

SkanPresby Press



Farewell From Our Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you for all the faith, support and love you have shown us. You have listened and stood beside us as we rebuilt the foundations of this church and community. Together we have been transformed from a sleepy lake village to a people of faith who have dedicated our lives to others. We have witnessed miracles in health restored, and lives redeemed. I have laughed that I came to Skaneateles with brown hair and have earned every gray, but I also treasure that we have each left our impression upon the other. Sunday, October 21st, former Stated Clerk, the Rev. Dr. Steve Plank will moderate a Special Congregational meeting to act on the decision to dissolve my Call as your pastor and adopt a Severance package.

If we had a family physician, who ceased acting as doctor, we would continue to embrace them as a friend, but no longer seek them out for surgery or prescriptions. The same will be true for us. We care about you and love you, wanting to know when there are graduations, weddings, births and committals to almighty God, but another pastor will take up the mantle and carry on.

The Presbytery has known from Session members that this transition was coming since the first of the year, so should be able to provide the Session a list of qualified Intentional Interim candidates to begin very shortly. The Interim Pastor is just that, your new Pastor, making calls, preaching, etc., but also specially trained in the needs of this time between installed pastors.

During the last Interim, there became a joke about the person in my place being “The Real Pastor”... Thank you for making me real, by sharing your fears and tears, concerns and hopes and dreams, trusting our leadership. In an era when churches are being closed, we have grown by over 600 new members, far and away the majority with no prior church membership, 300 weddings and 300 baptisms. We have made a difference in the world through our faith, locally, nationally, throughout the PC(USA) and internationally. Thank you for ministering to me and to my family as you allowed me to “really” minister to you.

Craig Lindsey





Hello Church!

Thank you from Mario



To my always beloved Session of Skaneateles Presbyterian Church,

I pray that everything is well with you both in spirit and body, remembering that we are called to be faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus who is worthy of every praise. May you always know that I love you.

It is just over two months since my departure from Central New York, and I am happy to report that all four of us are well and that we are forever grateful for your prayers and all the encouragement from the beginning to the end of my call as your Associate Pastor. By the way, "four" is not a typo. Mel is pregnant! ☺ Surprise! We found out that Mel was pregnant about a week ago (Still in the early stages, but we are delighted and very hopeful.)

The journey south was uneventful and very successful for the Bolivars. Mel, Dante and I were reunited around Labor Day weekend. Things have worked very well in our transition, and I have to say that is vastly because of the generosity of the session and congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Skaneateles. Your generosity allowed Mel and I to be able to relax and journey into my new call in Eustis Florida with ease and peace of mind. With the extra income that you provided, we were able to prepare our cars, make home deposits, buy supplies and travel south without hurting our already tense budget and even save a little.

Church, please know that from the beginning to the end you were a fantastic place to serve the Lord. You were my outstanding first call into ordained ministry, a home and a community of faith that I will treasure forever. I will always speak of your love and the encouragement and how you are linked to whom I am as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. Know that not only you were generous with the extra income and all the parting notes, cards and gifts but you were always generous in your encouragement and in giving me the freedom to explore my call as your Associate Pastor and venture into a new way to do evangelism. Let all the Glory be to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Be of good courage and know that you will always be loved.

Rev. Mario Alberto Bolivar

"Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

Isaiah 41: 10

Upcoming Dates

Oct 21 - Congregational meeting following service

Oct 28 - American Folk Songs - Masterworks Chorale 4:00 PM

Nov 1 - Presbyterian women (noon)

Nov 4 - All Saints Day, remembering those we lost in the last year.

Nov 8 - Library Guitar Concert - 7 PM

Nov 11- Veterans Day - Remembering all who served our country

Nov 11 - Mens Breakfast following service

Nov 18 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, United Methodist Church at 4:00 PM

Nov 22 - Thanksgiving

Dec 1 - Lakeside Artisans - all day

Dec 1 - Hanging of the Greens and potluck dinner starting at 5:00 PM



Building Report

Windows in the Simms room are in the process of being repaired.

New carpet expected this fall

Volunteers Needed to help with Continuing Education for our Youth

Please volunteer a little of your time to help further the education of our youth in nursery school, youth, and high school. WE NEED YOU!

In efforts to streamline and coordinate communications to all parents of children and youth, the Christian Education Committee and Mission Committee are putting together an email group of all parents. Please watch your inbox for Christian Education updates. If you don't receive an email, please forward your address to Peggy.





