

Ilion Presbyterian News

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### **Pastor's Thoughts**

There is so much going on here these days it is hard to know where to begin. I feel so blessed to be a part of all the ministry being done here at First Presbyterian. I hope you do too. If you aren't involved allow me to introduce you to some of the things we are doing right now.

The Lunch Bunch meets every Tuesday and Thursday mornings to pack lunches and carry them out to people in our community. They all have a great time doing the work together, fellowshiping, and serving God.

Sue Backus' ladies are meeting Mondays and Wednesdays and doing the chair exercises, though I don't think any of them would mind if a few men showed up as well. Everyone can benefit from the camaraderie and fun of doing something healthy for mind and spirit.

Of course we still have all our committees that do the work of the church. Building and Grounds, Budget and Finance, Mission Interpretation and Finance, Worship, and Christian Education. If you don't serve on a committee now, let me encourage you to find an area you feel an interest in and get involved.

I imagine everyone knows what is going on in the basement. George Gullis is doing an excellent job overseeing the project, but I know he can always use a few hands to help. See him and ask what you can do.

Our rummage sale was a great success, thanks to the hard work of all involved. We raised over \$1200 and I think that is a small miracle. Special thanks go out to Sue Thomas and Christine Lawrence for chairing that event.

Please mark Sept 17 on your calendar if you haven't already. That is the day of our community fair. We hope to make it a very special day with all the ministries and committees available to talk with and answer questions. In addition we have invited several community programs to participate as we work to partner together to make sure each person finds a place to serve and that anyone with a need can find the help they need.

There are many more events in the planning stages as we move out of summer into the fall and winter of our year. I am excited about what lies ahead and so proud of all of you for what we have accomplished so far.

Peace and my great thanks.

Pastor Rick

## Parkinson Awareness Walk Update

You have heard the name and once again this year THE PIPS will be in action. Our 15th annual Parkinson Awareness Walk will be held at the Presbyterian Home in New Hartford on Saturday, September 23 at 10:00 am. Food and entertainment will be provided during the walk which is approximately one mile around the campus. If you are interested, you can register with the PIPS or you can register on your own. Complete details are available by calling 315-272-2292 and asking for Lenora D'Apice, the Executive Director of Advancement at the Presbyterian Home. We welcome everyone's support and hope you will be able to join us on the 23rd. If you cannot walk, please consider a donation. All the proceeds go toward the Parkinson programs at the Home. We always look forward to seeing new faces and renewing old acquaintances.

Thank you for your encouragement. Go PIPS!!

### 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, Pauline Martin, 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 Dorothy Bostwick and her family on the passing of Dorothy's father, Donald DiFillippo.
- ◆ Christian Sympathy is extended to Sue Thomas & her family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Frank Rehm.



## Liturgical Ministers for August

### September 3 Communion

Reader: George Gullis

Greeter: Dick Long

Usher: Mary Jean Scudder

Communion Setup: Betty Helmer

Coffee Hour: Sarah Circle

Servers: Sue Thomas, Sandra Eldredge, Sami Pulver

Home Communion: Sandra Eldredge

### September 10

Reader: Lee Maley

Greeter: Jean Smith

Usher:

Coffee Hour:

### September 17

Reader: Lee Maley

Greeter: Sandra Eldredge

Usher:

Coffee Hour: Choir

### September 24

Reader: Joan Matteson

Greeter: WT Lennox

Usher:

Coffee Hour:

### **Carol Zutter has a new address!**

301 W. Henry St., Apt. 124 Punta Gorda FL 33950  
Phone: 315-212-6801 email: caragirl13@yahoo.com

As of Sept. 10 **Tudy Brooks** will have a new address!

4321 Acme Rd., #12 Ilion NY 13357

Phone: 315-444-8030

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We have printed a small quantity of Church Directory Listings. Please pick one up at one of the doors to the sanctuary or in the church office. Our hope is that you will look it over & find any changes that need to be made. You know the ones.....spellings, different address, phone # (landline &/or cell), birthdate, email addresses, etc. Once that is done, we'll print another one & mail them out to our mailing list of members.



## 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).

### **CONGRATULATIONS to Bob Paddock—a son of our church—who has been appointed Ilion's new Fire Chief!**

The Ilion village board approved the appointment of Robert Paddock to the position of chief of the 17-member department during meeting Wednesday evening., August 23.

Born and raised in Ilion, Paddock is a fourth generation firefighter.

“My father, my grandfather and my great-grandfather were all firefighters,” he said in a telephone interview Thursday. “There’s been a member of my family in the fire department since the 1860s. I grew up with it. I used to go to fires on my bike when I was a kid.”

He wasted no time joining the department himself when he became eligible. “I joined the volunteers in February 1983 when I was 18,” he said.

Nearly a decade later, he started work in the career department. “I’m in my 25th year,” said Paddock.

Bob grew up in our church and served as our Sexton for some time, before leaving us for the little Falls Presbyterian Church. Bob, his parents, Chuck & Hilda along with his brother David provided much wonderful music for our worship services. We have missed them all & wish him well in his new position in our village.



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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Walton (Bear) & Alyson (Lamphear) Yoder on the birth of their third daughter, Gretchen Frances on July 29. She joins big sisters Milly (Amelia) & Ivy.. Gretchen weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz and was 22 in long.

The happy grandparents are Don & Diane Lamphear.



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