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Back to School





Dear friends,

I don't know about you, but I truly love the autumn season. Yes, I can't wait for SU Football to begin, venturing out to local orchards and pumpkin patches, or not running the air conditioner as often, but what I look forward to is seeing God's artistry in the beautiful colors on the changing leaves and picturesque sunsets.



Genesis 1–2 tells the story of God's creation of the world - a perfect world that changed forever with the entrance of sin, yet a world that still has all the wonders of His creation in the beauty of nature and so much more. Take time to soak in this beauty and thank God for what you see.

Fall also brings with it a return to "normal" as teams, Deacons, and Session resume regular meetings. To establish better communications across the board we are going back to all teams meeting the first Tuesday of each month. It is never too late to serve on any of our teams. We truly need more volunteers to help in the many areas that the Holy Spirit is guiding our efforts to serve God, our congregation, and this community.

My prayer is that we will also look to this season as an opportunity to expand our individual and collective joy in worship and service. In John's Gospel, (John 15:11) Jesus talks about why he came, and he says it is so his joy may be in us, and our joy may be full or complete.

Recently Elder Dave Schellhase sent an email that was published in the bulletin and that you will see in this newsletter. In it he spoke about joy and specifically the joy he gets in seeing families and individuals of the church dedicated to Christ's ministry of love. How about you, where do you find joy?

Friends, the more closely we are connected to Christ, the more consistently we'll experience joy. That joy can be so contagious that it can spill into so many areas of our church and give us a new and energized perspective on worship and service.

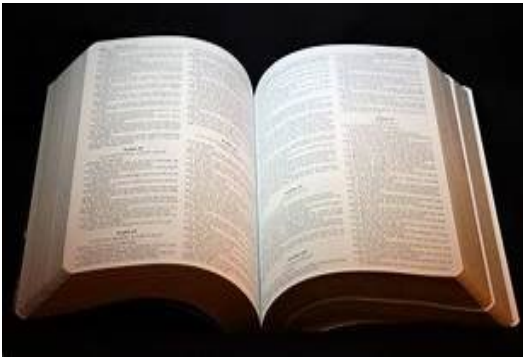
We have so much to be thankful for. In Christ, we have blessings after blessings. The Word of God is literally our fountain of joy. When we find our refreshing spiritual drink from this fountain, we will experience the joy of the Lord.

The Devil will do his very best to try to rob us of joy. Look around and you might see only the bad headlines or worldly events that cause you sink in despair. With this in mind, my recommendation is to devote time daily to meditate on God's promises. Give yourself time each day to fully step away from the things of this world and place the difficulties of the day at the feet of Christ through prayer. Trust in the Lord, not your circumstances. Then, find a transformational joy in worship and service.

My door is always open. Stop in some time and let's chat. Until then may you experience true joy that only Christ can give.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike



Scripture Readers for September

September 4th—Scott Colvin

September 11th - Perry Tooker

September 18th - Frank Kordziel

September 25th - Ian Farwell



Coffee Servers for September

September 4th – Brian and Kathy Gay

September 11th — Becky Ewing and Michelle Yeoman

September 18th — Jack and Barb Arnold

September 25th — Lynn Morey and Jerry Fuller

FESTIVAL NEWS!!!!

Sarah and Deb Owens are heading up the Cottage 304 Room for the festival.

They have been busy working on items to sell. They are asking for the following items to be donated.

1. Christmas florals
2. Artificial greenery/garland
3. Miniatures for shadow boxes, small village ideas, snowmen, ice skaters, etc.....

Becky, Austin, Andy, and Bob

Because of some physical challenges and pain yesterday, I watched First Presbyterian Worship worship on Facebook. What came to mind after viewing worship was the Three Dog Night recording "Joy to the World, all the boys and girls now. Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea. Joy to you and me." I thank God for the dedication and service your family gives to FPC. Your family brings joy and hope to me, seeing how love and faith instilled in a family can have far reaching impact. Your courageous and inspired involvement in yesterday's worship on the theme of JOY was marvelous. Your dedication to Jesus ministry of love has an impact both inside and outside the walls of this church building. To me, that is the real meaning of CHURCH, people lovingly serving people. Your family and so many others here are doing it beautifully.

Dave Schellhase



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of September 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	Thomas Merritt
John Ferguson	Tom Panasci
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

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Becky Williams

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Lucille Merriman
Michael Merriman
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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

All teachers and students that are heading back to school this year

MISSION EMPHASIS:

First Presbyterian Church, Rome
Weaving Home Ministries in Old Forge
The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Utica
Three Steeples United Church, Paris

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)

DEACONS

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Sue Kordziel
Rose Lockwood
Doug Lockwood
Kathy Nichols
Chrissy Thompson

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2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship Communion	5 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	6 6:30 pm Committees	7 6:30 pm Youth Group 7 pm Cont. Service	8 Connection 3:00 p.m.	9	10
11 BACK TO CHURCH SUN- DAY 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship	12	13 10 am Presbyterian Women	14 6:30 pm Youth Group 7 pm Cont. Service	15 Connection 3:00 p.m.	16	17
18 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship Choir resumes 11:15 am Deacons Meeting	19	20	21 6:30 pm Youth Group 7 pm Cont. Service	22 Connection 3:00 p.m. 7 pm Prayer Vigil	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24
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Birthdays

Sept. 1 *Blakelynn Fox*
Sept. 2 *Sandy Glynn, Elizabeth Tooker,
Austin Williams*
Sept. 3 *John Musgrove*
Sept. 5 *Nancy Rinehard*
Sept. 6 *Carol Wells, Frank Kordziel*
Sept. 8 *Michelle Yeoman,
Melinda Phoenix-Heart*
Sept. 9 *Jim Baker*
Sept. 11 *Joe Campanie*
Sept. 13 *Brian Baker, Abram Colvin*
Sept. 14 *Ginny Drake*
Sept. 16 *Judy Parker*
Sept. 22 *Georgia Merritt*
Sept. 23 *Debbie Owens, Bill Young*
Sept. 25 *Joe Todd*
Sept. 27 *Ann Oot*
Sept. 29 *Benjamin Bailey, Matt Winchell*
Sept. 30 *Jim Opperman, John Merritt*

Anniversaries

Sept. 18 *Bill and Donna Ausman*
Sept. 20 *Bob and Pam West*
Mike and Michelle Yeoman
Sept. 22 *Chuck and Ginny Pendleton*
Brian and Kathy Gay

To our beloved church family:

The Outreach Team is requesting your help to provide school supplies to students who may need a helping hand financially this year due to inflation.

We adopted the 5th grade students this year to be a support to them as they charter the new waters of Middle School. Many of the youth that are in the Living Waters Youth Group are 5th or 6th graders.

Below is a generalized list of common supplies that the students need.

2 pocket folders, 3 subject spiral notebook, Index cards (3x5), #2 Pencils, Pens, 1.5" binder,

Glue sticks , Highlighters (yellow and pink), Colored pencils, Loose-leaf paper

1" binder with pockets, Composition Notebook, Boxes of Tissue, Earbuds

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

