

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

# Twins Talk

December 2024

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## Pastor's Corner

Greetings from the Frozen North! I know you live in NNY too, so you understand "Lake Effect" storms. They still fill me with wonder, especially when you can measure their production in feet Thanksgiving week! Snow enthusiasts are smiling for sure!!

My Granddad owned a 1936 Dodge which had ,oh, 10" of road clearance, perfect for winter driving. On occasion he loaned it to my Mom to use for errands and stuff. On one occasion I distinctly

remember we had it when we got a snow day that was the result of a HUGE lake effect storm. Remember when snow days were a surprise?

My senior year, when a snow day was declared, I would borrow the family auto and collect friends to join me in driving around town making sure it was a "necessary" snow day. (My Dad figured I couldn't get hurt, only stuck.)

On one such snow day we had the '36 Dodge, I drove it to pick up 3 friends and we drove around town making sure the day was "official." With its manual transmission, ground clearance and chains you couldn't get that car stuck even by trying!! We spent hours driving around the huge Village of Lowville checking out the depth of the snow and helping other townies get unstuck! It was a great day!!

That memory is a gift gently created by family, friends, neighbors and my interesting desire to test the elements! And Mother Nature! That day was completely spontaneous and has provided me with 50 years of smiles.

Thank you all for the gift that keeps on giving.

This week and season we celebrate giving and thanks! We give and we receive gifts. some intentional and wrapped, some unseen and lived! I know all of you have those lived memory gifts, especially those given during the holiday season.

I invite you to recollect your favorite and share it with someone you love. Who knows - you might be creating a gift for them that will keep on giving!

Happy Holidays!!

Steve

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

## Annual Advent Gathering



**Don't miss it!**

**Date: Monday, December 2**

**Place: Church Fellowship Hall**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Dinner: Bring a dish to pass**

**All are Welcome – Bring a Friend!**

*Sponsored by the Mission Committee*



**SHARE THE JOY**

**Foothills Rural Community Ministry** is always in need of volunteers, but especially at Christmas time when they bring love, community, and the holidays to almost 200 local families. From wrapping presents, to packing Christmas bags, to sorting food baskets. If you have care in your heart and time in your calendar, why not spend a few hours to **SHARE THE JOY**. Call them at 315-865-5854 or email [frcmin@gmail.com](mailto:frcmin@gmail.com).



## Christmas Cookies for Shut-Ins Sunday, December 8

Deacons will be packing plates of Christmas cookies for shut-ins on Sunday, December 8 after worship.

Last year we made about 20 plates, so appreciate all donations of cookies, chocolates, or other candy.

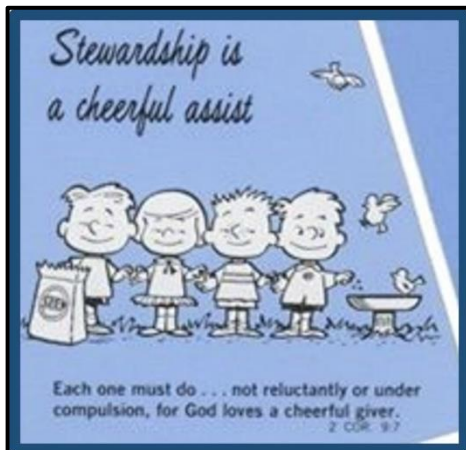
If you'd like to contribute but can't come on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, call/text Carol Beasley at 315-794-2124 to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your generosity every year!

## Christmas Pageant Sunday December 15 at 10 am



If you are a first-time participant or an old pro, telling the Christmas Story together is such a special experience. There's always room for many more angels, shepherds, wise men and animals, so please join us!



### Stewardship Sunday December 15

Share your blessings by "cheerfully assisting" the work of our church in the community and beyond. We can make a difference together!

Bring your pledge, get a pledge card in the narthex, or mail your pledge to the church treasurer (Kathleen Lemieux).

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24 – 5:00 PM





Pictured is our own Shane Fox and you may see more familiar faces.

