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A Franciscan Benediction - shared in service by Rev. Dr. Ginny Smith - 1.27.2019

May God bless you with discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears
to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and
to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you can make a difference in the world,
so that you do what others claim cannot be done
to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. Amen.



Reverend Dr. Ginny Smith
1/27/2019

Liturgical Season

The **Green** color symbolizes the life of the Church and Believers spreading the good news throughout the world.

Inclement Weather:

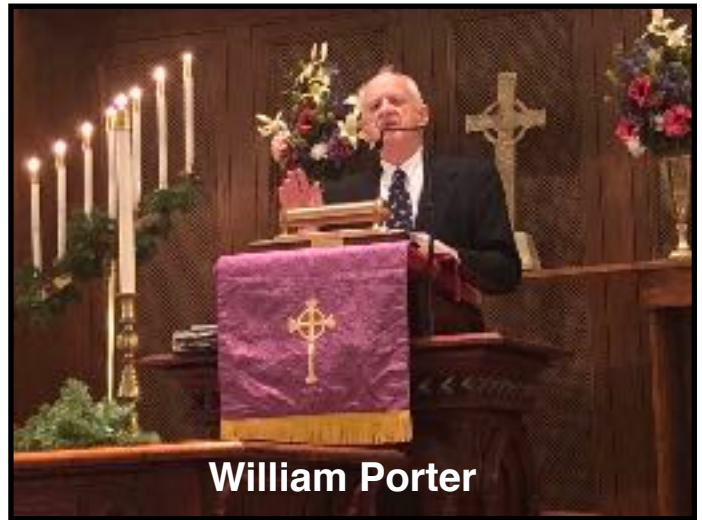
The guest Pastor will determine if church is to be cancelled due to inclement weather. He/She will contact Kay Kraatz or designated member of Session (if Kay is traveling). Session members/music staff/Deacon moderator will be contacted via a text or email. Additionally tv stations, WSTM, WSYR, and Spectrum News will be contacted to be added to the Closings List. Should you want to call...call any session member as he/she will have the information.

Upcoming Pastors

February 3 - Reverend Jenna Heery
February 10 - Reverend Jenna Heery
February 17 - William Porter
February 24 - Reverend Dr. Ginny Smith
March 3 - Reverend Jenna Heery
March 10 - William Porter
March 17 - William Porter
March 24 - Larry Weiss
March 31 - Reverend Jenna Heery



Larry Weiss



William Porter



Reverend Jenna Heery



Buddy

Pastoral Transition Team - PPT

Comprised of congregation members whose responsibility is to provide “continuity through coordination and communication during all the phase of the pastoral transition and to work closely with the Interim Pastor” during the interim period.

PTT Members: Lee Bennett, Judy Geltson, Dave Graham, Lisa Lincoln, Sandy Nichols, Todd Marshall, Jessica Pease, Peer Soderberg, Larry Weiss, and alternate Ron Beavers.

In addition, two representatives from the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse are assisting in the process of searching for an interim pastor to recommend to session: Elder Mike DePew and Rev. Dr. Ginny Smith.

The team is meeting weekly, and is currently working on completing the Ministry information form (MIF), which will be sent to the General Assembly to identify pastoral matches. Once candidates for Interim Pastor are identified by the Presbytery, the team will begin the process of reviewing applications, and selecting an Interim Pastor. The PPT team is working to locate an Interim Pastor as quickly as possible.

Worship and Music Committee Report - January

We have two items that need feedback from the congregation.

1. In September we removed the “Greeting” from the initial part of the service for three months and wanted feedback from members of the congregation. Please touch base with comments to members of the Worship and Music Committee or Session.
2. We made the decision to change the times of the Christmas Eve services from 7 and 11 to 5 and 9. We would like feedback on the change, providing information for the services in 2019. Again, please touch base with members of the Worship and Music Committee or Session.

Thank you to all who assisted in the unhooking of the greens on January 6th. Many hands made light work and we know where everything is for next year.

Presbyterian Women of the Congregation - PWC

P.W.C. Brown Bag Lunch 2019

The 12th annual gathering of local church women and men in Skaneateles and nearby communities was held on January 16th, at noon, in Dobson Fellowship Hall. More than 48 people enjoyed homemade soups, cookies, coffee and tea with their sandwiches at our “Brown Bag Lunch.” Eight churches were represented this year.

