

# Twins Talk

May 2023

Worship - Sunday 10 AM  
Sunday School - during worship  
(Sep-Jun)

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## Pastor's Corner

Happy Spring! Almost. A bit of a cool down here in northern NY, soon to be followed by milder days and yard work. And we begin again! Spring makes it so clear we are beginning again all the time.

Something, somewhere, somehow - it's new. Sometimes too new? Each spring I must ponder how to start some machine, or what to do first around the house, or where did I put that thing last fall. Sometimes frustrating but it's all part of the adventure, part of the journey!

Each week we begin our service with a time to be present, to know we are together, to focus our spirits on the moment. It is a simple exercise to help us remember we live in the present, not the past or the future. Being in the present consciously allows us to come closer as a community, to share those precious seconds as one, recognizing we are very much the same, and to listen for the Spirit.

Sounds sort of mystical (kinda like church) but it's really about relaxing and trusting with family. This "family" is so special. It is embracing, joyous, sensitive, caring. How lucky we are to have each other. Thanks God!

Hey: did you know Fred Rogers was a Presbyterian minister? FYI.

In the coming weeks we will celebrate our family by asking questions and seeking answers together - right here in church. Questions and answers that hopefully inspire us to know each other a little better, to trust each other a little more, to accept and love each other a little more.

Yes, it will require some participation, maybe meeting someone for the first time, and maybe opening up a window within yourself to let your light shine, but it's all in the family and it's all good!!

Come be present for a few minutes to share the spirit and help create a God moment or two. You are welcome - just the way you are! Steve

## Bible Study



## Women in the Bible Sunday, May 7 After Coffee Hour

Please come together for an enlightening exploration of women in the Bible Sunday, May 7th, following coffee hour. Enjoy your snacks while sharing in the beauty, the strength, and the wisdom of women throughout our biblical history.

According to Genesis, when God first planted people on this Earth, there was one Man followed by one Woman ~ a 50/50 population split. That ratio has held pretty steadily through the ages. Women, who still make up about 50% of today's population, will be 100% of the focus of this study.

Lots of individuals are named and referenced in today's Old and New Testaments. Any idea what percentage of those named are women? Come and find out!

Guys are welcome, too!



## Sunday, May 14

We'll be continuing our Church tradition of celebrating mothers and what "mother" means to you this coming May 14th. All are invited to bring photos, ephemera (items

of collectible memorabilia for us non-intellectuals), and memories to share during coffee hour following the service. Vicky will be doing some refreshments but would appreciate assistance from any so interested in helping with set up, snacks, and organizing the coffee. (That is, if you'd like the coffee to be hot and ready after the service!)

Invite a mom. Invite a friend's mom. Invite a friend. It's always nice.



The Remsen Arts Fest features local artists plus high school artists in the art show and sale, live stage entertainment, children's activities, artists demonstrations, video presentations, and more. This is a free event hosted by the Remsen Arts Center thanks to our sponsors, members, generous donations from the community, and a CNY Arts Statewide Community Re-grants grant.

Visit their website for more information at [www.remsenartscenter.org/wp/](http://www.remsenartscenter.org/wp/).



## Mothers' Day - May 14

First Presbyterian Church of Holland Patent has been

actively participating in Church World Services (CWS) Blankets & Tools Sunday since 1979.

When a disaster happens, CWS is one of the first to send not just blankets, but also water, shelter materials, clean up buckets and tools to rebuild. We are blessed here in Holland Patent. We do not often suffer widespread disasters, or prolonged exposure to the cold with no blankets to stay warm. As an expression of thanks for the comfort we experience, please consider an offering to CWS Blankets & Tools on Mother's Day Sunday, May 14th. There is an envelope enclosed for your gift.

Just one example of where Tools and Blankets gifts are needed is Syria. *"In the night of February 6th, death seemed a certainty... and life, a revelation. Through northwest Syria, 10 thousand buildings crumbled. In towns that stood for millennia. The catastrophe was biblical."* (CBS news) Not even a blanket to wrap a terrified, seriously injured child in. So hard to imagine, but still happening. There are so many in need, Syria is just one huge example.

I hope you can join the Mission Committee in supporting our Tools and Blankets mission.

## Fellowship



After a year of trying to schedule coffee hour with volunteer sign-ups, the Fellowship Committee will be returning to our Pre-COVID Annual Coffee Hour Schedule in September. A list of dates and assignments for September through June will be distributed in August. If your assigned date is inconvenient, you can trade with someone else. Please keep your coffee hour as simple as you want – it's not necessary to provide "brunch!"

To make sure your name gets on the list, or if you are not able to participate, please contact Janet Lanning by phone at 315-941-7409 or by email at [jlasc@me.com](mailto:jlasc@me.com).

