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October
News Articles Are
Due on September 25th

The First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls Pastor's Corner

"Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you."

-Ephesians 4:32

I have been reflecting a lot this month on the concept of kindness. Kindness is one of my core values, which we spoke about in the month of August during the message to the Young Disciples.

In the dictionary kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. But what does kindness mean to you?

for me kindness is being thoughtful with the words I speak, it is empathy, and it is grace. Kindness and nice don't mean the same thing to me. Nice is polite and non-confrontational. Kindness is care we give to people even if what we are saying is not something they wish to hear. Kindness is speaking truth to power in love. (Ephesians 4:15). Sometimes this will result in conflict.

The hope is that with God, time, and compassion the conflicts can be resolved. Kindness is the grace we offer to come to God's table to be reconciled. Kindness is a gift given and received. Kindness is contagious.

Our Random Acts of Kindness will begin again in September. May God use these small acts of faith to create a movement of kindness.

May your month be filled with kindness, compassion, and forgiveness.



SPREAD KINDNESS LIKE
wildflowers

Pastor Leah

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Session

Session meets every
3rd Thursday at 10am

Presently serving

Ruling Elders:

Jim Clark, Marion Crull, Dick
Damaske, David Hall, Kae
Hoyle, Ginny Konz, Anne Millis
and Susan Sholar



Session

At its Thursday, August 14th Meeting, the Session discussed several issues. The following is a brief overview:

- Received: two thank you cards from the House of Concern; note from Karen Kelly asking to be removed from all communications; letter from Paul Dill asking to become a member of the church, which was approved.
- Treasurer's report for May was given by Treasurer Kae H.; Total Revenue \$182,493.99 and Total Expenditures \$15,039.73. \$68,778.22 will be received from the Estate of Muriel Horle.
- Pastor Leah served communion and conducted services at Huntington and at the Correctional Facility in July and August. She will speak in Albany on September 17th. Students from Hamilton College will visit from August 21st to the 23rd, and will paint the rear fence for the church. Child and Family Lactation Group will be using the church on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, beginning in September - radiator covers will be purchased and installed.
- Marji Ackerman asked us to be the host church for an Ecumenical Bishop's Luncheon in November; FP will supply food. WeExist FLX also asked us to be the host for a Trans Day Service on November 2nd; both of these events approved.
- Christian Education - Youth Group meeting and pool party scheduled on August 24th. Snacks needed.
- Christian Education - Sue Derr looking for various programs for Coffee Hour.
- Property – Neighbors gave permission to paint fence. Re-seeding of lawn damage from day care work will be done, and painting of outside molding will happen in the fall. Stained glass window regular maintenance is in progress, and work on the wooden frames to replace broken areas needs to be done.
- Stewardship/Finance – Finance Committee recommending that funds in New Covenant be moved to Fidelity. Session approved.
- Worship & Music - Blessing of the Backpacks and an Ice Cream Social to be held on September 7th. BIG THANK YOU to Zoe Van Kirk for her work on the garden along the fence.

Submitted by Anne Millis, Clerk of the Session

**The next Session meeting will be held on Thursday,
September 11th at 10am**



September Birthdays

Michele Edmondson 9/03

Joy Novack 9/05

Jessica Seem-Walsh 9/07

Mike Day 9/10

Georgeanne Elyseev Hauf 9/11

Barry Porsch 9/12

Rita Frankenfield 9/30



Members and
Friends
to Keep in Our
Thoughts

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14131

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14432

Our Law
Enforcement
Officers, Fire
Fighters and
EMTs



Please remember



(personal care
items, dish &
laundry detergents,
paper napkins,
bathroom paper,
cleaning supplies,
etc.)
as you shop

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on Monday, September 8th at 12:30pm

If the weather is good; not too cool or hot or threatening rain, we'll meet at Joyce's umbrella table on her patio*. She'll supply our lunch, including drinks. If anyone would like to add items or dessert or even your own preferred lunch food, feel free.

We greatly appreciate that the congregation generously heeded our call for SNACK donations to the House of Concern over the summer weeks. THANK YOU!

Circle never meets during the summer months but we each try to keep up with the news - local, national and international. So many tragic events; some natural, in flooding and wildfires and some people-made in war war and crime. We were all deeply touched and distressed by news of the July 4th flash flooding on the Guadalupe River in Texas and its tragic path taking the lives of many campers and camp staff members. We've sent off a letter of condolence and a check to The United Methodist Church of Kerrville. The church's Food Pantry, like many others around the nation, serves ever increasing numbers of individuals and families. we did not designate our check for the pantry, leaving that choice to the church.

When we meet again in September we'll look at other needful situations and plan further donations. Bring your ideas! Our treasury currently has a nice balance and we continue to be grateful for the Communion Sunday and other donations.

We'll discuss a course of study for the coming months. Here again, suggestions are invited!

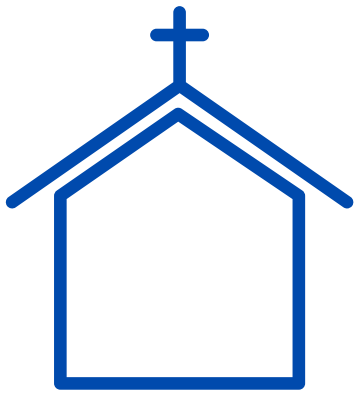
IF any in our Newsletter readership would like to join us,
do please come on September 8th.

House of Concern special item for SEPTEMBER is BREAKFAST
CEREALS - cold and/or Hot

Remember last Fall the House desperately needed Spaghetti
Sauce; this year, they report needing all the Breakfast Cereals we
can donate!



See YOU soon...

