

“Red Door” News: Worship Is the Heartbeat...

*Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 * Sunday Worship: 10 AM*



Dear “Red Door” members and friends,

To view or print info about stewardship and hybrid worship improvement appeal, Oneonta Community Thanksgiving Dinner and/or this RDNews – see attachments.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice! ~*Psalm 95:7 (NRSV)*

Worship is the heartbeat of our church family... is the theme of this year’s stewardship campaign and Hybrid Worship Improvement Appeal. It is time replace our 1987 Dukane sound system and “not-as-old” laptop that helped us begin hybrid services in 2020. For more Information about how we will be better equipped to listen for God’s voice -- see attached brochure and pledge/intention form. Thank you to all who have donated so far!

Our Harvest Table: Thank you to Michele Wilson and her Girl Scout troop – beautiful!

The Sunday Brass Ensemble with Colene VonBerg and friends will enhance our worship on Christ the King Sunday, November 24th. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will also be celebrated. If joining us online/ phone, please have elements near you as the service begins - preferably bread and juice or wine. All are welcome!

Oneonta Community Thanksgiving Dinner is our November Mission Emphasis. St. Mary’s Catholic Church is sponsoring the dinner again on Thanksgiving Day. This is truly a community endeavor. They plan to prepare 900 meals that will be dine-in, take-out, or delivered.

Dinner Pick-up: 12 Noon to 1:00 pm at Your Safe Haven, 18 Elm St., Oneonta.

Dine-in: 12:30 to 2:00 pm at the St. Mary’s Parish Center, 39 Walnut St., Oneonta.

To reserve a dinner (delivered or take-out): Contact Deb Bruce by Monday, November 25th at 607-433-0356 or oneontathanksgiving@gmail.com

Volunteers work 2-hour shifts – assigned to one of three places (Your Safe Haven, First Methodist Church and/or St. Mary’s Parish Center). For details contact Cindy Korb by Friday, November 22nd at 607-267-0539 or via email at thanksgivingvolunteer2024@gmail.com

Drivers for deliveries on Thanksgiving Day start at 10:30 am at St. Mary’s Parish Center. Younger children may accompany drivers of the meals being delivered. Contact Cindy Korb.

Monetary donations: In addition to food expenses, carry-out containers must be purchased. Checks made payable to *St. Mary’s Catholic Church* with *Thanksgiving* on memo line may be sent to *St Mary’s Catholic Church, 39 Walnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820*

For more details: See attached flyer and information sheet – or for general questions contact John Korb at 607-267-0527 or geog13@gmail.com

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this community event.

Presbyterian Giving Catalog: Creative gifts for the holiday season include a sewing machine (\$50) or fishing net (\$15) to help launch a business in a developing part of the world -- farming tools or animals (\$10 and up) – Jerry cans and water access (\$25 and up) -- and more! Giving catalogs are available at church OR online at <https://presbyteriangifts.org>

Upper Room devotional: November/December issues are available at church.

Presbytery and Community News

Ethiopian Mission Team Trip: Our Presbytery representatives Junietta Brooks and Cheryl Berg are in Ethiopia – and Rev. Paul Huh will join them this weekend – for the centennial celebration of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus Bethel Synod in Addis Ababa

Pray for friends in Dembi Dolo... protection from harm before, during, and after the celebration... positive connections with old and new Synod leaders... that the trip will provide insights to strengthen our 27-year partnership... and families back home.

Holiday Bazaar at First Presbyterian (267 Main St., Oneonta) will be held from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 16th in their fellowship hall. Great for holiday shopping with many unique, interesting, lovely, fun and inspiring items for everyone on your list! For more info, contact Bonnie, Penny, or Kathleen at 607-432-4286 or fpcokm1@verizon.net

Bazaar at First United Methodist (66 Chestnut St., Oneonta) is from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, November 23rd in their fellowship hall including jewelry, Grandma's Attic, natural personal care products, Sweets & Treats, crafts, Mary's Café, and a Silent Auction. For more info. contact Joyce Miller at 607-432-8751 or millerumw@gmail.com

Oneonta Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. James Episcopal (305 Main St., Oneonta) at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 26th with host Father Paul Hamilton offering the message. Donations of money and non-perishable food will be given to the three Oneonta food pantries at The Salvation Army, St. Mary's and Your Safe Haven. Reception to follow.

Attached:

- 1) Brochure: *Worship Is the Heartbeat of Our Church Family...*
- 2) Pledge/Intention form: *Worship Is the Heartbeat of Our Church Family...*
- 3) Oneonta Community Thanksgiving Dinner – flyer and information sheet
- 4) This RDnews

Thank you for sharing this news with others – especially those who do not have email.

First United Presbyterian (the "Red Door" Church)

Worship at 10:00 am on Sundays at 381 Main Street, Oneonta

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