

NEWSLETTER

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SUNDAY
10:00 AM

*Sunday School and
nursery available
during worship. We
are an accessible
Church.*

Do Justice, love kindness, walk
humbly with God.

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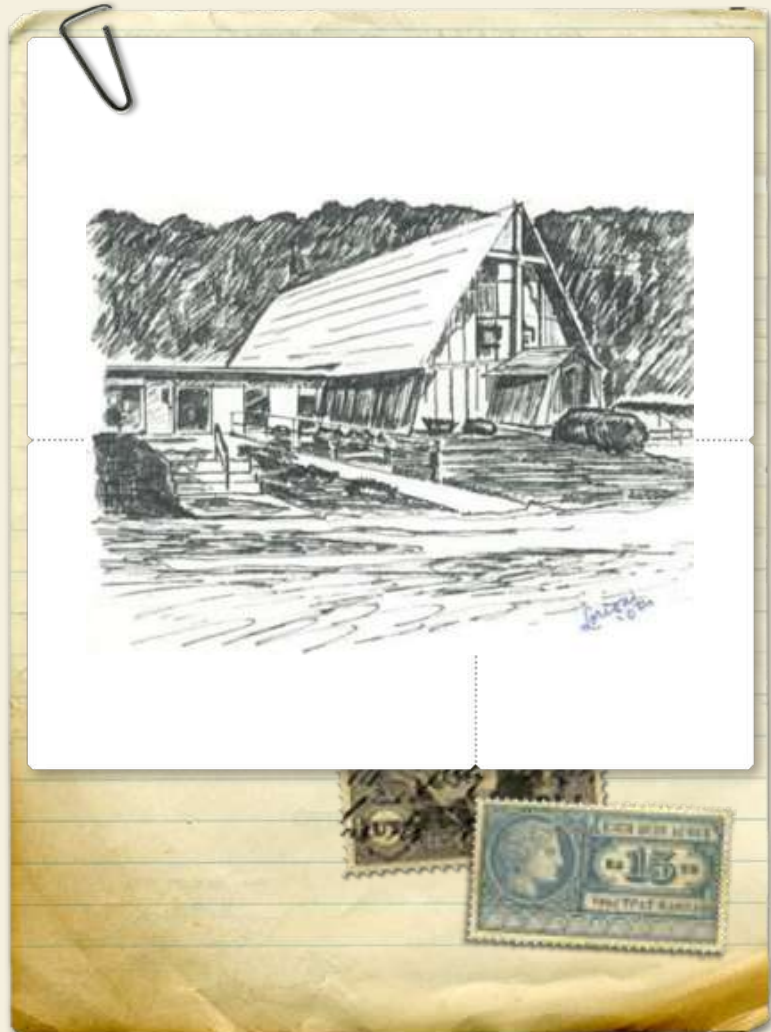
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A Message from Pastor Tim

Friends,

Tuesday, November 6 is Election Day and every eligible citizen needs to vote. It saddens me that most elections in this country are determined more by the vast majority of people who decided they couldn't be bothered to take the time to place their ballot than those who did. Vote!

As Presbyterians we believe in voting and elections to make decisions. In the Presbyterian church elders are chosen from the congregation or elected. "Ruling elders are so named not because they 'lord it over' the congregation, but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern," says the Presbyterian Book of Order, which guides the structure of the church.

Among its own constitution and beliefs, Presbyterian churches opt to vote for changes. In the Presbyterian Church USA, the church voted in 2015 to allow gay and lesbian weddings within the church. In 2014, the church had voted to allow clergy to perform same-sex weddings. Such changes are comparable to adding an amendment to the US Constitution!

Of course, not everyone or every church was happy about that change. Many churches have left the denomination because of this decision. Even though it was not popular with all, the delegates to the General Assembly that made the decision, and the presbyteries that ratified it were democratically elected and voted the way they believed God was leading them to decide. One thing that has remained constant in the Presbyterian Church, USA is that we have a representative form of church governance, and the people in the pews have a voice and a vote.

In other words, as Presbyterians we ought to value voting more than the average US citizen, and not take that responsibility for granted. To me it doesn't matter how you vote, so much as that you do.

On Wednesday, November 7, the members of the Schenectady Clergy Against Hate invite you to an evening of Community prayer, solidarity and debriefing from 7:00 to 8:30 at the First Methodist Church of Schenectady (603 State Street). Many of the questions for discussion were formed from those used at our own Communal Conversation Luncheon on September 30. This event is designed to foster community cooperation no matter the results of the mid-term election.

