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News From PPC

Embracing Courage: Unleashing Your Inner Strength

What is **Courage**?

In Exodus chapter 9, God was in the middle of inflicting various plagues on the Egyptians because of Pharaoh's disbelief. Moses had asked Pharaoh numerous times for the Israelites to be set free from their life of slavery to the Egyptians, but Pharaoh kept saying no. Naturally, Moses was feeling rather discouraged by this point.

In Exodus 9:16, God encouraged Moses and told him, "But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

What an encouragement! Not only have we been called for a purpose, but we

have been called according to *His* purpose. We can have courage to face the hard things in life because we know God, in His mighty power, has His purpose in mind for our lives. We can find the courage to face the challenges of life knowing that God's mighty power is at work in us. Just as He showed His power through Moses, He will show His power through us.

Remember, this truth is not limited to Moses alone. It applies to each and every one of us. We have all been called for a purpose, according to God's plan. We can draw on this truth to find courage in the face of adversity. When self-doubt creeps in (as it often does for all of us), I am reminded of what God revealed in Exodus 9. He could have easily wiped out Pharaoh and the nation of Egypt, but instead, **He chose (and still chooses) to work through His people to make Himself known and to give them courage.**

Finding Courage

In my experience, courage can look different from person to person. We must find *our* inner courage and discover what drives us to keep moving forward. Sometimes courage is being brave and trying something new and hard. If everything was easy, everyone would do it! Other times, courage looks like failing and getting back up again and again. Failure can be one of the highlights of life if we are able to learn from it and still have the courage to continue.

We aren't perfect people, and we need to remember that life is about making progress, not obtaining perfection. Too often we let fear hold us back from having courage to move forward in life. My life's mission is to help others change their perspective and their mindset. We get the most out of life when we are challenged. This is where true joy is—when we have the courage to accomplish something we never thought possible.

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the triumph over it. It's about ac-



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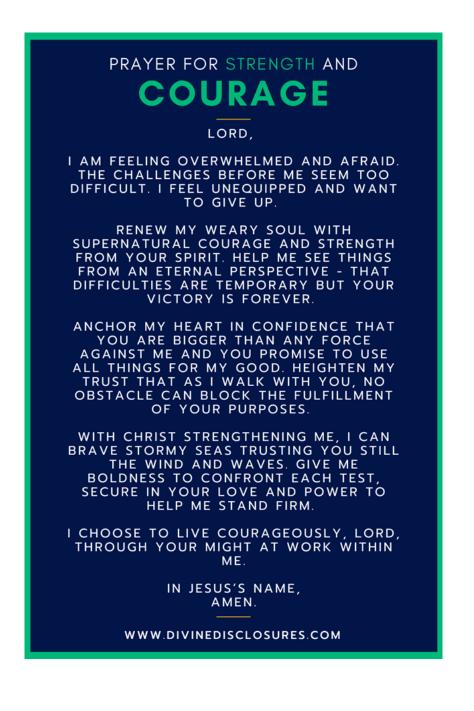


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knowledging our fears, yet choosing to act despite them. Every day presents us with the opportunity to choose courage. It starts when we find ourselves grappling with a decision, and we have a thousand reasons to give up, but we choose to move forward with faith and strength. Courage is a muscle that grows stronger with each use, and it's within each and every one of us. Choosing courage means trusting ourselves and having faith in God's purpose for our lives. God is still working through us like He did Moses—for His glory and purpose. Don't lose faith in the journey; it will all turn out for His glory!

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Church Life News

Our team seems to like to keep you guessing, as to who we are. We've been known as Church Life, Church Family Life, The Christian Fellowship Task Force, and the Christian Fellowship Team. This year we have been asked to refer to ourselves as the Church Life Team to match the budget line title that we've always had for the financial report and we agree. Many of us are the same people who plan the social events and are old enough to say that we've come full circle! If you're looking for the social events offered, from now on they will be listed under Church Life, unless I forget who we are \Box

Upcoming Events:

Boy Scout Sunday and Continental Breakfast on Sunday, February 2nd- Please help us welcome the scouts who will be participating in our church service. Afterwards, we will gather socially and be serving juices, fresh fruit, donut holes, mini muffins, coffee cake, cheese and crackers, coffee and tea. If you wish to donate something for this breakfast, a sign-up sheet has been placed on the table in the lounge.

