

Twins Talk

October 2022

Worship - Sunday 10 AM
Sunday School - during worship
(Sep-Jun)

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Pastor's Corner



Last Wednesday was the Autumnal Equinox which provided almost equal amounts of light and darkness! A day of equals created by a balance between the sun and the earth! Harmony exemplified. Systems at work on a grand scale that provide us the seasons we expect and love. Fall is officially upon us!

Just as the Earth revolves around the Sun in a system that is harmony defined, so, too, do our lives revolve around a center that, at its best, creates harmony, peace, and joy.

The question we must ask is "What is our center?" What do we revolve around? Is it ourselves? Or is it something larger – a system to which we belong, a community that nourishes us as it requires our participation to exist?

Just as our Sun and our Earth need each other to create their harmony, we need each other to do the same thing for our community! Together WE create the forces that allow our community to thrive: love and generosity!

FPC of Holland Patent is a community that requires each member to participate if we are to flourish and be successful! There are wonderful opportunities to participate all around us!!! And have a party too!!

Octoberfeast is fast approaching and there are lots of ways to help: if you need ideas contact Janet Lanning!

Committees are in need of people and you don't need to be a "Church" member to join the party. You only need to want to join in and be a friend who wants to belong and create harmony!

Caring for each other with calls, emails, and visits is a beautiful way to add to our community.

We so often ask God in our prayers to light our path! By participating in the work and play of our community, we can create light for each other! Be a part of the system that provides the harmony, the love and the generosity to all. You will never be alone, or in the dark!

Be the light!

Steve

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us!" 1 John 4:12

First Presbyterian Church of Holland Patent

Check out our new website!

www.twinchurches.org

Thank you to Anna Beasley for designing the site and for being our webmaster. Thanks to Sara DePalma for being our liaison with Anna and keeping the ball rolling.

NOTE: The website is still under construction. Please pass along any ideas you have for improvements.

Thank You, Church Family

Last week at a small retirement brunch of two Elders, Church Treasurer, and the Clerk of Session, I was given a gift certificate to a favorite restaurant, Steak-N-Brew in Turin, that includes my family, from my church family.

When my two older sisters and I were baptized in the sanctuary, where the piano now stands, 84 years ago, I had no idea at the age of 3 where or what it would mean.

I have never been an Elder, a Deacon, taught Sunday School, passed the collection plate or preached a sermon. I have mowed the courtyard, worked on dinners, (never in the kitchen), filled in between retirement of one custodian and the hiring of the next one, co-hosted coffee hours with the Krafts, and was church organist for 36 years.

Thank you for our dinner-to-come. As our congregation gets older and smaller, I hope all will help out when asked and there will always be a First Presbyterian Church on the Village Green in Holland Patent, NY.

Evelyn Clark



Pastor Steve Vance Commissioned

Commissioned during worship on Sunday, September 18 by Larry Beasley, church member and Leader of the Presbytery of Utica, Steve Vance is now officially our fearless leader.

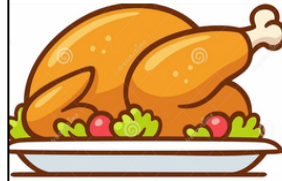


International Day of Peace Observance

was scheduled September 25, 2022

Postponed due to COVID

Reschedule date TBD



Octoberfeast

October 15

Take-out only

Advance Sale Tickets \$15

Sign-up Sheets in Coffee Hour for:
Pies – Squash – Kitchen Help

Come join the fun, socialize with friends
and feel the joy in serving.
Our community is counting on us!

For more information contact Janet Lanning at
315-941-7409 or jlasc@me.com



Congratulations, Ella!

BROCKPORT, NY - The SUNYAC has selected SUNY Brockport's *Ella Buchanan* as the SUNYAC Field Hockey Defensive Athlete of the Week for the week of July 18th.



Drive-Thru TURKEY DINNER

Saturday, October 15

4 to 6 PM

\$15

PRESALE ONLY



Dinner includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, squash, cranberry sauce, roll and your choice of apple or pumpkin pie for dessert.

Tickets may be purchased at the church on:

Sundays: Before or after 10AM Worship

Tuesdays: 2 to 3 PM

Wednesdays: 10 AM to Noon

Or call/email: 315-865-5307

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— Church members are also selling tickets —

This is a drive-thru event. Directional signs will be posted in front of the church and around the village green. Just present your meal tickets and we'll bring the order to your car. All traffic is one-way exiting onto Route 365.

**First Presbyterian Church
Holland Patent**

Located on Park Street next to the village green

Worship Schedule

- Oct 2** Steve Vance - World Communion Sunday
- Oct 9** Bonnie Tryon
- Oct 16** Steve Vance
- Oct 23** Naomi Kelly
- Oct 30** Steve Vance

Events

- Oct 1** Park Coffeehouse - Wildflower
- Oct 15** Octoberfeast (See Article)
- Oct 22** Park Coffeehouse - Alexis Loomis/Rattlin' Bog



- Oct. 1 Wildflower
- Oct. 22 Alexis Loomis and Rattlin' Bog
- Nov. 5 Woods Tea Company
- Nov. 19 Pandemic Therapy & Cincinnati Creek
- Dec. 3 Local Favorites



Session Scene

This section will provide regular updates from your Session meetings. Remember, you are always welcome to attend!

- Steve Vance was commissioned as our Commissioned Ruling Elder (CMR) on September 18.
- New sound system has been ordered.
- Approved moving forward with new permanent sign on Route 365 but will table until next year. Hopefully to be completed in spring 2023.
- 2 stained-glass windows were removed from the choir room and put in storage when the classroom addition was built. We are looking into a way to display them.
- Session voted to update to a color all-in-one copier/printer.
- Session would like to start periodic meetings with the Deacons.
- Loose stone on church steps being checked out.
- November is stewardship month - need to prepare mailing.
- Next meeting - October 30 following worship

Facility Use Request Policy Update

To provide the best possible service to all community members requesting use of church facilities, the Session has adopted the following updates to our facility use policy:

- **Facility Use Request Form** – must be completed by everyone requesting use of church facilities and must be signed by a Church Representative before use is approved. NOTE: Any additional time needed for set up/tear down should be included in the request.
- **Facility Calendar** - will be maintained by the Church Secretary. The main calendar will be located in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Additions-Changes-Updates to Existing Agreements** – must be communicated to the Church Secretary in writing. Once approved, the agreement and calendar will be updated in a timely manner.

It is our hope that these changes will protect both users and the Church from scheduling conflicts and make all parties aware of their responsibilities.

October



- 1 Julie Baum
Shirley Renninger
- 2 Kathryn Baldwin
- 5 Susan & Allen Solomon (A)
Kathy & David Heburn (A)
- 7 Grayson Marconi
- 9 Rich Aubry
Dan Seifried
- 10 Jessica (Aubry) & Ryan Meade (A)
- 18 Gaby & Don McGhee (A)
- 20 Ken Hoover
- 21 Shawn Lemieux
- 22 Ben Phillips
- 24 Janet Hoover
- 27 Mary Preston
Lorie Phillips
- 28 Pat Bliss
- 30 Russ Golly