

# Ilion Presbyterian News

**November 2022**

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*4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*  
*Philippians 4:4-6)*

I know I am supposed to find great comfort in the Bible. It is God's gift to the people of God and the way we come to know about Jesus and our salvation. But, there are times when I just want to take my Bible and fling it across the room in consternation. Rejoice in the Lord always, Paul tells us, and I want to say to Paul, do you live in the real world.

Our church is carrying a lot of heavy burdens right now. From broken families to broken bodies. From people in the hospital to people suffering quietly at home. As I sit in my office thinking about all that I find it almost impossible to rejoice in the Lord, because right now I just don't understand everything that is going on around me.

Those of you who have been in church, either on line or in the sanctuary, know that I have been preaching and thinking about prayer a great deal these last few weeks. As I have read, studied and thought it has occurred to me that perhaps I have misunderstood prayer in a significant way.

Reading Paul's words in Philippians I see something that I really haven't noticed before. When we pray with thanksgiving in any and all situations, God promises us peace. That is very different than the answers we expect. We want someone to get well or we want healing in our families but that isn't what we are promised at all. We are promised peace, and I think that is more than enough.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday my prayer for you is that you will all know the peace of God that comes from prayer made with Thanksgiving. May it be a blessed day for all of you.

Pastor Rick

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

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 first & second Sundays in November available. Please call the church by Wednesday of the week you would like to have the flowers.

Shelly is also providing poinsettias for Christmas this year. They will be available in Red, White, Pink & Ice Crystal and will be \$10 per plant. We have to give her our orders by December 1st in order for them to be guaranteed for Christmas.



You may have the flowers in loving memory of someone or in honor of someone still living.

### Poinsettia Order

How Many? \_\_\_\_\_Red \_\_\_\_\_Pink \_\_\_\_\_White \_\_\_\_\_Ice Crystal

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to donate to one of the funds of the church:

## November Worship Responsibilities

**November 6** Reader— Sue Backus  
Greeter—  
Fellowship—Class Act  
Communion Servers— Sue Backus,  
Janet Darling  
Comm. Set-up -

**November 13** Reader— Steve Getman  
Greeter—  
Fellowship— Deacons

**November 20** Reader—  
Greeter—  
Fellowship—The Choir

**November 27** Reader—  
Greeter—  
Fellowship—



We have Sundays in November available for Chancel Flowers

The cost is still \$15 per vase. Please call the office by Wed. the 26th with your order.....and let me know if you have a color preference.

## Prayer List:

Men and women who protect us  
and our freedoms

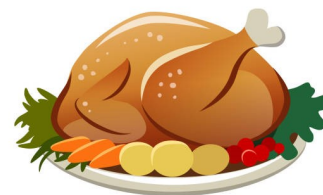
Lynn Backus Sue Cate (Marty March's  
niece) Alice Eldredge Crosier  
Brianna Nicole Gary Darling  
Babe DelGrego Allan Dick-  
inson Barry Doolen Den-  
nis Eldredge Betty Foor  
Mike Galvin (Janet's cousin)  
Sylvia Holmes Loren Hughes Bill &  
Julie Hulser & granddaughters, Josline  
& Paislee Bob Jones Don Lamphear  
Linda Laurin Christine Lawrence  
Barbara Maley Joe Maneen Marty  
March Mike Marro Joan Matteson  
Rebecca Mento Laureen Mitchell The  
Orendorfs Janet Patterson Judith  
Pearson (Kim Bigelow's Mother) Cathy  
Price Patricia Ruller Marian  
Skinner (Donna Pritchard's mother)  
Jane Smithson (Lynne O's mother)  
Tom Steele (Lesa's cousin) Fred & Jean  
Sullivan Kathy Thiery Laurie  
Voultsios



## FREE DINNERS

November 10 only

Turkey, Dressing  
Mashed potatoes, gravy  
3 Bean Salad, Cranberry Sauce  
Roll, Beverage,  
Pumpkin Pie



## RICHARD LONG RECOGNIZED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AS MASON

On September 21, 2022, Richard (Dick) Long was honored at a dinner at the Ilion Masonic Hall for 50 years of service as a Freemason in the State of New York. Dick has served Olive Branch Lodge No. 40 in many capacities including as Master. He also served as an officer for the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Dick was accompanied to the dinner by his daughter Cindy and received a parchment certificate, pin and an embroidered 50-year apron in recognition of this milestone.

CONGRATULATIONS DICK!



SAVE THE DATE!

December 18th at 3:00

We will be having a Christmas Concert with organ music, caroling  
and a benefit bake sale & basket raffle for Sue Backus in  
memory of Lynn!

Join us for some Christmas Spirit and fellowship while we  
support Sue!

## MIS Notes – November, 2022

-We have a scheduled blood drive on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The need is always there for blood donations. This is our last drive of the year; if you are a blood donor, please consider this gift of life.

-MIS is working with the Deacons to hold a pre-holiday bake sale on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be many yummy things to choose from. All the proceeds will go toward the Deacons gift card fund.

-MIS still plans to bake pies for Catholic Charities in November. The actual date has not been determined. Luckily, we can bake the pies at home and bring them in to be cut and boxed.

-Thank you all for your cards, phone calls, and prayers. They put a little brightness in our day.

Dear friends,

It is time to think about making our pledges again for another year. You will find a pledge card in your newsletter. Please take time to pray and think about your pledge. Pledging is an act of faith, a promise between you and God to give to God's work through this church. I hope you will consider a pledge that says something about your faith and relationship to God. You are always so giving as a church and I know that will continue in the coming year. Pledge Sunday will be November 20 th , I hope you can join us,

but if you can't you can mail in your pledge or just drop it by the church.

Thanks for all you do,

Pastor Rick

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Stewardship Pledge for 20\_\_\_\_

Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church throughout our congregation, presbytery, synod, and General Assembly.

*For Local Program and Mission:*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per ☐ week ☐ month ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will share my time and talents with my church.

Keep this portion as a record  
of your stewardship commitment  
for the year 20\_\_\_\_.

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