

Pres Clippings

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Please Remember!

“FEED MY SHEEP”

November 11th:

**CANNED FRUITS
IN LIGHT SYRUP**

(all varieties)

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday, December 1 ~ 10 a.m.– 12 noon.

TROLLEY SUNDAY

Sunday, December 2 ~ 12 noon—4 p.m.

PRE-CONCERT DINNER

Thursday, December 6 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Chicken & Biscuits, sides and beverages.

CORNING AREA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

Thursday, December 6 ~ 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DURING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 9 ~ 10:30 a.m.

LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS!

A CANTATA BY JOSEPH MARTIN

Sunday, December 16 ~ 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Monday, December 24 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Brass Ensemble to play ~ 7:10 p.m.

Music by Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

“The Amazing Story of Christmas”

You are invited to come on **Sunday, December 9** at 10:30 a.m. and experience the telling of the Christmas story. Advent gives us time to think about Jesus’ first coming, and how he will come as King a second time. But every day, we can welcome him into our lives. We will explore what it means to prepare for Jesus.

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE

November 11, 2018 ~ 10:30 a.m.

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will lead us in worship and preach in the sanctuary. The **Chancel Choir** will sing. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Liz Holloway, Pam Larnard, Sue Kruckow, and Alida Schamel**. A Minute for Mission will be given by **Kathy Menges**. The Lay Reader will be **Bill Ostrander**. Leading the Children's Sunday School will be **Carole Wereski** and **John Stanley**. The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Ellen Marsh Death**. Childcare is available. All are welcome to attend!

NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE

November 18, 2018 ~ 10:30 a.m.

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Two-Cents-A-Meal Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will lead us in worship and preach in the sanctuary. The **Chancel Choir** will sing. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Barb Cacciotti, Linda Proper, Marsha Turner, and Rich Buchheimer**. A Minute for Mission will be given by **Joanne Tunison**. The Lay Reader will be **Alida** or **Norm Schamel**. Leading the Children's Sunday School will be **Carole Wereski** and **Michelle Giacchino**. The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Jay, Terry, and Austin Horton**. The Fellowship Hour will be hosted by **Carol** and **Luke Cady**. Childcare is available. All are welcome to attend!

OFFICE NEWS

The church office will be closed on Monday, November 12th in observance of

Veterans Day.

The church office will also be closed on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday.

CHURCH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

As a single power on a ship, I have no chance of advancing the ship towards our destination. As a team, as a family, as a unified congregation, we can sail by a combined effort to achieve our Jesus inspired goals and missions.

When you pledge, you pick up the oars and move this ship of Christ to the port of those who need love, compassion, and a friend to talk to. Thank you for your support.
~ Mike Stanley, Stewardship Chair

STEP-UP

When Jesus approached the people who were to be his disciples, He did so to help them step-up and be the leaders needed by their people. We as a church family need your help and guidance as elders, deacons and concerned leaders to assure that we stay on track as a church and maintain the missions that are inspired by the teachings of Jesus ministry. Currently we need two elders and one deacon. Is God calling you? Thank you for your consideration. Mike Stanley, Nominating Committee Chairperson

THANK YOU to **everyone** who donated food and helped out with the Congregational Pot-Luck Dinner on Friday, November 2, 2018.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Sunday morning worship



CHURCH FAMILY



A memorial service for **Catherine (Kelli) Tucker** will be held on **Saturday, November 10, 2018, at 11 a.m.** in our church sanctuary. A luncheon will follow in the Hoffman Great Room.

service on November 4....the **Chancel Choir** for singing...**Barb Cacciotti, Liz Holloway, Dennis** and **Nancy Cooper** for Greeting and Ushering...**Mike Stanley** for giving the Minute for Mission...**Fred Betschen** for Lay Reading...**Carole Wereski** and **Michelle Giacchino** for leading the Children's Sunday School...Deacons, **Lynn Hornbuckle** and **Dottie Tholfsen** for preparing the Communion...Elders, **Rich Buchheimer, Cynthia Malcovitch, Alida Schamel, Rehana Stanley,** and **Chuck Stewart** for serving the Communion...**Tom** and **Betsy Stegbauer** for giving the Chancel Flowers, "The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Betsy's mom."

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COOL!

It's time to come to Sunday School!! Sunday School for all youth takes place during the worship service. Lessons with a great multi-age curriculum will begin at approximately **10:45 a.m.** each Sunday. Children will be dismissed from worship to Sunday School immediately after the children's sermon. Please come and join us.

"I DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING!"

The book of Revelation is one of the most controversial and daunting books of the Bible, but it doesn't need to be! A common-sense approach to interpreting this amazing text energizes and clarifies the storyline. For the upcoming months, the **Adult Sunday School Class** will tackle Revelation under

the teaching leadership of Tim Hawk. Join us each **Sunday** at **9:30 a.m.** for this exciting study!

PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED

A photographer is needed for the December 6th fundraising dinner and concert (Corning Community Concert Band.) If you can attend and snap a few photos, please speak with Rev. Crimmins. Thank you.

FIRST PRES BOOK CLUB

You are cordially invited to the next First Pres Book Club discussion, which is being held on **Wednesday, November 7th** from **7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**, in the Hoffman Great Room. We will be discussing the book "Stitches- A Handbook on Meaning, Hope, and Repair", written by popular Christian author Anne Lamott. In this book, Ms. Lamott tells charmingly self-mocking yet laser-sharp stories from her patchwork life of spiritual inquiry. She uses sewing and darning as metaphors for accepting life's cycles of joys and loss, and for taking care of each other and the world.

