

Presbyterian News



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November 2019



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November 3rd

Communion

November 4th

Committee meetings

November 18th

Deacon's Meeting

November 17th - 22nd

Festival of Christmas Setup

November 21st

Newsletter Deadline

November 25th

Session Meeting

November 28th

Thanksgiving

Office Closed

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.



We have new plastic Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in the board room (as well as cardboard ones) for anyone to take and fill. You do not have to fill them to the top because Samaritan's Purse places a stuffed animal and religious materials in the language that the shoeboxes are being sent. You do not have to include the cost of handling as an anonymous donor is contributing to this cause.

A pamphlet with ideas of what to pack and a label for age range and sex to be placed on the outside. The deadline to bring them back is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 24th. Thank you to all who contribute to this outreach.

DIRECTORY UPDATE!!!

The new directories are printed and located in the Narthex, Sanctuary, back Hallway, and Auditorium. Thank you for all your cooperation. John

A Note From Tom Donegan

Days like last Sunday always put me in a bind. Proverbs Chapter 16, verse 18 says "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Yet how can I not be proud of my association with such a loving, generous congregation as you are? And how can I not believe that First Presbyterian of Oneida is the best church I have ever attended?

My apologies for not having something prepared to say to the congregation Sunday morning but the scope of your kind words and gifts truly took me by surprise. The necessary words from me would have made the service extend way too late. I would have mentioned all of you that have positively affected my life, thanks to our time together at this church. And that is a long list.

My parting wish for you is that you find the love, peace and serenity I experienced at First Presbyterian. I thank you for your gifts (way too generous), your kind words, your prayers in times of my need and your laughter at my attempts at humor. I have been blessed with living through that last scene in Jimmy Stewart's "It's a Wonderful Life" when George Bailey's friends shower him with love. My life with you has been wonderful and I can only hope there are churches and people like you near my new home.

As I said at the end of my service a few weeks ago, "God Bless us everyone. Thank you very, very much. You will be gone, but not forgotten. That's the perfect phrase."





Festival of Christmas 2018

*Saturday, November 23rd
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

Luncheon

*11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Chicken & Biscuits with all the trimmings*

SHOPPES

*Antiques & Collectibles
Shop 304
Cookie Booth
Harriet's Boutique
Candy Shoppe
Pins & Needles
Shop Around the Corner
Polly's Pantry
Bake Shoppe
Fair Trade Mission*

DRAWING

*"Reversible" Quilt
or "Barns and Noble"*

*An Original Painting by Tom Donegan
Donation 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00*

FESTIVAL NEWS!!!!

Our annual Festival of Christmas is scheduled for Saturday November 23rd. We are asking for volunteers to assist setting up and taking down. We have many items for the antique booth that require being hauled from downstairs to the stage in the auditorium.

Strong men are the targeted helpers. There are also other duties requiring strong helpers. These tasks would be started after services on Sunday November 17th and conducted throughout the week. Actually there are many other areas requiring volunteers. Without the assistance of the entire congregation this event can't be successful. Each member is valued by our church and thank you for your consideration.

If you are willing and able please contact either John in the Church office or myself

at 315-368-7939 or nrinehard@gmail.com or you can message me.



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of November 2019

Alan Baur
Bryce Bechtel (friend of Zach Thompson)
Jeffery Bortle (Sandy Glynn's son)
Eleanor Breckenridge (Sue Borchardt's mom)
Bob Butler
Marty Canning
Richard and Pam Carrigan
Glade Cook Jr. (nephew of Warrens)
Nancy DeMassa
Mary Lou DeRuby
Peggy Eastman
Jeannine Fariel
John Ferguson
Jillian Felt
Linda Gaut
TJ Gaut
Becky Grasso
Sherry Harrison
Phyllis Harvey
Jamie Hubbard
Wendy Holtz
Millie Johnson
Horace Keller

Jean Kowalik
Sydney Lusher
Maribeth Matthews
Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Dave Meeker Sr.
Marian Meyers
Larry Moorehouse (Bill Butler)
Tom Panasci
Doug Rosekrans
Rich Snyder (Jennifer Colvin's neighbor)
Harold Thompson
Betty Thorpe (Jim's aunt)
Grace Warren
Christopher Wuest
Bill and Dolores Young
Jerry Karen
Michelle Angelia
Nathan 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.

