

Presbyterian News



EDITION

September 2020



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The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor 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.



CHOIR NEWS

The Choir will be returning to sing during worship beginning September 20th. They will be following the CDC Covid guidelines and will be located in the first three pews on the organ side of the sanctuary.

MUSIC News

WE ALL WISH BRIAN SNYDER GOOD LUCK AT SUNY BINGHAMTON WHERE HE WILL BE STUDYING BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY. WE HAVE ALL ENJOYED YOUR PLAYING OVER THE PAST YEAR.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES BACK MELINDA PHOENIX-HEART AS THE FULLTIME ACCOMPANIST AND ORGANIST.



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

On June 22 the session approved Ian Farwell to purchase a camera and other equipment for online streaming of Sunday worship services. The camera will zoom, tilt and pan to see the organist, choir, minister and communion table. It will tie into the sound system and make it sound like you are 'in church'. Many have been viewing the worship service who are far away or cannot attend a Sunday worship service. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the service but you will need a computer, I Pad, or other devices to go on our webpage www.oneidafirstpres@oneidafirstpres.org. We thank the members of the Technology committee that allow our worship to continue in this new way. Thank you, Ian Farwell, Trish Vrooman and Phil Dearmore, for your time, talents and your dedicated service. As of this writing, the items are on back order because of the high demand. You will notice the change once we start using the new equipment.

Session will continue to meet via Zoom starting September 28th at 7 PM.

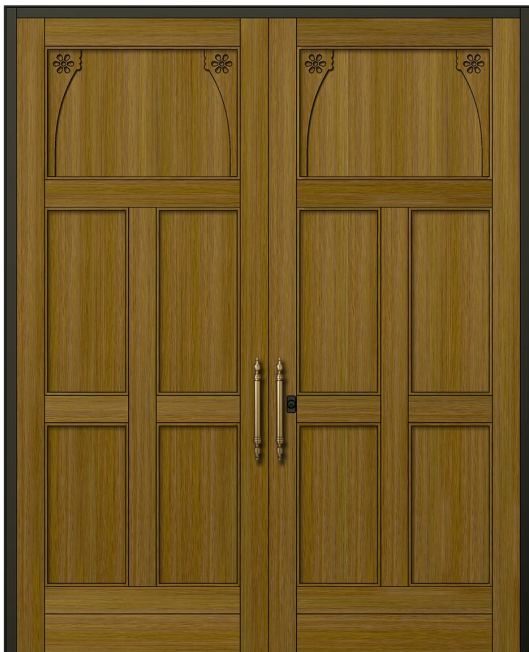
Committee meetings will start up this fall under Covid guidelines. We will not gather in the sanctuary the first Monday evening of the month. The committees will discuss on how and where they will meet. Some committees may choose to meet when the church office is open in another part of the church but please let the office know so the area can be wiped clean afterwards.

These changes feel awkward and we miss our 'usual' way of doing everything. We miss fellowship and talking with other before and after worship (the coffee). The touch of a hand and seeing a smile instead of a mask. We must stay faithful and diligent in our connection with each other and in our worship to God. God will guide us. Divine order is in place. The hymn from last Sunday "Great is Thy Faithfulness" has been running in my mind all week. Yes, He is faithful and we are grateful for our glorious God and our Father. Pat Thorpe, Clerk of Session

First Presbyterian Church Oneida, NY

Main Entrance
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02-14-2020



Aluminum Doors in a Dark Acacia (DS733/1001) Woodtone Finish

The new front doors are expected to be installed during the first couple weeks of September. There was a delay because the machine that finishes the door broke down and parts had to be ordered.

We are looking for ideas for the current set of doors. They are an integral history of the church and rather than discard them we would like to repurpose them and keep them somewhere in the church. Please call or email the church office with your ideas. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Phone: 315-363-7590

Email: oneidafirstpres@oneidafirstpres.org



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
Mary Lou DeRuby	Rich Snyder (Jennifer Colvin's neighbor)
John Ferguson	Harold Thompson
Jillian Felt	Betty Thorpe (Jim's aunt)
Malisa Fuller	Grace Warren
Linda Gaut	Christopher Wuest
TJ Gaut	Bill and Dolores Young
Becky Grasso	Jerry Karen
Sherry Harrison	Michelle Angelia
Jamie Hubbard	Heather
Wendy Holtz	Patrick Vicky
Millie Johnson	
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

Kim LeBlanc

Jack Arnold

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:

Jack Arnold

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Don Miller

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:

First Presbyterian Church, Rome
Weaving Home Ministries in Old Forge
The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Utica
Three Steeples United Church, Paris

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





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Committee Meetings will meet per committee agreement on date and time 6 10 a.m. Worship Communion Sunday School registration	1 OFFICE CLOSED	1 8	2 9	3 10	4 11	5 12
13 BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 9 a.m. Sunday School starts 10 a.m. Worship Choir resumes	14	15 10 am Presbyterian Women	16	17	18	19
20 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	21 8 pm Deacons Meeting	22 5 p.m. - Presbytery meeting at Lyons Falls	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24	25	26
27 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	28 7 pm Session Meeting	29	30			

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 23RD**

