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November

The Festival is in a few weeks, many have already been busy harvesting, sewing, baking, preserving, decorating, and much more. But we still need you! Please call and Volunteer. We need to know you want to help—there are many ways you can do that. Any of the booth chairs, or Carol or Barb would be happy for your help.

Janet and Frank Sarensky-Luncheon

Rachel Mancarella-Quilt and Painting

Sarah and Deb Owens Christmas-cottage

Becky Ewen-Harriete's Boutique

Dan Gwilt-Woodshoppe

Kathy Nichols and Ginny Drake-Polly's Pantry

Chrissy Thompson-Candy Room

Cathy Opperman-Ginger Bread Bake Shop

Becky Williams-Cookie Shop

Laura Reckentine & Sue Kordziel-Needles and Pins

God Bless You all,

Barb Arnold 315-363-6875

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ:

November is here! A time for Thanksgiving, a time for stewardship, and a time for all hands-on deck as we unite for our annual Festival of Christmas. Don't be shy. If you want a part in the festival, no matter how big or small of a part, we have a role for you. Throughout this newsletter you will find many ways that you can get involved and make a difference in the life of this church.

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. We enter a period of prayerful analysis to determine the depths of our ministries, the operations of this church, and its missions for the coming year. While we know that the coming year will present some financial challenges, we enter it in faith. Please keep our church and our stewardship and finance teams in your prayers.

As we look to Thanksgiving, I found an old article that I kept in a "use some day" file from Dear Abby that I thought was appropriate for the times:

"How's your health? Not so good? Well, thank God you've lived this long. A lot of people haven't. You're hurting? Thousands--maybe millions are hurting more. (Have you ever visited a veteran's hospital? Or a rehabilitation clinic for handicapped children?) If you awakened this morning and were able to hear the birds sing, use your vocal cords to utter human sounds, walk to the breakfast table on two good legs, and read the newspaper with two good eyes, praise the Lord! A lot of people couldn't.

How's your pocketbook? Thin? Well, most of the living world is a lot poorer. No pensions. No welfare. No food stamps. No Social Security. In fact, one-third of the people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

Are you lonely? The way to have a friend is to be one. If nobody calls you, call them. Go out of your way to do something nice for somebody. It's a sure cure for the blues.

Are you concerned about your country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern. Concern for honesty in government, concern for peace, and concern for fair play under the law. Our country may not be a rose garden, but it also is not a patch of weeds. Freedom rings! Look and listen. You can still worship at the church of your choice, cast a secret ballot, and even criticize your government without fearing a knock on the head or a knock at the door at midnight. And if you want to live under a different system, you are free to go. There are no walls or fences, nothing to keep you here"

Thought provoking, right?

As we look towards thanksgiving, Michelle and I want to thank each of you for your continued support and prayers. Through your love, you have blessed us in so many ways. We wish you a harvest of blessings, and good health. May your blessings be many, and your troubles be few!

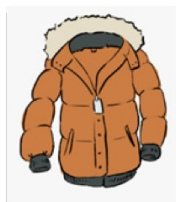
Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Mike



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. This is the best time of year to pick up school supplies, as they are all on sale.

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.



24th Annual GRAB a COAT Event!

"No neighbor should be without a COAT"

Saturday, November 11, 2023

9:00 am until 12:00 noon

Oneida First United Methodist Church

116 West Grove Street (corner of Main and Grove)

ALL coats, snow pants, and boots available FREE of charge!

