

# GLAD TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church Honeoye Falls



## Sunday Worship At 10:30 AM

Our service will begin at 10:25AM for announcements, which will be followed by the worship service. You can join us in-person or stream the service on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FPCHF](http://www.facebook.com/FPCHF). All are welcome.

We ask that you please turn off your electronic devices like your smartphone or tablet during services in the sanctuary. Turning off these devices helps with our screencasting function - making it easier for those who worship via Facebook. Thank You!

On February 4th we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper as a congregation. We will be serving the Communion elements and the prepackaged wafer and juice will be available for those who prefer.

On February 18th, we will take Communion by Intinction for the First Sunday in Lent. Communion by Intinction simply means taking a piece of bread, dipping it into the cup, and eating them together. The prepackaged wafer and juice will be available for those who prefer.

To those who will be joining us via livestream on Facebook, just a reminder to prepare your Communion elements prior to the service.



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### Church Staff

Rev. Kirk Baker, Pastor  
Cheryl Farnham, Office Manager  
Adam Lewis, Christian Education Director  
Michelle LaVarnway, Choir Director  
Amy Morrow, Bell Choir Director  
Nadie Miftari, Housekeeper

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day. The office will be open both Tuesday and Thursday during regular office hours following the holiday.

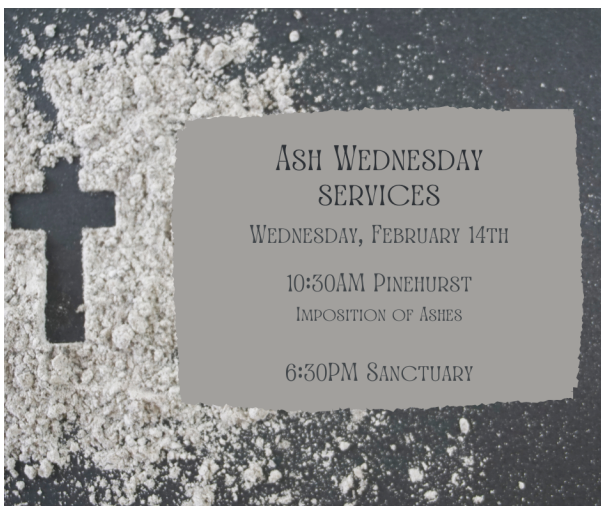


### Please Check the Church Facebook Page for Updates

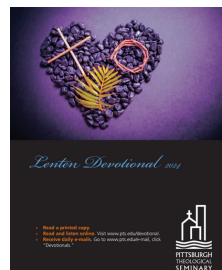
Please remember that crucial announcements and worship resources are all available via the church Facebook page. You don't need to have a Facebook account to access the church's page. Our Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/FPCHF](http://www.facebook.com/FPCHF)

### Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday - 8AM - 1PM  
Thursday - 11AM - 4PM



ASH WEDNESDAY  
SERVICES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH  
10:30AM PINEHURST  
IMPOSITION OF ASHES  
6:30PM SANCTUARY



This year's Lenten Devotionals come from the Pittsburgh Theological Society. The devotions begin on Ash

Wednesday (February 14th). The devotional is also available online and you have the option to receive the devotional as a daily email. There will be printed copies of the devotional available in the sanctuary and Narthex beginning Sunday, February 11th. Please contact the church office if you would like the devotional mailed to your home address.

Written by Pastor Kirk

**In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."**

**Mark 1:35-37**

The pattern found above where Jesus goes to a solitary place to pray or meditate and the Apostles search for Him is repeated throughout the Gospels. At first, I used to read this only as a sign of how important Jesus was to His followers; yet as with most Gospel passages there's more than just one message. Here Jesus also modeled what Godly faith looks like, and the Apostle's didn't really catch on until after the Resurrection (or example, Peter meditates on a roof and receives a vision from God - Acts 10). Jesus showed faith by trusting His ministry would move forward as God planned. The Apostles didn't show the same depth of faith; they always wanted Him to do something, to prove Jesus' importance to the crowds.

This can hold a clear example for us today. We know that workplaces have grown more demanding, and we still use language of "appreciation" for jobs that expect at least 63 or more hours of work from us each week. Families struggle to find extended childcare or over-enroll children in activities to support crushing schedules. In this way we can extend our work stresses throughout the household. Then we might wonder why children feel stressed or anxious when their lives seem worry-free relative to their parents. Even church can

become a place where we "prove our worth" by the activities we support and neglect the spirituality we offer.

