



Willing Workers

I'm proficient at setting up tables and chairs. I can generate copies on the copier. I can shovel snow on my own and as part of a team. I'm able to carry the two biggest handbell cases at the same time. And I'm currently the second-best tenor in St. Paul's choir. (I'm hoping to become the third best Tenor sometime soon.)

In seminary, I received the Perry-Wrisley Prize in Religion and the Arts. I believe it was because I was almost always first in line to load or unload the van during our church tour. Being a follower of Christ isn't all crowns and roses. Showing up matters. Steadfastness is a God-given gift.

Much of the work that needs to be done as God's people isn't prestigious. And none of it is about us. It's ALWAYS about someone else, whether that someone else is God or some part of God's creation. And it's always about furthering the Reign of God.

Jesus is always looking for people who're willing to volunteer to serve in his name. He's always searching for those who're willing to do the work that needs to be done. Jesus is our captain. The rest of us are part of his team. We're to listen for his voice and respond to his commands.

All of us are needed to accomplish the work that must be done. Now, we may want to be only a pew Christian. We may want to just show up and wear the team jersey. We may decide to have our name on the team roster, but not really be a participant.

However, if we're on Jesus' team, sooner than later we're going to be called on to get in the game. We're going to have to get our jersey dirty. We might be asked to run a play that doesn't seem to be in our best interest. We might be asked to try something we've never done before. We're definitely going to be asked to practice new skills!

We can do these things because our Creator has bestowed us with gifts. We can serve because our Savior has gifted us with his great example. We can participate because the Holy Spirit empowers us to show up and do what needs to be done.

Christianity isn't a spectator event. Disciples work together even when difficulties arise. When Covid began, we discovered that we can worship while wearing masks. We can praise God without raising our voices in song. We can move forward with God while not being assured of what's going to happen.

God continues to call us into both the cost and joy of discipleship. Yes, as we move into God's future, we'll argue over any number of things. (It'll mostly be about things that inconvenience us. Because we rarely react against that which benefits us.) But with God leading the way, we'll continue to praise and serve as Christ's modern-day disciples.



As we approach cold and flu season and increasing COVID cases in the area, 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 symptoms please stay home. We want to have the option to stay mask-free as long as possible. As always our policies may change as local and state guidances change.

Pray for our Shut-ins



Carol Shreder

Larry Taylor

Bev West

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

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

UCC One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing reminds us that God can bring transformation anywhere. Our shared resources accomplish greater things than we could ever imagine doing alone!

This offering provides aid to families- and their neighbors! The teacher we provide trains about seed selection. These good seeds multiply and are shared. The seedling we donate grows into the tree that provides both shade and bountiful fruit for years to come. Use the envelope in this newsletter and give generously to this UCC offering!



Attica Food Link Distribution:

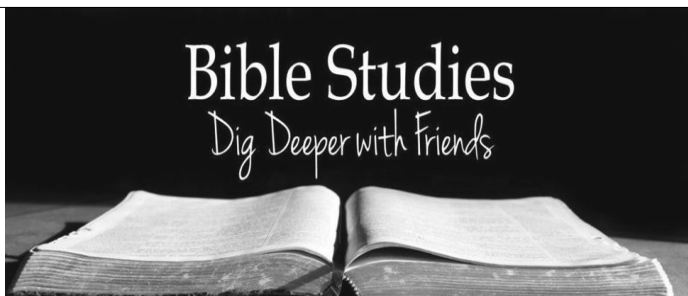
Attica Presbyterian Church
March 2
10am-12pm

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

We are currently worshiping in-house at St. Paul's UCC. (This is subject to change if COVID cases increase.) Your Church Council is working to provide as safe as possible worship. Be here by 9:50am to hear lots of great music played by one of our organists. To connect virtually, the direct link to our YouTube Channel is:

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

We plan to be live on YouTube and Facebook around 10am on Sundays. You'll also be able to watch the recorded videos at a later time on YouTube and Facebook.



Bible Study groups will meet in our respective areas - unless we can't maintain safe social distancing. Masks optional if fully vaccinated. If you have additional questions or concerns, contact the Convener: Lisa Knerr- Mon. evening, Charles- Wed. morning

Mondays @7pm in the lounge

Wednesdays @ 10am in the multi-purpose room.

Prepare your Spirit by spending an hour studying the "Message" Reading for Sunday. There is no better way to be ready for Worship than to study The Word of God!

