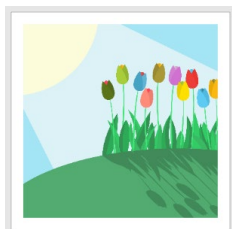


Board Walk Plus ~ April/May 2026

Hello Friends!

Spring has sprung and Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!



PLEASE remember there will be an **ANNUAL MEETING** of the CORPORATION & CONGREGATION on Sunday May 3rd, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to review and accept the Annual Report and to approve new board members nominated by our Nominating Committee.

I enjoy hearing from you with notes and photos to be included in the Board Walk Plus. Please keep your information coming. I want this to be yours – something that informs and enlightens. Please text me: 607-661-2154 or send me an email at cindy.fitzwater@gmail.com.

I'll see you in May – just in time for Mother's Day! Remember: "kindness is FREE - sprinkle that stuff everywhere!"

Faithfully yours,
Cindy Fitzwater

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Upcoming Events:

See calendar on page 8.

W.H.J.B.?

Wondering Where Has Jesus Been? Well, he's been in Florida with me – this month we went to the beach, and to visit family and friends in Florida. Here he is hanging out with my succulents. We watched the launch of the Artemis rocket from our front yard. (See article about Artemis on page 6 featuring one of our own!) He is helping us get packed up to head north. Jesus is always with me, and He will be riding along I-95 with us very soon!

I hope he is always with you, too. Send pics and I'll include them next month!

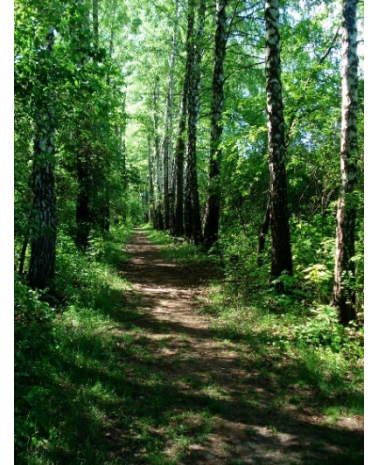


***Next newsletter deadline
is *Friday May 29th*!**

The Pastor's Pathway...

Isaiah 54:10 - For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

These words from Isaiah remind us of God's unwavering love for us. We can trust in them. We enter into Eastertide once again focusing on what it means to be people of the resurrection. We are indeed people of renewal, restoration, and reconciliation. One bit of renewal for me is the excitement for our snowbirds returning soon. I look forward to seeing you again.



On a similar note, Earth Day is coming up on April 22nd. This is a reminder of our important human calling of caring for the earth (Genesis 1:26-28). It is also a reminder of God's promise to restore the earth through Christ's redemptive work. We are a part of this important ongoing work.

I have some people to thank. I wish to thank Jack Burdick for his years of helping with the Manse lawn and getting me acclimated with the area and equipment. I also wish to thank Jeremy Holbrook and Tom Cox for their recent help with Manse maintenance. I am always thankful for our Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. I rely on you all a lot. Soon we will be starting a new church year and possibly some changes with our board members. Your service over the past year is much appreciated.

I also thank and acknowledge Jo Barnard for her many years of service with our youth and education.

As always, I encourage you to take time to enjoy life. Some like to be on the water, fishing, golfing, hiking, gardening, and other activities the changing of the seasons bring. Take a break from some of the social media outlets and have some good conversations face to face. I am impressed by the diverse ways that we spend our free time. Some among us do woodworking, singing, and even enjoying scientific or mathematical equations. We have plenty of avid readers. Some knit and crochet, and we have some excellent artists. Keep creating, enjoying, and have a lot of fun. Let's not forget game nights!!

What is Sanctification? I am delighted to learn from some members of the congregation that we feel like we are experiencing spiritual growth (myself included). The Holy Spirit works with us constantly seeking to form us more fully into Christ's likeness. That is the work of Sanctification. It is real and we are noticing it in action lately. This is truly a gift from God. This is even more important to our church health than numerical growth. Yes, we are growing in faith together and that is a blessing!!

Very Truly Yours in Christ,

Rev. Ted Warner

April Board Walk

Session: A message from our Clerk of Session:

Dear Elders & Members of our church,

I made my first entry into the Church Register in March, 1996. That means I have served The United Presbyterian Church, Hornell, NY as Clerk of Session for thirty years. I didn't realize it had been that long until I decided to look into it recently.

