

# Hector and Lodi

## Presbyterian News

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Yesterday, the first Sunday of Lent, we put away our "Alleluia's." Literally. The children rolled up sheets of paper that had the word "Alleluia" (Hebrew for "Praise the LORD") written on them, and placed these in a purple sack. We also removed the word from the bulletin where it was part of our response to the assurance of God's pardon. In a tradition that goes back a thousand years, all spoken and sung "Alleluia's" were put aside during Lent. Instead, the themes of self-examination and confession were stressed. By not saying "Alleluia" during Lent, we prepare to return it to our worship with renewed excitement and understanding when Easter arrives. We will celebrate Easter by having "Alleluia" sung as the first word of the service.

In the meantime, as part of our Lenten observance this year, the Hector church will be open on Wednesdays for meditation and prayer time between 12 noon and 1 pm. Wednesdays from 1 to 2 pm at the Hector church we will also offer presentations from various guest speakers on topics related to end-of-life issues. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, Kyle Chedzoy from Royce-Chedzoy Funeral Home will speak about funerals and Five Wishes. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, a representative from Hospice will share information and answer questions about hospice.

Holy Week will include both the familiar and some new worship opportunities. Palm Sunday (Mar 28<sup>th</sup>) will include a dramatic reading of the passion story according to the gospel of Luke. On the last Wednesday of Lent (Mar 31<sup>st</sup>) we will have a service of healing and wholeness: 12 noon at the Hector church, and 7 pm at the Lodi church. All are welcome at either service. Thursday (Apr 1<sup>st</sup>) at 6:30 pm at the Hector Church will be our annual soup supper followed by the Maundy Thursday communion service at 7:30 pm. On Good Friday (Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>) we have been invited to join with our sisters and brothers at First Presbyterian Church in Watkins Glen for their service at 7 pm. Easter morning (Apr 4<sup>th</sup>), we are planning a Sunrise service in addition to the regular service with communion. More information will come.

We pray this Lent may be a time of meditation, prayer and turning toward Christ and newness of life. May God bless us on our journey together.

Pastor Jim and Pastor Nancy

### Food Pantry

The cupboard is empty. The Hector Church continues to collect donations for the Food Pantry. Our contributions are down from last year, yet the needs are up. We are promoting the collecting of items on the first Sunday of each month. Drop your items off to the box in the narthex. An announcement will be made during coffee hour as to how many items were collected. Thank you for your support. Social Concerns



The Hector Church will be taking part in One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes will be distributed two weeks prior to Easter Sunday. How are your gifts used? Your gifts will be distributed to three programs- Self-Development of People (SDOP) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance(PDA), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP). Look for more information in March's bulletins. You can also check the following web site: [www.pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs). Peace, Social Concerns

The Hector Presbyterian Church is designated as a Thursday Nutrition Site through the Office Of The Aging. Hot lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon through 1:00 PM on Thursdays. Call 535-7470 by 9:00 AM Thursday Mornings for reservations, a cup of coffee and friendly neighbors.

--The Fellowship Committee

### OUR NEWSLETTER REPORTERS!!!!

In Hector, please contact Pastors Nancy & Jim at [hectorpres@empacc.net](mailto:hectorpres@empacc.net) or 546 2134 .

In Lodi, please contact Susan Frost at [sfrost2@zoom-DSL.com](mailto:sfrost2@zoom-DSL.com) or 387-5459.

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PURCHASED FROM HECTOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Hector Youth Connection

Hi Youth of Hector!

Youth ministry is off and running at Hector. We have a great group of senior highs meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month at 5:30pm. If you are currently in ninth through twelfth grade, we want you to be a part of the group!

We had a fun evening of skiing at Greek Peak on February 19<sup>th</sup>; a big thank you to Kris Clarkson and Kelly Fitch for driving. We have more outings planned this spring including ice skating and bowling. On next outing is on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The group will be going to Watkins Glen High School to cheer seven of our own who are performing in "Bye, Bye Birdie."

At our meetings we're getting to know each other better, and having fun singing, doing energizers, and sharing supper together. Thank you to parents who have or will provide meals. We are also making our plans for a summer mission trip to Pittsburgh on July 25 - 31. We will be joining over 250 youth and adults from churches around the country to do home repair for the poor and elderly who are unable to do or afford the work themselves. To help pay for the trip, our youth will be selling flower bulbs and mileage shares ("Get Us to Pittsburgh...and Back"), and hiring themselves out to do odd jobs. Watch for details!

Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, don't despair. We are making plans to start up a middle school youth group in the fall. Look for news this summer including a special program with local mission work during VBS.

### WONDERFUL NEWS FROM OUR FRIEND, MICHAEL DOWD:

"CANCER-FREE / ON THE ROAD AGAIN. Surgery last week went really well; there's now no sign of cancer anywhere in my body. So next week I plan to re-open our 2010-2011 calendar. If you'd like to invite us to deliver one or more of our religious or secular programs at your church, school, or organization when we're in your region, please let us know. "

"To see the world in the  
transfiguring light  
of God's grace

rather than God  
in the distorting prisms  
of the world

is the turning for which  
we must pray daily.

John S Mogabgab  
"Weavings" Feb 2010

Do you need someone to talk to? Our churches belong to the Family Counseling Ministry of the Finger Lakes. Counselors are available in Ithaca or Elmira. Fees are charged on a sliding scale based on income.

**Rev. Wayne Gustafson is the FCM therapist available in Watkins Glen. He can be reached at 607-857-0003.**



The Hector Church is collecting food for the Food Pantry. Our numbers are down from last year, so let's work to bring those numbers back up. Remember, your cash donation can be used to purchase needed items at a reduced cost. Your items can be dropped off to the box which is located in the narthex. Checks can be made out to The Schuyler Outreach Food Pantry. Contact Jeanne Gridley for more information.



Hector Church is saving Campbell's soup labels for Schuyler Nursery School in Montour Falls. Many Hector children attend or have attended this school.

Labels may be left in the narthex. We are also collecting Box Tops for Education from General Mills products including Gold Medal. Please contact Jeanne Gridley for further information.

Please remember that the Hector Church does not loan out any chairs or tables without arrangements being made in advance. If you would like to borrow chairs or tables, please call Pastor Yao at 546-2134. Please note that we never loan out the new gray chairs or the round tables.



### HECTOR WORSHIP HELPERS

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to clean our church buildings each month during the year.



**CLEANERS FOR MARCH:** Paul Leahey;  
and **APRIL: Charles and Helene Fausold .**

( Please see Charles Fausold in Hector or Fran Steverson in Lodi if you would like to volunteer. )

**MARCH USHERS:** Dick and Sally Chambers

**HECTOR COMMUNION SERVERS :**

**March -** Sue Hazlitt, Jeanne Swinnerton, Vicki Schamel & Sue Passmore.

We will be using the same servers as last year unless some people want to switch.

### (CHURCH HUMOR SUBMITTED BY LINDA MOORE)

#### WARNING!

#### BEWARE OF TERRORIST GROUPS IN CHURCH

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches... They have been identified as: BinSleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin. Their leader, Lucifer Bin Workin, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy...

However, there have been reports of a sixth group... A tiny cell known by the name Bin Prayin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ to return.

#### NO CHURCH IS EXEMPT!

(However, you can spot them if you bin lookin and bin goin.)



**Sessions Meeting**

**Greetings from your session:**

**Hector session meet February 10th at the Church, moderator Rev Nancy Yao. Attending:** Pastors Jim & Nancy Yao -, Susan Rocholl, Sally Chambers, Jean Gridley, Bert Pyle, Sally Jo Smith, Charlie Fausold, Jean Swinnerton and Vicki Schamel.

Current treasurers report: Income Jan \$7477 - Expenses \$6864 FYI: Manse inspection done and was noted to have a very cold basement. Inspectors suggested insulation. Quotes were obtained, session concurred and foam insulation was applied.

The fundraisers planned for 2010 are:

**Attic Sale**, scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

**Harvest Dinner , October 10th.**

**St Nicks Social and Holiday Auction: December 10th at the Red Newt**

**Solstice Concert with Scott Adams:** December 19<sup>th</sup>

Planned also are Sunday breakfasts – proceeds to improve the kitchen.

Motion made to create an “Endowment and Special Gifts “ committee.

Charlie Fausold will chair this committee.

