

# *First Presbyterian Church of Cazenovia*

## March 2017 Newsletter

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### *THE PASTOR'S JOURNAL*

Now that the Christmas tree has been taken down and the ornaments and rolls of wrapping paper all put away (right?), now that the new toys are broken in (or just plain *broken*) and that brand new tie has endured the indignity of its first soup stain, it's time to redirect our attention to the next big thing in the Church: *LENT!*

It seems like it comes upon us all too fast sometimes, but the Season of Lent is in such close proximity to Christmas for good measure – to remind us that the *birth* of a Holy Child begins a dramatic, world-changing journey toward a Savior's sacrificial *death*. And it is the *one* which gives the *other* its purpose and its power for our lives.

Sharlande Sledge sets the tone for our personal participation in that journey:

*From ashes to "hosannas" we follow you.  
Walk with us through the desert, Lord,  
even as we stumble and fall on our journey to the cross.  
Create a holy pause in our cluttered lives.  
Empty us of all that would keep us from  
entering into your suffering for the sake of the world.*

This Holy Season of penitence gives us the opportunity to further our spiritual quest and in that process deepen our relationship with the Savior of the world. And this leg of our pilgrimage begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1<sup>st</sup>). In our denomination's website ([www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)) Ash Wednesday is called "a day of solemn assembly that is built right into the church year. It is a fast (fasting) day, a day of mourning for our sin and the sin of all humanity before God, a recognition of our mortality save for the grace of God, and a request that the Lord remember our creation and breathe new life into our burned-out, dusty lives once more."

Ash Wednesday finds its faith roots in the Jewish observance of Yom Kippur, in the sense that represents a day of public penance and renewal by putting personal sin to 'death' for the sake of atonement (see *Leviticus 16*). For the Christian, however, this atonement has taken on Human Form in the reality of a Savior Lord who willingly took our sin upon Himself. So that now it is through Jesus Christ, and not our own actions, by which we are saved from the wages and ravages of sin. Now it is upon Him alone that we rest our great and living hope. Our Ash Wednesday Worship will be a somber service of repentance, re-dedication and renewal to prepare us for Lent's challenging pilgrimage to the Cross with Jesus.

We invite you to join us in this spiritual journey as we submit our lives once more to our Loving Lord and engage in such spiritual disciplines that will help us become better disciples and more intentional Christians. Join us as we retrace the steps of Jesus on His Way to the Cross, following obediently behind in sober examination of our lives that we might ultimately rise again to live more fully in the abundant life Christ offers. Until that Glorious Day comes:

*Shalom,*

*Tom*

Session Committee Assignments  
2017-2018

Nominating: Sharye Skinner, Sue Perriello

Outreach: Linda Peters, Pam Johnson

Worship & Music: Sharye Skinner

Fellowship: Sue Perriello,  
Beth Freedman

Christian Ed.: Bob Carr, Nick Kagey

Personnel: Amanda Furco

Clerk: Carla Kinney



The Outreach Committee seeks new members. We meet 6 times per year and our responsibilities include deciding which need-based charitable organizations and endeavors our church funds will support. We also organize a few drives, such as cereal and toys for CazCares and health kits for Church World Service.

If you're interested in joining us, contact either Linda Peters (682-6714) or Patricia Johnson (701-3735).

**Please Join Us!**

Panel Discussion with staff members of Interfaith Works

**On March 12<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following our morning worship service, we are going to be hosting a Panel Discussion with staff members of Interfaith Works of Syracuse on the subject of the refugee plight, along with an opportunity for you to ask questions and dialogue about that crucial and timely subject with experts in that field. This is wonderful opportunity for this congregation to learn more about the refugee plight, the vetting process these refugees go through before being allowed into this country, as well as some of the amazing stories of the journeys they take in route to becoming new Americans.



During Lent there will be a box in the Narthex to collect the health and hygiene kits mentioned during the Minute for Mission on February 26. Please place the following items in a zip-lock type bag. We will be collecting these throughout Lent and they will be delivered soon after Easter.

Thank you so much in advance for your continued generosity.

### HEALTH AND HYGIENE KITS

- \*1 hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32", (no fingertip, dish towel, micro-fiber or bath towels)
- \*1 washcloth
- \*1 wide-tooth comb (removed the package)
- \*1 fingernail or toenail clipper (removed from the package)
- \*1 toothbrush (in original packaging)
- \*1 bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper
- \*10 standard size bandages (e.g. Band-Aids brand)

NO TOOTHPASTE PLEASE

Beginning Conversations on Death and Dying

Let's start talking openly about the hidden hopes and fears related to death and dying.

