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From Session

Change is in the air, children and teachers are heading back to school. During our season of change we are still worshiping and continuing on with God's work. Yes, we are without a pastor and using pulpit supply. (Thank you Music and Worship for finding pastors and lay preachers to fill our pulpit.)

Sometime change is uncomfortable. We miss Stuart and his ways of leading worship. Even though we are happy for Stuart's retirement, we must remember this is God's church. Now is the time to discover what God has for us to do next. God will be speaking to us in different words and style but it is still God leading us. He is the same God. In Bible study, Stuart encouraged us to read the same scripture passage from our different versions of the Bible. We would listen and understand the Word with different styles. This is what we are doing right now. Listening in a new way by opening our ears and singing His praise.

We ask that you pray for the search committee as they search for an interim pastor, and for the session. Pray that the strengths and talents of the interim will be exactly what we need at this time and place. Pray that the interim pastor is searching for a church and location such as ours.

Please pray that we open our minds to a new way of worshiping our Lord and reaching out to others in need. - The Session

FROM THE SESSION - FYI

The Session has not taken the summer months off. Our number one item of importance is to have an Interim Pastor in place as soon as we can. The Session asks that you pray for a successful search that finds just the right candidate who is also seeking a church at this time. Divine order is in place.

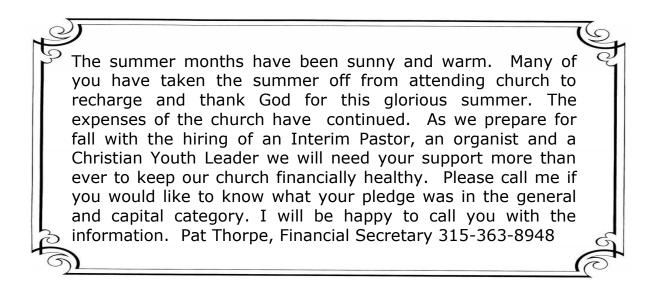
As always, if you have any questions, please contact any of the elders or Pat Thorpe. We will try to answer your questions to the best of our ability.

Starting in September Melinda Feldman, will be our choir director. She has asked the Music & Worship Committee and session to find an organist. Ginny Drake is advertising with an organ organization and periodicals. Please pray for our search for an organist. Interim Pastor Search Committee members are: Ginny Drake, Doug Lippert, Carol Miller, Dave Schellhase and Becky Williams. They will be responsible for reviewing resumes of candidates applying for this position. This committee will present their recommendations to the session and the session will hire the Interim Pastor.

This is a confidential matter and please do not ask them particulars of this search. The church that the Interim is now serving may not know that he/she is searching a new calling.

Rev. Jeanne Kumbalek is our representative from the COM (Committee on Ministry). It was recommended that we send out monthly newsletters during this time of transition to keep all members informed. Those receiving the newsletter by e-mail will continue to do so.

The bulletin will be printed in black and white as well as the newsletter. This is on a trial basis or until the Interim Pastor is hired. Please share your thoughts on this with any of the elders.





<u>September 2nd</u>	Communion
<u>September 3rd</u>	OFFICE CLOSED
<u>September 9th</u>	Back to Church Sunday
<u>September 9th</u>	Sunday School registration
<u>September 10th</u>	Commíttee meetings
<u>September 11th & 12th</u>	Presbyterían Women's Retreat at Vanderkamp
<u>September 16th</u>	Sunday School starts
<u>September 16th</u>	Choir resumes
<u>September 17th</u>	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
<u>September 17th</u>	Deacons meeting
<u>September 18th</u>	Presbyterían Women starts
<u>September 21th</u>	Ladies Bible Study starts
<u>September 23rd</u>	Confirmation meeting after worship
<u>September 24th</u>	Session meeting
<u>October 4th</u>	Connection starts

Try Online Giving!



