

Presbyterian News



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January 1st

New Year's Day

Office Closed

January 6th

Committee meetings

January 12th

Installation and Ordination

Of New Officers

January 13th

Deacons Meeting

January 14th

*Presbyterian Women's
Meeting*

January 20th

Session Meeting

January 23rd

Newsletter Deadline

January 26th

Annual Meeting

In the offering envelope box is the second blue envelope for per capita. If you have already paid the per capita (\$41.14) you do not have to pay again. If you accidentally pay more, I will call you and let you know that amount was applied to your pledge donations for 2019. Thank you to everyone who has paid their per capita.

ENVELOPES

The collection envelopes for 2020 are near the projection screen as you enter the sanctuary from Stone Street. If you would like to have a box of envelopes, there is a box of envelopes with no one's name on them. Please fill out the bottom of the pink slip and put it in the collection plate.



Second Hand Rose, the quality consignment shop, of The First Presbyterian Church is a mission of The Presbyterian Women. The shop has received so many compliments from the community and beyond. We have many return customers from out of state who come because they realize our shop is a mission and we have beautiful clothing and first rate household items. The shop is voluntarily staffed by the congregation and even some community members. The compliments are too numerous to mention and we all should be proud to have this shop in our community.

SECOND HAND ROSE

Earlier this year the PW thought, because of lack of staff and a considerable dip in revenue, the shop should close. Some ladies stepped up and decided this shop is special and recruited volunteers and word got out and as of today we have shown a

profit. Kudos to these wonderful women. The shop is becoming more popular than ever before. We will contribute to purchasing items so necessary for our church.

We also give to food banks and many missions as the need arises. If you have never been in the shop please visit, you will be surprised at how beautiful it is.

***Sincerely,
Nancy Rinehar
PW moderator.***



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida, NY will be held immediately after worship on January 26th. At the annual meeting we will review and celebrate all of our service to God in the past year, go over financial reports and the budget for the coming year. Please mark your calendar!

The Pastor Nominating Committee of Oneida First Presbyterian Church Update:

The Search Committee has been diligently evaluating, discerning, and praying about the needs of our congregation and their expectations in a new pastor. We are currently reviewing Pastor Information Forms (PIFs), which are essentially resumes for potential Pastoral candidates, so we can select potential candidates for the initial screening interviews. As you know, the Advent Season is very busy for Pastors, so we will be preparing for interviews to begin after the New Year. We ask that you pray for our PNC members: Bill Butler, Jen Colvin, Kim DeRuby, Paul Mancarella, Lucille Merriman, Jan Whiting and Andrew Williams. We also ask that you pray for our new Pastor. We have include prayers below.

For the PNC:



Almighty God, we pray that the committee would be guided by Your wisdom in all matters. In the name of Jesus we pray against any fear or discouragement that could lead to haste, but pray for patience for the PNC as its members wait peacefully for the person of Your calling. Father may the hearts of each PNC member be fully yielded to Your plan and provision, trusting You rather than circumstances. Amen.

For our next Pastor:



Father, confirm Your calling in the heart of our next pastor. Give this person the faith, courage and peace to step out in obedience. Lord Jesus, prepare the heart of our next pastor for the transition, new role, and work You have in store. Father we pray that You would give our next pastor a love for Oneida First Presbyterian Church and the community, that overflows from Your love. Amen.



On behalf of the staff, thank you very much for your Christmas gifts

Bruce Boak

Pat Thorpe

Stephanie Gwilt

John Merritt

Jennawade Skellham

Brian Snyder



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of January 2020

Alan Baur	Jean Kowalik
Bryce Bechtel (friend of Zach Thompson)	Sydney Lusher
Jeffrey Bortle (Sandy Glynn's son)	Maribeth Matthews
Eleanor Breckenridge (Sue Borchardt's mom)	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Bob Butler	Dave Meeker Sr.
Marty Canning	Marian Meyers
Richard and Pam Carrigan	Larry Moorehouse (Bill Butler)
Glade Cook Jr. (nephew of Warrens)	Tom Panasci
Gerri Cordell	Doug Rosekrans
Nancy DeMassa	Rich Snyder (Jennifer Colvin's neighbor)
Mary Lou DeRuby	Harold Thompson
Peggy Eastman	Betty Thorpe (Jim's aunt)
Jeannine Fariel	Grace Warren
John Ferguson	Christopher Wuest
Jillian Felt	Bill and Dolores Young
Linda Gaut	Jerry Karen
TJ Gaut	Michelle Angelia
Becky Grasso	Nathan Heather
Sherry Harrison	Patrick Vicky
Jamie Hubbard	
Wendy Holtz	
Millie Johnson	
Horace Keller	
Dawn Kimball (Donna Ausman's sister)	

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 or Jan Whiting, Prayer Chain, 363-4392.

