

PAYNE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1459 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120



APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

We hope you enjoy catching up with current
events and all the happenings
Within our Church and Church Families!

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service Hour.....10:00 a.m.

A quiet room is available for families with small children,
which is located in the back of the church.

Coffee Hour prior to the Worship Service has resumed,
but will only be offered the first Sunday of each month

Visit us on the Web: <http://www.PayneAvenue.org/>

**Our web site is now up and running,
be sure to look it over!**

**All upcoming Events are in the Newsletter which is
always posted on the Website!**

E-Mail Address:

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**WiFi is available in the church building
and on the grounds; Password Peace2All**

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“ANNOUNCEMENTS”

There will be an Elders Meeting if needed at a future date.

**Monday, April 8th Where will you be when the total
Solar Eclipse occurs over our area?
Wherever you decide to be, please stay safe!**



**Save the Date! Sunday, April 28th
We will be having a cookout following
the Worship Service!
Everyone is invited! Please plan on attending!**

**The next Board Meeting will be May 19th following the Worship Service. Please
plan to attend we have many items that need your input!**

Deaconess Schedule

April (4 Sundays)

Prepare – Shirley Jayne Clean Up – Jean and Vern Ortel

Elders at the Table

April 7
April 14
April 21
March 24

Bread – Leah Benton
Bread – Jim Wokersien
Bread – Becky Wilson
Bread – Bob Link

Cup – Barbara Wokersien
Cup – Ross Benton
Cup – Bill Wolcott
Cup – Ken Ozzimo

From the Pastor's Pen:

Grace and peace to everyone. I hope your Easter was a blessed one as we remembered our Lord's resurrection from the dead. The resurrection is the very heart of our faith. Without the resurrection there is no reason to worship or to exist as a church. Jesus rising from the dead on Easter reminds us that we have a God who loves us so deeply that he allowed sinful people to kill his Son. But God's answer to sin and death was that Jesus would live again to be our Lord. Take the message of the resurrection in your heart and share it with everyone you meet this day. Let the Love that he demonstrated carry over to all persons through our actions. Amen.



April scriptures and Sermons

April 7 2nd Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 4: 32-35; John 20:19-31 Sermon: By believing you may have life

April 14 3rd Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24: 36-48 Sermon: You are his witnesses

April 21: 4th Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 4:5-12; John 10;11-18 Sermon: 'I Am the Good Shepherd'

April 28 5th Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 8: 26-40; John 15:1-8 Sermon: Abiding in Christ

Bible Study

Bible Study continues on Wednesdays at noon. Currently we are studying the Book of the Acts and how the early Christian church began to make a difference in the world. Come and be inspired as the word of God is opened to us. See You in Church...Pastor Bob

"IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT"

If anyone needs to be placed on the Communion to Shut-Ins list please be sure to contact Becky Wilson at 998-9052.



Continued Prayers are being requested for the following:



Prayer Requests

Rev. Dr. Arthur Davis, Sandy Lange's brother Bruce, Sue Fleming, Terry Michalski, Janet Rider, Mary Dzik and family, Shirley Jayne, Dick Keil, Sue and Ross Benton, Leah Benton and Daughter Ruth, Bob Link's Grandson William and Son in Law David Meisner, Becky's friend Meagan Rankie, Karen Lawrence, her daughter Ronda and friend Sharon Wiess, Sonya DiNardo, Heather and Ken Ozzimo's Grandson, Martha Scheda's brother Eric and wife Gina, Bob Link's daughter Shelly Brock, Tammy Bradigan's Brother Kevin, Cynthia Pullman, Kelly Akins, Jan Tooke and her sister in law Lois Madrid, Brandon Kofod, Lisa Geraci, Marcy's sister in law Mary Alice Pellicci, friend Vince Perfetto, Mary Caldwell, Debbie Evans and Sherrie Ostwald.

***There will be copies of this list printed and located on the Deacons tables. Please be sure to take one home so you continue to keep them in your prayers. *Please note, after a 6 week period names will be removed unless a special request is received in the office. Thank you.**

To be added to the Prayer Chain call Jan Tooke 693-2848 (before 9pm).