After thinking and praying about continuing as Clerk, talking with Pastor Ted, and of course discussing it with my wife, I have decided that this will be my last term as your Clerk. It's time to step down and give someone else the opportunity to serve UPC as Clerk of Session. I am in good mental and physical health, so my decision is not health related. I will complete my present term, but in December Session will elect someone else as Clerk for 2027.

By announcing my decision now, anyone who thinks about becoming our next Clerk has time to reflect on what that means. I have written the Duties and Responsibilities of Clerk of Session for the Manual of Operations, as requested by the Manual Committee. I have sent these via email for the March meeting of Session.

Clerk of Session must be a ruling elder, but need not be a member of Session. I am happy to discuss what it means to be Clerk of Session with anyone who is considering being our next Clerk. Any such discussions will be confidential. I will be available to assist our new Clerk grow into the position.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Clerk, and I very much appreciate your confidence in my service by continuing to elect me for thirty years.

Peace!

Jim Varner, Clerk of Session

Trustees:

Quite a few trustees are back or heading back to the area from their winter travels and we are happy to have them back. Denny is scheduling a Church Maintenance Committee meeting to talk through some projects we have planned for this spring and summer including the remodel of the bathrooms at the church and creating a handicap area within the church for members and guests. There are also lots of projects to be worked on at the Manse as the weather warms up.

- A separate committee with members from both the Session and Trustees are working on a project to fix-up/remodel the dining room at the church. Wallpaper is slowly being removed, cement is being patched and a planned paint job is in the works. If you are interested in helping please reach out to Cindy Banker or Carol Hover.
- **Great news:** We are now offering an option to accept tithes, offerings, and donations through a company called Zeffy. It has been tested and is working well. The site can be accessed by going to: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-change-lives-4077> - a post on Facebook can take you there as well. Please be aware the Zeffy system asks for a tip for making the online donation - if you choose **other**, you can choose any amount that you would like to add to assist Zeffy since it offers service for free, **it is not required**. Thank you!!

Submitted by Jeremy Holbrook - Chair, Board of Trustees



Deacons:

The Deacons sent cards to our shut-ins for Valentine's Day. There were several visits made, as well as cookies. In March the Deacons sent Easter cards to all the shut-ins, thinking of you cards, and a condolence card to the family of Rose Marks. Easter flower bouquets were delivered to local shut-ins. Visits and food/cookie deliveries were made to some of the local shut-ins as well. Fill-the-cart items were delivered to Salvation Army. April items are to be for bathing products. Two checks were written to individuals in need, taken from the Agape fund. Communion set-up and serve were completed for April 5.

Submitted by Deb Mammosser, Deacon

Music & Worship Committee:

This committee works diligently to make our worship and music meaningful and inspiring. We celebrated a beautiful Holy Week beginning with a Palm Sunday procession: "We are Marching in the Light of God." Maundy Thursday was our Seder dinner. Lee Richeson made special flat bread for dinner and communion – from a recipe from Diane Griffin's family. A service was held in the chapel on Good Friday featuring several of our members providing readings.

We are hoping to resurrect (pun intended) the Good Friday Cross Walk next year, and there is always the possibility of another sunrise service.

Easter Sunday found garlands across the front of the church filled with commemorative glass and candle globes. Jeremy Ferris and Jon Richeson provided special music – and Ellen's organ music was beautiful!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Easter so special!

Plans are underway for Pentecost Sunday and Pastor Ted is hoping to find an optimal day and time to resume weekly prayer services.

Submitted by Cindy Fitzwater, Chair, Music & Worship



Committee Corner for April/May:

UPW - United Presbyterian
Women

United Presbyterian Church

RUMMAGE SALE

April 30: 10-3:00pm
May 1: 10-3:00pm
May 2: 8-10:30am
(\$2.00 a bag on Saturday)

Home goods, clothes, jewelry, small furniture items, books, holiday décor and much more.

150 Main Street, Hornell
Use the Church Street doors
Follow ramp up to our Great Room





Orpheus Chorale Spring Concert

Orpheus Chorale of Hornell presents their spring concert including music set to the poetry of Langston Hughes, William Blake and Sara Teasdale in compositions by Elaine Hagenberg, Matt Podd, Rosephanye Powell, Joni Mitchell and Bob Dylan.