Ruling Elders and Deacons Ordination/Installation Day and Dish to Pass on Sunday, February 23rd- We look forward to socializing with the men and women who have agreed to serve in these important roles! Dishes to pass are appreciated, if you have the time, but if it isn't convenient, you are welcome anyway. We always have an abundance of food!

Game Day on Wednesday, February 26th from 2-4:00 in the Lounge- Chase away the winter doldrums and join us for an afternoon of friendship, relaxation, and a good time. You don't need to like games; just come to socialize! Treats to share and beverages are offered.



Cheryl Lotz, Church Life Team Leader

Mission Team

Thank you for your donations to the Warming Tree. We collected gloves, mittens, hats and scarves. We have delivered the items collected to ABCD Pre School (Farm Workers Ministry). We cannot wait to continue this tradition in 2025.

PPC Mission Team is asking for canned soup donations! These donations during the months of January and February will be sent to the Food Pantry there in town!



The rummage sale was approved by PW to have it on April 9,10,11,and 12th. We are asking that people can start bringing in items to the downstairs area starting on March 3rd. Sorting will begin on March 17th. All are welcome to help.

PW approved \$400 to go for disaster relief in California, by way of the Red Cross.

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200th Celebration and Homecoming Save the dates: (Sat. April 26 and Sun. April 27)

Next meeting: February 16, 2025 @11:15 AM following the worship service

Teams/Members:

Artifacts: Kris and Rick Bald, Gil Burgess, Eileen Taylor

Invitations: Kay Oosterling, Karen and Bill Doebler, Christine Stephens, Paul Salisbury, Anne Rogers, Bob Hanson,

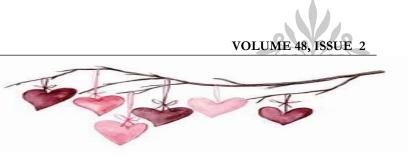
Worship and Music: Karen Cameron, Natalie Lemmon and Sarah Humphrey

Food/Refreshments: Gwen Mix, Holly Burgess, Marilyn Wilson, Georgette Smith, Ginny Bodine, Cheryl Lotz, Karen Vanderbrook, Karen Cameron

Rock Team: Marilyn Wilson, Deb Compher, Henry Stephens, Josh McCrossen

If you are interested in helping with the Time With Barnsie book readings there is a sign up sheet on the table in the lounge. Please add your name.





Newark Community Connections:

<u>Newark Food Pantry:</u> The Newark Food Pantry is located at 301 East Miller Street, Newark, NY 14513. There are many ways to volunteer your time at the Newark Food Closet. All Donations go to support the Newark Food Closet. We do not have paid staff; we are run solely by volunteers. If interested, please contact Lisa Barrett at (315) 332-8582 or (315) 351-6474.

<u>Common Threads</u>: Common Threads is located at 5694 Wood Lane, Newark, NY 14513. It is open 9AM-12:PM every First and Third Saturday of the month. Drop off for clothing is in Park Presbyterian lounge M-W, F from 9AM-4PM. Contact Sarah at shumphrey8008@gmail.com or call 585-409-4667 for more information.

Called to Care: Park Presbyterian Women are supporting Called to Care; when needed they are supplying new and used bedding and household cleaning supplies. Contact Sue Rowe at srowe918@gmail.com or 845-791-0389 if you are interested in being on a list to help supply items when the need arises. Called to Care, Canandaigua, assists refugee families financially in their first few months with rent, utility payments, and other fees as well as helping them find housing, employment, English classes and provide for food and clothing needs; it also works in partnership with World Relief Western NY. Called to Care, Canandaigua, with its mission to promote and facilitate resettlement of refugees in Canandaigua by providing a support network to help them start a new life, invites interested individuals to join in the rewarding work of welcoming and serving some of the world's most vulnerable. For more information, contact Linda Werts at 315-447-0276.