Memorials
A memorial was made by Brett Kofod
In memory of Joan Davern
and LaVerne "Dusty" Donner



Coffee Hour has returned and will be held at 9:00am the first Sunday of each month! Please join us as we get closer to getting back to our normal activities. Thank you!

Let's Celebrate!

April Birthdays

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| 9 | Marcia Evans | 24 | Linda Ortel |
| 9 | David Evans | 26 | Karen Lawrence |
| 17 | Jessica Smith | 29 | Mason Paul Lewis |

May Birthdays

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| 11 | Brett Kofod | 22 | Kelley Kent |
| 16 | Jason Wokersien | 23 | Jean Ortel |
| 18 | Pastor Bob Fleming | 28 | Christopher Painter |
| 21 | Joe Krantz | 28 | Jeff Rider |
| 22 | Jamie Harbridge | 29 | Dorothea Knoell |

May Anniversaries

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| John and Ellen Harbridge | May 15 th | Michael and Frances Painter | May 19 th |
| Pastor Bob and Sue Fleming | May 20 th | Gabriel and Beverly DiBernardo | May 30 th |

***I would like to update the birthdays and anniversary dates so please be sure I have this information for all members of your family so they can be included each month.**



Annual Birthday Celebration
 Our Birthday Celebration was a great day, enjoyed by many! Thank you to Becky Wilson for donating this beautiful cake! Also, to the Ortels for a yummy lunch!

FROM THE MISSIONS DESK

It's already April!

Our missions are coming along nicely.
Our summer community day on July 27th is coming together better than I expected so far.

I'm waiting on some autographed items from Thurman Thomas.

I'm also waiting on some autographed items from America's Got Talent Mitch Rosell.

He got 4 yeses when he was on the show in June. With his dad & his grandparents being killed by a drunk driver when he was only 10 years of age, I am planning on having a slogan/ poster contest to stop DWI. The winner of the contest will be selected by law enforcement that will be present that day. They will in turn win what Mitch has sent. Pictures will be taken so Mitch can see who won.

I have been in contact with the NT police dept. about sending someone that day to do child ID's and car seat checks.

If you look by the missions table, I have added a box for a toy collection. It's never too early to start. Please place a new unwrapped toy in the box.

As always, please continue to donate food for the food pantry. PLEASE NOTHING EXPIRED!! Also don't forget paper products, hygiene products are always accepted and needed. Pet foods are also in need. I want to thank all of you who have stepped up to help with missions in my absence. I love you all and appreciate everything you do to help. I could not do it without my church family! Thanking all of you who continue to help others in need.

Sue Fleming



Thinking of You!

Please remember our members that are unable to be in their homes any longer....they would love to hear from you...make a call or send a card it will help them knowing we care!

Thank you!

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Ms. Cynthia D. Pullman,
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(daughter of the DiBernardo's)

Susan Benton
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Also, friends that are at home but unable to attend services at this time:

Karen Lawrence, Richard Keil.

I am sure they would love to hear from members....their contact information is listed in the Directory (Cards only at this time please)



Basement Cleanup Resumes

The scheduled work days are on Mondays at 6:30pm; we are cleaning the basement in hopes of getting it ready for a new tenant. So please if you have some spare time you can offer it would be very much appreciated!

(if the date changes please watch the bulletin)

APRIL OFFICE HOURS

The week of April 15th the Office will be closed, but Pastor Fleming will be in on Wednesday, April 17th.

The following week - Marcy will be in the Office on Monday, April 22nd and Tuesday, April 23rd. Pastor Bob will be in the Office on Wednesday, April 24th.

The Office will be closed on Thursday, April 25th and Friday, April 26th.

Thank you!



And then there is this:

The Presbyterian Church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they should not interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist Church, the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistry. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistry and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Lutheran Church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later, the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water-slide.

The Episcopalians tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church in an effort to kill the squirrels with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage a band of drunk squirrels can do.

But the Catholic Church came up with a more creative strategy! They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since.