So, my fellow Presbyterians, get out there and VOTE!

Tim

YOUTH GROUP

In November and December the Youth Group has some rich and giving traditions. First, on Saturday, November 17, we participate in the Concerned for the Hungry Thanksgiving basket packing. Plan to arrive at 10 AM at the old St. Luke's School on Albany Street and be part of the team packing dry and canned goods for the needy of our community. It is an awesome experience of the community coming together to help the less fortunate.

On Sunday, December 9 the youth group hosts all who wish to join us for Christmas Caroling to our elderly and home bound members. Details about times will be forthcoming as we may need a separate contingent to head to Saratoga to sing for Jane and Tony Caravana in the afternoon. Watch for news.

If you have not already done so, please let me know of your interest in the Child at the Well storytelling workshops in January through March or the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium this coming July. These are both enriching events that we can sponsor two youth each. Registrations are needed by the end of the year. If you have questions about either contact Tim Coombs.

MEN'S BOOK FELLOWSHIP

A new men's book study will commence on Thursday, November 1 from 7:00 to 8:30 AM at the Glenville Queen. Join the guys for fellowship, discussion, and a nice meal. Book will be announced shortly. The group meets every other week.

PROJECTOR FUND

As of mid-October we are just shy of being half-way to our goal of \$4,500 for a new projector. We are inquiring about possible grant help, but nothing is assured. Please, help us reach our goal.



Mission Committee Notes

The Weekend Backpack Program is underway! We are near completing our three-year commitment with the Regional Food Bank and the Scotia-Glenville Schools. We are looking forward to further serving 30 students in Lincoln and Sacandaga Schools. Three years ago, we were looking forward to sponsoring 15 children in the district. In these 3 years and with the assistance of Concerned for the Hungry of Schenectady County and the great efforts of First Reformed Church of Scotia we are now providing food for 85 children in grades K – 8 within the district.



Our **High School Food Pantry** is open and operating very well. We appreciate the efforts of the school staff in helping with the ordering and distribution of the food as well. Also, many thanks to Jean and Walt Hayes for their pick up and delivery of the orders. Your increased donations to the annual budget have made this project possible for us to undertake.

We continue to be most grateful to all of those who have supported this program with your financial donations, volunteer efforts to drive to pick up the food in Latham, as well as to pack and deliver the food to the schools.



For Your Information...

THANK YOU TO...

- Fall Sunday school teachers; Melissa Peterson, Ameer French, Jenn Breslin.
- Louise Gundrum for coordinating the food for the Communal Conversation Luncheon.
- Our table moderators: Liz Dobson-Davis, Mariellen Boomhower, Rick Longhurst, Louise Gundrum
- John Hutchison for repairing the cracks on our walk-way.



- Bill and Carole Palmer for the donation of a new desk for our secretary, Sarah Stygles, Bev Burnett, Kathy Gorman-Coombs and Tim Coombs who transported the new desk.



November Birthdays

- 3 Amy Spetla
- 6 Olivia Brandow
- 7 Christine Jones, Terry Peterson
- 8 Carolyn Statler
- 13 Alan Ekblaw
- 14 Frank Quinn
- 15 Linda Bishop
- 21 Amy Helenek
- 22 Andrew Ekblaw, Kellie (Palmer) Pruet
- 23 Katelyn Jones, Steve Parsons
- 25 Linda Rockinger, Jen Parsons
- 27 Janet Kiddle
- 28 Laurie Bishop, Philip Grigsby
- 29 Lisa Clune

November Announcers

- November 4 - Steve Parsons
- November 11 - Mariellen Boomhower
- November 18 - Melissa Peterson
- November 25 - Megan Beauchamp

November Counters

- November 4 - Nancy & Wayne Virkler
- November 11 - Nancy & Wayne Virkler
- November 18 - Wayne Virkler
- November 25 - Nancy & Wayne Virkler

November Ushers

- November 4 - John & Amy Hutchison
- November 11 - The Breslin Family
- November 18 - Terry & Melissa Peterson
- November 25 - The French Family



November Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7am- Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm- backpack packing	2	3
4 Daylight savings time 10am- Worship 5pm- Women's Spirituality	5	6	7 6pm- BYOC 7pm- Schenectady Conversation in Divisive times	8 6:30pm- bakpack packing 7:30pm- choir	9	10 10am- Vendor Fair
11 10am- worship 11:30am- Mission 2pm- Bridge	12	13	14	15 6:30pm- Backpack packing 7:30pm- Choir	16	17
18 10am- worship	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25 10am- Worship 6pm- Interfaith Thanksgiving	26	27 7pm- Deacons & Session	28 Women's Group Advent dinner	29 6:30pm- Backpack packing 7:30pm- Choir	30	
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BYOC - Bring your own craft!

