

*A song of sunshine through the  
rain, Of spring across the snow;  
A balm to heal the hurts of pain,  
A peace surpassing woe.  
Life up your heads ye  
sorrowing ones,  
And all be glad of heart,  
Of Calvary and Easter Day  
Were just three days apart!*

*With shudder of despair and loss  
The world's deep heart is wrung,  
As, lifted high upon his cross  
The Lord of Glory hung -  
When rocks were rent and darkness  
stole the light from street and mart;  
But Calvary and Easter Day  
Earth's darkest and brightest day,  
Were just three days apart.*

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## Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. April 21 Meal & Holy Communion

## Good Friday

12 Noon April 22 In our sanctuary

## Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Arkport Cemetery

Breakfast at our Church

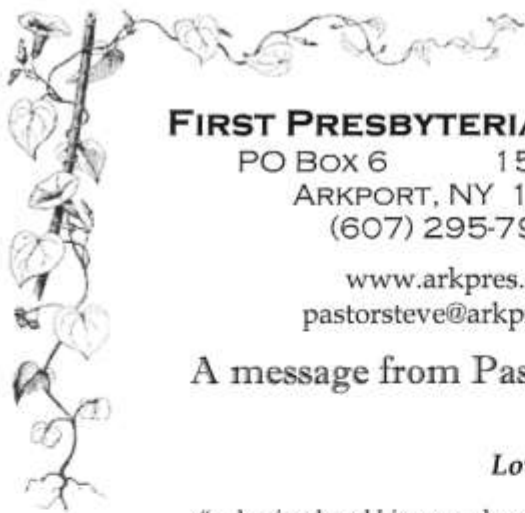
No Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Coffee Connection

10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service

**April**



**2011**



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A message from Pastor Steve...



### *Love's Display*

*"...having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."  
John 13:1b*

To love and to be loved is almost tantamount to what it means to be made in the image of God. To love and be loved has been the great quest of history's poets, lyricists, artists, yes, of every person. And while this is the quest and hunger of every heart, how deficient is our expression of love and how diminished is our experience of love. We may say or hear the phrase, "I love you", and yet actions betray the sweetness of these words. Such sacrifice and service that only love can fulfill may be showered over us, and yet the comforting charm of "I love you" may hang silently in the air. The cry of our heart is to love and be loved, in both word and deed.

One might dare to ask where this aspiration for love originates. Another might struggle with what love is. Still another might labor over what love looks like as it is expressed and experienced. All our pursuits for love ultimately must find its source in God Himself, what He is like and how He acts.

Love said... Love displayed... Both are equally and vitally important. And in the words and work of Jesus Christ we hear and see the "kiss" of God's love to us and for us. As the lyrics of the quaint song reminds us: "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so..."

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)*

*"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of god; and so we are." (1 John 3:1a)*

*"...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)*

Such is the meaning and worth of Good Friday and Easter. On the cross and by the empty tomb God has acted decisively is both speaking and showing, declaring and displaying His infinite love for you and for me.

Surveying the wondrous cross,

Pastor Steve

## April Birthdays

- 4 Ed Karns
- 6 Dick Smith
- 7 Robert Flanders ( 95 yrs young !)
- 10 Brad Smith
- 11 Sarah Stover Ricinski
- 12 Thomas Hager
- 16 Jennifer Owens Burley
- 17 Kristy Rose
- 20 Helen Jones ( 97 years young!)
- 20 Oliver Sliter (97 years young!)
- 21 Dick Kennell
- 22 Laura Smith
- 24 Lisa Stover
- 28 Adam Lang
- 30 Blanche Robords

## Happy Anniversary

- April 9, 1976 Joe & Sue Robbins
- April 15, 1961 Julie & Tim Timmerman  
50 years! Congratulations
- April 26, 2003 Emily & Josh Stauring

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### Nursery Schedule

- April 3 Sadie Lang
- April 10 Lorraine Glidden
- April 17 Madison Whiteman
- April 24 Jodie Kendall

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### Elevator Operator

- April 3 Tom Hager
- April 10 Mark Labour
- April 17 Al Stever
- April 24 Joe Robins

## Congratulations

Joshua Whiteman was awarded a \$500 per year "Alumni Scholarship" at Alfred State College. He is slated to graduate in 2011 from ACS and intends to enroll in the liberal arts and sciences: social science program.

