

# Pres Clippings

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Dear Members and Friends,

*Like many people, I enjoy finding a pithy statement that serves to give me greater wisdom and to keep my heart and mind in a more God-honoring place. Given the inflammatory rhetoric that we all seem to be exposed to these days, I find the following bits of wisdom to be helpful. I share them with you in hopes that they might be helpful to you too.*

*“You don’t have to attend every argument that you are invited to.” I like that statement because it reminds all of us that we do have the power not to engage when someone or something is getting under our skin. We can say nothing or even walk away.*

*Here’s another one: “Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart rather than a piece of our mind.” That statement reminds me of Proverbs 12:18 (ESV): “There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.” I’m sure we’ve all experienced how one kind word or one kind action can make a huge difference in lifting our spirits.*

*Every act and every word creates a ripple effect. We can change the world for the better, one word and one act at a time. Love and peace, Betsey*

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## THIS WEEK’S SUNDAY SERVICE

May 12, 2019 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Baptism

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will lead us in worship and preach in the sanctuary. The **Chancel Choir** will sing. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Liz Holloway, Charlene McCarthy, and Carole Wereski**. The Lay Reader will be **Michelle Giacchino**. The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Fred and Marilyn Betschen**. The Fellowship Hour will be hosted by the **Deacons**. Childcare is available. All are welcome to attend!

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### Please Remember!

**“FEED MY SHEEP”**  
May 12th:

**WHOLE GRAIN CEREALS**

*(all varieties)*

**ATTENTION ALL  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH!**

When you come to church on **Sunday, May 12th**, please bring your favorite blanket with you to show during the Children's sermon. If you don't happen to have a favorite blanket now, bring a blanket that you used a lot in the past or one that you use a lot now. Thank you!

**NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE**

**May 19, 2019 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Team Puerto Rico Sunday**

**Two-Cents-A-Meal Sunday**

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will lead us in worship and preach in the sanctuary. The **Chancel Choir** will sing. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Liz Holloway, Charlene McCarthy, Linda Proper, and Carole Wereski**. The Lay Reader will be **Joanne Tunison**. The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Kathy and Phil Menges**. Childcare is available. All are welcome to attend!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

On **Sunday, May 19th** we will welcome Pastora Evelyn Torres-Ramírez from the First Presbyterian Church of Lares, Puerto Rico. As well, we expect to have guests from the Synod of the Northeast, various presbyteries, and local pastors. The service of **worship at 10:30 a.m.** will be led by Team Puerto Rico 2019 and a buffet luncheon and presentation will follow immediately. The lunch menu includes pork shoulder, beans with rice, pastelón (lasagna made with plantains instead of pasta), tossed salad, fresh fruit salad, flan de queso (custard) and tembleque (coconut custard). We are asking

for RSVP's so that we can accurately plan. Please call the church office (734-1614) if you are able to attend. ¡Puerto Rico Se Levanta!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Sunday morning worship service on May 5th...the **Chancel Choir** for singing...**Pat Holmstrom, Charlene McCarthy, Mike Stanley, and Carole Wereski** for Greeting and Ushering...**Jane Ivanick** and **Mike Stanley** for giving the Minutes for Mission...**Les Malcovitch** for Lay Reading...**Mike Stanley** and **Mike Crimmins** for leading the Children's Sunday School...Deacons, **Linda Proper, Dottie Tholfsen, and Carole Wereski** for preparing the Communion...Elders, **Pat Holmstrom, Mark Ivanick, Mike Mitchell, Mike and Rehana Stanley** for serving the Communion...**Charlene McCarthy** and **Carole Wereski** for hosting the Fellowship Hour...**Edwin Hutsal** for giving the Chancel Flowers, "The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Frances Hutsal."

**IN THE BEGINNING...**

Starting with what the Bible is about and how we interpret it to the rise of empire and evil, join the **Adult Sunday School Class** as we study Genesis. We meet in room 10 at **9:30 a.m.** Everyone is welcome. Rev. Tim Hawk is leading the discussion.

