



A Congregational Meeting and Vote will be held on Tuesday, April 16th, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Center about whether the church should purchase a manse. The timing of this decision coincides with decisions we need to make about church operating

finances. While it might seem odd to consider purchasing a manse when there is a revenue shortfall, the purchase can actually improve the church's finances and cash flow. We talked a few months ago about the lower contributions that have been coming in. This hasn't changed much and we're currently bringing in less income than we've budgeted to spend. We've tightened down spending as much as possible while we build the budget for our next fiscal year. If revenues don't change, we will be facing some difficult decisions ahead. More discussions about the budget will follow, but we felt it was prudent to disseminate this information before the manse vote. Thank you. - The Finance Team

How can purchasing a manse possibly improve the budget? The church is required to provide a manse or a suitable housing allowance for their pastor. The UMC has determined that \$1,530 per month is the suitable allowance for this area. The manse mortgage and utilities are \$1,193 per month. This leaves \$337 per month for a maintenance reserve and/or to help balance the budget. It also builds about \$250/month in equity in the manse itself. The money used from the Manse fund for the down payment will also be equity in the manse so there's no real cost there.

Today's Worship Assistants

8:00 am Barb Benkwitt 10:30 am Deanne & Bill Price

Offering & Worship Attendance

April 7 \$3497 91 ppl.

In April we will be collecting **BREAKFAST CEREAL** for JCEO. This item is something they can always use (Honey Nut Cheerios and Raisin Bran are very popular!) Please bring your items to church with you and place them in the basket on the altar.

AA meets in the Fellowship Center every Monday evening at 7:30pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Margo Burnell | Hilda Curtis |
| Karen Dixon | Jane & Dave Everett |
| Kathleen Fornecker | Bill Forrence |
| Curtis Furnia | Rosemary Gaulin |
| Kelly Guynup | David & Linda Harmon |
| Don Harmon | Flo Harris |
| Bridget Hemm | Joe Rinella |
| Nathan St. Louis | Greg Sullivan |
| Ann Wilke | |

- Those struggling with physical, mental and spiritual health and addiction
- Please pray for our military, law enforcement and first responders

PRAYER WALL If you placed a name on the prayer wall please remember to remove the name when the time is right. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list let the office know by calling, emailing or completing a prayer request slip. Those names are taken off after 4 weeks, but can be added again.

RESTROOMS are located across the street in the Fellowship Center or in the nursery which is located through the door to the left of the choir loft. AED's are located in the Fellowship Hall by the office and in the sanctuary by the door to the left of the choir loft.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE & CANTATA "*Canticle of the Cross*" will be held at St. Augustine's church on Good Friday (April 19th) at **7:00pm**. Our choir will be performing. Join us for this community worship service.

TAKE NOTE is a newly formed vocal ensemble performing a variety of music under the direction of Jeanette Woodruff, accompanied by Andrew Woodruff. They will be in concert on **Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 7PM** at the Plattsburgh United Methodist Church, 127 Beekman St. in Plattsburgh, NY. Special appearance by a jazz combo. A free will offering will be accepted at the door to benefit the Plattsburgh United Methodist Church.

CLINTON COUNTY OFFICE for the AGING will offer a 6 Session, FREE, workshop called Living Healthy with Chronic Conditions. Class will be held in the Fellowship Center every Wednesday from 9am to 11:30am until and including May 22nd. *You must call CCOA to pre-register (518-565-4620.)*

GOSPEL HONORS FESTIVAL CONCERT will be held on Saturday, April 27th at 6pm in the Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall, 55 Beekman Street

GRANNY'S ATTIC/GARAGE SALE is planned this year for Saturday, June 1st in the Fellowship Center. Donations will be accepted only the week prior to the event. To join the work team, contact Barb Benkwitt at (518)565-6263 or email barbbenkwitt@charter.net

PERU COMMUNITY CHURCH **Rev. Peggi Eller, Pastor**
Sunday Service at 8am & 10:30am
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CCLI #309370

CVLI #504195529

We're on Instagram: @perucommunitychurch
We're on Facebook: [The Peru Community Church](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Nursery and Sunday School rooms are located through the left side door at the front of the church. Children are always welcome to remain with their parent or guardian during worship. A Parent/Child room is located in the rear of the Sanctuary for your convenience. Staffed Nursery Care is available for children up to age 4 at 10:30am. Children age 4 - 5th grade are invited to Sunday School following Children's Time. Sunday School rooms are located upstairs.

***Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
Please join us for coffee and fellowship across the street in the Fellowship Center immediately following the service.***



Sunday	4/14	Worship at 8am & 10:30am Children's Sunday School at 10:30 PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH 9am - 1pm New Member recognition 9:30am in Chapel
Monday	4/15	Bible Study 6pm AA 7:30pm
Tuesday	4/16	Congregational Meeting and Vote 6:30pm
Wednesday	4/17	CCOA Healthy Living Class 9am - 11:30am Knit Wits & Sew and Sews 1-3pm
Thursday	4/18	Pastor's Sabbath Choir 7pm
Friday	4/19	Good Friday Service 7:00pm at St. A's