her Girl Scout Gold Project. More info to come!!

Thank you for your encouragement and support!

Property Committee:

Keith Blackall, Doug Coomber, Jeff Sondervan, Jim Hopkins, Ben Johnson, Mike Mulberry, Gary Preston, Ken Pierce, Doug Blackall and Frank Daratt.



<i>April 2</i>	<i>Jamie Hillegeer Lorie Ribis Amanda Moore</i>
<i>April 5</i>	<i>Janie Hyland</i>
<i>April 6</i>	<i>Corbin Reibstein</i>
<i>April 7</i>	<i>Chole Englert</i>
<i>April 9</i>	<i>Doug Blackall Gordon Neal</i>
<i>April 10</i>	<i>Ryan Dolan Travis Frazer</i>
<i>April 11</i>	<i>Dorothy Neal</i>
<i>April 14</i>	<i>Linda Roberts Malcom Young</i>
<i>April 15</i>	<i>Julie DeBadts</i>
<i>April 21</i>	<i>Gary Preston</i>
<i>April 25</i>	<i>Darcy Davidson</i>
<i>April 29</i>	<i>Sarah Johnson</i>
<i>April 30</i>	<i>Lucy Lopez</i>



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