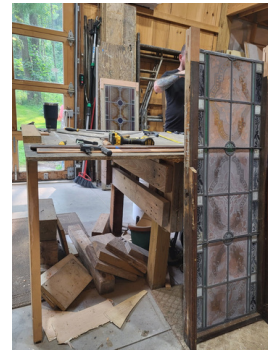


Happy Labor Day!



Church Family News

- **Sanctuary Windows:** four of the “ventilator” stained glass windows in the sanctuary were removed and are in the process of being repaired by Jerome R. Durr Studio in Syracuse.



- **Youth Group:** on Sunday, August 24th, the Youth Group had a pool party on at the home of Dr. Libby. Stay tuned for their September schedule of events.
- **Coffee and Conversation Get-Togethers:** our coffee hour meet-ups with Pastor Leah at Café 19 will begin again on Tuesday, September 23rd at 10am. Be sure to add this to your calendar.
- **Memorial Garden Updates:** the solar picnic table in the Memorial Garden was received and installed, and new mulch was added to the bottom of the Covid Memorial. In addition, a new tree was planted to replace the original that was donated to honor the memory of Cyndi Van Kirk.



- **Hamilton College Students:** the students paid their annual visit to Seneca Falls and, in addition to staying in the church, they helped paint our fence!



Worship Schedule

Join us online: www.fpressf.com on our
YouTube Channel



**September 7 - Communion - Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8;
Luke 11:4.**

September 14 - Genesis 15:1-6; Luke 3:8.

**September 21 - Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34, 50:15-2; Luke
6:35.**

September 28 - Exodus 12:1-13, 13:1-8; Luke 22:14-20.

October 5 - Communion - Exodus 32:1-14; Luke 23:34.

Liturgists



September 7 - Anne Millis

September 14 - Marion Crull

September 21 - Ginny Konz

September 28 - Michele Edmondson

October 5 - Carol Millis

Greeters

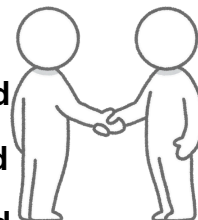
**September 7 - Anne Millis & Jim
Clark**

September 14 - To Be Determined

September 21 - To Be Determined

September 28 - To Be Determined

**October 5 - Susan Sholar & Marion
Crull**



Nursery

September 7 - To Be Determined

September 14 - To Be Determined

September 21 - To Be Determined

September 28 - To Be Determined

October 5 - To Be Determined



Rhythms
of Play



Let's pray...

Dear Lord, I thank You for this day.
I Thank You for my being able to see
and to hear this morning.

I'm blessed because You are
a forgiving God and an understanding God.
You have done so much for me and
You keep on blessing me.

Forgive me this day for I have sinned.
I ask now for Your forgiveness.
Keep me safe from all danger and harm.
Let me start this day with a new attitude
and plenty of gratitude.



Coffee Hours

September 7 - Ice Cream Social & Blessing of the
Backpacks

September 14 - Vaccines, Part 1 - David Hall

September 21 - To Be Determined

September 28 - Vaccines, Part 2 - David Hall

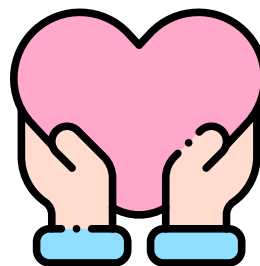
October 5 - Committee Meetings



To Keep In Your Prayers:

All those impacted by the recent fire in Ovid; Kathleen Albert; Reatha Bishop; Robin Blundon; Jen Braun, who just lost her grandmother; Jennifer Colbert; Peter Crego; Cindy Danielson; Joanie Duval; Carl Feltus; Joanna Fuller; Diane and Cal Goodman; Pat Gordon; Gerry Gray; Rev. Deborah Grohman; Amy Guarino; Tori Guerina; Crystal Hanes; Cindy Hinman-Cosola; Susan Horton; Bea Jones; our Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and EMTs; Bob Lamphere; Josh Lenard; Stephanie Lesinski; Ronnie Lobdell; Wayne and Joyce Lohr; the Lopez family; the Mack family; Kim Martin; Ken Mell; Kathy Minnier; Tyler Morgan; Roger Morin; Timothy Mosher; Joy Novack; Paul Novack; Linda Parker; Paula Paxton; Gene and Dean Potter; Justine Saunders; Susan Sholar; Nora Sibley; Peter Snyder; Shelley Vanderbogart; Lori Varallo; Barb and Jack Wagener; Robert Wagner; Linda Warner; Gretchen Whittacre; the Wilson family; and all those suffering in the world.

Know someone ill or hospitalized?
Please call Anne Millis 315-246-6264



Other News in the Presbytery:



Hello
AUTUMN



All profits from dinner and donations go directly to Camp Whitman, and will be matched up to \$15,000 by anonymous donors. You can double your gift to Camp! Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to become an event sponsor.



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DINNER FUNDRAISER

for

CAMP + WHITMAN

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

921 College Ave., Elmira, NY 14901

Saturday, September 13, 2025

5:00-8:00 pm

\$20 per plate
Or sponsor a
table of 6 for \$200

Choice of:
Stuffed shells in marinara,
Baked Chicken,
Vegetable Lasagna

Tossed Salad
Garlicbread
Vegan/Gluten free
Lasagna option

To reserve and pay for your dinner, click [here](#) or scan the QR code by September 8.

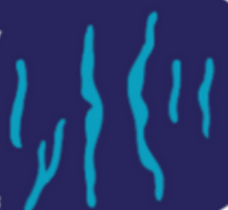


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Happy Labor Day to you, a fearfully and wonderfully made child of God:

