

Ilion Presbyterian News

November 2023

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To my dear church family,

It is with both joy & sorrow that I announce my retirement as your church Secretary, effective Nov. 1, 2023. This is the date I started the job...Nov. 1, 1991.

I will be moving to South Carolina in November.

I have spent many happy years in this office and this church, too, since I've been here my whole life!

Now that my many surgeries are over, I am bionic - finally! Now I can leave & will be better able to keep up with my busy grandsons & their schedules.

I thank each & every one of you for all the love & care you have shown me over these many years and in all the different jobs I have done here.

Yes, I have a place to live there. My son & daughter-in-law have bought me a house that has been sitting there waiting for me. It's kind of a tiny house....2 bedrooms, bathroom, living room & kitchen.

Soooo, I have room for company!

I will think of you always & pray for you & our church to continue to thrive.

My new address: 905 Emmons St, Beaufort, SC 29902

I will try to send out a new Church Directory before I leave. Those of you with email addresses will receive yours in an email. No promises, though. Too many people stopping in to talk & hug. Heehee

With all my love,  
Lesa

You're Invited to a  
Retirement Party

for

Lesa Decker

Sunday November 5th, 2023

at the

First Presbyterian Church

Church Service with the Rev. Steve

Mitchell featuring special music @ 10:30

Luncheon to follow downstairs

RSVP Judy Nudo @ 315-868-4819

Diane Lamphear @ 315-894-5247

We are collecting monetary donations for a good-bye gift. See Judy in the church office during office hours.

Christmas

Bazaar

and

Bake Sale

Fri. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 10 AM – 5 PM

Sat. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 10 AM – 2 PM

St Augustine Episcopal Church  
78 Second St, Ilion



## Prayer List:

Men and women who protect us and our freedoms



Sue Cate (Marty March's niece) Sharon Chasteen Chet  
Alice Eldredge Crosier Brianna Nicole Carole Jean Crimmins Allan  
Dickinson Barry Doolen Lou Gemelli Loren Hughes Bill & Julie Hulser  
& granddaughters Susan Jones Valerie Keller Joe Maneen Marty  
March Mike Marro Joan Matteson Rebecca Mento Claire Miller  
Henry & Sue Miller Laureen Mitchell The Orendorfs—especially Jan  
Judith Pearson (Kim Bigelow's Mother) Cathy Price Mary Ratajack (Beth  
Margulis' friend) Patricia Ruller Chick & Marian Skinner (Donna  
Pritchard's parents) Fred & Jean Sullivan Sue Thuener Utica Presby-  
tery Laurie Voultsios Mike, whose parents are missionaries in Brazil  
Prayers for protection & healing for Kassandra & our homeless population

## Worship Responsibilities

Nov. 5 Reader  
Rev. Stephen Greeter – Sandra Eldredge  
Mitchell Communion servers –  
Sue Backus & Diane Lamphear  
Farewell Luncheon

Nov. 12 Reader – George Gullis  
Michelle Dolan Greeter – Anita Smith  
Fellowship – Deacons

Nov. 19 Reader – Anita Smith  
Cory Jones Greeter – Sue Backus  
Fellowship – Choir

Nov. 26 Reader – Steve Getman  
Gene Doremus Greeter – Sue Backus  
Fellowship - Deacons

**Anne A. Reynolds is still at the Presbyterian Home.**

Presbyterian Residential Community

4300 Middle Settlement Rd.

New Hartford NY 13413

Wall Street Rm. 135

Ph: 315-724-9300

**PLEASE BE SURE TO NOTIFY  
THE OFFICE WHEN YOU HAVE  
A LOVED ONE IN THE  
HOSPITAL, OR IN NEED OF  
PASTORAL CARE.**

Word has been received (from David)  
that Susan Jones is improving! The  
pneumonia seems to be pretty much  
gone, but she is still on medication  
for the blood clots.

Please continue your prayers.

## Building & Grounds

We're working on a few unfinished projects as time permits: the crash bars on the West St. doors; concrete repairs at the Morgan St. door; resurfacing the Morgan St. doors (exterior); removing some radiators.