Family Promise: In the United States, one child out of five lives in poverty. Families with children make up 35% of the people in this country who experience homelessness. Poverty in Wayne County is a persistent and continuing foundation of homelessness. From data provided by school districts in Wayne County, there has been a consistent number of over six hundred homeless children, both pre-school and school-age each year since the 2014-2015 school year. Contact Anne Rogers at 315-879-5478 for more information.

Laurel House: Laurel House is a not-for-profit volunteer community organization in Newark, NY, formed with its first meeting on November 7, 2014, and incorporated in May 2015. The idea of Laurel House, a volunteer-driven home providing free end-of-life care for Wayne County residents and their families, originated decades ago with Jean Cass, a nurse who watched one of her dear friends succumb to a difficult death from breast cancer. Jean's passion for a better way to care for the dying brought about the comfort care home, the House of John in Clifton Springs and was the impetus for doing the same in Newark. While Laurel House Comfort Care provides end-of-life carefree of charge, it costs over \$200,000 to operate the home. Donations are appreciated! To contact them call 315-573-7028.

<u>Survivor Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes</u>: The Survivor Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes' programs for survivors of domestic violence provides shelter and appropriate services for all victims. Their safe dwelling program provides housing for a maximum of fourteen residents. Their programs provide appropriate service for survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking, dating violence, bullying, and child abuse regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, secular orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, gender, marital status, or disability. To contact them, call the office at 315-331-1171.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Newark, New York. A. Parke Burgess, Pastor

-Presbytery meets in our Church, April 13, at 7 p.m.

-Mrs. R.A. Langdon has purchased, and will occupy after April 1st, the house on Church Street long the home of Wesley Drake.

-A consistent christian - the Church member in Newark who said: "I don't find time to go to the prayer meeting, and I can't conscientiously go to the theatre."

-At our Communion March 8th, which was a season of tender interest, two were received to membership: Mrs. Rachael A. Langdon, by letter from the Lyons church, and Arthur D. Hull, by profession.

-In a letter of recent date **Hattie G. Culver**, whose address is now 902 Fairmount street, Cleveland, Ohio, says of her brother: "I have good news from **Willie**; he is well, and seems happy and well cared for."

-One pleasant feature of this little paper enterprize is that persons once members of our church, and now residing elsewhere are sending in their subscriptions. To them it is a reminder of other days - a "link in memory's chain."

-**Mrs. Noah King**, of Memphis, Michigan, accently fell and injured herself severly. At last account she was not able to walk. Mr. King's family are pleasantly remembered by the older people of our Church, as he was for many years a "door keeper in the house of the Lord" for them. They have a pleasant home and church relations in Memphis. -When **Mrs. Pettis** breathed her last, a sufferer entered into rest, a soul redeemed escaped like a caged bird, and flew Heavenward. Her spirit was ready, and her wings were plumed. Her last earthly wish was fulfilled when all of her sons, having reached home, kneeled at her bed-side in prayer. Faith, expectant, only awaited the Master's will, and the final release. After years of frail health, and in all, solid years of suffering, all patiently endured, a gracious voice said "It is enough!" and taking leave of mortal ills she passed beyond the reign of death. Mrs. Pettis became a member of our Church some ten years ago, by letter from Canastota.

AN OLD FRIEND HEARD FROM.

-The following is an extract from a private letter. It is warm with a glow of personal friendship which expresses itself in flattery; but it carries us back over a quarter-century of life's devious road, and starts up a train of roseate memories that make life's young, fair morning seem real again. The author of this letter was one of a noble and faithful young company in the "Old Pratham Church." We were all young then; but the years since have plowed many a furrow on cheek and brow. Scattered is that goodly band.

"Some have already crossed the flood."