Sunday Bible readings:

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

March 6

Psalms 91.9-12,14-16

Luke 4.1,9-12

March 13

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Genesis 15.1-6

March 20

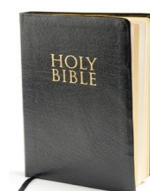
1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Isaiah 55.1-3a,6-9

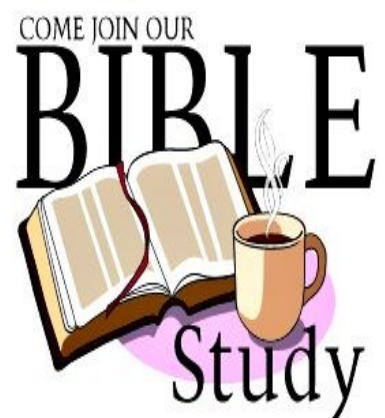
March 27

Luke 15:1-3,11-24

2 Corinthians 5:16-20



Let the
Word of God
Transform
You.



Its Registration Time Again

Youths interested in attending Dunkirk Camp this summer should register by April 15th in order to take advantage of the “early bird” discount and church-funded scholarship.

See Tom Baker for details.



Do you feel called to serve as a

Lay Leader, Greeter or Usher?

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.



Its time to start thinking about our Sauerkraut Supper Council is looking for someone to Coordinate our Supper. If you feel compeled or think you would be able, contact Marie Lowe. We want to make this happen this year and with Your help that will be possible.

REMINDER: April 23 - Scrapbooking at St. Paul's

The Youth Mission Group will be offering another Scrapbooking opportunity this Spring. Amenities include: Carry-in help, 3 meals, afternoon snack, networking, fellowship, meeting the youth you're supporting, and the use of the 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 for supporting our Youth!





March Notes

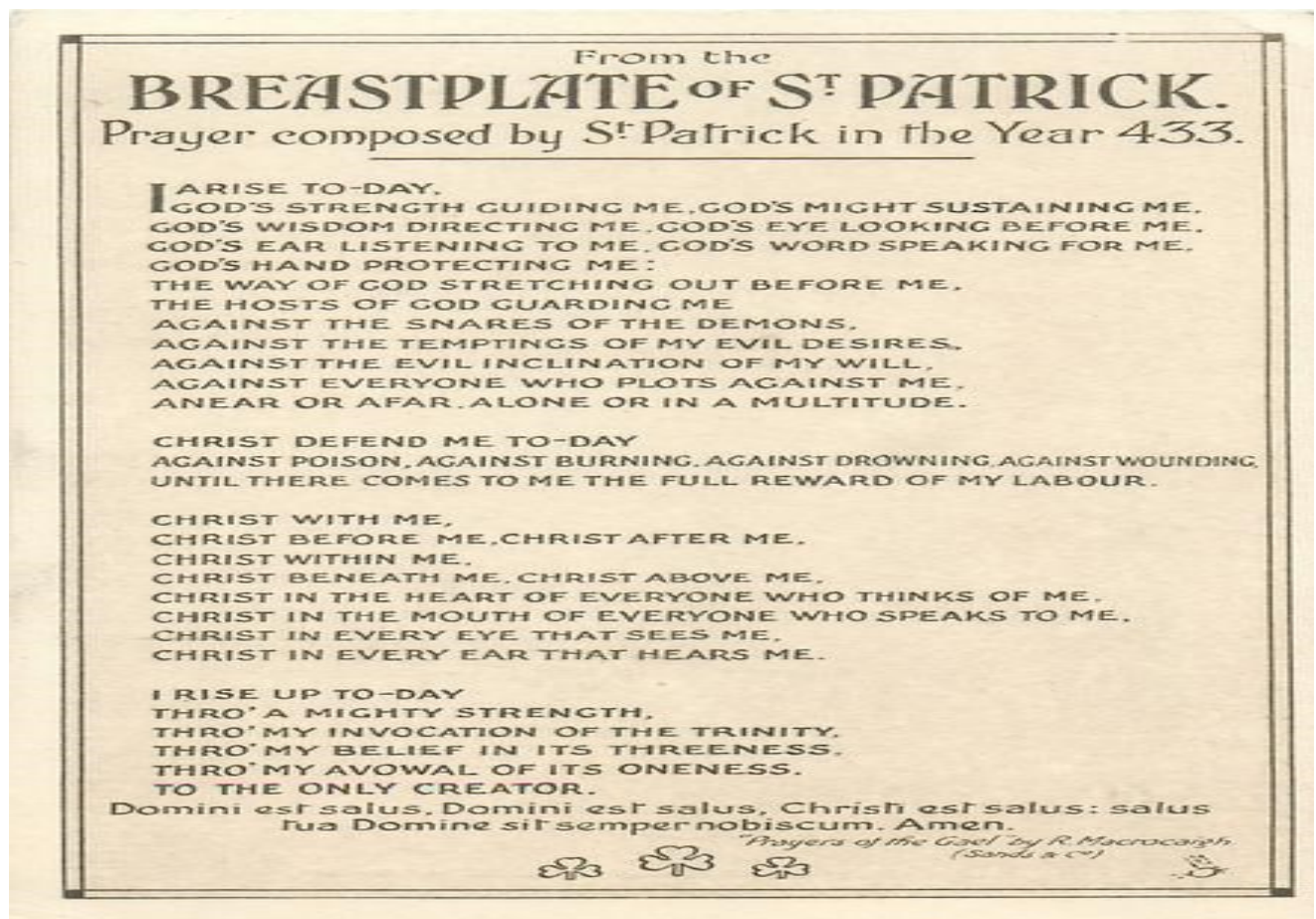
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March brings the promise of gardening and warm(er) sunny days. Historically it is the first month of the Roman calendar year and the start of new beginnings. It is also the start of daylight savings time. Use this month to start the “awakening” from winter and plan for healthy spring months.

