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Foothills Newsletter

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LENT

ReLENTlessly Celebrating the Season

The 2022 Lenten season begins on Wednesday March 2nd with our Service of Ashes. This will be a meaningful service with a brief message, congregational singing and reading, prayer, and of course the imposition of ashes. We will begin at 7:00pm and conclude by 7:45. This brief time of worship will help us focus on the meaning of Lent and prepare our hearts for the sanctifying grace of Jesus

Our next sermon series is “The God We Can Know” and it will be taken from the “I Am” sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. This powerful message series will last for six weeks and take us right up to Easter Sunday.



Starting on Wednesday, March 9th Pastor Brad will lead a six week Bible Study were the “I AM” sayings of Jesus will be further explored and discussed. This small group will be from 10am till 11:30am every Wednesday. Large print study books are available for \$10 each and can be ordered by contacting Lynné at the church office. Lent is a great time to join a faith growth group. See You There!

9:00am Worship News Early Service on Pause

After prayerful consideration and much conversation the decision has been made to temporarily discontinue the 9 am Contemporary service. We do understand that this time of worship was enjoyed by several people because it was at an earlier time and had a different music style. Please be assured that this hiatus is only until we get moved into our new building and have updated the tech worship equipment needed.

CHURCH
on the **move**

Things are starting to move quickly now with purchasing the Jansen Avenue School. Please keep praying as God is working. We hope to have **a closing date very soon!** Your help is needed since there is lots of stuff to pack!



WELCOME JOE AND LYNNE

We are pleased to announce two new permanent employees. We have a new custodian/maintenance person, **Joe DeMatties**. He started Dec. 1st and became permanent on Jan. 1st. Our second new employee is **Lynné Chesebro** who is our new administrative assistant. Yes, she is Pastor Brad's lovely wife. We as a Committee have seen that they work well together. Please welcome them both when you see them at church.

New Church Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8am till 1pm

Lenten Cantata

The 2022 Lenten Cantata will be held on Sunday, April 3rd during the 10:30 Service. It is entitled **WHO IS THIS KING?** by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin. Rehearsals will be held on Fridays from 5:00-6:00 starting on Friday, March 4th. Everyone is invited to sing with us for this special musical presentation. Invite your friends and family to join in the fun.



Hello, Ladies. We want to let you know that we are moving ahead with our upcoming year. Mary Chase has agreed to be our new president and Janet Findlay has agreed to be our vice-president. Please come and support them as they lead us. We will have a calendar available to you in the near future. Cindy VanAllen will be attending the UMW Assembly in Orlando, FL which includes international groups of women. She has also agreed to be the UNY Conference UMW treasurer. You're invited to join our group!



Foothills 3rd Annual Bowling Tournament is being held on **Sunday, March 13th at 1:00** at Arterial Lanes in Gloversville. It is sure to be a fun event! It is an 8-Pin No-Tap Event, so you don't even have to be a good bowler! Eight pins down counts as a spare or strike! The cost is \$15 per bowler. We are looking to form 4 or 5 person teams. Sign-ups have already begun and will continue during our Coffee Hour. We're still looking for bowlers, basket donations and helpers for the day of the Tournament. We are asking that each Church Committee donate a gift basket and also any individuals or groups of people who would like to donate baskets as well.



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Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.

And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6

Crafters & Chit-Chatters

Some like yarn, some like sewing and there are others who like ribbon art, glue guns, mod-podge, painting and making wreaths. Let's just say letting their creativity flow. Some like the fellowship of one another. Whatever tickles your fancy you are always welcome to join. Come into the Adirondack Room, pour yourself a cup of coffee or tea, pull up a chair & enjoy yourself for a couple of hours. "Sharing is Caring", as we spend our time together. We listen, learn and laugh. I feel that it's my Mid-week pick me up. The 3C's meet every Wednesday at 1:00 but if you would like to bring a bagged lunch at 12:00 we love to have lunch with you. No matter what time you arrive, you are never late. I have ordered 24 bunnies that need clothing. I've been notified that they are on their way. Last year I hosted a small group at my home and we dressed around 24. The bunnies went home with their clothing designers and I'm sure they will have a hoppy Easter for years to come. Some of the bunnies that now live with me will make their debut at coffee hour. I will have a signup sheet for this project to get an accurate hare count. I'd like to have this event on Saturday March 26th at 10 am.

We will have a lunch break and finish up with our project after our fellowship of eating together. Wednesday April 6th I will be teaching the wonderful art of making palm crosses. A lot of you know how to do this but a little refresher can't hurt. Hope to see you at "Crafters & Chit-Chatters! Blessings!

Sandy Harrington

Isaiah 1:18

**Come now, let us set things
right, says the Lord:
Though your sins be like
scarlet, they will become
white as snow.**

Words of Gratitude

Serving as your Lay Leader at Foothills has been so rewarding! I have witnessed so many people who have tied on their aprons of service. Truly we are so blessed.

Many have been willing to take part in our Sunday Services. This act of servanthood is witnessed every Sunday. Whenever I have asked you to serve you are so grateful and I am very thankful.

Then there are those who quietly serve in their own way. We don't always witness their service. I affectionately call them "Worker Bees". Worker Bees have been sorting out, throwing out, boxing up and organizing what needs to be moved. From paper work to silverware the "church stuff" is being prepared for the journey to its new home. This is an ongoing project and will take more work. I thank you for your gift of service.

Our food pantry volunteers are also very special servants. They work from 9-12 four days a week. 2 Fridays a month I call on a few great men to pick up hundreds of pounds of food from the Regional Food Bank. They load their trucks and cars with food and then bring it into our pantry. I thank you for your much needed gift of service.

**As your Lay Leader
I could not be more
grateful for your gifts
of Christian service,
"seen and unseen"!**

**Blessings to all,
Sandy Harrington**



Foothills Food Pantry is now open four days a week Monday-Thursday from 9 am to noon. We provide enough food for 3-4 days for all three meals. We usually serve a family once a month but have also assisted others when needed. The Food Pantry is always staffed by three volunteers. Janet Findlay & Bob Crouse are here daily. Sandy Harrington, Mary Chase Sharon Diefendorf & Betty Twardy also help.

The food we share is from the Regional Food bank, a grant from United Way and also from donations from the congregation and various food drives. We are very fortunate that there are so many people giving to help feed others

In 2021 The Foothills Food Pantry served:

329 Total Households	629 Adults
256 Children	57 Elderly

People Served in January and Feb. 2022:

38 Total Households	68 Adults
26 Children	11 Elderly

Items Distributed to help with Winter Cold:

Scarves: 9 Hats: 12 Mittens: 8 pair Masks: 9
Lap robes: 2 Prayer Shawls: 7 Blankets: 10

Thank you all for what you do for others.

Blessings, Cindy VanAllen

Birthday List!

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| March 10 th | Cassie Faville |
| March 20 th | David Truscott |
| March 22 nd | Debra Johnson |
| April 3 rd | Art Schrum |
| April 11 th | Steve String |
| April 16 th | Jon Glover |
| April 16 th | Ethan Watson |
| April 18 th | Beverly Andrews |
| April 18 th | Andrea White |
| April 22 nd | Cal Dennie |
| April 24 th | Darlene Vogt |
| April 27 th | Sawyer Harrington |

Happy Birthday!



April 24th is also the one-year Wedding Anniversary for Pastor Brad & Lynné Chesebro

To continue to be good stewards of our financial resources and to make our church communications as efficient as possible; we will be posting this & future publications online on our website and making only a very limited number of print copies for those without access to the internet. Please contact church office for assistance-Thanks!