

Presbyterian News



EDITION

August 2024



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*Save the
Date*



180th

Reunite with old friends and make new ones!
Make plans to join us on Sunday, September
29th as we celebrate 180 years of serving God
and this community. More details to follow!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ONEIDA

In the run up to the 180th Anniversary Celebration, you will find when you are in church, that there are bulletin boards with interesting facts and memories of what The First Presbyterian Church has done for and with the community of Oneida. The boardroom also has many pieces of memorabilia for you to look at.

If you have any memories or memorabilia that you would like to share with our fellow congregation members please bring them in to the office, or email the office your memories and we will put them in the bulletin for all to share.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As a pastor I am concerned. I am concerned for our church family, our community and our nation. We are facing dark times as the combination of politics and social divisions has become dangerous, explosive and caustic.

As a church family, we must remember that Jesus didn't come with a political message. Although Israel's idea of a messiah was fashioned as a warrior-king who would come riding in and trample the Roman government and end oppressive rule, Jesus instead came with messages of love, forgiveness, peace and salvation.

As the political season goes into full-throttle mode, it is vital that we work as peacemakers and set an example for others to follow. Let us show that there is a peaceful, respectful way to resolve political differences and rational ways to work out disagreements.

We are all Americans but more importantly, we are children of God. Created in his image. Placing our trust in that establishes a deep responsibility in our relationship with God, and with our neighbors.

As Christians we are expected to get along with other people. Our faith compels us to be active peacemakers. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called children of God" (Matt. 5:9). Yes, even into a world that is filled with anger, hate and division, Jesus sends us as peacemakers.

It is up to us to resist the urge to make politics or political figures an idol. Instead, let's turn that level of devotion to God and let Him work all this mess out.

I pray for unity among our church members and this country as this political season ramps up. I believe in a God who is bigger than all of this and who already has planned all of this out.

Let us be the ones who cultivate peace by actively living under the peaceful presence of Christ.

Love and blessings,

Pastor Mike

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

AUGUST

4th-Hymn Along

11th-TBD

18th-Jenelle Patchin

25th-Stephanie Gwilt and John Merritt

SEPTEMBER

1ST-Hymn Along

8th-Owen Paz

Volunteers Needed!!!

We will need volunteers to help make lunches for overdose awareness day on Saturday August 31st. We will be making lunches here at 9:00 a.m. and then going over to Higinbotham Park around noon to help spread awareness and help feed the community. If you can spare the morning and afternoon to help spread awareness and feed some people, please contact Pastor Mike or the church office.



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of August 2024

Jude Alexander (Mancarella's great nephew)	Jean Kowalik
Abby Bartell	Florence LaRock
Kevin Bedford	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Brody	Suzie Meraz
Richard Brown	Michelle Newman
Marty Canning	Becky Nichols
Pam Corrington	Michael O'Bryan (Mike's Brother in law)
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey's Father)	Mike Oot
Elizabeth Coulby	Audrey Opperman (Cathy's Mother-in-law)
Cora Cramer (Ethel Abbott's sister)	Tom Panasci
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister)	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Peggy Eastman	Debbie Shaw
John Ferguson	Brian Stites
Robert Feldmann (Melinda's Father)	Judy Sweet
Jillian Felt	Louise Thompson
Andy Froass	Jan Whiting
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)	
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	
Becky Grasso	
Mary Gwilt (Dan's mother)	
Alison Hilgenberg (Phyllis Little's Daughter)	
Wendy Holtz	
Millie Johnson	
Victor Johnson	
Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God)	

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)

Perry Tooker III

Elli Pfluke

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 2024

Randy Bonville
Frank Kordziel
Lucille Merriman
Pat Thorpe

CLASS OF 2025

Kim DeRuby

CLASS OF 2026

Paul Mancarella
Perry Tooker IV

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Robert Stokes

Terri Johnson

Dan Meyers

Richard Carrier Sr.

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.