Feb 21st– Medical Aid

March 28th– Personal goals and values

April 18th– Celebration of Life– Rituals and Stories

Location: Cazenovia Library

Time: 7 p.m.



Sponsored by our neighbors and friends

CRIS Community Resources for Independent Seniors

More info. 315.655.5743 or [director@callcris.org](mailto:director@callcris.org)

[www.callcris.org](http://www.callcris.org)

# Upcoming Events

<u>Alice Edwards Circle</u>	Meeting: March 15th @ noon	~ Board Room
<u>Board of Deacons:</u>	Meeting: March 19th @ 11:15	~ Library
<u>Board of Trustees:</u>	Meeting: March 20th @ 6:30 p.m.	~Work Room
<u>Christian Education:</u>	Meeting: March 5th @ 11:15 a.m.	~Wendell House
<u>Evangelism &amp; Fellowship:</u>	Meeting: March 26th @ 11:15 p.m.	~Work Room
<u>Men's Breakfast</u>	Gathering: March 8th @ 7:30 a.m.	~ Meeting House
<u>Newsletter Deadline:</u>	March 20th!	
<u>Session:</u>	Meeting: March 20th @ 7:15 p.m.	~ Meeting House
<u>Worship &amp; Music Committee:</u>	Meeting: March 14th @ 6:00 p.m.	~ Work Room

## Alice Edwards Circle

**Next Meeting:**  
**March 15th @ Noon**  
**Meeting House**

Hostesses ~ Donna Denison, Sue Perriello

Program: Lend a Hand

Speaker: Sue Parker, CRIS Executive Director

Please bring a sandwich, a smile, and a personal care product for CazCares.

## Men's Breakfast

**7:30 a.m. March 8th**

**Meeting House**

**All men are welcome to gather for  
breakfast and discussion!**





## Sunday School News

### Sunday School Schedule

March 5- Older Students will stay in service for communion, Younger students go to Sunday School

March 12- Regular Sunday School

March 19- Regular Sunday School

March 26- Regular Sunday School

The Sunday School wishes to thank the congregation for their support of "Souper Bowl of Caring". We delivered 124 items to CazCares. This month, the Sunday School will put together health care kits for World Church Services.

As Easter approaches the Sunday School will be doing a variety of activities to celebrate including 'Lenten Boxes and calendars'. The children will also pass out palm crosses on Palm Sunday. The congregation is always invited to participate in Sunday School by joining us to share a "faith journey" story with our older children or helping with an activity or craft. Please see BJ Palmer if you wish share a Sunday morning with us.

A Health and Wellness Fair for the whole person. There will be many vendors representing all aspects of wellness. Massage therapists, nutritionists, life coaches, financial coaches, fitness instructors, etc, etc... Something for everyone!

Some vendors who will be in attendance- (more to come!)

Breathing Space Studio (Meg Tobin)

Healing Journey- massage therapy

Pilates with Dr. Pam-

Lisa B Simplified - Life Coach

Primerica Financial Services

Natural Senses- massage therapy

Food Bank of CNY

MS Resources

CRIS Time bank

Positive Path Nutrition

Driftwood Yoga

Jim Ridlon with Thai Chi

Demonstrations/Talks: More to come!

Lisa Baker- Life Coach-Noon

Breathing Space Studio- 12:45 p.m.



There will be raffles, specialized talks, & demonstrations throughout the day

Donations will be accepted at the door and will go toward the 1st Presbyterian Church and to be shared with a deserving organization. (details will be announced soon).





### From the Music Director

With Lent upon us, it's time to take a look at what's happening musically in the church throughout the season. We started our Lenten time with a beautiful Ash Wednesday service. The choir joined and sang "Just As I Am". Originally written by Charlotte Elliot and William Bradbury in the 1800's, John Carter produced the choral arrangement which is one of our favorites. Many thanks to the choir members for putting in the extra time to make the Ash Wednesday Service a success!

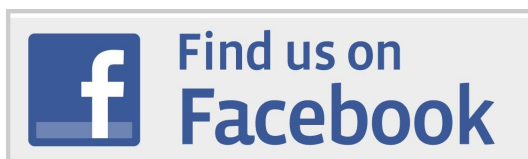
The Caz Pres Ringers have been hard at work preparing some new bell music to share with you during the Lenten and Easter season. We hope be ready to share a couple selections with you within a few weeks. As always the senior choir puts in the extra effort to support worship every Sunday.

Our next big worship event will be our Maunday Thursday Tenebrae service on April 13<sup>th</sup>. This year we will feature "Light in the Darkness" by Patrick M. Liebergen. This moving service with music and readings brings us through the story of the Passion through arrangements of some well-known hymns and other stirring music and chant to support the Bible Verse. Please join us for this special service!