**In the meantime, we need volunteers from May 21 through the end of June, so sign up during coffee hour or let Janet know.**



- Session voted to resume physically sharing the peace during worship for those who are comfortable doing so.
- A small team was established to draft an emergency action plan for the church.
- Handicap accessibility –
  - The handicap door will be fixed so that it can be unlocked for use during services and events.
  - Preliminary investigation will start to consider the possibility of installing some kind of restroom facility near the sanctuary.
- Fellowship Committee is hoping to plan a summer social this year.
- Next meeting May 22 at 6:00 pm via Zoom





Thanks to all who led us through a moving and inspiring Easter week. Some highlights are shared below.

## Palm Sunday - Stations of Holy Week

We were invited to travel to seven stops on Jesus' journey from the Last Supper to Resurrection. What a beautiful remembrance made possible by Carol Beasley with help from some wonderful friends.



**Sunrise Service** - About 35 friends and neighbors joined us in the park on a cold Easter morning for a wonderful service led by Janet Stengel and Vicky Allen, with musical assistance from Shane Fox.

**Pancake Breakfast** - Enjoyed by all who attended between services.

**Morning Worship** - Nearly 100 friends and family (*lots* of Vannicola family) shared a moving service, led by Steve Vance, with lots of beloved music. It's always such a joy when Vince and Cathy Vannicola's grandson spontaneously sits at the piano and plays along with the organ.

**Coffee Hour** - Visiting with those we don't see often makes this day extra special. The Sunday School class made and shared "[Resurrection Rolls](#)" with everyone, a great visual way to experience the wonder of the empty tomb. (You can look up the recipe online.)



Check our website at "[twinchurches.org](http://twinchurches.org)"  
for a complete calendar of events

### Worship Schedule

- May 7** Steve Vance - *Communion*  
**May 14** Steve Vance - *Mothers' Day*  
**May 21** Bonnie Tryon  
**May 28** Steve Vance

# UPCOMING EVENTS

### Events

- May 6** – Park Coffee House – *Jamcrackers*  
**May 7** – Bible Study after Coffee Hour - "*Women in the Bible*" (see article)  
**May 8** - "*Jam with the Band*" at Rome Art & Community Center at 7 pm  
**May 12** - Unity Hall (Barneveld) - *Sara Milonivich and Daisychain* at 8 pm  
**May 14** - Mothers' Day - celebrate our mothers at coffee hour (see article)  
**May 19-21** - Remsen Arts Fest (see article)  
**May 20** – Park Coffee House – *John Kirk & Trish Miller*  
**May 20-21** – Mayfaire on the Green  
**May 22** - Session meeting 6:00 pm via zoom  
**May 29** - Memorial Day

**There's a fine line  
between a long sermon...**



**and a hostage situation.**

## bits & pieces

### Prayers are asked for:

- Patty Aubry's great nephew, Jonah, as he is still in the NICU but growing and gaining strength.
- Vince Vannicola who has made good strides in recovering and thanks everyone for their prayers and concerns.
- Arlene & Bob Wozna's daughter, Sheila Saunders, is now living in the family home on Coates Road. Bob is pretty stable and enjoys seeing family and talking with the staff. Cards can be sent to Sheila at 7719 Coates Road, Holland Patent, NY 13354.
- Brenda Castle whose daughter and husband continue to have medical issues.

### Joys are shared for:

- Shirley Renninger whose surgery went well. Shirley would enjoy calls.
- Anna (Beasley) and Patrick Pease welcomed their second daughter, Marie Jane on April 26.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### May

- 1 Jason Niedzielski
- 3 Stuart Gates  
Cash Jensen  
Reese Finn  
Madden Meade  
Laurie & Joe LeBuis (A)
- 4 Susan Solomon
- 6 Dick Gates
- 7 Matt Curtacci
- 11 Josh Dittl
- 12 Shawn DePalma
- 13 Heidi Carnright  
April Bliss  
Andrea & Jeff Larry (A)
- 14 Carol Moseman
- 15 Elle Beasley-Pease
- 16 Elizabeth & Anne Condrey-Pittlyk (A)
- 18 Pam & Todd Finn (A)  
Ava Larry
- 19 Vicky Gauci Allen  
Michelle Brown
- 20 Rich & Patty Aubry (A)
- 25 Mallory Fitzgerald  
Sheila & Brett Saunders (A)  
Chris Aiken  
Heidi & Ryan Carnright (A)
- 26 Allison Bliss  
Betsy & Ken Allen (A)
- 27 Gail Putnam
- 28 Tyler Jones  
Alexandra Wynne