

Presbyterian News



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This is an early reminder that you and your child can begin now to collect items that will fit in a shoebox. This month, as you're out shopping, pick up one or two items at a time and gradually fill up your shoebox. Gear gifts for each box to a boy or girl. Ages per shoebox are 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years. There are brochures on the Stone Street table which give you ideas what to put in your shoebox, and what are items that you can't put in. This is the best time of year to pick up school supplies, as they are all on sale. This year we have an anonymous donor who will pay shipping for the boxes. If you decide that you still wish to pay postage, it is \$7, put it in the box, and put a sticky note on the outside of the box saying the postage is inside.

We will have OCC shoeboxes available in the board room, over by the coffee pot, and there will be new brochures on the Stone Street table very soon. If you use a regular shoebox, wrapping is not necessary; however, do put a label (found on the back of the OCC brochure) denoting boy or girl and age on the shoebox and put a strong rubber band around the box. If you wish to wrap the box in brightly colored paper, please wrap the top and bottom of the box separately and put the label on it denoting boy or girl and age with a rubber band around it. Don't include breakable items, liquid items, chocolate, perishable items or toy weapons, etc.

We will collect them on or before November 20th.

50 Ideas of what to pack in your Operation Christmas Child Boxes:

Crayons, Coloring books, Flip flops, T-shirts, Ball, Bar soap, Bracelets, Bandana, Pencils & pens, Pencil sharpener, Craft duct tape, Travel size games – Checkers, etc, Deck of cards, Hacky sack, Harmonica, Yo-Yo, Hat, Glue sticks, Scissors, Small stuffed animal, Pom poms, Glitter, Small crafting kit, Post-It notes, Highlighters, Small notebook, Chalk, Watercolor paint sets, Play-Doh, Small Etch-a-Sketch, Socks, Backpack, Plastic cup, Straws, Scarf, Jump rope, Glow sticks, Batteries, Matchbox cars, Finger puppets, Silly Putty, Balloons, Toothbrush (not toothpaste), Washcloth, Wet wipes, Travel pack of tissues, Chapstick, Hair ties, Band-Aids, Hair brush



Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ:

November is a very busy month within our church. Throughout this newsletter you will find many ways that you can get involved and make a difference in the life of this church. While work on the festival is a year-round labor of love, everything comes together in the next few weeks. If you have any extra time on your hands, you will find contact information for the various shops, kitchen help and servers. It is a true blessing to see this church come together, pitch in wherever the needs are greatest, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. It is through this process of working together, we are to remind ourselves that we must love one another and seek to encourage, help, and respect one another.

November is also a busy time of the year for our finance and stewardship teams as they determine and communicate the financial needs of the church for the coming fiscal year. Each team has been tasked with taking a hard look at their budgets to prioritize areas of spending that support the various ministries and programs of the church. We know that the coming year will present some financial challenges for us. Please continue to pray for your church. We are grateful for the blessings that God has continued to give to this church and the support of time, talents and treasures of our members and friends.

We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit we are guided to joyfully align all our resources – spiritual, mental/emotional, physical, financial, and structural — toward shared Kingdom work in this church and beyond our four walls.

We start November off inviting you to participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday November 6th. We will also honor our Veterans that day. Our local Scout Troop 2 will present the colors. This is always a special service at our church. We hope that you will plan to attend and invite a friend.

I will be participating in the Oneida Area Council of Churches Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church on November 20th at 3:00. The service will also feature the Oneida Area Civic Chorale. I look forward to a strong attendance from our church family for this special service.

Our music and worship staff and teams are already busy planning for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas – a time of gratitude, a time of waiting, watching, and anticipating. A time of renewal, wonder and joy.

We should give thanks to God for all he is doing in the lives of our church family and community. God has promised to complete the good work he has begun in us, and he is changing us all from glory to glory!

May you be blessed and encouraged in Jesus's name.

Pastor Mike



Festival of Christmas 2022

Saturday, November 19
9am -3pm

Booth and Booth Chairpersons:

Bake Shoppe -Cathy Opperman 315-361-4106, Amanda Burdick
Needs pies and breads

Candy Shoppe - Chrissy Thompson 315-363-7201, Stephanie Thompson
Needs fudge and your favorite candy

Cookie Walk - Becky Williams 315-280-0284
Needs cookies, sign-up sheet coming soon

Christmas Cottage - Sarah Owens 315-886-2123, Deb Owens
Needs Christmas flowers-poinsettias, green(ery) garland, and mini
figurines for example Christmas village people/santa, etc (Don't need mini trees)

Harriet's Boutique - Becky Ewen - 315-363-1678
Needs hats, purses, items that kids can buy or want

Kitchen/Luncheon - Frank and Janet Sarensky 315-363-4365
Volunteer sign-up sheets coming soon

Pins & Needles - Laura Reckentine 315-495-7019, Sue Kordziel
Needs sewing, crocheting and knitting items

Polly's Pantry - Kathy Nichols 315-525-8690
Needs jams, jellies, pickles, spices, rubs, salsa, etc.

