

Pres Clippings

First Presbyterian Church
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ELMIRA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2018-2019 CONCERT SERIES



Top Shelf

Women's A Cappella Quartet
Friday, September 7, 2018 ~ 7:30 P.M.

Sgro Brothers Quartet

Harmonica Virtuosos
Friday, October 5, 2018 ~ 7:30 P.M.
\$\$ Fundraising Dinner at 6:00 P.M. in the Great Room
Discount for Children under 12

Mansfield University Wind Ensemble

Concert Band Repertoire
Friday, November 2, 2018 ~ 7:30 P.M.

Corning Area Community Concert Band

Seasonal and Traditional Concert Repertoire
Thursday, December 6, 2018 ~ 7:30 P.M.
\$\$ Fundraising Dinner at 6:00 P.M. in the Great Room
Discount for Children under 12

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.

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Please Remember!

“FEED MY SHEEP”

July 15th:

BATH SOAP

&

TOOTHPASTE

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TOOTHBRUSHES

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE
July 15, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.
TENT SERVICE and BRUNCH
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Two Cents A Meal Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will lead us in worship and preach under the tent on the front lawn. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Barb Squires** and **Patricia Kapusta**. The Lay Reader will be **Kay Stewart**. Childcare is available.

Rain or shine, the Hospitality Committee will host a dish-to-pass picnic Brunch immediately after worship. Scrambled eggs, breakfast meat, and beverages will be provided. Suggested brunch food you might bring includes: baked goods, fruit salad, quiche, and home fries. Table service will be provided, but please bring your own table service to reduce waste. All are welcome to attend!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR TENT SERVICE SET-UP!

Helpers are needed to set up for the Tent service. Tom Leslie needs a crew to set up the tent at **5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11**. Patricia Kapusta needs a crew to set up chairs on **Sunday morning, July 15, at 8:30 a.m.** Please contact Tom at (857-9494) or Patricia at (607) 279-6849 to offer to help.

NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE
July 22, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Christmas in July!
9th Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will lead us in worship and preach in the air-conditioned Hoffman Great Room. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Mike** and **Rehana Stanley**. The Lay Reader will be

Tom Stegbauer. The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Jim Barr**. Childcare is available.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Sunday ~ July 22, 2018



Have you noticed that so much of the way Christmas is celebrated here and even in other countries has nothing to do with the birth of Jesus? Christmas has become so material and commercial that the real story and meaning is often lost. Some now say that Christmas is just for kids and that's it. In truth, the real story is quite adult – it is a story about hard, culture defying choices made in order to obey God, social outcasts, Gentiles becoming honored witnesses and a whole lot more.

Celebrating Christmas in July becomes an opportunity for all of us to consider the meaning of Jesus as Emmanuel, “God with us,” without the distractions of the hustle and bustle of the season. That's why for a third year in a row, we will be celebrating Christmas during our worship service on July 22nd.

Jesus came that all may have life and have it abundantly. Jesus came to teach us to follow him and his ways. In celebration of his life among us and in obedience to his call for us to serve others, we suggest that you bring a “Christmas gift” of a **non-perishable food item** to be given to the food pantry at North Presbyterian Church. In that way we can honor Jesus' birth by serving others.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Sunday morning worship service on July 8...**Warren** and **Anne McGee** for Greeting and Ushering...**Alida Schamel**



CHURCH FAMILY



Our prayers of healing extend to God on behalf of **Barbara Furniss** who is currently a patient at the Arnot Ogden Medical Center.

for Lay Reading...**Pam Mathes** for hosting the Fellowship Hour...**Greg** and **Anne Lamb** for giving the Chancel Flowers, “The Chancel Flowers are in honor of our parents, Vernon J. and Marion S. Loveland, and Ernest R. Lamb and Alberta Lamb Rogers.”

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our Sunday morning worship is now at **9:30 a.m.** in the air-conditioned Hoffman Great Room and will continue for the months of July and August and Sunday, September 2nd. We return to the 10:30 a.m. hour for worship on Sunday, September 9th. We look forward to seeing you in church!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Adult Sunday School class invites you to join them at **8:30 a.m.** in the parlor area. For **Sunday, July 15th** we will be discussing: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Psalm 24; Amos 7:7-15 and Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29. Please bring your Bible and join us!

ATTENTION ALL MUSICIANS!

First Presbyterian Church needs YOU to help provide music for summer services until the choir reconvenes in the fall. Do you sing? Play an instrument? If so, consider volunteering your talents to enhance the weekly church service! If interested, please contact Melissa Moore at (607-426-8208) or email at melissamoore1015@gmail.com, or sign up on the schedule posted in the

Betschen Choir Room. Gary Tucker is more than happy to provide accompaniment, but please allow at least a week's advance notice. Hope to see, and hear from you soon!

