

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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“I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving.”

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

November 2011

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November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Kindermuzik in Community Room		1 8:30am - Yoga 6:30 - AA 6:30 - Youth Choir 7-PDV	2 10-Food Pantry 1- Pantry Coalition 5:30 - Dinner 6:30 - Praise & Worship 7:15 - Pure Praise Bible Sty 7:30 - Chancel Choir	3 8:30am - Yoga 12 - Bible Study 6:30 - AA 7 - Men's Bible Study 7- Women's Bible Study	4 6:30am - Men's Fellowship 9- Community Kitchen 10- Food Pantry 5:15 AA	5 8- AA
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A TIME FOR DISCERNMENT

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Decisions, decisions, decisions! Day in and day out, life is made up of one decision after another. Decision-making is hard work. It's especially hard work when we try to do it as a group. An easy way for a group to avoid conflict is simply to avoid making any decisions. But, of course, a group that avoids making decisions is a group that also avoids doing anything. No decisions, no movement.



leave. Already, it appears that several of our members have decided to do just that.

So, we as a congregation are now embarking on an exploration of the issues and implications of North Church's on-going relationship with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Geneva Presbytery has appointed a Response Team to help us work through this period of seeking to discern God's will for our congregation. The presbytery's response team is made up of the following four members:

But sometimes decisions are unavoidably forced upon us. Sometimes avoiding or putting off a decision is the same as making a decision. Sometimes putting off a decision really means letting someone else make the decision for you. Occasionally, "wait and see" is the right thing to do in a given situation. But it should not be a person or a group's regular way of approaching decisions. It is far better for a person or an organization to generally approach moments of decision directly and openly, to explore the issues and options, to pray and talk with each other, then to make a decision.

- Elder Bob Sell, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Horseheads, and a member of the presbytery's Committee on Ministry;
- Rev. Jim Kerr, pastor at the United (Presbyterian-American Baptist) Church of Canandaigua (Jim is a Presbyterian minister);
- Elder Priscilla Andrews, a Certified Lay Preacher, serving at Lake Street Presbyterian Church;
- Rev. Jim Yao, co-pastor at the Hector and Lodi Presbyterian Churches.

North Church's session has, I believe wisely, chosen to lead the congregation to forthrightly address the implications of the Presbyterian Church's decision to open ordination to people who are sexually active outside the context of marriage between one man and one woman. Session has recognized that this action by our denomination has pressed a crisis of conscience on a number of North Church people, including its pastor. It is session's concern – and I concur with them in this – that for North Church to take a "wait and see" approach to this matter may prompt some of our members to lose patience and simply

The Response Team will be meeting with session in the next couple of weeks to begin putting together a plan that will help the congregation share their hearts and minds with each other, a process that will lead us all to seek God's heart and mind, an approach that will take us deep into prayer, individually and together, where we will hear from God as to how North Church can best align itself with his will and purposes for us as a congregation.

In general, the plan will include a variety of gatherings in which our members can come together for directed prayer and conversation. That initial period of meeting, talking, listening, and praying will take place during the next several months. After that time, session in consultation with the Response Team will decide whether to call a formal congregational meeting.

Presbytery's policy sets down a number of conditions for how that meeting is to be called and conducted. You'll learn more about that in the next couple of months. At this congregational meeting, no actual votes will be taken. The sole purpose of the meeting will be to formally discuss the question: "*Shall North Presbyterian Church request Presbytery to dismiss it to (name of an approved Presbyterian/Reformed denomination) .*" That discussion will follow an orderly process during which everyone wishing to do so will be allowed to speak to the issue. Once everyone who wishes to has spoken, the meeting will be adjourned.

Session may then call a second congregational meeting, according to very specific conditions. That second congregational meeting may not take place sooner than three months nor longer than six months after the first meeting. At this second meeting, the question will again be discussed, and after further prayer, a vote will be taken. Fifty percent of the active members of the church must be present at that second meeting, and seventy-five percent of them must vote in favor of requesting dismissal in order for the vote to pass. If it passes, the congregation will then ask presbytery to enter into conversation with it regarding the disposition of the church's property and financial assets.