Israel and all victims and survivors of terrorism

MISSION EMPHASIS:

North Gage Presbyterian Church, Utica

Westminster-Moriah-Olivet Presbyterian Church, Utica

Church of Christ Uniting, Richfield Springs\

Church in the Hood, LaDana Clark (New Worshiping Community)

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2024

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

CLASS OF 2025

Kristin Tooker

CLASS OF 2026

Elli Pfluke

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

Aug 3rd, 17th Restoration Fellowship

Aug 4th Communion

Aug 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Senior Bible Study

Living Waters Youth

Aug 12th, 26th-Activ8 Her Women's BS

Aug 18th-Novelty Ice Cream Sunday

Aug 20th-Session Meeting

Aug 23rd-Newsletter Deadline



Aug. 3 Amanda Yeoman
Aug. 4 Sarah Paul, Wendy Sweet Wilson
Aug. 10 Caitlin DuChene
Aug. 11 Sue Kordziel
Aug. 12 Melissa Smith, Sarah Mastriano,
Evelyn Colvin

Aug. 13 Daniel Musgrove
Aug. 16 Rachel Mancarella
Aug. 18 Benjamin Burdick
Aug. 22 Joy Bartell
Aug. 24 Sandy Houseman
Aug. 27 Kim Paul
Aug. 31 Ethel Abbott, Kathy Gay

**COMMUNION FOR
SEPTEMBER WILL BE HELD
ON
SEPTEMBER 8TH, THE
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH**

**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**

Anniversaries

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



Scripture Readers for August

August 4th-Barb Schwatrz

August 11th-Ian Farwell

August 18th-Lou White

August 25th-Frank Kordziel

Coffee Servers for August

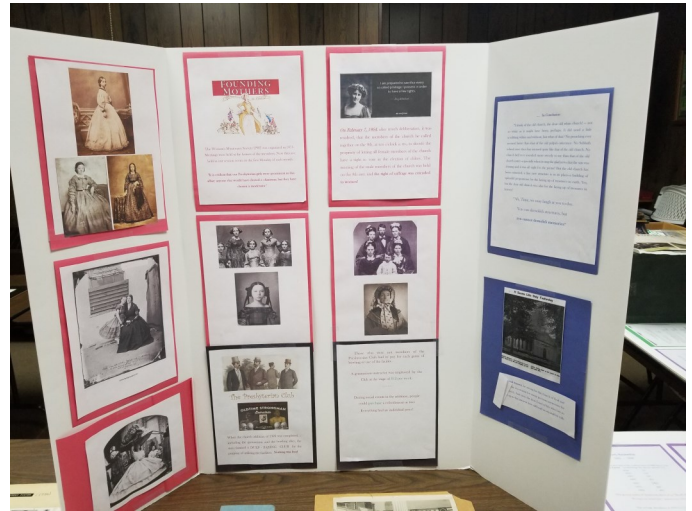
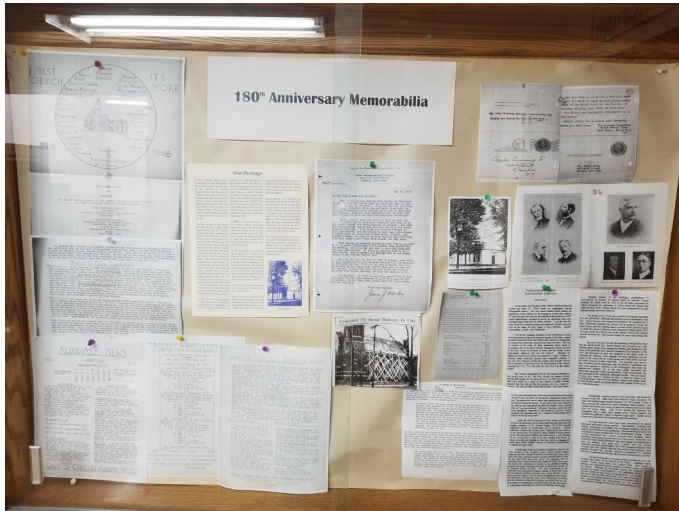
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August 25th-Becky Ewen & Michelle Yeoman

180th Anniversary Celebration!!



**The next session meeting will be August 20th @
6:30 p.m.**

August 9th 5:00-till Gone



**Lasagna Dinner
\$13**

**A special benefit for the
Rome Presbyterian Church
AUGUSTA PRESBYTERIAN**

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER
NEWSLETTER IS AUGUST 23rd**

