

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

Twins Talk

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Pastor's Corner

October is upon us and with it come some of nature's most vivid presentations. I believe one of life's gifts to those of us who remain in northern NY is the sharpness of the seasons and the beauty the changes create. Keeps us on our proverbial toes so to speak.

As you read this "Corner" I am having a 3-day retreat with two friends I have known since I was 5 along with our wives. We met in kindergarten; one's Mom was our Cub Scout leader beginning when we were 6 and we made it to our HS graduation together - barely. We went our separate ways for more school, but eventually the forces brought us back to Lowville where our wives met and became friends. And we have been celebrating our friendship ever since. One of the guys moved to Boston 15 years ago and recently retired to a home on Cape Cod. So... I am sorry to report we are spending this year's retreat in the embrace of The Cape. However, I miss you guys!

Today is World Communion Sunday, and in my absence, Larry will be officiating our celebration of this worldwide event. (Or already has) It is a wonderful thing to know that at some point on this day millions of Christians around the world are sharing communion in partnership with each other. It is an event that embodies the spirit of community and connection we so often speak of and long for.

World-Wide Communion symbolizes our effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasizes that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus. The celebration of World-Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936.

Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares his beliefs in love and inclusion in a world increasingly shaken by sectarianism.

As a moment of personal celebration today, reach out to someone you disagree with and tell them its ok, you love them! I know you can do it!

Enjoy your week and be happy!

Steve

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

- Karen VanGorder was approved to act as Elder Commissioner to the September 26 meeting of the Utica Presbytery.
- COVID Policy Update – continue to pass the peace, but all should feel welcome to wear a mask and/or wave from their seat. A notice will be published in the bulletin and newsletter.
- Waterless Toilet discussion was tabled pending further investigation.
- Defibrillator purchase was approved. We would like to have a list of all church family members who have applicable training.
- Wedding and Funeral policies are not available on the church website.
- An annual request for updates to our contact information for everyone on our mailing list will be sent out in October.
- A Thanksgiving Community Service was approved to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 21 after a 3-year absence. Details will be announced when available.
- The next meeting of the Session will be held on Sunday, October 15 after worship.



ANNUAL PEACE POLE CEREMONY

Fourteen years ago, Rick Boxall (a Holland Patent Native) had the vision to create the Peace Pole. A committee of community members was formed for the purpose of placing the Peace Pole in the Holland Patent Village Park as part of the annual International Day of Peace observance each September. Rick dedicated himself to maintaining the pole, which he did well. Sadly, Rick passed away last fall so this year's Peace Pole ceremony was dedicated to Rick's memory.

Rick's family joined a wonderful group of local residents for a ceremony of music and song in

the name of peace. Rick's brother, retired Vice-Admiral Ronald Boxall, was guest speaker and assured everyone that the family is aware of Rick's dedication to the Peace Pole and will ensure that his legacy continues, working with our community to preserve the Peace Pole. Rick's son will be the new "keeper" of the pole.

Our own Gaby McGhee has been a driving force for this community effort from the beginning. Our thanks to all who contributed to making the beautiful Peace Garden, and who continue to maintain it for all to visit. Our local scouts have been involved from day one as well. Special thanks to Troop 175 (originally 55) and Troop 37.



Labor Day Outdoor Worship/Picnic - Lyons Falls

About 50 church friends from the North Country joined together on a beautiful Sunday morning (Sept. 3) for worship, fellowship and good food (always a requirement for a successful Presbyterian gathering). There was even a combined choir to bless us with music.

The service was led by Greg Jenkins from Lowville, with assistance from Steve Vance (Holland Patent) and Elizabeth Smith (Lyons Falls).

The message was based around the word "Goodbye", which technically is a contraction for the phrase "God be with ye". Why do we only say it when someone is leaving? Don't we want God with us all of the time? So if someone greets you by saying "Goodbye", chances are they heard Greg's message.



Blessing Bags

The Synod of the Northeast is collecting essential items to be distributed to local shelters during our "Come to the Table" event in October. Join us in sharing kindness, care, and necessities for those who are in need.

