

Presbyterian News



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Dear friends,

Where did summer go? The older I get the faster life seems to be going. My favorite season has always been autumn. Once again, I will be trying to cheer for my SU Orangemen. Fall also brings the enjoyment of venturing out to local orchards and pumpkin patches. What I look forward to the most, however, is experiencing God's artistry as the leaves begins to change. While we pass time through the seasons, it is a good time to reflect on the spiritual season each of us might be in as well..

The Bible has a lot to say about changing seasons and times, but probably the most recognized and recited verses come from the book of Ecclesiastes by King Solomon. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 reminds us of that ***"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace."***

Each of us has gone through various seasons in our lives. Some seasons come with great difficulty or anxiety. Some are celebrated with joy and exultation.

God uses these seasons within our lives to remind us of who He is and to reinforce that no matter what season of life we find ourselves in God is there for us.

Unlike the seasons of the year that change. Unlike the friends and people that change. Unlike the events of the day that change, God NEVER changes. His unchanging being should hit us as the core of our beliefs. God will always be there – steadfast and true.

As darkness comes earlier in the days ahead, we need to make sure that God's light is shining through both individually and as a church. I pray that we look to this new season as an opportunity to expand our individual and collective joy that unities us together to worship and serve God. I also pray that whatever spiritual season you may find yourself in that you will trust God to help you pass through it or enlighten it.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike






This is an early reminder that you and your child can begin now to collect items that will fit in a shoebox. This month, as you're out shopping, pick up one or two items at a time and gradually fill up your shoebox. Gear gifts for each box to a boy or girl. Ages per shoebox are 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years. This is the best time of year to pick up school supplies, as they are all on sale.

We will have OCC shoeboxes available in the board room, over by the coffee pot, and there will be new brochures on the Stone Street table very soon. If you use a regular shoebox, wrapping is not necessary; however, do put a label (found on the back of the OCC brochure) denoting boy or girl and age on the shoebox and put a strong rubber band around the box. If you wish to wrap the box in brightly colored paper, please wrap the top and bottom of the box separately and put the label on it denoting boy or girl and age with a rubber band around it. Don't include breakable items, liquid items, chocolate, perishable items or toy weapons, etc.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

STEPtember for Suicide Prevention, Awareness & Remembrance Walk

September 16, 2023
Chapman Park Pavilion 1
1463 Route 31, Bridgeport, NY 13030

CRAFT DAYS FABULOUS FINDS

We are having a Fundraiser/Household Sale and Pie & Bake Sale at Oneida First UMC.

Saturday, September 9

from 9 am to 4 pm

Bag Sale 3 pm to 4 pm

We welcome your donations of nearly new clothing, housewares, furniture, and home décor.

Please note we cannot accept:

computers, shoes or books.

Items can be dropped off Monday—Wednesday from 9:00—11:30 am and also on Sunday after worship beginning August 1.

On Sunday September 10 following worship all unsold items must be picked up.



Fabulous Finds

Pie & Bake Sale

116 W.
Grove St.

A community communion will be served at 10 am & 2 pm!

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



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of September 2023

Jude Alexander (Mancarella's great nephew)
Abby Bartell
Brody
Pam Carrigan
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey's Father)
Meg Congden (Friend of Rachel Mancarella)
Elizabeth Coulby
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister)
Peggy Eastman
John Ferguson
Robert Feldman (Melinda's Father)
Jillian Felt
Andy Froass
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)
Becky Grasso
Alison Hilgenberg (Phyllis Little's Daughter)
Wendy Holtz
Joyce Helms
Millie Johnson

Pete Johnson
Victor Johnson
Victor Johnson III
Jean Kowalik
Doug Lippert
Alicia Lippert
Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Michelle Newman
Karen Nichols (Friend of Donna Ausman)
Michael O'Bryan (Mike's Brother in law)
Mike Oot
Tom Panasci
Dan & Claudia Rayome
Doug Rosekrans
Judy Sweet
Jan Whiting
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

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.

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is always in need of several items. Most of these are usually a dollar or under. Please take into thought helping those that come to our emergency pantry stop. These items that always go quick are canned corn, canned beefaroni, tomato soup, chicken noodle soup, rice sides, pasta sides, most dried pastas, and canned fruit. You are by no means limited to these items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Especially by those in need.



ELDERS

CLASS OF 2023

Paul Mancarella
Jan Whiting
Cathy Opperman
Sharon Warren
Becky Williams

CLASS OF 2024

Randy Bonville
Frank Kordziel
Lucille Merriman
Michael Merriman
Pat Thorpe

CLASS OF 2025

Kim DeRuby
Doug Lippert

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

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.

Victims of the Maui wildfires.

All teachers and students returning to school

MISSION EMPHASIS:

First Presbyterian Church, Rome

Weaving Home Ministries in Old Forge

The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Utica

Three Staples United Church, Paris

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2025

Sue Kordziel
Rose Lockwood
Doug Lockwood
Kathy Nichols
Chrissy Thompson

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John Merritt
Jennawade Skellham

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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

3rd-Communion

4th-Office Closed-Labor Day

5th-Special Session Meeting

10th-Team Meetings

11 & 25th-Women's Bible study @ the
Whiting Community Center

12th-Joint Session and Deacons
Meeting

6, 13, 20 & 27th-Living Waters Youth
Group, Seniors
Bible Study

17th Deacons Meeting

24th Choir returns

22nd Newsletter Deadline

27th Session Meeting



On Sunday, Sept. 10th there will be a Hawaiian themed service followed by a free will offering after the service in the auditorium. Several members have ties to Maui and would appreciate our helping the victims of the recent wild fires.

Scripture Readers for September

September 3rd-Barb Schwartz

September 10th-Frank Kordziel

September 17th-Ian Farwell

September 24th-Paul Mancarella



Birthdays

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. 13 Abram Colvin

Sept. 14 Ginny Drake

Sept. 16 Judy Parker

Sept. 22 Georgia Merritt

Sept. 23 Debbie Owens

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

Coffee Servers for September

September 3rd-No Coffee Service

September 10th-Becky Ewen & Michelle Yeoman

September 17th-Jack and Barb Arnold

September 24th-Carol Miller & Janet Sarensky

!!!! Festival of Xmas News!!!!

The Festival Committee is asking that you please start thinking about this year's Festival which will be held on November 18th, and what you could be making for it. This committee is not just the PW but many people of the church who are so dedicated that they kindly participate and donate every year. We thank everyone for this!

We, as always, need items for Pins and needles, anything you can sew, knit, or crochet would be appreciated. If you need ideas please see Laura Reckentine or

Sue Kordial.

The Chairs of each booth and/or luncheon and quilt and painting raffles are as follows;

Janet and Frank Sarensky-luncheon

Rachel Mancarella-raffles

Sarah and Deb Owens Christmas-cottage

Becky Ewan-jewelry and accessories

Dan Gwilt-wood craft (cutting boards etc.)

Kathy Nichols and Ginny Drake-Polly's Pantry

Chrissy Thompson-candy

Cathy Opperman-baked goods

Becky Williams-cookies

Everyone needs to have your kind donations and if you need anything you can always contact Carol Miller or Barb Arnold. Thank you all so much we look forward to another successful year. In the coming weeks we will chat about what we have done this year with the money you so generously helped us raise.

We are always striving to help others within our own church and community too. Please consider asking one of the people I mentioned if you could help!

God Bless You all,

Barb and Carol

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 22ND**

