

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

Twins Talk

November 2024

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Pastor's Corner

Welcome to November! The beginning of so much life! We feel the changes in our natural world continue and sharpen as that other season approaches, We begin our traditional holiday season with sales and services and the family and food of Thanksgiving and we begin a New Church Year with the onset of Advent! Good times, loving times, caring times.

Last Sunday I spoke of St. Francis of Assisi and the influences he has had on faith lives for more than 1,000 years. What is remarkable is that the ideas and practices Francis created are as relevant and fresh for today's faith as they were to 13th Century faith lives.

Francis' primary thesis is simple. *All of God's creation is sacred.* All living things, all of God's creatures, should to be honored, cherished, and respected.

He is known as the Patron Saint of Animals and the Environment. He lived a life in tune with nature, respecting and loving all things, finding God in the elements of creation right in front of him. *He experienced God in nature. He touched, sensed, and inhaled God as he journeyed through the natural world.*

He didn't imagine God as a far off spirit. He embraced God as a spirit he could see and touch right here, right now... *"on earth as it is in Heaven"*.

I also spoke of Father Richard Rohr, a Franciscan Priest who created a non-profit called *Center for Action and Contemplation* (CAC). CAC is created and curated by a multi-denominational Board and staff. Among the many resources at CAC's website are podcasts, some of which are wonderful paths for understanding and discerning the Franciscan way. (One to consider is *"Everything Belongs!"*) CAC can be found at CAC.org. I invite you to visit and begin.

We look back to understand, we look forward to live. See you over the next hill!

Steve

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



Thank You

From Janet Lanning
Fellowship Chair

Octoberfeast

Thank you to everyone who worked to make Octoberfeast successful! Several of the "Ringleaders" were absent this year (including myself), and so many of you stepped up to take on extra responsibilities to make sure the day was a success. All the pies and squash that you donated were very appreciated. We also thank everyone who roasted and carved turkeys.

Patty Aubry shared that as people were driving up to pick up their dinners, several rolled down their windows to express how they love this meal, and that they look forward to it each year!

Everyone involved on October 19 agrees that the camaraderie was the best part of the day.

Kathy Lemieux, our treasurer, reported that the event profits were \$4,850.

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY!

*Let's give
thanks together*



**A Community Service
of Thanksgiving, Peace and Friendship
Tuesday, November 26 at 6:00 PM**

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!
- And may the weather not cause us to cancel again this year.

It's the Perfect Season for giving Thanks! Please join us!
Community Choir Rehearsal Schedule

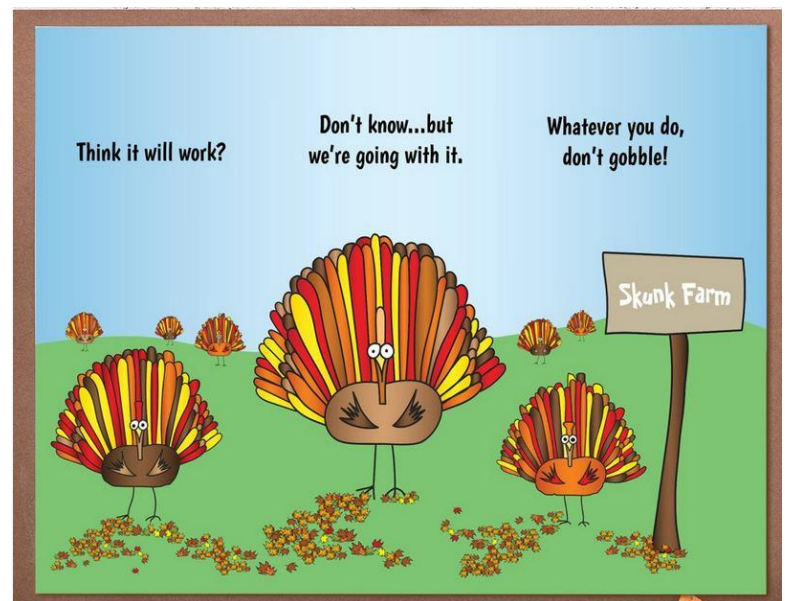
When: Wednesday, Nov 6 – 6:30-7:30 pm
Thursday, Nov 14 & 21 – 6:30-7:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov 26 – 5:00 pm (before service)

Where: Twin Churches on the Green
First Presbyterian Church
Holland Patent, NY

Call or text Vicky Stockton at 315-525-2779 or
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from Carol Beasley . . .

