

News from the Pews

It is hard to believe that spring is just around the corner. Of course, here in upstate New York we don't get too excited—there will be wind and snow for some time to come, of that we are sure. Still, the month of March prompts me to think about the coming change of the seasons.

I read once that our lives may be viewed as extending over the four seasons, from birth to twenty years, then to forty, and so on. So, I am living in autumn, my absolute favorite season of the year! Have you been figuring out what season you inhabit since you started reading?

A few years ago, I put into verse the thoughts that were swirling in my head regarding the seasons, and the way they picture our short lives. (The season of Lent reminds us of our mortality, as well.) The title of my poem is *Always in Season*:

Fun and laughter, kindled love,
Dirt beneath, wide sky above,
Footprints behind, path ahead,
In the Springtime of our lives.

Big dreams, youthful prime,
Streams for crossing, hills to climb,
Much to be done, little time,
In the Summer of our lives.

Settled peace, mixture of fear,
Painful losses, cold drawn near,
Much left undone, room to plan,
In the Autumn of our lives.

Lonely moments, and the past,
Nothing to clutch, none to last,
Will to live, nor to forget,
In the Winter of our lives.

Christ above, and Him beside,
Hand for holding, light to guide,
Steady compass, spring of hope,
In the Seasons of
our lives.

Life is full of fun and laughter, but it has its troubles, too. I trust that you have experienced for yourself the way that Christ can bring joy and hope to every season of life, as we place our faith in him. *Thank you, Lord Jesus, for holding our hand, lighting our way, directing our path, granting us hope. We give our pain, our loss, our worries—to you. Truly, you are a Savior for all seasons.*

Pastor C

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BAN Chapel Congregational Calendar

Sunday Worship Service – 9:00

Building/Grounds----- Beth Lewis

Deacons ----- Judy Evans, Debbie Konnick,
Betty Ann Puzo, and Nancy Rychlewski

Christian Education ----- Debbie Konnick

Children’s Sunday School----- Bev Emmett &
Debbie Konnick

Personnel CPC ----- Mary Sternquist

Stewardship CPC ----- Bev Emmett

Choir Tuesdays at 6 PM---Gloria Larson, Music Director

Worship/Bulletin/Newsletter----- Marian Vergason

BAN WOC (Women of the Church) ---- Mary Sternquist

AA Meets Saturdays at 7:00 PM

Chapel Meeting: March 3rd at 9:30. All are welcome to attend.

Communion will be March 25th on Palm Sunday.

Counters for March----- Mary Sternquist
& Margaret Knapp

Sub----- Bev Emmett

BAN Worship

Marian Vergason

Thank you to Elder Jean Fairbairn for supplying our pulpit on February 18. We always look forward to seeing her and listening to the message she has for us.

February 18 began our Lenten Observance with readings, symbols and candles representing the last six days of Jesus’ life. Members and friends of the church take part in this meaningful tradition as we try to imagine what Jesus went through before he was crucified. Palm Sunday we all hold a symbolic nail as the last Lenten symbol is brought to the front of the sanctuary...the spikes which pierced Jesus’ hands and feet...are placed on either side of the cross and the last candle is extinguished.

BAN Deacons

Nancy Rychlewski

It Please remember Doug Ticknor and Grace Corell in your prayers while they are going through difficult times. Keep our shut-ins in your prayers also. God bless you all!

BAN WOC Rummage & Bake Sale

Mary Sternquist

The Rummage & Bake Sale will be held April 12 and 13 from 9 to 3 and April 14 from 9 to Noon with “Bag Sale”. We will also have DOC’s City Chicken! This is an important fundraiser and a week long effort which requires many volunteers. Please donate whatever time you can to help make this fundraiser a success.

BAN Christian Education

Debbie Konnick

In February BAN sent a large tray of candy to the faculty and staff of Calvin Coolidge Elementary School along with 21 boxes of tissues for the classrooms and a shopping bag of new hats, scarves, and gloves to be given out as needed.

BAN’s Sunday School children are in the process of deciding what farm animals they would like to buy to benefit a family in a third world country.

We will be having a Palm Sunday Breakfast following the worship service on March 25. A free will donation will be taken to help cover the cost of food. Please see sign-up sheet so we can plan the amount of food.

BAN Fellowship Dinner

Marian Vergason

There will be a Fellowship Dinner on March 4 following the worship service – bring a dish to pass – everyone is welcome. The Hilltop Association Musical Group will be with us with many old favorites along with some Celtic tunes. Please see sign-up sheet.

Per Capita

Per Capita for 2018 is \$37.83.



Separate Check Club

It's no fun eating alone, join your Church friends at



on Tuesday, March 13th at Noon

Please sign-up by Sunday, March 11th so you can be included in the reservation.