Jordon Harwood won the cheerleading Most Valuable Award at the Award ceremony of the winter sport season recently at ACS.

Patrick Jewell 's car won the Wolf Pack race and then won against all the winners of the different packs. He came in first for the Wolf Pack and overall of the Pine Wood Derby.

Melinda Harwood was accepted into the Medical School program at Roswell General Hospital in Rochester. She was one of the twenty individuals who were picked from 4500 applicants.

The induction and recognition ceremony of the Arkport Academic Society for students in grades 7-12 was held recently at ACS. Those being recognized included Samuel Schultheis, Gar Chatain, Rachel Haines, Madison Whiteman.

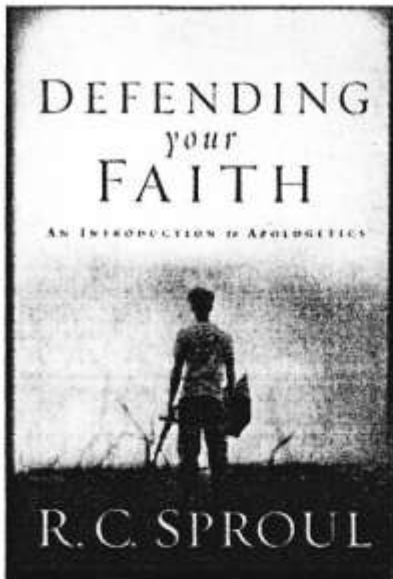
## Thank You

Karen Fitzgerald has graciously agreed to take on the task of updating our church photo albums and scrap books.

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the Diane and Ron Kendall family on the death of Diane's Mother and grandmother to Jamie and Jodie.





Since September, our Adult Sunday School class has been engaged in a study called "Defending Your Faith". With the exception of the first Sunday of the month, we meet every Sunday morning at 9 AM. This study is an exploration in the certainty of the foundation upon which the Christian faith is built.

Whether it is science, philosophy, psychology, history, math, literature, whatever the pursuit, God is clearly display and declared to be "the God who is there."

So, if you are looking for further assurance of the faith in Christ you proclaim..., if you are hungering for a greater grasp of the coherence of the Christian faith..., or if you are curious about whether Christ truly is what so many Christians claim He is..., then this study is for you.

Consider joining us and engaging in this tremendously important study. If you have any questions or would like further information about this study, please feel free to contact Pastor Steve through the church office or via email.

## Session Committees for 2011

<b>Music &amp; Worship</b>	Lorraine Glidden Lois Owens Robin Kerr - Wilson Beth Haines - He Carole Smith Laura Smith	<b>Stewardship</b>	Mark Stover Jeff Lang Nelson Whiteman James Robords Duffy Elsenheimer
<b>Christian Education</b>	Regie Stover Clair Smith Angie Herman Lois Owens Duffy Elsenheimer Diane Kendall Heather Decker Barbara Elsenheimer Karen Fitzgerald Diane Jewell Jr. church	<b>Program</b>	Lance Schroeder Loretta Crossett Lois Owens Janet Sliter Sue & Joe Robbins Lorraine Glidden
<b>Memorial</b>	Maureen Fuller Janet Sliter Edith Piatt Kathryn Labourr Barbara Elsenheimer Martha Shafer	<b>Mission</b>	Maureen Fuller Lorraine Glidden Edith Piatt Kathryn Labourr Betty Jones Barbara Elsenheimer Kelly Flint Linda Schroeder Cathi Van Iderstine
	<b>Nominating (Session)</b> Al Stever, Regie Stover <b>Congregation:</b> Sue Robbins .Diane Kendall Denise Lang. Beth Haines - He, Loretta Crossett <b>Trustee:</b> Duffy Elsenheimer <b>Deacons:</b> Julie Timmerman		

## Resurrection

Hang out the banners and shout the news!  
Blow the trumpets and horns!  
"Till there is no one who has not heard:  
"We shall not die anymore!"

I'm here to tell you that Jesus lives;  
As He lives, so shall we!  
Dying and fear have passed away,  
Swallowed in victory!

Morning has broken the cords away!  
There's no reason to fear.  
Why seek the living among the dead?  
Jesus, your Lord is not here --  
He is alive; He's not here.

Where, death, is your victory?  
Where, oh grave, is your sting?  
Come, children, and dance with me!  
Sing to our living king!

