



Pres Clippings

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When a loved one dies, a whole series of strong emotions tend to be unleashed. Even when people say that they are prepared for the death of a loved one, emotional as well as circumstantial surprises can throw people off balance. At the same time, the church is called upon to assist people in planning funerals or memorial services for loved ones, increasingly with little involvement or guidance from a funeral director. Taking seriously our role as Christians and as a community of faith to offer a ministry of love and hope to all who grieve, the Worship and Music Committee, Deacons and Session have put together a Funeral or Memorial Service Handbook. The purpose of the handbook is to assist people in planning a funeral or memorial service in our sanctuary or at another location.

Print copies and electronic copies of the handbook are now available. If you would like a copy of the handbook, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Love and peace, Betsey

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THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE

February 3, 2019 ~ 10:30 a.m.

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Sacrament of Holy Communion

“Souper” Bowl Sunday

The Rev. Tim Hawk will lead us in worship and preach in the sanctuary. The **Chancel Choir** will sing. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Judy Gooding, Liz Holloway, Pat Wald, and Deborah Watts**. The Minutes for Mission will be given by **Rev. Tim Hawk and Rehana Stanley**. The Lay Reader will be **Dottie Tholfsen**. The Children’s Sermon will be given by **Rev. Tim Hawk, Rehana Stanley, and Joanne Tunison**. The Deacons preparing Communion will be **Lynn Hombuckle, Nan Peterson, and Terry Horton**. The Elders serving Communion

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INSERT:
Lunch & Learn
Health Meets Food

Please Remember!

“FEED MY SHEEP”
February 3rd:

WHOLE GRAIN CEREALS

(all varieties)

by intinction will be **Mark Ivanick, Cynthia Malcovitch, Alida Schamel, Mike Stanley, and Chuck Stewart.** The Fellowship Hour will be hosted by **Carole Wereski.** The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Dottie Tholfsen.** Childcare is available. All are welcome to attend!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Sunday, February 3rd, our

youth will be participating in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring. Following the service, they will be in the Narthex with soup pots collecting donations for the North Pres Food Bank and the Community Kitchen. They are also asking for non-perishable food items to be brought into the sanctuary when you enter for the service. Please bring your items to the front and place them on the stone steps. Let's demonstrate our FPC spirit in a BIG way and help to make a difference in the food insecurity in our community!!



PLEASE NOTE: The adventure at the Trampoline Park in Vestal, scheduled for Sunday, February 3, has been postponed. We will reschedule the event. Stay tuned for details!

NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE

February 10, 2019 ~ 10:30 a.m.

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Dedication of Knitting4Peace Items

Team Puerto Rico will lead us in worship and offer the morning message. The **Chancel Choir** will sing. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Barb Cacciotti, Brenda Miller, Mike**

and **Rehana Stanley.** The Lay Reader will be **Tom Leslie.** The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Wendy and Duke Carroll.** There will be a **Lunch and Learn Event** following the worship service in the Hoffman Great Room. All are welcome to attend!

PRESENTING.....

TEAM PUERTO RICO 2019

TPR 2019 will lead the worship service on Sunday, February 10th. The Children's Sermon and the Morning Message will be combined and be in a Town Hall format. This is an opportunity for the children and the congregation to interact with team members, asking questions about any part of the this "mission"/"partnership experience. Please feel free to ask questions, be they related to finances, transportation, lodging, meals, site work, the Presbyterian Church in lares, PR. Adults, this will be a great learning opportunity for the children to exercise their "curiosity" about how this all works. We look greatly forward to sharing this time with you and we thank you wholeheartedly for all of your support over the last 5 months.

SAVE THE DATE!

HEALTH MEETS FOOD

VALENTINE'S LUNCH

The next Lunch and Learn will take place following Sunday worship on Sunday, February 10, 2019. This event is for everyone. The Health Meets Food 6 week series will begin on Thursday, March 7 and run through Thursday, April 11. Stay tuned for more updates and registration.

A REMINDER: If a state of emergency has been declared by the Chemung County

government due to weather, the church will be closed. That means that if the state of emergency is on a Sunday morning, we will not be having a worship service as well as other activities that day.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Sunday morning worship service on January 27th...**Liz Holloway, Alida Schamel, Tom** and **Betsy Stegbauer** for Greeting and Ushering...the **Chancel Choir** for singing...**Rich Buchheimer** and **Ron Tunison** for giving the Minutes for Mission...**Desiree Rogers** for Lay Reading...**Connie LaVere** for helping in the nursery...**Lynn Hornbuckle** for leading Sunday School...**Michelle Giacchino** and family for giving the Chancel Flowers, "The Chancel Flowers are given in honor and celebration of Xavier's 12th Birthday!"...**Carole Wereski** for hosting the Fellowship Hour.

OFFICE NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will be out of the office from February 3-9, 2019. If you have any pastoral needs during this time, you may contact the Rev. Tim Hawk (607-378-9804) or one of the Deacons of the church.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a common-sense approach to interpreting the book of Revelation. The **Adult Sunday School Class** will tackle Revelation under the teaching leadership of Tim Hawk. Join us each Sunday at **9:30 a.m.** in Room 10 for this exciting study!

TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

It's time to come to Sunday School! Sunday School for all youth will take place

during the worship service. Lessons with a great multi-age curriculum will begin at approximately **10:50 a.m.** each Sunday. Children will be dismissed from worship to Sunday School immediately after the children's sermon. Please come and join us!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

It's not too late to make a pledge for 2019. Every pledge and contribution is important. If you need a pledge card, please call the church office at 734-1614. Please do your part and do what you can. Thank you.