DONATIONS WE ARE ACCEPTING

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| TOOTHBRUSHES | BODY WASH | WATER BOTTLES |
| MOUTHWASH | WASH CLOTHS | WET WIPES |
| GLOVES | LOOFAS | Q-TIPS |
| SCARFS | SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER | DEODORANT |
| HATS | SHAVING CREAM | LOTION |
| SOCKS | SANITARY PADS/TAMPONS | TISSUES |
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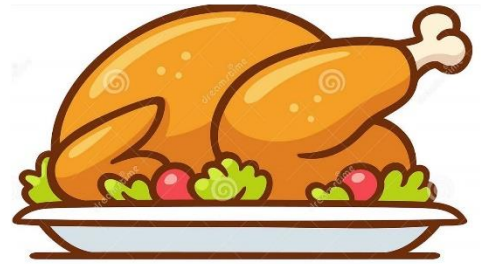


Octoberfeast

October 21

Take-out only

Advance Sale Tickets \$18



It's that time again –
and we need your help!

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

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

For more information contact
Janet Lanning at
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Sunday
Oct. 8th, 2023
3pm



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New Hartford
Presbyterian Church
45 Genesee St., New Hartford, NY 13413

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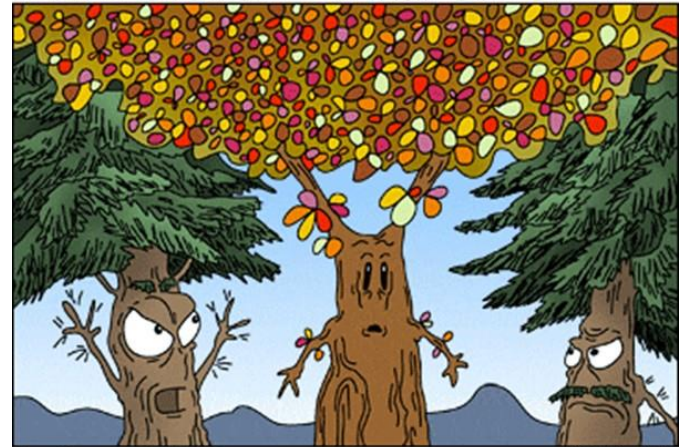
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(See Genesis 37:3-36)

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time to
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BE ON THE LOOK OUT . . .

for a letter in the next few
weeks to verify and/or update
your contact information.

Don't ignore it!
Don't throw it away!
Please reply!

We can't reach you if we don't
have the right info!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October

- 1 Julie Baum
- 1 Shirley Rennin
- 2 Kathryn Baldwin
- 5 Susan & Allen Solomon (A)
- 5 Kathy & David Heburn (A)
- 7 Grayson Marconi
- 9 Rich Aubry
- 9 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
- 27 Lorie Phillips
- 28 Pat Bliss
- 30 Russ Golly

COVID-19 UPDATE

We are sensitive to the changing reports surrounding COVID and we want you all to feel safe and secure. To provide that sense of well-being while continuing to be with us:

- Please know masks are welcome for those who wish to use them.
- We will continue to pass the peace, but please feel free to wave from your seat.
- We will update our policy based on health recommendations from local and national sources.
- We want all who worship with us to be comfortable in the church environment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check website "twinchurches.org" for a complete calendar of events.

Worship Schedule

- Oct 1** Larry Beasley - *World Communion*
- Oct 8** Janet Stengel
- Oct 15** Steve Vance
- Oct 22** Bonnie Tryon
- Oct 29** Steve Vance

Events

- Oct 14** Park Coffee House - *Cincinnati Creek*
- Oct 15** Session Meeting after worship
- Oct 21** Octoberfeast

Twins Talk News Deadlines

1st of Month Edition - due by the 27th of the prior month
 15th of Month Edition - due by the 12th of the month

Due to Carol Heburn:

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Prayers are asked for:

- The family of Steve Fonda on his sudden passing on August 28. Steve had just joined our church family this summer and had been attending faithfully. We didn't know him for long, but long enough to know we will miss him.
- The family of Tom Hughes on his passing after a long battle with Parkinson's. Tom, wife Barb and their children attended our church in the 90's, so some of you may remember them.
- Sheila Harris who is struggling with some chronic health issues that are limiting her activities.
- Brenda and Jim Capodifero's son, Jay, who had a heart attack and bypass surgery.
- Gail and Dwight Putnam who have COVID. Dwight already has chronic respiratory problems. Gail's sister, Debbie Bliss, who has been helping them, also has COVID.
- Betsy and Ken Allen. Ken is still in the hospital being treated for COVID and pulmonary embolisms. He is improving and will be going to Presbyterian Home rehab.

Joys shared for:

- Jerry Litz who has a new great-granddaughter.
- Peggy Curtacci who was able to complete two benefit walks for pancreatic cancer and Chiari without the use of a walker or cane. She credits her physical therapist and staff for making it possible and thanks all who supported her.

Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci - phone: 315-867-7898 or email: pcurtacci.1947@gmail.com

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