-Mr. Ward began life with high hopes of a useful career in the ministry; but health failed. And now after so long a time our acquaintance is renewed:-

Malabar, Breyard Co., Fla.

March 1st, 1885

Dear Friends:-

You may be somewhat astonished to hear from me at this place. I learned from **Miss Lida Bostwick** (Lyons) that you were still at Newark. She is stopping with **Mrs. Stacy** near here - both acquaintances of yours. I had heard nothing from you in 8 years; and thought probably you had left Newark.

The very thought of your names brings to my mind the times and scenes of other days, - among the most pleasant I ever enjoyed. I shall never forget the associations that cluster around the parsonage and Church at Prattville, with its devoted and beloved pastor. In looking over the past I recall the faces of many true friends, but none who so completely won my heart, and so deeply sympathized with me in all my boyish troubles, or so encouraged me in my ambition to become useful in the world.

Alas, Time has made many changes, - other friendships have been formed and forgotten - but there has always been and

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always will be a warm place in my heart for those who by precept and example showed me the "more excellent way." Your friend,

R.A. Ward.

-Louise Pitts was home on vacation one week from Andover, returning to school duties the 18th.

-Wm. New, of East Newark, who died March 19, age 77, had been 11 years a member of our Church.

-Our friend **Morris Briggs** recently opened sale and repair rooms for sewing machines on Palmyra St., next door west from **A.E. Williams'** grocery store.

-Mrs. Salem G. Tinney, who has been sick all winter is now slowly recovering. Ladies, call upon her, next door south of West Shore railroad on west side of Willow Avenue.

-A letter from **P.A. Burdick** brings intelligence of a good work in Knowlesville. A campaign of one week secured 747 names to the pledge, and in the union meeting on Sunday morning, eleven persons arose for prayers. Mr. B. is now in Batavia.

-No town in Wayne county made for itself a better record on town-meeting day for temperance than our own. Hosts of men worked valiantly at the polls. The noble women of the W.C.T.U. kept open and hospitable doors all day in Sherman block, and served at low rates excellent rations of coffee, sandwitches and doughnuts, and held a public meeting in the evening. The temperance commissioner was elected by a majority of 18 votes.

THE DAYS GONE BY.

We have given an interesting old-time sketch from **Mrs. Bryant** and have promise of more. We intend also to buttonhole **Elias Howell** and others. This month we spent a pleasant afternoon with one of the most jolly and motherly of our octogenarians, **Mrs. James H. Burroughs**, who resides with her son, **Captain Silas Burroughs**, on VanBuren street. Mrs. B.'s maiden name was **Polly Dunwell**; her father's name, **Stephen Dunwell**.

"Seventy-nine years ago," began Mrs. B., "my father removed with his family from Berkshire County, Mass. We came with a team, and were 27 days on the road. Now I suppose it would take only a few hours to make the journey. I was then three years old. I can just remember one circumstance. A man caught me up and ran to the door-steps, and called to my father who was just driving, with the rest of the family, out of sight. There were so many of us they had not missed me. This was at the tavern in "Old Onondaga;" now Syracuse. It was then a swamp, and the team got mired. We found this, when we reached here, a howling wilderness.

The **Marbles** were already settled at "Tannton," now Marbletown, when **Mr. Dunwell** arrived, and settled on the hill where Luther **Benton** now resides.

The nearest store was at what is now Geneva. The mother used to go there twice a year, on horse-back, to trade; bringing home her frugal purchases in the saddle-bags which her husband had used in the Revolutionary war, under Washington. There was no grist mill nearer than Preston's mills, built and then owned by **Dr. Lummis**, father of the family now extensive owners about Sodus Bay.

The people made their sugar from maple trees, and raised gigantic corn, by planting in spots on the new clearings where log-heaps had been burned.

Clifton Springs "Brimstone Spring,"- was then a swampy region, a gloomy wilderness, with one residence, and a spring dug out with a "shower-house" near it, to which, even then, the sick were wont to go for treatment. A Baptist minister brought his invalid wife there for treatment, and the shower killed her - pouring did not agree with her.

