

# SkanPresby Press



First Presbyterian Church of Skaneateles  
We celebrated a wonderful advent season thanks to the many pastor's who filled our services with wisdom, strength and joy this blessed season.



## Upcoming Pastors

January 6 - Reverend Jenna Heery  
January 13 - William Porter  
January 20 - Reverend Dr. Ginny Smith  
January 27 - Reverend Dr. Ginny Smith  
February 3 - Reverend Jenna Heery  
February 10 - Reverend Jenna Heery  
February 17 - William Porter  
February 24 - Reverend Dr. Ginny Smith



Reverends Jenna and Patrick Heery recently celebrated their son Emerson's "Gotcha Day", the day when his adoption was finalized and he officially became part of the Heery family.



Reverends James Moore has recently been reunited with his birth mother, half brother and half sister. James and Banu will be traveling to Pensacola Florida in January for a family visit. Congratulations!



## Session's Report

**Finance** - finishing work on the 2019 budget and compiling the final results for 2018 which will be available by mid January and published in the bulletin.

**Stewardship** - continue to encourage members and non-member attendees to pledge. A pledge barometer has been added to the Sims Room to track the number of pledges and amount pledged to date. It will be updated weekly.

**Mission** - collected food items for EFWA Christmas distribution and \$200 donated to Clear Path (a volunteer organization helping wounded veterans).

**Manor** - there are two empty rooms, and these vacancies will probably be advertised in the Pennysaver. Received a \$2,000 grant from Presbytery Benevolent Grant Program for driveway improvements, seeking grant from Columbia Foundation to help defray the cost of a new boiler.

**Personnel** - working on staff performance appraisal reports

**Property** - our dear old building is in need of many upgrades and repairs. Here are just a few that will be done soon - carpeting replacement, including new tiles in the nursery. A contractor will be selected to upgrade the deficient kitchen wiring. Doug Wood has Session approval to make ceiling repairs downstairs.

**Worship & Music** - pulpit supply (Sunday sermons) scheduled through February. The List will be published in the Jan 6 bulletin in addition to being attached at the end of this report. Two Bridge pastors have been selected for pastoral visits to hospitals, home communion, funerals, etc. during the absence of a pastor. They are Rev. Ginny Smith and Rev. Lorrie Anson. Lorrie will continue to moderate the Session meetings. A search committee for the selection of an interim minister has been identified. Members are Larry Weiss, Judy Gelston, Lisa Lincoln, Todd Marshall, Peer Soderberg, Lee Bennett, Sandy Nichols, Jessica Pease, and Dave Graham. Ron Beavers is an alternate. Their goal is to select an interim minister by the April time frame.

## Presbyterian Women's Committee January 2019

SAVE THE DATE: On January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, we will be holding our annual Brown Bag Luncheon at noon in Dobson Fellowship Hall. Members of churches in our neighboring communities are invited to join us in fellowship to learn about a Not-For-Profit organization. This year we have invited Matthew House staff and volunteers from the Auburn Loving Care Home. Angela Ryan, LMSW, Executive Director, will share the Mission. We will have hot soup, cookies, tea and coffee. You need to bring a sandwich and invite a friend to share this program. Please call the church office, 315 685 5048, by January 14<sup>th</sup> for reservations.

Please note that the Bible Study circle will not meet in January for the 5<sup>th</sup> lesson of our study "God With Us When We are Powerless". We will meet again on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, to discuss this lesson at noon in Dobson Hall.

The Evening Circle of Hands met on December 12<sup>th</sup> for a potluck dinner at Molly Rhoads home. Following dinner a brief meeting was held to make plans for the Break Bag project which has been a very successful mission project. More information will follow as we plan for the collection and distribution of craft supplies, books, puzzles, and snack bars for Second Grade students at Frazier School in Syracuse. The next meeting will be January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, at Judy Bobbit's home, 54 Genesee St. Please bring a dish to pass or snack to share.

Our ongoing mission project involves collecting items for the Frazier School in Syracuse. Break Bags for Grade 2 students will be delivered before the February winter vacation. The bags will provide art supplies, puzzles, books, socks, and granola bars. A list of donations will be posted after the holidays.

Outreach Opportunities: Frazier School Break Bag supplies

Samaritan Center Household Goods EFWA Winter clothing

## Worship and Music Committee

I can't thank this **team** enough for handling a beautiful Advent season. Marianne Sherman and Jane Teffar organized the Hanging of the Greens. Ginny Fennessy wrote and organized the pageant. Brenda Davidson managed the families for the lighting of the Advent Candles. Anna Bliss designed the bulletin covers for the pageant and the early Christmas Eve Service. Our musical staff, Bruce Osbourne, Brian Ackles, and Sue Grady brought us thoughtful and joyous music for the season and guest musicians. Peggy Surdam, of course, managed the poinsettias and all our bulletins. And....our **guest preachers** gave wonderful meaning to our holiday season. Blessings to you all and your individual helpers.

## Manor News - December, 2018

Instead of the usual family Christmas party at the Manor the Board treated residents **Duane, Josephine, and Kate** to dinner at the Bluewater Grill. Some of the Board members joined in Dutch treat for a very enjoyable holiday gathering. **Nancy Thompson** provided candy favors. Thanks go to Mike and Cindy Dempsey, Bill and Sandy Nichols, Lee and Peg Bennett, and Irv Beimler for serving the Sunday noon meal during the month of December. If you can serve on January 27 please sign up on the sheet in the Sims Room or call the church office to have your name put on the list.