**THE JAPANESE CONNECTION  
CONTINUES**

Minami Ido from Hokusei Gakuen Girls High School, will be visiting May 30th through June 2, 2019. She will be hosted by Lynn and Paul Hornbuckle. This is the first time we've had a student in two years. We are grateful the connection continues.



### CHURCH FAMILY

Our prayers of sympathy extend to God on behalf of the family and friends of **Rev. Robert (Bob) Smith** who went to be with our Lord on Friday, April 26, 2019.

Our prayers of comfort and healing extend to God on behalf of **Dottie Tholfsen** and **Barb Horton** who are patients at the Arnot Ogden Hospital.



### SHEPHERDING CALLS

The Board of Deacons wishes to announce that we are now conducting our annual Shepherding Call Program. As in past years, each member/household of First Presbyterian will be called by one of the Deacons. The Deacon will thank you for the wonderful things you do in support of the church's mission, such as serving on church committees, choir, and/or volunteering for other church activities and programs. You will also be asked to share any joys and celebrations during this past year involving you and your family, or questions or concerns you may have.

We request that if you are not available when you receive the Deacon's call, to please return the call at your earliest convenience. Otherwise the Deacon will follow up by sending you a letter requesting this information, or speaking with you in person. Thank you for your participation!

### WE NEED YOUR HELP ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP! SATURDAY, May 11, 2019

We are looking for as much help as possible at our first Saturday pick up of the year. As usual I will be at the church at **8:30 AM** to get our gear ready and have out the safety briefing and the work form to sign. As people arrive I can assign sections to

clean so those who want to start earlier can do so. If you are looking for some fresh air, fun and to do stewardship for our Earth please either phone Greg Lamb at Home, 562-3134 or Mobile 607-426-1834 or e-mail him at [lambge@gmail.com](mailto:lambge@gmail.com) . **I would really appreciate a call or e-mail so I can have an idea of how many folks can be expected.** Thanks in advance for your support!

### CIRCLE OF WOMEN

You are invited to the next Circle of Women meeting on **Monday, May 20th** at **10 a.m.** in the Hoffman Great Room. All women are invited.

### PRES CLIPPINGS SCHEDULE

The next Pres Clippings newsletter will be published on **Tuesday, May 21**. There will not be Pres Clips on May 14 & 28. Please submit any articles to [kespreselm@stny.rr.com](mailto:kespreselm@stny.rr.com). All articles must be received by Monday morning. Thank you.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Thursday, May 23, 2019

**1 - 6 p.m. ~ Hoffman Great Room**

When was the last time you thought about donating blood? A momentary inconvenience can save a life! There is a great need for blood in our area. Walk-ins



**UPCOMING CONCERT!**  
**DAVID PECKHAM ~ Virtuoso Organist**  
**Friday, May 17, 2019 ~ 7:30 PM**  
**Dinner ~ 6:00 PM**

David Peckham has been active in the musical life of the Elmira area for many years. He has been Resident Organist of Clemens Center since its opening in 1977 and has been organist at the Horseheads First United Methodist Church since 1985. Peckham's organ studies began with Albert Zabel (then of the Park Church) and continued with Dr. David Craighead of the Eastman School of Music. He returned from college to join his parent's pipe organ service business and is currently the owner of that firm which cares for about 55 pipes organs. Peckham has performed for many conventions of the American Theatre Organ Society, the Organ Historical Society's annual convention as well as numerous concerts internationally.

There will be a Chicken BBQ Dinner starting at 6:00 PM in the Hoffman Great Room. The dinner menu is: tossed salad, baked beans, BBQ chicken, oven roasted potatoes, brownies and cookies. Cost for a dinner ticket is: \$12 per adult and \$5 for children under 10 yrs. Reservations are highly recommended. **Please RSVP by May 15<sup>th</sup>** by calling the church office at 734-1614. Thank you.



are welcome at any time. You may schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RedCross or by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

**PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING  
 AND ACCESSORIES SALE  
 JUNE 7 & 8, 2019**



We have a lovely flyer about our sale that was designed by Kathy Menges and it is very professional and beautiful! Thanks to Kathy Menges for designing the flyer and Kelly for printing the flyer. Now we have to distribute the flyers to various spots so that people can know about this special and unique event. I am asking that everyone help with this distribution. Please take some and take some time to put it around Elmira/Horseheads and Corning too. Another great

place would be Corning Community College. I gave one to GST BOCES and to the stores around Mr. Panosian's. Please think about the potential buyers who need affordable professional clothing. That will give you direction to where to put the flyers.

