

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

# Twins Talk

November 2023

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## Pastor's Corner

We just went through the “Spookiest” time of the year. I am proud to tell you I got 10 out of 10 on this year’s CNN Halloween Quiz! And I will share with you one of the answers: this year’s most popular costume was “Barbie!”

In celebrating Reformation Sunday last week, we had the opportunity to reflect on the stories of our past: your stories and

our stories! I invite you to pause this week to reflect on a story of yours.

The season and a moment of reflection brought to mind a saying which is wood burned into the face of a dry sink my dad’s parents gave to him and he gave to me. The saying is: “From Ghosties and Ghoulies and Long-Legged Beasties and Things That Go Bump in The Night; Good Lord Preserve Us.” I also found it on an engraved plaque years ago.

Research tells me this is an old Scottish prayer, which makes some sense given my grandmother’s ancestry. So why was it important enough to our family to preserve this prayer in a permanent way? The answer - there is no one left to ask. Ask your questions now!

It is God’s gift that we can reflect and reconsider, ask questions and seek answers as we journey forward. Ask your questions, seek the answers - it’s what we are supposed to do!

This coming Sunday is All Saints’ Day. It will give us a chance to again reflect on our stories as we celebrate the saints we have lost in the last year. **If you have someone you would like to remember, please let me know.**

On this Communion Sunday we will have our first “Conversational Meeting” which will be held right after church in the sanctuary. We will begin with a review of our Safety Policy (A short review!) We will then break into small groups to discuss how we might expand our love for one another, and then come back together to share our group’s thoughts.

Join us please for a day of celebration, remembrance and sharing!

Steve

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

- The Thanksgiving Community Service was scheduled, and area churches will be invited. See the announcement.
- A “Conversational” meeting was scheduled for Sunday, November 5, following worship.
- Peg Ward is our Liaison with the Presbytery and will visit with the Session early next year.
- If plans work out, an on-demand hot water heater will be installed to help with fuel efficiency.
- The AED unit has arrived and will be installed. We want to get a list of all church attendees who are certified in AED use. Plans are also being made for training.
- The Session approved extending the current Covenant Agreement with Steve Vance through 2024.
- The next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12, following worship.



Chiari Cares Fund Raiser  
Serving Greater New York

Sat, Nov. 4, 2023, 6:30PM

Holland Patent American Legion

Dinner (\$15.00), Music, Raffles

Help Find A Cure...



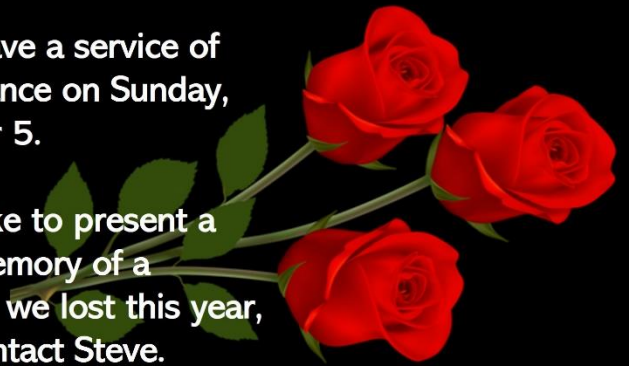
Sponsored by family and friends of Peg Curtacci. All proceeds to benefit those with Chiari, a serious disorder of the brain and spinal cord and related disorders including Syringomyelia. We also support the following Groups: Conquer Chiari, ASAP, Column of Hope & BobbyJonesCSF

Questions call Peg @ 315-867-7898

# All Saints' Day

We will have a service of remembrance on Sunday, November 5.

If you'd like to present a rose in memory of a loved one we lost this year, please contact Steve.



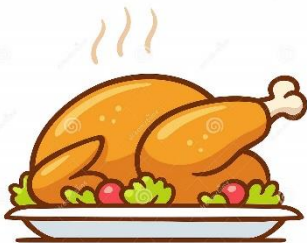
## Spiritual Care

**Volunteers Needed**  
from Rev. Becky Guthrie  
MVHS Protestant Chaplain



The Wynn Hospital needs spiritual care volunteers for patients and families under our care. If you have compassion for those who are sick or undergoing medical procedures, you will be a great asset for the hospital. As a volunteer, you can visit with patients and families, offering comfort through your presence, prayer and conversation.

If you are interested in being part of a great team, please contact Rev. Becky Guthrie at 315-624-6218.



