

First news

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, UTICA, NY

OCTOBER 2020

JOIN US FOR A

BROOK'S

CHICKEN

BBQ



hosted by

UTICA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1605 GENESEE STREET

**OCT
15**

4:00

IN THE AFTERNOON

**UNTIL
GONE**

FULL DINNERS - \$12
HALF CHICKEN, BAKED POTATO,
ROLL WITH BUTTER, COLE SLAW,
OATMEAL CREAM COOKIE,
& BOTTLED WATER



DRIVE-THRU ONLY!
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
315-732-5111

Brooks' Speedie & BBQ sauces will be available for purchase at the event

World Communion Sunday!

October 4 | 10:30 Worship

(with masks and social distancing)

Thinking About Peace.....

Celebrating Holy Communion

(in a way that is sacred and safe)

And Dedicating the Peacemaking
Offering

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. The Utica Presbytery retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

A Season of Peace

A white dove with its wings spread, flying towards the right, positioned above the word 'Peace' in the 'A Season of Peace' logo.

In God's Time.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: Ecclesiastes 3:1

This season of autumn
is a wonderful reminder
of the beauty of God's creation
and the comfort of the changing seasons.
The preacher in Ecclesiastes reminds us
there is a season for all things,
a time for every matter under heaven.
Whether easy or difficult, life is not static.
The preacher did not talk about pandemic.
Certainly not all seasons are desirable,
not all times are welcome.
But, we are assured that God is always present.
God makes everything suitable for its time.
God brings good from all things.
Even in this time of pandemic
we seek the goodness of God.
This past six months has given us opportunity
to learn about ourselves and others,
to find new ways of expressing our caring and
concern,
to evaluate what is really important to us.
And now, I'm ready for the season of pandemic to
change.
We all are, I'm sure.

I appreciate gathering together for worship,
even though it is with restraints for the sake of
safety.

For those of us who are comfortable gathering together –
I give thanks.

For those of us who are not comfortable with a group
setting –

I give thanks.

I give thanks for all of us because we are the church
family,

while we are living through a season of pandemic,
a time that is unwelcome

we continue to hold one another in hearts and
prayers.

*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1*



Session News!

- We continue to look ahead, mindful that God has a plan for us and grateful for the church family.
- We will be getting the CCLI license which will enable us to include a wider variety of music for Sunday worship and still upload it on You Tube.
- World Communion Sunday On October 4 will be a service that will include Communion in a way that is COVID safe and sacred.
- Brooks BBQ on Thursday, October 15 at a cost of \$12 a meal. This fundraiser

will be depending on word of mouth and advertising. We will not have advance ticket sales. Volunteers are needed!

- Thanksgiving Dinner plans are

Please help us...

Please help us stay in touch with you:

- Do we have your current phone number?
- Do we have your email address?

If you haven't heard from us by phone or email please call the church office with your current information.

Coffee Faith-Talk...

Will be held on ZOOM! Monday, **October 12th & 26th** from 10 to 11 a.m. This is your chance to ask questions, share thoughts about faith and life. Invitations will be sent out by email. You may request your invitation by emailing Jeanne at jkumbalek4@gmail.com



Holiday

The office will be closed on Monday, **October 12th**, in recognition of Columbus Day. The Church Office has moved to flexible hours.



In anticipation of the sale of the church building. Rev. Jeanne has moved her office into her home. You can contact her on her cell phone or by calling the church office and leave a message.



Thank You

Many thanks to Wayne Campbell, who has collated, folded, taped and labeled this issue of *FIRSTnews* just for you!



We give thanks for the life of
Hope T. Bradbury

October 13, 1927 - September 16, 2020

“Aptly named ‘Hope’, she spread love and joy to all who crossed her path.”

“Her life-long ‘hope’ was to have a positive impact on the lives of children so each would know their importance in the world.”

Quotations from her obituary.



This Thanksgiving!

The 42nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner is approaching and plans are underway! There have been many activities that have been put on hold because of COVID. But, not the Thanksgiving Dinner! This is too important. We are however making changes to do this COVID style, in a way that assures the safety and health of volunteers and those who are served. This year the meal will be offered through **DELIVERY AND TAKE OUT**. We continue to count on the combined efforts of First Presbyterian Church, numerous area churches and organizations, along with individuals to feed as many as 1,000 people. We are in need of people to step up and volunteer to help before, during, and after the meal. Specific responsibilities will be detailed on a flyer. You may contact Tom Wattles for more details at 315-316-0107, or contact Beth in the church office at 315-732-5111.

GIVE BACK & GIVE THANKS...
WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

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The Rev. Jeanne Kumbalek

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Birthdays

In October the following people celebrate their birthdays.

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Gregory Shuck | 18 Donna Currie |
| 2 Rachel Blair | 21 Kathy Bogner |
| 5 Sophie Coons | 25 Eleanor Angell |
| 5 Jeanne Kumbalek | 27 Evan Putnam |
| 6 Emily Blancovich | 28 Trudy Burnap |
| 8 Susan Dorn | 30 Stephanie Clarey |
| 13 Chris Miller | |

Anniversaries

- 12 Duane and Becky Willsey {1991}
17 Chris and Judy Miller {1986}

Daylight Saving
Time Ends!
DON'T Forget!
TO TURN
BACK Your CLOCK

NOV. 1