Finally, April 16<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday. Please join us for an exuberant proclamation of the resurrection. Plans are still in the works, but we hope to have brass players and special music to surely celebrate the occasion. As always thank you all for your support of the music in our church!



Alice Edwards Circle members (and me!) enjoyed a delicious birthday cake last month.



<http://cazpres.org/>



W & M is asking for volunteers to do a Children's Sermon every other Sunday. Please contact Roseanne Courtade or let the office know if you'd enjoy a moment of learning and fun (read a story, show and tell, sing a song) with our young people.



Spring Ahead on March 12th!

On Sunday March 5<sup>h</sup> Donna Denison will be participating in the "Annual MS Walk" at Destiny USA to benefit MS Resources of CNY. Donna is seeking financial contributions for this very important event. Money raised will assist over 1500 clients throughout our Central NY area who are living with Multiple Sclerosis. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to "MS Resources." Donna can be contacted at coffee hour after church or by phone at 655-3517.

She will be accepting donations until April 1<sup>st</sup>.



### Easter Lilies

You are invited to make a contribution toward Easter Lilies by filling out this form.  
Your dedication will be included in the Easter Service Bulletin.

DONOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please make check payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo "Flowers."  
Clip and mail to Treva, or bring to Sunday's Service. Thank you!***



# Among Our People...



## In our nation and around the world

People in Syria, Iraq, Turkey, the Philippines, and other nations torn by war and strife. Especially in Aleppo, and, recently, the Christmas Market attack in Germany.



If you have a name to share, please contact the church office (655-3191).

The men and women stationed throughout the world in service to our country.

## In the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse

The congregations and faith communities of: Isaiah's Table, Syracuse; Korean Church of Syracuse; Park Central, Syracuse; Robinson Memorial, Syracuse; South Valley, Syracuse.

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## In our Congregation

Reverend Oak's  
Sermons are uploaded on our  
website each week.!  
<http://cazpres.org/>

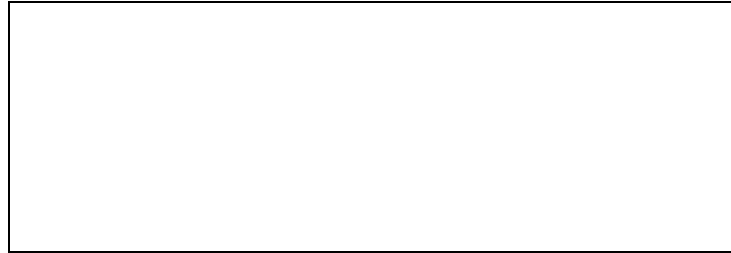
Bonnie Arnold (sister of Nancy Sagar Loffredo)  
Brian Ball (brother of Bruce Ball)  
Laura F. Brown (daughter of Shirley Falkner-Davies)  
Margery Caywood (mother of Shelly Brooks)  
Norm Gibbon (father of Sue Perriello)  
Candy Glenn (friend of Donna Dennison)  
Helen Ifflander (mother of Nancy Sagar Loffredo)  
Evonne Jones (Friend of Patricia Johnson)  
Friends and Family of Ann Elizabeth LaRose (Sister of Virginia LaRose)  
Sheri-Anne Mitchell (daughter of Barbara & Raymond)  
Charlie Poole (student of Shelly Brooks)  
Carol Porter (wife of Bill Porter)  
Nancy Rauh (family friend of Leigh Garbor)  
Terese (Karl Monson's caregiver)  
Annette Tuttle (Dick Tuttle's niece)  
Jan Anthony Vinopal (grandson of Jana Laxa)  
Friends and Family of Sally Scribner  
Marion York, Chuck Lewis



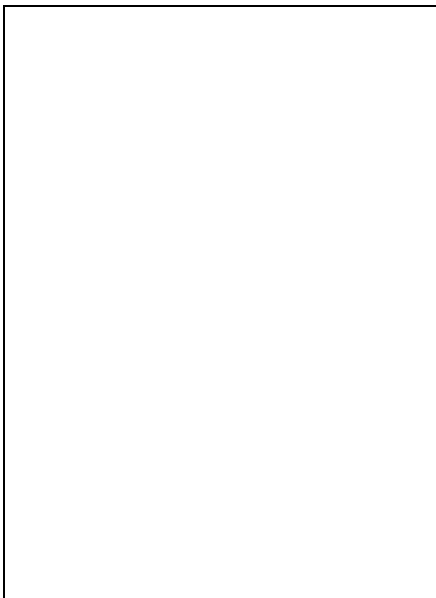
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