



# Pres Clippings

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## A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of the Risen Christ,  
Be with us today and always.  
Be our Light, our Guide,  
And our Comforter.  
Be our Strength, our Courage,  
And our Sanctifier.*

*May this new year be a time  
Of deep spiritual growth for us,  
A time of welcoming  
Your graces and gifts,  
A time for forgiving freely  
And unconditionally,  
A time for growing  
In virtue and goodness.*

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
Be with us today and always.  
Amen.*



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2017 Christmas  
Flowers List**

*Please Remember!*  
"FEED MY SHEEP"

January 7th:  
APPLESAUCE  
& CANNED FRUITS  
& CANNED  
VEGETABLES

## **THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE**

**January 7, 2018 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Baptism of the Lord**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Rev. Cindy Weaver will lead us in worship and preach. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Barb Cacciotti, Jane Ivanick, Sue Kruckow,** and **Nan Peterson.** The Deacons preparing Communion by intinction are **Barb Cacciotti** and **Nan Peterson.** The Elders serving Communion by intinction will be **Stacia Kruckow, Greg Lamb, Connie LaVere, Marcia Metcalfe, Kera Stanley,** and **Rehana Stanley.** The Lay Reader will be **Bill Ostrander.** The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Marcia Metcalfe** and **Rich Buchheimer.** All are welcome to attend!

## **NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE**

**January 14, 2018 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will lead us in worship and preach. The **"Top Shelf"** singers will sing. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Linda Proper, Ron Rehner, Mike** and **Rehana Stanley.** The Lay Reader will be **Norm Schamel.** The Fellowship Hour will be hosted by **Norm** and **Alida Schamel.** The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Mike** and **Betsey Crimmins.** All are welcome to attend!

## **CHURCH OFFICE NEWS**

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins is currently out of the office through Sunday, January 7, 2018. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the Rev. David Preisendanz, North Presbyterian Church, Elmira NY, at 734-2977.

**THANK YOU** to **everyone** who gave food donations to our Giving Tree Reverse Advent Calendar. The North Pres Food Pantry is very appreciative of all your donations.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Sunday morning worship service on December 24th...the **Chancel Choir** for singing and the **Brass Ensemble** for playing...**Gary Tucker** for playing the organ...**Harry Fitzsimmons, Ron Rehner, Tom** and **Betsy Stegbauer** for Greeting and Ushering...**John, Kera, Isabella, Hazel Stanley,** and **Jalen Fulwood** for lighting the Advent Candles...**Ron Rehner** for Lay Reading...**The First Pres Works/Mission Committees, Mike Crimmins, Pam Mathes, Kelli Tucker,** and **Joanne Tunison** for helping in hosting the Fellowship Hour.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Sunday Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service on December 24th...the **Chancel Choir** for singing and the **Brass Ensemble (Scott Kelley, Jeff Stempien, Scott Becker, Rebecca Dodson-Webster, Nate Rinnert)** for playing...**Gary Tucker** for playing the organ...**Barb Cacciotti, Mike Crimmins, Pam Mathes, Connie, Rich** and **Andrew LaVere** for Greeting and Ushering...**Jillian Haner-Gee, Tyler, Kailey,** and **Mercedes Gee** for lighting the Advent Candles...**Megan Swatling, Scott Kelley** and the **Chancel Choir** for singing...**Jill Kelley** for playing her flute.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Sunday worship service on December 31st...**Tom Leslie** and **Patricia Kapusta** for leading...**Rich Buchheimer,**



### CHURCH FAMILY

Our prayers of joy and congratulations extend to God on behalf of **Dr. Sarah Crimmins** and **Dr. Doug Orbaker** on the birth of their new baby girl on December 27, 2017. She joins her big sister, Elise Orbaker. Proud grandparents are **Mike** and **Betsey Crimmins**.



**Barb Cacciotti, Dennis and Nancy Cooper** for Greeting and Ushering...**Alida Schamel** for Lay Reading...**Mike** and **Patricia Kapusta** for giving the Chancel Flowers, “The Chancel Flowers are given today in celebration of our wedding anniversary.”

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class invites you to join them at **9:30 a.m.** in the parlor area on **Sunday, January 7, 2018** to discuss the Gospel of Mark, chapter 5. Please come and join us!

#### KITCHEN RENOVATION SCHEDULE

- **January 2, 2018**—Kitchen demolition starts (Elmira Structures Co.)
- **January 2—16, 2018** (or beyond) - Kitchen being remodeled. The kitchen will not be available for the month of January (or possibly longer).

#### A NEW PLACE FOR RECYCLING ITEMS



If you are bringing your recycling items to the church, please put your recyclables (metal items, deposit bottles, and plastic items) in the tan colored recycling shed, located outside near the blue dumpster bins. Metal recycling includes: tin cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pans and other metal objects. Please make sure all items for recycling are thoroughly washed out. Please remove paper

labels from the metal cans. Thank you.

#### STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

**Greg Lamb, Chairperson**

At this point we are in the midst of wrapping up this year’s campaign. There are still a handful of people who have historically pledged, but as of yet not filled in their pledge card and sent it in. I know this is a busy time, however, our church needs to know where we financially stand as we head into the new fiscal year. Our church needs your support. So if you can and do intend to pledge, please get your pledges into the church office to Sue Weaver as quickly as possible. Merry Christmas and Thank you. ~ Greg Lamb

#### UNHANGING OF THE GREENS

**Saturday, January 6, 2018**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

How beautiful the Sanctuary looks all decorated for Christmas! The Christmas season ends all too quickly and we have to carefully pack away all the garlands and decorations. It’s not just that many hands make light work; it’s the fun and laughs we have along the way! There’s something for people of all ages to do. Join the good times!

