

# **Ilion Presbyterian News**

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## **Pastor's Thoughts**

### ***Sleep***

IT'S A SURRENDER, a laying down of arms. Whatever plans you're making, whatever work you're up to your ears in, whatever pleasures you're enjoying, whatever sorrows or anxieties or problems you're in the midst of, you set them aside, find a place to stretch out somewhere, close your eyes, and wait for sleep.

All the things that make you the particular person you are stop working—your thoughts, and feelings, the changing expressions of your face, the constant moving around, the yammering will, the relentless or not so relentless purpose. But all the other things keep on working with a will and purpose of their own. You go on breathing in and out. Your heart goes on beating. If some faint thought stirs somewhere in the depths of you, it's converted into a dream so you can go on sleeping and not have to wake up to think it through before it's time.

Whether you're just or unjust, you have the innocence of a cat dozing under the stove. Whether you're old or young, homely or fair, you take on the serenity of marble. You have given up being in charge of your life. You have put yourself into the hands of the night.

It is a rehearsal for the final laying down of arms, of course, when you trust yourself to the same unseen benevolence to see you through the dark and to wake you when the time comes—with new hope, new strength—into the return again of light, and that is something we can all be thankful for.

Peace and grace,

Pastor Rick

**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON SATURDAY NIGHT!!**

#### **Save the Date...**

Stewardship Sunday will be November 19, 2018. On that Sunday, MIS will host a luncheon following the worship service. We invite you join us as we share a meal and fellowship together.

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## 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 or items for a basket or would like to contribute anything for the bake sale, we'd be grateful. Contact Janet Darling at [315-894-8852](tel:315-894-8852). Proceeds will be used for our Christmas project.

## What are you doing for Thanksgiving?



If you find yourself without any plans for Thanksgiving, would a dinner with your fellow church members interest you? Many of you either

have no close family members, don't want to make a huge dinner for just a couple people, or cannot travel to be with family members at this time of year.

If enough people are interested, we could hold a pot luck type dinner in the fellowship hall on Thanksgiving. Please contact Susan Backus by phone or text at [\(865\) 310-3301](tel:865-310-3301) by November 12<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) if you will attend. We can decide on what dishes to bring then.

## 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 underserved students attending Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

## Liturgical Ministers for November

### November 5 Communion

Reader: Jean Smith

Greeter: Warren Lennox

Usher: Janet Darling

Communion Setup: Mary Jean

Coffee Hour: Class Act

Servers: Sue Thomas, Jean Smith, George Gullis

Home Communion:

### November 12

Reader: Nancy White

Greeter: Jean Smith

Usher: Jan Orendorf

Coffee Hour: Mary Jean Scudder

### November 19

Reader: Sami Pulver

Greeter: Warren Lennox

Usher: Shaun Orendorf

Coffee Hour: Choir

### November 26

Reader: Joan Matteson

Greeter: Don Lamphear

Usher:

Reception for David Jones

## Prayer List:

◆ **Men and women who protect us and our freedoms.**

◆ Our military members who protect us and our freedoms.

Cody Adams, Bob Bailey, Kim Bigelow, Santa Brocato, Mel Darling, Beverly Doolen, Dave & Jane Jacquays, Sophia Johnson, Betty Karabanoff, Dr. Aimee, Christine Lawrence, 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, Tamara Razzano, Peyton Reed, Ginny Reynolds, Henry Rucker, Sheri Rohrer, Jack & Sandy Sweeney, Angela Traglia, Diane (Selwood) Williams, Ricky Wilson & mom, Gretchen



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**A note from Mission Interpretation and Stewardship [MIS]**

The compassionate and giving spirit of our church family members never cease to humble our committee. Whenever there are people in distress, we ask for help and you step up with your gifts to assist those in need. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Special Offering to serve those peoples affected by the recent hurricanes totaled an astonishing \$730.

***THANK YOU!***

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Waterbury Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1117 Utica Street, Oriskany will hold a Golumpki Dinner on October 28th from 4pm to 7pm (or until sold out) at a cost of \$9. The dinner includes bread & butter, dessert and drink along with the large portion of golumpki! Takeouts will be available by calling [315.768.7502](tel:315.768.7502).