

# Presbyterian News



EDITION

January 2025



## January

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Pat Thorpe

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## Christmas Pageant 2024





Happy New Year!

There's a beautiful scripture I would like to share with you that no doubt you have read or sung at one point in your walk with the Lord. Psalm 118:24 says, "This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it."

While I have little doubt that the vast majority of us are happy to see the year 2024 in the "rear-view mirror," so to speak, we know that the simple changing of a calendar will not fix everything wrong in our world.

It is time to turn back to God. Let God do the work that he intends to do. Stand back in awe and marvel at everything God is doing.

Will the New Year present challenges? Absolutely! We have faced challenges in the past and know first-hand that God is always with us.

Michelle and I pray that the New Year will enlighten you as to how God is beginning some things new and exciting. As we press forward, let us put the past behind us. With God's help let us collectively make a conscious choice to end those things that distract and deter you from God's plan for your life.

We pray that 2025 will be a year in which we discover our individual gifts, abilities, calling, or aspirations, and find ways to offer those gifts collectively as we look more to intergenerational worship, fellowship and ministries.

We pray that 2025 will be a year that we collectively make a commitment to God to magnify our walk with Him through a greater commitment to Christian service, bible study, ministry participation, personal witness, and stewardship.

We pray that that the power of the Holy Spirit will move through this church and this community and bring about renewed hope and strength in 2025.

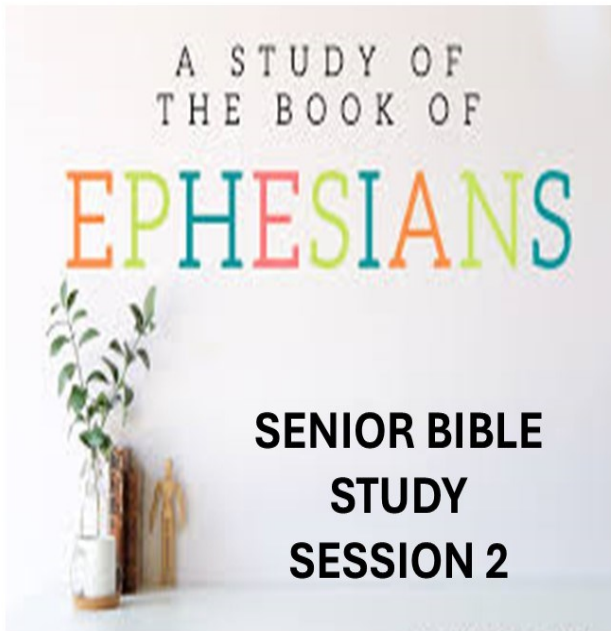
Let us celebrate all that the Lord has done for us these past 180 years and be encouraged by the plans he has for us going forward

On behalf of our family, Happy New Year!!!

Peace and Grace,

*Pastor Mike*





Join us each Wednesday beginning  
January 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 through  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM

SECOND HALF OF BIBLE STUDY  
STARTED BEFORE ADVENT

Janeth P. Whiting Community Center  
211 Stone Street, Oneida, NY

*An outreach of the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida*



## NO-COMMITMENT CHOIR

## COFFEE SERVERS

You will be receiving soon (February) a list of Coffee Servers for the year 2025.

The Fellowship Committee is thankful for your service to your church. You will be reminded two weeks in advance of your time. If you are unable to serve at that time, it would help the committee if you could switch with a friend. **PLEASE**, mark your calendar upon receiving the list.



## LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

*For the month of January 2025*

Jude Alexander (Mancarella's great nephew)	Wendy Holtz
Kevin Bedford	Millie Johnson
Brody	Victor Johnson
Richard Brown	Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God)
Marty Canning	
Ed Cieslak (Friend of John Merritt)	
Pam Corrington	Jean Kowalik
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey's Father)	Florence LaRock
Elizabeth Coulby	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Cora Cramer (Ethel Abbott's sister)	Susan Mudge
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister)	Michelle Newman
Peggy Eastman	Becky Nichols
John Ferguson	Michael O'Bryan (Mike's Brother in law)
Robert Feldmann (Melinda's Father)	Mike Oot
Jillian Felt	Audrey Opperman (Cathy's Mother-in- law)
Andy Froass	Tom Panasci
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)	Elli Pfluke
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Becky Grasso	Debbie Shaw
Mary Gwilt (Dan's mother)	Brian Stites
	Sue
	Judy Sweet
	Millicent Vidal
	Jan Whiting

**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 CONCERNS

Steve Hicks (Kristin Tooker's brother)	Elaine Berquist
Aimee Dryer	Jayden Emerson

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 2025

CLASS OF 2026

Paul Mancarella  
Perry Tooker IV

CLASS OF 2027

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

Pat McCarthy (Friend of the Yeomans)

