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April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 RESURRECTION SUNDAY 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Festival Service with Holy Communion Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching	2 EASTER MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 12:15 Inasmuch luncheon	5	6	7
8 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Patricia Ludwig, preaching	9	10	11 7:00 Trustees/ Diaconate Meeting	12	13	14
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22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Brian A. Brown, preaching	23	24	25 Mark, Evangelist	26	27	28
29 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Catherine Chambers, preaching	30	➔ Note that the Crepusculum Choir from Berklee School of Music will be the <i>Gift of Music</i> concert on Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 PM. Read about it on page 10. This is a special group and we should make a special effort to come out to hear them. It will be a fine program. The Rainbow singers perform for us on Sunday, May 6, 2018, at 2:00 PM as part of our Sacred Sites Open House.				



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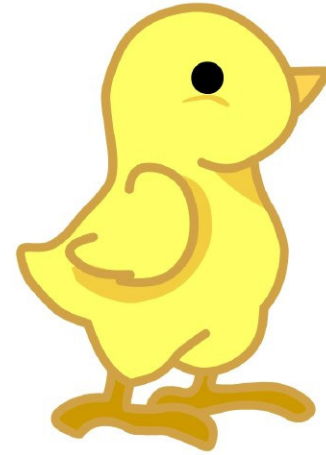
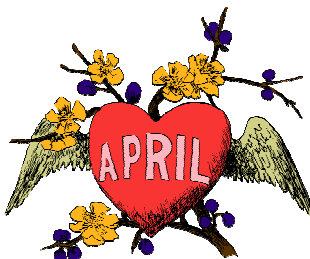


April Birthdays

- 4 Jane Garis
- 7 Mark Boeskin, Sr.
- 11 Rev. Kathleen Ordiway
- 11 Richard Bowser
- 12 Tom Culbreth, Jr.
- 14 Vicki Williams
- 15 Tom Culbreth
- 25 Doug Garis
- 25 Rev. Donald Lawrence
- 29 Amy Baxter



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Rev. Dr. Charles F. Lamb, Joseph Hoopsick, William Cody, Carole and Hank Buchalski, John Swindlehurst, Sara Gromniak, Patricia Smeal, Janet Keebler, Gladys Lewis, our Church family, our missionaries, especially Carmella Jones, our Country and all those who serve our Country



April 1 — Sunday — EASTER!

- 10:00 AM Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Festival Service with Holy Communion
Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

April 4 — Wednesday

- 12:15 PM Inasmuch Lunch

April 8 — Sunday — Easter 2

- 10:00 AM Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Divine Worship
Rev. Patricia Ludwig, preaching

April 11 — Wednesday

- 7:00 PM Diaconate/Trustees Meeting

April 15 — Sunday — Easter 3

- 10:00 AM Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Divine Worship
Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching
Third Sunday Food Collection
- 12:15 PM Third Sunday Lunch
- 2:00 PM *Gift of Music:* Crepusculum Choir

April 22 — Sunday — Easter 4

- 10:00 AM Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Divine Worship
Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown, preaching

April 29 — Sunday — Easter 5

- 10:00 AM Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Divine Worship
Ms Catherine Chambers, preaching

Church Office Hours: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday — Friday

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James D. Flood, FWTC, FCSM - Church Administrator and Editor

An organization called **THE FELLOWSHIP OF MERRY CHRISTIANS** began a tradition years ago called **HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY**, to bring the joy of the Gospel to God's people, and they suggested celebrating it the Sunday after Easter, because God played a most wonderful trick on the world by raising Jesus from the dead when everyone else thought He had been killed, and would no longer be around to "pester" them to do crazy things like love your enemies and hang around with various kinds of sinners and pray for those who persecute you!

I will be sharing in the service at FBC this year on **April 8th**. We will hear some scriptures that tell us to rejoice, sing joyous, happy, glorious songs, moan at some jokes and puns that fit in with the season, and be happy and filled with the joy that Jesus wants us to have.

