

Ilion Presbyterian News

September 2024

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### **“Sowing the Seeds of Peace” (Zechariah 8:12)**

We’ve all witnessed it, haven’t we?

Flowers miraculously blooming across a ravaged landscape. Children holding hands and smiling in the face of war.

We’ve all seen it and wonder how it’s possible. Such scenarios seem unlikely when we’ve all but given up hope.

And yet ...

The prophet Zechariah casts a vision for peace. He shows forth a world where each person — old and young, all genders and races, people from north, south, east and west — lives without enmity, fear and destruction. In Zechariah’s vision, there is “a sowing of peace” where the world is restored, made whole and abides in peace. People in Zechariah’s prophecy bind themselves together in love for one another, imbued in them by God, where all people have dignity and worth.

The Presbyterian Confession of 1967 invites us, the Church, to be “emissaries of peace.” It also reminds us that “with an urgency born of this hope, the Church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.”

Peacemaking is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church. Peace is possible, and it begins with us sowing the seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make.

The month of September we will celebrate as a “Season of Peace.”

On the 29th, Noisy Sunday, we will receive a special offering for Global Witness.

## Prayer List:



Men and women who protect us and our freedoms  
Dick Bly Ken Brooks Sharon Chasteen Brianna Nicole Tim Conover Judy  
Conover Carole Jean Crimmins Jim Crossway Janet Darling Scott Darling  
Allan Dickinson Jim Doremus Ed Douglas & family Sharon Eaton Dennis Eldredge  
Betty Foor Greg Goodale Bill & Julie Hulser & granddaughters Susan Jones Dick  
Long Jeffrey Maine Wes Maine Lee Maley Joe Maneen Joan Matteson Rebecca  
Mento Claire Miller Henry & Sue Miller Marvin Nellenback The Orendorfs Sharon  
Outtrim Steve Price Patricia Ruller Fred & Jean Sullivan Sue Thuener Utica  
Presbytery Ed Vennaro Cheryl Waldo  
Mike, whose parents are missionaries in Brazil  
Prayers for protection & healing for Kassandra & our homeless population

We join Utica Presbytery in praying for: First Presbyterian Church, Westernville; First  
Presbyterian Church, Rome; Weaving Home Ministries in Old Forge (Rev. Naomi Kelly);  
The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Utica; Three Steeples United Church, Paris

## **Worship Responsibilities**

|                     |                                      |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| September 1         | Reader— George Gullis                |
| Gene Doremus        | Greeter— Sandy Eldredge              |
|                     | Fellowship— Class Act                |
| September 8         | Reader – Anita Smith                 |
| Rev. Martie Fischer | Greeter – Susan Backus               |
|                     | Fellowship – Deacons                 |
| September 15        | Reader – Jan Heap                    |
| Rev. Betsy Jay      | Greeter – Anita Smith                |
| Sunday School       | Communion – George Gullis            |
| Resumes             | Fellowship – “Make Your Own Sundaes” |
| September 22        | Reader – Steve Getman                |
| Rev. Betsy Jay      | Greeter – Karen Macrina              |
|                     | Fellowship - Deacons                 |
| September 29        | Reader – Karen Macrina               |
| Rev. Betsy Jay      | Greeter – Susan Backus               |
| Noisy Sunday        | Fellowship – Religious Studies       |

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



*In honor of Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Pets, the Council of Churches will sponsor a Blessing of Animals on Saturday, September 28th.*

*Keep watch for the time and place to be determined.*

*All pets and their families are welcome.*

*Contact FPC, Ilion or Morning Star UMC, Ilion.*



**FREE DINNERS**

**September 12**

Mushroom Stew/Noodles  
Bread — Corn on the Cob  
Beverage & Dessert

**September 26**

Spaghetti & Meatballs  
Bread—Salad  
Beverage & Dessert





Now carrying religious themed items including jewelry, confirmation, baptism and first communion merchandise.