Dessert Night



Friday March 9, 2018 6:00PM – 7:30 PM

Conklin Presbyterian Church
1175 Conklin Rd Conklin, NY

2 dessert choices and beverage \$5.00
To benefit the mortgage fund.



Stewardship Committee

Bev Emmett

2018 January Financial Results

** figures rounded to nearest \$100*

Balance Sheet:

	2018	2017
Tioga checking account	\$81,800	\$80,500
Unrestricted fund balance	\$21,500	\$20,900

Revenue & Expenses:

	January		
	2016	2017	2018
Revenue	\$26,400	\$20,500	\$18,100
Expenses	\$23,800	\$21,400	\$17,600
Difference	\$2,600	[\$900]	\$500

Bowl of Plenty

A great big thanks to Glenda Rowse and her crew for the wonderful meals they make and serve to our community every 2nd Thursday at 6 PM, here at Conklin Presbyterian.



February Bowl of Plenty crew!

Mission/Evangelism Committee

Glenda Rowse

March is Fruit and Vegetable month! Remember to put your items in the CHOW barrel, that's in the Narthex.



Small Church Gathering

Karla Toman

Conklin Presbyterian will host Presbytery's "Small Church Gathering" on Saturday, March 10th. The purpose of this gathering is to be a resource for the smaller churches in our Presbytery. By "smaller" we mean congregations who do not have full time pastoral support. December's meeting at Windsor Presbyterian Church was well-attended and received lots of positive feedback.

This event will start at 8 am and go until 12. Please call the church office no later than March 2, 2018, if you'd like to attend this Presbytery event.

Below is a tentative schedule:

- 7:45 am Registration and refreshments
- 8:15 Welcome, housekeeping details
- 8:20 Worship
- 8:45 Presentation
- 10:30-11:00 Break
- 11:00 Resume presentation
- 12:30 Closing remarks



Congregational Meeting Minutes

Pam Van Vorce

The Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting of the First Conklin Presbyterian Church was held on Sunday, February 4, 2108 in the Fellowship room of the Conklin Presbyterian Church.

The meeting was called to order with a quorum present at 12:57 PM. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Robert Peak.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the agenda.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the annual congregational minutes from February 5, 2017.

The slate of elder offices was presented by the Nominating Committee with no nominations from the floor.

They are:

Class 2018 – Wayne Barlow

Class 2019 – Mrs. Dana Wolfe

Class 2020 – Jean Fairbairn, Carol Fuller, Amanda Killmeier, Glenda Rowse

A motion was made, second and carried to close the nominations.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the nominations.

The slate of Deacon offices was presented by the Nominating committee with no nominations from the floor.

They are:

Class 2018 – Nancy Justesen and Doris McWenie

Class of 2020 – Judy Evans, Gloria Galazyn, Betty Nocciolino, June Stasukevich

A motion was made, seconded and carried to close the nominations.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the nominations.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to have Clint Puzo and Jack Bell members at large for the nominating committee.

Everyone moved to the Sanctuary to install and ordain the new elders and deacons.

Wayne Barlow, Amanda Killmeier and Glenda Rowse were ordained with Carol Fuller, Jean Fairbairn and Mrs. Dana Wolfe being installed as ruling elders.

Doris McWenie and Judy Evans were installed with Gloria Galazyn, Betty Nocciolino, and June Stasukevich being ordained as deacons. Nancy Justesen was not present and will need to be installed at a later date.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer led by Robert Peak at 1:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Van Vorce
Clerk of Session

Robert Peak
Moderator



February Session Minutes

Pam Van Vorce

Below are the not yet approved minutes of the stated meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Conklin that was held on Thursday February 22, 2018, at the BAN site.

P Wayne Barlow
 P Carol Bell
 P Bev Emmett
 P Jean Fairbairn
 P Carol Fuller

P Amanda Killmeier
 E Beth Lewis
 P Robert Peak, Moderator
 P Glenda Rowse
 P Mary Sternquist

P Pam Van Vorce, Clerk of Session
 P Marian Vergason
 P Bob Weyant
 P Dana Wolfe

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Moderator Robert Peak with devotions led by Elder Dana Wolfe followed with prayer.

Clerk's Report:

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of January 25, 2018 stated Session meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Annual Congregational Minutes of February 4, 2018.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds: No motions.

Informational:

- Questions asked by committee to Church Mutual that holds our insurance policy regarding Joe Toman's use of the church for counseling. Committee to ask Joe to have CPC added to his insurance policy
- BAN to make a list of who has keys to the BAN site
- Ramp to have transparent finish done at BAN site
- BAN cleaning day is March 24, 2018
- Discussed borrowing CPC's floor buffer to be used at BAN site.
- Repairs done to men's and ladies room and Social Hall at BAN site for \$403.55.