Wednesday, November 7, 6:00 pm

An opportunity to work on your portable projects – sewing, crocheting, rubber stamping, scrapbooking, jewelry making, etc. OR just come for some fellowship!
There will be soup!
Bring a snack or drink to share if you'd like.

3rd Annual Vendor Fair at Trinity Church

Saturday, November 10th 10 – 2:00

Artisan crafts, Vendors, Bake Sale and Pie Sale
Delicious lunch will be served
Order your Thanksgiving pies too!

All profits go to support special Mission projects at



Upcoming Women's Spirituality Gatherings!

**“Art and Sip”
Sunday, November 4
5:00 pm at Church**

“Awakening the Wisdom in each other's Spirits”

No special talent or skill required!
Adrienne will lead us in an activity that will combine opportunity for artistic self-expression with exploring our interconnections.

**Snacks and Wine (and non-alcoholic alternatives)
\$5.00 donation**

RSVP: Kathy Gorman-Coombs or Laraine Longhurst, or sign up in Annex (or just come

**Annual Advent/Christmas (ok, this year, it's “pre Advent/Christmas) Gathering
Wednesday, November 28
6 PM**

Each year, we've gathered near the start of the Advent/Christmas season to enjoy one another's company, and also to share ideas and encourage one another in the annual endeavor to celebrate the Spirit of the season without losing our own sense of spirituality! Finding ways to simplify, sharing those traditions that mean the most to us, giving each other “permission” to cut back on things if we need just a bit of courage . . . renewing together our sense of what it means to look forward to and celebrate God's entering the world as an infant, Love Incarnate, born of a woman, cared for by humans, like any other child.

The basics of the meal will be provided, and a small donation asked, but all are welcome to bring a beverage, side dish, dessert, bread . . . if you want to . . . or to just come and enjoy the time together. See Kathy Gorman-Coombs or Laraine Longhurst with questions.

Forum on Solidarity

November 7, 2018
at 7:00pm

At

First United Methodist
Church Schenectady

603 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

Sponsored By

Schenectady Clergy

Against Hate

**“What Draws Us Together” A Schenectady Conversation
in the Midst of a Divided Nation**

Clergy members from a wide variety of faith traditions will offer their answers to “What draws us together? What is bigger than our differences? Why does our togetherness matter?” intermingled with shared music.

Discussion to be followed by a question and answer session open to all attendees

Event Free and open to the public



**INTERFAITH
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**SPONSORED BY SCHENECTADY
CLERGY AGAINST HATE**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH AT 6:00PM
ISLAMIC CENTER OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT
21 LANSING RD N, SCHENECTADY, 12304

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July 28, 2018



Dear Jennifer,

The Saratoga Therapeutic Equestrian Program, Inc. (STEP) would like to thank you for your support of our shoe drive. We greatly appreciate your generosity in collecting and donating shoes to our fundraiser.

We were blown away by the response of our STEP family, friends, and community. Our goal was to collect 2,500 pairs of shoes to be donated to third world countries and to raise \$1,000.00 for STEP. Thanks to your help and support, we were able to surpass our goal and collect 4,225 pairs of shoes and raise \$1,623.00.

The impact of this fundraiser is tremendous. The shoes collected are going to third world countries where families will be able to start and grow their own entrepreneurial businesses by selling shoes in their communities. This creates the ability for people in poverty to develop a source of sustainable income to pay for food, clothing, shelter, and educational opportunities.

For STEP, the money raised gives us the opportunity to provide special funding to 8 of the riders in our program in the form of scholarships. It will also assist us in the care of our beloved horses. STEP is a special place that provides opportunities like no other for our riders and our horses.

We are truly grateful for your support. It is because of generous people like you that we are able to serve our clients and keep our horses healthy and happy. Thank you once again!

Sincerely,

Marie VanDenburgh
STEP Treasurer

In accordance with IRS guidelines, no goods or services have been provided in consideration of this gift.

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