

THE RED DOOR



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BIG FLATS, NY – APRIL 2016

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SERMONS & MUSIC AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET

An audio link has been added to our church website making it possible for internet surfers to hear sermons and music selections from our weekly worship services. **John Farr**, our church webmaster, announced this new feature last month. To access our sermon and music archive, just go to our website (www.bigflatsfirstpres.org) and click on the **AUDIO** link at the top of the page. Thank you John, for your dedication and your technological expertise!

The screenshot shows the website for the First Presbyterian Church of Big Flats. At the top, the church's name and tagline "Pride in our Past, Faith in our Future" are displayed on the left, and the address "PO Box 454 Big Flats, NY 14814 (607) 562-8048" is on the right. A navigation menu includes links for HOME, CALENDAR, THE RED DOOR, PASTORS MESSAGE, AUDIO, GROUPS, and HISTORY / ARCHIVES. Below the menu is a banner image featuring a church exterior, an interior view of the sanctuary, a piano, and a stained glass window. The main content area begins with a "Welcome!" section, followed by a paragraph about the church's history and mission. Below this is a "Sunday Worship - 10:30AM" section with contact information. To the right of the text is a small image of the church building. At the bottom of the page, there are four logos: the Presbytery of Geneva, the Presbyterian Church (USA), Camp Whitman, and the Daily Lectionary.

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Circle of Love

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We serve a risen Savior! Easter is always a special time for our congregation, and this year was no exception. Our Lenten season was marked with very uplifting worship services and beautiful music. Our Holy Week featured a festive Palm Sunday service, a very spiritual Maundy Thursday experience, a joyous Easter Sunrise Ecumenical Service and breakfast, and a wonderful Easter Sunday time of worship and praise. Soul-lifting music, inspiring messages, a beautifully decorated sanctuary, the joyful sounds of our children as they hunted for Easter eggs, and a wonderful coffee hour combined to make Easter Sunday a day to remember! Special thanks to **Barb Horn** and the Worship committee, **Nancy Compton** and the choir, **Nancy Pangia** (our Egg Hunt leader), **Ann** and **Mark Slowik** and kitchen helpers (wow -- what fabulous Easter buffets, first following our Sunrise Service and then during our morning coffee hour!), **Joyce Dean** for the beautiful flowers, and all who worked to make this such a meaningful time. A special thank you to **Rev. Gary McCaslin** for leading our worship services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday!

Some of our March highlights included:

- Our fundraising pancake breakfasts continue to be a hit. The season's last breakfast will be held on **Saturday, April 9**. Thanks to all who work so hard to ensure our success!
- On Wednesday, March 16, our church hosted one of the area Lenten Ecumenical Dinners. What a success! We served a large, enthusiastic crowd, and they raved about the dinner! Thanks go to **Chef Ann Slowik** and the kitchen crew for a terrific meal, and to the legendary "**Big Flats Bakers**" of our church who provided the desserts.
- We have been blessed to have had a number of inspiring and talented speakers filling our pulpit in recent weeks. Special thanks go to **Cathy Neally & Phil Hubbard, Tom Seem, Rev. Ted Cooper, and Rev. Gary McCaslin** for leading our worship services over the last five Sundays!
- On Sunday, March 6, we were blessed to have **Angela Early** (daughter of **Jean Tedrick**) share her wonderful violin virtuosity with us during our morning worship service. What a special talent!
- Finally, as spring arrives, our Sunday soup sales end. We truly appreciate the efforts of our talented soup makers. Thank you to all who provided this wonderful home-made goodness and thanks also to those who bought soup and helped support this special project.



In our concerns this month, we ask for prayers for: **Brandon Davis** (nephew of Sheila French and Lisa McGill), **Denise Wiskowski** (sister of Debbie French), **Peter Middaugh, Joyce & Sam Dean, Alan Giglio** (Pat Fitzgerald's nephew), **Reva Soutar, Nick Rudnick, Emma Gardner, Flora Berke, Irene Hoey, Lydia Middaugh, Ginnie Schweizer, Dudley & Marie Shea, Marge Larocque** (Gigi Price's mother), and others who are dealing with ill health, surgery, loss, or life changes. Please continue to pray for our servicemen and women and their families and for peace in our troubled world.