My mother, June Mallery and I would like to thank the church family for all the lovely cards of best wishes and congratulations on the occasion of her 100th birthday. They were a blessing and greatly appreciated.



Plentiful Gifts Program

After hearing two presentations on this Presbytery-wide (and national) program, our Church has been asked to prayerfully consider participation both as a congregation and as individuals within the Church.

The seven areas of growth are:

- **Preaching:** Study and Sharing of the Word
- **Worship:** Personally and corporately meet God in Worship; also a space of identity, belonging and hospitality.
- **Care:** Caring for one another and those in times of suffering and need
- **Community and Service**
- **Faith Formation:** Receiving and sharing the substance of the faith.
- **Leadership and Governance:** Leading with integrity and confidence.
- **Communication and Technology**

Each participating church is asked to select four (4) areas of focus from this list. To participate, we need 6 to 12 individuals willing to take the lead in this process.

Please call/text Bonnie Churcher (315-982-1501) or Vicky Allen (315-525-2779) with your interest and your questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Schedule

Nov 3 - Steve Vance (*Communion, All Saints Sunday*)

Nov 10 - Steve Vance

Nov 17 - Bonnie Tryon

Nov 24 - Steve Vance

Nov 26 - Steve Vance (*Community Thanksgiving Service at 6 pm*)

Events

Thursdays at 5:30 Choir Practice

Nov 2 - Park Coffee House - *Red Bandana & Alexis Loomis*

Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Stengel Small Group - 10 am
(*Meeting Room*)

Nov 6 - Soup Prep & Distribution (*see Betsy Allen*)

Nov 6, 13, 20 - Tryon Small Group - 10 am (*Meeting Room*)

Nov 9 - Session Retreat - 10 am (*church Conference*)

Handbell Choir



This Sunday, Nov 3, interested and possible handbell ringers are invited to meet after coffee hour at St David's Episcopal Church in Barneveld (where we had our community 5th Sunday service). St David's has four music readers ready to ring. Together, we can work up something special for our 5th Sunday service in December!

Interested? Curious? Ready to shake, swing, and ring? Please see or call Vicky! (315-525-2779)



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Nov 3 – Karen VanGorder (All Saints)

Nov 10 – Sonnel Suba

Nov 17 – Sarah DePalma

Nov 24 – Betsy Allen

Janet Lanning – Phone 315-941-7409

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“THE CUP OF OUR LIFE”

How the cup is a rich symbol of life, with its emptiness and fullness, its brokenness and flaws, and its many blessings.

Tryon Group – 10:00 am – Church Meeting Room
Wednesday, Nov 6, 13, 20 & Dec 4, 11, 18

Stengel Group – 11:00 am – Church Meeting Room
Saturdays Nov 2 – Dec 7

Meetings have started, but spots are still available.

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November

- 1 Jeff Dittl
Benett Marconi
Cullen Dunn (Patty Aubrey)
- 2 Grandson)
- 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



Prayers are asked for:

- Vince Vannicola who went to the hospital with pneumonia but is feeling better.
- Mable Converse who had a fall that resulted in multiple fractures. Prayers for comfort and healing during her expected lengthy recovery.
- Taiba, our Afghanistan church friend, through the process of purchasing a house in hopes that her family still trapped in country will be able to join her.

Joys are shared for:

- Janet Broadbent who has shown signs of improvement in her eyesight since her latest surgery and was able to see the shapes of trees during a recent drive. Prayers that it continues to improve.
- Peg & Heidi Curtacci who traveled to Georgia to attend a relative's art exhibit and got to visit with family.

Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci

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