



Newsletter



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We are family ... a familiar tune and a true statement when it comes to the Three Voices Presbyterian Congregation.

This past month has been very difficult for our church family. We have had three of our very devoted members pass on to be with our Lord. While funerals are indeed a time to celebrate the lives of those we have lost, they are also a time for us to remember the good works of the person here on earth and to grieve our loss.

Pete Froass was a man of strong character. Pete had a unique gift of knowing just what to say to people. He was indeed one of the best conversationalists I have ever known. He cared about those he encountered and spent time getting to know each one of us in our church family. Pete and Eileen had the gift of hospitality. Their camp on Oneida Lake was a favorite picnic spot for Oneida Castle women for years.

Mary Phipps was one of our most active ladies up until just a few weeks before pancreatic cancer took her away from us. If there was a job to be done, Mary was there! As our church treasurer and women/deacons' secretary, Mary had a knack for figuring out what we needed before we realized that we needed it! Her organizational skills and kind, caring approach to each person she met will long be remembered.

Gene Hallagan was a quiet lady who did so much for our congregation until her move to assisted living about a year ago. Gene was a fixture at our dinners and other events, she volunteered at our Red Cross drives, and she worked every week at Ellen's Closet when we had the thrift shop at the Mt. Vernon manse in Vernon. Gene's love of our church family will long be remembered by those who had the privilege to work beside her in ministry to others.

As we have journeyed through Lent our church family has served in various capacities at each of these three funerals. Pastor Kevin has led the services with insight and understanding of each person's personality. Our church family has worked together to provide support for the services through our musical talents, our words of remembrance, and our hands on serving of meals to the families who are grieving. Many folks commented on how cohesive a group we have here at Three Voices. Everyone does their part and tasks get done with love. This love is so special, especially at a time when we are grieving so many losses.

During Lent, we have had the opportunity to follow Pastor Abigail Browka's devotion booklet "The Sanctuary for Lent 2024". I have felt at times that Pastor Browka's very readable, down to earth examples of Christian love has spoken directly to me. It is a blessing to have a common denominator for our times with God during this season of contemplation.

With Spring comes new life ... we will soon be seeing the crocus bloom (I saw a few in southeastern Pennsylvania last weekend.) Easter is a time to celebrate our new life in Christ. On March 31 we will celebrate the Risen Lord. Plan to join us for a special service of music, Holy Communion and praise to our Redeemer and King! Our family looks forward to sharing this special Sunday together with each one who joins in the celebration!

MEMORIAL POEMS BY CLARA MEIER

Pete Froass

A sweet and reserved kind of guy
But always with a smile and kind word
He and his Eileen their faith to apply
Their singing voices on Sunday we heard

Experiencing with love, their faith renown
if they could, we know they would be there
A sweeter couple no where to be found
We will miss this exceptional pair

The only consolation Three Voices will share
With the lovely family they love
There is no one that we can compare
To this couple now in Heaven above

I can only wish for them now
Because of the faith they showed for years
A special place in the Heavenly Choir, I vow
Through a smile and my own quiet tears.

~

Remember us sweet Eileen and Pete
When you're there in that choir, please save me a seat.
Love from The Three Voices

Gene Hallagan

God's loving servant to the end.
To say she will be missed sad but true
She was just everyone's friend
A good person through and through

If something needed to be done
She always found the time to care
A volunteer, a helper she was the one
She definitely managed to be there.

A sweet smile, a touch to ease
Never a harsh word ever, she said
She only wanted to serve and please
Her family, her friends, her Lord instead

She lived a life of faith and love
God takes care of servants such as she
Peace He gives her in Heaven above
Sweet memories she left for you and me.

Mary Phipps

She was a special blessed friend
Always ready with a helping hand
Fighting her cancer battle to the very end
Her faith always to expand

Using her many talents to benefit us
Cookies and snack treats for our sales
Decorating for Christmas without a fuss
Sharing at our club her book tales

Whatever was needed, she was there
No one asked, but she abided
A gentle touch to show her care
A smile or hug was then provided

She managed Three Voices finances too
To be Elder or Deacon she would choose
We know a thorough job she would do
She would never ever think to refuse

She sewed and crocheted fantastic yards
Colorful and tastefully designed
Placing a handmade item in Christmas cards
For all her friends she had in mind

We will miss her, sad but true
Her constant faith and joyful charms
Our only consolation of this church crew
She now is at peace, in God's loving arms

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS—Nayeli, our sponsored child in Guatemala and Leul, our sponsored child in Ethiopia, Linda and John Marafioti, Edith Lohr, Dalton Prievo, Dorothy and Neil Clark, Patty Reap, Tim Waterman, Kerry Boyce, Peg Corbett, Gary Sherwood, John Wellman, Deb Rifenburg, Chad K., Carol Dygert, the families of Pete Froass, Mary Phipps and Gene Hallagan.

