

Presbyterian News



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January 2nd

Communion

January 9th

Installation and ordination of Officers

January 11th

Presbyterian Women's Meeting

January 16th

Deacon's Meeting

January 23rd

Annual Meeting

January 24th

Session Meeting





AS THE PASTOR PONDERES

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Through that quick countdown seconds from the start of the New Year, it becomes sobering at just how quickly time passes. Before you know it, you stand back and wonder where your life has gone or where it is going.

Michelle and I are looking at 2022 with joyful eyes for the birth of our first grandson and all of the excitement that a new baby can bring. As I thought about this, I considered, in a sense, how a New Year actually gives each of us a new birth. Each day in our faith journey with our Lord, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are given a chance to turn the chapter on our old self and embrace a new one.

This new chapter is not only for us individually but for our church as well. Where will God be leading this church in 2022? One thing is clear... we won't know the answer unless we wholeheartedly put our trust in Him. In doing so, we must renew our commitment to one another and to explore each and every opportunity that God puts before us to show our love for Him, for each other, and for our neighbors near and far.

As we embark on this New Year, I will be challenging our church leaders to think outside of the box for both new and existing ways to deepen our ministries internally, within our community, and in mission work where God directs the needs most.

As your Pastor, I am praying that as we walk through the days ahead together that we, without reservation or hesitation, will give ourselves completely to the Lord. This will involve letting go of the things of the past that have caused divisions, heartaches, and hostilities. We cannot move forward if we continue to carry the weights of the past on our shoulders and our hearts.

With the dawn of the New Year, let's start by praying that 2022 will be a year that we advance the Lord's work where he is calling us to go. May it be a year in which each of us is blessed with safety and good health for ourselves and for our families.

One of the things that we can count on is that God does His miracles! And by His miracles, our Lord wants to transform each of us and our families. He wants to make his presence known throughout this community and he is ready to do amazing things for this church if we are willing to just step back and let Him take charge to move us to be diligent in our service to Him and others.

I am excited for the opportunities that are available to us in the coming year. May we be thankful for the diligent work of so many of the faithful of this church for the past 178 years and praise God for the church that He has formed. May we look with anticipation and hope as we work together to form an even stronger community of faith in the year to come.

May God bless each and every one of you!

Pastor Mike

PASTOR MIKE IS PREPARING FOR AN ADULTS NEW MEMBER CLASS, THE CLASS IS ANTICIPATED TO ONLY BE 2 MEETINGS. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN BEING INCLUDED IN THIS CALL, PLEASE LET PASTOR MIKE KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

As a school, we want to personally thank you for your generous donation. We couldn't be happier with the amount of love shown towards our students during the holiday season! Your donation of blankets and holiday gifts for our Angel Tree meant the world to us and we are very grateful for your support and contributions!

May you have a happy and prosperous year!

With all our gratitude,
Delaware Primary
Administration, Staff, Students, and Families



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida, NY will be held immediately after worship on January 30th. At the annual meeting we will review and celebrate all of our service to God in the past year, go over financial reports and the budget for the coming year. Please mark your calendar!



Offering Envelopes will be located in the Sanctuary near the Christmas Tree. You can pick them up at any time.



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of January 2022

Barb Arnold	Tom Panasci
Bryce Bechtel (friend of Zach Thompson)	Mary Patricia
Steve Blair (friend of Ginny Pendleton)	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Anthony Bonacci	David Rice
Eleanor Breckenridge (Sue Borchardt's mom)	Doug Rosekrans
Bob Butler	Rich Snyder (Jennifer Colvin's neighbor)
Pam Carrigan	Eugene Sweet (Jim's brother)
Scott Colvin	Judy Sweet
Glade Cook Jr. (nephew of Warrens)	Harold Thompson
Maria Erdo	Matthew Thornton (Sue Borchardt's Nephew)
John Ferguson	Betty Thorpe (Jim's aunt)
Jillian Felt	Jim Thorpe
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Grace Warren
Becky Grasso	Jan Whiting
Sherry Harrison	Bill VanValkenberg (Friend of the Church)
Joyce Helms	Milicent Vidal
Jamie Hubbard	Jerry Karen
Wendy Holtz	Michelle Angelia
Dorothy Hotaling	Anthony
Susan Johnson (Nancy James' niece)	Heather
Millie Johnson	Patrick Vicky
Horace Keller	Anthony (Jerry Fuller's granddaughter's fiancé)
Jean Kowalik	
Esther Ladd (Friend of the Church)	
Maribeth Matthews	
Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)	

Thank you for your prayers. If you know of anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or in need of our prayers, PLEASE call the Church Office, 363-7590.