#### 2018 FLOWER CHART

The 2018 Chancel Flower Chart is now posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the kitchen. You are welcome

to sign up for your favorite date(s) when you chose to provide the Chancel Flowers for worship. Bouquets for the chancel are \$40 each. Unless otherwise indicated by the donor, the flowers then are separated into bouquets after worship. The bouquets are then delivered to those who are sick or homebound, by the Deacons.

### **VOLUNTEER AT THE FOOD BANK!**



Volunteers are needed to support the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. We have committed to the Food Bank to work a 6-8 p.m. shift on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next volunteer time is on January 11, 2018. If you are able and interested in helping our First Pres group help the Food Bank we would love to have you join us. If you would like to get a better idea about what the Food Bank of the Southern Tier does you can go to their website at [www.foodbankst.org](http://www.foodbankst.org)

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**Thursday, January 25, 2018**

**1 - 6 p.m. ~ Hoffman Great Room**

When was the last time you thought about donating blood? A momentary inconvenience can save a life! There is a great need for blood in our area. Walk-ins are welcome at any time. You may schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RedCross or by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### **PRES CLIPPINGS SCHEDULE**

Pres Clippings will be published the weeks of January 2 and 8, 2018. There will be no Pres Clippings published the week of January 15. Please submit articles by 10 a.m. on the Monday of the week that Pres Clippings is to be published. Thank you.



### **UPCOMING CONCERT! SOUTHERN TIER ALL STAR JAZZ BAND CONCERT**

**Friday, February 9, 2018**

**7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

The longest running dance band in Central New York State, the Southern Tier All-Star Jazz Band has been together since 1983. Big band sound of Ellington, Basie, Dorsey and more. There will be a dinner prior to the concert.

### **KNITTING4PEACE POD**

The K4P Pod meets every Tuesday from **3 – 4:30 p.m.** in the Genesis room. Please come and join us to knit and/or crochet. Right now we are in need of Peace Pal dolls, mittens and baby blankets (at least 24” length & width). Every stitch is a prayer for peace.

### **HOST A FELLOWSHIP HOUR “CARRY-IN & CARRY-OUT”**

Due to the upcoming kitchen remodeling, the Fellowship Hour for the month of January 2018 will be a “carry-in & carry-out” system. The sign-up sheet for the month of January is on the bulletin board in the hallway by the kitchen. Coffee will be the only beverage and provided by the church. Thank you.

### **HABITAT BUILD**

Thank you for participating in Habitat builds this past year. I hope you can join us on **January 27, 2018**. To sign up or if you have any questions, please contact Barb Fitzsimmons (607) 562-8095.

### **2018 PLEDGE ENVELOPES**

The 2018 Pledge Envelopes are now available to those who requested them. The envelopes are located on a table in the Narthex area, labeled with your name. There are a few extra boxes of pledge envelopes for anyone who wants to request a box. If you would like a box of pledge envelopes, please contact Susan Weaver, Financial Secretary, in the office at 734-1614.

### **SCRIP CARD ORDER FORM**

Do you have a birthday celebration coming up? Will you be making a purchase from Sears, Lowes or one of the many stores on our list? Then please consider paying with a Scrip Card. Order forms are in the narthex area. Please submit your order form to the office. We will call or email you when your cards are in. Can't wait for a card? We have an inventory of cards available now from the following stores and restaurants: Amazon, Bed Bath & Beyond, Dunkin Donuts, Family Video, Panera Restaurant, Speedway, Starbucks, Subway, Target, Walmart and Weis. Please see Sue Weaver or call the church office (734-1614) to purchase any of the cards that we have on hand right now. Scrip orders are as easy as 1-2-3!

### **WHAT'S IN A NAME TAG?**

A name tag isn't just a sticker. It is a statement. Instead of being a nameless statistic or just another face in the crowd, wearing a nametag gives you an immediate personal identity. A nametag is a conversation starter. The hardest part of a conversation often is getting it started. Where do you begin? The easiest way to begin a conversation is with someone's name. So what's in a name tag?

Lots of power! Name tags contain identity and invite us to do what we are wired up to do which is to connect with one another. Let's be powerful; let's all wear our name tags! If you don't have a name tag, please speak to Rev. Crimmins or send an email to Kelly Stewart, Church Secretary, at [kespreselm@stny.rr.com](mailto:kespreselm@stny.rr.com).

### **SHEEP CART FOOD DONATIONS**



We appreciate all the non-perishable food donations to the food pantry that is given to the North Presbyterian Church. Please check the **USE BY/SELL BY DATES**

when donating food items. The food pantry cannot take any expired food. The food cart is located in the missionary lobby. Thank you.

### **BONE BUILDERS**

The Bone Builders group meets in the Hoffman Great Room of our church every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** Bone Builders is run by the Chemung Volunteer Action Corps (CVAC). It is an exercise program designed to help prevent bone loss and to build on existing bone mass. The program is for both men and women. If you are looking for exercise that increases your strength and is good for your bones, consider joining Bone Builders. To join, please contact CVAC at 734-4161 for information and ask to have an enrollment packet sent to you.

The **TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING** for December 2017 was \$43.70. Thank you for giving.



## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**



*“May you shine the Light of Christ in the New Year!”*

The Rev. Dr. Betsey R. Crimmins, Pastor

Felix Perez, Outreach & Service Specialist

Gary Tucker, Organist

Scott Kelley, Instrumental Director

Kelly Stewart, Church Secretary

Fred Betschen, Church Treasurer

Barbara Squires, Clerk of Session

Melissa Moore, Director of Music

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