Love wins over everything,  
Melts the spears and the swords.  
Join hands, let y our voices ring,  
Christ is our risen Lord.

Open the prisons and ring the bells!  
Join the ransomed and free  
In celebration for what He's done;  
Jesus, the Christ sets you free --  
Jesus, the Christ sets you free!

lyric: Gloria Gathier; Music: William J. Gaither  
Michael W. Smith (CCL 178347)

- Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the Church; it is a godly Christian's weapon.

—Martin Luther

- If you love, you will suffer, and if you do not love, you do not know the meaning of a Christian life.

—Agatha Christie



## Easter Offerings

"When they call to me, I will answer them." Psalm 91:15  
Earthquake, Tsunami, Nuclear meltdown

**The Presbyterian Church (USA)** has responded to the Japanese catastrophe with \$100,000 from the Presbyterian One Great Hour of Sharing for *immediate* relief.

*Our Church Mission Committee will be taking an offering at Easter time for Japan, given exclusively for their needs. Also an Offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing which is a three prong program giving 1/3 of its monies to the Disaster fund which is used for all world disasters. We will collect our contributions as a single offering. Mission Committee will send a nominal amount (to be determined by the committee at a later point) to the One Great Hour of Sharing Mission program, the rest of our contributions will be sent specifically to the fund that benefits Japan.*

You will have an opportunity to contribute to these Offerings on **Easter Sunday, April 24** and the following Sunday, **May 1st**. **Envelopes** for this purpose will be in the bulletins on those Sundays as well as there are **fish boxes** available on the back table in our sanctuary.

While Japan is among the world's most advanced countries, the damage caused by the unprecedented scale of the multiple disasters is beyond imagination. You can make a difference in bringing God's healing to this devastated nation, where Presbyterians have been engaged in active mission work since 1859. Join with others in lifting up the people of Japan and those providing aid by praying and giving of your contributions during the Easter Season. Thank you!





Chestnut Memorial United Methodist Church  
Newport News, VA

An Easter Wish  
May the glad dawn  
Of Easter morn  
Bring joy to thee.

May the calm eve  
Of Easter leave  
a peace divine with thee.

May Easter night  
On thine heart write,  
Oh Christ, I live for thee!

# MOPs Photo Fundraiser

*By: Emily J Photography*

**Donate \$10 and get a free 5x7**

\$10 per each 5x7 (family and single available, single portraits must be under 16 years of age, family shots may include 16 years and over.)

Photos will be uploaded to a personal website where you may order as many or as few as you like. 10% of the proceeds from sales will go to MOPs. Emily J has packages starting at \$25 and upgrades starting at \$5.



Photos will be taken at the park in Arkport just off Park Ave on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-4:00pm. Call Heather Patterson to schedule your appointment @ 607-661-7378.

For more by Emily J Photography visit [www.emilyjphotography.com](http://www.emilyjphotography.com)

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Detach bottom portion and give to MOPs.

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# Do You Have Room in Your Heart and Your Home?



Please Consider the Rewards  
of Foster Parenting or Adopting a  
Young Person in Your Community.

For More Information, Please Call:

For More Information Contact  
Kinship Family & Youth Services  
Debbi Persichilli  
Foster Home Specialist  
607-324-0909



*The children of  
Julie and Tim Zimmerman  
cordially invite you to a  
"50th" Wedding Anniversary Party*

**OPEN HOUSE**

*Saturday, April 16th  
at the Airport American Legion  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm*

*Please come and celebrate with them!  
What started out as best friends, turned into love and  
a wonderful marriage.*



If you wish to place an Easter lily in memory of  
a loved one on April 24th, please call Lorraine  
Glidden at 295/7709 or e mail [lgli@detnet.net](mailto:lgli@detnet.net).  
Or if you would like to donate spring flowers or  
a lily for our sanctuary, we would appreciate  
them to brighten our sanctuary on Easter. I  
should have the names for the memorial ones by  
April 20th. Thank you!

# April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Elder of the month - James Robords  
 Deacon of the month - Julie Timmerman  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School    9:10 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Worship

						1	2	8:45 a.m. Ladies' Prayer/ Study
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Holy Communion No Adult SS 2 cents a Meal
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Guest Minister <b>Pastor Steve on Vacation</b>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Palm Sunday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		7 am Easter Sunrise service at the Airport Cemetery followed by Breakfast at our church No Sunday School Worship at 10 am