

Ilion Presbyterian News

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Live into Hope: The Theme for the 226th General Assembly

That's nice, you might be thinking, to choose a hymn title as the theme for a General Assembly. The hymn is based on Luke 4:16-19, Jesus' sermon in Nazareth. But what is a General Assembly and how does it matter? Maybe another question is what do we believe about what church is. The Book of Order cites the Nicene Creed as it reminds Presbyterians that "with all Christians of the Church catholic, we affirm that the Church is "one holy catholic and apostolic." That is, we affirm our "historical continuity with the whole Church of Jesus Christ, just as we are "willing to seek and to deepen communion with all other churches within the one holy catholic and apostolic Church."

Yet, we also observe some historic principles of church order. These are built upon discernment of God's will through the Holy Spirit and Scripture. Consider Acts 15 relating what may have been the first council with apostles and elders meeting in Jerusalem; it's a question of accepting Gentiles into the church. The PCUSA is still governed by presbyters – ruling elders and teaching elders (more familiarly known as ministers of Word and Sacrament). We gather in councils – session (which "leads and guides the witness of the congregation"), presbytery, synod, and General Assembly. Trusting in Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all creation, we "seek a new openness to God's mission in the world" and "to people everywhere and to all creation."

General Assembly is the council of the whole church "to the end that the whole church becomes a community of faith, hope, love, and witness." GA meets every two years and is comprised of equal numbers of ruling and teaching elders elected by each presbytery and reflective of our diversity. Ruling elder Michelle Nolan from Rome and I were chosen to serve as commissioners from Utica Presbytery.

The committees to which we are assigned will meet virtually to help control costs. The plenary sessions run from June 29 to July 4 in Salt Lake City. Please hold us, and indeed, the Assembly, the whole church, and the whole world in prayer that we may listen to and for the Holy Spirit and truly "live into hope" for all God's children have got a place in the choir.

Peace and good,
Betsy

Luke 4:16-19

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Prayer List:



Men and women who protect us and our freedoms

Sharon Chasteen Brianna Nicole Carole Jean Crimmins Jim Crossway

Scott Darling Allan Dickinson Ed Douglas & family Dennis Eldredge

Betty Foor Lou Gemelli Donna Eldredge Hodge Bill & Julie Hulser & granddaughters

Susan Jones Valerie Keller Jeffrey Maine Wes Maine Joe Maneen Joan Matteson

Rebecca Mento Claire Miller Henry & Sue Miller Marvin Nellenback The Orendorfs

Sharon Outtrim Mildred Parks Steve Price Patricia Ruller Fred & Jean Sullivan

Sue Thuener Utica Presbytery Ed Vennaro Tony Vennera Jim Wildey

Mike, whose parents are missionaries in Brazil

Prayers for protection & healing for Kassandra & our homeless population

We join Utica Presbytery in praying for: Special Offerings of the PC(USA) (One Good Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy, Pentecost, Peacemaking); Forest Pres. Church, Lyons Falls; 226th General Assy. of the Pres. Church (USA General Assembly PC(USA)); Rev. Betsy Jay & Elder Michelle Dolan, Commissioners to the 226th General Assembly; Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church, Old Forge

Worship Responsibilities

June 2 Reader—George Gullis

Rev. Betsy Jay Greeter—Cheryl Waldo

Fellowship—Class Act

June 9 Reader – Steve Getman

Rev. Martie Fischer Greeter – Sandra Eldredge

Fellowship – Deacons

June 16 Reader – Jan Heap

Rev. Betsy Jay Greeter – Anita Smith

Communion –Karen Macrina, George Gullis

Fellowship – Janet Darling /Friends

June 23 Reader – Karen Macrina

Rev. Betsy Jay Greeter –Cheryl Waldo

Children's Day Fellowship - Religious Studies

June 30 Reader —Anita Smith

Ken Palmer Greeter —Susan Backus

Fellowship —Deacons

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

A note from Janet Darling

On June 14th I will be undergoing knee surgery. I am looking for help with coffee hours on the third Sundays of the month while I am gone. I also need someone to help the Reader count the collection each Sunday after the service and have that money delivered to me at home so I can prepare the deposit and do my necessary paperwork. Thank you!

Let's help Janet out as she recovers!

Our dinners continue to be well attended and always bring positive feedback. Our volunteers that prepare, serve and clean up are nothing short of amazing. Want to be amazing too? They can ALWAYS use

FREE DINNER

June 13

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers

Macaroni Salad

Beverage & Dessert

June 27

Pulled Pork

Corn Salad

Beverage & Dessert

On May 26th, Trinity Sunday, Rosie Jane Smithson received the sacrament of baptism. Rosie is the daughter of Sarah Smithson and granddaughter of Mike and Lynne Brendorf. It is with great Joy and thanksgiving that we welcome her as a member of the household of God and joined with us in this one body, the church of Jesus Christ our one Lord.

We celebrate with Sue Thomas as she steps down as chairperson and member of The Mohawk Valley Council of Churches. Sue has most ably represented First Presbyterian on the council for over ten years.

Thank you Sue for your years of dedication on behalf of the congregation.