The consistent, stable presence Jesus offers in His regular practices of silent prayer, meditation, and worship reflects a deeper kind of faith. Jesus repeatedly preached that we should trust in God's power and that God's plans are pushing all Creation forward. In the same way, Jesus' ability to take time for prayer, meditation, and reflection exemplify a deep trust in God's power. Though Jesus is the essential One engaged in Godly ministry, He does not feel compelled to always act. He doesn't need to "prove Himself" to the Apostles or the crowds. Jesus knows Himself and knows He is enough. He also knows that God is working and doesn't require our help. Times spent quietly with God can show a deeper faith in God.

In this way, Jesus shows us what shalom - a healthy balance that supports spiritual equilibrium - looks like. Jesus acts often, healing the physical, spiritual, and social afflictions that separate God's people from their Creator and from each other. He offers a Godly view of faith through sermons and teachings. He devotes his life to time with disciples. But that's not all Jesus

does; He also takes time out, time away from crowds and doing and the public disagreements that marked 1st-century life. He spent quiet time alone with God, trusting that God's Spirit was at work all the time, including the times He spent at rest.

This is not a common message for Protestants in the U.S. - Max Weber famously theorized the spiritual anxiety that produced a "Protestant work ethic." In this age of hyper-scheduling and materialist mindsets, I hope we will consciously try to turn away from spiritual anxiety and toward spiritual peace. Christianity has always been countercultural in its questioning of popular social movements that tempt us away from the Lord. Perhaps a central, countercultural act that Christians can take today is to unplug from constant remote and personal engagements to create time and space for solitude and quiet. It is certainly helping me to maintain my spiritual footing as the pace of work and family increases. I pray you find similar helps, too, and welcome your discussion of this important practice.

Pastor Kirk

## ***The Spirituality of Places***

I'm learning a whole new aspect of Christian leadership as the Capital Campaign Team prepares to raise money for future congregational ministries. When I first reached out to our Ministry Relations Officer, the Rev. Dr. Rose Niles, she was happy to talk about campaigns in depth and quite naturally related how material support and physical places are crucial to certain kinds of spiritual support and enrichment. While I've always noticed how important places are in the Bible - many places figure repeatedly in Israel's history, and several of those take new meaning in the New Testament - Rev. Niles plumbd new depths that I hadn't considered before. I'd like to share some of what she related, as a person involved in very small campaigns (like ours) to major, multi-million-dollar campaigns for seminaries.

I'd thought the purpose of a capital campaign was to develop and maintain physical infrastructure. One church I joined started a capital campaign to repair the bell tower. Several members spoke throughout the campaign with an emphasis on the love of church and responsibility to the community. The focus was not overly spiritual or theological.

As Dr. Niles explained, to see the end goal as simply maintaining a building misses the real purpose. Houses of worship exist for the spiritual benefits of people. As Jesus said in Matthew 6, Christians aren't to focus on earthly treasures, but to focus on treasures in heaven, for where our treasure is, our hearts will also be. As we consider all the ways the church and manse have blessed past generations - through weddings, baptisms, worship, ministry, mission, and funerals - we begin to see why places are important to God. While we can practice Christian ministry and worship anywhere, it's crucial to most that there be a special, safe place where we can focus upon God in Christ, and consider ways to serve Him.

We might ask: what is most meaningful about your church as a place of worship, study, friendship, and/or ministry? How have you been blessed through its existence? When we focus on heavenly treasures, we see that this is the end goal of every effort to provide places where people of faith can come to spend time with God, often meeting God together. If we prayerfully reflect upon these things, the ultimate purpose of a capital campaign makes sense. Our goal is to find ways our campaign fits into God's redemption plans, for us and for others.

Pastor Kirk

## ***Worship In February***

Ash Wednesday is February 14th this year, so we will have our usual Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 PM, with confession and the imposition of ashes. Worship wants to note the Liturgical Season and offer greater variety in the Lord's Supper, so they asked Session to approve adding Communion by intinction on the first Sundays in Lent and Advent, as well as on Pentecost Sunday. This marks the major stages of the Christian year, though the first Sunday in Advent is often the first Sunday of December, so there would be no additional Communion when that happens.

Starting Sunday, February 18, we will use the Lectionary readings for Lent. I'll be on vacation on the Sundays of February 25 and March 3rd.

2/4/24	<b>Trials of Faith</b>	WCC	<b>1 Peter 3:13 - 22</b>
2/11/24	<b>A Time of Patience</b>	WCC	<b>2 Peter 3:8 - 18</b>
2/18/24	<b>In the Wilderness</b>	Lent	<b>Mark 1:9 - 15</b>
2/25/24	<b>Guest Preacher</b>	Lent	<b>Preacher's Choice</b>

## ***Thank-you to Those Who Have Already Given!***

There are so many faithful and generous people here at First Presbyterian in Honeoye Falls! Though the Capital Campaign Team hasn't officially launched the campaign, after asking people to pray for the Team, a few Members proactively came forward with donations. Before the campaign started, without hearing what the campaign proposes to do, members donated well over \$10,000.00! It's humbling to know we walk among such faithful, selfless people. Thank you for your generosity and for your trust.