In the past we have heard from Rescue Mission, First Love Ministries, Matthew 25 Farm, On-Point-for-College, Habitat for Humanity, the Ugly Quilters, Sarah House, Booker T Washington Center, St. Lucy’s, and the Samaritan Center. This year we chose Matthew House, a home established to provide loving care for people with terminal illness to die with dignity and in comfort. Executive Director Angela Ryan and Care Coordinator Shelly MacBain shared ways we might support this local mission. Matthew House is located at 43 Metcalf Dr., Auburn, NY, 13021. For more information, info@matthewhouse.org or 315-252-2052.





Manor News - January 2019

We were thrilled to receive word that the Manor was awarded a \$2000 grant from the Presbytery this month. This money will be used toward replacing our very old but still functioning boiler.

Byron Lee and **Jilissa Vellake** entertained this month. Byron comes every second Thursday from 3:45-4:45. Members of the congregation are invited to stop by and hear this talented young man sing and play his guitar.

The Sunday Servers for the month were: **Tim Wayne, Margie Sutton, and the Glowacki family.** Thank you for your service.

Entertainment at the Manor - The congregation is invited to attend the following special events at the Manor:

Saturday January 26, 3:30 - 4:30 - Jilissa Vellake

Jilissa is a singer and an interpreter for the deaf. She has a wide range of music that she sings and signs.

Thursday, February 14, 3:45 - 4:45 - Byron Lee

Byron sings and accompanies himself on the guitar

Thursday, February 28, 3:45-4:45 - Frodelius

Blair sings and accompanies himself on the guitar. His program will be **New Orleans Mardi Gras: Jazz, Blues & Cajun** (Louis Armstrong, Fats Domino, Hank Williams)

BREAK BAGS The Evening Ladies Circle is collecting for break bags this year, to give the second grade students of Frazer Elementary some warmth and entertainment over their February break. We are asking members to bring in packages of colored paper, 24-36 count boxes of crayons and blunt children's scissors, which can be left in the donation box for that purpose in the Sims Room. We are planning to assemble 70 bags this year.

PROPERTY UPGRADES

New Carpet Installation is scheduled beginning Monday, Feb 18th. We will need volunteers on Sunday, Feb 17th following Worship to move the furniture out of the Sims Room into the Sanctuary and then again on Friday, February 22 to move the furniture back.

New Electrical upgrade to the Kitchen and Lower classroom levels also begins on Monday Feb 18th and will take most of the week. There will be periods of time where there will be no power to these areas. Any questions – please contact the Church Office.

Mission Committee - Your Mission Committee welcomes Jessica Pease to our team. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th at 1:30 pm in the Connor Room – open meeting – all are welcome!

Feb 3 - Super Bowl Sunday Tamale Benefit (In support of EFWA's Winter Survival Campaign)

Order by the dozen or half dozen (suggested)

Donation \$20 PER DOZEN OR \$10 PER HALF DOZEN.

Selection: Pork, Chicken, Vegetarian and Vegan)

Preorders taken on Sunday, January 27th

Feb 3 - "Souper Bowl Sunday" Can of Soup - everyone is encouraged to bring a can of soup or a dollar for "Souper Bowl Sunday". All collections donated will go to the EFWA's Emergency food

Upcoming Dates

Feb 3 - "Souper" Bowl Sunday Tamale Benefit & Can of Soup
Feb 7 - Bible Study "God With Us" at noon - Dobson Hall
Feb 13 - Mission Committee 1:30 Connor Room
Feb 13 - PWC evening circle - Soup Break bag assembly - 6 pm
Feb 14 - Byron Lee performs - The Manor 3:45
Feb 24 - Annual meeting following service
Feb 28 - Frodelius performs - The Manor 3:45
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 at 7:30 PM.

The Illinois Wesleyan University Collegiate Choir has established a long history of excellence through its on-campus performances, annual tours, and recordings. The Collegiate Choir 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 spanning six centuries and a variety of languages. Students in the choir are selected by audition and maintain a rigorous rehearsal schedule in preparation for their annual spring concert tour and other engagements throughout the year. The Choir took its first international tour in 2000 to Italy and has since presented concerts in Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia (2004), Spain (2008), Germany (2012), and France (2016). The Choir has performed at the 2000, 2005, 2012 and 2015 Illinois Music Education Conferences, and at the 2008 and 2012 ACDA Central Division Conferences. The Choir will participate in the prestigious invitational choral festival Universitas Cantat in Poznań, Poland in May 2019. The next international tour will be to South Africa in 2020.



