

# Midweek Message



*Annual Meeting Time!*

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

**January 30, 2019**

The Reverend Robert J. Hagel

Dear Friends in Christ,

2018 has gone and 2019 rushes on. Can you believe it is already January 30, 2019?

Every year, at our Annual Congregational Meeting we review, reminisce, and wonder. We reflect on the highlights, and the might-have-beens, and wonder about the coming year.

In the midst of all the joy, regret, and uncertainty of life, we hear Jesus making a wonderful proclamation in the synagogue in Nazareth:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18-19)

Then Jesus said,

“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:21b)

As we look at the world around us, at the year that has just ended, and at all that lies in front of us, do we believe Jesus’ words are for us? What might it mean to be told that “today” God is active in our world as Jesus promised in Nazareth? How can we live that out?

My friends, we are called by God for just this moment and this place. We are called by God to participate with Christ in sharing God’s good news, freedom, healing, and love. Today, God’s word is coming true in our world. What part will we have in all of that? Go on a neighborhood walk, searching for signs of God’s activity. How many can you count? Tell someone about what you see.

Imagine God’s Spirit anointing you to do things. What are some of the things you feel yourself called to do? Let’s do them together.

I hope to see you Sunday at the Annual Congregational Meeting. I look forward to celebrating with you all that we have accomplished in 2018. I look forward to dreaming and doing God’s work together in 2019 and beyond.

Peace

Bob

## **REMEMBERING YOU IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Don Ray; Julie Dudgeon; the family of Toni Sapp mourning her loss; Linda Barber and her sister Lorraine; Jane Lockwood’s sister; Kate Hagel’s father; Lucy Miller’s son Paul; Catherine Willard’s sister Nancy; Marge Cochran; Arianna Ayers; Mackenzie; for those traveling this week, and people suffering from depression and mental illness or trying to stay warm.

**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, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday School Breakfast 9:00 am

Story time at 9:15, then Sunday school classes at 9:30 am

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am

Worship is in the **Chapel** at 10:30 am

Communion will be served

Annual Meeting and Luncheon 11:30 am

### Worship Leaders for February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Liturgist: Mark Naeser

Greeters: Craig Butler

Ushers: Bridgette and David Winters

### Worship Leaders for February 10<sup>th</sup>

Liturgist: Susie Stuart

Greeter: Karin Johnson

Ushers: Barb Potter and Gayle Schulte

# Coming Soon!

## Head's Up for Healthy Bones

Joanne Nelson will be starting another **Healthy Bones Class** on March 20<sup>th</sup>. This is an enjoyable and beneficial 10 week exercise class that has been proven to tone muscles and build stronger bones. Pre-registration is required for this class so either see Joanne at church or call her at 488-9547 to get on the list. You'll be glad you did!

# Youth Group Lock-In

**Join us Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

Bring a snack, water, hygiene items, bedding, and a change of clothes for Church. Breakfast will be provided.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders will be dismissed at 10:00 pm, older youth will stay until after the Worship Service on Sunday. After 10:00 pm, the doors will be locked and youth will not be allowed to leave unless a parent or guardian is picking them up. If you need to come into the building, call the church's phone number (487-1984) as this will ring throughout the whole church, including the Youth Room. We will not be able to answer the door buzzer unless someone is in the office at that time.

## Session Notes:

### Annual Meeting Announcement

**THE SESSION** of First Presbyterian Church hereby calls for the 185th Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of First Presbyterian Church to be held Sunday, February 3, 2019, starting at 11:30 a.m. (weather date: February 10, 2019) for the purposes of:

Reviewing the annual reports of church boards and organizations,  
Electing church officers,  
Electing members of the congregation to serve on the 2019 Church Nominating Committee,  
And to consider any other matters that may appropriately arise.

The meeting will be preceded by lunch.

-Melanie Gritters, Clerk of Session

**2019 PLEDGES** are still being collected. If you have not turned in your pledge, please put it in the collection plate or send it to the church office. The pledge count currently stands at 92 pledges for \$229,382. Last year's total pledge was \$281,333 by 120 families and individuals.

### DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Church Business Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

January 30 – TON 3:15 pm **CANCELLED**

January 30 – Artist Workshop 6:30 pm

January 31 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm

January 31 – ACP Family Event 1:30 pm **CANCELLED**

January 31 – Children's Choir 5:30 pm **CANCELLED**

January 31 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

February 3 – Annual Meeting and Luncheon 11:30 am

February 5 – Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm

February 5 – Barbershoppers 7:00 pm

February 6 – TON 3:15

February 6 – Artist Workshop 6:30 pm

February 7 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm

February 7 – Children's Choir 5:30 pm

February 7 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

February 9&10 – Youth Group Lock-In beginning at 6:00 pm