Remember our members who are unable to get out on a regular basis in prayer, with phone calls, and/or greeting cards: Ginny Elliott, Jack Schuyler

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~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

March

6 Mary Jane Lanz

9 Don Lanz

12 Pat Moore

13 Jan Moore

22 Christopher Lanz

29 Becky Onyan

9 *Karen and Leon Bronson*

April

13 Norma Palamara

26 Barb Hanson

29 *Gary and Becky Onyan*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Bible Study: 8:45 am ~ Worship: 10:00 am

March—Oneida Castle

March 31—Easter, Verona—Communion will be served the traditional way with packaged cups available for anyone who wants them.

Sunrise service will be held at the YMCA in Oneida at 7:00 am

April –Verona—Communion will not be included.



JOIN OUR THREE VOICES FAMILY
IN ONEIDA CASTLE FOR A
SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY SERVICE
MARCH 21, AT 10:00 AM



JOIN US IN VERONA FOR EASTER WITH
THE THREE VOICES CONGREGATION
MARCH 31, AT 10:00 AM



We will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering during worship on Easter Sunday, March 31st. This PCUSA special offering is used to provide hope to many around the world.

MISSIONS

CWS HYGIENE KIT:

One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)

One washcloth

One wide-tooth comb removed from the package

Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth

No pocket combs or picks

Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable

One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)

One bath-size bar of soap in the original package

One toothbrush in the original package

Ten standard size Band-Aids

Place items inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag.

CWS SCHOOL KITS:

Three 70-page count spiral bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)

One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (round tip, only)

One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler

One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package

One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)

Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (removed from packing and use a rubber band to hold the pencils together).

One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

All items must be packed inside of the bag. We have bags made by our church ladies.

Optional: Loose school kit items may be placed in a large Ziploc type bag to keep them together.

Remove the air, seal the bag and place inside of the cotton/canvas bag.

Do NOT add any extra items to either bag.

Three Voices Congregation will cover the cost of shipping and processing.

My Shop Angel has affordable CWS Kit bags for bulk purchases. Call 800-495-4176 to place an order. **Value:** \$15.00

Support the Shipping and Processing Fund: \$2.00 per kit

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

Date	Pulpit	Reader	Liturgist	Music
<i>MARCH</i>				
March 3	Becky Marsala	Phil Marmelstein	Becky Marsala	Pat & Jan Moore
	Communion			
March 10	Gary Sherwood	Kathy Sherwood	Gary Sherwood	Leon Bronson
March 17	Mike Jaquays	Irma Jaquays	Mike Jaquays	Chris Labuszewski Clarinet
March 24	Kevin Bailey	Linda Bailey	Kevin Bailey	Kevin Bailey
	Palm Sunday			
March 31	Peg Ward	Clara Meier	Peg Ward	Leon Bronson Kevin Bailey Clara Meier
	Easter			
<i>APRIL</i>				
April 7	Phil Marmelstein	Casey Faber	Phil Marmelstein	Leon Bronson Communion
April 14	Kevin Bailey	Don Lanz	Kevin Bailey	Karen Schmidt Linda Marafiotti
April 21	Brent Collins	Sharon Stanton	Brent Collins	Clara Meier
April 28	Mike Jaquays	Jessica Priervo	Mike Jaquays	John Nolan

LOOKING AHEAD

SESSION: The Session will meet Wednesday, March 20, at 6:00, at Oneida Castle.

The **WORSHIP TEAM** will meet Thursday, June 6, at 6:00, at Verona

WOMEN/DEACONS will meet Tuesday, April 2, 10:00, Verona.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - We are now reviewing the book "Walking In The Dust Of Rabbi Jesus" by Lois Tverberg and meet at 8:45 a.m.

BOOK CLUB: They are reading "The Women" by Kristen Hannah and will meet Tuesday, April 9, at 10:00 to discuss the book.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: March 16, 9:30, Corner Diner, Sherrill
April 20, 9:30, Corner Diner, Sherrill

BLOOD DRIVE: For Latest Dates and locations visit: www.redcrossblood.org/ or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733 2767)

THREE VOICES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please write checks to THREE VOICES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. We will maintain the other accounts for a limited time, so if checks arrive to the individual churches they will be honored. Our official address for the Three Voices Presbyterian Church is PO Box 114, Verona, New York 13478. Mail will continue to be accepted at the other locations.

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