"Red Door" News: November underway

*Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2026 * Sunday Worship: 10 AM*



Dear "Red Door" members and friends,
To view or print the PCUSA post-election statement, M4M about World Central Kitchen, and/or this RDNews – see attachments

"November: The last month of autumn, but the beginning of a new adventure; time to take a risk and do the unexpected." *~Unknown*

On Election Day the country decided to take risks and do the unexpected…

"A Democracy Rooted in the Dignity of Every Person," a post-election statement from our PCUSA Office of Public Witness, begins with:

> As we awaken the day after the 2026 midterm elections, we give thanks.
> We will pray for those elected to public office, regardless of party or position…
> We give thanks for the millions of people who made their voices heard at the ballot box; for the poll workers, election administrators, volunteers, election observers…

The entire statement is attached…

A Harvest display in the sanctuary created by Michele Wilson's Girl Scout troop helps us to appreciate God's creation and reminds us to share our blessings with others.

On Christ the King Sunday (November 22nd) the Bell Choir will offer special music, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

The Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 24th at St. Mary's Parish (39 Walnut St, Oneonta) with Fr. Ivan Ruiz-Swartz, new Rector at St. James Episcopal, offering the evening message. Donations of money and non-perishable food will go to local pantries. Reception to follow. All are welcome.

To sing "Now Thank We All Our God" with Interfaith Choir, join 6:30 PM rehearsal.

November's Mission Emphases: World Central Kitchen (WCK)
WCK supports communities in times of crisis such as the recent historic flooding in Florida and the deadly train collision Spain. For more information about their work – see the Moment for Mission (M4M) attached or go to https://wck.org/en-us/news/

Please mark all donations with *World Central Kitchen (WCK)* on the memo line.
Checks may be made payable to *First United Presbyterian*.

Oneonta Community Thanksgiving Dinner is preparing 1,000 meals to be enjoyed on Thanksgiving Day (November 26th) from 12:30 to 2:00 PM at the Elks Lodge (84 Chestnut St., Oneonta) with Free Raffle – or by take-out or delivery to homebound neighbors.

Delivery for homebound or take out meals: contact Deb Bruce by Monday 11/23 at 607-433-0356 or email oneontathanksgiving@gmail.com

To volunteer (drivers, cooks, food prep, serving, clean up) from Monday 11/23 through

Thanksgiving 11/26 contact Cindy Korb by Friday 11/20 at 607-267-0539 or by email at thanksgivingvolunteer2026@gmail.com

Cash donations: Send to *St. Marys Church*, 39 Walnut St, Oneonta NY 13820.
Write *Thanksgiving Dinner* on the memo line.
Sponsored by St. Mary's Church and the Oneonta Community

The new Presbyterian Giving catalogues have arrived. These offer many alternate gifts for the Holiday Season. Find them "For the Taking" outside the church offices.

Notice: Church Office Closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day and on Thursday and Friday, November 26th & 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Presbytery Assembly will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 14th at the former Hancock PC (217 West Main St.) which is being transformed into an arts center. All are welcome. For more info, go to: https://www.susvalpresby.org/Next-Assembly

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Race, Equity and Justice Series at 6:00 PM on Sunday, November 8th will feature SUNY Oneonta Professor of Philosophy Chris Keegan for "Dialogue for Democracy" in the ballroom at Village Hall (22 Main St. Cooperstown). Food & beverages provided. No RSVP is required.

FUMC Holiday Bazaar: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, November 14th at First United Methodist (66 Chestnut St, Oneonta).

HOLIDAY BAZAAR: 9:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday, November 21st at First Presbyterian (296 Main St., Oneonta). Time to shop for the holidays.

Habitat for Humanity of Otsego County: Exciting Opportunity Available for YOU!!
Join volunteers helping to build the two newest partner family homes in Oneonta. It is time for interior work. For more info, check out the Habitat Facebook Page. If you are interested in volunteering for Habitat, call Marjorie Pietraface at 607-432-1385.

Attached:
1) Post-Election statement from PCUSA Office of Public Witness
2) M4M: World Central Kitchen
3) Oneonta Community Thanksgiving Dinner - flyer
4) This RDnews

Thank you for sharing this news with others – especially those who do not use email…

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