The sexton job is available (cleaning and maintaining the inside of the church). Contact a buildings & grounds member (George Gullis, Don Lamphear or Sue Thomas) if interested.

Here we are at the beginning of November! Our florist wants our Poinsettia orders by the week of Nov. 10 to ensure Christmas delivery. We have available the same beautiful colors we had last year: Red, White, Pink & Ice Crystal. Please call the office & leave a message for Judy, or use this form (or one we have placed on the tables at the entrances to the sanctuary). You may place your order right away & pay for it later on.

### Poinsettia orders for Christmas



This year we have available four colors from which to choose.

If you would like to order a poinsettia, the cost is \$12.50. and orders are due by **Nov. 10**

RED \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_\_\_ PINK \_\_\_\_\_ ICE CRYSTAL \_\_\_\_\_

How many? \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

You may choose to honor/memorialize our loved ones in one of our many funds: Buildings & Grounds/ Music/ Organ Fund/ Worship/ Flowers.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

## MIS

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Stewardship is a measure of our faith and can be shown in a variety of ways. This is the time of year when we ask for your monetary commitment in the form of a pledge. These pledges are instrumental in the planning of our programs as well as ensuring the future of our church.

First and foremost is our search for a Pastor. Building upkeep is always ongoing, and many of our outreach programs require funding to continue their good works. Examples are the food program and our MIS initiatives. We are a church of community outreach and we would like to continue and move forward in other directions if possible.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge for the upcoming year. Pledge cards have been placed in the sanctuary, and you will find one included in the November newsletter. If at all possible, we would like them back on or before Stewardship Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. If unable to attend church that day, mailing them into the church office is fine. We ask for this time frame to facilitate the end of year bookkeeping.

Hopefully you will be able to join us on Stewardship Sunday as we plan to have a soup and sandwich luncheon following the service to celebrate our continuing efforts to be a "mission based congregation" and to thank you for making it possible.

We are yours most sincerely,

Mission Interpretation & Stewardship Committee

## **FREE DINNER**



November 9 – just one dinner for November

Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Mixed Veggies, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin Pie





## NEW On-Line Ordering Available

You can now place your Food \$en\$e orders online in three easy steps!

1. Visit [foodsense.foodbankcny.org](https://foodsense.foodbankcny.org) and select your participating pick-up location.
2. Select the items you would like to purchase.
3. Pay with your credit or debit card.

**In person cash and EBT/SNAP orders for November can still be placed at:**

Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion on October 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 from 10am-11:30 am

**PICK UP for all orders placed in November will be at:**

Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion, on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 10am-11am

Reminder - you can place an order for December when you pick up your November order

## NOVEMBER PACKAGE \$20.50

Pork Tenderloin, 1.7 lbs. (avg)  
Beef Portions, 1 lb.  
Chicken Breast, 1.5 lbs. (avg)  
Ground Turkey, 1 lb.  
Stuffing Mix, 6 oz.  
Instant Potatoes, 13 oz.

Turkey Gravy, 15 oz.  
Sweet Potatoes, 15 oz.  
Cranberry Sauce, 14 oz.  
Canned Corn, 15 oz.  
Fresh Produce #1  
Fresh Produce #2

### November Specials:

- **Whole Turkeys, 10-12 lbs. for \$19.50:** The whole turkeys are pre-basted and are free of any antibiotics and hormones.
- **Breaded Shrimp, 3 lbs. for \$13.50:** The shrimp are butterflied, breaded, and 21-25 per pound.
- **American Cheese, 5 lbs. for \$14.00:** The sliced American cheese is not individually wrapped.
- **Produce Box, 18-20 lbs. for \$15.50:** The produce box includes: onions (2 lbs.), apples (3 lbs.), carrots (2 lbs.), potato (5 lbs.), celery (1 each), sweet potatoes (5 each), and winter squash (1 each).
- **Meatloaf, 2 lbs. for \$9.50:** The meatloaf is a traditional meatloaf made with 100% ground beef.
- **Stuffed Shells, 48 oz. for \$9.50:** The stuffed shells are frozen and have 18 shells per special.

**Food \$en\$e Shoppers:** 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 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.



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