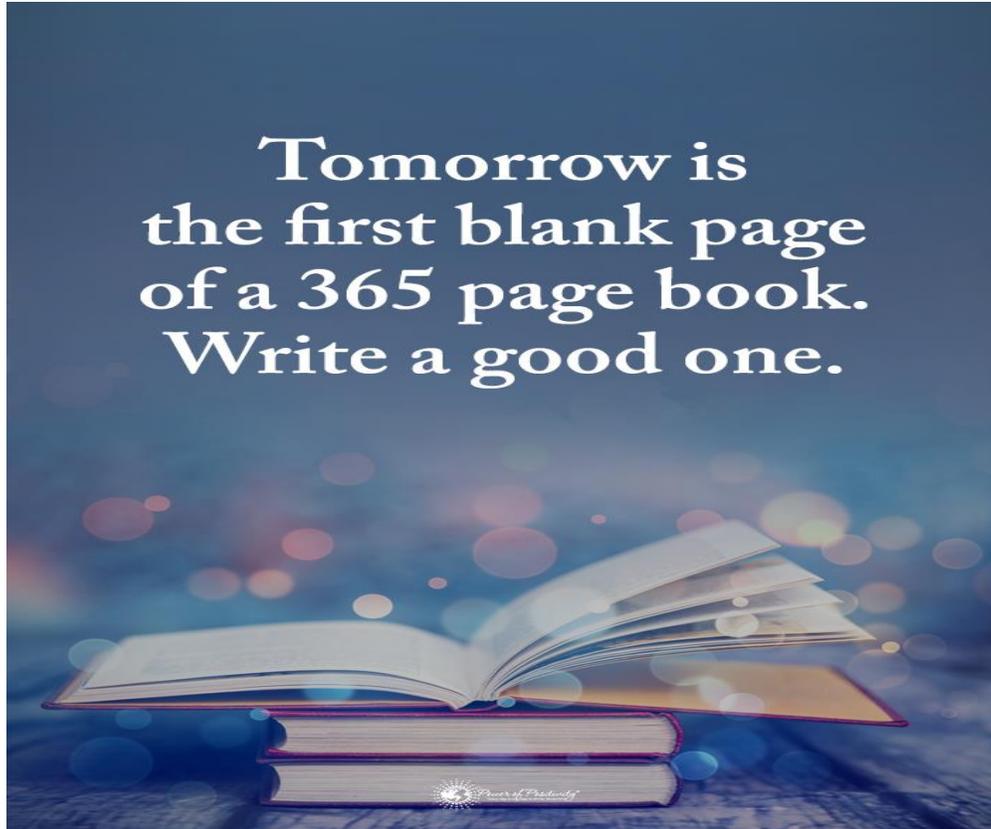


Midweek Message



Facebook *power of positivity*

Midweek E-mail from First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, New York

January 2, 2019

Sara Zampogna, Director of A Children's Place

Happy New Year!

Yesterday morning I woke to my Facebook feed filled with two types of postings. The first type was New Year's resolutions for a "new and better me" including proclamations of gym memberships not going to waste, new healthy eating habits, more time off social media, a break from technology and many more promises of being a better person in general. The second type of posting was negative comments about the first type. "Oh Great," they said, "Here come the people with their resolutions that they will never follow through with." I am sad for these jaded people. I love New Years! It's like opening a brand

new notebook or journal, all fresh and clean with bright white pages just waiting to be written on. It's full of possibilities and opportunities!

I think that being a Christian is like waking up every day as if it is New Year's Day. 2nd Corinthians 5:17 says, "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun." And Lamentations 3:22-23 says, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Each morning we wake to a fresh new page of that journal filled with opportunities to be the person God made us to be, and to share His love with others. And even if we fail, or fall off the wagon, we wake the next day belonging to Christ, fully made new and ready to try again.

So let's brush off those nay-sayers negative comments and join that gym, start that healthy eating habit, promise to read the Bible daily and take the opportunity we have each day to be exactly who we were made to be!

With love,
Sara

REMEMBERING YOU IN OUR PRAYERS:

Greg Kellogg's mother; Lucy Miller's son Paul; Catherine Willard's sister Nancy; Russ Thompson's brother Jim; Bridgette Winters brother Mike; Julie Dudgeon; Libby Nord; Claire Murray; Bob Williams; Linda Barber and her sister Loraine; and those traveling home after the holidays.

ACP Family for October: Sophia and her Mother Sarah

Staff Member: Shari Stevens

If you need a ride to church or a doctor's appointment, would like a visit from the Pastor, could use support from our Casserole and Cookie Crew, or would like to let us know about a prayer concern, please let the church office know. The Member Care Committee is ready to help you out.

Sunday, January 6th

Sunday School Breakfast 9:00 am
Story time at 9:15, then Sunday school classes at 9:30 am
Worship is in the **Chapel** at 10:30 am
Communion will be served.

Worship Leaders for Sunday, January 6th

Liturgist: Rosie Hagel

Greeters: Debbie Johnston's Sunday School Class

Ushers: Lisa and Doug Schutte

Worship Leaders for January 13th

Liturgist: Cyndi Lorenc

Greeters: Deborah and Eve Kushmaul

Ushers: Lee and Heidi Marshall

Coming Soon!

The Mission Committee has started a new mission opportunity for members. Monday we hosted the first of what we hope will be monthly breakfasts for the guests of the **UCan City Mission**. Bob Battaglin, Bruce Archibald and Jim Kullberg were the hosts. We provided a scrambled egg and sausage meal for about 20 people and they were very grateful to have something other than cold cereal and day old bread. We plan to continue this in the new year and will be providing an opportunity for men to sign up to help. It takes only a couple hours and finishes up by 8 am. If you are interested in helping out talk with Jim Kullberg.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Church Business Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

- January 2 - Artist Workshop starts up again tonight 6:30 pm
- January 3 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm
- January 6 – Youth Group 5:00 pm
- January 7 – Chamber Singers Rehearsal 7:00 pm
- January 8 – Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm
- January 8 – Barbershoppers 7:00 pm
- January 9 – Creche 11:00 am
- January 9 – TON 3:15 pm
- January 9 – Artist Workshop 6:30 pm
- January 9 – Chamber Singers Rehearsal 7:00 pm
- January 10 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm
- January 10 – Worship Committee meeting 6:00 pm
- January 10 – Chamber Choir 7:00 pm
- January 12 – 12th Night Society for Creative Anachronism 10:00 am
- January 13 – 12th Night Concert Chamber Singers 4:00 pm
- January 15 – Education Committee Meeting 12:30 pm
- January 15 – Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm
- January 15 – Barbershoppers 7:00 pm
- January 16 – TON 3:15 pm
- January 17 – Building and Grounds meeting 5:00 pm