Visit our church website and read and follow the tutorial that is placed there. Or you can go directly to our giving page (see address below).

www.presbyterianmissionexchange.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Youth Ministry Fall News Information for the 2018-19 Church School Year

September 16th will kick off the new "Church School" year!! Thinking of the quote, "Without Change, there would be no Butterflies," we have decided to recreate our programs for the upcoming school year. Instead of the traditional "Sunday School" for all model, the education of our youth will look like this:

6 months to Kindergarten:	- Nursery where there will be a 15 minute Bible story each week
Grades 1- 5	- Children's Church, weekly, following the Children's Sermon
Grades 6-8	- LIVE Sunday School (bring your cell phones)
Grades 9 - college!!	- LIVE Sunday School (bring your cell phones)

We are looking forward to this new approach!! Parents, we need you all to make this a success, not only on Sunday mornings but throughout the week at home through the app!!

We look forward to partnering with all generations through the spiritual guidance of our youth, as we all promise during each baptism.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 9th - BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY - Youth led service, come learn what teen church means to our older youth. Join us during the coffee hour to register your children for the upcoming church school year.

September 23rd - Meeting immediately following worship to discuss plans for the next Confirmation class. Anyone with children in grades 7 and up are asked to attend - we want your input!!

January 2019 - Volunteer training - any NEW volunteers, contact Kristin Tooker for more information.

We are actively pursing a new Director of Youth Ministry. We have ads in various publications and we hope to have this position filled very soon.

Oneida Area Vacation Bible School



A Big Thank You to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School "SHIPWRECKED". We had 87 children who attended where they learned they were Rescued by Jesus!! Thanks also to our 37 volunteers. Without them this never could have happened.

Think about joining us next year for **ROARI**, where we learn that Life is Wild, but God Is Good.







This is an early reminder that you and your child can begin now to collect items that will fit in a shoebox. This month, as you're out shopping, pick up one or two items at a time and gradually fill up your shoebox. Gear gifts for each box to a boy or girl. Ages per shoebox are 2-4 years, 5 -9 years or 10-14 years. There are brochures on the Stone Street table which give you ideas what to put in your shoebox, and what are items that you can't put in. This is the best time of year to pick up school supplies, as they are all on sale. This year we have an anonymous donor who will pay shipping for the boxes. If you decide that you still wish to pay postage, it is \$7, put it in the box, and put a sticky note on the outside of the box saying the postage is inside.

We will have OCC shoeboxes available in the board room, over by the coffee pot, and there will be brochures on the Stone Street table very soon. If you use a regular shoebox, wrapping is not necessary; however, do put a label (found on the back of the OCC brochure) denoting boy or girl and age on the shoebox and put a strong rubber band around the box. If you wish to wrap the box in brightly colored paper, please wrap the top and bottom of the box separately and put the label on it denoting boy or girl and age with a rubber band around it. Don't include breakable items, liquid items, chocolate, perishable items or toy weapons, etc.

We will collect them on or before November 11th or 18th. More details to follow.

Veterans of First Presbyterian Church

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We are attempting to update our Military Veterans list. If you do not see your name on the list or know someone who should be included please send an email to the Military Outreach Committee at <u>ofpcmilitaryoutreach@gmail.com</u> with the name and branch of military. We do not want to miss anyone in our upcoming celebrations. We will honor veterans who are church members and non-members who attend our church.

Jack Arnold	US Navy	Don Miller	US Marines
Bill Ausman	US Navy	Lynn Morey	US Air Force
Bill Butler	US Army	John Musgrove	US Marines
Bob Colway	US Navy	Leif Nicolaisen	US Army
Lloyd Denning	US Army	Jim Opperman	US Navy
Jeremy Eastman	US Army	Doug Rosekrans	US Navy
Jerry Fuller	US Air Force	Jim Sweet	US Army
Bob Heller	US Army	Joe Todd	US Army
Jim Hotaling	US Air Force	O. Perry Tooker III	US Navy
Victor Johnson	US Army	Roger Warren	US Air Force
Horace Keller	US Army	Lou White	US Air Force
Allan Little	US Navy	Bill Young	US Navy
George Mendoza	US Marines		

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

(formerly Peacemaking Offering) will start on September 9. Please support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church so that peace may abound throughout the world. As you contribute to the offering consider the difference your generosity can make. Offering envelopes will be available in the pews.