---Come and See Us---

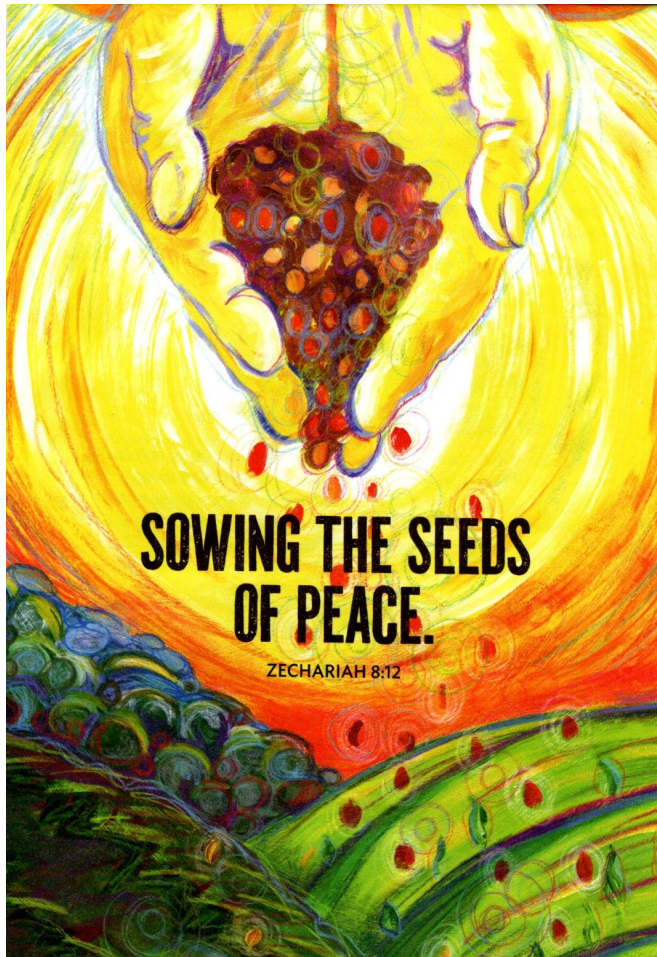
First United Methodist Church of Herkimer  
 127 N Prospect Street, Herkimer  
 Open Thurs-Sat 10 am - 2 pm

Are You A Care Giver ?  
 Are You In Need Of A Break ?

The Morning Star Ministry, in conjunction with AmeriCorp Seniors and NYSCRC, is pleased to announce a weekly Respite Program. The program is free to any qualifying Herkimer County Resident.

OPEN HOUSE  
 September 10, 2024  
 10A.M. to 2P.M  
 Frankfort Methodist Church  
 4224 Acme Road  
 Frankfort

For additional information please contact our church office at (315)894-4093



God, you are  
 the bringer of peace  
 We recommit ourselves to you  
 as you bring peace  
 to our world.  
 May the works of our hands,  
 the marching of our feet and  
 the meditations of our hearts  
 join with you as we sow  
 the seeds of the peace  
 only you can bring.  
 In your name we pray, Amen.





**We will be having our Fall Rummage Sale Friday, October 18th from 9:00am until 5:00pm and Saturday morning, October 19th from 9:00 until 12:00pm. Set-up will be on Thursday the 17th. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for volunteers to help set up, work the sale and clean up on he last day. Any and all help is appreciated!**



### Sunday School

**Sunday School will be resuming Sunday, September 15th. Once again, the kids will attend church for the beginning of the service and the children's sermon, and then go to their classroom. For coffee hour on the 15th they will once again be treated to "make your own sundaes" to welcome them back! Spread the word!!**



### 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 September can still be placed at:**  
Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion on **Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024** from 10am-11:30 am  
**Last day to order On-Line is Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**PICK UP for all orders placed in September will be at:**  
Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion, on **Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024** from 10am-11am

Reminder - you can place an order for **Oct.**, when you pick up your **Sept.** order

### SEPTEMBER PACKAGE (\$20.50)

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Italian Meatballs, 1 lb. | Pasta Sauce, 24 oz.      |
| Pollock Fillets, 1 lb.   | Spaghetti, 1 lb.         |
| Italian Sausage, 1 lb.   | Mixed Vegetables, 1 lb.  |
| Ground Chicken, 1 lb.    | Mandarin Oranges, 11 oz. |
| Mozzarella Cheese, 8 oz. | Produce #1               |
| Stuffed Rigatoni, 12 oz. | Produce #2               |

### SEPTEMBER SPECIALS:

- **Pork Baby Back Ribs, 2 lbs. for \$8.50:** The pork ribs are fully cooked and are in traditional BBQ sauce.
- **Garlic Chicken Meal, 24 oz. for \$6.00:** Pasta in garlic sauce with broccoli, carrots, corn, and seasoned white meat chicken.
- **Breaded Shrimp, 3 lbs. for \$13.00:** The shrimp are butterflied, breaded, and 21-25 per pound.
- **Stuffed Shells, 3 lbs. for \$7.50:** The stuffed shells are frozen and have 18 shells per special.
- **American Cheese, 5 lbs. for \$12.50:** The sliced American cheese is not individually wrapped.
- **Meatloaf, 2 lbs. for \$9.00:** The meatloaf is a traditional meatloaf made with 100% ground beef.

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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