

Presbyterian News



EDITION

November 2021



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Mike Yeoman

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Stephanie Gwilt

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John Merritt

Treasurer
Frank Kordziel

Financial Secretary
Pat Thorpe

Clerk of Session
Pat Thorpe

Custodian
Jennawade Skellham



First Presbyterian Church of Oneida Guidelines for Church Services

Entry – All entries will be open for your convenience.

Masks – Masks are to be worn if you have not been fully vaccinated.

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 – Communion will continue with prepackaged communion cups

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

Coffee Servers – Coffee hour will resume on July 11th.

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.

HEPA filters - There are 4 filters located in the Sanctuary that filter and exchange the air every minute.

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-



From the new Pastor



Dear Church Family:

Thank you for the support and encouragement that you have shown to me and my family as I have begun the joyful role of serving God through this congregation and community.

I am so excited about the opportunities that are before us, and I see God's presence already working through us. From a renewed youth program, to plans for spiritual development, congregational care and community outreach we are forging ahead with great ministry opportunities.

Our choir participation is increasing each week and I commend Stephanie and Melinda with bringing the joy of music to enhance our worship experience. Thank you for the dedication and patience of our choir members as we rebuild our program from the Covid pause that we experienced.

November and December are always busy months in the life of this church. It is exciting to once again have a full Christmas Festival. You can already see the fruits of our labors taking shape as we work together and showcase our church to the community.

Plans are being finalized to honor our veterans during a special service on Sunday, November 7th. We will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion that day. November will be also an important month in our stewardship campaign. It is a time to prayerfully consider how our individual gifts of treasures, time, and talents can be multiplied to help with the ministry and operations of this church. Together, we will celebrate with thanksgiving all that the Lord has provided for us during a special Thanksgiving service on November 21st. We will end the month as we begin the Season of Advent on November 28th. I have already presented the Music and Worship Committee with some of the ideas that we would like to implement during this special season - including recorded daily devotions that you can access to help you find peace during this busy time of the year.

Our staff is also very busy during this time. I am asking that if you have specific concerns of, or needs from, our staff that these matters be brought to me. By abiding by this request it will help us keep the communications consistent and constructive and enable us to focus on the big picture that is before us.

I am very confident that God is going to continue to bless this church – a church that celebrates Him. With all of the darkness in the world, this is where you will find joy. Let us be filled with that joy and thanksgiving together.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike

INTER-GENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

Andy Williams has met with Pastor Mike and shared his passion for starting an intergenerational Bible Study Program. Initial plans call for a hybrid gathering to kick off on Sunday, November 7th at 7:00 PM. Participants can meet in person at the church or choose to participate via Zoom at the same time. If you want to participate but find this time not convenient, please see Andy after church.

As we encounter God's Word together, we have a wonderful opportunity to share our different perspectives, insights, questions and struggles with one another and broaden our appreciation for God's Word and spiritual nutrition. It is through the Word of God that we gain faith. What a great opportunity as a family of faith to grow our faith together!!!

Festival of Christmas 2021

Saturday, November 20th

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Luncheon: Chicken and Biscuits

Tickets: \$10 Served 11:30 - 1:30

Booth Chairpersons:

Cottage 304 - Carol Miller - 762 - 4224

Needs decorative/holiday items (has wreaths/trees to use)

Cookie Walk - Becky Williams - 280 - 0284

Needs cookies and your suggestions, sign-up sheet coming soon

Harriet's Boutique - Becky Ewen - 363 - 1678

Needs Hats, purses, items that kids can buy (or want)

Candy Shoppe - Chrissy Thompson - 363 - 7201 - Stephanie Thompson

Needs fudge and your favorite candy

Pins & Needles - Laura Reckentine - 495 - 7019 (Sue Kordziel)

Needs sewing, crochet, and knitting items.

Polly's Pantry - Needs a volunteer to work the booth

Needs jams, jellies, pickles, etc...