## ***Pastor Kirk On Vacation***

Pastor Kirk will be on vacation beginning Monday, February 19th and will return on Monday, March 4th. In his absence,

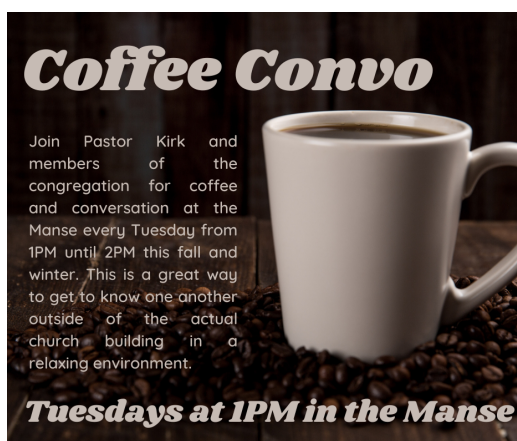
The Rev. Joy Bergfalk will be leading the congregation in worship on Sunday, February 25th. Rev. Bergfalk is the Executive Director at Coffee Connection /Project Empower. On March 3rd, the Rev. Jim Renfrew will be leading worship. Rev. Renfrew retired from Byron Presbyterian church in 2022 and remains very active within the Presbytery of Genesee Valley.

## ***Different Devotional Also Available at Lent***

The Capital Campaign Team is learning how prayerful support of spiritual spaces can deepen our relationship with our Savior, the Son of God. Ready-made devotionals can help. During Lent, there will be two devotional options - standard Lenten readings, reflections, and prayers focused on the liturgical year, and those that provide spiritual insight on capital improvements to church infrastructure. You can choose either one, or both!

## ***Help with Mental Health Event on Saturday, February 3rd***

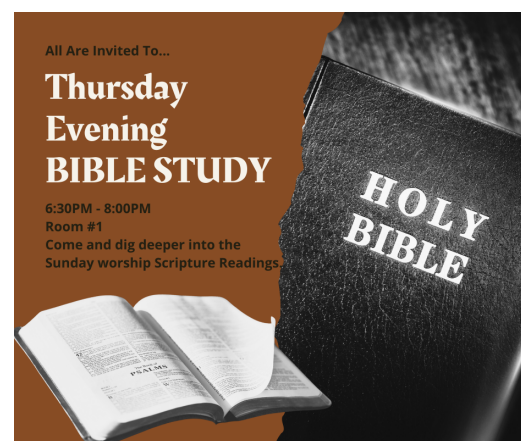
As the Membership Team reaches out to the community to support mental health, we teamed with our own Ginny Floss to provide a recognized, practical workshop on mental health for teenagers on Saturday, February 3rd. This is an excellent chance to show off our warm, welcoming manner. Helpers are welcome to serve as Greeters from 8:30 - 9:15 AM as participants enter, and/or as Servers from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM when lunch is provided.



**Coffee Convo**

Join Pastor Kirk and members of the congregation for coffee and conversation at the Manse every Tuesday from 1PM until 2PM this fall and winter. This is a great way to get to know one another outside of the actual church building in a relaxing environment.

**Tuesdays at 1PM in the Manse**



All Are Invited To...

**Thursday Evening BIBLE STUDY**

6:30PM - 8:00PM  
Room #1  
Come and dig deeper into the Sunday worship Scripture Readings.

## Director's Dish

Written by Adam Lewis  
Christian Education Director

Here we are, on the backside of the holiday season and a full month into the new year. This is the time of year when CE does a large portion of it's mission work. It started off with Carhartt Sunday on January 7th. The congregation once again went above and beyond with their donations. A big thank you to everyone who helped and or brought in an article of winter clothing. The generosity of the folks at FPCHF was astonishing. The items donated this year went to Blessed Sacrament, an organization that our church is building a strong relationship with!

Looking ahead to February, Christian Ed will be hosting a couple more of our annual mission based opportunities. "Souper" Bowl Sunday will be on February 11th, and we encourage people to bring in nonperishable food items that will go to the local food pantry. We will accept drop-offs of food items for the week following to ensure everyone who wishes to donate has the chance. In addition, for the entire month of February, we will be accepting pet supplies for our local no kill animal shelters. Please take a look at the insert ad in this newsletter to see what types of items the shelters are looking for. Or if you have means, consider adopting a new "furmily" member. Thank you all in advance for whatever help you can offer to these two ventures! We will also be collecting shoes up until February 10th, to donate to one of our mission trip organizations.