Do you have a special joy or concern that you would like to share with our Big Flats Presbyterian Church community? See any Session member or Bill Howells, and we will include your news in our Joys/Concerns column.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE PLANS SPRING CLEAN-UP WORK PARTY

Our Property Committee has announced plans for a Spring Clean-up Work Party. The date and time have been set for **Saturday, April 30, from 9am to noon**. The main focus of the morning will involve clearing some brush and other clutter from the Welles property tree line, as well as cleaning up around the outside of our church building. We need all the help we can get for this ambitious project, and we would really appreciate it if you could lend a hand!

Questions?? See **Scott French** or any Property Committee member.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE COMING MAY 14



Our Spring Rummage Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 14, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, with lunch served and a bake sale. Our reduced-price **Bag Sale** will take place at **1:00 PM**.

Donations of sale items are most welcome. We have some room to store sale goods in the church basement, but it would save a great deal of work if items could be held at home and then brought in from **Sunday, May 8, through Tuesday, May 10**. At that point they can be left in the former Sunday School classroom area, thus saving our volunteers from making many additional trips up and down the basement steps. If you need access to the church, call **Linda Lincoln at 562-7601**.

We are going to need volunteers for setting up, working at the sale, taking down, and a variety of other jobs. We will be setting up tables on **Wednesday, May 11, starting at 9:00 AM**, and we will then continue working to organize and price items for the sale. If needed, this work will continue on **Thursday, May 12, also at 9:00 AM**. We may also be working on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. We will be cleaning up after the sale on **Saturday, May 14, at 2:00 PM**. Extra workers are requested to come for setup on **Wednesday morning** and for cleanup on **Saturday**. Many hands make light work! Sign-up sheets will be posted.

The sale of baked goods during our rummage sale is always very popular (and profitable!). Donations of baked items will be most appreciated. These baked goods can be brought to church on Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning.

Our sale is truly a win – win – win event – a chance to recycle your un-needed items; a chance to help raise funds for our church; a chance for everyone in our community to buy quality items at bargain prices! Please consider spending a few hours of your week to make this sale successful.

Linda Lincoln, Nancy Pangia, and Donna Stevens are coordinating our sale and will be happy to answer your questions.



FINAL 2015/16 PANCAKE BREAKFAST SLATED FOR APRIL 9

Our Pancake Breakfasts continue to be the premier gourmet experience of the greater Big Flats area. Discriminating breakfast buffs know that our combination of wonderful food, friendly service, and great prices just can't be beat. Thanks to all who have helped make these events so successful. Our last breakfast for this season will take place **Saturday, April 9, 8:00 - 10:00 AM**. The cost for each meal is \$7.00 for adults. There is no charge for those under five years old.

This series of meals is an ambitious project for our little church, and it takes a lot of help to ensure success. Please do your part by pitching in to help and also with your patronage. Questions?? Talk to **Jenny Dean**.

DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ELECTRONICALLY!

Our church now has an easy and safe way to donate electronically using your smartphone. All you need is one of the many free QR (quick response) code reader Apps available for your smartphone or ipad camera. Just read the QR bar code (at right), click on the GIVE NOW button, and use the dropdowns to make a donation. (For those wishing to donate online, there is also a GIVE NOW link on our church website www.bigflatsfirstpres.org which is very easy to use.)



CHURCH PICNIC SET FOR JUNE 19

Mark your calendar for a culinary adventure and a time of worship, fellowship, fine food, and fun! Plan to join us at the Big Flats American Legion picnic pavilion for our annual church picnic. The date is **Sunday, June 19**. Sharpen your taste buds and watch for more details next month.



PHOTO GALLERY



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WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship
TUESDAY	12:00 – 2:00	Food Pantry is open
	6:30	Boy Scout Troop #87

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 3	Chaplain Meredith Tifft will lead our worship service
April 9 (Sat.)	Pancake Breakfast fundraiser – 8:00 - 10:00 AM
April 10	Rev. Beth Frigard will lead our worship service (with Holy Communion)
April 17	Nancy Compton & Karen Perreault will lead our worship service
April 24	Bev Hendrickson will lead our worship service
April 24	“Pennies from Heaven” collection during morning worship
April 24	Information due for the May <u>RED DOOR</u>
April 30 (Sat.)	Spring Clean-up Work Party – 9:00 - noon

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Worship Committee	Meets following church service on April 3
Property Committee	Wednesday, April 6 – 6:00 PM
Session	Wednesday, April 6 – 7:00 PM

TO CONTACT OUR CHURCH:

TO WORSHIP WITH US: Sundays at 10:30 AM – 95 Main Street, Big Flats, NY

TO CALL US: (607)562-8048 (leave message)

TO MAIL US: First Presbyterian Church of Big Flats, P.O. Box 454, Big Flats, NY 14814

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