

News from the Pews

Every week there is a lit candle on a small table in our Sanctuary. Here is the story of the Peace Candle...

Our Peace Candle/Prayer Tradition

In 1985, the Rev. Blair R. Monie, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in York, Pennsylvania visited the Soviet Union. In the small town of Voronezh, he was approached by an old woman who pressed a small sum of money into his hand and asked that he do something for world peace. He recognized a deep desire and strong devotion in her eyes and in her voice and determined he would do something special when he returned to the United States.

What could he do with these three rubles? After much thought, he purchased a small votive candle and placed it on the Communion Table, then lit it. On hearing his story, his congregation agreed to make it a permanent accessory of the chancel and purchased a supply of votive candles so that they could make a “peace candle” available to any visitor to take back to his/her own sanctuary.

When we see the glow of our peace candle burning, we offer our prayers for peace. This small, non-threatening symbol of peace helps us to be praying people, and to play our part as peacemakers, Jesus called us to do. Today, peace candles burn in the United States, England, Australia, Canada, Ireland, Kuwait, South Africa, and Denmark.

Our candle was brought to us by members of the Calvin Presbyterian Church of Zelienople, PA.

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May Birthdays

May 1	Mary Rader
May 2	Marissa Adams Bob Scherer
May 10	Carol Fuller
May 11	Ed Hauptfleisch
May 13	JP Tschang
May 16	Bob Bellinger
May 19	Frank Bauerle
May 27	Betty Webster
May 28	Ian Tschang Ron Jackson
May 30	Betty Houghtalen
May 31	Jean Fairbairn

May Anniversaries

May 1	Nancy & Chuck Little
May 20	Sherry & Kevin Brown
May 27	June & Michael Stasukevich

Healing Prayer

Julie Allen	Rita Palmer
Betty Anderson	Bill Quintin
Kate Bailey	Don Roe
Sandy Balzhiser	Jonathan Rouse
Laura Barnes	Miss Shamburger (Donnelly school teacher)
Bill Calhoun	Millie Simmons
Jan Clark	Family of Carol Simrell
Dawn	Ann Vitovsky (Donnelly school teacher)
Joanne Evans	Kevin Walsh
Sandra Gorman	Rich White
Lindsey Gardner	Taylor Wolfe
Jane Harris	Bob Yost
Paul Ives	Our Church
Sandy & Bill Llewellyn	
Logan Murray	
Jody Nagel	

Worship Committee

Carol Bell

Thank you to all that have volunteered to be Lay Leaders and Lenten Readers. Your willingness to participate is a blessing to us all. We will continue to need Lay Leaders for the month of May. There will be a new sign-up list in the North Hall.

Joys, Concerns & Announcements

PLEASE fill them out ahead of time and put them in the basket to be read by the Lay Leader. Your items are important to all of us and if they are not communicated through a microphone, a lot of what you need to say is not heard. This was really brought home to me when I listened to a service on CD. If information does not go over the mic, it is not heard completely - even from those that have strong voices. So please! Your joys, concerns and announcements are special to us all - write them down so we can all be aware of your needs!

Carol Bell

Music News and Notes

Wayne Barlow

Mother's Day and Music Appreciation Day Sunday is to be held on Sunday, May 14th at the 11:00 service at CPC.

It's that time of year again. Mother's Day is fast approaching. It will be here shortly. As has been a longstanding tradition at CPC, we will celebrate Mother's Day and Music Appreciation Day together at the 11:00 service. Please come to celebrate moms and music together with a little extra music during the service on May 14th.



Thank You

To my Church Family,

Thank you for thinking of me during my recovery. I appreciated the homemade meal and having communion at home. I am also enjoying the beautiful Easter lily.

Edna Seymour

Church Office News

Karla Toman

I will be out of the office from May 8th—the 11th and May 15th. If you need a check, please email Barbara Simeon at bsimeon@stny.rr.com.

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

Adult Sunday School -----Rick Simrell

Fellowship/Personnel CPC-----Mary Sternquist

Fellowship/Nurture 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: To be announced

Filling the Pulpit for May: Rev. Dr. Charles Colton from
Davis Bible College

BAN Deacons

Betty Ann Puzo

Please keep the family of Connor Brown in your prayers. A free will collection of \$160 from BAN and \$200 from CPC Deacons was given to the family.

Please keep Rick Simrell, his daughter, Amy, and his son, Peter, in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Easter lilies were bought and given to our shut-ins to bring a ray of sunshine to their Easter Day and to let them know they are still an important part of BAN.

Please keep all our shut-ins and those suffering with a health issue in your prayers. Our shut-ins include Naomi Clark, Betty Ducsik and Bill Emmett.

BAN Christian Education

Marian Vergason

Palm Sunday breakfast was very well attended with all enjoying French toast, egg & sausage strata, fruit and orange juice, coffee & tea. Thank you Debbie!

Thank You

I would like to thank all my friends from BAN and Conklin Presbyterian Church for all the cards, phone calls, visits, gifts and especially the prayers during my recent illness. I know my problem will be with me for the rest of my life but is now manageable with pain medicine. Bless you all.

