

Presbyterian News



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First Presbyterian Church of Oneida Guidelines for Church Services

Entry – All Entries can now be used to access the church.

Masks – Masks must be worn into and out of the church. While sitting in the pew for service the mask is optional.

Singing - Masks are required when singing.

Distancing – Worshipers are to be six feet apart. There will be a bulletin on the pew where you can sit. The pew in front of and behind you should be empty. Families may sit together, however the worshipers to the left and right of the family need to be six feet apart. When entering and exiting please try to stay six feet apart.

Collection plates – Collection plates will be at all entry and exit points.

Hand Sanitizer – There will be hand sanitizer at all entry and exit points. There are also individual bottles in the pews.

Communion – The first Sunday of every month. Communion elements will be provided at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Drinking Fountain – The drinking fountain will be covered and unavailable until further notice.

Coffee Servers – Coffee hour is suspended until further notice. Please keep your cards handy in case restrictions are lifted later in the year.

Nursery – Nursery services are available. Parents must accompany their children while they are in the nursery.

Live Streaming – You can still watch the service on FB live. The IT committee is currently working on a way to broadcast services for live streaming. We will update the progress of that in the future.

The staff of First Presbyterian Church of Oneida welcome you back to worship. We will do all that we can to make your worship as stress free as possible. If you have any questions concerning these guidelines feel free to email the office oneidafirstpres@oneidafirstpres.org, or call 315-363-7590.



I broaden the path beneath you *so that your ankles do not turn*. This shows how intricately I am involved in your life-journey. I know exactly what is before you, and I can alter the path ahead of you to make your way easier. Sometimes I enable you to see what I have done on your behalf. At other times you are blissfully unaware of the hardship I have spared you. Either way, My work to widen the way before you demonstrates how lovingly I am involved in your life.

From your perspective, My workings are often mysterious. I do not protect you — or anyone — from *all* adversity.

Neither was I shielded from hardship during my thirty-three years of living in your world. On the contrary, I willingly suffered unimaginable pain, humiliation, and agony on the Cross — for your sake! When My Father turned away from Me, I experienced unspeakable suffering.

But because I was willing to endure that excruciating isolation from Him, you will never have to suffer alone. I have promised: *I am with you always!*

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” — Matthew 27:46 NKJV

...And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. — Matthew 28:20

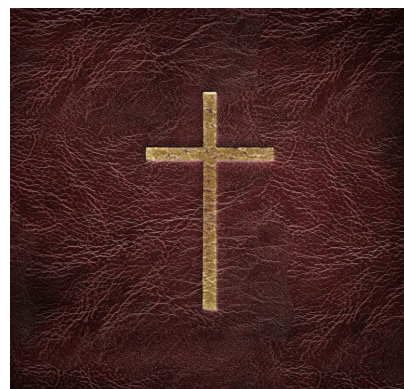
You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn. — Psalm 18:36

HELP FOR THE COLVINS:

AS MANY OF YOU HAVE RECENTLY HEARD, SCOTT COLVIN IS FACING A VERY TOUGH MEDICAL FIGHT. HE WILL HAVE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ROCHESTER TO CONTINUE THIS FIGHT. SESSION HAS APPROVED FOR THERE TO BE A COLLECTION TAKEN UP BY THE CONGREGATION TO HELP THE COLVINS WITH THE EXPENSES NEEDED TO BE WITH SCOTT IN ROCHESTER AS THEY CONFRONT THIS TOGETHER AS A FAMILY.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY TO HELP THE COLVINS, YOU CAN DO SO BY MARKING ANY PEW ENVELOPE “COLVIN FAMILY RELIEF”. YOU CAN ALSO MAIL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.
304 BROAD STREET, ONEIDA NY. 13421

THE COLVINS ARE VERY THANKFUL OF ALL THE HELP THAT THE CONGREGATION CAN GIVE AT THIS TIME





Souper Bowl of Caring

This year's offering netted \$126 for the Church's Food Sense Ministry. Thank you for your generous donations.

FROM SESSION:

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR.

PRAYER MISSION MARCH

Mars Hill Network 102.9 FM - It is the mission of the Mars Hill Broadcasting Co., Inc. to provide the public, through its radio broadcasting and public relations functions, such a clear expression of the message, mission and character of Jesus Christ that the following results will be consistently achieved:



Salvation of the lost and nurture of the saved.

