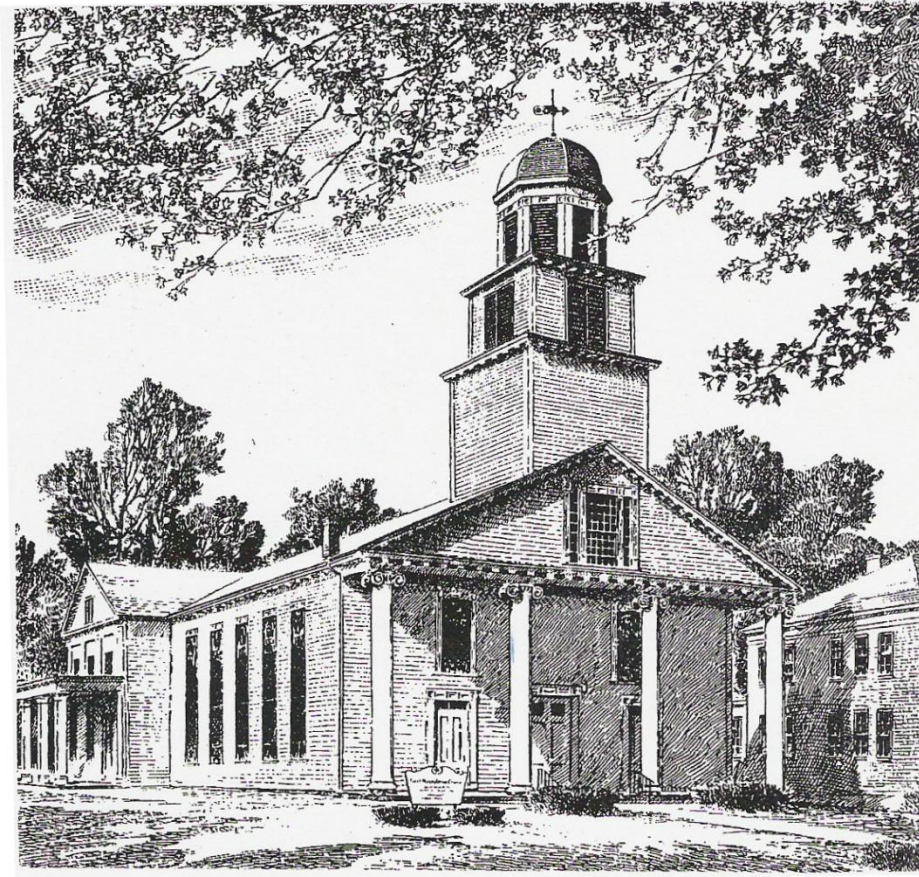


# SPRINGBOARD



March 2022 – April 2022

News and Events of Interest for Members and Friends of the

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**MONTGOMERY, NY**



FPC Montgomery Family of Faith,

I hope this finds each and every one of your doing well! As for my family, we have been enjoying the warming of the weather and getting outside a little more! As we have started in on our new routines that have allowed me to pastor both the church here in Montgomery as well as Hopewell PC in Thompson Ridge, I am always wanting to hear feedback. I know that changes always require adjustments and may not be the easiest for some, but I never want anyone to feel they can't share the truth of where they may be at.

We have a lot of things coming up in the life of the church! I hope each and every one of you will find the places you want to connect with our family of faith. We continue our presence at the Montgomery Food Pantry, there are upcoming events of a Fish (or Chicken) and Chips on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, a baseball outing that my family has organized on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, and we will be entering the season of Lent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March with Ash Wednesday. There are more things being planned...a picnic on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, opportunities for fellowship, fundraisers, helping in missions and more.

There will be unending ways to connect and be an active part of our lives of faith connected in ways that are meaningful and help us be faithful disciples of Christ. If you ever have things you would like to help add to the ways we live out our faith together, please do not hesitate to let someone know. We love new ideas and new opportunities!

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Jeromey

### **BASEBALL OUTING by Pastor Jeromey**

Hello FPC of Montgomery Family of Faith,

I - or I should say my family is putting together an outing that we are inviting all the membership of FPC Montgomery and Hopewell PC to attend. We will have a group outing to a Hudson Valley Renegades Baseball game on the 30th of April (6pm game). There will be a pre-game picnic, tickets to the game, great fellowship and fireworks. The cost to go is only \$20 for each person (plus a parking pass purchased the evening of the event).