Current session members: Jean Gridley – social concerns, Sally Jo Smith and Jean Gridley – fellowship, Bert Pyle – worship, Tim Anderson – buildings and grounds, Roberta Flowers – christen education, Vicki Schamel – finance, Charlie Fausold – personnel, Donna Wickham – membership. Others: Sally Chambers –treasurer, Carol Pike –financial secretary, John Merrill – Presbytery representative, Marion Adams – memorial fund, Robert Swinnerton – Cemetery administrator, Funeral receptions -(committee –Carol Pike, Ruth Bills and Sue Hazlitt) and Susan Rocholl – clerk.

**HECTOR MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Dave Wickham, Brian Butterfield
- 3 - Rachel Williams, Lee Knowles
- 5 - Kelly Fitch
- 6 - Makenzi Lynn Swartwood
- 7 - Robert Swinnerton
- 8 - Kelsey Anderson, Caitlin Schroeder
- 11 - Nancy Beardslee
- 12 - Irina Ely, Joan Merrill Brubaker
- 13 - David Whiting
- 14 - Helene C. Fausold, Peg Siebenhar
- 15 - Sandra Dalrymple, Jeanie Gridley
- 17 - Gail Walker, Braedan Scott Fitch
- 18 - Roger Beardslee
- 19 - Christine Williams
- 23 - David Fitch
- 24 - Nancy Adams
- 27 - Lucas Wickham
- 29 - Ellen Stevens, Michele Butterfield

This Month's Birthdays



**PRAYER LIST FOR HECTOR**

Joyce Ann Calhoun Miller, Clara Rolfe, Jennifer Williams, Lena Ely, Steven, Rachel, Madison Dalrymple, Doris Karius, Cyrus Arcangeli, Pat Robbins (Gretta's sister-in-law), Grace Stratton, Nancy Adams, Jeanette Hull, Jean Adams-Moiseichik, Daniel Henderson (The Pike's grandson in Afghanistan), Jack & Joan Pratt, Rudy Hoppe, Roberta Flowers, Marion Adams, Brandon (grandson of the Ferrington's), Ryan Joseph Baudendistle, Chance Chambers and Elaine Hazlitt.

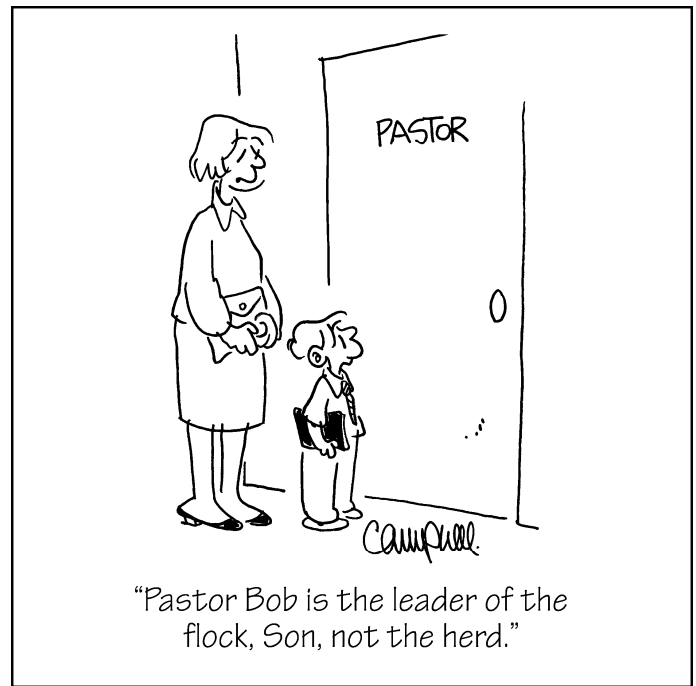


**From the Hector Membership Committee**

We have lots of folks in or dear to our Church family who are Shut-ins, in Skilled Nursing facilities, hospitals etc. or recuperating at home who could use a boost by their church family. A get-well card or a thinking of you card or short note would give them a lift.