To DONATE:

- **ALL sizes (infant through adult XXXL)** accepted of new or gently used coats, snow pants, and boots.
- **Drop off items** between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at the Grove Street entrance (starting Monday, October 2 through Wednesday, November 8).
- **VOLUNTEERS needed!**

To SHOP:

- Please **enter and register** through the Main Street doors
- **First-come, first-served**
- ALL items **FREE of charge** and **MUST** go!
- **ALL are welcome!**

Please contact the church office at 315-363-2450 or email oneidafirstoffice@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of November 2023

Jude Alexander (Mancarella's great nephew)	Pete Johnson
Donna Ausman	Victor Johnson
Abby Bartell	Victor Johnson III
Brody	Jean Kowalik
Richard Brown	Dorothy Lepori (Friend of Cathy Opperman)
Tom Burleson (Cathy Opperman's Brother-in-law)	Doug Lippert
Pam Carrigan	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey's Father)	Michelle Newman
Meg Congden (Friend of Rachel Mancarella)	Becky Nichols
Elizabeth Coulby	Karen Nichols (Friend of Donna Ausman)
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister)	Michael O'Bryan (Mike's Brother in law)
Peggy Eastman	Mike Oot
John Ferguson	Tom Panasci
Robert Feldman (Melinda's Father)	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Jillian Felt	Megan Roberts (Young mother with cancer)
Andy Froass	Doug Rosekrans
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)	Judy Sweet
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Louise Thompson
Becky Grasso	Jan Whiting
Alison Hilgenberg (Phyllis Little's Daughter)	Milicent Vidal
Wendy Holtz	Nancy (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
Joyce Helms	Brittany (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
Millie Johnson	

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

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. 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
Jan Whiting
Cathy Opperman
Sharon Warren
Becky Williams

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:

Linda Butler

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.

Victims of the Maui wildfires.

All teachers and students returning to school

MISSION EMPHASIS:

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

The Center for Jubilee Practice

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA) of the
PCUSA

Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA)

DEACONS

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Sue Kordziel
Rose Lockwood
Doug Lockwood
Kathy Nichols
Chrissy Thompson

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John Merritt
Jennawade Skellham

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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:



THIS MONTH AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

5th-Communion

Team meetings

13 & 27th-Women's Bible study @ the
Whiting Community Center

7th-Presbyterian Women

1, 8, 15, 22, 29th -Living Waters Youth
Group, Connecion
Seniors Bible Study

12th Deacons Meeting

18th Festival of Christmas

19th Thank you Party

22nd Newsletter Deadline

21st Session Meeting

23rd Office Closed-Thanksgiving



Nov. 4	Mike Yeoman
Nov. 6	Mike Merriman
Nov. 16	Randy Bonville, Kristina Tooker
Nov. 17	Millicent Vidal
Nov. 20	Shane Todd
Nov. 22	Phyllis Lighthall, Florence LaRock, Grace Todd
Nov. 23	Nat Smith
Nov. 26	Gail Lehman
Nov. 27	Vic Johnson

Anniversaries

Nov. 16	Nat and Melissa Smith
Nov. 22	Bob and Becky Williams

**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 November

November 5th-Barb Schwartz
November 12th-Lou White
November 19th-Paul Mancarella
November 26th-Perry Tooker IV

Coffee Servers for November

November 5th-Perry & Kristin Tooker
November 12th-Perry Tooker & Joyce Messenger
November 19th-Florence LaRock & Lynn Morey
November 26th-Fellowship

Nicaragua Mission Pancake Breakfast Benefit

Sat Nov 4, 2023

8 a.m.-11 a.m

!!!All You Can Eat!!!



Homefries

Pancakes

French Toast

Eggs

BRING

Sausage

"Bake Sale"

Bacon

IN RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND CANS TO DONATE!

United Church of Canastota

144 Center St

Canastota

Handicap Accessible

\$12.00 Eat In/Take Out

BRING IN LOOSE CHANGE TO DONATE!

PURSE BINGO TO BENEFIT ONEIDA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Saturday, November 11th

VERONA FIRE DEPARTMENT
5555 Volunteer Ave.
Verona, NY 13478

SEE PASTOR MIKE FOR TICKETS
They will sell out fast

TICKET INFO

\$25.00 PRE SALE ONLY

DOORS OPEN at 4:30pm
FIRST CALL at 6:00pm

Ticket pack includes: 1 set of 10
bingo games, PLUS 1 set of
special bonus games!

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 22ND**

