



NOVEMBER 2025

Pastor's Corner

In this Season of Giving, I wanted to highlight the ways the Church gives of its time, talents and treasures through our mission and ministries



In the Church....

Women's Circle (1st Monday monthly, Sept-June)
 Food Collection for HOC (monthly)
 Can/bottle collection for Youth Group
 Ministry Teams (1st Sunday of the month).
 Card writing, Flower sending, and People Visiting
 Lenten Bible Study
 Random Acts of Kindness- monthly
 Monthly Coffee and Conversation,
 (4th Tuesday of the month, 10am, Café XIX
 Pi Day (3.14)

Sharing the Church Space...

The Boy Scouts (weekly, Monday)
 Tops (weekly, Tuesday)
 Child and Family Resources (bi-weekly, Thursday)
 Creative Choices Daycare (M-F at Eastman Hall)
 We Exist FLX (bi-weekly, Wednesday and 3rd Sunday of every month)

Yearly the Church Hosts....

Women's Rights Convention (3rd weekend in July)
 Seneca Singers Concert (Dec)
 t's A Wonderful Life (2nd weekend in Dec.)
 Community Advent Celebration (1st Sunday in Dec)

Youth Group....meets twice a month for fun and service

The Hangout (once a month, Friday, 6-10, Sept-June)
 Pathway Home landscaping (April)
 Neighbor's Dinner Out (Sept)
 Souper Bowl Sunday (Jan/Feb)
 Flood Buckets (Nov)...and more

Community Worship Services and Activities.....

Huntington (1st Tuesday of the month)
 Seneca County Jail Ministry (weekly, Wednesday am)
 Northeast College of Health and Science
 (graduation and anatomical gift ceremony)
 Blue Christmas (Dec 21st, online)
 Ash Wednesday (online)
 Outreach Ministry Forum (once a month)
 ·Housing Committee (once a month)
 Memorial Garden, Rock Garden, benches,
 solar table, lending library, peace pole, games, gardens, Narcan

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Dec.
 News Articles
 are due on
 11/21

THANK YOU!

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Session

Session meets every
2nd 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 BRIEFS

At its Thursday, October 9th Meeting, the Session discussed several issues. The following is a brief overview:

- Opened with a reading and a prayer. A quorum was present; the Agenda and the September meeting minutes were approved.
- Clerk reported that Thank You cards were received from Rita Frankenfield, Hope Wilson and the House of Concern. A ¼ inch ad in the Mynderse Academy yearbook will be purchased for \$120.00.
- Treasurer Kae H. moved that a donation be given to the Benevolence Fund, motion seconded and approved. Treasurer's report for September was given; Total Revenue \$75,565.55 and Total Expenditures \$18,073.16.
- Pastor Leah served communion and conducted services at Huntington on October 5th, and at the Jail on October 8th. The Gathering for We Exist FLX was well attended. She will give a report about Housing during the Coffee Hour. Youth Group events in September included Neighbor's Dinner out at Trinity church on September 28th, a blanket making offering, and the monthly Hang Out get-together on September 12th. Their October Hangout was held on October 18th, as an after-party for Homecoming (see the photos in Other News)! Ginny K. acted as the contact person for the luncheon that followed the Presbytery service held on Sunday, October 19th with lead speaker Pastora Evelyn Torres-Ramirez from Puerto Rico.
- Outreach - Pastor Leah provided an update regarding housing.
- Personnel - 2025 employee reviews will be done shortly.
- Property – Jim is working on finding another painter to do the budgeted exterior painting; this project will be deferred and included in the 2026 Budget.
- Stewardship/Finance – Lawyer in the process of getting required document signed by the NYS Attorney General for transfer of 4 Seneca Lane. 2026 Stewardship letters will be sent out. A suggestion was made to do Minute for Mission. There was a Zoom meeting with New Covenant Trust regarding transfer of some accounts currently in New Covenant Funds.
- Worship & Music - Committee will meet in November. Working on a new idea for the next Random Act of Kindness.
- Old Business - Discussion held regarding possible purchase of a riding lawn mower.

Submitted by Anne Millis, Clerk of the Session



The next Session meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20th at 10am

November Birthdays



Daryl Frankenfield 11/07

Lindsey Gee 11/15

Keara Dugan 11/18

Dave Kain 11/25

Sarah Walsh 11/29

Laurie Weller 11/30



WOMEN'S CIRCLE

MEETS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd at 12:30pm in the Hawley Room

In October six of us enjoyed a lovely lunch by windows overlooking Cayuga Lake at Kae's. The day was sunny and warm - 83 degrees! - and then we moved outside for the study and business portion of our meeting. Cathy O. and Susan Sholar also joined us that day. Thanks again, Kae!

Following a prayer of appreciation for so many blessings, we heard about an on-line study, *Sabbath as Resistance*, offered on Tuesday evenings beginning October 7th at 6:30pm, and of a Celtic Indian concert scheduled for 7pm on October 13th at First Presbyterian Church of Trumansburg.

Joyce told us about the on-line course offered by Presbytery, *Torah Story: An Apprenticeship on the Pentateuch* and the accompanying text by Gary Edward Schnittger of Dallas Theological Seminary. She will look into getting books for us. There were some other suggestions: *Inconstant Prayer*, by Robert Benson and *How Does the Christian Confront the Old Testament*, ed. by an international team of theologians.

