

Midweek Message



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

November 14, 2018

The Reverend Robert J. Hagel

Dear Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

I am sorry. The Stewardship Campaign did not get enough time and energy this year. The letter went out late and then arrived at your doors later than I had expected. So this Sunday *is* Stewardship Sunday and we will be collecting the Commitment Cards that were with the letter. I do hope you will take time to think about the extraordinary life and ministry we lead together at First Presbyterian Church. And don't worry, if you forget to fill out your card or need more time, we will always appreciate your promise, your time, and your ministry.

As the letter sent to you states:

"When ordinary people are in love, they do extraordinary things. How has your life become extraordinary because of God's love for you? How will you use your time, abilities, strengths, and resources in joyful gratitude so that others will know the gospel

message through the continued work of this congregation? How will your life be extraordinary?

On Stewardship Commitment Sunday, **November 18th at 10:30 AM**, you will have an opportunity to address those questions through a commitment to the work and life of First Presbyterian Church. Take time to pray and meditate on how your extraordinary life demonstrates God's love."

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives. This will continue to be our theme for 2019. So be listening for and be prepared to hear the stories of Ordinary People of First Pres. doing Extraordinary Things.

Peace
Bob

REMEMBERING YOU IN OUR PRAYERS:

The family of Nancy Price mourning her loss; Lucy Miller's son Paul; Don Ray having a stress test tomorrow; Julianne Beauregard awaiting a kidney transplant; Nancy, Bruce, Marty, Calene, Sally, Trish, Barb, and comfort for Joanie Ericson and Mick Yates; a lot of families traveling over the next week and always remember those surviving tragedies like forest fires, floods, and violence. Also remember to say a special thank you for Marge's son Rob doing well, for baptisms, for families and those like family who care for one another, and bless us with their love.

ACP Family for October: James and Lianne

Staff Member: Lindsey Staples

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.

NEW for this Sunday, November 18th

Bell Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am
Sunday School Breakfast at 9:00 am
Pastor's Storytime at 9:15, then classes at 9:30 am
This week the children will be learning about Isaiah
Adult Education will cover this week's video series
"Aliveness in Spirit"
Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am
Stewardship Sunday is this week followed by a
Harvest Pie Reception in Fellowship Hall

This Sunday, November 18th

Liturgist: Gwynneth Tigner

Greeter: Greg Kellogg

Ushers: Lisa and Doug Schutte, Diane and Rudy Mueller

Next Sunday, November 25th

Liturgist: Craig Butler

Greeter: Dick Reddington

Ushers: Sherra and Jim Babcock, Jetta and Mark Wilson

Help Wanted:

DECK THE HALLS

Join us after the Service on this first Sunday of Advent to decorate the church for the Christmas Season. Bring a dozen cookies to share, we'll have the hot cocoa, tools, and decorations. This is a family event.

Coming Soon!

Harvest Pie Reception

Please stay after Worship this week, **Sunday, November 18th** to enjoy the fruits of God's harvest in the Sandra J. Merwin Fellowship Hall and help us celebrate with pie!

Youth Group International Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 18th at 5:30 pm

Bring a special dish to pass that is common to your family, but might be something different to others and we will share ethnic food from hopefully, all over the world and hear the stories to match.

Please Remember:

Bring Your Pledge Cards to Worship This Week!

Because of the **Winter Weather**, please remember to leave the **parking places next to the Church** for those of us who have an extra hard time walking across 6th Street to come to church. Thank you.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Church Business Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

November 14 – TON 3:15 pm

November 14 – Session Meeting 7:00 pm

November 15 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm

November 15 – Family Night Dinner 5:30 pm

November 15 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

November 18 – Stewardship Sunday 10:30 am

November 18 – Harvest Pie Reception 11:45 am
November 18 – Youth Group International Thanksgiving Dinner 5:30 pm
November 19 – Chamber Singers 6:00 pm
November 20 – Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm
November 21 – TON 3:15 pm
November 21 – Artist Workshop
November 22 & 23 **Church Offices and ACP Closed for Thanksgiving**
November 25 – Mission Committee 11:45 am
November 26 – Chamber Singers 6:00 pm
November 27 – Newsletter Assembly 10:00 am
November 27 – Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm
November 27 – Barbershoppers 7:00 pm
November 28 – TON 3:15 pm
November 28 – Artist Workshop 6:30 pm
November 29 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm
November 29 – ACP Meeting 1:30 pm
November 29 – Building and Grounds 5:00 pm
November 29 – Children’s Choir 5:30 pm
November 29 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm
December 2 – **Deck The Halls** 11:45 am
December 9 – Fellowship/Hospitality Committee 11:45 am
December 9 – Youth Committee 11:45 am