There are two suites available. Call the church office for more information.

**Christmas Handbells** - On Saturday, December 15th The Bell Choirs held their 4th annual Christmas Ring. This year we traveled to Auburn. We had the pleasure of playing and visiting with the residents of The Home and Finger Lakes Center for Living. It was so rewarding to see the smiles appear when we donned our holiday props and prepared to ring. It never gets old to hear our audience's voices raise and spontaneously begin to sing along as we ring a familiar favorite carol. Some residents at the Home shared that they had been members of their church bell choirs and appreciated hearing bells once again. Others who had never heard handbells before, gladly shook hands with a bell when encouraged to try their hand at ringing it. As is our tradition, we came together, each bringing a part of the meal to share in fellowship at day's end. What a wonderful way to celebrate this season of advent!

The Chancel Bell Choir will resume practices on Thursday, January 3rd, 2019 in the Sims Room. We practice each Thursday from 6-7:15. If you would like to give ringing a try in the New Year, please contact Sue Grady or any member of the bell choirs.



## Upcoming Dates

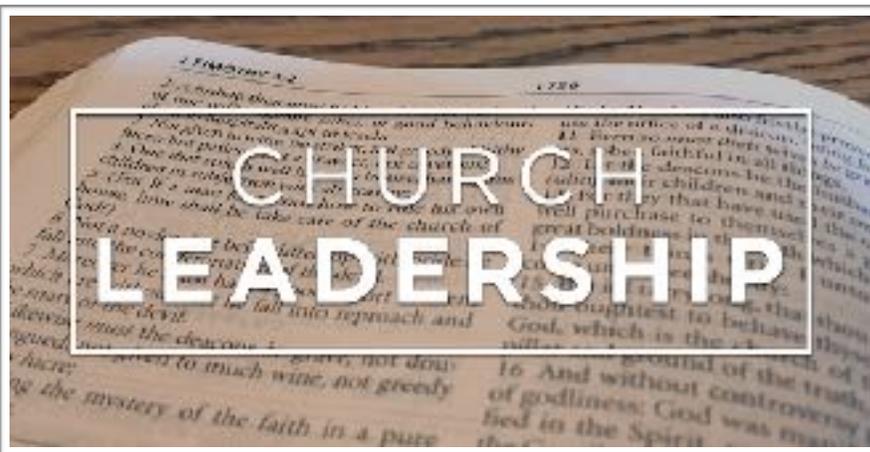
- Jan 1 - Happy New Year!
- Jan 6 - Installation of Elders and Deacons
- Jan 6 - “Un-hanging” of the greens after service
- Jan 10 - Annual Reports are due
- Jan 16 - PWC brown bag luncheon at noon - Dobson Hall
- Jan 16 - Evening Circle of Hands - Judy Bobbit’s home - 6:30
- Jan 27 - Men’s Breakfast
- March 13 - Wesleyan University collegiate Choir - First Presbyterian



The **Illinois Wesleyan University Collegiate Choir** will present a concert on March 13th at First Presbyterian Church. The choir is under the direction of Dr. J. Scott Ferguson, director of choral activities at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The Choir, of approximately 50 voices is composed of student musicians representing the School of Music and other areas of the university, and is dedicated to the performance of the finest sacred and secular choral music of the past five centuries. Students in the choir are selected by audition and maintain a rigorous rehearsal schedule in preparation for their concert tours and other engagements throughout the year.





## Current Session of First Presbyterian Church of Skaneateles

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### Class of 2018

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Moderator, [Pulpit supply](#)

### Elders 2019-2021

Doug Hamlin  
 Dave Graham  
 Priscilla Worrall  
 Jack Rudnick  
 Parker Glowacki (Youth)  
 Lee Bennett (Alternate)  
 Alex Davidson (Alternate)

### Deacons 2019-2021

Heidi Cross  
 Diane Fellerman  
 Cindy Hinman  
 Mary Helen Hoag  
 Joan Thomsen  
 Todd Marshall  
 Julia Marshall (Youth)  
 Kendra Witter (Alternate)  
 Jan Denton (Alternate)  
 Steve Frackenpohl (Alternate)

### Nominating Committee Members at Large

Kay Barton  
 Claudia Lambdin  
 Cindy Dempsey



## Birthdays - Jan/Feb

Cindy Hinman 1/1  
 Deb Covell 1/6  
 Kayleigh Rottger 1/9  
 Betty Curley 1/12  
 Bill Nichols 1/12  
 Joey Meyers 1/14  
 Nan Corsello 1/16  
 Melanie Helmsley 1/18  
 Elsa Marshall 1/21  
 Natalie Bernazzani 1/21  
 Dick Bennett 1/23  
 Trevor Hinman 1/26  
 Nancy Williams 1/27  
 Joe Bernazzani 1/29  
 Connie Beale 1/31

Seth Lincoln 2/2  
 Jessie Hoselton 2/3  
 Don Witter  
 Caylenn Grady 2/9  
 Shelly Andrade 2/10  
 Bard Conroe 2/14  
 Don Cross 2/24

## Anniversaries

Brenda & Alex Davidson 1/13

## New Members

\* If your birthday OR Anniversary is in January / February and you do not see your name, or some information is missing or incorrect, please email... [info@skanpresby.org](mailto:info@skanpresby.org)

If you have a picture that you would like to submit please email it to [info@skanpresby.org](mailto:info@skanpresby.org)





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