



### Fools for Christ

Some say that the tradition of tricking others on April Fools' Day dates back to 16th century France. The start of the New Year used to be observed on April 1st. But in 1562, Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world with the New Year beginning on January 1st.

Some people didn't hear of the new date. Others didn't believe in it. They continued to celebrate the New Year with parties and dancing on April 1st. This led to people playing tricks on the unbelievers and uninformed. They called them "April fools". Today, this tradition carries on where the cleverest April Fools' joke is the one where everyone laughs at the end.

April Fools' Day may also be related to the ancient Roman Spring festival Hilaria, which celebrated the resurrection of the god Attis. The Christian celebration of Easter usually occurs within two weeks of April Fools' Day (but can be as late as April 25). Each Easter, Christians celebrate the resurrection of God in Jesus Christ.

On the first Easter morning, everyone was fooled. Everyone expected Jesus to be in the tomb. The disciples were still hiding. They feared being the next one to be killed. Only women dared to venture forth- and their intention was to anoint Jesus' dead body.

But they became the first humans to receive the Good News of our Resurrected Savior. Depending on the synoptic Gospel, either one or two angels declared to the women, "Jesus is Risen!" Everyone who heard this was amazed and surprised!

Jesus' resurrection is the core of our Christian faith. Celebrating it is the high point of the Christian year. Everything else either leads up to or follows from this history-changing event.

We Christians serve a Risen Savior. As Christ's followers, we're to live into the truth of those words. We should wake up every day shouting, "Jesus is risen!"

Jesus meets us in our daily lives. He asks us not to rely on the law but on the truth he reveals. He calls us to depend not on ourselves but on God's grace. He asks us to be surprised continually by him.

Because Christ lives, we can live also. We don't need to dwell in the confines we feel we must put on our faith or on the faith of others. We can live into the fullness of Jesus' love for us. Through him, we have the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

We are an Easter people! We can live lives of joyful service. We can embrace both the cost and joy of discipleship. If we do so, then when this earthly life ends, we will have the last laugh as we continue to celebrate our eternal life with and in Christ Jesus.

### **You're Invited! Maundy Thursday Potluck and Communion- 6pm on April 6**

We're moving Maundy Thursday worship back into the Fellowship Hall!

We'll share a potluck meal and celebrate

Communion. Meet at 6pm with a dish to share!

### **Good Friday Worship- 12 Noon, St. Luke's**

On Good Friday, **April 7**, the Church in Attica will offer **Tenebrae** worship at noon at St. Luke's.

Plan to attend and bring a friend.



On-Line Donations—Do you pay your bills on-line?

Consider adding your monthly church donation to that list.

Donations to the church can be set up as recurring transactions.

Checks are mailed from the bank to the church and clearly indicate the donor.

We are now Live Streaming to You Tube on 10 am on Sunday morning. [www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi2hK62nkmeNAMJwMpchvJw)

in the box up on the top put in St. Paul's Attica or here is the direct link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi2hK62nkmeNAMJwMpchvJw>.

It will be also posted to Facebook after the broadcast.

## Pray for our Shut-ins



Carol Shreder

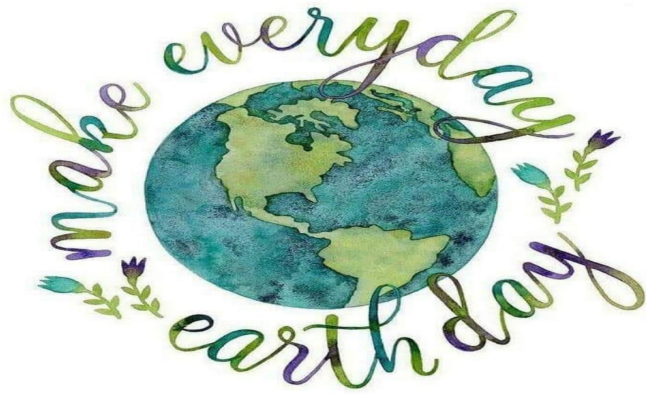
Larry Taylor

Bev West

Chuck Kellogg

...and others who are physically unable to join us.

Why not call or visit, to let them know they are missed?



