

Presbyterian News



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The Church Office will be closed Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

First Presbyterian Church of Oneida Guidelines for Church Services

Entry – Stone Street entry only.

Exit – Broad Street or Parking lot.

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

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 – There will be communion on June 14th. Then on the first Sunday of every month following.

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.



From Pastor Kevin

Joshua 5:9-12 says, 9 Then the Lord said to Joshua, “This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” Therefore, the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day. 10 Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. 11 And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day. 12 Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

Let me set the stage. The Israelites were in the land for 40 years and the Lord provided manna 6 days a week for the whole time. They had to get up and eat the manna because after 24 hours the manna would start to smell.

So, what happened here? The bondage was completely removed. Sometimes it takes longer than we planned. Uncircumcision was associated with the blame on Egypt. Now this is the second generation was here. They were the ones that were circumcised which clearly cut all ties they had to Egyptian Slavery. Just think about it. What happened 40 years ago. Jimmy Carter was still President. MASH was the #1 tv show. A lot has happened since 1979.

So, what did the Israelites do? They demonstrated their faith. They stopped and celebrated Passover. It Reminded them that the inheritance of the Promised Land would be by simple faith in the Blood of the Lamb. We have to know the vision that God has laid on our heart and stop and celebrate the “Passover” knowing it is only by simple faith in the Blood of the Lamb. We need to continually recognize who God is and what He has done.

What happened? They had a change of food. The manna ceased. God was still their provider. God now wanted them now to take personal responsibility from working the land and eating from it. If they tried keeping the manna over 24 hours, it would stink. They could not have stored a year worth of manna just in case. They needed to check our pockets for manna.

We need to have the change in our walk that we know that God is still our provider, but we must take personal responsibility for working our land and doing what we are called to. So many times, we either put our hands up and say if God will just do it or we just do things ourselves and we do not put our trust in God. God is our provider. James 1:17 states, every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. God is the provider however He wants us to trust in Him and plant, water and harvest the opportunities He gives us.

We need to join together and search our pockets for manna and listen to the voice of God. Do you have a new diet or are you still trying to live off the manna? Today is the day for the new diet.



Leif Nicolaisen collects cancelled stamps for the Lion's Club. For every **pound** of **stamps**, Mystic Stamps donates money to this group. I have no idea how many stamps are in a pound. There is a container in the board room for you to donate to this worthy cause. Let's keep Leif very busy as we recycle our mail and save the stamp for the Lion's Club.

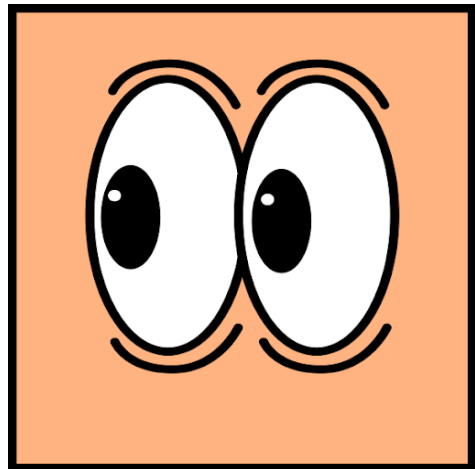
From Session

Important notes from the September 28th Session meeting.

The safety and comfort of the congregation is the most important aspect moving forward for worship on Sunday mornings.

1. With the weather changing, we will have all the doors unlocked for both entry and exit. We ask that you please remain to be socially distant and wear masks as you enter and exit the building.
2. We are going to be starting the choir up with up to 4 members singing on a Sunday. They will be spaced 12 feet apart.
3. The session approved the purchase of four medical HEPA filters to put in the sanctuary. This will filter the air in the sanctuary every minute and will help with removing any droplets that might be in the air. (1,700 purchase if anyone would like to help with this unplanned purchase)
4. We will be dividing the sanctuary in to two parts. The side closer to the piano will be the "protected" area. We ask that everyone who sits in this area is 12 feet apart and keeps their mask on while singing. On the other side, we will ask that families stay 6 feet apart as we have been doing. We feel with the new filtration and these small changes, it will help those that would like the extra protection during these times.
5. We will be sanitizing the mics as well if they are shared.

The stewardship campaign will be starting up in the next couple of weeks. Pledge cards will be mailed out, as well as being available in the sanctuary.



**Our New
Front Doors**



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of April 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
Thomas Crouch	Doug Rosekrans
Nancy DeMassa	Tammy Shephard
John Ferguson	Rich Snyder (Jennifer Colvin's neighbor)
Jillian Felt	Harold Thompson
Malisa Fuller	Betty Thorpe (Jim's aunt)
Linda Gaut	Grace Warren
TJ Gaut	Christopher Wuest
Becky Grasso	Bill and Dolores Young
Sherry Harrison	Jerry Karen
Jamie Hubbard	Michelle Angelia
Wendy Holtz	Heather
Millie Johnson	Patrick Vicky
Horace Keller	

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

Jim Thompson

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 2020

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

CLASS OF 2021

Bill Butler
Lucille Merriman
Pat Thorpe

CLASS OF 2022

Blakelynn Fox

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jim Thompson

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Mary Lou DeRuby

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.

All non essential small business owners who have been bearing the brunt of the shut down.

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

MISSION EMPHASIS:

South Trenton Presbyterian Church, South Trenton
First Presbyterian Church, Springfield
Presbyterian Peace Fellowship of the PC(USA)
First Presbyterian Church, Utica

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:

DEACONS

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Deborah Owens
Jan Whiting

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Mike Bartell
Rose Lockwood
Doug Lockwood
Elli Pfluke
Kathy Nichols



The plan going forward is to reopen Second Hand Rose in the Spring of 2021. The Festival will be postponed until November 2021. Becky Williams and Cathy Opperman are looking into different possibilities of a virtual Festival this November. If you have any ideas please contact Becky and Cathy.

If you have any objections to this course of action please contact me. Nancy Rinehard 315-368-7939 or nrinehard@gmail.com. We hope to contribute whatever is needed to insure our community stays safe and has food and personal items available. More on that in the hopefully near future. Stay safe and may God bless you.

Nancy Rinehard

PW moderator



The Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday October 13th at 10 AM in the church Auditorium. Hope you all can make it miss seeing you ladies.

Nancy Rinehard
Moderator



Birthdays

Oct. 3	Matt Jennings
Oct. 9	Doug Lippert
Oct. 11	Maribeth Matthews
	Traci Todd
Oct. 12	Mike Oot
Oct. 15	Bob Heller
Oct. 16	Jim Hotaling
Oct. 17	Don Kingsley
Oct. 23	Shannon DuChene
	Caroline Hood
	Amanda Burdick
	Khloe Musgrove
Oct. 25	Jessica Fox
Oct. 29	Timothy Butler
Oct. 30	Matthew Bonville
Oct. 31	Carmen Joslyn, Sara Vrooman

Anniversaries

Oct. 5	Kim and Jerry DeRuby
Oct. 12	Frank and Janet Sarensky

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 22ND**