JUST FYI: The paper goods; plates, napkins, cups, to go containers, etc., have been consolidated to one location in the store room for everyone one to use. Please check the stock before you buy more of these items. When they do need to be replaced they will come out of the B & G budget.

First, First, FIRST...

Our first "First Friday Family Fun Night" of the year at First Pres will be on **Friday, February FIRST**, from **6-8 p.m.** in the Hoffman Great Room. This month's theme will be the ever popular "Family Game Night." As this is our first meeting since the holidays, we're inviting all the kids to bring their favorite Christmas present to show and a family game to share! The event is free and open to the community, with snacks, refreshments and FUN included. For more information or to RSVP, please call Mike Kapusta at 989-984-7015. Hope to see you there!



HABITAT NEWS!

Habitat Night at the Enforcers- Friday, February 1, 2019. Tickets are \$12.00 with \$2.00 of each ticket going to Chemung County Habitat for Humanity. Contact Barb or Harry by January 27th if you are interested in tickets. Contact info for both events: 607-562-8095 or b2fitz@yahoo.com

CIRCLE OF WOMEN

You are invited to join the Circle of Women for their next meeting on **Monday, February 4, 2019, at 10 a.m.** in the Great Room. All women are invited.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, February 28, 2019

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

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Book Discussion Group invites you, not read and discuss a book, but to come to watch and discuss a movie! The group will be showing the movie, "Wonder" on **Friday, March 1,** at 7 p.m. Here's a little bit about the movie: the movie is about a boy name Auggie Pullman. Auggie was born with facial distortions. His parents homeschooled him up until the 5th grade, when he went to a school for the first time. This heartwarming tale is based on the book of the same name. The movie is rated PG and of course, there is no cost. Just come! You will leave inspired!

NEWS FROM OUR KNITTING4PEACE GROUP

Our Knitting4Peace group has been accepted to exhibit at the Twin Tiers Mini **Maker Faire** on **April 27, 2019.** This year's Maker Faire will be held at Corning Community College. Come see us there! For information about the Maker Faire please visit <http://twintiers.makerfaire.com>.

Our Peace Pod meets every **Tuesday,** from **3 – 4:30 p.m.** in the Genesis room. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet or would like to polish off rusty skills, drop in. There's always someone there who can help you. If you can't make meetings, you are welcomed to knit or crochet at home. For further instructions and patterns, visit www.knitting4peace.org or speak with Sue Weaver or Kelly Stewart.

CHANCEL FLOWER CHART 2019

The new 2019 Chancel Flower Chart is now posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the kitchen. Please feel free to sign-up for giving the Sunday Chancel Flowers. The next available dates are **February 17 & 24.** 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.

HOST A FELLOWSHIP HOUR!

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway by the kitchen. Available upcoming dates are **February 17, & 24.** The church provides the beverages; you provide the eats. Keep it simple - pretzels, cheese and crackers, bagels cut in bite size pieces, cut up apples and things like that are always

a hit! Or, you can gather up a couple of friends and host as a team!

CHRISTMAS ITEMS DONATION

The holidays are over and as you pack away your decorations, please remember the Holiday Boutique at our annual Rummage Sale. Although it is a few months away, we do most of our prep work during the summer. If you are down-sizing your holiday decorations, moving and don't want to take decorations with you, or just changing color schemes, please bring your unwanted items to the church, and leave them in the marked box in the Missionary Lobby. If this is inconvenient for you, contact the church office and I will make arrangements to pick things up at your home. We take everything from the smallest Christmas tree bulb, to big inflatable outdoor decorations. Garlands, lights, nativity scenes, floral arrangements, themed dishes, books, cookie cutters--anything! And as you go through the year, remember we sell items for every holiday (Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's day, Easter, 4th of July, Halloween and Thanksgiving). Your donation helps the rummage sale be the success it has grown to be. Thank you in advance, Anne Lamb, 562-3134.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

The Presbytery of Geneva is looking for a new Office Administrator to work at the Presbytery's office in Penn Yan, NY. This part-time position (28 hours per week) needs to be filled soon, as the person currently in the position is leaving on February 14. Applications for the position are due January 30. To see a full position description, please

contact our church office, as we can send you a copy of the job description. To apply send your resume to adminap@presbyteryofgeneva.org.



2019 CONCERT SERIES

Pat Kane

Traditional Irish Music

Friday, March 15, 2019 ~ 7:30 P.M.
 \$\$ Fundraising Dinner at 6:00 P.M. in the Great Room
 Discount for Children under 12

David Peckham

Virtuoso Organist

Friday, May 17, 2019 ~ 7:30 P.M.
 \$\$ Fundraising Dinner at 6:00 P.M. in the Great Room
 Discount for Children under 12

The public is cordially invited to all concerts and dinners. A free-will offering will be taken for the concerts to help offset expenses. All concerts will be held in the church sanctuary.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 DECEMBER 2018**

Type	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$172,970.70	\$180,405.00
Other		
Contributions	\$30,838.73	\$28,500.00
Total		
Contributions	\$203,809.43	\$208,905.00
Total Income	\$312,307.46	\$302,987.00
Total Expenses	\$332,201.03	\$342,624.00

The **TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL** for January 2019 is \$68.15. Thank You for giving.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...



*“It is not enough to say we are Christians.
We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.”*

~ Pope Francis

The Rev. Dr. Betsey R. Crimmins, Pastor

Barbara Squires, Clerk of Session

Gary Tucker, Organist

Melissa Moore, Director of Music

Scott Kelley, Instrumental Director

Fred Betschen, Church Treasurer

Paul Kingsbury, Assistant Church Treasurer

Kelly Stewart, Church Secretary

Susan Weaver, Financial Secretary

Bella DiPofi, Child Care Giver

Sami Swarhout, Child Care Giver

James Stewart, Sr., Church Sexton

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