Happy Earth day—April 22nd



Interested in attending Dunkirk Camp this summer? Sign-up in the hallway & register on-line by April 15<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the “early bird” discount and church-funded scholarship. See Christian Ed bulletin board or Tom Baker for details.



### Attica Food Link Distribution:

Attica Presbyterian Church  
April 12  
10am-12pm

—1st come 1st served , Bring your own bags  
This will be for the next six month period.  
Sponsored by Attica Food Pantry

We want to continue to keep our congregation healthy. If you have been exposed to a suspected or confirmed case of Covid, please stay home and worship with St Paul's virtually for 2 weeks. If you are having any cold/flu/rsv symptoms please stay home. As always our policies may change as local and state guidances change.

## Bible Studies

Dig Deeper with Friends



Bible Study groups will meet in our respective areas.  
If you have additional questions or concerns,  
contact the Convener:

Lisa Knerr- Mon. evening,  
Charles- Wed. morning

### Sunday Bible readings:

The first reading is *italicized*; the message text is **bold**.

April 2

**Matthew 21.1-17**

April 9

**Matthew 28.1-10,16-20**

*Colossians 3.1-4*

April 16

**Acts 2.14a,22-24,33**

*Psalm 16*

April 23

**Psalm 116.1-2,12-19**

*Acts 2:36-42*

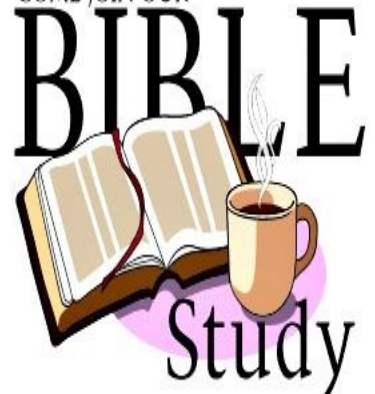
April 30

Acts 2:41-47, Psalm 23

John 10:1-10,

1 Peter 2:19-25

COME JOIN OUR



## Hymn Suggestions for Music Sunday, June 11

Start considering what favorite hymns you'd like to sing on Music Sunday. Write them down and either put them in the offering plate or give them to Pastor Laurie.  
You can also email your selection.  
Thank you!



Christian Education meeting minutes for March 5th

**Pre School** - Fourteen 4's and sixteen 3's currently enrolled. Staff asked about hours they work and whether they can be paid for the time they clean. Staff is paid 3 hours per day. Susan will discuss with them about the cleaning and whether they want to continue doing it or have the custodian take over.

**Heifer** - will talk with the Sunday School classes about what they would like to purchase. Have approximately \$1000 in the fund.

**Dunkirk** - 6 campers attending. Basket Raffle March 12th. Set up work schedule to sell the tickets.

**Palm Sunday** - we will have the Sunday School classes March around the sanctuary waving palms during the first hymn. Children will decorate bags during class for the Easter egg hunt. Next meeting is Palm Sunday after church. We will fill eggs for Easter Sunday. Christine Kipfer is going to be the CE Chairperson. Susan McPherson will be the pre school rep and also CE secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan McPherson

Thank you to all who donated items/baskets and purchased tickets  
for our basket raffle.  
Together we raised \$525 for the Dunkirk Campers Fund.

Appreciate you all!

St Pauls CE Committee

Thank  
you ❤️

## Scrapbooking Fund Raiser at St. Paul's- April 22

The Youth Mission Group  
is offering Scrapbooking on April 22.  
Amenities include: Carry-in help until 9:30am, 3 meals,  
afternoon snack, networking, fellowship,  
meeting the youth you're supporting,  
and the use of the new elevator lift!

The cost is \$40 for twelve hours from 9am-9pm or \$25 for a half day.  
Sign-up forms are available on the Offering Plate table.  
Thank you in advance for supporting our Youth!





Lauren West



Congratulations to Lauren West on having her drawing at the Wyoming County's All-County High School Exhibition at the Arts Council in Perry.