As I mentioned above, the presbytery's dismissal policy sets down very specific guidelines for how these congregational meetings are to be called and conducted. You will learn much more about that

in the coming months. If you would like to have a copy of the presbytery's official policy, let me know, and I will provide you with a printed or e-mailed copy.

As we approach this important period of prayer, conversation, and decision-making, let me suggest some questions for you to begin prayerfully considering.

- Is the Bible clear about how God views various sexual behaviors? If so, should that matter to us? Is the Bible the final authority for our faith and life? Or are there other considerations that nullify, negate, or render what the Bible says irrelevant? Is the new ordination standard of the Presbyterian Church (USA) consistent with what we find in the Bible?
- Is the new ordination standard likely to be an impediment to our ability to carry out our mission and ministry as North Presbyterian Church? Does the new ordination standard rest on a view of the Bible and/or biblical interpretation that will impair North Church's ability to conduct its ministry and witness as we have defined it in our mission statement? If so, should we change our mission statement in order to make it conform to the denomination's views?
- Some parents of young children at North Church have shared in earlier congregational discussions on this matter that the denomination's ordination decision will undermine their ability to teach biblical sexual morality to their children. Does that concern seem reasonable or accurate to you? And if so, do you think it might interfere with North Church's ability to teach biblical sexual morality to the

children of the congregation? Or, on the contrary, do you believe that the new ordination standard will make it possible for North Church to begin teaching a broader, more open view of sexual morality?

- If North Church were to leave the Presbyterian Church (USA) and become part of a different Presbyterian denomination, would that represent a breaking of the oneness of the Body of Christ (*schism – a serious matter*)? Is denominational unity the same thing as unity in the Body of Christ? Are congregations that are in different denominations no longer one in Christ? Should unity in Christ be defined in terms of denominational membership or is it something else?
- What role should denominational affiliation play in a congregation's life? Should there be limits to a congregation's denominational loyalty? If so, what are they? What are the dangers of valuing denominational loyalty too little? What are the dangers of valuing denominational loyalty too highly?
- How important a role should ownership of North Church's building and financial assets play in this decision?

Until July 2011, it has been understood in the Presbyterian Church (USA) that heterosexual practice outside of marriage and all homosexual practice are incompatible with ordination. That is no longer the position of the Presbyterian Church (USA). How important is this issue to your faith? Which, if any, of the following statements seems closest to how you feel about the issues?

1. The Presbyterian Church (USA)'s position on sexual morality and its implications for authority and interpretation of the Bible are such a serious matter that I can no longer remain a member of a PC(USA) congregation.
2. The Presbyterian Church (USA)'s position on sexual morality and its implications for authority and interpretation of the Bible are wrong in my view but are not serious enough to cause me to leave the PC(USA).
3. I don't care what the PC(USA) decides about sexual morality and do not care what denomination North Church is a member of.
4. I agree with the PC(USA)'s decisions about sexuality and ordination, but I would still stay with North Church if it decided to leave the PC(USA).
5. I strongly agree with the PC(USA)'s decisions about sexuality and ordination and would leave North Church if it decided to leave the PC(USA).

Please be praying a lot in the coming weeks and months. We need God to lead us through this.

