

Presbyterian News



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JULY



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July 3rd
Communion



July 4th

Independence Day

Office Closed

June 19th

Prayer Vigil



July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Youth Group

July 25th—28th

Vacation Bible School



OUR GRADUATES—CLASS OF 2022

ONEIDA HIGH SCHOOL

† DYLAN BARTELL—TOP 10 HONORS

† ELIZABETH TOOKER

CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL

† CARMEN JOSLYN

COLLEGE GRADUATES

† ALEX DEARMORE—CUM LAUDE—HOUGHTON COLLEGE
BS—INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

† BRYN MANCARELLA—FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
BS—HEALTH SCIRNCE

† CLAIRE MANCARELLA - BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY
MASTERS IN SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

† ZACH THOMPSON MVCC
PRE EMPLOYMENT POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM

HELEN MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Dylan Bartell, Jacob DeRuby, Rachel DeRuby

Andy Williams, Austin Williams

Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL TAKE PLACE FROM JULY 25TH—JULY 28TH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO HELPING WITH THIS WONDERFUL SUMMER ACTIVITY, PLEASE CONTACT BECKY WILLIAMS OR JOHN AT THE CHURCH OFFICE 315-363-7590 WITH YOUR INFORMATION.

Prayer Shawl Ministry;



There are prayer shawls available for anyone who made need comfort from illness, surgery or life's difficult realities. There are two bins on the auditorium stage filled with shawls that have been made by church members. There are also comfort stuffed animals for children who may need some spiritual comforting. If you take one please fill out the



journal in the bin.

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry stock is getting low. We are asking for donations of non perishable goods and personal paper products. Many people in the Oneida area live on fixed income and inflation is making it difficult for them to keep basic food staples in their own pantries. You can drop off your donations during Sunday services or drop them off during the week. If you drop them off during the week please call in advance so that John will know you are coming. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.

SUNSHINE BAGS

Everyone can use some cheering up now and then! For this reason, we tested out a new ministry over the winter called Sunshine Bags. When someone is sick, injured, or in need of some extra support, these bags are meant to lift them up in love from their church family.

Several people donated items to be used in these bags but those things are being used up rapidly! If you are out shopping and see items that you think would be nice for a gift bag, we'd love to have more contributions. There is a bookcase in the CE office dedicated just to this ministry.

We also need bakers! The cookies and other goodies were a nice treat to those that received them. Talk to Barb Arnold, Carol Miller, or Becky Williams if you'd like to help out in this way.

Dollar tree is a great place to look for items (for men and kids too!) are crossword or word search books, small journals, prayer cards, facial wipes, soaps, lotions, nail polish, small puzzles, candy, cough drops, snack, cards, & any other small trinkets (they have a lot of faith based items right now!)

The Presbyterian Women are in charge of this ministry but it is truly a church wide thing. If you know of a church member that can use uplifting, let one of us know!



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of July 2022

Steve Blair (friend of Ginny Pendleton)
Richard Carrier Jr.
Pam Carrigan
Scott Colvin
Peggy Eastman
Maria Erdo
John Ferguson
Jillian Felt
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)
Becky Grasso
Wendy Holtz
Joyce Helms
Millie Johnson
Victor Johnson
Victor Johnson III

Horace Keller
Jean Kowalik
Esther Ladd (Friend of the Church)
Maribeth Matthews
Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Tom Panasci
Mary Patricia
Dan & Claudia Rayome
David Rice
Doug Rosekrans
Judy Sweet
Harold Thompson
Jim Thorpe
Jan Whiting
Bill VanValkenberg (Friend of the Church)
Milicent Vidal
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

Abby Bartell

Jerry DuRuby

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.

The Bible Study Group will be meeting at 9:00 AM in the Parlor beginning July 10th, We are going to start a Bible Study entitled "Until Unity" New York Times—bestselling author Francis Chan challenges us to see what keeps us from being unified

It's clear from Scripture that God desires unity for His Church. Unity is what Jesus prays for, what He commands, and what He says will be the chief argument for unbelieving people coming to know God.

Join us for some positive Christian discussions on this Biblically-based topic.



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:

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

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

DEACONS

MISSION EMPHASIS:

The Learning Academy and Committee on Preparation for Ministry
First Presbyterian Church, Oneida
The General Assembly, PC(USA)
Waterbury Memorial Presbyterian Church, Oriskany
College Chaplain Ministry: Hamilton College,
Rev. Jeffery McArn

CLASS OF 2022

Sue Kordziel
Rose Lockwood
Doug Lockwood
Kathy Nichols
Chrissy Thompson

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PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones: 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:

Dylan McClelland (Poland)





The Youth Group will be meeting on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions ask Pastor Mike or Becky Williams



Coffee Servers for July

July 3rd— Kim Paul and Deb Owens

July 10th—Lucille and Michael Merriman

July 17th—Fellowship

July 24th—Phyllis Lighthall and Ginny Drake

July 31st—Sarah Mastriano and Jen Colvin



Birthdays

<i>July 2</i>	<i>Elli Pfluke</i>
<i>July 4</i>	<i>Don Dew, Myrtle Smith</i>
<i>July 6</i>	<i>Lou White</i>
<i>July 7</i>	<i>Dana Fariel, Jim Sweet, Dorothy Hornyak</i>
<i>July 10</i>	<i>Linda West, Eliana Mastriano</i>
<i>July 11</i>	<i>Sarah Dew, Gail Nicolaisen</i>
<i>July 12</i>	<i>Jan Whiting, George Hammerle</i>
<i>July 15</i>	<i>Beth Meyers</i>
<i>July 16</i>	<i>Judy Sweet</i>
<i>July 19</i>	<i>Jessica Coulter, Bob Williams, Mitch Dryer</i>
<i>July 21</i>	<i>Ernie Giraud</i>
<i>July 26</i>	<i>Alexander Tooker</i>
<i>July 27</i>	<i>Sierra Bloom</i>

Anniversaries

<i>July 12</i>	<i>Jim and Cathy Opperman</i>
<i>July 14</i>	<i>Ashley and Gary Reisman</i>
<i>July 17</i>	<i>Victor and Mildred Johnson</i>
<i>July 21</i>	<i>Amanda and Joe Burdick</i>

In an effort to improve communication, Session has approved that we go back to having all teams meet on the same night. Beginning TUESDAY, Sept. 6th, team members will meet in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM to discuss any pressing matters or news from teams that we all should know about. We will begin with devotions and prayers and then begin the meetings. After the general assembly of teams, each team will break out to select locations for their meeting.

Session meetings will also move to the 4th TUESDAY of each month beginning in September.

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**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST
NEWSLETTER IS JULY 22nd**

