

# Presbyterian News



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## AUGUST

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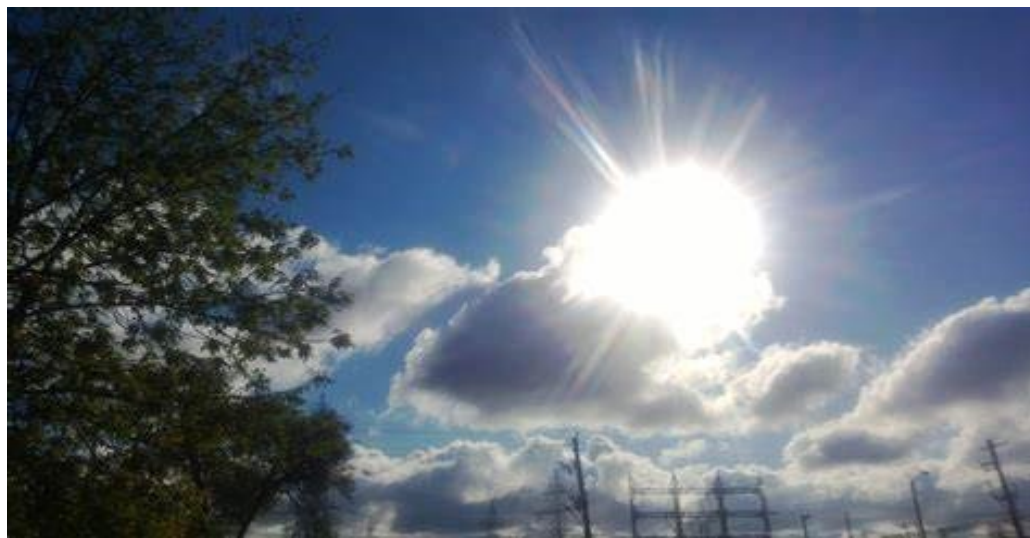
Church Secretary  
John Merritt

Treasurer  
Frank Kordziel

Financial Secretary  
Pat Thorpe

Clerk of Session  
Pat Thorpe

Custodian  
Jennawade Skellham



*August 2nd*

*Session Meeting*

*August 7th*

*Communion*

*August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st*

*Living Waters Youth Group*





## *It's the Deacons Speakin'*

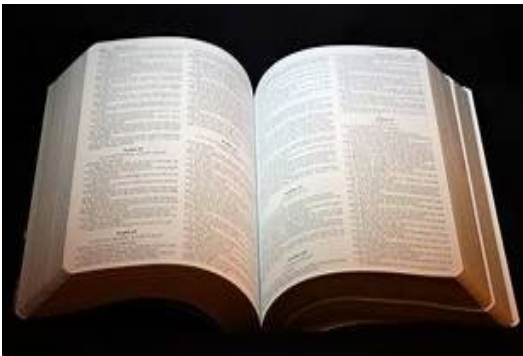
The Deacons would like to remind the congregation of a few things before we get back into the swing of things in the fall.

The first Sunday of the month is the Deacon's loose change offering. Those pennies, dimes, nickels, and quarters go to the Deacon's fund which helps support the ministries that the Deacon's are involved in.

**Military outreach**—If you know of anyone that is serving in the military please let the Deacon's know. We will add them to the prayer list, and for those serving in combat zones we send care packages.

**Sunshine Committee**—Cards to families that are grieving and recovering from ailments and medical procedures.

**Deacon's Scholarship Fund**—Academic Scholarships to congregation members for continuing education beyond high school.



### *Scripture Readers for August*

August 7th - TBA

August 14th - Andy Williams

August 21st - Scott Colvin

August 28th - Becky Williams



### *Coffee Servers for August*

August 7th – The DeRuby's

August 14th — Mike and Corrie Burgess

August 21st — Carol Miller and Janet Sarensky

August 28th — Jenifer and Scott Colvin

## 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. Peanut butter, ready to eat meals, rice, cereal, and soup are just a couple of the items that are most commonly distributed here. 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 August 2022*

Steve Blair (friend of Ginny Pendleton)	Horace Keller
Richard Carrier Jr.	Jean Kowalik
Pam Carrigan	Esther Ladd (Friend of the Church)
Scott Colvin	Maribeth Matthews
Peggy Eastman	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Maria Erdo	Tom Panasci
John Ferguson	Mary Patricia
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	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 DeRuby

Doug Lippert

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 meets at 9:00 AM in the parlor. The current Bible Study is 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:**  
Roxane Holdridge (Ian Farwell's Mother)

### **SPECIAL CONCERNS:**

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

### **MISSION EMPHASIS:**

Westminster-Moriah-Olivet Presbyterian Church, Utica  
Church of Christ Uniting, Richfield Springs  
Church in the Hood (New Worshiping Community)  
The Synod of the Northeast

## DEACONS

### CLASS OF 2022

Sue Kordziel  
Rose Lockwood  
Doug Lockwood  
Kathy Nichols  
Chrissy Thompson

### CLASS OF 2023

### CLASS OF 2024

John Merritt  
Jennawade Skellham

**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)





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7 p.m. Session Meeting	3 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	4	5	6
7 10 a.m. Worship	8	9	10 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	11	12	13
14 10 a.m. Worship	15	16	17 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	18	19	20
21 10 a.m. Worship	22	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	25	26	27
28 10 a.m. Worship	29	30	31 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Youth Group			

## *Birthdays*



Aug. 2	Lori Butler
Aug. 3	Amanda Yeoman
Aug. 4	Sarah Paul, Wendy Sweet Wilson, Jason Murdock
Aug. 5	George Hammerle
Aug. 8	Nicholas Moshier, Robert Pendleton
Aug. 10	Caitlin DuChene
Aug. 11	Sue Kordziel
Aug. 12	Melissa Smith, Sarah Mastriano, Evlyn Colvin
Aug. 13	Daniel Musgrove
Aug. 16	Rachel Mancarella
Aug. 18	Benjamin Burdick
Aug. 20	Julia Orzechowski
Aug. 22	Maria Erdo, Joy Bartell
Aug. 24	Sandy Houseman
Aug. 26	Vicki DuChene
Aug. 27	Kim Paul
Aug. 31	Ethel Abbott, Kathy Gay

## *Anniversaries*

Aug. 10	Paul & Rachel Mancarella
Aug. 13	Frank & Sue Kordziel
Aug. 14	John & Kim Paul
Aug. 18	Mitch & Aimee Dryer
Aug. 20	Peter and Linda Shay

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 SEPTEMBER  
NEWSLETTER IS AUGUST 23rd**

