



**The First Presbyterian Church  
of Washingtonville**  
***The Good News-Letter***



March 2017



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of Washingtonville

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## IN CASE OF PASTORAL EMERGENCY



### Important News: Pastoral Emergency Care

We have pastoral emergency coverage for our congregation. If you know of a need for emergency care please call the church office (496-3814) and leave a message if Cynthia is not there.

Any questions please email Lois Dunikowski at  
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## Relentless Prayers

- MaryAnn Sundby



Are you reluctant to bring the same prayers to your heavenly Father over and over? Maybe you don't want to trouble God; after all, he already knows what you're going to say. Plus, you're not worthy to ask for anything!

If those thoughts surround you, think about Patrick, Ireland's patron saint. At 16, he was dragged from his home to be a slave. Patrick tended sheep in the cold. Hungry and miserable, he begged God for mercy and deliverance.

In his *Confessio*, Patrick recalls praying "a hundred times in the day and almost as many at night." Without ceasing, he told God of his needs, wants, thanksgiving and confession. And God heard his prayers.

Pray relentlessly. God is always listening!



## Worship Ministry

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. We will be led in worship by Dr. David Jacobsen at 7:30 PM. A soup and bread supper begins at 6:15 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside Hazekamp Hall or email Nancy Popoloski at [pops4@frontiernet.net](mailto:pops4@frontiernet.net) if you will attend the supper and let us know what dish you will bring.

Guests preachers in our pulpit in March are:

- |          |   |                       |
|----------|---|-----------------------|
| March 5  | - | Dr. David Jacobsen    |
| March 12 | - | Rev. Glenn Henricksen |
| March 19 | - | Rev. Glenn Henricksen |
| March 26 | - | Dr. David Jacobsen    |

Chancel Choir news - Our choir members have recently been invited to participate in two special events! The choir sang African American Spirituals at the annual Black History Month celebration at Hamptonburgh Presbyterian Church on February 26. Lois Dunikowski and Nancy Popoloski are rehearsing with a combined presbyterian and community choir at the Union Presbyterian Church in Newburgh. The choir will present the very powerful and moving Lenten cantata, The Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore DuBois at the Union Presbyterian Church on April 9, Palm Sunday at 3:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

Blessings, The Worship Ministry

### Willing to Worship —Graham Cooke

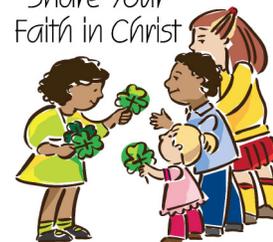
Lamentation is a powerful, and meaningful, form of worship because it places our love for God above even the worst of circumstances in our life. ... God does not ask us to deny the existence of our suffering. He does want us to collect it, stand in those things and make him an offering.

The Holy Spirit, our Comforter, helps us to do this: He aligns himself with our will and says, "I will help you to will to worship God." The glory of the majesty of God is that he helps us will and do.



## Lent begins

Share Your  
Faith in Christ



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			<b>1</b> 6:15 PM Soup & Bread Supper 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM N.A.	<b>3</b> World Day of Prayer	<b>4</b> 4:00 PM N.A.
<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Worship, Lord's Supper Rev. Glenn Henricksen 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM Troop 416	<b>8</b> 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM N.A.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4:00 PM N.A. Daylight-Saving Time begins at 2AM
<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Worship, Rev. Glenn Henricksen 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Troop 416	<b>15</b> 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>16</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM N.A.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 4:00 PM N.A.
<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Worship, Dr. David Jacobsen 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>20</b> First day of spring! 	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM Troop 416	<b>22</b> 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>23</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM N.A.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 4:00 PM N.A.
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	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>H</b>	

Sundays - 10:00 am Worship Service  
 11:00 am Coffee Hour

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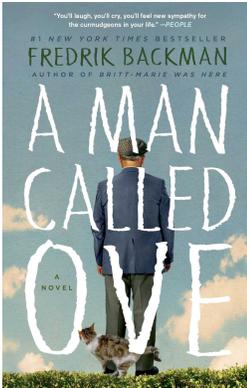
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

- 3 Doris Dunn
- 3 Gert Roosje
- 22 Cynthia Carey
- 28 Thomas Beasley

## Book Club

“A Man Called Ove”

By Fredrik Backman



Meet Ove. He’s a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn’t walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?

Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove’s mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents’ association to their very foundations.

A feel-good story in the spirit of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and *Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand*, Fredrik Backman’s novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. “If there was an award for ‘Most Charming Book of the Year,’ this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down”

The Savvy Soul Sisters of Syntax are reading this book for our next meeting. Come join us for the book discussion, fun and fellowship (and food).  
Next meeting is at Peggy’s house on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.