She is a very talented student. Great work Lauren



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Way to Go Anna.  
Congratulations to Attica Varsity Cheerleaders  
on making  
All Stars Cheerleaders



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Attica's [National Honor Society](#) chapter welcomed 19 new members during an induction ceremony March 15<sup>th</sup>. Chapter officers spoke on the four National Honor Society pillars - character, scholarship, leadership and service - before new members were welcomed into the chapter and administered their oath. Sophomores, juniors and seniors are invited to apply for membership in the society if they've achieved a cumulative grade point average of 90 percent at the close of the second quarter prior to the invitation period. Invited students then sit for an interview with the chapter's five-member faculty advisory committee, which ultimately votes on what new members to accept. Congratulations to Emily Peters in being inducted into the National Honor Society.

Way to go Emily!



# CHURCH COUNCIL

February 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mary West.  
Present: David Williman, Pastor Laurie, Marilyn Wilson, John Brandon, Tom Baker, Mare Lowe, Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary, Chris Eddy, Lorraine Wolf and Mary West  
Absent: Deb Best

Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.  
Motion to accept the agenda was made by Marie Lowe, seconded by Lorraine Wolf, passed.  
Motion to accept the December 2022 minutes made by Laurie Bellucci, seconded by David Williman, passed.

**Reports:**  
Deacons – Discussed lay readers, ushers, and greeters. It was decided to take the acolyte sign-up sheet down as it is not being used. Discussed Pastor Laurie's days off. Deacons will take care of 2 services. Jen Mazur will take 2 days. We will be filling the other days. We will have communion on Palm Sunday and on Easter Sunday. Purple slips will be in the pews again this year for the prayer chain. Discussed creating minutes for our informal meeting in January, after the annual meeting, to document the appointment of officers.

Trustees – Back door is temporarily fixed but it should not be used. If you have to use church, please use the front door. Plans for this year include doing the parking lot, hiring a plumber to take care of the drains and fixing the refrigerator. A new radio read water meter was installed.

Treasurer's report -reviewed and discussed.  
Christian Ed – Their next meeting will be March 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a basket raffle at the pancake breakfast in March.

Pastor's Report – Discussed the budget as it relates to pastor's salary and housing allowance. Mary West will discuss with the church's treasurer.  
Motion to accept all reports was made by Laurie Bellucci, seconded by David Williman, passed.

**Business:**  
-Church roster was distributed to council  
-Need to update the emergency call list  
-Welcome to John Brandon  
-Discussed creating minutes for the informal January meeting council had after the annual meeting, to appoint officers.  
-March 12<sup>th</sup> pancake breakfast will be 8 – noon. Council will donate or we will try to get ingredients wholesale to save money. A flyer will be made and handed out to local businesses and hung up at Tops. Will need extension cords so we don't break any fuses. Set up will be Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

-Discussed media – Everything is going well with David learning. In a few weeks he thinks he'll be able to do it on his own. One negative is the service has to be downloaded after church and then uploaded onto fb when Danny gets home. Talked about the red/green notice/communication from the media folks in the balcony to Pastor Laurie during the service.

-By-laws – Committee established to review the by-laws - David Williman, Laurie Bellucci and Marie Lowe.

-We discussed the John West Scholarship Fund. There will be no money to continue the scholarship after it runs out.

-Sauerkraut Supper – We need to start planning. Discussed who would be the lead coordinator and let that person determine the committee. Need to advertise more and earlier but not in the Penny saver due to high costs. Discussed using yard signs.

-March 5<sup>th</sup> is council's coffee hour.  
Goals/plans for 2023 – John Brandon discussed concerns about the future of St. Paul's and challenged us all to think about ways to bring about positive change. Next meeting will be March 21, 2023.

Laurie Bellucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marie Lowe, passed.  
Meeting adjourned with Pastor Laurie leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Neary, Council Secretary



February 21, 2023

Members Present: Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary, Marilyn Wilson, Mary West, John Brandon, Lorraine Wolf and Pastor Laurie.  
Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.  
Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.  
Agenda reviewed, motion made to accept by Lisa Neary and seconded by John Brandon. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
New music books completed and in pews. Additional 10 books will be made and placed in balcony.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
John Brandon welcomed to Deacons Committee.  
Lay readers, Ushers and Greeters schedule reviewed. Laurie Bellucci responsible for Month of March.  
Pastor Laurie's dates to be off are April 30, June 18, July 2, July 23, September 24 and December 31. Dates off include business and personal time.  
Laurie Bellucci has secured a pulpit supply for April 30<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>. Emails have been sent for remaining dates to be filled. Deacons will have to be responsible for two services this year.  
Purple slips will be available for prayer chain, during Lent, as previously done. Communion will be held on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER**  
John Brandon will be completing Pictorial. He is missing some children for this.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. with Lord's Prayer.  
Next meeting March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Lorraine Wolf, Deacons Secretary



