

# Ilion Presbyterian News

## May 2025

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*The First Presbyterian Church of Ilion, through the Worship of God and gathering together, seeks to support each other, to welcome and serve others and to be a faithful presence of Jesus Christ in our larger community.*

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As I prepare to send out the May newsletter it brings to mind some thoughts I have about the month of May. As a kid I loved to see the calendar turn a page and see the month of May. It meant that the last of the snow was gone (usually) and warmer weather was upon us. The warmer weather and longer daylight meant I had more time to gather and be with friends after school before having to be in for the night. It also meant we made day trips to camp to clean away the cobwebs and remnants of any little critters in preparation for the summer. And the month ended with Memorial Day, which to me was the first official day of summer. I loved Memorial Day weekend. It was a long weekend, which meant a day off from school. And, it was the first weekend that we stayed overnight at camp. There was the excitement and fun of going into town to sit on the curb and watch the Memorial Day parade.

As an adult, and an elderly one at that, I still love the month of May. The warmer temperatures and the longer days seem to boost my mood and energy level. I love to see everything just burst into bloom and turn everything green and lush and colorful as everything wakes up after their long winter's sleep. And I will admit, I love Mother's Day as it always insures I will have a day to connect with all of my kids. I still consider Memorial Day weekend the first official weekend of the summer but usually spend it doing yard work, and am happy to be able to do it.

The month of May in connection with our church is also a month to give thanks. We are busy with lunches, dinners, exercise classes, meetings and preparations for new undertakings like our garden. We will be installing Paul and Cathy Conant on the 18th and had the Plentiful Gifts presentation. It makes me proud to see that our parking lot has cars in it almost every day because of all the activities. We make a difference and it makes every month one to be grateful for!

*Peace and love, Judy*

## **Prayer List:**

Men and women who protect us and our freedoms



Dick Bly Tudy Brooks Janey Carrico Sharon Chasteen Brianna Nicole Tim Conover  
Judy Conover Carole Jean Crimmins Jim Crossway Scott Darling Ed Douglass &  
family Betty Foor Erin Gill Greg Goodale Jan & Dave Heap Hulser family Susan Jones  
Robert Kennedy Barbara Lennox Dick Long Jeffrey Maine Wes Maine Joe Maneen  
Joan Matteson Rebecca Mento Claire Miller Henry & Sue Miller Jackie Murphy Marvin  
Nellenback Peg Olson The Orendorfs Sharon Outtrim Jesse Rounds Patricia Ruller Fred &  
Jean Sullivan Utica Presbytery Ed Vennaro

In maintaining our connection as part of a community of faith and witness, and intentional in prayer, the Presbytery asks that we lift up First Presbyterian Church, Ilion; Church of the Lakes, Inlet; First United Presbyterian Church, Little Falls; First Presbyterian Church, Lowville;

## **Worship Responsibilities**

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| May 4             | Reader — Steve Getman               |
| Rev. Betsy Jay    | Greeter — Kim Bigelow               |
| Marvin Nellenback | Ushers — Carol Okusko, Betty Helmer |
|                   | Fellowship — FPC Friends            |

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| May 11              | Reader — Carol Okusko               |
| Rev. Martie Fischer | Greeter — Paul Conant               |
| Andrea Radesi       | Ushers — Betty Helmer, Karen Benham |
|                     | Fellowship—Deacons                  |

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

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| May 18                 | Reader — Jan Heap                      |
| Rev. Betsy Jay         | Greeter — Cathy Conant                 |
| Installation/Communion | Ushers —                               |
| Martha Regelmann       | Communion — Karen Macrina, Kim Bigelow |

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| May 25          | Reader — George Gullis     |
| Rev. Cory Jones | Greeter— Sandy Eldredge    |
| Randy Davis     | Ushers—                    |
|                 | Fellowship — Janet Darling |



## **Garden Green Update**

Paul Conant has been selected to be the chairman of the green team. George Gullis and Paul went over plans for the gardening strategy to grow crops for our use to help offset costs of the free diners that are offered each 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. We will be building a garden structure that will facilitate 12 pots used for growing peppers and will have vegetables growing in pots around the church procured by Marvin. A section of land behind and to the side of Steve Getman's garage has been offered for growing a number of different vegetables. To help facilitate the expenditure for seeds, plants, building materials and other gardening needs we, with the help of Steve Getman, Karen Macrina and her Garden Club, have initiated a proposal for a grant that if successful will help greatly with what we need to succeed with this endeavor. More information will be posted as the process gets under way.