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The Worship Technology Committee is looking for someone to join the projector rotation schedule for Sunday Worship. Please contact one of the Tech Committee members: Ian Farwell, Phil Dearmore or Trish Vrooman.



NEW ARRIVAL

Lucas Alberto Wattles, born August 26, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, 22 inches long, son of Jeremy and Darline Wattles, grandson of Stuart and Jenny Wattles



CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREW OPPERMAN AND SHANNON SIRIANO WHO WERE MARRIED AUGUST 4TH, 2018.



From Missions / Outreach Committee: First Presbyterian Church Food Cupboard

Please check out the donated cupboard at the top of the stairs near the Presbyterian Women's storage closet. Bill and Kris Agan graciously gave it to us to store the food you all donated at Eastertime. If you know of anyone in need of staples, please utilize the bags near the cupboard to help feed the hungry. Thank you!





Save the Date Presbyterian Women's Retreat at Vanderkamp! September 11 - 12, 2018 "Mission Is Everywhere"

Cost: \$70.00 (includes three meals, room & linen service)
Note: Linen service includes all bedding and towels

Do Not bring sleeping bags, etc.

Bring: A change of clothes, personal items, comfortable shoes, a flashlight, pen/pencil and paper for notes

Registration due by Sept. 1, 2018 (on the Stone St. table)

<u>Festíval</u> - November 17, 2016

Yes, it's too early to be thinking about Christmas, but it's <u>not</u> too early to be thinking about our festival.

As you plant your gardens, harvest your berries, do your jam and jelly making and canning, please set aside some of your labors for Polly's Pantry.

In your leisure hours, as you do your crafts and needlework, plan on donating some of your efforts to Needles and Pins.

As we all work together, we will again have a successful festival and we will offer the community a great alternative to the malls for their Christmas shopping. Thanks in advance for all your help!





Second Hand Rose takes consignments on women's and children's clothing and small household items in new to nearly new condition. Hours are Wed. -Sat. 11 AM - 3 PM. Consignments are taken from 11 -2 each day. Phone: 366-9900

Second Hand Rose

The shop is closed and will re-open on Wednesday, September 5. Our Annual Bag Sale will start Saturday, September 8. We will start taking Fall and Winter clothing consignments on September 12. Support this small shop and mission - Tell your friends!

Thank you

Sandy Glynn would like to thank all the people in the church who offered prayers and thoughts when Don's life was in crisis mode.

Pat Heller would like to thank the ladies of the church for the beautiful bouquet of flowers that you sent to her. She is touched by your thoughtfulness.

SNOW BIRD PICNIC

We would like to thank Judy Parker for hosting the Snow Bird Picnic. Everyone had a great time!





LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of September, 2018

Abby Bartell	Dawn Kimball (Donna Ausman's sister)
Alan Baur	Jean Kowalik
Bryce Bechtel (friend of Zach Thompson)	Phillip LaGoy (friend of Deb Whiting)
Darlene Burke	Florence LaRock
Bob Butler	Eloise Latino
Loyal and Marty Canning	Mary Lauber (Cathy Opperman's mother)
Terry Clark (friend of Melissa Smith)	Maribeth Matthews
Glade Cook Jr. (nephew of Warrens)	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Nancy DeMassa	Dave Meeker Sr.
Mary Lou DeRuby	Marian Meyers
David Eastman	Jeanne Miller
Jeannine Fariel	Donna Morgan (friend of Ethel Abbott)
Fran Fedrizzi (friend of Deb Whiting)	Tom Panasci
John Ferguson	Joe Ponto
Jillian Felt	Rich Snyder (Jennifer Colvin's neighbor)
Becky Grasso	Harold Thompson
Phyllis Harvey	Betty Thorpe (Jim's aunt)
Michael Hayes (friend of Melissa Smith)	Beverly Vineall
Pat Heller	Christopher Wuest
Sarah Hrim (Georgia Fox's sister)	Bill and Dolores Young
Jamie Hubbard	Michelle
Vic and Millie Johnson	Nathan
Horace Keller	Sharon

