

Ilion Presbyterian News

July/August 2023

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Remember that WE ARE STILL HERE!

I know we miss Rick, but we have to “keep on keepin’ on!”

Be sure to check the calendar to see what is still going on!

Lunch Bunch is continuing their Tues. & Thurs program.

Free Dinners also continue on their 2nd & 4th Thursday evenings, 5:30—6:30

We will probably send a July/August newsletter but send the July calendar here with this week's bulletin.

Jean Smith is working hard at making sure we have a worship leader every week.

Judy will be doing the bulletin with the leader for that week.

Lesa will be out for her knee surgery on July 19th....prayers please!

Last week on the 9th, we had Gene Doremus—Betty Helmer’s brother—preach.

He was very interesting.

This time in our church’s life promises to shake us up from the “old ways”, make us think & get ready to accept & welcome a new pastor. Please join us!

So far for worship leaders we have:

Rev. LaDana Clark aka LADYJAM on July 16

Martie Fischer on July 23rd

Ken Palmer on July 30th.

## **Prayer List:**

Men and women who protect us and our freedoms



Tudy Brooks Sue Cate (Marty March's niece) Sharon Chasteen  
Arthur Doremus (Betty Helmer's brother) Alice Eldredge Crosier Bri-  
anna Nicole Carole Jean Crimmins Lesa Decker Allan Dickinson Barry  
Doolen Lou Gemelli Denise Goodale Loren Hughes Bill & Julie Hulser  
& granddaughters, Joe Maneen Marty March Joan Matteson Rebecca  
Mento Claire Miller Henry & Sue Miller Laureen Mitchell Mary  
Beth Murphy The Orendorfs Judith Pearson (Kim Bigelow's Mother)  
Cathy Price Patricia Ruller Chick & Marian Skinner (Donna Pritchard's  
parents) Fred & Jean Sullivan Sue Thuener Laurie Voultios Mike,  
whose parents are missionaries in Brazil

## MIS Meeting Notes-June 14, 2023

In attendance: Carol Okusko, Janet Darling, Anita Smith, Susan Backus, Pastor Rick

Due to Rick leaving in 2 weeks, many topics were discussed, specifically timelines for OGHS (begins during Lent with collection on Easter Sunday), and the Stewardship campaign (begins the middle of October).

School Initiatives: 320 water bottles were purchased for Jarvis Middle School in Mohawk. There are no more water fountains in school; students need access to water daily. MIS was happy to help, and plan to contact Barringer Road School to see if a similar need could be met.

Blood Drives: Our next scheduled blood drive will be held Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The drives held here at First Presbyterian have been very successful in the past. Let's try to surpass our last drive!! (31 units were collected!)

Nurses Discretionary Fund: checks will be sent to the nurses of the 3 elementary schools at the beginning of the school year in September. Each nurse will receive \$200 to use as they see fit.

New Ministry Challenges/Initiatives: MIS is always looking for ways to reach the people of our community. Franco's pizza in Ilion has been doing that for children during the summer. Beginning the day after school closes, 7 days a week, until the day school starts, Franco's opens their doors at 11:00 a.m. and will feed any child that comes in for lunch, for free. They receive a piece of pizza, bag of chips, a juice drink and a sweet. This restaurant owner has done this for years without any reciprocity. Preliminary figures show they spend about \$100 a day, just on the pizza ingredients. The committee and Pastor Rick believe this is a worthy cause to support and decided to donate \$500 to the restaurant.

This committee extends their heartfelt thanks to Pastor Rick for his willingness to go along with our efforts to reach as many people as possible, whether it be exercise class, Brooks barbeque, book and clothing drives, the food pantry, or free pizzas for the kids. He will be greatly missed, but will always be thought of fondly and with a smile. MIS team “)

## Ilion Days Doo Dah Parade

Our MIS Committee has decided to sell Popcorn and have a Bake Sale at Second St. & West St. in the corner of the UMC parking lot. Yes, we have permission.

So, if you are willing to work and or bake, please call Susan Backus at 865-310-3301 or tell her at exercise class on Monday. She has boxes of brownie mix & other goodies to use. Baked goods should be at the church by 4pm on Friday.

THE DOO DAH PARADE IS FRIDAY, JULY 21 at 6:30pm

Dear Susan Bartholomew and First Presbyterian Church Ilion managers,

Just want to thank you for inviting Ethan and Eva Lavallee to play their music on the Father's Day, 18 June 2023, and my whole family had a wonderful time. Kids had a precious experience and enjoyed Sunday School as well,

Love the wonderful people and your community there as well. Thank you so much!! Have a great summer! The Lavalles

Dear Lesa (and the congregation and pastor at Ilion Presbyterian)

On behalf of our whole family I thank you for the beautiful flowers that you sent to Dad's church for his Memorial Service.

We are so grateful for this show of support.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. God bless you. David Jones

### **Anne A. Reynolds' new address:**

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4300 Middle Settlement Rd.

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## FREE DINNER

|           |                                                                              |
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| July 27   | Meatball Subs, Antipasto Salad, dessert & beverage                           |
| August 10 | Baked Chicken, cole slaw, corn on the cob & make your own sundae for dessert |
| August 24 | Hot dogs, hamburgers, 3 bean salad, chips & watermelon                       |

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