At Union Village lived **John Decker Robinson** and **Elisha Granger**. **Harry Robinson** was the first white child born in Phelps. The first marriage in Phelps was that of a dairy-maid, who must have been as artless and sweet as Whittier's Maud Muller. It was a quite romantic affair. The marriage of the youths was opposed by the parents, and with the usual result. It had been arranged that the laddie and "Squire" should happen at the place where the lassie worked, at close of day. They came, and found her milking. She at once arose, took her place modestly beside her rustic lover under an apple-tree, the knot was quickly tied, when she resumed the stool and finished milking the cow.

The elder **Marble** was the second person buried in the little cemetery, enclosed with a stone wall, just west of Marble bletown. The first buried there was a woman whose name we have not learned. **Mother Marble** lived to the age of 100 years.

Of the three sons, **Nathaniel Marble** owned three hundred acres of land laying between Marbletown and the Vienna road. **Ephraim Marble** built a chair factory, which did a thriving business for several years.

It was located by a pond near the present residence of **Wm. Daniels**. It was a fine shop for that day, and **Mrs. Bur**roughs has now a rocker - the comfort of her old age - a cozy arm-chair made in this shop. Levi Marble kept a tavern on the corner near the spot on which **R.H. Palmer**'s farm house now stands. John Granger lived in a log house hard by. Ezra Douglass came from the east and taught school in a log school house on the site of the present handsome brick edifice, on land given for the purpose by **Mr. Marble**.

Douglass afterward kept store; and Mrs. B. remembers how they laughed at him when he said he wanted a cellar to



"keep his whisky from freezing." **Mr. DuBois** came from New York and bought of **Matthew VanDusen** the farm now occupied by **Ebenezer Lake**, known as the "**old Rush farm**". **Jonathan Fisk** owned and carried on some years a tannery on the place where the watering trough now stands by the highway. There was a large pond near the present site of **J.H. VanDusen**'s place, and on this pond **Mr. Hecock** built a wooden bowl factory. The forests were ransacked for knots and gnarls which were turned out into nobby wooden ware, articles of which found way into every house. Marbletown was then a metropolis.

FROM AN OLD FRIEND.

We have received a good letter from a dear friend of former years, **Mrs. M.L. Stratton**, president of the W.C.T.U. of Du Page County, Illinois, and wife of **Rev. L.N. Stratton** M.A., President of Wheaton Theological Seminary. Mrs. S. says: "I love to read the little 'Consecrated Worker' over and over again.

-Old time incidents to be continued.

-Our paper will be on time next issue.

-All sessions of Presbytery are open to the public. You are invited.

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-Only a small attendance of ministers at Presbytery this year - so many of the Churches are in widowhood.

-Mrs. John G. Scott has returned home from Clifton Springs, where she has been spending a few months for her health.

-A.H. VanDerbilt has been confined to the house several weeks with a hard cold.

-Nelson P. Rowe is in quite poor health, and has not been out much for several weeks.

-Mrs. Michael Flynn, Palmyra street is very low. Her trust in Christ is as an anchor. She has sweet peace.

-Proffessor L.H. Clark will give an address on Monday evening the 13th, and Rev. L.A. Ostrander will preach on Prophesy and the Eastern War, Tuesday evening, the 14th.

-The pastor's family can now be most easily reached by the west door. **T.B.Sargeant** and family occupy the east portion. All callers and friends of either family will be welcome at either door, at any time.

-Our usually bright and happy friend **Mrs. Frank H. Jones**, has been sick all winter, and has use for all the sunshine at her disposal. It is a pleasure to know that as winter begins to soften down, her health improves; and we may hope, ere long, to see her out again.

NOTE: The above newsletter can be found in a file of religion at the Office of the County Historian, Lyons, N.Y. All words and names are exactly as spelled in the original historical resource. To maintain historical authenticity, spellings of names won't be changed or "corrected." The site coordinators have NO information about individuals listed in this directory.



