

# Presbyterian News



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# JANUARY

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***Happy New Year! What an opportunity we have before us. We are all getting a fresh start. Don't look back. Keep your eyes focused on what is ahead for you and for us as a community of faith.***

***Jeremiah 29:11 is a great verse to start 2023. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."***

***Think of the new year as a new road – maybe one less traveled. We don't know where it will lead us. We don't know what kinds of bends or turns we may encounter along the way. We do, however, know this..... as we trudge the pavement, we have that assurance from God that he will be there for us. He is calling us to realize the plans he has already set in motion.***

***Friends, we can't even comprehend the amazing things God has in store for us. It all starts with trust. Place your trust in God that he will lead us down the right path. Trust God's plan because that road will not take you to a dead end. No matter what God has in store for you, it's always the right path.***

***My prayer for you is that our Lord will give each of us opportunities to love more, motivation to give of ourselves more, and visions to be the person you were destined to be.***

***Happy New Year!***

## Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Medical Mission to Nicaragua

First Presbyterian Church, Oneida will host a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit NICNY - New York Medical Mission to Nicaragua, on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Menu includes: spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread, drinks and dessert.



The Bible Study Group will resume Sunday, January 8th immediately following worship. We will be continuing our discussion of some of the parables of Jesus.

Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the kingdom of God understandable and accessible to those He spoke to. This interactive small group Bible Study will hopefully give participants new insights into His parables and their meanings that will help you to appreciate more fully their relevance for your own life. You can join in at any time

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida, NY will be held immediately after worship on January 29th. 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!



## LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

*For the month of January 2023*

Abby Bartell	Jean Kowalik
Brody	Val Lowry
Pam Carrigan	Sam Messina
Scott Colvin	Maribeth Matthews
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister)	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Peggy Eastman	Tom Panasci
Maria Erdo	Dan & Claudia Rayome
John Ferguson	David Rice
Robert Feldman (Melinda's Father)	Doug Rosekrans
Jillian Felt	Judy Sweet
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)	Jim Thorpe
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Jan Whiting
Becky Grasso	Milicent Vidal
Alison Hilgenberg (Phyllis Little's Daughter)	Bill Young
Wendy Holtz	Nancy (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
Joyce Helms	Brittany (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
Millie Johnson	
Victor Johnson	
Victor Johnson III	

**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

Pat Sprong (Friend of Pat Thorpe)	Bill Ausman
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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.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

Our food pantry is always in need of several items. Most of these are usually a dollar or under. With two major holidays approaching please take into thought helping those that come to our emergency pantry stop. These items that always go quick are canned corn, canned beefaroni, tomato soup, chicken noodle soup, rice sides, pasta sides, most dried pastas, and canned fruit. You are by no means limited to these items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Especially by those in need.





## ELDERS

### CLASS OF 2023

Paul Mancarella  
Nancy Rinehard  
Dave Schellhase  
Jan Whiting  
Cathy Opperman  
Sharon Warren

### CLASS OF 2024

Randy Bonville  
Frank Kordziel  
Lucille Merriman  
Michael Merriman  
Pat Thorpe

### CLASS OF 2025

Kim DeRuby  
Doug Lippert

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:**

### **SPECIAL CONCERNS:**

The citizens of Ukraine

Pray for those who are serving overseas and our Police/Fire Safety personnel.

All victims and survivors of gun violence.

## DEACONS

All people who feel unloved, alone, and displaced during the holiday season.

### **MISSION EMPHASIS:**

Local Food Pantries

The Moderator, Presbytery Leader-Stated Clerk, and Staff of the Presbytery of Utica

2023 Micah Grant Recipients

PC(USA) Foundation and Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program

Augusta-Vernon Center Presbyterian Church, Augusta

### CLASS OF 2025

Sue Kordziel  
Rose Lockwood  
Doug Lockwood  
Janel Milana  
Kathy Nichols  
Chrissy Thompson

### CLASS OF 2024

John Merritt  
Jennawade Skellham

### CLASS OF 2025

## **PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:** Pray for those who are

stationed in non-combat zones: Stephen Cafalone, Jack Sharkey, Mark Sia, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, John Goodwill, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Michael McMahon, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Michelle Ludwig, Peter Thompson, Dylan McClelland

Those currently serving in a combat zone:



3rd-Team Meetings

8th-Communion

4, 11, 18, 25th-Living Waters Youth Group

10th-Presbyterian Women's Meeting

15th-Deacons Meeting

19th-Prayer Vigil

21st-Nicaragua Mission Fundraiser Dinner

24th-Session Meeting

29th-Annual Meeting



***Birthdays***

Jan. 1	Sharon Warren
Jan. 5	Karen Sarensky
Jan. 8	Beverly Vineall
Jan. 10	Samuel Mastriano
Jan. 14	Donna Stewart
Jan. 15	Donna Laurin
Jan. 18	Jon Musgrove
Jan. 21	Stephanie Thompson,
Jan. 22	Matthew Froass
Jan. 23	Christopher Joslyn Jr.
Jan. 27	Linda Bailey



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

*Mike Yeoman*

*Pat Thorpe*

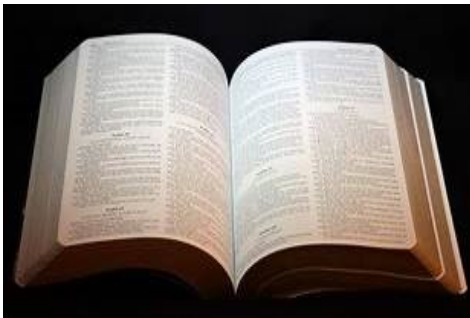
*Stephanie Gwilt*

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### *Scripture Readers for December*

January 1st - Pastor Mike

January 8th—Barb Schwartz

January 15th - Ian Farwell

January 22nd - Frank Kordziel

January 29th - Austin Williams



### *Coffee Servers for December*

January 1st – No Coffee Hour

January 8th — Sue and Frank Kordziel

January 15th — Rachel and Paul Mancarella

January 22nd — Chrissy and Paul Thompson

January 29th— Stephanie Thompson and Jenna Skellham

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