Jeff Knapp

BAN Worship

Marian Vergason

The Lenten Observance, through symbols and readings from The Lenten Banner, helped us to have a better understanding of what Jesus' last days may have been like, his suffering, and the Last Supper, the sacrament of Holy Communion we observe, in remembrance of Him. Palm Sunday Communion served 44.

We were all saddened by the sudden passing of a faithful long time member of Broad Avenue-North, Carol Simrell. She made it her mission to make sure everyone, including children of members who have moved from the area, received cards on their birthday. She led Bible study (Adult Sunday School), along with her husband Rick, Sundays following coffee hour, helped with the WOC's activities when she could, baked and supported our many fundraisers and made sure a newsletter article was submitted each month. We will miss her very much.

WOC (Women of the Church)

Mary Sternquist

The spring Rummage and Bake Sale & BBQ was a big success again and helped replenish the money spent on snow plowing and shoveling this winter. The rummage was down this year (approximately half what we normally receive), but prayers were answered and the rummage kept coming in! Thank you to everyone who donated items, baked, helped set up, worked the sale and helped clean up and then purchased items too!

BAN May Collections

Bev Emmett

In honor of Moms, during the month of May we will be collecting items of need for Mom's House in Johnson City (celebrating life and empowering parents through education and child care). Listed are a few of their many needs: baby wipes, toddler toothbrushes, large crayons, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, paper towels, Clorox wipes, dawn dish detergent, handi wipes.

Also during the month of May we will be collecting baby food for CHOW. Thank you.

Congratulations!

Nancy Mangino

Congratulations to Gina (Mangino) and Chad Stephens on the birth of their son, Levi Douglas Stephens born April 7, 2017, 3 lbs 14 ozs. Sibling: Dillon Stephens, Grandparents: Nancy & Rick Mangino, Great Grandma: Bruna Warner.

Gance's Fish Fry, Steak, & BBQ Fundraiser & Bake Sale

Marian Vergason

As of this writing, Gance's fundraiser, benefitting the Building Fund, is scheduled for April 28 from 3 to 7 pm. We are hoping to sell a minimum of 50 tickets otherwise the fundraiser will have to be cancelled. Will let you know the outcome in the next newsletter.

BAN Bronzissimo!

Marian Vergason

BRONZISSIMO! Handbell Choir is coming to BAN June 4 at 7 pm. Save the date and experience an excellent concert! A free will offering will be taken.

Harvest Festival

Amanda Killmeier and Reenie Dedrick

Mark Your Calendar For This Fall Event !!!!!

The CPC 2017 Harvest Festival is Saturday, November 4th from 10 AM—3 PM!

The success of our annual fund raiser depends upon all of the church family participating.

Future newsletters will keep you updated about how you can help towards making this event another success.

Its not too early to set aside your gently used items for the rummage sale fund-raiser, as you do your spring cleaning. There will be areas set aside for storage so contact *Amanda Killmeier* for more information.

Also, save your gently used books, puzzles, CDs & DVDs—there is room in the church kitchen annex for donations to be stored there.

April Session Minutes

Pam Van Vorce

Below are the **not yet approved** the minutes of The stated meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Conklin was held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the BAN site.

P	Carol Bell	P	Jean Fairbairn	E	Marian Vergason
P	Jack Bell	P	Beth Lewis	A	Bob Weyant
E	Sherry Brown	A	Gary Marsh	P	Dot Brown, Assistant Clerk of Session
P	Bruce DeVoe	P	Joanne Palmer	P	Robert Peak, Moderator
P	Bev Emmett	P	Mary Sternquist	P	Pam Van Vorce, Clerk of Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM with devotions led by Elder Jean Fairbairn followed with prayer.

CLERK'S REPORT:

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of March 16, 2017 stated Session meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept to transfer Doug Moore's membership to Union Presbyterian Church.

Conklin Mini Golf Course

Glenda Rowse

Again this year, the Conklin Presbyterian Church will participate in managing the Conklin Mini Golf Course. At the inception of this project the church was asked by the Conklin Fair Committee if we would like to participate as one of the "non profits". The course has 18 holes with each hole having a sponsor, the majority of them being a non profit organization. The organization is responsible for maintaining their assigned hole and managing the course for their assigned time frames. The monies taken in while managing the course is divided between the non profit organization—75% and the Conklin Fair Committee—25%. Last year we were the leader in the amount of money we took in.... let's do that again! The monies will go to help with the operating expenses of the church. We will be responsible to manage the course:

2 shifts needed for Saturdays & Sundays: Noon—4 PM & 4 PM—8 PM or 9 PM, whichever applies.