## April Parish Nurse Notes

April- start of spring and nice weather (hopefully). Make a plan to get out and shake off the winter blues. The health benefits of regular movement go way beyond physical well-being, such as reducing risk for many chronic disease and helping to manage chronic pain. Regular movement helps to reduce feelings of depression and stress, enhances mood, increases energy levels and offers you a way to relax. Move your body in ways that feel good for you- walking, hiking, yoga, cycling, swimming, or just moving around doing daily chores. Try taking frequent stretches throughout the daily. Walk a few laps around the inside of the house and down the sidewalk when weather permits. Eat fresh fruit daily. Aim for daytime sunlight exposure daily- just a few minutes will help rejuvenate you. Don't forget your mental state. Name 3 good things that happen to you every day.

April is Parkinson's awareness month. This is a disease that affects 10 million people worldwide. Symptoms develop slowly over years. Different signs to watch for- tremors at rest (described as pill rolling of hands), slowness of movement, limb stiffness and gait/balance problems. There is no cure, but medications and treatments can slow progression of the disease. Contact your provider and get a referral to a neurologist for diagnosis and early treatment.

Alcohol awareness is also in April. More than 140,000 people die from excessive alcohol use each year in the US. Check your (and loved ones) use with a simple questionnaire. AUDIT- identifies how much and how often you drink to discover any potential problems. Please contact your provider for help.

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there" - Will Rogers. Start this month to slowly increase movement to improve your health. Wash your hands, eat well, get good sleep, stay social and thrive.

Thank you to everyone that came to  
St. Paul's 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast.

We raised \$360.00  
We appreciate your support!



The purple prayer slips for Lent  
Are next to the offering plate and  
Choir your slips are on the filing cabinet  
in our room.

Please fill out with your prayer  
and place in the offering plate





# APRIL 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 <i>Dorothy Kellogg</i>
2 Palm Sunday Worship & Communion 10	3 Bible Study 7pm	4	5 Bible Study 10 am	6 Maundy Thursday Pot luck & communion 6pm Bell choir 7pm Chancel choir 7:15pm <i>Debbie &amp; Dave Best</i>	7 Good Friday Worship 12 N St. Luke's <i>Emma Hopfinger Mary West</i>	8
9 Easter Sunday Worship and Communion 10 am	10 Bible Study 7pm	11	12 Bible Study 10 am Food Link 10am <i>Dave &amp; Jude</i>	13 Sisters in Faith 6pm Chancel choir 7:15pm <i>Ed Bey</i>	14	15 <i>Patricia Baker Emily Lovell</i>
16 Worship 10 am	17 Bible Study 7pm <i>Debra Kirsch</i>	18 Deacons/Trustees 6:30pm /Council 7pm	19 Bible Study 10 am <i>Wendy Walsh Vicki Sihernail</i>	20 Chancel choir 7:15pm	21	22 Mission Trip Scrapbooking Event 9am—9pm
23 Worship 10 am Newsletter Deadline	24 Bible Study 7pm	25	26 Bible Study 10 am	27 Chancel choir 7:15pm <i>Laurie Bellucci</i>	28 <i>Marilyn Wilson</i>	29 <i>Ann Wilson</i>
30 Worship 10 am						

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
11 Washington Street  
Attica, NY 14011



of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Village

April 2023

**St. Paul's UCC, 11 Washington Street**

Just around the corner, first block down from Main Street.

**Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 am**

*Sunday School for children K-7th Grade - Nursery always open!*

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at St. Paul's."

Reverend Lauran Heidenreich

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**May Newsletter Deadline**  
**April 23rd**

**Please make sure all newsletter  
submissions are in by this date.** In the pink folder  
on the office window or e-mailed to:  
**[stpaulunited@verizon.net](mailto:stpaulunited@verizon.net)**