

Ilion Presbyterian News

December 2023

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Here we are at the end of the year. We've seen a lot of changes in the last six months but we keep forging ahead. Thanks to the efforts of our Jean Smith we have had someone in our pulpit to lead us in worship every Sunday and so we keep on going on! Our programs and committees are as active as ever and even though we miss the people we have lost, with the goodness of God's help and guidance we continue to thrive!

So, enjoy this wonderful season and all that is and remember to...

*Believe like Mary  
Trust like Joseph  
Hope like the shepherds  
Seek like the wise men  
Worship like the angels  
Love like Jesus*

*Peace and love,  
Judy*

## 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 Scott  
Darling Allan Dickinson Barry Doolen Lou Gemelli 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 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 Presbytery Laurie Voultios  
Jim Wildey Mike, whose parents are missionaries in Brazil  
Prayers for protection & healing for Kassandra & our homeless population

## Worship Responsibilities

|                    |                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dec. 3             | Reader—Anita Smith                |
| Michelle Dolan     | Greeter – Karen Macrina           |
|                    | Communion servers –<br>Sue Backus |
| Dec. 10            | Reader – Susan Backus             |
| Rev. Larry Beasley | Greeter – Diane Lamphear          |
|                    | Fellowship – Deacons              |
| Dec. 17            | Reader – Karen Macrina            |
| Martie Fischer     | Greeter – Anita Smith             |
|                    | Fellowship – Choir                |
| Dec. 24            | Reader – Steve Getman             |
| Cory Jones         | Greeter – Diane Lamphear          |
|                    | Fellowship - Deacon               |
| Christmas Eve      | Jean Smith—Hymn Sing              |
| Dec. 31            | Reader—George Gullis              |
| Rev. Betsy Jay     | Greeter—Susan Backus              |
| Communion          | Fellowship—Religious Studies      |

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

## Building and Grounds

B & G is currently working on the 2024 budget.

We will be changing the light bulbs in the lower arches in the sanctuary to improve the lighting and the efficiency.

If there is anything you feel needs attention, or have ideas for the improvement of our building let a member know.

## MIS

The basket raffle to support the lunch program has had a lot of interest and support. We will be drawing the winning tickets on December 11th. Thanks to all who participated.

### **FREE DINNER**

Just one for December

December 14th

Ham & Yams

Coleslaw, Veggies

Beverage, & Dessert



## 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 December can still be placed at:

Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 01<sup>st</sup>, 2023 from 10am-11:30 am

### PICK UP for all orders placed in December will be at:

Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion, on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 10am-11am

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

## DECEMBER PACKAGE \$20.50

Breaded Chicken Strips, 25 oz.  
Breakfast Sausage, 6.4 oz.  
Hickory Smoked Bacon, 12 oz.  
Ground Chicken, 1 lb.  
Medium Eggs, 1 dozen  
Buttermilk Pancake Mix, 32 oz.

Orange Juice, 32 oz.  
Frozen Strawberries, 16 oz.  
Home-style Waffles, 9.8 oz.  
Mandarin Oranges, 11 oz.  
Fresh Produce #1  
Fresh Produce #2

### DECEMBER SPECIALS:

- **Boneless Ham, 2.5 lbs. avg. for \$9.00:** The boneless hams are pecan smoked and fully-cooked.
- **Stuffed Chicken Breast, 2 lbs. for \$10.00:** The chicken breasts are stuffed with apples and cranberries.
- **Lobster Bites, 15 oz. for \$6.00:** The lobster bites can be cooked in the air-fryer or baked in the oven.
- **Hash Browns, 3.5 lbs. for \$5.50:** The hash browns can be fried, baked in the oven, or cooked in the air-fryer.
- **Italian Meatballs, 5 lbs. for \$13.50:** The Italian meatballs are fully-cooked and are in a five-pound bag.
- **Protein Box, 6 lbs. for \$17.00:** The protein box includes: Ground Turkey (1 lb.), Italian Sausage (1 lb.), Chicken Breasts (1.5 lbs.), Fish Sticks (1 lb.) and Beef & Broccoli Skillet (22 oz.).

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.

For Questions, please call 315-894-9917

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