Bake Shoppe - Cathy Opperman/Amanda Burdick - 361-4106 (Cathy)

Needs pies and breads

Kitchen/Luncheon Staff Volunteers - Frank and Janet Sarensky

363-4365

Sign-up sheets coming soon

DRAWING

Quilt - "Labyrinth Walk" (Laura Reckentine & Sue Kordziel & Sharron Warren)

Painting - "Autumn Waterfall" (Tom Donegan)

Tickets available from Rachelle Mancarella starting Oct. 10th



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of November 2021

Barb Arnold	Jean Kowalik
Bill Ausman	Florence LaRock
Bryce Bechtel (friend of Zach Thompson)	Janice Lisbon (Friend of the Sweets)
Anthony Bonacci	Maribeth Matthews
Eleanor Breckenridge (Sue Borchardt's mom)	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Bob Butler	Tom Panasci
Marty Canning	Mary Patricia
Pam Carrigan	Doug Rosekrans
Scott Colvin	Rich Snyder (Jennifer Colvin's neighbor)
Glade Cook Jr. (nephew of Warrens)	Eugene Sweet (Jim's brother)
Jonathon Eastman	Judy Sweet
John Ferguson	Harold Thompson
Jillian Felt	Betty Thorpe (Jim's aunt)
Becky Grasso	Grace Warren
Sherry Harrison	Jan Whiting
Jamie Hubbard	Christopher Wuest
Wendy Holtz	Bill 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.

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERN

Marjorie Fuller (Stephanie's Grandmother)

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.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

The First United Methodist Church will be holding a coat giveaway on Saturday, November 13th. New or gently used coats can be given to Pastor Mike by November 7th and he will get the coats to the Methodist Church for set up on Monday, Nov. 8th.

The Oneida Area Council of Churches has decided to cancel this year's Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. They will be preparing a Thanksgiving Booklet which will be distributed to all area churches. The booklet will feature Thanksgiving-oriented scripture verses and prayers. The booklet will be available to church members on Sunday, November 14th.



ELDERS

CLASS OF 2021

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

CLASS OF 2022

CLASS OF 2023

Paul Mancarella
Nancy Rinehard
Jan Whiting

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:

Marjorie Fuller (Stephanie's Grandmother)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Janet Turbee (Friend of Pat Thorpe)

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

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

DEACONS

MISSION EMPHASIS:

Three Voices: Cochran Memorial, Oneida Castle; Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, Vernon; First Presbyterian Church, Verona

Health Care Chaplain Ministry: Bassett Medical Center, Rev. Betsy Jay; Presbyterian Home, Rev. Tom Lorenz

Presbyterian Women, in the Presbytery of Utica

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA) of the PC (USA)

Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA)

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John Merritt
Jennawade
Skellham
Cindy Bonville
Chrissy Thompson

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Rose Lockwood
Doug Lockwood
Kathy Nichols

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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:



There will be a Presbyterian Women's meeting on Tuesday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m.
Nancy Rinehard

PW moderator

HELPING LOCAL SENIORS THIS THANKSGIVING

This year you can help local Seniors who do not have anyone to spend Thanksgiving with. First Presbyterian and Karing Kitchen are providing a Thanksgiving meal to any senior who will be by themselves this year. A \$21.00 donation will provide a Turkey and all the fixings meal to local seniors. The goal is to reach 300 Seniors. You can send in your donation to the church with Thanksgiving written in the memo area of your check.

Birthdays



Nov. 1	Melanie Orzechowski
Nov. 2	Becky Lehman
Nov. 4	Mike Yeoman
Nov. 5	Jane Jennings
Nov. 6	Mike Merriman
Nov. 10	Chenell Fox
Nov. 11	Betty Wesseldine
Nov. 13	Hayley Fox
Nov. 14	Dave Schellhase
Nov. 16	Randy Bonville, Kristina Tooker
Nov. 17	Millicent Vidal
Nov. 19	Sherry Schellhase
Nov. 20	Shane Todd
Nov. 22	Phyllis Lighthall, Florence LaRock, Grace Todd, Roger Warren
Nov. 23	Nat Smith
Nov. 25	Penny Giraud, Shannon Anderson
Nov. 26	Gail Lehman
Nov. 27	Vic Johnson


Anniversaries

Nov. 16	Nat and Melissa Smith
Nov. 20	Penny & Ernie Giraud
Nov. 22	Bob and Becky Williams



NOVEMBER

2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 p.m. Committee Meetings	2	3	4 ELECTION DAY	5	6
7 10 a.m. Worship Communion DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TURN CLOCKS BACK	8	9 10 a.m. PW Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 10 am Worship	15	16	17	18	19	20 FESTIVAL OF CHRIST- MAS (11 am - 3pm)
21 10 am Worship Operation Shoebox dedication 11:30 am Deacons Meeting	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23	24	25 	26	27
28 10 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	29 7 p.m. Session Meeting	30				

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 23RD**