Housing needed: We need assistance to house these wonderful students in our homes the night of the concert, March 13. Volunteers are also needed to help with a pasta dinner before the concert. Sign up sheets will be passed around during service and available in the Sims room.

After a fairly quiet summer at the Pantry, things began to liven up in the fall. Thank you to all who quietly donated at your place of worship or from camp closings, and other events.

All of your donations were put to a good use.

We began in the fall on a truly chilly day we had CROP Walk.

Most of the success was through donations on line.

Our local Pantry gets to keep 25% of the total donations through the County. November proved to be an especially busy month with the Scout Food Drive netting over 2000 pounds and a mere 55 postal bins filled.



The Scouts picked up and sorted and then delivered all of the food

and then the Girl Scouts began the task of shelving all of the items! This was great team work and a well organized operation led by Alex Ierard.

Continuing on with more fun in the cold, the annual Turkey Trot took place at Cliff Park on a 6 degree Thanksgiving Thursday morning. The air was a twinge of snow flakes and a crisp reminder of what winter is going to be. We had a very large turn out regardless of the weather. All began and ended smiling. Thank you to the Owen family who continues with the tradition that their Dad, Denny Owen, began over 30 years ago. All free will entry proceeds went directly to the Pantry. Afterwards, the Lake House Pub helped quench families' thirst and a time to catch up and share stories. Thanksgiving we fed nearly 90 families a balanced turkey dinner. December's highlights were the numerous donations and the luxurious turkey dinner hosted by the Rotary Club. Then a very bountiful food drive was held at the high school by the SIT Club. Interact students also baked zillions of cookies for our families, our senior housing and regular Pantry families we have served well over 120 families this holiday season. This calendar year has ended with the Pantry providing 29,000 meals to the residents of the Town, Village, and SCC District. A thank you to all who contributed through their churches, individually, or through their individual groups to help residents in our small area.

By Judy Gelston

Pantry Hours:

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

Thursday 6:30-8:00pm



Crop Walk Participants



Alex Ierard, Scout Chairman



The Owens men keeping the tradition alive



Crop Walk



Girls Scouts





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Committee's & Chairs

Christian Education -

Maureen Soderberg

Finance - Doug

Hamlin, Dave Graham,
 Ron Beavers

Memorial Gifts - Skip Gassler, Ron Beavers

Stewardship - Dave Graham, Ron Beavers

Mission - Donna Volz, David Churchill, Kay Kraatz

Manor - Donna Volz

Nominating - Kay Barton, Claudia Lambdin,
 Cindy Dempsey

Personnel - Donna Volz

Property - Doug Churchill, Doug Wood
 Technology - open

Evangelism & Special Occassion - Kay Kraatz,
 Donn Volz

Membership Outreach -



Pastoral Transition Team

Lee Bennett
 Dave Graham
 Judy Gelston
 Lisa Lincoln
 Todd Marshall
 Sandy Nichols
 Jessica Peace
 Peer Soderberg
 Larry Weiss
 Ron Beavers (alternate)



Birthdays - Feb/Mar

Seth Lincoln 2/2
 Jessie Hoselton 2/3
 Don Witter 2/8
 Caylinn Grady 2/9
 Shelly Andrade 2/10
 Bard Conroe 2/14
 Don Cross 2/24
 Sandy Hadley 2/25

Isabelle Soderberg 3/1
 Jane Teffar 3/3
 Jan Sterling 3/8
 Kristen Weiss 3/8
 Hope Glowacki 3/9
 Skip Gassler 3/11
 Kara Strods 3/14
 Breanne Buff 3/16
 Gene Tarolli 3/19
 Allison Hinman 3/28

* If your birthday OR Anniversary is in February / March and you do not see your name, or some information is missing or incorrect, please email... info@skanpresby.org

Deacons

Judy Bobbett
 Jay Clark
 Heidi Cross
 Diane Fellerman
 Ann Fey
 Julie Hartnett
 Cindy Hinman
 Mary Helen Hoag
 Frank Johnson
 Sandy Nichols
 Joan Thomsen
 Todd Marshall
 Julia Marshall (Youth)
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