Speaking of the mission trip, I'm excited to share that our Middle/High School youth will be taking a mission trip to the city again this year, on February 16th, 17th and 18th. It's been a while because of the pandemic, but we're looking forward to serving at Blessed Sacrament as well as putting care packages together at a new organization we're working with this year, "Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha". They help provide school and life supplies to children in the city as well as making sure they have birthday presents. We're also tying this years Confirmation class into this trip as we've adopted a "World Church" Confirmation curriculum. The lessons put emphasis on mission based application. If you haven't already confirmed with me (adamlewisced@yahoo.com ) that your youth or yourself wish to participate, please do so by January 31st.

Blessings to you all!

## Please Help Our Local Animals in Need

For the month of February, our Sunday School Youth will be sponsoring a pet supply drive, with the donations going to our local no-kill animal shelters. Please consider donation any of the following new or slightly used pet items:



- Dog or Cat Beds
- Blankets
- Dog or Pet Toys
- Litter Scoops
- Clay Litter
- Laundry Soap
- Leashes/Harnesses
- Grooming Brushes
- Food and Water Dishes
- Bleach

### Ontario County Humane Society

2976 County Rd 48  
Canandaigua, NY 14424

### Keller's Kats Rescue

62 Gorton Ave  
Hilton, NY 14468

Youth Group Mission Trip

# USED SHOE COLLECTION

Ends February 10th

Please bring in shoes to be recycled as part of our work with Happy Birthday Cha-Cha-Cha!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH IS

# SOUPER BOWL

SUNDAY

PLEASE BRING IN CANNED OR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY TO WORSHIP SERVICE.

## ***Session Report***

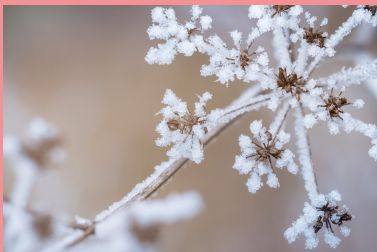
Written by Chris Hinds, Clerk of Session

In the new year, Session saw some members leave (Rick Milne, Dick Mueller) we thank them for their service. As we got the training, election and installation in on time, Amy Morrow, Stan Worboys and Margaret Bailey joined us at our January meeting.

The new year always brings challenges and changes. At the last meeting Session worked through a long list of must do items for this year:

- Heard the application of 2 new members, Katrina Allen and Beverly Hillebrand for members. This was joyfully approved.
- Session has a liaison on each team who is responsible for communication to and from Session. Roles were established and reported to teams.
- Assignments for Assisting Elder were decided on and covered for most of the year.
- Session meetings were moved from the 2nd Monday of the month to the First Monday each Month at 6:30pm.
- A budget was passed, while it has a significant deficit, we have significantly increased costs and needed repairs (those boilers, among other things!) A financial report will be part of the Congregational meeting.
- The Terms of Call for Pastor Kirk were reviewed, passed, and sent on to the Presbytery.
- A Mission Team request for Parents Morning out was approved for 3/16 from 10-12:30.
- The updated Personnel Manual was approved provisionally.
- A Worship request to add Communion by Intinction was approved for 3 additional services, Advent, Lent and Pentecost. Also a request to provide Communion by Intinction in the Months of July and August was approved.
- An out of Committee request from Generosity to schedule Consecration Sunday to 10/20/2024 was approved. Part of a plan to start end of year planning earlier.
- A request from CE was approved to include youth from Gates Presbyterian Church to the planned Mission Youth overnight.
- Approved a request from the Hinds Family to have the wedding of their daughter at the church on 4/8/2024.

So as Session, we are first and foremost bound by our commitment to God, to the Congregation and to the greater community. As we start this new year, please know that our door is open to all in the Congregation with any concerns or suggestion.



## ***Finance Team***

Written by Dick Mueller, Finance Team

A full report, as well as the 2024 budget can be found in our annual report that is available for our congregational meeting on January 28, 2024.

Our 2023 income/expense showed a small deficit of \$6,787 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$53,340. A big reason for this is that we received two large donations in December, one being a "prepayment" of a 2024 pledge, and the other being a large donation towards our Capital Campaign, which is being held as temporarily restricted until the campaign is in full swing.

Expenses were \$11,218 less than had been budgeted as all groups have shown good discipline on spending. Our balance sheet remains strong. While we transferred money from Deacons Fund and from the Endowment Fund into the operation account over the course of the year, both funds finished the year at higher balances than at the beginning of the year.

The 2024 budget shown in the annual report looks very similar to what we approved for 2023, with expenses exceeding income by \$56,692. However, we are going into the year with good balances in our operating account, and January collections have been good, so this provides a bit of a cushion.