PRAYER MISSION JANUARY

The Nicaragua Medical Mission provides medicines and clothing to people in the second poorest nation in the western hemisphere. Each team member receives two 50 lb. trunks filled with medicine/supplies. Each patient receives a 3 month supply of medicine including multivitamins, pain relievers, parasitic medicine and others as needed. Please also attend our spaghetti dinner to benefit this mission.



ELDERS

CLASS OF 2020

Frank Kordziel
Doug Lippert
Carol Miller
Dave Schellhase
Becky Williams
Randy Bonville

CLASS OF 2021

Bill Butler
Lucille Merriman
Pat Thorpe

CLASS OF 2022

Blakelynn Fox

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:

Rick Carrier Jr. Nancy James, Grant Whiting, Lucille Merriman

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Dolores Dryer, Eloise Latino, Nancy Stratton, Phyllis Harvey

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

The Pastor Nominating Committee: Bill Butler, Jenn Colvin,
Kim DeRuby, Paul Mancarella, Lucille Merriman,
Jan Whiting and Andy Williams

MISSION EMPHASIS:

Local Food Pantries

The Moderator, Presbytery Leader-Stated Clerk, and
Staff of the Presbytery of Utica

Missions the Presbytery of Utica Supports

PC(USA) Foundation and Presbyterian Investment &
Loan Program

Pray for those who are serving overseas; the U.S. Armed
Forces in Afghanistan, and our Police/Fire Safety personnel.

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2020

John Merritt
Deborah Owens
Jan Whiting

CLASS OF 2021

Andy Froass
Jennawade Skellham

CLASS OF 2022

Mike Bartell
Rose Lockwood
Doug Lockwood
Elli Pfluke

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones: Mark Sia, Zane Mechalke, Peter Thompson, Howard Bantle, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, John Goodwill, Jeff Carpenter, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Michael McMahon, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Nate Borchardt, Michelle Ludwig, Colin Whitcombe

Those currently serving in a combat zone: John Petzinger





Birthdays

Jan. 1	Sharon Warren
Jan. 3	Courtney Schneider
Jan. 5	Karen Sarensky
Jan. 8	Beverly Vineall
Jan. 10	Samuel Mastriano
Jan. 13	Claire Fox
Jan. 14	Donna Stewart
Jan. 15	Donna Laurin, Heather Carroll
Jan. 16	Bronte Hilgenberg
Jan. 18	Jon Musgrove
Jan. 20	Don Miller
Jan. 21	Stephanie Thompson, Heidi Schneider
Jan. 22	Matthew Froass
Jan. 23	Dolores Young, Christopher Joslyn Jr.
Jan. 27	Linda Bailey, Leif Nicolaisen
Jan. 29	Kristen Talbot

Anniversaries

Jan. 4	Bob and Linda Butler
Jan. 13	Steve and Bev Orzechowski
Jan. 14	Doug Rosekrans & Joyce Helms

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

This year's offering totaled

\$188.00

Thank you all for your generosity

THE STAFF OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ONEIDA WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS GOOD LUCK AND BLESSINGS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

Dinners for Eight!!!! The sign up for dinners for eight are starting this month. This is a great way to get to know the members of the congregation in an informal setting over a good meal. Sign up sheets will appear in the bulletins for the month of January. You can contact John at the church via phone or email to confirm your interest in attending one of the dinners.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 11 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	4
5 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Communion	6 7 p.m. Committee Meetings	7	8	9 2:30 pm. The Connection	10 11 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	11 4:00 - 7:00 - Nicaragua Medical Mission spaghetti dinner
12 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Installation of new officers 11:30 a.m. Bible Study	13 7 p.m. Deacons Meeting	14 10 am Presbyterian Women's Meeting	15	16 2:30 pm The Connection	17 11 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	18
19 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. - Bible Study	20 7 p.m. Session Meeting	21	22	23 2:30 pm. The Connection	24 11 a.m. Ladies Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25
26 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Annual Business Meeting	27	28	29	30 2:30 pm. The Connection	31 11 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 24TH**

