



The Messenger

March 2020

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FROM THE PASTOR

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, this year. As you continue on your journey through Lent, may I invite you to take some time daily to meditate on this heart-wrenching prayer of John Wesley on his reflection upon the cross that Jesus endured. May his prayer that poured out deep from his soul be an inspiration of the deep, deep, love of Jesus for you. My dear friends, Jesus loves us more than we know, more than we understand, and more than we can comprehend.... Lord, have mercy on us...

- O Jesus, poor and abject, unknown and despised
have mercy upon me, and let me not be ashamed to follow Thee.
- O Jesus, hated, calumniated, and persecuted,
have mercy upon me, and let me not be ashamed to come after Thee.
- O Jesus, betrayed and sold at a vile price,
have mercy upon me, and make me content to be as my Master.
- O Jesus, blasphemed, accused and wrongfully condemned,
have mercy upon me, and teach me to endure the contradiction of sinners.
- O Jesus, clothed with a habit or reproach and shame,
have mercy upon me, and let me not seek my own glory.
- O Jesus, insulted, mocked, and spit upon,
have mercy upon me, and let me run with patience the race set before me.
- O Jesus, dragged to the pillars, scourged, and bathed in blood,
have mercy upon me, and let me not faint in the fiery trial.
- O Jesus, crowned with thorns, and hailed in derision;
- O Jesus, burdened with our sins, and the curses of the people;
- O Jesus, affronted, outraged, buffeted, overwhelmed with injuries, griefs, and humiliations;
- O Jesus, hanging on the accursed tree, bowing the head, giving up the ghost,
have mercy upon me, and confirm my whole soul to Thy holy, humble, suffering Spirit.
- O Thou who for the love of me hast undergone such an infinity of sufferings and humiliations,
let me be wholly "emptied of myself," that I may rejoice to take up my cross daily and follow Thee.
Enable me, too, to endure the pain and despise the shame;
and, if it be Thy will, to resist even unto blood!

Amen. May it be so.

Grace and peace,

Alvin





**BOARD MEETING
TRUSTEE**

Tuesday, March 10th, 6:15PM

AD COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 17th, 6:00PM



IRISH DINNER!

Saturday, March 7th

4:30 – 6:30pm

Dinner include –
Shepard's Pie or Irish Stew,
beverage & ice cream for dessert.

Freewill donations.

Please sign up to help!

Don't miss the Irish Dancers at 5:00 PM!!!



Sunday, March 8th



** Over "80" Club, please call or send a birthday card!*

March Birthdays

- 3/2 Sharon Colburn
- 3/2 John Ronan
- 3/5 Elise Stahl
- 3/6 Clyde Butcher***
- 3/11 Jim Stoffel
- 3/11 Joe Stoffel
- 3/20 Maureen Ronan
- 3/22 Tom Emden
- 3/29 Pearl Wittcop

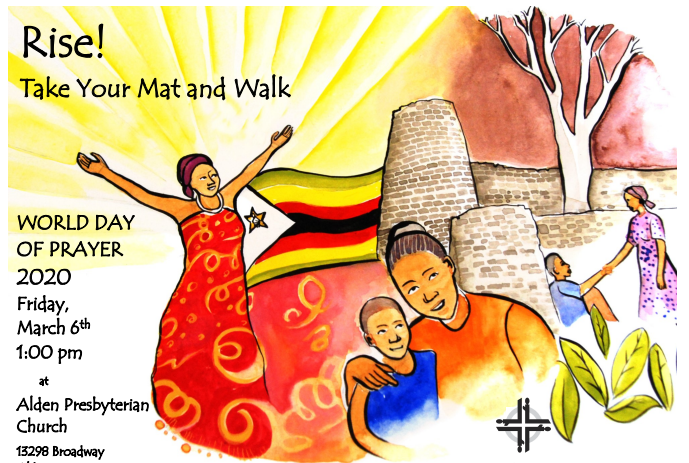
No Anniversaries this month!

Rise!

Take Your Mat and Walk

WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER
2020
Friday,
March 6th
1:00 pm

at
Alden Presbyterian
Church
13298 Broadway
Alden, NY



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Alden Presbyterian Church

13298 Broadway, Alden, NY

Men's Prayer Breakfast



Marilla & Williston UMC is hosting
the annual Men/Boys Breakfast for the area
"Cluster Churches"

Sunday, March 29, 2020
7:00 AM at Marilla UMC

*Please sign up at the Opportunity Table if
you are attending. We also need at least two
women to help. Please see Pastor Alice if
you are available. Thanks!*



Easter Flowers/Plants

Please help decorate the sanctuary
for Easter by ordering some
flowers/plants! Order forms are on
the Opportunity Table. Please make
your check to Marilla UMC.
Orders are due to Norma by
Sunday, March 29th! Thank you!