## ***Generosity Team***

Written by Martha Kumler, Chair

Are you 70 ½ or older? Do you have an IRA? Have you reached the age when you must make a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)? If so, you can make a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) to the church and do so tax-free. Normally, distributions from an IRA are taxed as income. If you donate all or part of your distribution directly from the IRA to the church (an eligible charitable organization) there is no tax. **QCDs must be made directly by the trustee of the IRA to the charity.** This is a way to make your pledge using tax-free funds rather than through your income from which taxes are withheld.

At what age must I make a Required Minimum Distribution?

- 70 ½ if you were born on or before 6/30/1949
- 72 from 7/1/1949 through 12/31/1950
- 73 from 1/1/1951 through 12/31/1959
- 75 if born on or after 1/1/1960

A QCD must be reported on your federal income tax return. The IRA owner will receive Form 1099-R from their IRA trustee that shows any IRA distributions made during calendar year, including both regular distributions and QCDs.

QCDs are not deductible as charitable contributions on Schedule A. But, as with deductible contributions, the donor must get a written acknowledgement of their contribution from the church before filing their return. The acknowledgement must state the date and amount of the contribution and indicate whether the donor received anything of value in return. We hope this information is helpful when making your decisions about support for the mission of the church.

**Just a reminder to members:  
the 2024 Per Capita contribution is \$36.85**

Thank you all for your  
continuing generosity!

## **Capital Campaign Team**

Written by Anne Gravenstede, Secretary,  
Capital Campaign Team

**“Sharing our stories, investing in the story, continuing the story.”, with the goal “To be a connection point to the community, to serve and love our neighbors and to be a force of good and strength.”**

This past month, the Capital Campaign Committee has met with experts in the community to gather more information on our capital improvement needs and related costs. The Committee also had the pleasure of having a Zoom session with the Rev. Dr. Rose Niles, who is the Ministry Relations Officer at the Presbyterian Foundation assigned to our Presbytery and its congregations. We are excited to be benefitting from her extensive experience as a creative catalyst which is, as she states, “deeply rooted in the Spirit”. While her expertise is mainly in seminary development efforts, Rev. Dr. Niles calls herself a “sherpa of a mountain of resources” made available to congregations like ours through the Foundation, and the Committee has already taken advantage of some of these resources.

During the call, we learned that capital campaigns like ours are driven by energy, intelligence, imagination, and love - they are most successful when they build connections to what brings us the most joy in the ministry of the church, and when we include a component to supporting mission efforts. Following our theme of sharing stories, if we talk about our stories and share what we love and care about, we build and deepen our relationships, and become more connected to each other and our faith.

The committee, at Rev. Dr. Niles' suggestion, will be meeting with congregation members, committees, and stakeholder groups to gather information and build these stories before formally presenting our overall plan to Session for adoption. Don't be surprised if you are contacted by one of us asking you to share, or please contact any of us if you have a story to tell! We will also be providing devotionals for the Capital Campaign during the Lenten Season for guidance.

Capital Campaign Committee -  
Margaret Bailey, Kirk Baker, Phyllis Fritz, Anne Gravenstede, Amy Morrow, Dick Mueller, Mark Rowe

## **Women's Association**

Written by Karen Schiedel

Our 50th annual Teazaar was celebrated in December 2023! We honored this very special milestone by writing Teazaar history articles in six monthly newsletters. We highlighted several individuals who made special contributions to the success and longevity of the Teazaar. We shared interesting facts about past Teazaar themes and how the various venues came to be. We posted two large displays of photos taken of individuals and groups working at the Teazaar or just being there enjoying it. The 50th Anniversary gold theme was evident and on Teazaar day a special tea table and seating area allowed guests to sit and enjoy tea breads and several specialty tea flavors much like they did in the earlier years of Teazaar. Attendees were excited to see that our beloved Mrs. Santa (Ruth Hayes) came out of retirement to help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Later in the day, Anna Smith, member of the committee who started the first Teazaar in 1973 and served as Chairperson for 25 years, was able to come and celebrate with us.

The weather cooperated and did not hinder attendance. We felt very grateful for that as all areas in Guild Hall were filled with items to sell. It seems that many individuals made a special effort and honored the celebration of our 50th year with generous donations to all of our “venues”. We had 108 cookie trays and more baked goods than usual and all were sold out by shortly after Noon. The Festive Foods had very nice and varied donations and that area had its' highest profit to date. All Take-Out soups were sold by about 12:15. All the giving of items, time, talents and monetary gifts resulted in the highest Teazaar profit ever of \$9066.65! In addition to that, the Gingerbread House profit was \$309.00 and the Candy Cane Café Soup Take-Out profit was \$370.00. Those funds go into the Middle and High School Youth Fund and they are used for mission outreach and youth activities.

