

Presbyterian News



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FABULOUS FEBRUARY



February 6th
Communion



February 8th

Presbyterian Women's Meeting

February 20th

Deacon's Meeting

February 21st

President's Day - Office Closed

February 28th

Session Meeting





From Pastor Mike Yeoman



I enjoyed a visit with one of our shut-ins recently and she confided in me that prior to the COVID-19 outbreak she found it routine to bring her concerns and worries to the Lord. But as this pandemic, which is now going beyond two years lingers, her frustration and worry have escalated and her patience is running thin.

I realized that she is probably not alone with those emotions. One thing is for certain, COVID-19, in some form, is going to be with us for some time. The key, however, is to understand how it might impede or strengthen your relationship with God.

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” It is during these challenging times that we need to find our strength and faith in the Lord and to share those experiences with others from within this church family who might be going through the same thing as you.

Sometimes it is hard to pick through the messages of fear and uncertainty. Satan surely loves us to be in a state of fear vs. a state of faith. And while I don't want any of us to avoid taking all reasonable steps towards protecting ourselves or our families right now, we can do so in a way that protects not only our physical well being but our spiritual well being at the same time.

I heard a comment not long ago that this pandemic is global, yet it is so personal. God is the God of both.

As I reflected on my visit with our shut-in, I realized that our worries take on a heightened state the longer that something like the pandemic goes on. To combat this, my marching orders for all of you are to commit to time for prayer and devotion every day.

Don't let a day go by that you are not focused on the Lord and the promises that he had made. Re-focus your thoughts on the peace only Christ can offer — a peace that passes understanding! Let's continue to look out for each another and to check on one another. Find time to pray together whether in person, by phone or any of the technological options that you might have.

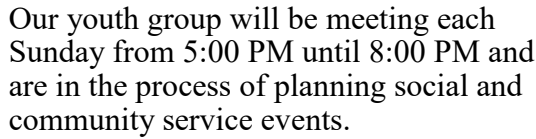
Through Christ we will get through this.

Please let me know how I can help.

Blessings,

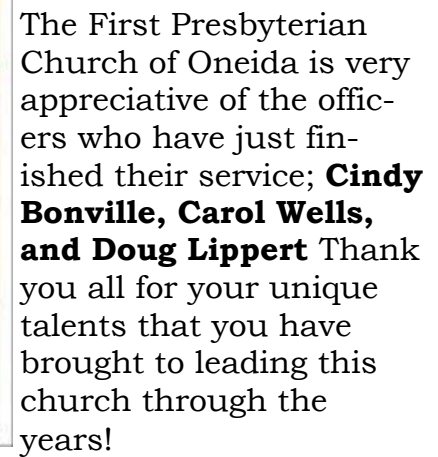
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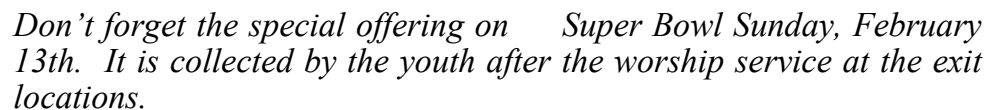


Each week there are new social activities
and/or community outreach events
planned.

Area youth are welcome and encouraged



Souper Bowl of Caring



This Souper Bowl donation will go to the deacon's Food Sense Ministry to help feed the poor in our community. If you want to contribute to the Souper Bowl and you won't be here on February 13th, you can put your donation in a yellow envelope (found in the pews) and put Souper Bowl on the outside.



PRAYER MISSION FEBRUARY

Care Net supports more than 1100 affiliate pregnancy centers across North America. Our affiliate pregnancy centers are faith-based organizations with deep roots in their communities. Each center empowers women and men facing unplanned pregnancies with practical help, emotional support, and information about their pregnancy options.

