

The Church Steeple

First Presbyterian Church

April 2018

PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER

**“JESUS IS RISEN AND WE SHALL ARISE.
GIVE GOD THE GLORY! ALLELUIA!**

(Refrain of the hymn: “Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen”)

LET'S PRAISE!

Let's praise the One who died and rose again.

Let's praise the One who calls us “friends.”

Let's praise the One whose love never ends.

Let's praise! Alleluia! Let's praise!

(by Chris Bridge--03/27/18)

Easter Blessings to all! May the joy of the Risen Christ be with you always!

GINNY DROTAR THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Our Ginnie Drotar Thrift Shop has been open every Saturday (even though sometimes there are only 2 volunteers running it). The Racks are still packed. Our household goods tables are being restocked every week. So come in on Saturday and find your treasure. Many thanks to the volunteers who show up week after week. We will be looking for additional help to switch over to the summer spring collection soon so please be available for a couple of hours. See everyone Saturday at 9 AM.

*On behalf of the Ginnie Drotar Thrift Shop staff,
Colleen Barkkume*

FROM YOUR SESSION

BOARD OF FINANCE & PROPERTY

Counters for April are Carole Sullivan and Debbie Beyfuss.

The Mission Budget was discussed, Carole gave a very detailed report on the each mission we support. In order to fulfill our obligations we ask every member to try and increase their weekly offering. We made a \$50 donation to The Careret PBA.

The proceeds from the sale of the Manse was invested in a 19 month CD and a Money Market account both at United Roosevelt Savings Bank.

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Ushers for April will be The Browne Family.

There will be no Communion for April.

BOARD OF OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP

Since attendance is at an all time low we ask members to contact their friends not attending. Pastor Chris will follow up with a call or perhaps a visit.

NEW BUSINESS Marianne Wilson will be welcome into membership with a transfer from The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church.

Amy has updated the website please check it out and sign the guest book. Jesuslovescareret.org

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Stefura

Clerk of Session

We wish everyone a very Blessed Easter.

MISSION REQUEST

Our missions that we support have been reviewed by our Session. Each and every mission has a direction to spread the news of Jesus Christ throughout local cities, campuses and school youth, military and other countries. We do sponsor one girl in Rwanda, Marie Claire Ayinkamiye.

We do receive information from the missions we support and they have been posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church. As we notice that many now use the side door, we will be posting the information in the alcove at the top of the stairs.

Over the last several years we have run short on money to support the missions we have chosen and have had to take it out of Caring and Sharing. We are asking you to review the information and see if you can find in your heart to add even \$1 to missions each week in your envelopes.

God made us all and we should help out those less fortunate. The following is a short descriptive listing of the missions we support. We have chosen wisely and cover many areas to spread the news of Jesus Christ.

The following two people are from World Missions through the Presbytery:

Carlos Cardenas works on issues of disaster mitigation, environmental management and agricultural development. He serves with the Council of Evangelical Churches of Nicaragua where he acts as a liaison with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Nadia Ayoub is a Presbyterian mission co-worker with the Reformed Church in Carpath-Ukraine since 2010. She is a minister member of the Elizabeth Presbytery. She will now be ministering among the refugees that have fled to Greece from Arabic-speaking countries. Her new mission call is in Katerini Greece.

The following are designated missions we have chosen:

CAMPUS CRUSADE/CRU. Do evangelism and discipleship through a variety of creative ways. They minister to campuses, cities, family life, athletes and military. The film, JESUS, has been shown in more than 1,500 languages and in every nation in the world.

MIPH – Middlesex Interfaith Partners with the Homeless. Amandia Crossing is located in Edison and has a 29-unit transitional housing program for homeless single parent families on public assistance.

RESTORE MINISTRY is a community-based, non-profit organization located in the city of Elizabeth, N.J. They have programs targeted towards economically disadvantaged and at-risk youth, emphasis is placed on troubled youth who are facing academic and social problems.

WORLD VISION- We sponsor **Marie Claire Ayinkamiye** in Nyarutovu, Rwanda. She is now 18 years old and in good health.

WORLD IMPACT. A Christian missions organization committed to facilitating church-planting movements by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering the unchurched urban poor.

WORLD WITNESS. Tat and Pat Stewart. Recently filmed a television program on marriage. They minister monthly a total of 100 Iranian Christians in Colorado. A primary focus of World Witness is the Muslim world which includes a Christian hospital in Pakistan reaching 40,000 Muslims annually.

In addition, an Iranian satellite TV ministry is planting dozens of house churches, and in Turkey planting churches.

BIBLE STUDY Resumes on Wednesday, April 4th 9:30 AM at HRC. We will be using The Great Spiritual Migration by Brian D McLaren.







SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS are available. See Doris on Sunday after worship or call Amy in the church office. Thanks to all who support this ongoing Fundraiser.

ZION'S FOOD BANK cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, soups, and evaporated milk always needed.

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of First Presbyterian Church, will be held May 20th. Invitations will be going out this week.

2018 APRIL

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 EASTER BD: Andrew Sloan BD: Sean Wagner 11:00 AM Worship	02	03 7:30 PM SDA	04 9:30 AM Bible Study - HRC	05	06 ANN: Doris & John Stefura 7:30 PM SDA 	07 9:00 AM Thrift Shop Help Needed 9:30 AM SDA
08 11:00 AM Worship with Baptism	09 BD: Colleen Barkkume	10 7:00 PM Session Mtg 7:30 PM SDA	11 9:30 AM Bible Study - HRC	12 Holocaust Remembrance Day BD: Allen Barkkume 	13 7:30 PM SDA 	14 9:00 AM Thrift Shop Help Needed 9:30 AM SDA
15 11:00 AM Worship	16	17 7:30 PM SDA	18 9:30 AM Bible Study - HRC	19	20 7:30 PM SDA 	21 9:00 AM Thrift Shop Help Needed 9:30 AM SDA
22 Earth Day BD: David Saliski 11:00 AM Worship	23	24 7:30 PM SDA	25 9:30 AM Bible Study - HRC	26 	27 7:30 PM SDA 	28 9:00 AM Thrift Shop Help Needed 9:30 AM SDA
29 ANN: Scott & Donna Sloan 11:00 AM Worship	30	01 Communion Setup & Servers: No Communion Ushers: The Browne Family Counters: Carole & Debbie	02	03 BD: Birthday ANN: Anniversary HRC: Hungarian Reformed Church	04	05

THE CHURCH STEEPLE

April



Please remember to keep the prayer list up to date!! Please look over the list each Sunday and make any changes and leave in the collection plate for Amy's attention. Thank you we love hearing that our prayers are working!!! And we love praying for the needs of this church and church family!

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