Colorectal awareness month- colon cancer is the 3rd most common cause of cancer and cancer related deaths. Symptoms are persistent change in your bowel habits, bleeding, abdominal discomfort, unexplained weight loss and fatigue. A colonoscopy can determine if these symptoms are colon cancer. Treatments are varied and may include surgery and/ or chemotherapy and radiation. Survival rate is good when caught early. Good tips for prevention are eating variety of fruits, veggies and whole grains- drink alcohol in moderation- stop smoking- exercise and maintain a healthy weight.

March is also nutrition month. Take this time to evaluate your eating habits and make some changes. The core elements for healthy diet- vegetables of all kinds- dark green, red and orange, beans, peas and lentils; fruits- all kinds especially whole fruits not juices; grains- at least 50% whole grains; dairy- low-fat is preferred- yogurts and cheeses; proteins- lean meats, poultry and fish; and small amounts of oils.

Remember to stay active, exercise for 10 minutes daily, drink plenty of water. Stay in contact with people to maintain your mental health.



CHURCH COUNCIL

December 21, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Laurie Bellucci
Present: David Williman, Pastor Laurie, Marilyn Wilson, Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary, Tom Baker, Chris Eddy, Deb Best, Chris Kipfer

Absent: Marie Lowe, Lorraine Wolf, Jeff Peters and Eric Lovell
Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Chris Kipfer, seconded by Deb Best, passed.

Motion to accept the November 2021 minutes was made by Chris Kipfer, seconded by David Williman, passed.

Reports:

Deacons – after summarizing the music licenses and what they will cover, and reviewing the pricing, it was determined that the Deacons would recommend to Council that we purchase One License for \$277.00 for one year. Discussed Christmas Eve service. Chris Kipfer and David Williman will help with communion. Susan McPherson will light the candles before the service, with help. Chris Kipfer will be the usher that night.

Trustees – The paper pickup company may change if they continue to not schedule a pickup. Trustees are looking at installing a spotlight on a pole out back and motion detector lights will go up by the back doors. The extra pews will be coming down from balcony next week. Some work is needed in the four year old room. We will be getting rid of 2 benches in the hall. They will be made available to anyone who would like them. The new service contract is here for the lift.

Treasurer's report – was reviewed.

Christian Ed – Tom Baker has agreed to go on Christian Ed.

Becky Peters will also go on but not until July.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Laurie will be on vacation as of Saturday, December 25th and will be back on January 1.

Motion to accept all reports was made by Deb Best, seconded by David Williman, passed.

Business:

Media Ministry – Marilyn is currently not needed to run the camera. The streaming computer is being used again. So far so good. The wireless PA is having problems. It's the same issue as previously. Recommendation is to replace them. Eric will investigate prices and get back to Council. Discussed Eric's notes and decided for now we can try the hand mikes when pastor is away from the pulpit until we hear back on the pricing.