## Octoberfeast

The Fellowship/Octoberfeast Committee wants to thank the congregation for your enthusiastic support this year! You donated SO much squash and SO many pies! We had planned well (we added 2 additional turkeys and 10 extra lbs. of potatoes) and didn't run out of anything while filling the 300+ orders. We had several new people roasting turkeys this year, as well as some new volunteers

working in the kitchen and dining room on Oct. 21st. We welcomed all of you! It was a joy to see so many of us working and laughing together throughout the day. Thank you to our brave outdoor crew, including our teens and Pastor Steve, who got fairly soaked from 4-6. Thanks, also, to folks who helped out on Sunday morning after worship, putting pots away, taking down tables, and even cleaning out and rearranging the supply closet. ALL of your help over the course of the weekend is greatly appreciated!



Scott Wozna and Larry Beasley  
Some mean potato mashers!

Our Treasurer reports that all of your outstanding efforts made more than \$5,000!



Before Covid, area churches met annually for a community Thanksgiving service. We invite you to join in beginning this wonderful tradition again!

Join us in celebration of our belonging to each other in our beautiful community of faith:

- Come together to worship and rejoice
- Come together to celebrate in song by adding your voice to the ecumenical community choir (see rehearsal schedule below)
- Come together to show gratitude for all the gifts that we share
- Come together for refreshments and smiles!

Let's come together to share the love Jesus spoke of when he said:

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

It's the Perfect Season for giving Thanks! Please join us!

## Community Choir Opportunity For Thanksgiving Celebration

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**



### Rehearsal Schedule

Every Thursday at 7:30 pm  
October 26 - November 16

*If you have a special piece of music  
you'd like to share, bring it along!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Check website "[twinchurches.org](http://twinchurches.org)" for a complete calendar of events.

### Worship Schedule

**Nov 5** Steve Vance – *All Saints' Day, communion, conversational mtg*

**Nov 12** Steve Vance

**Nov 19** Bonnie Tryon

**Nov 26** Steve Vance – *Pledge Dedication*

### Events

**Nov 4** Chiari Cares Fund Raiser at the Legion – 6:30 pm

**Nov 4** Park Coffee House – *Off the Wall*

**Nov 8** Veterans' Day Concert at the High School – 7:00

**Nov 11** Veterans' Day

**Nov 12** Session Meeting following worship

**Nov 18** Park Coffee House – *Wallflower*

**Nov 21** Thanksgiving Community Service – 6:00 pm

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## November

- 1 Jeff Dittl  
Benett Marconi
- 2 Cullen Dunn
- 4 Dale Jones
- 6 Cindy Rye
- 9 Hannah Kraft
- 12 Nancy Schoff  
Jeff & Deb Dittl (A)
- 14 Jessica Brown
- 17 Hannah Ferris  
Bonnie Churcher
- 18 Gail Smith
- 20 Lauren (Moseman) Smoak
- 21 Chris Aiken  
Lynne & Merritt Howard (A)
- 22 Karen VanGorder
- 23 Emily Preston  
Jalayna Fox
- 27 Leah Howard  
Michael Bamford  
Dan & Beverly Seifried (A)
- 28 Marie Mueller  
Joe Rowlands



## November 2023

- Nov 5 - Sarah DePalma (*All Saints' Day, Conversational Meeting*)
- Nov 12 - Betsy Allen
- Nov 19 - Kathy Lemieux
- Nov 26 - Peg Curtacci & Heidi Taubert

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### Prayers are asked for:

- Janet Broadbent who continues to have multiple health issues.
- Ken and Betsy Allen as Ken has had several trips back and forth to the hospital. He is currently at The Grand for rehab.
- Barb Field who would love cards and calls. Please call ahead before visits. Her address is Hawthorne Room 401, Sitrin Lane, New Hartford, NY 13413. Telephone 315-765-6320.
- Nancy Baum who is recovering from hip surgery that unfortunately had some complications. She is now in Sitrin for rehab.
- Bob Griffith who is having respiratory problems and trying to find a doctor.
- Sonnel Suba's daughter who is recovering from surgery for a broken wrist.

### Joys shared for:

- Carol Beasley who enjoyed a gathering of 50 family and friends to celebrate her mother's 99th birthday.
- Having Scott Wozna back in the area, worshipping with us and adding his voice to the choir.
- Gaby McGhee who will be visiting Holly and Marty to attend the Baptist church where her grandson is organist. Gaby's son, Doug, will be climbing to the base camp of Mount Everest (still adventuring in spite of health concerns).
- Andrea Larry offered gratitude for the community support for her daughter's championship field hockey game. Congratulations to all our area athletes and their teams for their hard work.
- Sarah DePalma shared that her cousin, Cayden (who helps with the church nursery) as part of her Eagle Scout project is building a handicap accessible picnic area in the park right across from the church. Our scouts are a big asset to our community.

**Prayer Chain** - Peg Curtacci - phone: 315-867-7898 or email: [pcurtacci.1947@gmail.com](mailto:pcurtacci.1947@gmail.com)

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