I would also like to have a meeting about this sale on **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** to get workers and any further ideas about the sale. May 30-set up racks 10:00 am-?; May 31 from 4 pm—7 pm-bringing clothing in on hangers and other items; June 1 from 9 am-1 pm continue bringing clothes etc; June 2-after the church service and June 3 and June 4 will complete the set up. The sale will be June 7 from 2:30 pm -7 pm and June 8 from 9 am - 2 pm.

We need worker bees-setting up racks; workers organizing the racks; pricing workers; people working the sale (please dress Sunday best); 2 cashiers and 2 helpers;



## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS CAMP!

**JULY 8-12, 2019** (*mornings*)

There is a “Moose on the Loose!” We are currently collecting: **empty toilet paper rolls, empty paper towel rolls, small forest or camping theme stuffed animals and books.** The drop off basket is located in the missionary lobby. We also are asking for a few artistic volunteers to help create large backdrops of trees, moose and some other characters from our program curriculum. Finally we are hoping to borrow **small pup tents** to serve as team posts during the morning greeting time. Also, we will be creating a donations needed list of snack items and bottled water soon. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

clean up workers following the sale.

Please remember to put the sizes on the clothing especially men’s suits. I will get tags for the clothing and small safety pins to put them on.

Let’s all make this a positive and happy shopping experience for all. I need to know who is going to work on this sale, so please call me to volunteer. I thank everyone for providing wonderful clothing and accessories and for being part of our first professional clothing sale.—Jane Ivanick

### NEW TAI CHI CLASS

Please join us for our new Tai Chi class on **Monday and Wednesday** mornings from **11:30 AM—12:30 PM** in the Great Room or Parlor.

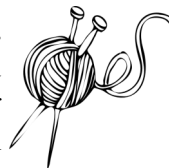


Tai Chi is an evidenced based program for folks 60 and older. This low intensity program is designed to help participants improve movement, balance, strength and flexibility. Program participants will also experience an increase in relaxation as well as a decrease in pain and the possibility of falling. Each class will include a series of warm-up exercises, and very basic flowing, low-impact Tai Chi movements that can be

adapted to any fitness level.

### KNITTING4PEACE POD

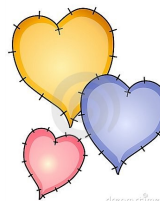
Our Peace Pod meets every **Tuesday**, from **3 – 4:30 p.m.** in the Genesis room. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet or would like to polish off rusty skills, please drop in.



There’s always someone there who can help you. We have plenty of yarn, needles, and patterns. If you can’t make meetings, you are welcomed to knit or crochet at home. For further instructions and patterns, visit [www.knitting4peace.org](http://www.knitting4peace.org) or speak with Sue Weaver or Kelly Stewart.

### SENIOR CARE PROGRAM

The Senior Care Program, relatively new to First Presbyterian helps seniors who struggle with the expense of protective undergarments. All information is confidential and we purchase and deliver with no charge to the clients. If you know of someone we may be able to help please contact Andy and Joanne Foster at 607-732-2975. Thank You.





## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**



*“I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts,  
then there is no hurt, but only more love.*

~ Mother Teresa

The Rev. Dr. Betsey R. Crimmins, Pastor

Barbara Squires, Clerk of Session

Gary Tucker, Organist

Melissa Moore, Director of Music

Scott Kelley, Instrumental Director

Fred Betschen, Church Treasurer

Paul Kingsbury, Assistant Church Treasurer

Kelly Stewart, Church Secretary

Susan Weaver, Financial Secretary

Bella DiPofi, Child Care Giver

Sami Swarhout, Child Care Giver

James Stewart, Sr., Church Sexton

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