We have to acknowledge all our Teazaar “elves”....those who volunteered and gave hours of their time and talents to Teazaar. Some hardy “elves” worked several hours in Guild Hall nearly every weekday before the Teazaar! “Elves” who worked at home made some beautiful Christmas cookies, delicious baked goods, “festive” foods, soups and other offerings. Trying to thank everyone is so very hard as many helpful tasks and creations are completed unseen. Please take time to read the Teazaar “Questions” also in this February 2024 newsletter and we hope you will find acknowledgement of your helpfulness and gifts of time and talents in 2023.

A heartwarming fact: Going by the daily sign-up sheets with worker names and knowing who worked at the Gingerbread House or with the Take-Out Soups, over 67 different people (adults and young people) worked on one or more days of Teazaar set-up and pricing, on Teazaar Day, on moves to accommodate groups who meet at church, on the pack-up and clean-up of Guild Hall after Teazaar and the final moves of totes and props, etc. back to the Manse. That does not include the others who worked at home, donated, made crafts and baked. It did not include Scout Group 410 who carried donated Teazaar Treasures and props from the Manse to Guild Hall on November 20th ! What an outstanding show of support for the Teazaar!

We are very grateful to all who helped us to make the 50th Teazaar so memorable, so special and so successful!



February hosts are Bob and Donna McKay. The dates for the Free Community Meal are posted on the Deacons Board in the main hallway. Be sure to pick the month you would like to plan a meal! Don't miss out! If you have any questions, please contact Jane Jezsu at [jane.jezsu@gmail.com](mailto:jane.jezsu@gmail.com).

## **Teazaar 2023 questions: Did you.....**

design, print and laminate signs, posters, raffle tickets, etc. etc., etc. needed for Teazaar?  
send Teazaar poster and information to other churches in surrounding towns and villages?  
place ads & photos on GV Pennysaver, our website, local Community Pages, Facebook, other?  
change dates on all Teazaar signs – make sure all in place before Teazaar and all down after Teazaar?  
come before Thanksgiving and get tables ready for the set-up of Treasures of Christmas Past area?  
help to move “Treasures” from Manse to back of Guild Hall - THANK YOU SCOUTS FROM TROOP 410!  
put in hours 11/20-11/26 unpacking & displaying the Treasures – Grandma + two **again** + helpful others!  
come on Monday, 11/27 to set up the front tables, drape them and put props and displays in place?  
help with decorating and lighting and transforming the room into TEAZAAR? Guild Hall looked so nice!  
come to help place items and price them? on 1 day?, on 2 days?, on 3 days?, on 4 days? More?...  
Wow!  
price items in the “Treasures” area? (this is a big job... this year SO many donations!)  
come to cut & weigh the cheese on Thursday afternoon?  
use the food sealing machine – seal cheese hunks, seal mugs, baked goods, festive foods....other?  
come to package the cookies on Friday evening? help finish ALL details until 8:30-9:00 p.m.?  
serve as “Chief” cookie tray sealer Friday evening...again! - how many years in a row??  
20?..... more?  
come to set up the Baked Goods area, do pricing, etc. on Friday evening?  
bake for Baked Goods area - make pies, make breads, make special cookies for the cookie assortments?  
plan and set up the special 50th Anniversary Tea area.....beautiful!!!!  
doll-up donated items, little trees, fix things with a trusty hot glue gun – on several days? WOW!  
design/fix floral pieces, swags & many wreaths?  
donate items to any Teazaar “venue”? sew? make a craft?  
give a monetary donation designated for the Teazaar? **Very** generous this year!!!  
make peppermint bark, candies, tasty snacks, fudge, gift baskets, coffee mugs, homemade vanilla peanut brittle, caramel corn, chocolate dipped pretzels – other special items for Festive Foods?  
donate jewelry items? – donate “Treasures”? - **lots** of nice donations.....thank you all!  
sort jewelry, put pierced earrings on cards?  
help set up the Jewelry area **again and** pack it away? help with display and pricing of jewelry? (big job!)  
help the Sunday School “elves” fill mugs with candy? Seal the mugs using the sealing machine?  
help plan & set up the Gingerbread House? Donate items/supplies to the Gingerbread House?  
work or supervise at the Gingerbread House?  
clean up and pack up the Gingerbread House items? take all boxes (tables too!) back to the Manse?  
plan & set up for the Candy Cane Café Soup Take-out - make soups for the Candy Cane Café Take-out?  
supervise or work at the Candy Cane Café Soup Take-Out? **SOLD OUT** shortly after Noon... good reviews!  
work in one of the areas on Teazaar day? choose to work the same area for years?  
bring special guests to 50th Teazaar? **Mrs. Santa & 25 year Teazaar Chair, Anna Smith?**  
**\*\*Mrs. Santa visited from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – her family members stayed with her!\*\***  
make 100? gifts for Mrs. Santa to give to children? Wow!  
volunteer to greet, usher and assist in the Sanctuary on Teazaar Day? For more than one “shift”?  
come, shop and buy on Teazaar day? help after Teazaar with table moves / consolidating items?  
shop and buy items on Sunday after Teazaar or on Sundays later in December?  
collect money for Post-Teazaar purchases & cheese on several Sundays after church?  
pack up the leftover Teazaar Treasures and other unsold items in late December?  
fold table coverings, move tables and help with final clean-up of Guild Hall?  
carry leftover Treasures and other items to the Manse? SO helpful!!  
**experience the tradition, fellowship and fun surrounding the 50th Teazaar?**