Christian Education Oct. 2011

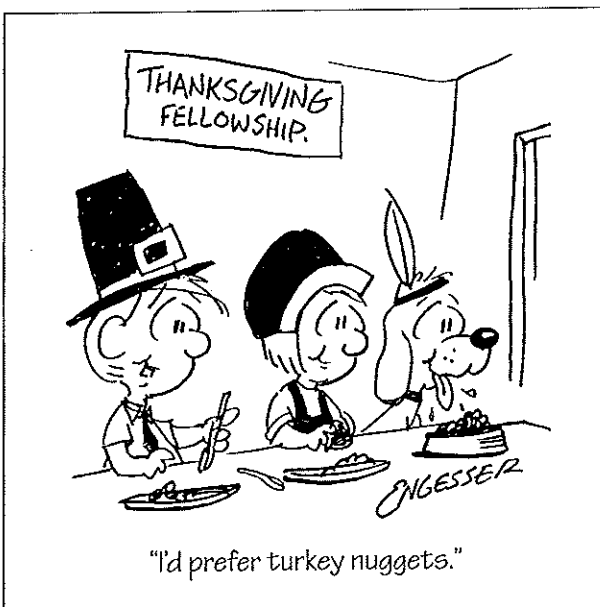
The new Sunday school term is in full swing and it has been fairly smooth so far. We have had a few minor glitches but nothing that couldn't be corrected. The youth sleep over held on Sept 23-24th was a success. We had eighteen kids attend and seven chaperones. Little sleep and lots of fun! We even managed to set off the alarm which added to the excitement.

We will be having a Halloween/trick or treat for Unicef party on Sun. Oct. 30th right after Sunday school. No costumes but we will be doing face painting . We will cover a couple of blocks around the neighborhood and then head back to church for pizza ,goodies and games.

I would like to combine the Hanging of the Greens and wrapping shoe boxes for Samaritans Purse like we did last year. It went over so well and I had good feed back about combining the two.

Every week is more encouraging than the last and we have some exciting plans for Nov.- Dec. I will be planning another meeting within the next couple of weeks for the Teachers so we can toss around ideas and discuss any issues they might have. As always , I appreciate the support given to the Sunday school program .

God Bless,
Deb Stamp



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
HANGING OF THE GREENS**

**NOVEMBER 20 - NOON
(After Sunday School)**

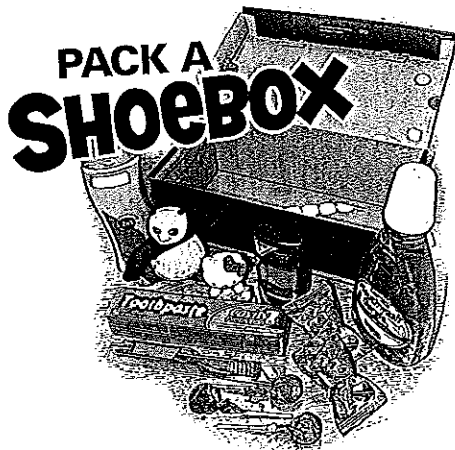
On November 20th you are invited to join together in Willits Hall for a dish-to-pass luncheon followed by two activities. We are once again combining OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD and HANGING OF THE GREENS. After the luncheon we will wrap shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and decorate the sanctuary for the upcoming holiday season. I am hoping that we will have a great turnout, both young and old. It is so important that we as a congregation and more importantly we as a church family, come together to worship and work together side by side spreading God's word and doing his work reaching out to those less fortunate than us. I encourage everyone to make time to come enjoy fellowship, fun, good food and most of all a chance to interact as God's family. If anyone has any questions or would like to help with setting up and planning please call me at 734-0585. Any help is always appreciated.

God Bless!, Deb Stamp

Dish to Pass Luncheon
Last Name begins with:
A - L MAIN DISH
M - R SALADS
S - Z -DESSERTS

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SHOEBOXES:

School supplies, Toys, Hygiene items, Hard Candy, T-shirts, socks, hair items, flashlight with extra batteries, personal note. See OCC pamphlet for more information. \$7 shipping for each shoe box.