If you want to attend just email me at [pastorjeromey@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjeromey@gmail.com) and let me know how many are coming and arrange getting me the payment. I can do cash, check, venmo...whatever works.

Don't wait because there is limited space and this will be open to two congregations. Let me know if you have questions.

Peace,  
Pastor Jeromey

## FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations during our Souper Bowl Sunday! All the cans of soup you donated have been brought to the Food Pantry and are being used to help those in their time of need.

First Presbyterian Church staffs the pantry again in March. Volunteers are always needed! Pantry hours are Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to noon, and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. If you can help, please let Robin McPhillips or Joe Prior know.

## FISH (OR CHICKEN) & CHIPS FUNDRAISER

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March (the day of the St. Pats Ramble Parade) we will be doing a to-go fish (or chicken) & chips, coleslaw and bottled water for pre-purchase. The fish/chicken & chips will be prepared by Tastefully British like last time. Tickets are \$15 for an adult portion and \$10 for a child portion. Please get your tickets but also pick up some tickets to sell! This was a great fundraiser when we did it last time and hope it will be successful again. Thank you for helping make this a success!

## MASK UPDATES

Session has now made masks optional for everyone who comes into the church building. The only exception is when the Montgomery Nursery School is in session during the week. We will follow their rules and if you need to know what they are at any given time please reach out to Pastor Jeromey. The Session asks that we all be mindful of being sick and to please stay home if you are. Thank you to everyone for helping follow the state mandates and keeping our family of faith healthy.

## HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

Lenten Study info to follow

Maundy Thursday Service @ First Presbyterian Church – 7 PM

Good Friday Service @ Hopewell Presbyterian Church – 7 PM

Easter Sunrise Service (Pleasure Ground Park Pavilion) – 6:15 AM

Easter Worship Service – 11:30 AM

## STEWARDSHIP NOTES

As of February 27, we have 36 pledges for 2022, with \$88,760? pledged for current expenses and \$7,204 pledged for general mission for a total of \$95,964 pledged. In addition, we have received 18 pledges for our Capital Improvements, totaling \$14,290 for 2022. Did you forget to return your pledge card? It's not too late! Pledge cards can be placed in an offering plate or mailed to 137 Clinton Street.

## GRADUATING SENIORS

Attention, graduating seniors! The deacons will award a scholarship to a graduating senior again this year. The essay should be 500 words on the following: Describe a period in your life when your faith has helped you overcome a challenging time. The deadline for submission to a Deacon is the 1st of May.

## PASTOR EMERITUS CELEBRATION

This letter was received after the November/December issue was produced, of course, and somehow missed the January/February edition.

11-9-21

Dear Saints of the First Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, New York,

How wonderfully all of you welcomed me to the weekend of recognizing the Emeritus designation!

Our meal and festivities at Winding Hills reminded me of the generosity of spirit and playful creativity that lives at the heart of your way of being a faithful and brave Church. That same way of being a faithful people nourished and sustained me as your pastor and will remain my surest conviction of God's mercy and grace each of my days – and each day in my prayers I give thanks to God that you allowed me to share in your lives as you shared in mine.

I give thanks also for Pastor Jeromey and his giving me a place in Sunday's worship service – to share Holy Communion with him and with you was very special for me – and the choir full of friends and now grown up little ones sang so beautifully, and sang a favorite hymn of mine!

The whole affair was so lovingly envisioned and planned and brought to fruition, with reverence and fun and time for reconnecting that it amazes me that I could enjoy so much goodness in so brief a visit – indeed, blessings abundant.

Grace and Peace,

*Paul*

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Please check the back of the sanctuary to see the plaque which commemorates this historic event!