Just a shout out to Missions/Outreach for having the pumpkin painting event last night. The people that attended ranged in all ages. Many brought little kids and some adults came without children. Christian Ed participated by asking the congregation to donate certain items (goldfish, animal crackers, and glow sticks) and then purchased small notebooks for prayer journals and fruit snacks. We sent different scriptures to go with each to John, which he graciously printed for us. A bunch of adults and kids got together to cut out the cards and attach them to each item, in order to get some scripture to go home with each person that attended. I tried to talk to the kids as I handed the items out and sadly, the ones I spoke to had no clue who God is. Like, they looked at me like I was talking a totally different language - and they were elementary aged kids... I feel like this is a crisis and I don't know what we can do about it but it broke my heart. I think having these events is a great start but having more adults and teens involved and we need to find more ways to incorporate who God is during the events...

Hopefully the people that attended will come back Sunday to pick up their photos and if they do, let's all show them the love and grace that Jesus would!! Thank you again to Dave, Cindy, Ginny, and Paul for this amazing event!!



ELDERS

CLASS OF 2019

Doug Lippert
Carol Miller
Kim Paul
Dave Schellhase
Trish Vrooman
Barb Arnold

CLASS OF 2020

Frank Kordziel
Judy Sweet
Becky Williams
Randy Bonville
Carol Wells

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:

George Clark (Georgia's brother)
Jean Tudman (Dorothy's Sister)

CLASS OF 2021

Bill Butler
Lucille Merriman
Pat Thorpe

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Eloise Latino Mary Heavrin

Jane Merritt Addison Jones

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

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

CLASS OF 2019

Cindy Bonville
Lynn Morey
Ginny Pendleton
Perry Tooker IV
Pam West
Stephanie Thompson

CLASS OF 2020

John Merritt
Deborah Owens
Jan Whiting

MISSION EMPHASIS:

Three Voices: Cochran Memorial, Mount Vernon
Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church Vernon
Presbyterian Women, in the Presbytery of Utica
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA) of the PC (USA)
Health Care Chaplain Ministry: Bassett Medical Center, Presbyterian Home

CLASS OF 2021

Andy Froass
Jennawade Skellham

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

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

<i>Nov. 1</i>	<i>Melanie Orzechowski</i>
<i>Nov. 2</i>	<i>Becky Lehman</i>
<i>Nov. 4</i>	<i>Mike Yeoman</i>
<i>Nov. 5</i>	<i>Jane Jennings</i>
<i>Nov. 6</i>	<i>Mike Merriman</i>
<i>Nov. 9</i>	<i>Ginny Root</i>
<i>Nov. 10</i>	<i>Chenell Fox</i>
<i>Nov. 11</i>	<i>Betty Wesseldine</i>
<i>Nov. 13</i>	<i>Hayley Fox</i>
<i>Nov. 14</i>	<i>Dave Schellhase</i>
<i>Nov. 16</i>	<i>Randy Bonville, Kristina Tooker</i>
<i>Nov. 17</i>	<i>Millicent Vidal</i>
<i>Nov. 19</i>	<i>Dolores Dryer, Sherry Schellhase</i>
<i>Nov. 20</i>	<i>Shane Todd</i>
<i>Nov. 22</i>	<i>Phyllis Lighthall, Florence LaRock, Grace Todd, Roger Warren</i>
<i>Nov. 23</i>	<i>Nat Smith</i>
<i>Nov. 25</i>	<i>Penny Giraud, Shannon Anderson</i>
<i>Nov. 26</i>	<i>Gail Lehman</i>
<i>Nov. 27</i>	<i>Vic Johnson</i>

Anniversaries

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



PRAYER MISSION NOVEMBER

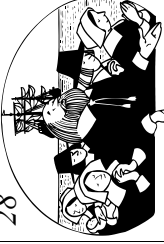
What does hunger in central and northern New

York look like? 1 in 8 individuals is food insecure. The New Life Assembly of God Food Pantry serves between 800 to 1,000 people every month, which is approximately 200 - 240 families, giving them enough food for 9 meals. They also give a loving ear to listen to problems and broken hearts. They pass out information on accessing social services: SNAP



Welcome November

2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:45 am Bible Study 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Communion 11 am Bible Study	4 7 p.m. Committee Meetings	5 ELECTION DAY	6	7 2:30 p.m. The Connection	1 11 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TURN CLOCKS BACK
10 8:45 am Bible Study 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 am Bible Study	11	12	13	14 2:30 p.m. The Connection	15 11 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	16
17 8:45 am Bible Study 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am Bible Study Set Up for Festival	18 Set up 7 pm - Deacons Meeting	19 for Festival	20 All Week	21 2:30 p.m. The Connection NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 11 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	23 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Festival of Christmas
24 9 a.m. Sunday School 8:45 am Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Operation Shoebox dedication 11 am Thank you Party	25 7 p.m. Session Meeting	26 10 am - Presbytery meeting in Ilion	27	28  Thanksgiving	29	30

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 21st**