Care Net empowers life-affirming choices by providing accurate information in a compassionate environment through our affiliated pregnancy centers and the Pregnancy Decision Line. With those who have already experienced the loss of abortion, we share hope and the redemptive power of forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Care Net firmly believes that prayer is the life-blood of our ministry. Please lift our work and the work of our local centers up in prayer. As a non-profit organization, Care Net relies on the generosity of individual supporters to carry out our mission. Care Net centers are reliant on volunteers to carry out their important work and provide needed services to their local communities.

Learn more about how you can help by visiting <https://www.care-net.org/howtohelp/>



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of February 2022

Barb Arnold	Tom Panasci
Bryce Bechtel (friend of Zach Thompson)	Mary Patricia
Steve Blair (friend of Ginny Pendleton)	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Anthony Bonacci	David Rice
Eleanor Breckenridge (Sue Borchardt's mom)	Doug Rosekrans
Bob Butler	Rich Snyder (Jennifer Colvin's neighbor)
Pam Carrigan	Eugene Sweet (Jim's brother)
Scott Colvin	Judy Sweet
Glade Cook Jr. (nephew of Warrens)	Harold Thompson
Maria Erdo	Matthew Thornton (Sue Borchardt's Nephew)
John Ferguson	Jim Thorpe
Jillian Felt	Roger Warren
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Jan Whiting
Becky Grasso	Bill VanValkenberg (Friend of the Church)
Sherry Harrison	Milicent Vidal
Jamie Hubbard	Jerry Karen
Wendy Holtz	Michelle Angelia
Dorothy Hotaling	Anthony
Susan Johnson (Nancy James' niece)	Heather
Millie Johnson	Patrick Vicky
Horace Keller	Anthony (Jerry Fuller's granddaughter's fiancé)
Jean Kowalik	
Esther Ladd (Friend of the Church)	
Maribeth Matthews	
Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)	

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

Charles Moore (Melissa Smith's Father) Alex Stepanski (Chrissy Thompson's Uncle)

Elaine Tekce (Friend of Nancy James)

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 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:

Marilyn Wochinger (Carol Wells's Sister)
Betty Thorpe
Grace Warren
Richard Myers

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

All first responders and health care providers who are on the front line during this global pandemic.

MISSION EMPHASIS:

First Presbyterian Church Boonville
The Presbyterian Home & Services, New Hartford
First Presbyterian Church, Cherry Valley
Stone Presbyterian Church, Clinton

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: Maxima Cortes, Stephen Cafalone, Jack Sharkey, Mark Sia, Peter Thompson, Howard Bantle, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, John Goodwill, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Michael McMahon, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Nate Borchardt, Michelle Ludwig, Colin Whitcombe

Those currently serving in a combat zone:



