

# **Ilion Presbyterian News**

**May 2022**

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In Roman Mythology the god Janus had two faces one looking forward and one looking back. He was the God of beginnings and transitions. He is an appropriate reference as we look forward to our anniversary celebration at the end of this month. We will have fun and fellowship and worship and reunions and it will all be to honor God who has been faithful to this church for 151 years now.

We will look back at the history of this church and remember those who came before us and helped lay the foundation of the church we know now. It is good to look back and take stock to see how you got to where you are, but if all we do is look back then the weekend and the celebration will somehow not be all it could be. The question we must ask ourselves is what does our past tell us about our future and where we should go next?

We also have to look forward. We do not honor the past by continuing to do the things that they did, those are the things that brought us here. We honor the past by moving forward and blazing a new trail into the kingdom of God. What new mission is God preparing us for?

As we plan and take part in this milestone of the church let's be awake and aware to the voice of God. The God who has been, is, and always will be faithful to those who seek to be God's people. I know we will be ready whatever God has for us.

I also want to share with you two events that will be taking place this summer. On June 8, God's Light Youth Choir, from Smyrna Georgia will be performing in our sanctuary, then spending the night in the church, we will be preparing them supper and breakfast during their stay. Then July 23, which is the Saturday during Ilion Days, Patrick Jones will be performing. He will be singing Opera, and show tunes and probably a few more surprises.

We are getting busy again, and it feels great. God's blessing to you all.

Pastor Rick

## **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

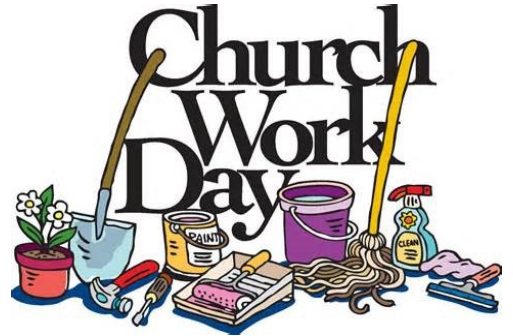
As of this Sunday, May 1st, our chancel flowers program is back! We are getting our flowers from Designs by Shelly in Little Falls, as her price was the best at \$15 per vase.

We have the 4th Sunday in May available at this printing. I may let you know each month at a time what we have scheduled, but you may schedule ahead! Just call the church during my afternoons so I have the schedule in front of me,



## SPRING CLEANUP, Saturday, May 21st, 9:00 AM at the Church.

Outside work to include trimming bushes, raking, planting grass and possibly flowers. If we have enough manpower, we'll do some Inside work like straightening up and cleaning up for our upcoming 150th anniversary the following weekend, If still needed we'll move Christmas decorations etc to the attic. We may do some wood polishing where there is need for it. Stop in, we'll have specific tasks set up that you can pick from. Any amount of time will be appreciated. Thanks, B&G.



The time is swiftly arriving for our 150th Anniversary Celebration. You all should have received an invitation via "snail mail".

Please be sure to RSVP for the dinner on Saturday night, as that is the only event of the weekend for which we need a head count. Please don't think that because you are always here for our events that we will automatically count you in. That is not the case. (Call the church 315-894-2070 or Lesa 315-269-6295 & leave a message with your RSVP or email us at [fpcilion@gmail.com](mailto:fpcilion@gmail.com).)

We hope you will attend all the events you possibly can!

Our dinner will be catered, but we will need a few folks to help us serve. The caterer has small children & is unable to stay.

The Sunday Brunch after church is not being catered, except by those of us who are willing to make/bring a brunch item to share. The point of expanding our regular coffee hour is to provide those out-of-town guests a meal if they wish to stay for the Organ Concert at 3pm. Joan Matteson is the person to let know if you can make something. Her phone is 315-895-0092.

To my Church Family:

A big thank you for all your support during Ted's illness and passing, no matter how it was expressed. The dish garden with pink & yellow flowers and beautiful faceted glass cross was especially nice. It will be a lasting reminder that kindness is alive and well at First Presbyterian Church in Ilion,

Anita Smith

## May Worship Responsibilities

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| <p>May 1            Reader— Lesa Decker</p> <p>                 Greeter—Don Lamphear</p> <p>                 Ushers— Denise Goodale</p> <p>                 Fellowship— Denise Goodale</p> <p>                 Communion Setup— Kim Bigelow</p> <p>                 Communion servers— Don Lamphear</p> | <p>May 15            Reader— Susan Backus</p> <p>                 Greeter— Lynn Backus</p> <p>                 Ushers—</p> <p>                 Fellowship Hour—Choir</p> |
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| <p>May 8            Reader— Joan Matteson</p> <p>Mother's Day   Greeter —</p> <p>                 Ushers—</p> <p>                 Fellowship— Class Act</p> | <p>May 22            Reader— Steve Getman</p> <p>                 Greeter— Lynn Backus</p> <p>                 Ushers—</p> <p>                 Fellowship—</p> |
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May 29—Our Anniversary Celebration  
Greeter—Lynn Backus

### Prayer List:

Men and women who protect us and our freedoms

Tom Backus (Lynn's son)   Brianna Nicole (Christine's daughter)   Allan Dickinson  
 Barry Doolen   Linda Emrich Flandera (Don Unsinn's sister-in-law)   Betty Foor   Mike  
 Galvin (Janet's cousin)   Loren Hughes   Bill & Julie Hulser & granddaughters, Josline &  
 Paislee   Bob & Jeanne Jones   Dr. Aimee (Les'a's friend)   Anna LaBella   Linda Laurin  
 Christine Lawrence   Barbara Maley   Joe Maneen   John & Linda Manser (Denise G)  
 Marty March   Mike Marro   Joan Matteson   Rebecca Mento   Laureen Mitchell   Ar-  
 thur & Judith Pearson (Kim Bigelow's Folks)   Cathy Price   Patricia Ruller   Mia Sher-  
 man (Judy Nudo)   Marian Skinner (Donna Pritchard's mother)   Anita Smith   Jane  
 Smithson (Lynne O's mother)   Jean Sullivan   Sue Thomas   Laurie Voultsios



## FREE DINNERS



May 12   Open faced Chicken sandwich w/ gravy & dressing

May 26            Watch for menu in your bulletin emails

The Blessing of the Bikers & their Bikes is always a fun time. This will be on Saturday of “our weekend” at the Ilion Marina. Coffee, juice & donuts are provided, a message & blessing is given by Rick & the bikers receive a commemorative gift from the church.. All those beautiful motorcycles are surely a sight to see, especially when they leave in a group at the end.

# Blessing of the Bikers



**Saturday, May 28, 2022**

**10am**

**Ilion Marina**

Coffee & donuts will be provided

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