Call in orders: (315) 331-2255 Pick-up Saturday March 2, 9:00-Noon

Flowers: February 2: IMO Marguerite & Donald Palmer February 9: IMO Arthur Ellis & Beryl Chapman February 16: IMO William Bender February 23: IMO Edith Coon



Liturgists: February 2: Natalie Lemmon February 9: Kris Bald **February 16: Christine Stephens** February 23: Dale Groover

Deacon's Coffee Hour Schedule: February: Natalie Lemmon March: Holly & Gil Burgess **April: Ginny Bodine**



December Birthdays: February 1– Josh McCrossen February 11– Eileen Burm February 14– Ken Cassleman February 14– Stuart Blodgett February 21- Marv Ottnod February 24- Tim Johnson February 27– Dick Leone



Dish to Pass, Sunday, February 23rd after the Church Service: Let's show our appreciation and thanks to our ruling elders and deacons who are being installed or ordained on this day, those who have completed their terms, and those continuing to serve.









Heavenly Father, I begin this day with joy and gratitude. Thank You for Your countless blessings and unfailing love. Help me to rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances. Let my life be a reflection of Your grace and goodness.

I ask for Your protection as I go about my day. Watch over my coming and going and keep me from all harm. Surround me with Your angels and safeguard my path. Amen.



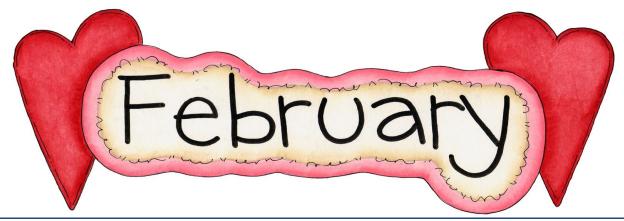
We continue to pray for those in our midst-family, friends, and acquaintances—in need of healing, understanding, compassion, direction, safety, and safe keeping—for your shalom upon their lives—your wholeness. To this end, we continue to lift the following in prayer to you: Deb Compher, Roxanna Roe, Sue Rowe, Lila Serapilio, Mike Hopkins, James, Chris Agletti and Rachel Ide, Rev. Debbie Grohman, Krystel Harling, Artemis, Kurt Werts, Cara, James Cavallero, Karen, Debbie O-Sullivan, Daniel Allerton, Lisa Praino Babineau, Jan Smith, Orville VanDuser, Laura Ehle, Aya Gilad-Muth, Kelly Shay Velte, Dan Patsos, Connie Winsor, Roger and Victor Cox, Bill Mitchell, Mark Booth, Michael Bauer, Jonathan and Jeremy Burns, Moshe and Avital Gilad, Eleanor Brennessel, Susie Earl, Barbara Watson, Mary Jean, Jackie, Marilyn Bender, Jim Praino, Tobin Ide, and Jonathan Oosterling.

We continue our prayers for caregivers and to those needing care: Jeanne and Paul Salisbury, Bonnie and Thurlow Hammond, Ed and Cheryl Lotz, Barbara Brunner, Eileen Burm, Marian Maxwell, Jim and Anne Peck, Lynn Blodgett, Susan Chaffee, Mark Booth, Debbie and Pat O'Sullivan, Joan Boerman, and Sally and Jim Praino.

We continue our prayers for all those who grieve, including the friends and family of Ron Serapilio, David Wilck, Natalie Craig and Bob Bowser.

In your mercy, O God, hear the prayers of your people. Amen.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6PM AA Meeting
2 9AM Choir 10AM Worship Service/ Communion 11AM Boy Scout Brunch	3 430PM Chancel Bells 6PM Back 2 Basics	4 1030AM Quilters 6PM Webelos Meeting	5 6PM 138 Pack Meeting	6	7 IPM Garden Club	8 6PM AA Meeting
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"Our mission is to make Christ visible by believing, living and sharing the word of God."

"Our vision is to be God's light – a beacon of love, interaction, and guidance in Faith and comfort. "



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