

Ilion Presbyterian News

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## Pastor's Thoughts

As hard as it may be to believe this is the 13<sup>th</sup> article I have written for the church newsletter. Which if you do the math means I have now been here a full year. It sure doesn't seem like it to me. We have done a lot of things in that time so I know it must be true.

When I came to this area I wasn't thinking at all about parish ministry, I had no desire to go back into the church and I was sure that God was leading me in another direction. Then Steve Getman and I had that conversation that put you all on my map. One thing led to another and here we are a year later beginning to look forward and plan for the next year.

Most of you will have received the Pastoral Ministries Review from the Personnel Committee. I hope each of you will take a little time to prayerfully fill it out and turn it back in. It is important for me as your pastor to know how you see me, both the good and the not so good. So trust me when I say I take this form very seriously.

Some of you may be asking why you got the form, you haven't been to church in some time, and I appreciate that. My philosophy is this, I don't know why you came to begin with and I don't know why you left, but the roll says you are a member and I will treat you as such until you tell me not to. I hope that perhaps you will see this as an opportunity to get in touch with me and get to know me. Trust me when I say things are not the same here as they were and they will continue to change as we grow and understand God better in the future. So my phone is always on and I am in the office on Tuesday and Thursday. Call or stop by and talk; I will be glad to listen to anything you have to say.

The form also has a space for you to dream about what you think we might be doing in the future here at First Presbyterian Church as the people of God in Ilion. I hope you will use this space to dream big, not think about the costs of things but rather think about what is possible when we seek the will of God. No idea is too big or too small.

So much is happening here: the renovation moves forward, the committees are planning and working together so that we can look forward to a bright future, filled with hope and grace, peace and mercy for all of us and all of Ilion. I hope you will all join in the journey to the new place God is taking us.

Rick

## **ORGAN COMMITTEE NEWS**

The organ committee is in need of help. We need two more people. Specifically, someone to do the advertising for our concerts and someone to be in charge of the reception following the concerts. The current members are still available to assist. If anyone feels that they can help us with these tasks, please contact Don Lamphear, at [dlamphear@yahoo.com](mailto:dlamphear@yahoo.com) or [315-894-5247](tel:315-894-5247).

## Parkinson Awareness Walk Update

The 15th annual Parkinson Awareness Walk on Saturday, September 23rd held at the Presbyterian Home was a huge success. The weather was gorgeous and all the participants enjoyed the camaraderie and award ceremony that preceded the walk. We were privileged to have John Seymour sing our National Anthem. John has been a loyal supporter of our Parkinson fundraisers and we always welcome his presence. The PIPS have once more come through in money raised for the event. They collected \$3,500 for 3rd place among team fundraisers. All in all there was over \$20,000 raised. We had fourteen PIPS walking this year. Thank you everyone for your time and effort. We are very proud of our PIPS. Special thanks to Sami Pulver and Jean Smith for leading the cause. They certainly live up to their name—the loyal and mighty Pips!

We are so appreciative of the members and friends of our church who supported and encouraged our walkers. We are fortunate to be an engaging church and as for the PIPS it's never too soon to think about next year. Thank you again.

Pat & Marge Moylan

### Prayer List:

- ◆ Men and women who protect us and our freedoms.
- ◆ Cody Adams, Bob Bailey, Kim Bigelow, Santa Brocato, Mel Darling, Beverly Doolen, Dave & Jane Jacquays, Betty Karabanoff, Dr. Aimee, Phyllis Laymon, Barbara Maley, Steven Maley, Joan Matteson, Pat & Marge Moylan, Patrick O'Connor, Peg Olson, Jan Orendorf, Mike Orendorf & family, Steve Price, Bea Raux, Peyton Reed, Ginny Reynolds, Henry Rocker, Sheri Rohrer, Angela Traglia, Diane (Selwood) Williams.
- ◆ Christian Sympathy is extended to the Eldredge family on the passing of Sandy's brother-in-law in SC.
- ◆ Prayers for the residents of the hurricane ravaged southern US and those impacted by the wildfires as well.



## Liturgical Ministers for October

### October 1 Communion

Reader: Jean Smith

Greeter: George Gullis

Usher: Mary Jean Scudder

Communion Setup: International breads-all deacons

Coffee Hour: Class Act-bread spreads

Servers: Sue Thomas, Jean Smith, Sami Pulver

Home Communion: George Gullis

### October 8

Reader: Sami Pulver

Greeter: Jean Smith

Usher: Jan Orendorf

Coffee Hour:

### October 15

Reader: George Gullis

Greeter: Sami Pulver

Usher: Shaun Orendorf

Coffee Hour: Choir

### October 22

Reader:

Greeter: Dick Long

Usher:

Coffee Hour: Janet Darling

### October 29

Reader: Nancy White

Greeter:

Usher:

Coffee Hour: Denise Goodale

## Christmas Joy Offering

For the coming season of Advent and Christmas, MIS is sponsoring the Christmas Joy offering. The monies collected have two purposes: [1] to provide financial assistance to individuals and families who have dedicated their lives to the Presbyterian church; and [2] to support leadership development and education for the under-served students attending Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

## Community Fair 2017

The community fair and BBQ was a success.

At least nine [9] people obtained information that was helpful to them from the displays placed around the fellowship hall.

The BBQ sold out. After expenses were deducted, the net was \$915. This amount was given to Janet Darling to be deposited in the Renovation Account as a donation from MIS.

The success of the Community Fair was ***directly related*** to the hard work and many donations of time, food and paper products by the caring members of our congregation.

A message to the gracious givers, the men who carried the tables and chairs everywhere, the singers, the dancers, the Saturday packers, the servers, the clean-up crew, and to Lesa who has incredible patience ... MIS sends our heartfelt thanks to all of you!

The Mission, Interpretation, and Stewardship Committee [MIS]

### Presbyterian Women [PW] News

On Wednesday, October 11, 2017, the Presbyterian Women of the Utica Presbytery are meeting for their Fall Gathering at Stone Church in Clinton starting at 9:30 am. This church is located at the corner of S. Park row and Rte. 12B. Contact Jan Cook for reservations at 315-376-4447 or [pinklucylady@yahoo.com](mailto:pinklucylady@yahoo.com) The 1:00 program entitled "Circumstances, Challenges, and options" will be given by Susan Smith. She has worked for the United Nations in a number of capacities pertaining to the Middle East and Africa with hands-on experience providing humanitarian relief to refugees. ALL ARE WELCOME

### Deacon's News

The Deacons are going to have a gift basket raffle. The baskets will be on display about Thanksgiving time until December 17th at which time the winners will be drawn. Tickets will be available throughout this time. On December 17th we will be holding a Christmas cookie and candy sale. Anyone who would like to donate a gift basket

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In Concert  
Sunday, Oct 15 at 3:00 pm  
**Organist Frederick Hohman**

"His manual dexterity is undeniable, and his pedal technique  
the best you'll ever hear."

- St. Louis Post-Dispatch

First Presbyterian Church, 90 Morgan St, Ilion NY

Refreshments will be served at the reception following the  
concert

Admission is free