Friday, May 26th 4—8pm

Saturday, May 27th noon—8pm

Sunday, May 28th noon—8pm

Monday—Friday, July 17th- July 21st 4—9pm

Saturday, July 22nd noon – 9pm

Sunday, July 23rd noon – 9pm

Two adult volunteers are required for each shift. Look for sign—up sheets in the North Hall. Let's all help make this a fun and profitable endeavor.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to hold a job fair at CPC for local employers and jobseekers on July 12 from 1 - 3 pm. It will be for employers around the Conklin area mainly for about 10 employers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings and Grounds:

CPC:

- Spring cleanup at CPC site is scheduled for June 3rd from 9 – 12.
- H2o sensor has been received and awaiting installation at CPC site
- North lot lights have been replaced at CPC site
- Both golf and job fair insurance certificates have been received

BAN:

- Large parking lot light is now working
- Quote for security system is \$4,600.00
- Spring cleaning was done after the rummage sale
- Fire Marshall came through during the rummage sale

Evangelism/Mission

- Church craft table and the Town of Conklin Easter party was a busy and successful.
- 70 meals were served at Bowl of Plenty dinner on Maundy Thursday.
- Church is committed to staffing the Conklin Mini Golf course with the following summer dates. May 26, 27, 28 and July 17th through July 23rd.
- Email received from Irene George thanking us for our prayers and for the funds we sent in support of the Vardaketh Development Center in India. They have started a poultry farm with 100 chickens for the adult program and the participants are able to manage it by themselves. She will be coming to New Jersey at the end of June and was invited to visit CPC.

Fellowship

BAN: Fundraisers

- Week long work on rummage & bake sale – we added BBQ sandwiches since we could not get Doc's City Chicken this time – approximate total a little over \$1,000 benefitting WOC (pays for Snow shoveling, plowing, special cakes when needed, funeral dinners, etc., supports SOS, Mom's House, etc.)
- Gance's Fish Fry, Steak & Port BBQ fundraiser scheduled for April 28 (Friday) from 3 to 7 pm.
- Need to sell 50 tickets – so far 25 have sold. Date tickets/money have to be turned in is April 24. Profits will benefit Building Fund.
- Bronzissimo! Handbell Choir scheduled to be at BAN June 4, 7pm - last year we received \$100 - Amount will probably be the same this year which will benefit the Building Fund.

CPC: Nothing to report.

Nominating: Nothing to report

Nurture

BAN: Chili and ham dinners went very well.

Personnel: Still researching for interim.

Presbycare: Nothing to report.

Presbytery: Beth Lewis went to the March Presbytery meeting and reported back to session

Stewardship:

- Financial reports were reviewed
- 2016 audit was completed and found the books to be in order

Worship/Music

BAN:

- Lenten Series went well – plans to continue annually. Nails were handed out to adults to hold during reading of “spikes” section. Colorful cross necklaces were handed out to children and palms to everyone.

- Palm Sunday Communion – served 44
- Palm Sunday Breakfast – served 37
- Family of 3 adults and 2 children attended (from neighborhood) and also stayed for the Breakfast – sounded like they may return. They asked if they could take some palms to place in fences as they returned home.
- Generic bulletins will need to be done for June, July and August.

CPC

- Pulpit Supply: Re. Dr. Charles Colton has agreed to preach for the month of May at both campuses.
- Worship Committee is providing a light breakfast of pastries and juice at CPC before the 11:00 Easter Service.
- Mother's Day, May 14th will be Music Appreciation Sunday.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Session decided to not maintain an inactive list and to take the current one and place it in a filing cabinet with a notation that it was stop being maintained on April 20, 2017.
- Discussion on Media Specialist position.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 8:38pm followed by Joys/Concerns and prayer

Pamela Van Vorce,
Clerk of Session

Stewardship Committee

Jack Bell

As of the writing of this newsletter, we have had no applicants for the Whitney Scholarship. Therefore, those monies in that fund will roll over in that fund balance.

I indicated in the last newsletter, that we will begin in earnest to explore avenues to address our financial situation. The avenues we will explore will start, with Session's approval, with meeting with the folks at our Presbytery to get their guidance on the very serious matter. Again, should anyone at either campus be interested in offering possible solutions, please contact via phone or email to Jack Bell or Gary Marsh or Karla at the Church's e-mail. Phone numbers for all listed are in the church directory.

In Christ's service,
Your Stewardship Team,

Barb, Dana, Dave, Gary, Jack, Wayne

2017 March Financial Results

Balance Sheet

	2015	2016	2017
Tioga Bank Checking	\$121,400	\$94,300	\$80,500
Undesignated Funds	\$49,100	\$31,400	\$28,000

Should the Undesignated Fund balance get to zero.....we will begin reducing various funds held for accounts.

Profit and Loss

	March				YTD Thru March			
	2015	2016	2017	%	2015	2016	2017	%
Revenue	\$26,200	\$18,600	\$15,600	-17.6	\$82,300	\$64,900	\$60,100	-7.5
Expenses	\$26,000	\$21,600	\$22,300	+3.2	\$75,400	\$65,600	\$60,300	8.0
Difference	\$200	[\$3,000]	[\$6,700]		\$6,900	[\$600]	[\$200]	

Understand that these 2017 figures for expenses and difference do not include a pastor at approximately \$5,000/month!

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May 2017

Non-Profit Organization

US Postage Paid

Conklin, NY

Permit #4

Bowl of Plenty

Free Community Dinner
Thursday, May 11th @ 6 PM
Conklin Presbyterian Church

Mother's Day & Music Appreciation

Sunday, May 14th @ 11 CPC Worship Service

Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, May 20th

12 Noon

Conklin Presbyterian Church