The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 20th of each month. Please submit the news you want to share, to Cynthia on or before the 20th of each month at [firstpres@frontiernet.net](mailto:firstpres@frontiernet.net).



*Thank You*

• to all those who participated and helped with all the work for the spaghetti dinner. It was a great success!

### Board of Deacons

**Food Pantry** The food pantry welcomes all donations. Needed for March is spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned or dry soup, and flour. Please add at least one of these items to your shopping list. Donations can be placed in the wicker basket outside Hazekamp Hall.

**Angels on Call** - We are creating a new list of volunteers who would like to do God's work by bringing meals to members that are in need (post surgery, trauma, emergency, etc). or drive a member who need a ride to the doctor. You can contact any of the deacons and/or sign up on the volunteer list which is posted.

**Coffee Hour Needs:** Currently coffee hour needs are paper towels, styrofoam cups along with cookies - baked or store bought. Thank you all for helping the Deacons keep the kitchen stocked!

**Prayer Shawl** The Deacons are so happy to have this special ministry to help with their shepherding.

**E Prayer Circle** Please contact Lois Dunikowski at [lbd9999@hrc.rr.com](mailto:lbd9999@hrc.rr.com) if you have any prayer requests.

#### Emergency Use of the Church Building

If any person in our church family is without power, water, or heat, and needs to use the church as a safe haven, please contact your deacon shepherd so he or she can direct your need to the appropriate ministry elder(s).

The Deacons are very happy to serve the members of this congregation. Please let your deacon shepherd know if he or she can help you in any way. (There is a list posted on the bulletin board in the Denniston Room if you are not sure who your deacon shepherd is.)

## **Begin Where You Are**

Read: Psalm 136:1-9

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”

- Psalm 19:1”

I came across a solitary flower growing in a meadow today - a tiny purple blossom “wasting its sweetness in the desert air,” to borrow from the poet Thomas Gray’s wonderful line. I’m sure no one had seen this particular flower before, and perhaps no one will see it again. *Why this beauty in this place?* I thought.

Nature is never waste. It daily displays the truth, goodness, and beauty of the One who brought it into being. Every day nature offers a new and fresh declaration of God’s glory. Do I see Him through that beauty, or do I merely glance at it and shrug it off in indifference?

All nature declares the beauty of the One who made it. Our response can be worship, adoration, and thanksgiving - for the radiance of a cornflower, the splendor of a morning sunrise, the symmetry of one particular tree.

Author C.S. Lewis describes a walk in the forest on a hot summer day. He had just asked his friend how best to cultivate a heart thankful toward God. His hiking companion turned to a nearby brook, splashed his face and hands in a little waterfall, and asked, “Why not begin with this?” Lewis said he learned a great principle in that moment: “Begin where you are”

A trickling waterfall, the wind in the willows, a baby robin, the blue sky, a tiny flower. Why not begin your thankfulness with this?

*Father, may we always be reminded that You have placed beauty here  
because it reflects Your character. We praise You!*

***(God ) is the beauty behind all beauty. By Steve DeWitt***

***INSIGHT:*** This worship song praises the wonders of God’s creation and His providential intervention for His people. The repeating refrain is, “His love endures forever.” The list of items for which to thank God, our Creator, are vast and extensive: God is good, He is over all other “gods“, He is the Lord of the lords, God alone does great wonders, God by His understanding made the heavens, He placed the earth on the waters, He made the great lights, He made the sun to govern the day, and He made the moon and stars to govern the night. As we behold the wonders of nature, we marvel at their Creator..

--Our Daily Bread

With blessings of love from the Nurture Ministry



**Calendar of Prayer for our  
Congregations and Leadership**

The endorsed calendar of prayer is a way for us to be united. It's an awesome responsibility and gift to pray for one another. To make our offering on behalf of one another. Each member congregation, staff member, elected servant leader, ministry team, and mission commitment of our Presbytery is represented:

First Church Washingtonville, First Church Philipstown Cold Spring, Joining Hands Peru Partnership, Scarborough PC, Roscoe PC, The HRP Transition Team, Brewster PC, First Church Hamptonburgh Campbell Hall, The Rev. Jed Koball-Mission Co-Worker in Peru, All Souls Port Chester, Otisville PC Mt Hope, and The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson III-General Assembly Stated Clerk.



**VISION STATEMENT**

*Together, we worship God through our Study, Stewardship, Service, and Song.*

Call Cynthia at **496-3814** or send an e-mail to [firstpres@frontiernet.net](mailto:firstpres@frontiernet.net) to share your news with our church family!



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