United Presbyterian Church,
Hornell
07:00 PM

March/April Office News:

Holy Week was truly a beautiful and meaningful time in the life of our church. With three services taking place within one week, there were many moving parts, and each service reflected the care, devotion, and spirit of our congregation. It was a joy to witness such a sacred time come together so gracefully.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you who stepped in to help—often without being asked. So much of what happens within our church takes place behind the scenes and can go unnoticed. Yet it is those very efforts that make each service feel welcoming, organized, and special.

I am especially grateful for those who recognize when things begin to feel overwhelming and willingly offer their time and energy. Your support not only helps lighten the load, but it strengthens our church as a whole. Because of you, we can present our very best—not only to our members, but also to those in the community who may be visiting for the first time.

I have barely caught my breath from Holy Week and am already hard at work on the 55-page report for our upcoming Annual Meeting in May. Thank you to everyone who has promptly turned in your reports—it truly makes a difference and appreciated. As for the Administrative Assistant... well, I seem to be waiting on her every year! I'll be addressing that with her shortly! (Please just laugh at that.)

Thank you for your kindness, your awareness, and your willingness to serve. It does not go unnoticed.

With gratitude,

Jennifer



April 22, 2026: Thank you, Jen!

April Birthdays (belated):

- 5- Joann Smith
- 6- Dr John Halpenny
- 6- Kenneth Philbrick
- 8- Carolyn Tibbott
- 12- Alan Mason (Happy 80th, Al!)
- 13- Penelope Nichols
- 13- Lauryn Haley
- 16- Danny Knopf
- 18- Gary Roberts

May Birthdays:

- 4 - William Wallace Banker
- 5 - Dennis Wilson
- 6 - Diana Hovorka
- 9 - Jeremy Ferris
- 10 - Michael VanBrunt
- 13 - Janice Casey
- 16 - Caleb Jaconski
- 20 - Kathy Hover
- 21 - Peggy Knopf-Willsey
- 21 - Katherine Griffis

May Anniversaries:

- 8 - Mike Brownson & Jeannette Reed
- 9 - Zach & Breann Kellogg
- 11 - Martha Tymeson & Roger Stonerock
- 19 - Linda & Rocky Burdett,
- and on May 28th, Bill & Phyllis Peterson will celebrate Anniversary #60!



News and Views from UPC:

Diane Hovorka shares the following:

"My son, Richard Hovorka, has been part of the **Artemis II** project for six years. Rich is an optics engineer, and his group has been developing communications using lasers between the space capsule and ground control in Houston. This has been a test project and has enabled the transfer of information (data, photos, etc.) much more rapidly than in the past. The team has been going between the Goddard Space Flight Center near Washington, DC and New Mexico, near the White Sands Missile Range. The transmission of information and the many great pictures that you've seen have been the result of the team's efforts. The project was a huge success, so he's very pleased with that.

Hopefully, I've gotten the information correct (way too technical for me), but Rich said that you can contact him if you need information about the project. His email is: rhovorka@gmail.com."



Mike Brownson & Jeannette Reed

Dee Porter and Larry Philbrick recently visited Jeannette Reed. While they were there, Mike arrived. The four of them had a lovely visit and gave permission to use this photo in our newsletter. Thank you for sharing!

Submitted by Cindy Banker

Easter Sunday:

Jo Barnard submitted this photo with the following message: "Easter Sunday with my South African families and goddaughter, Sierra! It was soooo special having everybody come to Church on Easter!!"



Streaming Help Wanted:

Anyone willing to learn how to stream our Sunday services on Facebook Live is invited to do so. Please contact someone on Music & Worship to express your desire to help.

Thank you!

News and Views from
UPC continued...

Mr. Rogers Sunday



Easter garland with lighted globe ornaments!

Easter Greetings



As Bev arrived at church for Easter morning, this fellow was there to greet her!



May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	April 27 Rummage Sale SET UP	April 28 Rummage Sale SET UP	April 29 Rummage Sale SET UP	April 30 Rummage Sale 10-3	1 Rummage Sale 10-3 Orpheus Chorale 7 PM	2 Rummage Sale 8-10:30 AM (\$2 a bag!)
3 Annual Meeting after worship	4	5 Deacon's 7 PM	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 Trustees 7 PM	13	14	15	16
17 Installation of new officers during worship	18	19 Session 7 PM	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day Observed	26	27	28	29	30
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