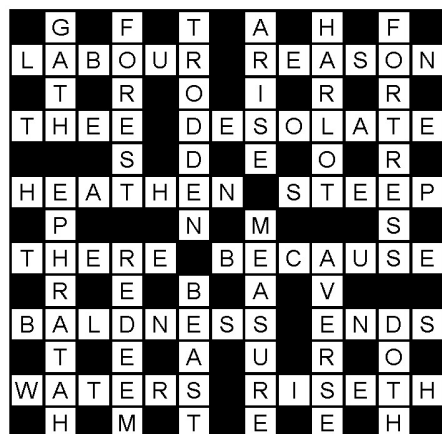
To get in the spirit, the favor I ask of you is to wear brightly colored clothes, perhaps a fun hat or socks or jacket, or decorate a shirt or bring a pinwheel or bright accessory, like a boa or earrings or a pin! Just come as **EASTER PEOPLE**, smiling because **HE LIVES** and therefore we can live in joy!

See you soon and, in the meantime, live into the Easter Spirit.

"Pastor Pat"...the Rev. Patricia Ludwig

Last Month's Crossword Answers

Micah



ABHMS honors Women's History Month

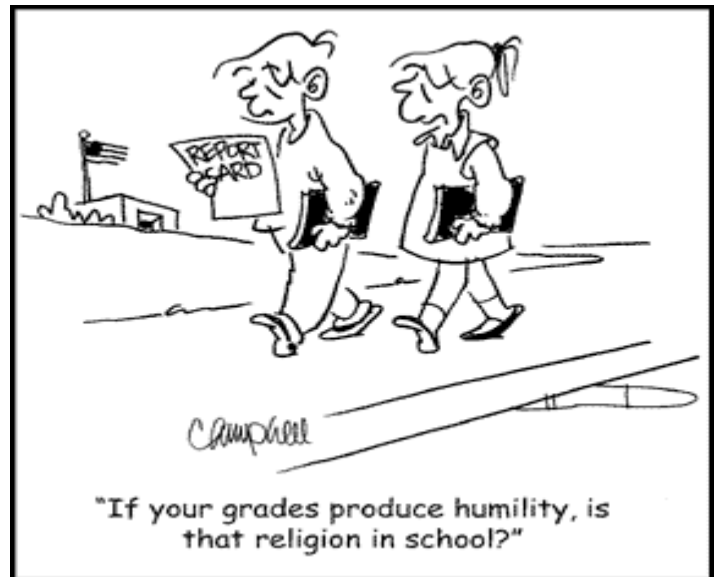
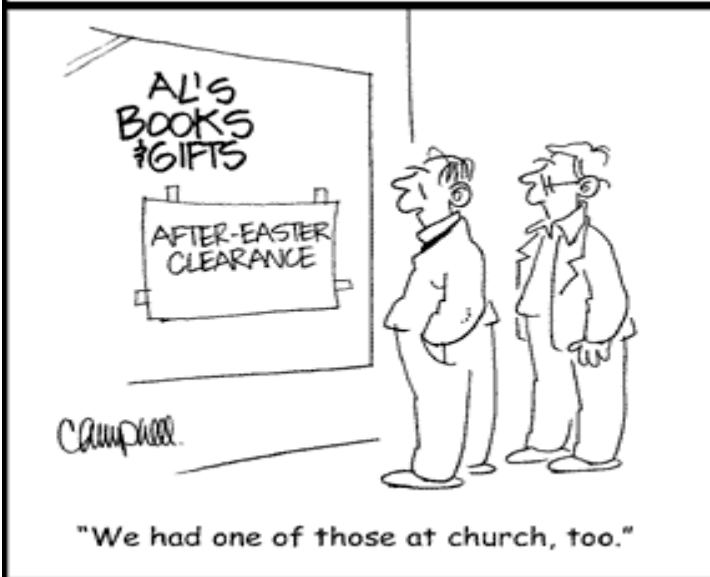


When she was elected as first woman president of the Northern Baptist Convention in 1921, Helen Barrett Montgomery (1861-1934) became the first woman president of any Protestant denomination.

Twenty years before women won the right to vote, Montgomery was the first woman elected to public office in Rochester, N.Y., having served on the Rochester School Board for 10 years. Her concern for social reform and civic causes grew out of her biblical and theological understandings.

She was active in Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Rochester, where she organized a women's Bible class that she led for 44 years.







GOOD FRIDAY

Ecumenical Service

Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross
at

First Baptist Church

554 Main Street, Main at Fourth, Niagara Falls, New York 14301-1584 (716) 282-4666

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018

NOON – 3:00 PM

Seven Sections – Special Music

Seven Speakers:

Rev. William Thomas

Rev. Harvey Kelley

Rev. Dr. Judith Mercer

Rev. Dr. Brian Arthur Brown

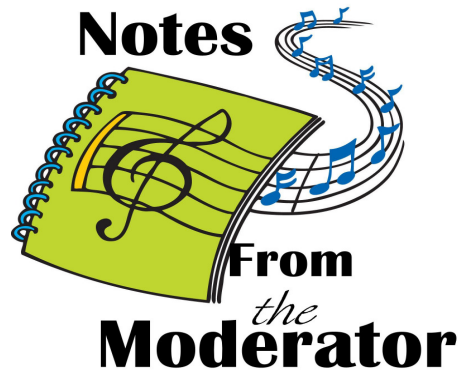
Rev. Patricia Ludwig

Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway

Rev. Dr. Charles F. Lamb

Come and go as your schedule allows.





Notes From the Moderator

Easter is here and we celebrate the risen Christ! Flowers and candles decorate our sanctuary for spring. Lent was a very busy time for church members, especially those who helped with the Lenten Luncheons. Helpers were Marge Bozigar, Margie Blakeley, Connie Davis, Hazel Baxter, Ron Baxter, Kay Buckley, Jim Flood and John Burrows. The “wet dishrag crew” chopped, peeled, breaded, served, cleaned up and made some amazing food. Our speakers gave us messages to help us on our Lenten journey which inspired all of us.

The sermon series for Sundays during Lent, led by Rev. Brian Brown gave us a long look into the influences on early Christianity and the culture of early times. Spirituality in the human condition is thousands of years old and there’s still so much to learn.

Rev. Kathleen Ordiway’s series on “Prayer” was inspirational and the Vespers were highly meditative and devotional.

Our Second Sunday will be the third Sunday on April 15. The Gift of Music concert that Sunday will be an a cappella chorus from the Berklee School of Music, titled “Crepusculum” (Twilight). Crepusculum is a student-run chamber choir based in Boston, MA. Members attend the world-renowned Berklee College of Music and other schools in the Boston area. Crepusculum, Latin for twilight, strives for the perfect blending of light and dark voices. With a wide variety of backgrounds in music, the group has a unique sound. They perform both student works as well as more well-known pieces in both service, concert and video setting. See page 10.

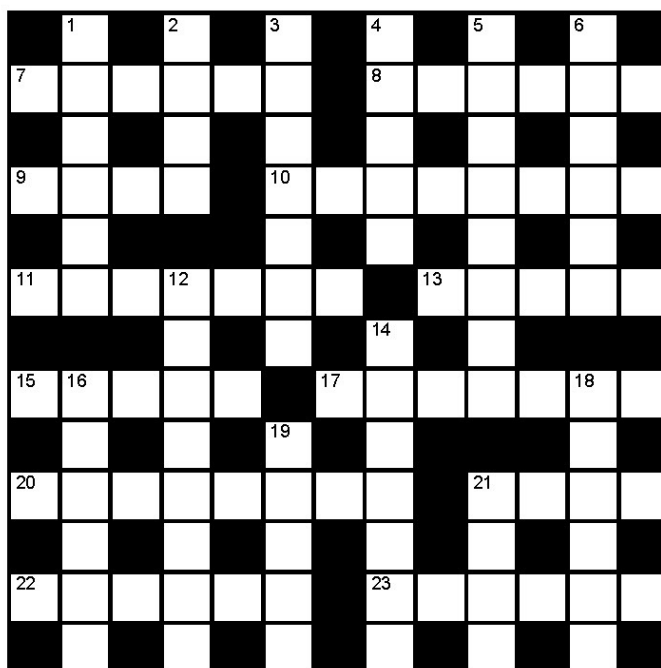
The next concert will be presented by the Rainbow Singers on Sunday, May 6, 2018, at 2:00 PM, as part of our open house for the New York State Landmark Conservancy, Sacred Sites program. We have been holding an open house with architectural tours for the Sacred Sites program for several years now, and they provided two small grants for us when we were having brick work done on the outside of our building.

Bible study has resumed and we’re looking forward to what comes next. Christopher and Cheryl Taylor are now in charge and they are enthusiastically leading those who are able to attend.