Ginny talked to us about the Food Pantry administered by the Backpack Program. Circle members agreed to send a donation of \$125. We'll also send \$150 to Camp Whitman. Ginny and Joyce will shop for bedding and towels needed at The Women's Transitional Shelter and spend up to \$200.

Kae will lead us in prayer at this November meeting and Barb will have an item of cultural bridge interest.

SPECIAL ITEM for the HOUSE OF CONCERN IN NOVEMBER: NON-FOOD ITEMS

All packaged and canned FOOD items are always appreciated, every month. Non-foods such as dish and laundry detergents, personal care items, paper goods, household cleaning products and toddler diapers are always needed.

Thanks to everyone who donated Soups & Stews and other food items in October and to those who made monetary donations for our work.

“...and let us not grow weary while doing good,
For in due season we will reap,
If we do not give up...”

~The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians chapter 6, verse 9~

Members and Friends to Keep in Our Thoughts

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



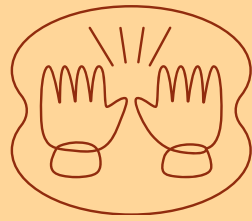
CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



- **Youth Group** will meet in “The Hangout” on Friday, November 7th at First Pres for their monthly Arcade Party - Middle School from 6pm to 8pm and High Schoolers from 8pm to 10pm. Check out the OTHER NEWS section below on Page 7 for some photos of the group enjoying their Homecoming after-party on October 18th!
- **Coffee and Conversation Get-Togethers:** our coffee hour meet-ups with Pastor Leah at Café 19 started up again in September, and will now be held every 4th Tuesday at 10am. Come over, chat with your church pals and enjoy your favorite beverage.
- **Community Thanksgiving:** This important information was just released...“In collaboration with the Seneca County House of Concern and Elks Lodge #992, the United Way of Seneca County is thrilled to announce the 10th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, a celebration of gratitude, connection and community. This feast is free and open to everyone in Seneca County, with options to **DINE IN PERSON, PICK UP TO GO OR RECEIVE A DELIVERED MEAL!**” Here’s how you can join in:
 1. **Order Delivery and Pick Up:** Get your meal in advance - pick-ups (4pm-5:30pm) and deliveries (2pm-4pm) to take place on Wednesday, 11/26. REGISTRATION FOR PICK UP AND DELIVERY IS REQUIRED by calling 315-568-2433. Delivery is available anywhere in Seneca County!
 2. **Come Eat:** Enjoy a free Thanksgiving meal - all the traditional Thanksgiving food served buffet style - 11am-1pm. Walk-ins welcome. Thanksgiving Day at Elks Lodge #992.
 3. **Volunteer:** Help prepare, serve, and deliver meals. Volunteers of all ages are welcome! Sign up at www.uwseneca.org OR by emailing rhonda@uwseneca.org.
 4. **Donate:** Support the dinner by making a contribution at: www.houseofconcern.org or by mailing a check to Seneca County House of Concern, 22 Locust Street, Waterloo 13165 - be sure to specify that it is for Thanksgiving!



WORSHIP



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

November 2 - Communion - All Saints' Day - Luke 4:24-26; 1 Kings 17:1-16, 17-24

November 9 - Jonah 1:1-17, 3:1-10, 4:1-11; Luke 18:13

November 16 - Luke 5:8-10; Isaiah 6:1-8

November 23 - Luke 22:19-20; Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28, 31:31-34

November 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent - Luke 23:1-5; Daniel 6:6-27

December 7 - Communion - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Joel 2:12-13, 28-29; Luke 11:13



LITURGISTS

November 2 - Marion Crull

November 9 - Anne Millis

November 16 - Michele Edmondson

November 23 - Carol Millis

November 30 - Susan Derr

December 7 - Susan Sholar

GREETERS

November 2 - Dick Damaske & David Hall

November 9 - Zoe Van Kirk

November 16 - Carol Millis

November 23 - Susan Derr

November 30 - Christina Lopez & Paul Dill

December 7 - Ginny Konz & Kae Hoyle



NURSERY

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COFFEE HOURS



November 2 - Committee Meetings
November 9 - Winterization - Susan Derr
November 16 - RTS Bus Service - Don Granger
November 23 - Fire Protection - Jim Hinman
November 30 - No Coffee Hour - Happy Thanksgiving!
December 7 - Committee Meetings

Please let us know if you have any suggestions for
Coffee Hour Programs!

TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

All those impacted by the recent fire in Ovid; Kathleen Albert; Reatha Bishop; Robin Blundon; Lori and Steve Clayton; Jennifer Colbert; Peter Crego; Cindy Danielson; Joanie Duval; Michele Edmondson; Carl Feltus; Rita Frankenfield; Joanna Fuller; Diane and Cal Goodman; Cary Gordon and Family; Pat Gordon; Gerry Gray; Amy Guarino; Tori Guerina; Crystal Hanes; Jim Hinman; 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; Family of Elliot Ritter Rayner; Justine Saunders; Ken Saunders; Susan Sholar; Nora Sibley; 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



IN OTHER NEWS....

Hangout
& PLAY





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