Current Session of First Presbyterian Church of Skaneateles

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Birthdays - Oct/Nov

Ann Bradley 10/9
Marge Nelson 10/11
Kristi Krieger 10/15
Jan Jurgensen 10/19
Isabel Rogers 10/22
Ron Ackles 10/23
Chad Rogers 11/1
Ginny Fennessy 11/2
Marna Plank 11/4
Caroline Bernazzani 11/5
Dick Poppa 11/5
Greg Hinman 11/9
Carol Ackles 11/9
Julian Corsello 11/14
Julia Marshall 11/18
Maureen Soderberg 11/18
Judy Lindsey 11/19
Claudia Lambdin 11/25
Ann Fey 11/26
Dolores May 11/28
Tom Hancock 11/30

Anniversaries

Stacy & Hobe Abbott 10/1
Molly & Shannon Rhoads 10/1
Mary Margaret & Andy Biss 10/12
Jill & Todd Marshall 10/14
Sue & Dick Grady 10/27
Amy & Dave Rottger 10/21
Skip & Carol Gassler 11/23
Karen & Sky Graham 11/28
Ann & Ko Fey 11/30

New Members

Irv Beimler
Jordan & Chris Bruna (sons Luke and Joey)
Joan Thomsen

* If your birthday OR Anniversary is in October and you do not see your name, or some information is missing or incorrect, please email...

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Men's Brunch November 11, 2018

Sunday, November 11 is Veterans Day. We have a wonderful event planned to honor and support all of these men and women. We cordially invite all Veterans who have served our country and their families to join us on this special day.

With the assistance of Teresa Motz, we have invited Lynn Fox, Community Outreach Director for Clear Path for Veterans to take part. She will give us an overview of their organization and mission as well as their many support services and activities. They served over 500 veterans at their retreat center, which is located on 78 acres in Chittenango.

In addition, Cindy Meili, Veterans Service Outreach Coordinator for the Town of Skaneateles will join us to discuss her role in helping and assisting our local veterans. Cindy is married to a career Air Force officer who is stationed at Hancock Field, and her son is on active duty with the Air Force. Cindy has office hours in the Town Hall.

All are invited for our delicious pancakes, French toast, sausages and fruit. Regular and decaf coffee, tea and juice are also served. Cost is still only \$5.00 and all VETERANS, children and teens are free.

See you there, Dave Graham



Presbyterian Women of the Congregation

The Women's Circles are organized for the coming year and are meeting monthly for the purpose of nurture and outreach. The 1st Thursday of each month, a Bible Study group meets in Dobson Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon for a Brown Bag lunch and coffee and tea and dessert is provided. The study guide, God's Promise, is available in the church office for \$10.00. A short business meeting follows the lunch for planning support for our church and community. The November meeting is Thursday, November 1, 2018.

PWC Team members are Judy Bobbett, Nan Corsello, Ann Fey, Judy Krieger, Carolyn Schwab, and Joan Tarolli. Please call a team member if you are interested.

PWC is collecting Stuffing for the Ecumenical Food Pantry's Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets. Donations can be left in the Sims room baskets before November 12, 2018.

The Evening Circle meets once a month, September to June, in member's homes for fellowship, sharing, and mission projects. All are welcome to join the group. Please contact Molly Rhoads, Ginny Fennessy, or Jill Marshall if you are interested. The November meeting will be November 14, 2018, at Judy Krieger's home, 3069 East Lake Rd., car-pooling from the church, at 6:30 pm.

Thank you from First Presbyterian Eustis



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07/29/2018

Dear friends at First Presbyterian of Skaneateles,

Grace and Peace,

The Session, the staff, and all the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Eustis offer this short note in love as your Pastor Mario has moved to become our Pastor Mario. We are praying for you as your church feels the loss of this special pastor and his family, and for each one of you as you move forward together in faith and hope. We believe that through the power of the Holy Spirit, you will feel the prayers that we are offering for your sake.

Our church members have taken a few moments to sign this letter, and in some cases to share a short word or two. We prayed for you in worship this week and will continue to do so as a church in the coming days. We will love the Bolivar family, learn with them, grow with them, take care of them!

Grace and peace,

The church family in Eustis, Florida

Choir Notes

Throughout the year, choir directors have several resources available to them to help select choir anthems for worship services. One such resource is the *Call to Worship*, the official journal of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. This journal is published by the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The lectionary is broken down into a three-year cycle: Year A, Year B, and Year C.

Currently, we are working towards the end of Year B - Advent 2017 through the Reign of Christ 2018 (ending Sunday, November 25). The *Call to Worship*, prepared from the Presbyterian *Book of Common Prayer*, is an overview of each Sunday and special festival days of the current liturgical year. It offers suggested elements for the worship service such as opening sentences, hymns, anthem selections for large and small choirs, service prayers, and seasonal



If you have a picture that you would like to submit please email it to info@skanpresby.org





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