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 SEPTEMBER

Liberty Resources is one of Central New York's most diversified and trusted human service agencies. Founded in 1978 by a concerned group of citizens who wished to develop community based services in Madison County. Providing residential and non-

residential services to individuals and families, their present services include Mental Health; Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, families and youth involved in the child welfare system, domestic violence services; services to persons in recovery; and diversified case management services. Liberty Resources strives for excellence in all areas – as an employer, service provider, and a corporate citizen of the CNY community.



SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:

Bill James (Vanderkamp director), Annarose Catello (Cindy Bonville's mom), Louise Thompson (eye surgery), Marty Canning, Peg Eastman, Frieda Phoenix (friend of Nancy James)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Sylvia DeMassa, Lois, Rick Wallace, Patty Morey, Bob Mechalke, Millie Happle, Madline Manatilo, Rev. Thomas Hast, Annette Grasso (friend of Bonvilles), Peter Mechalke, Riley Zabele (friend of Zach Thompson), Marie Littebrant, Flora Jane Rafte (Jim & Sandy Houseman's sister), Shirley Collier (Don Miller's sister), Grace Kaiding (especially Deb Owen's brother Neil), Maria Fey, Coby Stevens (friend of Clay West)

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

- Refugees, Christian martyrs and others at risk from ISIS.
- Please pray for students (especially college students) and teachers returning to classes.

MISSION EMPHASIS:

Three Steeples United Church, Paris

Pray for those who are serving overseas; Colin Whitcombe; the U.S. Armed For our MILITARY 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, Harley Whitmeyer, Howard Bantle, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, Matthew Winchell, John Goodwill, Jeff Carpenter, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Michael McMahon, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Nate Borchardt.

Bírthdays

Sept. 1	Blakelynne Fox
Sept. 2	Sandy Glynn, Elizabeth Tooke
	Austín Wíllíams
Sept. 3	John Musgrove
Sept. 5	Nancy Rínehard
Sept. 6	Carol Wells, Frank Kordziel
Sept. 8	Míchelle Yeoman,
	Melinda Feldmann
Sept. 9	Jím Baker
Sept. 11	Joe Campaníe
Sept. 13	Brían Baker, Abram Colvín
Sept. 14	Ginny Drake
Sept. 16	Judy Parker
Sept. 17	Debbie Wimett
Sept. 22	Georgia Merritt
Sept. 23	Debbie Owens, Bill Young
Sept. 25	Joe Todd
Sept. 27	Ann Oot
Sept. 29	Benjamin Bailey, Matt Winch
Sept. 30	Jím Opperman
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Anníversaríes

Don and Carol Miller Sept. 10 Loyal and Marty Canning Sept. 13 Bob and Pat Heller Sept. 16 Bill and Donna Ausman Sept. 18 Bill and Dolores Young Sept. 19 Bob and Pam West Sept. 20 Mike and Michelle Yeoman Chuck and Ginny Pendleton Sept. 22 Brían and Kathy Gay



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DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 17th









Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10 a.m. Worship Communion	3 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	4 7 pm - OACC meeting	5	6	7	8
9 BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 10 a.m. Worship Sunday School registration	10 7 pm - Committee Meetings	11 2 pm Presbyterian Women Fall Retreat - at Vanderkamp	12 2 pm Presbyterian Women Fall Retreat - back	13	14	15
16 9 a.m. Sunday School starts 10 a.m. Worship Choir resumes	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 pm Deacons	18 10 am Presbyterian Women	19	20	21 11 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	22
23 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Confirmation meeting	24 7 pm Session Meeting	25 5 p.m Presbytery Meeting - location to be announced	26	27	28 11 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	29
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