## **Building and Grounds**

The Buildings and Grounds committee members are, Don Lamphear, Marvin Nellenback, Robert Kennedy and George Gullis.

We are always looking for new members to help out. If you are interested in and would like to be on this committee, please talk to any one of the members. We generally meet the second Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p m at church.

Currently we are reviewing bids to upgrade our fire alarm system. We have three bids and will sort thru the details to see what's best for us. Also, we are reviewing a contract from another company to maintain and repair our Vertical Platform Lift. The company we have been doing business with is not responding to our needs in a way that is acceptable to us and to the company that inspects our VPL twice per year.

The hardwood flooring in the Fellowship Hall is showing signs of wear. The company that refinished the floor will make a recommendation as to what could / should be done to restore the beauty of the floor.

A local flooring contractor has inspected the vinyl flooring that has raised up in the downstairs rooms. There seems to be a moisture problem which is impeding the adhesion of the glue. This will be worked on in June when the weather is warmer. This contractor will also repair the loose carpeting in the Sanctuary.

The flagpole has been repaired, and a new flag was installed. These are just a few of the items we are working on.

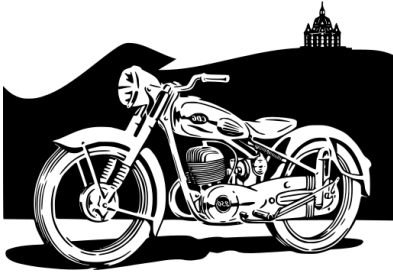
## FREE DINNERS

May 8th

Spaghetti &  
Meatballs  
Beverage  
Dessert

May 22nd

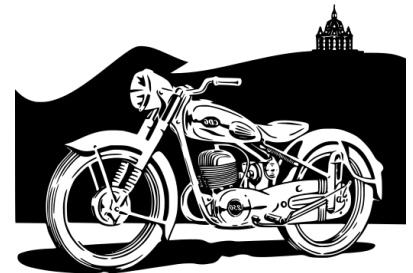
Mushroom/Vegetable Stew  
Noodles  
Beverage  
Dessert



## **Annual Bike Blessing**

**Saturday, May 24th @  
10:00 a.m.**

***Ilion Marina, Central Ave.  
Ilion, NY***



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**Monday, May 19th @ 10:00a.m.**

*The Garden Club Ladies will be doing the annual planting out in front of the church. It always adds to the beauty of our entrance. They will do their best to make Sue Thomas proud.*







### NEW On-Line Ordering Available

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

1. Visit [foodsense.foodbankcny.org](http://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 MAY can still be placed at:**

Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion on **May 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 10am-11:30 am**

**Last day to order On-Line is Monday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion, on **May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 10am-11am**

Reminder - you can place an order for **JUNE**, when you pick up your **MAY** order

### MAY PACKAGE (\$20.50)

Pork Tenderloin, 1.8 lb. (avg.)  
Chicken Breast Pieces, 1 lb.  
Marinated Beef, 1 lb.  
Buffalo Chicken Pizza, 2.19 lbs.  
Hot Dogs, 1 lb.  
French Fries, 30 oz.

Mac & Cheese, 7.25 oz.  
Mixed Vegetables, 1 lb.  
Strawberries, 1 lb.  
Applesauce, 15 oz.  
Fresh Produce #1  
Fresh Produce #2

### MAY SPECIALS:

- **Chicken Thighs, 3.5 lbs. (avg.) for \$6.00:** The chicken thighs are bone-in and average over three pounds per special.
- **Pulled Pork, 1 lb. for \$6.50:** The pulled pork is fully cooked and in a Carolina BBQ sauce.
- **Shrimp Scampi, 24 oz. for \$6.50:** The shrimp scampi is a complete meal with shrimp, linguini pasta, and vegetables in a creamy sauce.
- **American Cheese Sliced, 5 lbs. for \$13.00:** The sliced American cheese is not individually wrapped.
- **Onion Rings, 2.5 lbs. for \$9.00:** The onion rings are ready to cook and used in the oven or fryer.
- **Italian Meatballs, 5 lbs. for \$12.50:** The Italian meatballs are fully cooked and are in a five-pound bag.

**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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