Traditional Christian families built up in faith and life experience to become mature witnesses of the grace of God, and Biblically effective contributors to the benefit of society.

Ministry of Bible-teaching local churches reinforced, and churches at large confronted by the Spirit of God and revived.

Unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, and unity in the Body of Christ.

The Connection will be starting back in March. Please see Doug Lippert or Jennawade Skellham for details. Covid protocols will be followed as this important youth ministry returns.

Baby bottles filled with change –
that's The Baby Bottle Campaign

It's a simple idea that provides thousands of dollars to save lives

Each year the money raised from the Campaign helps support those facing unplanned pregnancies and their babies through the ministry of Care Net.

It's easy. You can pick up a baby bottle from the table in the auditorium during office hours. Or you can call Kim DeRuby (315)314-0284 and she can drop one off to you. Fill it up with change (or dollars too!) and bring it back to the church.





LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of March 2021

Alan Baur	Jean Kowalik
Bryce Bechtel (friend of Zach Thompson)	Florence LaRock
Steve Blair (friend of Ginny Pendleton)	Sydney Lusher
Jeffrey Bortle (Sandy Glynn's son)	Maribeth Matthews
Anthony Bonacci	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Eleanor Breckenridge (Sue Borchardt's mom)	Marian Meyers
Bob Butler	Larry Moorehouse (Bill Butler)
Marty Canning	Tom Panasci
Richard and Pam Carrigan	Mary Patricia
Scott Colvin	Doug Rosekrans
Glade Cook Jr. (nephew of Warrens)	Sally Smith
John Ferguson	Rich Snyder (Jennifer Colvin's neighbor)
Jillian Felt	Eugene Sweet (Jim's brother)
Linda Gaut	Harold Thompson
Becky Grasso	Betty Thorpe (Jim's aunt)
Sherry Harrison	Grace Warren
Jamie Hubbard	Christopher Wuest
Wendy Holtz	Bill and Dolores Young
Millie Johnson	Jerry Karen
Horace Keller	Michelle Angelia
	Heather
	Patrick Vicky

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.

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Sandy Glynn

Nancy Andrews

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 or Jan Whiting, Prayer Chain, 363-4392. Please let us know also when they are healed and can be taken off the prayer list.



ELDERS

CLASS OF 2021

Becky Williams
Randy Bonville
Doug Lippert
Carol Wells
Lucille Merriman
Mike Merriman
Pat Thorpe

CLASS OF 2022

Blakelynn Fox
Eli Pfluke

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:

Sandy Glynn Nancy Andrews

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Melissa Fuller

CLASS OF 2023

Paul Mancarella
Nancy Rinehard
Jan Whiting

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

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

All people returning to work as we reopen our economy.

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

MISSION EMPHASIS:

Stone Presbyterian Church, Clinton
First Presbyterian Church, Cooperstown
The Committee on Ministry, of the Presbytery of Utica
United Lutheran Presbyterian Parish, Dolgeville
Forestport Presbyterian Church, Forestport

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2021

John Merritt
Jennawade
Skellham
Cindy Bonville
Chrissy Thompson

CLASS OF 2022

Rose Lockwood
Doug Lockwood
Kathy Nichols

CLASS OF 2023

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones: Sebastian Powers, Stephen Cafalone, Kiernan Masner, Jack Sharkey, 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:





Presbyterian Women

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THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HELD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY.

THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS WAS APPROVED FOR THE COMING YEAR, 2021-2022

Co-Moderators - Barb Arnold and Carol Miller

Secretary - Cathy Opperman

Financial Secretary - Carol Miller.

Nancy Rinehard - Second Hand Rose.

Jan Whiting - Advertising Second Hand Rose.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY MARCH 9TH AT 10AM. ALL WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

AFTER DISCUSSION SECOND HAND ROSE WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL SPRING. THERE WAS DISCUSSION REGARDING HOW TO PREPARE THE SHOP AND TO GET ESTIMATES ON CLEANING.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE OFFICERS.

THANK YOU, WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING. STAY WARM AND SAFE....



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 p.m.—Committee Meetings	2	3	4	5	6
7 10 a.m. Worship Communion	8	9 10 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 10 a.m. Worship	15	16 7 p.m. Deacons Meeting	17	18	19	20
21 10 a.m. Worship	22 7 p.m. Session Meeting	23	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25	26	27
28 10 a.m. Worship	29	30	31			

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL
NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 24TH**