Judy Biby (Friend of John Merritt)

**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

CLASS OF 2025

CLASS OF 2026

Kristin Tooker

**MISSION EMPHASIS:**

Local Food Pantries

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

2025 Micah Grant Recipients

PC(USA) Foundation and Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program

**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

CLASS OF 2027

Those currently serving in a combat zone:





THIS MONTH AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Jan 1st Office Closed

Jan 4th, 18th Restoration Fellowship  
(JWCC)

Jan 5th Communion, Team Meetings

Jan 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Senior Bible Study

Connection

Jan 12th Deacons Meeting

Jan 13th, 27th Activ8 Her BS (JWCC)

Jan 20th Office Closed

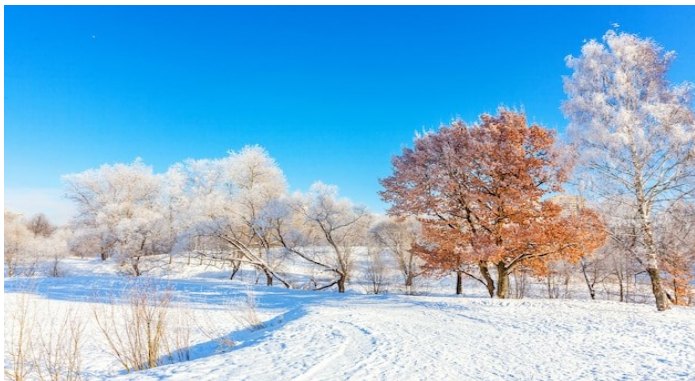
Jan 21st Session Meeting

Jan 24th OACC Coffee House

Jan 26th Annual Meeting



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

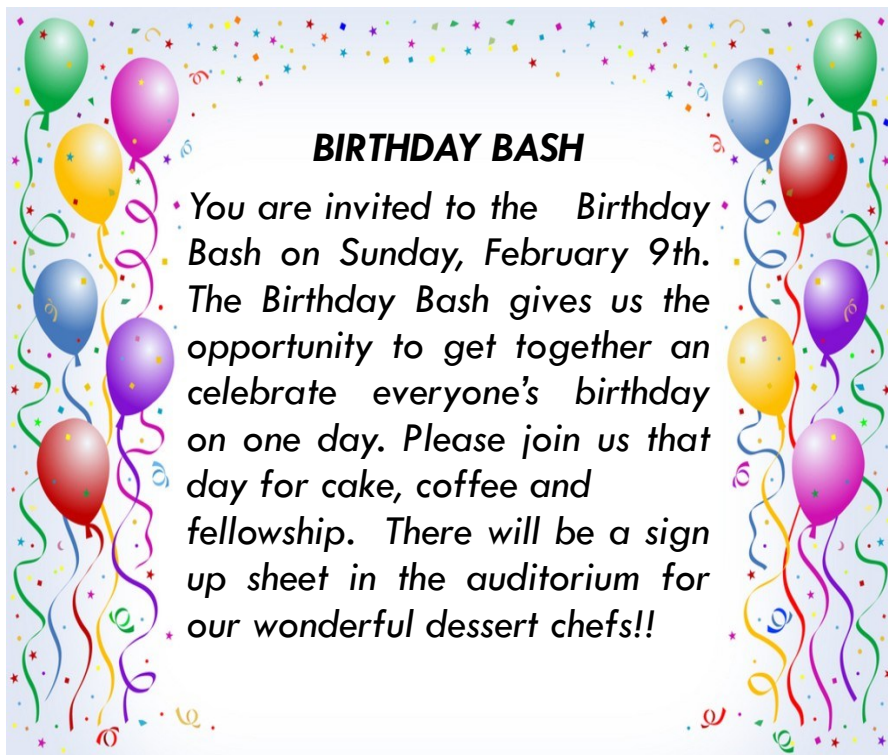


**If anyone is need of a pastoral visit or knows of a congregation member who would like a visit, please let Pastor Mike know. (315) 761-2721**



Scripture Readers for January  
January 5th-Lou White  
January 12th-Perry Tooker IV  
January 19th-Barb Seaton  
January 26th-Frank Kordziel

Coffee Servers for January  
January 5th-Trish Vrooman & Donna Laurin  
January 12th-Ethel Abbott & Fellowship  
January 19th-Paul and Chrissy Thompson  
January 26th-Fellowship



## **2025 ANNUAL MEETING**

The 2025 Annual meeting will be held on January the 26th.

There will be refreshments available for the meeting, which will take place in the auditorium following the service. Coffee, Tea, and water will be available.

We hope to see you there.

## **ONEIDA AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

### **COFFEE HOUSE**

The Oneida Area Council of Churches Coffee House will be held on Friday January 24th in the Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and admission is FREE! There will be desserts, hot chocolate and live music.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