- **Evelyn Jaeger**, Falls Home, 111 Schuyler Street, Montour Falls, 14865
- **Lena Ely**, 4600 Rt. 414, Burdett, 14818
- **Clara Rolfe** 4411 Matthews Rd., Hector,
- **Marie Bubb** P.O. Box 31, Hector, NY 14841
- **Joyce Calhoun Miller**, P.O. Box 1, Reading Center, NY 14876
- **Doris Karius**, 6069 St.Rte 414, Hector, NY 14841
- **Jeannette Hull**, Seneca View, Schuyler Hospital, 220 Steuben St, Montour Falls, NY 14865
- **Jean Adams-Moiseichik**, 5741 St. Route 414, Hector, NY 14841
- **Marion Adams**, PO Box 14, Hector, NY 14841

There will be an update each month in the Newsletter. Call Gretta Preston with any news of sickness, hospital or accident victims. Your kindness is appreciated.



Our thoughts and Prayers go to the family of Glen Mason who was a faithful member of this church for many years and passed away February 13th.. A Memorial service will be held in May at our church..

## NEWS FROM LODI

### Lodi Helpers:

1. Thank you to Melanie Steverson Jarvis for her help during February
2. Anne Knight will clean for the Month of March.

### March Birthdays:

2-Francis Steverson  
6-Kelly Williamson  
9-Brad Jennings  
10-Ivey Kenney  
13-Susan Frost  
18-Corinne Lee



### Youth Sunday school News:

1. The Youth are collecting donations for Easter Baskets for the Month of March. The baskets will be in the back of the sanctuary. Kitchen towels, soups, dried food items, canned items, toiletries, etc. would be appreciated. We will collect for Mary VanVleet, Alta Boyer-Blohm, Debbie Mulford, and two surprise baskets!
2. The Youth will be covering "God's Word" during the Month of March. The following questions will be addressed:
  - March 7, 2010
    - a. What do you mean when you speak of "The Word of God?"
    - b. Isn't Holy Scripture also the Word of God?
    - c. Isn't preaching also the Word of God?
  - March 14, 2010
    - a. Who wrote the Bible?
    - b. How did we get our Bible?
  - March 21, 2010
    - a. Why do we need so many versions of the Bible?
    - b. How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?
  - March 28, 2010
    - a. Do we take the Bible literally?
    - b. If so, all of it or some parts of it?

### 3. [www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org)-

Website for daily devotional series that carries pieces written for young people. The site is sponsored by three denominations, including the PC9USA).

4. One Great Hour of Sharing "fishes" will be due on Easter.
5. Lenten Devotional Guided were sent home with students. It would be good to read this with the Youth and go through it and answer questions as needed.



### Presbyterian Women (PW)

No meeting in March. The next meeting will be April 15, 2010, at 12:00 PM at the Lodi Church. All are welcome!

### Free Lunch:

The Lodi Free Lunch will be Friday, March 26, 2010, from 12:00-2:00 PM at the Lodi Church.



### Lodi Prayer List:

### Shut-Ins/Snowbirds

1. Mary VanVleet 2003 South Townline Rd. Ovid, N.Y. 14521
2. Debbie Mulford 320 First Street Ithaca, N.Y. 14850
3. John and Winnie Willson 10740 Roseate Spoonbill Circle Estero, FL 33928
4. Dorothy Scaggs 420 49<sup>th</sup> Street East Lot 131 Palmetto, Fl. 34221

### Prayers for Safety:

Michael, Bobbie, Tim (Grandson's of Roma and Tom Jones)

### College:

James, John, Zachary

### Prayers for Wholeness:

Tom Margeit, Gracie, Cathy McGonigal, Esther Richie, Nick Budd, Neicha, Pat Steverson, Joanne-Cherie's sister, Pam (co-worker with Cherie), Bill and family (Amanda's brother) and the family of Norma Lincoln.

## The red-faced usher

When an elderly woman asked a church usher to seat her close to the pulpit, he tried to talk her out of it. "If you sit up front, you won't be able to sleep," he said.

The woman looked the usher square in the face and asked, "Do you know who I am?"

"No, I don't," he responded.

"Well," she said firmly, "I'm the preacher's mother."

Fully embarrassed, the usher asked, "Do you know who I am?"

"No," she answered.

"Good!" whispered the fellow. "Sit anywhere you want."