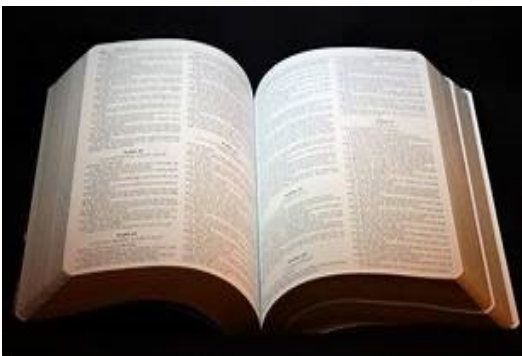
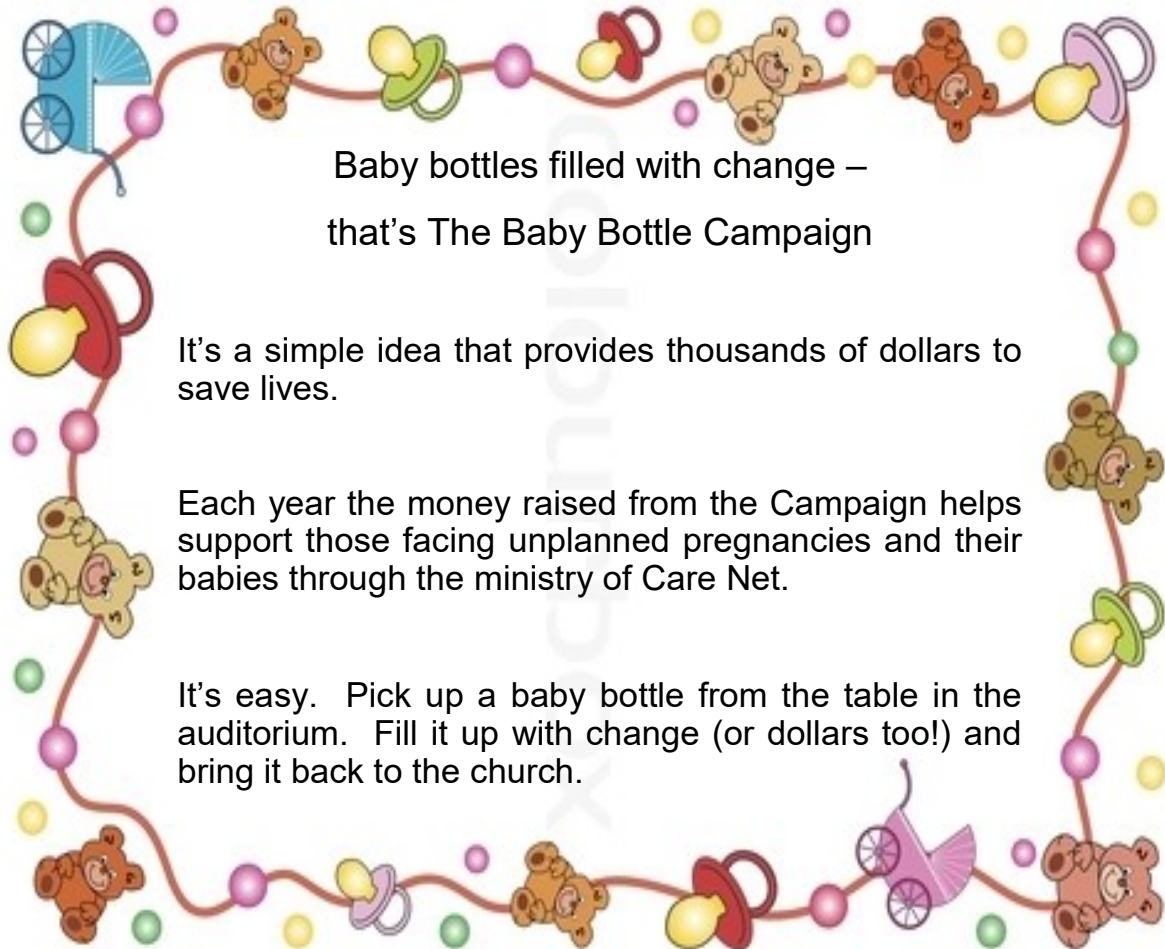
Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser

The Deacon's are having a Lasagna dinner fundraiser on March 12th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm for the scholarship fund. Menu for the dinner is Lasagna, salad, desert and drinks. Take out is available. If you would like to help volunteer we will need servers, a set up crew, clean up crew, and dishwashers. There will be a board in the auditorium for you to sign up, or to help contribute in other ways.



The Presbyterian Women will be meeting on Tuesday, January 11th @ 10:00 a.m.

The Presbyterian Women are updating the prayer chain at the church. The prayer chain is essential in letting other church members know when fellow members are in need of prayers for healing, strength and guidance. If you are interested in being a part of the prayer chain please contact Carol Miller (315) 762-4224 or John at the church office (315) 363-7590 and they will add you to the list.



Scripture Readers for February

Feb 6th - Barbara Schwartz

Feb 13th Becky Williams

Feb 20th Frank Kordziel

Feb 27th Jen Colvin



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH
NEWSLETTER IS FEBRUARY 21ST**