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERN

Charlie Merritt

If you have a prayer need, there are cards in the pews. Fill it out and hand it to an usher. If you know of anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or in need of our prayers, PLEASE call the Church Office, 363-7590. Please let us know also when they are healed and can be taken off the prayer list.



ELDERS

CLASS OF 2022

Donna Ausman
Kim DeRuby
Carol Miller
Becky Williams

CLASS OF 2023

Paul Mancarella
Nancy Rinehard
Dave Schellhase
Jan Whiting

CLASS OF 2024

Randy Bonville
Frank Kordziel
Lucille Merriman
Michael Merriman

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Joe Ostrander (Friend of Kristin Tooker)
Eugene Sweet (Jim's brother)
Ken Brown (Friend of Jennawade's)
Adelbert Roman (Cousin of Phyllis Lighthall)
Victor Sirchia
Leo Matzke

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

All first responders and health care providers who are on the front line during this global pandemic.

MISSION EMPHASIS:

Local Food Pantries
The Moderator, Presbytery Leader-Slated Clerk, and Staff of the Presbytery of Utica
2022 Micah Grant Recipients
PC(USA) Foundation and Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program
Augusta-Vernon Center Presbyterian Church, Augusta

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2022

Sue Kordziel
Rose Lockwood
Doug Lockwood
Kathy Nichols
Chrissy Thompson

CLASS OF 2023

CLASS OF 2024

John Merritt
Jennawade Skellham

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones: Stephen Cafalone, Jack Sharkey, Mark Sia, Peter Thompson, Howard Bantle, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, John Goodwill, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Michael McMahon, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Nate Borchardt, Michelle Ludwig, Colin Whitcombe

Those currently serving in a combat zone:



The Presbyterian Women will be meeting on Tuesday, January 11th @ 10:00 a.m.

The Presbyterian Women are updating the prayer chain at the church. The prayer chain is essential in letting other church members know when fellow members are in need of prayers for healing, strength and guidance. If you are interested in being a part of the prayer chain please contact Carol Miller (315) 762-4224 or John at the church office (315) 363-7590 and they will add you to the list.



Session Notes

A Congregational meeting to approve selection of officers was held on December 12th, installation and ordination of officers will be on January 9th and the congregational meeting January 30, 2022.

Elders for Class of 2022 are Donna Ausman, Kim DeRuby, Carol Miller and Becky Williams. For Class of 2023 are Paul Mancarella, Nancy Rinehard, Dave Shellhase and Jan Whiting. For Class of 2024 Randy Bonville, Frank Kordziel, Lucille Merriman and Mike Merriman.

Deacons for Class of 2022 are Sue Kordziel, Doug Lockwood, Rose Lockwood, Kathy Nichols and Chrissy Thompson. For Class of 2024 John Merritt, Jenna Wade Skellham



PRAYER MISSION JANUARY

The Nicaragua Medical Mission provides medicines and clothing to people in the second poorest nation in the western hemisphere. Each team member receives two 50 lb. trunks filled with medicine/supplies. Each patient receives a 3 month supply of medicine including multivitamins, pain relievers, parasitic medicine and others as needed.

Birthdays

Jan. 1	Sharon Warren
Jan. 3	Courtney Schneider
Jan. 5	Karen Sarensky
Jan. 8	Beverly Vineall
Jan. 10	Samuel Mastriano
Jan. 13	Claire Fox
Jan. 14	Donna Stewart
Jan. 15	Donna Laurin, Heather Carroll
Jan. 16	Bronte Hilgenberg
Jan. 18	Jon Musgrove
Jan. 21	Stephanie Thompson, Heidi Schneider
Jan. 22	Matthew Froass
Jan. 23	Christopher Joslyn Jr.
Jan. 27	Linda Bailey
Jan. 29	Kristen Talbot

Anniversaries

Jan. 4	Bob and Linda Butler
Jan. 13	Steve and Bev Orzechowski
Jan. 14	Doug Rosekrans & Joyce Helms



On behalf of the staff, thank you very much for your Christmas gifts

*Mike Yeoman
Stephanie Gwilt
Jennawade Skellham
Frank Kordziel*

*Pat Thorpe
John Merritt
Melinda Phoenix-Heart*

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**DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 24TH**