## **Meet Our New Members**



**Kimberly Neff** - My daughter Lucy and I live in Lima. Lucy will be confirmed with FPCHF soon as well. We are very happy to have found such an amazing and welcoming church family. We both look forward to getting to know everyone.



**Katrina Allen** – My husband, Rich, and I live in the village with our children, Holden (13) and Emilia (11) who keep us very busy with their sports and activities (which we love!). I taught English

at FLCC for over a decade and have now worked at the Town of Mendon for the past three years. I volunteer at the Honeoye Falls Fire Department and am currently taking my EMT class. When I have free time, I love running and practicing yoga. I was raised in the Lima Presbyterian Church, but I am thrilled to be a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls and love how welcoming everyone has been since I began attending a few years ago.



**Beverly Hillabrandt** - After many corporate moves of seven times in 12 years, my husband and I moved to Honeoye Falls in 1983. We loved the pastoral quality of our location and the village. My neighbors Lynn Yeaw and Carole Shannon invited us to FPC. We were occasional visitors to church!

Larry died in 2011. I have one son Larry Jr. He and his wife, Hai Yan Lin, live in Carmel, Indiana., with my two grandchildren, Bobby Chen and Kate Lin. My working life was in Brighton for 37 years as a Personal Trainer and Fitness instructor at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Rochester. It was a joyful work experience and I totally embraced the wonderful folks I met. I would still be working there if not for the Covid shutdown. I think GOD had different plans for my life. I call it a repurpose of my energy and gifts. I now have Sundays to share with the Lord and others in church. I am finding that I have great joy with FPC fellowship to serve and be of service to our church and the community. Bible Study has helped me so much to learn and enrich my life to GOD's eternal teachings. Learning and growth never ends! GOD's Blessings to all. I walk daily on the Lehigh Valley Trail, calling it my moving meditation!



**FELLOWSHIP  
COFFEE  
HOUR** *February  
18th*

**PLEASE JOIN  
US AFTER  
WORSHIP IN  
GUILD HALL**

## ***Carol Schaffner Obituary***



HONEOYE FALLS/GENEVA– Carol Schaffner, died peacefully at home at the age of 91 on January 10, 2024. She was predeceased by Clair, her husband of 64 years, their son Scott and her brother, Donald Lowdermilk.

Carol was raised in Uniontown, Pa., daughter of Orie and Alta Lowdermilk. She graduated from Juniata College with a BS in

elementary education. Carol and Clair met in college and married in 1954. They moved to the Geneva/Seneca Lake area where they raised their children: Diane (Mike) Karlsen, Bonnie (Clif) Wright, and Lori (John) Scherer. She was blessed with grandchildren: Jessica (Mike) Ripple, Shawn (Theresa) Wright, Abby (Shawn) Dunphy, Stacey (Tyler) Monnat, Colby Wright, Morgan and Dylan Scherer; and great grandchildren: Hayden and Maya Ripple, Logan Wright, Cooper and Riley Monnat. Being with her family was where she was the happiest.

Carol was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Geneva and was a volunteer in many community organizations. She moved to Pinehurst in Honeoye Falls, N.Y. and made many good friends.

In keeping with Carol's wishes, in lieu of flowers, she leaves you with Matthew 25:40 – whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. So, "give from your heart. Do what you can to help someone else. Give of your time, talent, or money, to a place where you can make a difference. Do a kind deed to make the world a better place. Take someone to lunch, make a phone call to someone who may be lonely, visit a shut-in, give to someone in need."

Please join Carol's family to celebrate her life at the First Baptist Church of Geneva on February 24, 2024. There will be a service at 11 a.m. followed by calling hours in the fellowship hall. For those wishing to write a note of condolence, please send to: The Schaffner Family, c/o 2228 Dutch Hollow Road, Avon, New York 14414. To share a memory please visit: [www.doughertyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.doughertyfuneralhomes.com).



