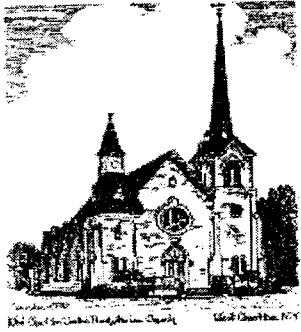
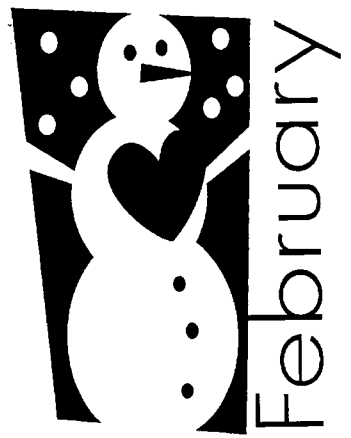


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## *The Beacon*



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### Pastoral Reflection *Reminders from 2015*

It was through prayer and faith –that we responded to the scriptural mandate to be a place where the healing ministry of the Spirit is present. Healing prayers on a Sunday mornings, through weekly emails and our prayer chain enhanced a people seeking God’s direction on how to incorporate the healing ministry of Jesus into the life of our congregation.

It was through prayer and faith – discerning the nudge of the Spirit to vulnerably share weaknesses strengthening our love of one another and God.

It was through prayer and faith that we patiently trusted and persevered in the vision for ministry that God had given us and did not ‘panic’ in the face of uncertainty. And from January to December, through a remarkable surge in support, in part from some very unexpected sources, we grew as leaders and members in this ministry.

It is through prayer and faith that I believe God is moving us into a newer and deeper place, in which every ministry – from Children to Adults...from Worship to Missions...from Stewardship to Facilities...from Fellowship to Personnel...from Deacons to Elders...from whatever we do to whomever we do it for – will grow in depth and vitality...in power and witness...in love and grace...to the glory of God.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Tom



## **Movie Night**

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**WE'RE GROWING!** Sixteen people showed up for our January movie, so we've moved to the Chapel where there's "always room for one more!"

Our February movie will be "Woman in Gold," starring Helen Mirren as an elderly Jewish woman (Maria Altmann) who fled Vienna, Austria during World War II. Based on a true story, the film follows Altmann's journey as she fights to retrieve a now famous painting by Gustav Klimt that was stolen from her family by the Nazis. The subject of the painting was her aunt Adele Block Bauer. Together with her young lawyer, played by Ryan Reynolds, Altmann sets out to have the painting returned to her, and their battle takes them all the way to the heart of the Austrian establishment and the U.S. Supreme Court. In the process, she must confront some difficult truths about the past.

Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Here's the plan:

**When: Friday, February 5, 2016**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**NOTE: WE'RE NOW IN THE CHURCH CHAPEL**

**Bring: Yourself and a friend**

There will be pizza, beverages and dessert for supper and a basket will be passed to defray expenses. Let Marie (363-0345) know you're coming, so she knows how much pizza to order. As usual, if pizza is not on your menu, you may bring something of your own to munch on.

This film is less than 2 hours long, so even with time for discussion afterward, we'll be on our way home no later than 8:30. Come and enjoy this evening with your church family.

## Session Highlights

January 13, 2016

- Barbara Cervenka was appointed to attend Presbytery Meeting on January 30, 2016 in Brunswick, NY
- Approved wedding for Brittany Nowiak and Brian Coyne to be held at the Church on January 29, 2016
- Chris Nelson will ask for volunteers to stay with John King while Rev. Marie King attends church on Sunday a month
- Plastic was put up over "Choir Door" to prevent heat loss during winter
- Small leak was found in south steeple
- Reviewed proposed budget
- Nominating Committee reported the following new/renewing in 2016:  
Elders: Chris Nelson, Ray Greenhill, Marcie Page, George Weed and Jean Weed  
Deacons: Mary Oliver, Bonnie Donnan and Judy Anderson

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**Lay Worship Leaders**

**February**

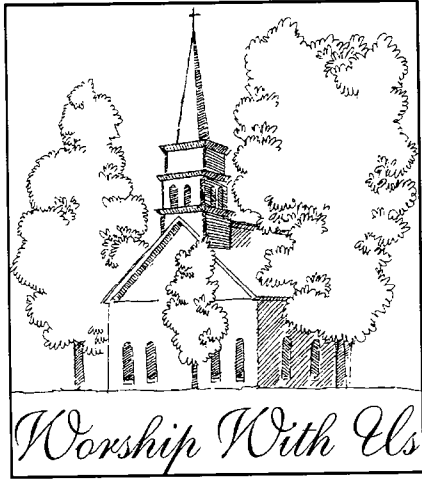
**7 Sharon Bellamy**

**14 Kathy Gregg**

**21 Bonnie Donnan**

**28 Praise Sunday**

**Greeters: Jean & George Weed**





# February 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7 Transfiguration of the Lord 9 AM Choir Practice 10:30 Worship & SS Fellowship after worship <b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and luncheon</b> after Church Flowers:	8	9 CIRCLE 10:00 AM @ Anne Vanderhorst's	10 ASH WEDNESDAY 7 PM Worship	11	12	13
14 1st SUNDAY IN LENT 9 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship & SS <b>COMMUNION</b> Fellowship after worship Flowers	15	16	17 SESSION @ 5:30 @ Church	18	19	20
21 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT 9 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship & SS <b>COMMUNION</b> Fellowship after worship Flowers	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT 9 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM PRAISE WORSHIP <b>COMMUNION</b> No Children's SS Fellowship after worship Flowers	29	<b>Notes:</b>				