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

The church office hours for the week of July 16—19, will be from **9 a.m.—2 p.m.**

The church office hours for the summer months of July and August will be **Monday—Thursday**, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. and closed on Fridays. The office will reopen on Fridays starting in September.

GRIEFSHARE SUMMER GROUP

The GriefShare group is meeting on **SUNDAYS** from **11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.** in the parlor after the 9:30 a.m. service through September 2nd. There will be time for coffee and fellowship before we start. Each week the GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief. Then, we will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in our lives. If you have a busy summer planned and cannot be here for all Sundays, each session is stand alone. You can join when you are available. There is also a workbook available (\$15 donation) to use during the week for further personal study of the grieving process. If you would like further information, please call the church office or speak to one of the facilitators:

Rich Buchheimer, Patricia Kapusta and Barb Squires. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Please come and join us!

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 July 12th. 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

CIRCLE OF WOMEN GROUP... YOU ARE INVITED!

We are inviting you to join our group of older women. On the first and third Monday of each month, a group of older women meet at First Presbyterian Church, 1054 W. Clinton St. Elmira, in the Hoffman Great Room from 10 a.m. – noon, for companionship, conversation, learning, and fun. The group is open to any older women. The next meeting is on Monday, July 16th.

KNITTING4PEACE POD AT WISNER PARK!

Our Peace Pod will have a "booth" at the Wisner Park on two Thursdays this summer, July 19th and August 23rd, from **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Stop by and visit with us!

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. Hope to see you there!

FLOWER CHART



The Chancel Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the kitchen. The next available upcoming dates are July 15th and August 12th. 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.

SAVE THE DATE! MISSION MEETING

Thursday, August 2, 2018 ~ 6:15 p.m.

There will be an informational meeting in the Hoffman Great Room about upcoming mission work in February/March of 2019 in Puerto Rico. Included will be a PowerPoint, handouts, and a time for questions. If you are unable to attend but would like more information, please email Joanne Tunison at lalocat@aol.com

PRES CLIPPINGS SCHEDULE

The summer Pres Clippings will be published on the following upcoming Tuesdays; July 24 and August 7 & 21. Please send all articles to Kelly Stewart, Church Secretary, at kespreselm@stny.rr.com by 9 a.m. on the Monday prior to the publishing date. Thank you.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, July 26, 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

HOST A FELLOWSHIP HOUR!

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway by the kitchen. Upcoming available dates are **July 22 & 29**. 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!

FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Friday, August 3, 2018

6 p.m. at the church

Please come and join us for the First Friday Family Fun Night on Friday, August 3rd. Join us for games, a video and fun discussion. Light dinner and snacks will be provided. The Hospitality Committee hosts a series of Family Fun Nights throughout the year, which will feature a food, refreshments and changing activities each month, including games, movies and, of course, fun. For more information, call Mike Kapusta at 989-984-7015. Hope to see you there!



METAL RECYCLING

Please note: we cannot take electronics such as TV's and computers. Also, we cannot take refrigerators, dehumidifiers, and

air-conditioners. If you have dropped off any of those items, please take them back. Thank you.

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 for your donations.

HELP US DE-CLUTTER!

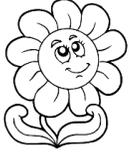
Please place five cent returnable bottles in the recycling shed at the corner of the parking lot. There is no longer a place for them in the kitchen.

The Deacons thank you for returning flower vases. That's very helpful. However, flower vases are no longer stored in the kitchen. They are stored on shelves in the Great Room storage area. If you can't find the shelves, please ask Jim Stewart or any one of the Deacons.

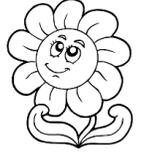
The area by the little red book shelf in Missionary Lobby is not a toy drop off point. If you have toys to donate, please wait for the Rummage Sale and donate them then. Finally, we are not collecting rummage at this time. Please save your rummage at home until you receive word that we are accepting rummage for the Rummage Sale.

WANTED!...SHOPPING TOTES!

The Rummage Sale Committee is looking for donations of the thick recyclable shopping totes (T.J. Max, Target, Wegmans, Bed Bath & Beyond, etc.) If you have any of these to donate, please bring them to the church office. Thank you.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...



*“I have found that if you love life,
life will love you right back.”*

~ Arthur Rubenstein

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

Bella DiPofi, Child Care Giver

Barbara Squires, Clerk of Session

Melissa Moore, Director of Music

James Stewart, Sr., Church Sexton

Susan Weaver, Financial Secretary

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