First Presbyterian Church  
**SATURDAY  
LINEN CLOSET  
DROP-OFF**  
At the Manse  
**FEBRUARY 3  
10AM - 11AM**

All types of linens collected. Do not need to be matching sets. We also need new or slightly used pillows (not king size).

All linens to go towards Afghan refugees as part of our commitment to Keeping Our Promise

Please contact Jane Jezsu at [jane.jezsu@gmail.com](mailto:jane.jezsu@gmail.com) or Barb Mueller at [barbmuller23@gmail.com](mailto:barbmuller23@gmail.com) with any questions.



*Deacon's*  
**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION**  
*Coffee Hour*  
**FEBRUARY 4TH**



**February  
BIRTHDAYS**

1st: Amy Bianchi  
3rd: Yanxia May han & John Wallace  
6th: Adam Lewis  
9th: Adam Bianchi & Kathleen Converse  
12th: Roger Kumler  
13th: Ken Gravenstede  
14th: Flynn Johnson  
15th: Carol Hartman  
19th: Mariann Hughes  
23rd: Cindy Doane Skelton & Frank Richeson

\*If you don't see your birthday on this list - please let the church office know so we can update our records\*











**"If you meet 29th February, think of something unique for it is the only day that defines a year as a leap year. It is the only day that makes February truly unique." – Ernest Agyemang Yeboah**





# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1</p> <p>English Lessons 10AM - Manse</p> <p>Mission Team 4PM Double Room</p> <p>Bible Study 6:30PM Double Room</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>YMHFA 9AM - 3PM Guild Hall</p> <p>Linen Drop Off 10AM - 11AM Manse</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Bells 8:30AM Vocal Choir 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM Deacon Coffee Hour</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Cheryl Out of Office</p> <p>Session 6:30PM Room #1</p>	<p>6</p> <p>English Lessons 10AM - Manse</p> <p>Coffee Convo 1PM Manse</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>English Lessons 10AM - Manse</p> <p>Bible Study 6:30PM Double Room</p>	<p>9</p> <p>ESL English Teacher Meeting 11AM Manse</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Bells 8:30AM Vocal Choir 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM Membership Team 11:45AM Room #1</p>	<p>12</p> <p>B&amp;G Team 9AM Room #1</p>	<p>13</p> <p>English Lessons 10AM - Manse</p> <p>Generosity Team 11AM Library</p> <p>Coffee Convo 1PM Manse</p> <p>Fellowship Team 3PM Library</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Pinehurst Service 10:30AM</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Service 6:30PM</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>English Lessons 10AM - Manse</p> <p>Deacons 5PM Guild Hall</p> <p>Bible Study 6:30PM Double Room</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Youth Mission Trip 3:30PM Departure</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Youth Mission Trip</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Bells 8:30AM Vocal Choir 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM Mission Trip Wrap-UP Noon - 2PM</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Office Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day</p> <p>Pastor Kirk on Vacation</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Worship Team 4:30PM Double Room</p> <p>Pastor Kirk on Vacation</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>Pastor Kirk on Vacation</p>	<p>22</p> <p>CE Team 6:30PM Zoom</p> <p>Pastor Kirk on Vacation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pastor Kirk on Vacation</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Carol Schafner Funeral 11AM First Baptist Church Geneva</p> <p>Pastor Kirk on Vacation</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Bells 8:30AM Vocal Choir 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM</p> <p>Community Meal 4PM Pastor Kirk on Vacation</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Pastor Kirk on Vacation</p>	<p>27</p> <p>English Lessons 10AM - Manse</p> <p>Pastor Kirk on Vacation</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pastor Kirk on Vacation</p>	<p>29</p> <p>English Lessons 10AM - Manse</p> <p>Pastor Kirk on Vacation</p>		

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# ***GLAD TIDINGS***

## **Worship February 2024**

Assisting Elder:  
Stan Worboys

Liturgists

7th - Avery Clar  
14th - Pat Smith  
21st - Janis McCormack  
28th - Jean Reinhardt

Accompanists

4th- Laura Mueller  
11th - Michelle LaMachia  
18th - Laura Mueller  
25th - Michelle LaMachia

Communion Servers

Barb Altonberg, Margaret Bailey, Jane Jezsu, Jean Reinhardt,  
Eleanor Sexton, and Stan Worboys

Technology Team

Patti Moehlmann, Brian Webster, Ginny Floss, Amy Morrow,  
Eric Ludwig, Adam Bianchi, Ethan Ludwig, and Nolan Clar