

ACCENT-MESSENGER

EASTER 2022

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

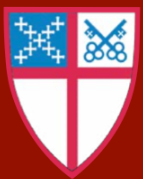
6 PM Agape supper
at St. Peter's

7 PM Communion & Vigil
at St. Peter's

Good Friday, April 15th

12PM Stations of the Cross
at Church Park

7PM Solemn Service
at St. Paul's



EASTER

Saturday, April 16th

7PM Great Vigil of Easter
at Church Park

Easter Sunday, April 17th

7AM Sunrise Service
at Church Park

9AM Holy Communion
at St. Paul's

10:30AM Worship Service
at Dansville Presbyterian

10:30AM Festive High Mass
at St. Peter's

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

6 PM Agape supper, *at St. Peter's*

7 PM Communion & Vigil *at St. Peter's*



“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

If asked, it is probable that every one of us could answer this question: “How often and in what circumstances are we encouraged to pray?”

Scripture is full of stories of prayer – we know that Jesus spent hours upon end in solitude and prayer. As the verse above points out we are told that we should pray continually – all our life should be a prayer – and that we should do this in all circumstances.

This Lenten season we have focused our time of “soup and spirituality” on exploring just a few of the many expressions of prayer and devotion that have been and are practiced as part of our faith journey.

We have heard the stories of mystics and saints, as well as ordinary, everyday Christians and explored prayers based on scripture (lectio divina), cookies (the cookie prayer), use of denominational prayer books, and even a version of the rosary.

I read today of another kind of prayer, one that I recognize but had never had formally described – this is the prayer of grumbling and discontent. This is the devotion, written by Rev. Phiwa Langeni, Ambassador of Innovation and Engagement of the United Church of Christ. She refers to the Israelites as they begin a sojourn in the wilderness, *So Moses cried out in prayer to God. God pointed him to a stick of wood. Moses threw it into the water and the water turned sweet. – Exodus 15:25 (MSG)*

“As we navigate the effects of a wide range of unbelievable bizarreness from the last two years, the stories of the ancient Israelites are oddly comforting. Their action-packed escape from Pharaoh’s oppressive rule had plenty of bizarreness, including a series of plagues and a miraculous maneuvering of the parted Red Sea. Adrenaline at an all-time high, the people were finally free...

“...to begin a yet-to-be-realized four decades of wandering in the wilderness. On this side of liberation, the water they encountered to quench thirst and hydrate overly exerted bodies was bitter and unpotable. Moses carried the concerns to God, who regularly makes a mockery of impossible. Moses took the wood God showed him, tossed it into the water, and just like that—the water became sweet.

“This was the first of several divine interventions Moses initiated on behalf of the people who, pre-pandemic et al., we might have considered chronic whiners. Now we recognize that their grumbling is one of the most God-relying things they could do. When everything comes crashing down and no way forward feels feasible, uttering their grievances relies on the faith and trust in a God who cares enough to hear them.

“More than that, when the Israelites grew anxious and decided to take matters into their own hands (e.g. the golden calf fiasco in Exodus 32), God did not abandon them. Or us.”

How about that? Did you think God would be insulted by your grumbling? Or did you also realize that taking your frustration and grievances to God relies on “faith and trust in a God who cares enough to hear them”?

Wherever you are today, whatever your circumstances, God cares enough – and more – to hear and answer! *Let us pray with Rev. Phiwa -- Loving God, hear our grumbles and prayers. Even as we human ourselves out of covenant with you, thank you for faithfully choosing, rescuing, and caring for us anyway. Amen.*

Easter Symbols of Faith

Lambs: Remind us that Jesus is the Lamb of God. John 1:29.

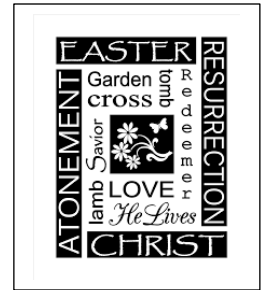
Cross: The cross represents Jesus's victory over death. John 3:16

Butterfly: Represents the life cycle of Jesus's life. The caterpillar is like Jesus's life on Earth. The cocoon stage is a symbol of his death and burial. The butterfly represents the raising from the dead in a glorified body. 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Lilies: The white flowers symbolize Jesus's purity. They also remind us of the resurrection of Jesus.

Easter Eggs: another symbol of new life. Some people believe that the egg's shell is a reminder of Jesus's tomb as He rose from the dead and gave us new life. Romans 6:4

Easter Bunny: The rabbit is a symbol of new life in ancient times and reminds us of spring.