• "What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls a butterfly."  
—Richard Bach

• "You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore spend and be spent in this work."  
—John Wesley

• "Reach up as far as you can, and God will reach down all the rest of the way."  
—John Vincent

• "In the Cross, God descends to bear in his own heart the sins of the world. In Jesus, he atones at unimaginable cost to himself."  
—Woodrow Geier

About our Lenten journey:

“The experience of personal purification at the cross is vital, yet to remain focused on that alone would be useless. Christ’s love is so great, it must lift our minds above our little struggles—and any preoccupation with our own salvation—so that we can see the needs of others, and beyond that the greatness of God and his Creation. The cross is so much greater than the personal; it has cosmic significance, for its power embraces the whole earth and more than this earth!

There are secrets that only God knows, and the crucifixion at Golgotha is perhaps the greatest of them all. Paul speaks of its mystery and says only that it pleased God to let his full nature dwell in Jesus and to reconcile to himself everything on earth and in heaven “through the shedding of his blood on the cross” (Col 1:19-20). At the cross, then, not only earth but heaven and all the powers and principalities of the angel world will be reconciled to God. Certainly not we, and maybe not even the angels, will ever fully understand this. But, one thing we know: Christ overcame death, the last enemy, and through this, something took place that continues to have power far beyond the limits of our planet.”

“The Center” by J. Heinrich Arnold, in Bread and Wine, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY, 2007, pp 65-66.

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Presbyterian Disaster Relief in Haiti:

With the transfer of an additional \$101,500 to ecumenical partners in Haiti, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) has now contributed more than a half-million dollars to immediate emergency relief in the island nation following the Jan. 12 earthquake that killed hundreds of thousands. These donations have helped the organization’s ecumenical partners to establish 15 food and water distribution stations, distribute 20,000 tents, and provide other needed services and supplies.

Our donations to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance add up! Individually, we might feel like we can’t do much. But as a church and as a denomination, we can accomplish much through God who strengthens us!

## Lectionary for Sundays in March

### March 7 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent)

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

### March 14 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### March 21 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

### March 28 (Passion / Palm Sunday)

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14—23:56

or Luke 23:1-49

Special Guest: Maria Ort ~ Bread-Maker Extrodinaire ~!



# Learn How To Make Bread!

**Who?** YOU!

**Where?** Burdett Presbyterian Church, 3995 Church Street, Burdett, N.Y.,  
*Downstairs In the Kitchen, of Course!*

**When?** Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

**Why?** Save \$\$\$, Home Made

**How?** Call Cornell Cooperative Extension to Register, space is limited! 535-7161.  
Ask for Melissa Clary.

Cornell Cooperative Extension in Schuyler County  
*offers equal program and employment opportunities.*

The Eat Smart NY program is an equal opportunity employer and offers employment and program services and/or opportunities and access to all people regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. We encourage the public to contact NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, 40 N. Pearl Street – 11-C, Albany, New York 12243 or call (518) 473-6661 with their questions, concerns and comments of discrimination and/or special needs. (This is from the ESNY 2007 Statewide Evaluation Report by Laura Colosi, Ph.D.)

~ March 2010 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Notes:</b> (H) – at 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Hector (L) – at Lodi Presbyterian Church	<b>1</b> 1:00p Euchre (H)	<b>2</b> 8:30a Bone Builders (H)	<b>3</b> 9:00a Bone Builders (H) 12:00p Prayer/Meditation(H) 1:00p Lenten Discussn (H)	<b>4</b> 12:00p OFA luncheon (H)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00a Choir Rehearsal (H) 9:00a Presbytery Mtg. @ Lyons
<b>7</b> <b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUN. IN LENT</b> 9:30a Worship / communion (H) 10:00a Sunday school (L) 10:30a Handel's Messiah class (H) 11:15a Worship / communion (L)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30a Bone Builders (H) 7:00p Session (L)	<b>10</b> 8:00a Men's Brkfst (Toni's) 9:00a Bone Builders (H) 12:00p Prayer/Meditation(H) 1:00p Lenten Discussn (H) 7:00p Session (H)	<b>11</b> 12:00p OFA luncheon (H)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00a Choir Rehearsal (H)
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**HECTOR AND LODI  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES  
P.O. BOX 96  
HECTOR, NY 14841-0096**

**Hector Worship  
9:30 am  
Children's Church  
9:45 am**

**Lodi Worship  
11:15 am  
Sunday School  
10:00 am**

**Next Issue Deadline March 20, 2010**



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