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT.** The annual A Tuba Christmas returns to the Capitol for the 18th consecutive year! This event showcases the talents of tuba, euphonium, baritone, and sousaphone players from across the region, who perform timeless Christmas and holiday music! The show is free and open to the public. Performer registration will take place at the theater from 4:00-6:00.

## Worship with Our Neighbors

St. David's Episcopal - Trenton United Methodist -  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
**Ecumenical Service**  
 Hosted by  
**First Presbyterian Church  
 of Holland Patent**  
**Sunday, Dec. 29**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian HP - Unitarian Church of Barnevel



### Session Scene

- After discussions with multiple members of the congregation and further discussion, the Session decided to decline the invitation to participate in the Plentiful Gifts program.
- A Session Retreat was held on November 9 to discuss what is going well, what needs work and where to go in the future. Results will be reported in the near future.
- A check for \$3,600 was received as the first disbursement from the Marshall Fund bankruptcy case. There is no information to indicate whether this will be the only amount received.
- Roof repairs have been under way, and while additional issues were found, all have been resolved and the work completed.
- A small team will be looking into getting lighting options in the sanctuary.



### December 2024

- Dec 8 – Peg Curtacci & Heidi Taubert
- Dec 15 – Dorothy Buley (*Pageant*)
- Dec 22 – Arti Finn
- Dec 29 – Carol Beasley and Friends  
(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

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Thanks to Wilma Melendez (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-24-2010  
**THIS IS LIKE TOTALLY THE COOLEST THING THAT HAS EVEN HAPPENED IN THIS STABLE!**



## December

- 1 David Wynne
- 3 Brett Hoffman
- 4 Laura Grenier  
Karl Wervovitz
- 9 Wendy Seifried
- 11 Elizabeth Condrey-Pitlyk
- 12 Pete Rose  
Joey & Christy Rowlands (twins)
- 13 Gaby McGhee
- 14 Elizabeth (Moseman) Hobson
- 15 Tanya Erway  
Danise Moseman
- 17 Hannah Ferris  
John Wall
- 20 Thomas Taubert
- 26 Jordan Dziekan  
Jon Dziekan
- 27 Merritt Howard  
Marsha Thayer
- 28 Artis Finn
- 29 Trevor Harter
- 30 Marilyn Racha

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Worship Schedule

- Dec 8** - Bonnie Tryon – *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*
- Dec 15** - Steve Vance – *Pageant, Pledge Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*
- Dec 22** – Steve Vance – *4th Sunday of Advent*
- Dec 24** – Christmas Eve – Steve Vance – 5 pm
- Dec 29** - Steve Vance - *5th Sunday Ecumenical Service*

## Events

- Choir Practice** – Thursdays at 5:30 pm
- Dec 2** – Advent Gathering - 6:00 – covered dish to pass
- Dec 4, 11, 18** – Tryon Small Group – 10 am – Meeting Room
- Dec 4** – Grief Group – 11:30 am – Meeting Room
- Dec 4** – Soup Prep – See Betsy Allen
- Dec 7** – Stengel Small Group – 11 am – Meeting Room
- Dec 7** – Park Coffee House – *Local Favorites*

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for a complete calendar of events**



## **Prayers are asked for:**

- Janet Stengel who is healing from hand surgery.
- Karl Werbovetz who has been dealing with some health issues.
- Laurie Grenier who fell and injured her leg.
- Carol Beasley's sister-in-law, Patricia Strickland, who is in Wynn Hospital.
- Dave Heburn who is awaiting hip surgery.

## **Joys are shared for:**

- Abby Howard, granddaughter of Lynne Howard, who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place for singing in the HPCS Talent Show. Abby sometimes shares her gift as part of our choir.
- Taylor (Beasley) Fitzgerald's father-in-law, Mike, had a kidney transplant after 5 years of waiting. He is home and doing well.
- Carol & Larry Beasley who traveled a long and twisty trip to Lancaster, PA to see a production of "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theater. Carol could only describe it as "monumental and amazing".

**Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci**

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