We Are Beloved

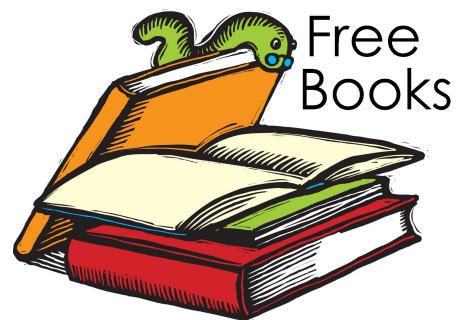
A Lenten Journey with Protestant Prayer Beads
By Kristen E. Vincent

March 4 – Marilla (*Beloved Wonder*)
March 11 – Williston (*Beloved Listening*)
March 18 – Marilla (*Beloved Passion*)
March 25 – Williston (*Beloved Healing*)
April 1 – Marilla (*Beloved Service*)

6 PM Potluck
7 PM Worship

Let's journey together as we prepare our
hearts and minds to walk with Jesus toward
the cross throughout Lent. May we turn
our eyes on Jesus and set our hearts on the
love that he has for us.

*Please let Pastor Alice know if you are available
to help when we are hosting. Thank you!*



Please feel free to take a look at the
books in the fellowship hall and keep
them if you would like. Thanks to John
and Cheryl Rupp for sharing!

Missions Update & Opportunity



Blankets



Thanks for blanketing the world in LOVE!



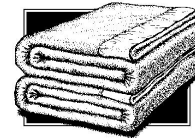
63 Blankets!!!! Wow!

God is Good!

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

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We have collected about **\$160.00** toward our Rise Against Hunger Packaging Event in August!! **Thanks for giving and sharing!!!** A **HUGE thank you** to all who made the delicious soups and helped with set-up and clean-up!!!!



Handmade Blankets Needed!

The Spiritual Care Department at Mercy Hospital of Buffalo has an urgent ongoing need for new hand crafted knitted, quilted, or fleece blankets. As an extension of Prayer Shawl Ministry, we are asking for small blankets (approx. 40"x50"). These blankets will be given to patients nearing death as a beautiful and warm reminder of the Church communities' love and prayer. Blankets can be dropped off anytime at Mercy Hospital's main lobby information desk. Thank you!

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.



Matthew 25:40

DISASTER RELIEF




Help those in need

We continue to collect items for the UMCOR's (*United Methodist Commission on Relief*) **Hygiene Kits**. Please watch for the bulletin for specific items that are still needed for us to put 100 kits together. We gladly accept monetary donation if you would like for us to shop for the items for you! Please see Melissa if you have any question.

Thank you for lending a helping hand!!

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 Adult SS 9:00 SS 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship w/ Communion	2 7pm 4H	3 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm 6:30pm Praise Team 8pm Handbell	4 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm 6pm Potluck & 7pm Service @ Marilla	5 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm	6 1pm World Day of Prayer @ Alden Presbyterian Church 8pm AA	7 Catch the Spirit @ Clarence UMC  Irish Dinner 4:30 – 6:30pm
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 8:30 Adult SS 9:00 SS 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	9 7pm 4H	10 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm 6:15pm Trustee 6:30pm Praise Team 8pm Handbell	11 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm 1pm JOY Fellowship 6pm Potluck & 7pm Service @ Williston	12 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm	13 8pm AA	14
15 8:30 Adult SS 9:00 SS 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	16 7pm 4H	17 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm 6:00pm Ad Council 6:30pm Praise Team 8pm Handbell	18 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm 6pm Potluck & 7pm Service @ Marilla	19 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm	20 8pm AA	21
22 8:30 Adult SS 9:00 SS 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship 2-4:30 4H	23 7pm 4H	24 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm 6:00pm PPR 6:30pm Praise Team 8pm Handbell	25 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm 6pm Potluck & 7pm Service @ Williston	26 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm	27 8pm AA	28
29 8:30 Adult SS 9:00 SS 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	30 7pm 4H	31 Office Open 9:30am – 2pm 6:30pm Praise Team 8pm Handbell				

Day	Acolyte	Children's Circle	Coffee Hour	Counter	Greeter	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers
1	Avery	Norma	Jackie	June	June	Kim S.	Jen, T.J. Jim & Shelley
8	Bailey	Tracy	June	Marie	S.S.	S.S.	
15	Emily	Kim S.	Jonathan	George E.	George E.	Shelley	
22	Nathan	Pastor Alice	Kim S.	June	Jackie	George S.	
29	Elise	George S.	Tracy	Marie	Barb	Melissa	



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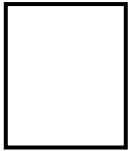
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