Chapel:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to hold rummage sale at BAN site on April 12, 13 and 14, 2018 with proceeds to go to the Women of the Church. Also, to have rehearsal dinner on June 1, 2018 with wedding on June 2, 2018.

Informational:

- Lenten Observance with readers and symbols from 2/18 to Palm Sunday plus Communion
- Palm Sunday Breakfast
- Fellowship Dinner - March 4 with Hilltop Association Musical Group
- Bronzissimo! Community Handbell Choir concert scheduled for June 3 at 7 pm - Bronzissimo has accepted BAN as their "home church" for spring concerts - They give BAN \$100 from the free will offering which goes to the BAN building fund.
- Easter Cantata - Gloria and Wayne in process of discussing options for having at BAN.
- Gloria is going to have piano looked at - it plays one note randomly and very loud.
- New computer system was donated for BAN office.



February Session Minutes—continued

- Small heater will be purchased for the BAN office.

Evangelism/Mission:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to invite the Howard's to the June 24, 2018, church service with a free will offering.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to have the BAN electric piano fixed.

Informational: None.

Fellowship: No motions.

Informational:

- February 24, 2018 will be the annual Beat the Blues evening out
- Refreshments will be provided for the March 10, 2018 small presbytery meeting

Mission/Evangelism:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to invite the Howard's to the June 24, 2018 church service with a free will offering.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to have the BAN electric piano fixed.

Informational: None.

Personnel:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to officially add Sherry Brown and Clint Puzo as the two congregational members at large to the Personnel committee.

Informational:

- Committee has begun looking at the duties of a part time pastor position
- Dottie Jean Baer has agreed to be the volunteer organist taking Ian's place when he leave at the end of June. She does not want to be the permanent organist, but this ensures continuity through the end of December.

Stewardship: No motions.

Informational: Financial reports were reviewed.

Worship/Nurture:

A motion was made, seconded and approved for placing two TV's from the fellowship room into the Sanctuary to be used during worship services starting in April for a 3-month trial period.

Informational:

- Rev. Colton has asked for June 17, 2018 off.
- Sign up list for Lenten readers is in the North Hall for CPC Site
- Ash Wednesday Service is at 7pm at CPC with Rev. Diane Prentiss sharing the message and Rev. Colton assisting.
- Dessert Night will be March 9th - 6-7:30 at CPC site. There will be a signup sheet in the North Hall to donate your favorite pie or dessert.



February Session Minutes—continued

- March 18th - the CPC and BAN choirs will be singing at BAN at their gam service.
- The youth will lead the procession of the palms while singing "Hosanna" on Palm Sunday at CPC site.
- Rev. Colton will lead the Maundy Thursday Communion Service on March 29th at CPC site.
- A light breakfast of coffee, donuts and bagels will be served from 10:15 - 10:40 before the Easter Service on April 1st at CPC site.
- Due to more children attending Sunday School, at CPCP site, we have a need for another teacher. Amanda Killmeier volunteered to teach Sunday School.
- We tabled combining the Nurture/Worship responsibilities in the Operations Manual due to the lateness of the hour.
- February 11th will be Teacher Appreciation Sunday in Sunday School at CPC site.
- Hilltop Music Celtic program will be March 4, 2018 at BAN site. They do not charge, but will offer them \$50.00 from the Women of the Church fund.
- Looking into Palm Sunday breakfast at BAN site.

Old Business: 2 HVAC donated units still being reviewed.

New Business:

Joys/Concerns were mentioned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm with prayer led by Pastor Robert Peak.

Pamela Van Vorce,

Clerk of Session

Whitney Scholarship

Jack Bell

Each year, a scholarship is awarded to a high school senior from the Whitney Endowment Fund. The scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who is an active church member or active attendee that has a need for the scholarship and who has applied to a college or a certified program. This award is available to both BAN and CPC seniors. Please pick up an application from Karla at the CPC office and there will be applications available in the Narthex. Applications are due no later than April 15th and can be returned to the CPC church office. Applicants must ultimately provide proof of enrollment. Thank you to the Whitney family for giving our seniors this wonderful opportunity!

Easter Flowers

Karla Toman

Look for Easter flower forms in the bulletin inserts ,during the month of March.



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Daylight Savings Time
begins March 11th! Turn your
clocks ahead 1 hour before you go
to bed on Saturday night!

Bowl of Plenty

Free Community Dinner on
Thursday, March 8th @ 6 PM
Conklin Presbyterian Church

Separate Check Club

Lunch will be at The CopperTop Tavern
on Tuesday, March 13th at Noon
(see inside for more details)

BAN Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, March 4th
Right after the 9 AM Worship Service
at Broad Avenue—North Chapel
(see inside for more details)

Dessert Night

Friday, March 9th
6—7:30 Conklin Presbyterian Church
(see inside for more details)