



# November HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY!!!!

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# BOB HELLER





Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ:

As you receive this newsletter we are only a few days away from Election Day. Whatever your choice, let us respond to those who may have different views with dignity and respect. It is easy to get wrapped up in all the hype, but we need to take a deep breath and remember what we are called to do as Christians. Our greatest commandments are to love God with all our hearts and souls and minds, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

In the end, there is only one winner. If that person is not the one you may have chosen, we have to remember that God is still sovereign. In the OT Book of Daniel 2:21 we are told "He removes kings and sets up kings". Friends, He has a reason for doing both.

Moving past Election Day, we will be honoring our Veterans on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Pack 2 Scouts will be displaying the colors and we will have small gifts of appreciation for our veterans. Please plan to attend this special service. Bring a Veteran with you!

Final preparation for the Festival is underway. 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.

I will be participating in the Oneida Area Council of Churches Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. John's Roman Catholic Church on November 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

As Thanksgiving approaches, let us all remember to thank the Lord for all he is doing in the lives of our church family and community.

In Christ,

*Pastor Mike*

## **SAVE THE DATE.**

**Festival of Christmas.**

**Saturday, November 23. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**

### **With the following rooms**

**Harriet's Boutique - Becky Ewen  
Christmas Whimsy - Sarah and Deb Owens  
Gingerbread Shop-Cathy Opperman  
Cookie Corner-Becky Williams  
Christmas Cottage 304 - Carol Miller and Barb Arnold  
Nutcracker Sweet - Chrissy Thompson  
Wood shop - Dan Gwilt  
Pins and needles-Laura Reckentine and Sue Kordziel  
Pollys pantry - Kathy Nichols and Ginny Drake  
Chicken and Biscuit luncheon - Frank and Janet Sarensky**

**Quilt made by Laura Reckentine, Sue Kordziel, Chrissy Thompson**

**Painting by Tom Donegan**

**Ticket distribution and sale- Rachel Mancarella**

**Notable contributions by Nancy James and daughter Lori every year, thank you so much!**

**This years Festival is honoring our special friend and generous donor of jams, jellies, candy and more. Vicki DuChene passed away this year and we are sure she is in Heaven making the best Jam ever! We love and miss you Vicki!**

**Please take a minute to ask what you can do, or make, and be sure to spread the word. We need to let everyone know the Festival is happening!**

**Save the date! Saturday November 23 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**



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.





## LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

*For the month of November 2024*

Jude Alexander (Mancarella's great nephew)	Wendy Holtz
Abby Bartell	Millie Johnson
Kevin Bedford	Victor Johnson
Brody	Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God)
Richard Brown	
Marty Canning	
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)	Suzie Meraz
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister)	Lorrie Mudge
Peggy Eastman	Michelle Newman
John Ferguson	Becky Nichols
Robert Feldmann (Melinda's Father)	Michael O'Bryan (Mike's Brother in law)
Jillian Felt	Mike Oot
Andy Froass	Audrey Opperman (Cathy's Mother-in- law)
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)	Tom Panasci
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Elli Pfluke
Becky Grasso	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Mary Gwilt (Dan's mother)	Debbie Shaw
	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

Janet Franklin (Kim DeRuby's mom)  
Aimee Dryer

Steve Reed

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



## ELDERS

### CLASS OF 2024

### CLASS OF 2025

Randy Bonville  
Frank Kordziel  
Lucille Merriman  
Pat Thorpe

### CLASS OF 2026

Paul Mancarella  
Perry Tooker IV

## **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.

Isreal and all victims and survivors of terrorism

All students teachers and school employees returning to classrooms this fall.

### **MISSION EMPHASIS:**

Three Voices Parish

Health Care Chaplain Ministry: Community Wellness Partners (Rev. Victor McKusick)

The Center for Jubilee Practice

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

## DEACONS

### CLASS OF 2024

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Cindy Bonville  
Sue Kordziel  
Rachel Mancarella  
John Merritt  
Kathy Nichols  
Janet Sarensky  
Jennawade  
Skellham  
Sharon Warren  
Michelle Yeoman

Kristin Tooker

### CLASS OF 2026

**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

Nov 3rd Communion, Team Meetings

Nov 6th, 13th, 20th, 37th

Senior Bible Study

Connection

Living Waters Youth

Nov 11th, 25th-Activ8 Her Women's BS

Nov 12th Presbyterian Women

Nov 16th Restoration Fellowship

Nov 17th Deacons Meeting

Nov 22nd-Newsletter Deadline

Nov 23rd-Festival of Christmas

Nov 26th-Session Meeting

Nov 28th Thanksgiving Office Closed



- Nov. 4     *Mike Yeoman*  
Nov. 5     *Jane Jennings*  
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 3rd-Paul Mancarella

November 10th-Perry Tooker IV

November 17th-Barb Seaton

November 24th-Lou White

*Coffee Servers for November*

November 3rd-Perry & Kristin Tooker

November 10th-Perry Tooker and Joyce Messenger

November 17th-Lynn & Cindy Morey

November 24th-Fellowship



The Toys for Tots boxes are back this year! They can be found in the Auditorium. We will be collecting toys for the next few weeks. We do not have a pick up date yet, but it would be appreciated if you could get your toys in by Friday Dec. 15th.

Oneida Memorial Association  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Designer Bag

**B I N G O**

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

VERONA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
5555 Volunteer Rd.  
Verona, NY 13478

**TICKET INFO**  
\$25.00 PER SALE  
Must be 18ys of age or older

To members of Session, Deacons and our congregation:

I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks for the beautiful cards and generous gift for Pastor Appreciation Month. Most importantly, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and prayers for me and my family.

You are truly a blessing!

In Christ,

*Mike*



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