Donna Flood

Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

Nahum



Across

- 7 "He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and _____ up all the rivers." Nah 1:4 (6)
- 8 "Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured _____ ..." Nah 3:4 (6)
- 9 "Behold upon the mountains the _____ of him that bringeth good tidings ..." Nah 1:15 (4)
- 10 "Thou also shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek _____ because of the enemy." Nah 3:11 (8)
- 11 "For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as _____ fully dry." Nah 1:10 (7)
- 13 "_____ is the dwelling of the lions, and the feedingplace of the young lions ..." Nah 2:11 (5)
- 15 "Take ye the _____ of silver, take the _____ of gold." Nah 2:9 (5)

- 17 The Israelites sacrificed animals as an act of this. (7)
- 20 This word means a divine sentence or decision. (8)
- 21 One of the gospel writers. (4)
- 22 "Art thou _____ than populous No, that was situate among the rivers, that had the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was from the sea?" Nah 3:8 (6)
- 23 "For while they be _____ together as thorns ..." Nah 1:10 (6)

Down

- 1 A Levite was this. (6)
- 2 "Yet was she carried away, she _____ into captivity." Nah 3:10 (4)
- 3 "Make _____ many as the cankerworm." Nah 3:15 (7)

- 4 "_____ is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, a wicked counsellor." Nah 1:11 (5)
- 5 The vine _____ have been marred. Nah 2:2 (8)
- 6 "Go into clay, and tread the _____, make strong the brickkiln." Nah 3:14 (6)
- 12 "Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that _____ good tidings, that publisheth peace!" Nah 1:15 (8)
- 14 To make strong. Nah 2:1 (7)
- 16 "His fury is _____ out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him." Nah 1:6 (6)
- 18 God's holy nation. (6)
- 19 "And I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be _____." Nah 2:13 (5)
- 21 The hills do this at the LORD. Nah 1:5 (4)



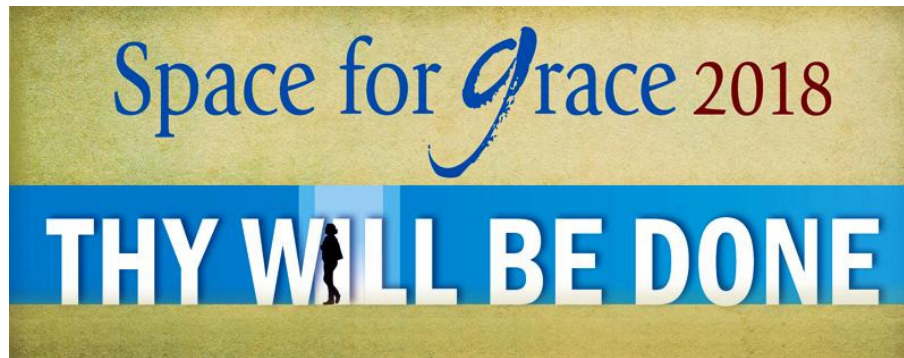
OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY CORNER

During our 175th Anniversary Year (and probably beyond) we are delving into our archives to bring our wonderful past to light. Last month we had a church service. In this photograph:

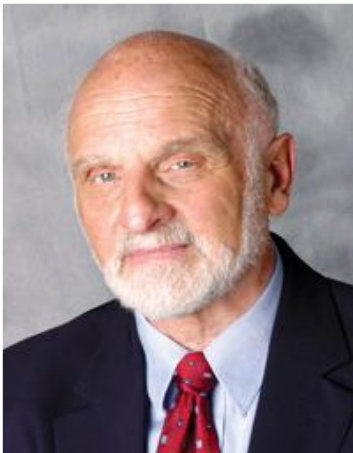
- ❖ Name these ladies from the “Altar Guild.”
- ❖ What year is it?
- ❖ Is this a special occasion?

ANSWERS: _____

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH’S PICTURE: The picture is obviously a Christmas Eve service with all the choirs, pew end candlesticks, etc. The year is 1952 . The minister: Rev. Victor Kane.



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THURSDAY NOON LENTEN LUNCHESES



The kitchen crew works to make the delicious lunches.

Rev. Brian Brown and guests enjoy chicken and biscuits.



Assembly of God members came as a group on March 15, 2018, to enjoy the lunch and hear our speaker.



↓ Work on gym progresses. New flooring arrives for installation. ↓



New floor stringers laid in preparation for the new Douglas fir tongue and groove boards.

New tongue and groove Douglas fir flooring, which had to be special ordered from the west coast.

