

# **Ilion Presbyterian News**

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This is the first month of another new year. This is the seventy-fifth newsletter article that I have written, the seventh marking the beginning of a new year, one marking the beginning of new decades and the most unique, writing one that marked our 150th Anniversary as a church.

As a very young child it seemed as though a year was almost an interminable period of time. The school year, especially, seemed as though it would never end. Through my teen-years it seemed time continued to drag. At eighteen or nineteen it seemed as though I would never get to be twenty one, a full-fledged legal adult. But once I became “legal” the years seemed to click off ever more quickly.

Anymore, the expression “time flies” seems like an understatement. Some of that sense may be due to the continuing emphasis that our culture places upon speed. We’re always seeking ways to do things faster. However, as we cut down production time, we simply fill the time we save with more tasks. As we accomplish more, we’re always seeking ways to accomplish more yet, a never ending cycle that seems to wind itself around our necks in an ever tightening noose.

With the passing of time I’ve come to realize that the real basis of life does not consist in how many jobs we get done, how many promotions we accumulate, how much money we save or how many things we possess. What gives life meaning is our spiritual identity. We’re created in God’s image. He has an eternal home with Him prepared for us. Getting there, and helping others to come with us, is what life is all about. Teaching others this truth is part of serving God.

As God’s church, if we’re not careful we can also get caught up in the material side of life. Our facilities are important, but they’re only a means to an end, providing a comfortable and convenient setting in which to worship God, study, and teach others the gospel.

Here we are at the beginning of another new year. Time is passing, getting shorter or at least it seems like it to me. We have work to do. Let us use this year wisely, squeeze out of it as much good as we can for the cause of Jesus Christ. Let us use our times in such a way as to be able, when our time is up, to feel good about the way we used it. Let us use this year and every year, first and foremost, to God’s glory...

Happy New Year

Pastor Rick



# FOOD \$EN\$E



*A monthly food buying program for anyone who wants to stretch their grocery dollars*

**SIGN-UP: January 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Presbyterian Church**

**10 am. – 11:30 am.**

**PICK UP: January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**90 Morgan St., Ilion**

**10 am. – 11:00 am.**

**Reminder - you can order for February when you pick up your January order.**

**Food \$en\$e Shoppers:** Orders must be prepaid with cash or EBT/SNAP. Please remember that sites cannot hold any packages after the scheduled pick-up time. If you have a conflict, give your receipt to a friend and they may claim the package for you or it will be donated to

## **JANUARY PACKAGE (\$20.50)**

Italian Sausage, 1 lb.  
Chicken Thighs, 3 lbs. (avg.)  
Italian Meatballs, 1 lb.  
Ground Turkey, 1 lb.  
Pizza Poppers (3 Cheese), 6.8 oz.  
Mozzarella Cheese, 8 oz.  
Penne Chicken Soup, 19 oz.  
Cheese Ravioli, 13 oz.  
Spaghetti Sauce, 24 oz.  
Diced Tomatoes, 14.5 oz.  
Fresh Produce #1  
Fresh Produce #2

## **DECEMBER PACKAGE (\$20.50)**

Breakfast Sausage Patties, 12 oz.  
Ground Chicken, 1 lb  
Ham Steaks, 12 oz.  
Eggs, 1 Dozen  
Breakfast Sandwiches, 14.4 oz.  
Buttermilk Pancake Mix, 32 oz.  
Pancake Syrup, 24 oz.  
Corn Flake Cereal, 7 oz.  
Mandarin Oranges, 11 oz.  
Frozen Strawberries, 1 lb.  
Fresh Carrots, 1 lb.  
Fresh Cherry Tomatoes, 8 oz.

### **January Specials:**

- **Stuffed Pork Chops, 2 lbs. for \$8.50:** The pork chops are stuffed with apples and cranberries.
- **Chicken Wings, 5 lbs for \$9.50:** The chicken wings are ready for the fryer or oven and are in a re-sealable bag.
- **American Cheese, 5 lbs. for \$14.00:** The sliced American cheese is not individually wrapped.
- **Onion Rings, 2.5 lbs. for \$9.25:** The onion rings are ready to cook and can be used in the oven or fryer.
- **Lobster Bites, 15 oz. \$5.25:** The lobster bites can be deep-fried or baked in the oven.
- **Pantry Box, 10 items for \$13.00** The pantry box contains 10 items: Whole Grain Corn Flakes (18 oz.), Pancake Mix (32 oz.), Pancake Syrup (24 oz.), Mac and Cheese (7.25 oz.), Tuna in Water (5 oz.), Spaghetti (1 lb.), Peanut Butter (18 oz.), Strawberry Spread (19 oz.), Corn (15 oz.) and Pears (15 oz.).

the Food Pantry across from Catholic Charities. If you have any questions, please speak to the site volunteers when you sign up or call Catholic Charities at 315-894-9917. Thank you.

**PICK UP DATE: Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 10:00am – 11:00am**

## January Worship Responsibilities

|                   |                                                                                                     |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>January 1</b>  | Reader - Sue Backus<br>Greeter -<br>Communion Servers -<br>Comm. Set-up -<br>Fellowship - Class Act |
| <b>January 8</b>  | Reader - Martie Fischer<br>Greeter -<br>Fellowship - Deacons                                        |
| <b>January 15</b> | Reader - Steve Getman<br>Annual Mtg Greeter -<br>Fellowship -The Choir                              |
| <b>January 22</b> | Reader—Lesa Decker<br>Install Officers Greeter<br>Fellowship                                        |
| <b>January 29</b> | Reader -<br>Greeter -<br>Fellowship                                                                 |

## Prayer List:

Men and women who protect us  
and our freedoms  
Tudy Brooks Sue Cate (Marty March's  
niece) Alice Eldredge Crosier  
Brianna Nicole Gary Darling  
Allan Dickinson Barry Doolen  
Dennis Eldredge Betty Foor  
Mike Galvin (Janet's cousin)  
Loren Hughes Bill & Julie Hulser &  
granddaughters, Josline & Paislee Bob  
Jones Don Lamphear Linda Laurin  
Christine Lawrence Barbara Maley  
Joe Maneen Marty March Mike Mar-  
ro Joan Matteson Rebecca Mento  
Laureen Mitchell The Orendorfs Ja-  
net Patterson Judith Pearson (Kim Bi-  
gelow's Mother) Cathy Price Patricia  
Ruller Jim Siver Marian Skinner  
(Donna Pritchard's mother) Jane  
Smithson (Lynne O's mother) Fred &  
Jean Sullivan Kathy Thiery Laurie  
Voultsios Lee Maley



*Christian Sympathy is extended to George Maley  
and his family on the passing of his beloved wife of  
70 years, Barbara.*

## FREE DINNERS

January 12 Macaroni & Cheese  
Polish Sausage,  
Green Beans  
Tossed Salad  
Dessert

January 26 Chicken & Biscuits  
Peas  
Tossed Salad  
Dessert

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