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Join us for our monthly Friday Family Fun Night on **Friday, November 9th** from **6—8 p.m.** for some old-fashioned games, fun conversation and a couple of videos. Yummy taste treats will be included. And be sure to invite some friends. Family Fun Nights are free and open to the public. The

Hospitality Committee hosts a series of Family Fun Nights throughout the year, which will feature food, refreshments and varied activities each month, including games, movies and, of course, fun. For more information or to RSVP (for planning purposes), please call Mike Kapusta at 989-984-7015. Hope to see you there

**HABITAT BUILD HALF DAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2018**

Join us for a half day of work at 208 Allen Street on the Southside of Elmira. Work will begin at 8:30 a.m. and we will finish at noon. You must be 16 years to work at this site but no experience is needed! If you plan to join us, please contact Barb or Harry Fitzsimmons at 562-8095 or email at b2fitz@yahoo.com by Monday, November 12th. This will allow habitat to plan for our group. Everyone deserves a decent place to live.

TEAM PUERTO RICO 2019

Team Puerto Rico 2019 will meet in the Great Room following the worship service on Sunday, November 18th at 12 noon for an important planning meeting. If you are unable to attend, please make sure to contact Joanne Tunison (857-8312 or lalocat@aol.com) as soon as possible. Lunch will be provided.

**CIRCLE OF WOMEN GROUP
YOU ARE INVITED!**

The next Circle of Women meeting will be on Monday, November 19th at **10 a.m.** in the Hoffman Great Room. Our group has companionship, conversation, learning, and fun. The group is open to any older women. You are invited.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Please join us on Saturday, December 1st for Hanging of the Greens from 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Everyone is invited to help prepare our church for the Christmas season. All ages welcome!

**TROLLEY SUNDAY!
December 2, 2018**

Come join us in spreading Christmas cheer by caroling, having fun and fellowship beginning at 12:15 p.m. and returning to church about 4:00 p.m. We will be visiting Chemung County Nursing Facility, Elcor, and Appleridge. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. prior to leaving and the bus transportation is provided. Any questions, please contact Eileen or Tom Leslie at 796-5995. Hope to see you then.

**UPCOMING CONCERT!
CORNING AREA
COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND**

**Thursday, December 6, 2018
7:30 p.m. ~ in the Sanctuary**

No admission cost.

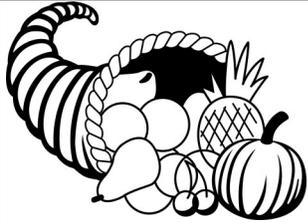
A free-will offering will be accepted.

**29th ANNUAL YANKEE TRADER
CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

Saturday, December 8th ~ 6 p.m.

Young at Heart is the name for the fellowship and fun activities for the adults of our church aged 21 and over. The Yankee Trader Party is pure fun tucked into a very busy season—a chance to relax and enjoy each other's company. You are invited!

The party will be held at the home of Mark and Jane Ivanick in Elmira, on Saturday, December 8th at **6 p.m.** Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres and beverage to share. Also, please bring a



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 22nd ~ 2 p.m.

The Hospitality Committee will continue its annual tradition of providing Thanksgiving Dinner to the people of our community, but we're going to need help from the congregation!

With the committee's dwindling numbers, and the community's growing needs, we will need more volunteers to help prepare, set up, serve and/or clean up for the dinner. We could also use some yummy home-made desserts as only First Pres cooks know how to prepare.

The dinner will be **Thursday, November 22**, starting at **2 p.m.** It includes the traditional turkey with all the trimmings. All are invited, including church members. We are expecting between 50 and 100 guests this year.

If you would like to help, please call the church office, 734-1614, Mike Kapusta at 989-984-7015, or see Carole Wereski with the clipboard after church.

wrapped gift that costs no more than \$12, one per adult. Because parking is limited at the Ivanick's house, guests will meet at a nearby location TBD and car pool to their house. Hope you will join us!

"HEALTH MEETS FOOD"

LUNCH AND LEARN



You are invited to a preview a fully catered Health Meets Food luncheon on **Sunday, December 9th**, following the annual Christmas pageant worship service. Menu selections are from the Culinary Medicine recipe book and include pork tenderloin with honey Dijon mustard glaze and herbs, Asian chicken with tahini and whole wheat noodles, (gluten option available), shrimp fra diavolo, vegetarian chili, roasted asparagus with olive oil and parmesan cheese, mashed sweet potatoes with honey and herbs, green salad with choice of ginger miso, balsamic, or green goddess dressings, chocolate pudding, apple cranberry crisp, and assorted

beverages. There is no charge for this luncheon and reservations are appreciated, but not mandatory. Please respond to the church office by Wednesday, December 5th.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DECEMBER 16, 2018 ~ 10:30 A.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY

We are excited to announce our 2018 Christmas Cantata will be "Let There Be Christmas" by Joseph M. Martin. This service in song is a joyous celebration of hope and peace for the Christmas season. This Cantata is only three years old. It is complete with carols, narration, congregational participation, original anthems, choir and an eight-piece orchestra. With jubilant songs of praise to reflective carols of peace, this Cantata is sure to bring the true spirit and meaning of Christmas to you. If you would like to sing with us, please contact the church office at 734-1614. In any event, mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this!





THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

“The Word of God can revive a hardened heart.”

~ 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

Kelly Stewart, Church Secretary

Susan Weaver, Financial Secretary

Fred Betschen, Church Treasurer

Paul Kingsbury, Assistant Church Treasurer

Bella DiPofi, Child Care Giver

Sami Swarouth, Child Care Giver

James Stewart, Sr., Church Sexton

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