Annual meeting is January 16. We will meet after the meeting to elect officers. Nomination names will be read starting January 2.

Deb Best was thanked for serving on council.

Budget was reviewed with some changes that Lisa will take back to the budget committee. Motion to accept the budget with those changes recommended by council was made by Chris Kipfer, seconded by Laurie Bellucci, passed.

Questions/Concerns – A message to all that use the church building: please be sure to shut off lights when you use the building. Lights have been found left on at various times. Trustees said will look into auto shut off lights.

The outside cross is set for Christmas Eve.

January 23, council will meet after church to plan the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper in March.

Chris Kipfer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deb Best, passed.

Meeting adjourned with Pastor Laurie leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Neary-Council Secretary

January 23, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 10:46 a.m. by Marie Lowe.

Present: David Williman, Pastor Laurie, Marilyn Wilson, Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary, Tom Baker, Chris Eddy, Deb Best, Chris Kipfer, Marie Lowe, Jeff Peters and Mary West

Absent: Lorraine Wolf

Two invoices were passed around for internet network and domain. It was determined that one invoice was a solicitation, not an invoice. The other invoice was okayed to pay.

Laurie Bellucci pointed out that there was a nomination committee error. Cheri Phillips came off the Investment Committee, not Justin Kipfer. JoAnne Ripstein has agreed to go on the Investment Committee. The By-laws will be reviewed to make sure we follow the correct guidelines, but we will schedule a February 13th special Church meeting at 10:00 a.m. to accept that nomination and vote JoAnne in. Upon adjournment of that meeting, Pastor Laurie will install everyone during the church service that day.

The following people were voted into the following offices for the 2022 year:

Head Deacon Laurie Bellucci

Head Trustee David Williman

Council President Marie Lowe

Council Vice President Jeff Peters

Council Secretary Lisa Neary

Council planned a Fat Tuesday Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on February 27th from 9 – noon. We will serve pancakes, with maple syrup, sausage, mixed fruit and drinks for \$10.00 each. Children \$5.00. Church service will be at 10:00 a.m. in the basement that day.

The Homeless Youth Action Alliance Board contacted to the church, looking for a place to perform a community survey on Thursday, January 27th. Council approved requesting 100% of mask wearing for that event.

Marie Lowe asked that council take a look at the by-laws ahead of our next meeting and pencil in thoughts and questions of what may need updating and/or changing.

February counting schedule was passed around.

Next council meeting will be February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Peters made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris Kipfer, passed.

Meeting adjourned with Pastor Laurie leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Neary

Council Secretary



Dec. 21, 2021

Members present were Debbie Best, Laurie Bellucci, Lisa Neary and Marilyn Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

Agenda was reviewed, motion to accept by Laurie and seconded by Marilyn. Agenda was accepted.

November minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept by Marilyn and seconded by Lisa. Nov. minutes were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS-

Music licenses were discussed. One License has the most music and words to chose from. Pricing reviewed for the copywrites and streaming. One License is being recommended (by the deacons to the council) for purchasing. The price is \$277.00 for a year.

NEW BUSINESS-

Christmas Eve service was discussed. Usher and acolytes needed. Trustees will be asked to help for Christmas Eve. Greeter and usher will be designated for first Sunday of every month.

Pastor Laurie led us in a closing prayer.

Next meeting is Jan. 16, 2022 for annual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Best

2022 EASTER FLOWERS

EASTER LILLIES: ☐ \$9.00

TULIPS: White ☐ Pink ☐ Yellow ☐ Purple ☐ \$7.00

HYANCINTHS: White ☐ Pink ☐ Purple ☐ \$7.00

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

NAME: _____

DEADLINE TO ORDER FLOWERS:

Order flowers by to ensure requests: March 20th
Please make all checks payable to: Laurie Bellucci
Payment needed by March 27th

Youth and School Highlights



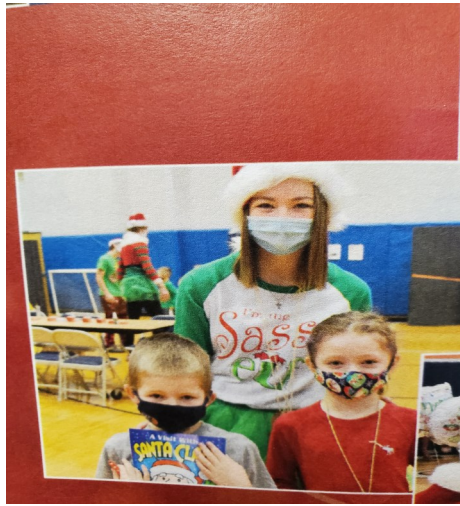
Attica cheerleaders: Anna Hopfinger and Emily Peters on Varsity, Madelyn Perry on JV