Drawing

Quilt - "Sweater Weather" (Laura Reckentine, Sue Kordziel, Chrissy Thompson)

Painting – "November Storm" (Tom Donegan)

Tickets available from Rachel Mancarella starting September 18th.

If you interested in volunteering for one of the booths, or would like to contribute to the items being sold at the festival, please contact the person in charge of the booth that is listed above.



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of November 2022

Steve Blair (friend of Ginny Pendleton)	Horace Keller
Brody	Jean Kowalik
Pam Carrigan	Esther Ladd (Friend of the Church)
Scott Colvin	Maribeth Matthews
Peggy Eastman	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Maria Erdo	Sam Messina
John Ferguson	Tom Panasci
Jillian Felt	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)	David Rice
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Doug Rosekrans
Becky Grasso	Judy Sweet
Wendy Holtz	Jim Thorpe
Joyce Helms	Jan Whiting
Millie Johnson	Bill VanValkenberg (Friend of the Church)
Victor Johnson	Milicent Vidal
Victor Johnson III	Bill Young
	Nancy (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
	Brittany (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)

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

Jim Hotaling

Elli Pfluke

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.



Presbyterian Women
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The Presbyterian Women's Christmas Luncheon will be
Tuesday, December 13th @ 12:00 p.m.

Theodore's in Canastota

Chicken Fricassee will be served.

The cost is \$21.00 which can be paid to Carol Miller or
Donna Ausman. All women of the church are invited.



ELDERS

CLASS OF 2022

Donna Ausman
Kim DeRuby
Carol Miller
Becky Williams

CLASS OF 2023

Paul Mancarella
Nancy Rinehard
Dave Schellhase
Jan Whiting
Cathy Opperman

CLASS OF 2024

Randy Bonville
Frank Kordziel
Lucille Merriman
Michael Merriman
Pat Thorpe

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Donnie Miller (Carol Musgrove's nephew)

Michael Kumbalek

Evelyn Ingalls (Georgia Fox's sister)

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

The citizens of Ukraine

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

Pray for the victims of Hurricane Ian

All victims and survivors of gun violence.

MISSION EMPHASIS:

Health Care Chaplain Ministry: Presbyterian Home, Rev. Tom Lorenz

The Center for Jubilee Practice

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA) of the PC (USA)

Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA)

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2022

Sue Kordziel
Rose Lockwood
Doug Lockwood
Kathy Nichols
Chrissy Thompson

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John Merritt
Jennawade Skellham

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:





WELCOME November

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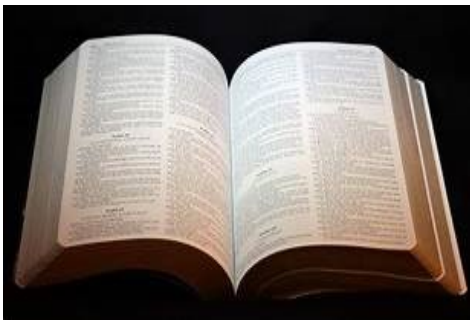
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 p.m. Team Meetings	2 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Living Waters Yout Group	3	4	5
6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TURN CLOCKS BACK 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Bible Study	7	8 ELECTION DAY 10 a.m. Presbyterian Women	9 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Living Waters Yout Group	10	11	12
13 10 am Worship 11:15 a.m. Bible Study Deacons Meeting	14	15 DEADLINE FOR SESSION REPORTS	16 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Living Waters Yout Group	17 7 p.m. Prayer Vigil	18	19 Festival of Xmas (9 am - 3pm)
20 10 am Worship Operation Shoebox dedication 11:15 a.m. Bible Study	21	22 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Living Waters Yout Group	24  Thanksgiving	25	26
27 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Bible Study	28	29	30 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Living Waters Yout Group			

Birthdays

Nov. 1 Melanie Orzechowski
Nov. 2 Becky Lehman
Nov. 4 Mike Yeoman
Nov. 5 Jane Jennings
Nov. 6 Mike Merriman
Nov. 10 Chenell Fox
Nov. 13 Hayley Fox
Nov. 14 Dave Schellhase
Nov. 16 Randy Bonville, Kristina Tooker
Nov. 17 Millicent Vidal
Nov. 19 Sherry Russell
Nov. 20 Shane Todd
Nov. 22 Phyllis Lighthall, Florence LaRock,
 Grace Todd
Nov. 23 Nat Smith
Nov. 25 Penny Giraud, Shannon Anderson
Nov. 26 Gail Lehman
Nov. 27 Vic Johnson

Anniversaries

Nov. 16 Nat and Melissa Smith
Nov. 20 Penny & Ernie Giraud
Nov. 22 Bob and Becky Williams



Scripture Readers for November

November 6th—Barb Schwartz
 November 13th - Ian Farwell
 November 20th - Frank Kordziel
 November 27th - Scott Colvin



Coffee Servers for November

November 6th – Joe and Debbie Todd
 November 13th — Fellowship
 November 20th — Fellowship
 November 27th — Cathy Opperman and Becky Williams

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 23RD**