Saturday a.m. on May 25th we once again held the Blessing of the Bikers at the Ilion Marina. As always it was well attended and greatly appreciated. Thank you Rev. Betsy for continuing this tradition and to all who helped host it and to all who attended. Safe travels to all....until next year!!

2024 Farmers' Markets in Herkimer County



Market	Location	Day	Time	Season
Dolgeville	Plowe Park, corner of S Main St & Cramer Lane	Saturday	9am - 1pm	May 18- October 26
Frankfort	Frankfort Marina 122 Marina Park Drive	Saturday	10am - 2pm	July 13- September 28
Town of Herkimer	Herkimer Town Park 154 Pine Grove Rd East Herkimer	Thursday	3pm - 6pm	June 27- September 12
Little Falls	M&T Bank lot Albany St	Saturday	8am - noon	May 11- October 26
Mohawk Valley	Mohawk Valley Community Market's rear parking lot, accessed from N Washington St (directly across from Foltsbrook Care Center)	Friday	Noon-6pm	June 28- October 11
Old Forge	Parking lot of the George T. Hiltebrant Recreation Center 201 North St	Friday	1pm - 5pm	June 21- October 11
Richfield Springs	Spring Park Main St	Saturday	9am - 1pm	June 15- October 26

For more information on each market, go to
<http://bit.ly/CCEHerkFarmersMkts>

Farmers Market Coupons



Coupons can be used to purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables at any participating Farmer's Market. **YOU QUALIFY IF** you are at least 60 years of age **AND** have a monthly income at or below: \$2,322 for a one-person household, \$3,152 for a two-person household, \$3,981 for a three-person household, or are at least 60 years of age and currently receiving or eligible to receive SSI, food stamps, public assistance, or Section 8 housing subsidy.

Each eligible older adult living in a household may receive their own booklet, but they must be present to sign for them. If an older adult is unable to pick up the coupons in person, contact the OFA at 315-867-1204. Coupons will be distributed at the following centers on a first come, first served basis.

2024 Distribution Centers

Mon July 8	9am-Noon London Towers, 100 W. Main St., Ilion 1:30-3:00pm Willoughby Hall, 3041 Hillside Meadows Dr, Newport
Tues July 9	9-11:30am Galinsky Apartments, 105 Protection Ave. Herkimer 12:30-2pm Valley View Courts, 760 E. Monroe St. Little Falls 2:30-3:30pm Garden Apts. 759 E. Monroe St. Little Falls
Wed July 10	10:00am-11:30am Schuyler Firehouse, 120 Newport Rd. Utica 12:30-2:30pm Stoneridge Gems (formerly Midtown Apartments) 315 N. Prospect St. Herkimer
Thurs July 11	9-10:30am Litchfield Manor, 402 S. Litchfield St., Frankfort 1-2:30pm Greenwood Terrace, 1 Greenwood Terrace, Mohawk
Fri July 12	9:00-10:30am Parkside Courts 53 S. Main St., Dolgeville 1:30-3:00pm Rockton Plaza, 550 E. John St. Little Falls
Mon July 15	9:00-11:00am Scott House, 56 South St. West Winfield 1:00-3:30 pm Prindle Apartments, 80 E. North St., Ilion
Fri July 19	10-11am Lakeside Terr. Apts., 110 South Shore Rd, Old Forge 1-2:30pm Old Forge Farmers Market, 201 North St., Old Forge
Fri July 26	4-6pm Mohawk Valley Farmers Market N. Washington St. Herkimer

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NEW On-Line Ordering Available

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

1. Visit 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 June can still be placed at:
Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion on **June 3rd – 7th, 2024 from 10am-11:30 am**
Last day to order On-Line is Monday June 10th, 2024

PICK UP for all orders placed in June will be at:
Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion, on **June 21st, 2024 from 10am-11am**

Reminder - you can place an order for **July** when you pick up your **June** order

JUNE PACKAGE \$20.50

Pork Tenderloin, 1.75 lbs. (avg)
Boneless Chicken Breast, 1 lb.
Ground Beef, 1 lb.
Pollock Fillet, 1 lb.
Bologna, 1 lb.
Cheddar Cheese, 8 oz.

Taco Kit, 11.4 oz.
Brown Rice, 1 lb.
Mixed Vegetables, 15 oz.
Mandarin Oranges, 11 oz.
Produce #1
Produce #2

JUNE SPECIALS:

- **Chicken Thighs, 5 lbs. for \$6.00:** The chicken thighs come in a 5-pound bag, and they are free of antibiotics, hormones and by-products.
- **Pulled Pork, 1 lb. for \$6.50:** The pulled pork is fully cooked and in a Carolina BBQ sauce.
- **Onion Rings, 2.5 lbs. for \$8.50:** The onion rings are ready to cook and used in the oven or fryer.
- **Lasagna Rolls, 42 oz. for \$6.50:** The cheese lasagna roll-ups are stuffed with ricotta and Romano cheese and are over two and a half pounds.
- **Beef & Broccoli, 22 oz. for \$6.00:** The beef and broccoli consist of beef strips, broccoli florets, and red bell peppers with white rice in a savory soy sauce.
- **Lobster Bites 15 oz. for \$5.00:** The lobster bites can be baked in the oven or cooked in the air-fryer

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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