Birthdays

<i>Pastor Marcia</i>	<i>4/4</i>
<i>Carrie Margaret Gray</i>	<i>4/9</i>
<i>T. Carl Behnk</i>	<i>4/20</i>
<i>Shelbi Ellis</i>	<i>4/24</i>
<i>Fille Guillaume</i>	<i>4/25</i>
<i>Terry Reiff</i>	<i>4/28</i>

In The Military

- ★ **Andrew M. Mountzouros**
United States Navy
- ★ **Jordan C. Camacho**
United States Navy

In Our Prayers

Lindsey Backus
Carolyn Baker
Jan Blum
Ginger Buck
Rodney Button
Bethany Cady
June Collier
Don & Madge Cuddeback
Barbara Gregory
Kay Howe
Dick & Marilyn Lemen
Michelle Mackey
Susanna Metz
Bob & Betty Minemier
Barb Mitchell
Jennie Rector
Jim Rex
Mary Sahrle
David Smith

FUNDS SOUGHT FOR GLUCOMETERS, TESTING STRIPS

Diabetics must track their blood sugar daily to manage their condition. This requires a glucometer and testing strips, which are not consistently covered by insurance. For many persons with diabetes, the needed equipment is too expensive, and so they either space out their testing or at times skip it altogether, which is very dangerous. The Geneseo Parish Outreach Center is collecting glucometers and testing strips for distribution to those in need. St. Paul's Lutheran Church has received a small grant from Thrivent which will purchase a few glucometers and sets of test strips, but more are needed. To support this project, make your check to Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, with "glucometers" in the memo line.



FAMILY LAUNDROMAT
20 FRANKLIN ST.

APRIL DATES

4/9 8:30-11:30am

4/11 3:30-6:30pm

4/23 8:30-11:30am

4/25 3:30-6:30pm

Dansville Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Genesee Valley are hosting a

YOUTH DAY OF MISSION & SERVICE

Food, Fellowship & Fun

Saturday, April 9

11 am – 5 pm

The **Blessing Box** (built by students in February)
will be installed in Church Park.

Other activities include cleaning and raking in
Dansville, hiking, and reflection time around
S'more communion and a campfire at
Lagom Landing!

DPC Mission Highlights

Once again as a congregation we have
blessed others with our gifts. We
donated toothbrushes for Sheila
VanAuken to take on her mission trip
to Africa, collected items for the people
of Ukraine, and most recently sent
monetary blessings to 2 families who
lost their homes in the Wayland fires.

One Great Hour of Sharing

For 70 years congregations have shared
God's love with those in need through **One
Great Hour of Sharing**, which supports
three programs: *Presbyterian Disaster
Assistance; Presbyterian Hunger Program,
and Self-Development of People.*

We will collect the OGHS offering on
Palm Sunday. *Thank you.*

The Men's Breakfast will be
Tuesday, April 19th, 10 am at
the Sunrise Restaurant.

All are welcome!



POP UP PANTRY · FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy products and other perishable and non-perishable items.

BABCOCK PARK

April 11, 4 – 6 pm

Enter through Weidman Lane.

Drive through event, trunks must be able to be opened. Bring bags/boxes if you want them. More questions? Send e-mail to Julie Camacho at jcamacho@hornellymca.com.

Word Around the Block . . .

Beginning April 24th, **St. Paul's Coffee Hour** will be held after church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the Conference Room. It will be so nice to be able to “chat” with everyone after service again while enjoying coffee/tea/juice and maybe, a cookie!



Also in April . . .

There will be a DPC *Session* meeting Tuesday, April 26, 5:15 pm.



Coming in May

DPC Penny Social Monday, May 2nd. We have more than enough for the social so please, no more donations! Unless . . . you would like to donate baked goods or gift cards. They are always accepted! Doors open at 5:30, tickets will be drawn starting at 6:30 pm.

May 14th – Dogwood Lawn Fete in Church Park, 10 am – 5 pm

In conjunction with Dansville Dogwood Festival.

★ Music, food, vendors, crafts

Those interested in helping to coordinate DPC's participation, please contact *Pastor Marcia*.

Lilies *No charge for flowers this year!*

If you would like to dedicate Lilies call the office (335-5363) by Friday, April 8 and Linda will add your request to the pamphlet.



CANOEING THE MOUNTAINS

Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory

By Tod Bolsinger

Book Study - 6 part series on **Zoom**

Wednesdays, April 20 – May 25, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Presented by *Susan Orr*, Transitional Leader/Stated Clerk,
Presbytery of Genesee Valley

Susan Orr, leader@pbygenval.org

**Register in advance for this meeting*

Tod Bolsinger brings decades of expertise in guiding churches through uncharted territory to help you reimagine what effective leadership looks like in our rapidly changing world.