Anna Hopfinger & Lauren West - Varsity Cheerleaders



Perry High School cheerlead squad featuring Lauren West



Elf Day—Attica Elementary
J.P. Mest



Souper Bowl Sunday—Praying hands
Pastor Laurie, Joshua Kipfer, Keone Brandon,
Finley Paganello, Christopher & Eleanor Eddy



A trip to Arlington National Cemetery in our nation's capital to lay wreaths on the graves of U.S. service members proved a powerful and moving experience for one of the member's Joshua Kipfer of Attica's National Junior Honor Society chapter.
Thank you Joshua.



Please call or e-mail the church office when ...

... either your home phone, address, or e-mail address changes, so that church records can be corrected.

... you are planning to move or return to college, university, trade school, etc.

... a new baby arrives, a death occurs, or a special event occurs.

... a new family moves into your neighborhood.

... you feel the congregation can assist you in some way.

... you would like to visit with the pastor.



Pastoral Relations

February 20, 2022

The Pastoral Relations committee met Sunday, February 20, 2022 following church services. Present: Tracy O'Neill, Bev Myers, Patricia Baker, Marie Lowe, Council President, and Pastor Laurie Heidenreich. The meeting was opened with prayer from Pastor Heidenreich. Pastor Heidenreich reported she has provided her annual schedule to the Church Council for scheduling purposes. Discussion was held regarding Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services and will be ongoing. The committee then closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2022 following services. Church members and guests are welcome to reach out to any Pastoral Relations Committee member with any concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Baker

Christian Education Meeting

February 6, 2022

In attendance: Chris Kipfer, Jennifer Eddy, Susan McPherson, Ruth Hopfinger, and new members Tom Baker and Becki Peters

Sunday School - committee members sign up to teach. Laurie will send the lesson through email the week before.

Basket Raffle – February 27, 9-noon, during the Pancake Breakfast. Donations are accepted and committee members will wrap and organize baskets on Feb 20th following worship. Becki will check on tickets. Committee members will take turns selling tickets that morning. Proceeds will benefit our Dunkirk Campers.

Dunkirk – we have 6 campers so far. We will have a “sponsor a camper” campaign starting on Easter Sunday. Watch for more details.

Easter Sunday – we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children during Sunday School. Committee members will fill eggs following worship on April 10th.

Thank you to all for joining our Soup Luncheon on 2/6. \$105 was raised for Dunkirk Camp.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hopfinger



Congratulations to our following St. Paul's students that made the Honor Roll or Merit Roll on the last school marking period.

MERIT ROLL

5th Grade

Christopher Eddy

11th Grade

Emily Lovell

HONOR ROLL

7th Grade

Joshua Kipfer

9th Grade

Emily Peters

Stephanie Silvernail

10th Grade

Margaret Baker

Anna Hopfinger

11th Grade

Lauren West

12th Grade

Madison Eddy

Elizabeth Peters





MARCH 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins Bible Study 10am	3 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15p	4 Chris Eddy	5
6 Communion & Worship 10 am Coffee Hour	7 Bible Study 7pm	8 Lisa & Jim Neary	9 Bible Study 10am Floss Williman	10 Sisters In Faith 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15p	11	12
13 Worship 10 am Daylight Savings Time begins	14 Bible Study 7pm Sharon Huynh	15 Deacon/ Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Council 7 pm Linda Hughes	16 Bible Study 10am Russ Wackenheim	17 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15p Eric Lovell	18 Lena Hopfinger	19 John Prusak
20 Worship 10 am Newsletter deadline First day of Spring Michele & Eric Lovell	21 Bible Study 7pm	22	23 Bible Study 10am Elizabeth Peters	24 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15p	25	26
27 Worship 10 am	28 Bible Study 7pm	29 Carol Shreder	30 Bible Study 10am Tracy O'Neil	31 Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7:15p		

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



March 2022

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

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

Call the church at (585-591-2705), stpaulunited@verizon.net or pastorucc@verizon.net

Website: atticaucc.org

April Newsletter Deadline
March 20th

**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