## March 2022

Mar. 2, Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Mar. 3, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Mar. 4, Fri.		World Day of Prayer
Mar. 6, Sun.		First Sunday in Lent
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship – Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
	Noon	Board of Deacons
Mar. 10, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Mar. 13, Sun.		Second Sunday in Lent
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship
Mar. 17, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Mar. 19, Sat.	Noon-2 p.m.	Fish (or Chicken) & Chips Fry
Mar. 20, Sun.		Third Sunday in Lent
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship
Mar. 24, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Mar. 26, Sat.	9 a.m.- noon	Session Retreat
Mar. 27, Sun.		Fourth Sunday in Lent
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship – followed by Coffee & Conversation
Mar. 31, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal

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*	<u>SPECIAL DAYS</u>	*
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*	<i>Birthdays</i>	*
*	Emily Adams – March 2	Marlene Wood – April 7
*	Marcia Neubauer – March 3	Frank Pettine – April 10
*	Ross Benedict – March 5	Casey Adams – April 12
*	Laura Aiello – March 9	Cheryl Conero – April 15
*	Henry Goldberg – March 13	Kimberly Neubauer – April 15
*	Nikki Conero – March 14	Victoria Arnott – April 18
*	Mary Prior – March 15	Allison Conero – April 24
*	Marcus Mosenson – March 30	Heather Conley – April 29
*	Emma Jardine – March 31	Donna Flannery – April 30
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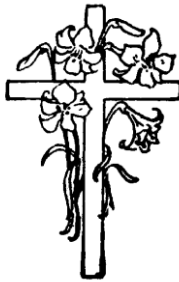
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### ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Our annual congregational meeting was held on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Officers were elected as follows: Elders – Carol Jellema, John Nokland, Beth Maida & Beth Kehoe; Deacons – Karla Ritter, Shawn Arnott & Emil Pignetti. Elder Heather Benedict is now an elder “at rest” and Beth Kehoe is a deacon “at rest,” each having served for six consecutive years.

## April 2022

April 3, Sun.		Fifth Sunday in Lent
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship – Holy Communion
	Noon	Deacons' Meeting
April 7, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
April 10, Sun.		<b>Passion/Palm Sunday</b>
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship
April 14, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service @ FPC
April 15, Fri.	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service @ Hopewell
April 17, Sun.		<b>Resurrection of the Lord/Easter</b>
	6:15 a.m.	Sunrise Service – Pleasure Ground Park Pavilion
		Breakfast at Hopewell Church
		No Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Easter Worship
April 19, Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Session
April 21, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
April 24, Sun.	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship – followed by Coffee & Conversation
***** <b>DEADLINE FOR SPRINGBOARD ARTICLES</b> *****		
April 28, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
April 30, Sat.	6:05 p.m.	Renegades Game/Picnic



### UPDATED MEMBERSHIP LIST

A new membership list is available. As always if your address or telephone number has changed, *please* call the church office (457-5383) and leave a message with the correct information. Thanks!

### IN MEMORIAM

William Eisenhardt passed away on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Bill was a member of our congregation for only a short time, but was an active member! Until the pandemic hit, he was in worship most Sundays, cheerfully greeting those around him. He also helped in the kitchen at our first Soup to Go event. Please remember his sister, Lou Miller, and the rest of his family and friends in your prayers.

This is a list of church officers. Please refer to your membership list for telephone numbers.

Pastor – Rev. Jeromey Howard  
Clerk of Session – Cynthia Nokland

SESSION (RULING Elders)

<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>
Carl Van Dyke	Beth Hoeffner	Carol Jellema
Robin McPhillips	Cynthia Nokland	John Nokland
Joe Prior Sr.	Beth Kehoe	Beth Maida

BOARD OF DEACONS

<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>
Donna Powles	Kim Hoeffner	Karla Ritter
Kirsten Howard	Diane Karsten	Shawn Arnott
Debbie Fagan	Joanne Toombs	Emil Pignetti

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Buildings & Grounds	Joe Prior & John Nokland
Membership Development	Cynthia Nokland
Nominating Committee	Robin McPhillips
Personnel Committee	Joe Prior
Christian Education	Beth Hoeffner
Stewardship & Budget Committee	
Worship Committee	Carol Jellema
Mission Committee	Beth Hoeffner, Joe Prior

CHURCH STAFF

Office Secretary	Carol Jellema
Church Treasurer	Taylor Raimondo
Financial Secretary	Heather Ross Benedict
Organist/Choir Director	Marcia Woodall
Floral Secretary	Carolyn Henrie
Custodian	Taylor Maida
Westminster Guild President	Cynthia Nokland
Sunday School Officers	Mindy Boulanger ~ Superintendent
	Janis Guaragno ~ Treasurer

The church office hours are Thursday and Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The office phone number is 845-457-5383

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Pastor Jeromey's email [pastorjeromey@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjeromey@gmail.com) or for immediate needs call his cell at 845-500-1319

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