

Ilion Presbyterian News

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One of the last things Jesus says to his disciples is, "Do this in remembrance of me. One of the last things anyone says to Jesus is, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Remembering is more than just an act of will, it is a gift we offer to one another. When you remember me, it means that you have carried something of who I am with you, that I have left some mark of who I am on who you are. It means that you can summon me back to your mind even though countless years and miles may stand between us. It means that if we meet again, you will know me. It means that even after I die, you can still see my face and hear my voice and speak to me in your heart.

For as long as you remember me, I am never entirely lost. When I'm feeling most ghostlike, it's your remembering me that helps remind me that I actually exist. When I'm feeling sad, it's my consolation. When I'm feeling happy, it's part of why I feel that way.

If you forget me, one of the ways I remember who I am will be gone. If you forget me, part of who I am will be gone.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," the good thief said from his cross. There are perhaps no more human words in all of Scripture, no prayer we can pray so well. No gift we need more desperately.

Peace,

Pastor Rick

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| Nearly all men can stand adversity; but if you want to test a man's character—give him power. |
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A. Lincoln

Notes from MIS:

We will be holding a blood drive **November 18, Wednesday, from 1 to 6 PM.**

Anyone who donated in August will be eligible to donate at this drive.

Thank you to all who have donated in the past, or feel called to donate at this November Drive. Your donation helps up to three people. The Red Cross is struggling to keep up with the demand for blood. If you would like to donate, you must sign up online. Please go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to sign up.

Once again, The Red Cross will be testing for Covid antibodies at no charge to the donors.



Here is a new poem we received from Marge Moylan. It's called SPRING BREAK

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| Spring brings mood swings               | Can't think brain on the blink | Off-on-continuity gone                   |
| You never know what to expect<br>place? | Short term memory is shot      | Will I ever get out of this              |
| Fears and tears for years and years     | Hallucinations everywhere      | But no need to be glum                   |
| Create a disabling effect               | Is this an insidious plot?     | For summer will come                     |
|                                         |                                | And I'll put myself back in the<br>race. |

While we appreciate praying for everyone on our prayer list, there are some on whom we need to be updated. If you have added a name(s) that are not members, but are your friends or relatives, please send us a message as to their status and whether or not we need to keep them on our list. You may either call 315-894-2070 & leave a message if no one is here, or email us at [fpcilion@gmail.com](mailto:fpcilion@gmail.com). I have highlighted the names we are unsure of in the list below. Thank you. If **your** name is on the list we'd love to know how you are doing!!

### **Prayer List:**

- Men and women who protect us and our freedoms.

**Cody Adams, Joy Bagwell, Kiersten Barnes/Richard Davis, Linda Cate, Brianna Nicole, the Devereese Family, Clifford Dibble, Allan Dickinson, Beverly Doolen, Art DuBois, George Dunbar, Lenore Ebersole, Jenn Eldredge, Phyllis Fasolo, David Flanagan, Sarah Getman, Fran Harrod, Marilyn Hext, Loren Hughes, Julie Hulser & Julie's granddaughter, Jocelyn, infant Grayson, Dave & Jane Jacquays, Dr. Aimee, Amanda Lawrence, Sharon Lennox, Barbara Maley, Marty March, Joan Matteson, Laureen Mitchell, Pat & Marge Moylan, Rebecca, Millie Ritter, Henry Rocker, Dale Rohrer, Lorie Schrader, Jane & Bob Smithson, Angela Traglia, Kirsi Viskari, Darlene Whalen, Ricky Wilson & mom, Gretchen**





The Bag Lunch program is doing well at this time. We serve thirty to thirty-five sandwiches every Tuesday and Thursday. Along with the sandwiches we supply a dessert, chips, fruit cup and a beverage when requested.

A special thank you to Marge and Pat for the generous donation to the lunch program. All donations off-set the expenses budgeted for the year. This helps the program to continue each year. Thank you to all donors and volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, we need help preparing the meals starting in November. Sue will be going South for the winter. See you in May, Sue. Carol will be traveling to Florida. See you in January, Carol. Nancy will be on the West coast thru March. See you in April, Nancy. That leaves Janet, Lynn, Bob #1 and George to make sandwiches, pack the lunch bags and keep the records. Bob #2, Dick, Don, Lynn and George also deliver many of the lunches. If you can help please let one of us know.

On top of that chaos, we're considering serving a cup of hot soup to anyone who can pick it up at the Morgan St. entrance on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This will not be delivered with the lunches as it is served in a Styrofoam container with a plastic lid and will just be a handling nightmare for the people who deliver the lunches. This could start in November. All comments are welcome.

The Lunch Bunch

You never know how strong you are until you have to forgive someone who isn't sorry, and accept an apology you never received.



*Stewardship Sunday*

Remember that November 8 is Stewardship Sunday. Thank you to all who have been so faithful in sending or bringing your offerings to church during this awful pandemic that has changed so many of the ways we worship & continue to support the programs we offer.

We ask that you prayerfully consider what you can pledge to the works of your church for 2021. You may mail or drop off your pledge card to the office or bring it to church on that Sunday.

You are what you eat; so don't be fast, easy, cheap or fake.



We received the following poems from Pat Moylan over the weekend to share with you all. He precedes them with this message: "I was debating whether or not to send these poems to you. I had written down my thoughts about coping with a chronic disease and reflected on how many others are coping with their own problems. In a way, even though the premise is on dealing with Parkinson's, the message to be conveyed affects so many folks, We all have stress in our lives often on a daily basis.

Pat very much enjoys the written word. They are not online at all & their phone calls often go unanswered so they can hear our messages often. Their address is 705 Ronald St., Herkimer, NY 13350 if you feel so inclined to write them a message.

### **UNBELIEVABLE**

It is a long road to hoe  
And it is certainly filled with a lot of woe

Oh, Parkinson Disease is an insidious disease  
It does absolutely nothing to make you pleased

All in one it's confusion and delusion  
And it really makes for a grand illusion

Before our eyes we're seeing PD taking its toll  
Fear, anger, outbursts, mistrust are the nasty results of  
an informal poll

Unbelievable those damn meds  
Makes you want to put it to bed  
Emotionally draining to say the least  
Trying to conquer the demons and beasts.

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### **OH GOD**

Am I using the Lord's name

In vain

In frustration

Or trying to feel better

About myself

Relax be patient

That's the mantra

Go with the flow

Pray for some kind of guidance

Persevere

Take time

Think

What would another do

Look forward

Head up

Eyes focused

Keep the faith

Don't wallow in sorrow

There's always a tomorrow.

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Be hopeful....Think positive. Learn to accept what the past has given, what the present is and all that life has to bring. Remind yourself of the important things and where your heart is heading!

Have confidence...Be motivated...and fill the air with your laughter.

Remember your Guardian Angel who stands just a whisper away.

Explore the goodness of your soul, and use the tools from within. Be hopeful, think positive, and allow your heart to be happy.

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## Daylight-saving time ends

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.