BYLAWS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Revised October 9, 2011

1. The NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of The Presbytery of Geneva, being a particular congregation of the Presbyterian Church [USA], recognizes that the Constitution of said Church is , in all its provisions, obligatory upon it and its members.
2. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the congregation in the church edifice at a date and time convenient to the congregation, but occurring on or before March 1 of each year. Such date and time shall be set yearly by the Session. The annual meeting may consider such business as electing officers, hearing reports of the session along with plans for the coming year, hearing reports from the Board of Deacons and other organizations of the church, and transacting other business as is appropriate.
3. Special meetings may be called by the Session or The Presbytery of Geneva. Such calls shall clearly state the purpose of such special meeting, and no other matter save that specified in the call may be considered.
4. Public notice of the time, place and purpose of all meetings of the congregation shall be given on two successive Sundays. The meeting may be convened following the notice given on the second Sunday.
5. The pastor shall preside over all meetings of the congregation. When this church is without a pastor, the moderator of the Session appointed by The Presbytery of Geneva shall preside at all congregational meetings. If it is impractical for the pastor or the moderator of session appointed by the Presbytery of Geneva to preside, he or she shall invite, with the concurrence of the session, another minister of The Presbytery of Geneva to preside. In addition, the moderator of the session when this pulpit is vacant may request an elder who is a member of the Presbytery of Geneva's Committee on Ministry, the Stated Clerk, or Executive Presbyter to preside; such elder may not be a member of North Presbyterian Church. When this is not expedient, and when both the pastor or the Moderator of the Session and the Session concur, a member of the Session may be invited to preside.
6. The Clerk of Session shall be secretary of the meetings of the congregation. If the Clerk is unable to serve, the congregation shall elect a secretary.
7. All active members who have confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ shall be entitled to vote at congregational meetings.
8. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
9. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*, except in those cases where the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church [USA] provides otherwise.
10. All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.
11. A quorum shall consist of the moderator, secretary and ten percent of the eligible voters.

12. North Presbyterian Church shall establish a category of relationship called "Associate Membership" and shall maintain a roll of individuals who have been granted entry into that relationship. Associate members will not be counted among the "active" members of North Presbyterian Church. Associate members shall receive all formal communications from the church in the same way as active members. Associate members shall be granted voice but not vote at all meeting of the congregation. Associate members shall be encouraged to contribute to the life and ministry of North Presbyterian Church in any way they are able but may not hold the offices of ruling elder, deacon, or trustee. After two years on the associate roll of the church, associate members may be transferred directly to the active roll by session without further requirement except public profession of faith and submission to the government and discipline of North Presbyterian Church. Associate members may maintain active membership in another Christian congregation.
13. There shall be fifteen elders divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the Annual Meeting for a three-year term. No elder shall serve on the Session for more than two consecutive terms; but shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one year has elapsed. It is appropriate that one active member under the age of 25 be elected to serve for a one year term as elder. A youth elder may serve consecutive terms of no more than three years in total.
14. There shall be fifteen Deacons divided into three classes: one class of whom shall be elected each year at the Annual Meeting for a three year term. No Deacon shall serve on the Board of Deacons for consecutive terms, unless elected to serve one unfulfilled term; but shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one year has elapsed.
15. Vacancies on the Session or Board of Deacons may be filled at a special meeting of the congregation or at the Annual Meeting, as the Session may determine.
16. There shall be a representative nominating committee chosen in accordance with the Form of Government. This committee shall announce its nominations with the call for the meeting at which the elections will be held. This committee shall bring to the meeting nominations of one eligible person only for each office to be filled. Full opportunity shall always be given to the congregation for nominations by any active member of the church.
17. These bylaws will be amended as necessary to remain in conformity with the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church [USA]. No amendments will be made which do not conform to the Book of Order.
18. These laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting, or at any special meeting, by two-thirds vote of the voters present, providing that the proposed change in printed form shall have been distributed at the same time as the call of the meeting at which the changes are voted upon.
19. Any elder or deacon who misses three meetings in one year without excuse shall be considered to have resigned and the session shall act on the resignation.

Thank You



September 6, 2011

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North Presbyterian Church
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$1187.33 to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. We are grateful for your generosity. When you give to OGHS, you are making a conscious decision to bring the joy and love of Christ to some of the most vulnerable and desperate places and people around the world. Your contributions help by partnering in programs that help communities grow produce to consume and sell; by providing seeds and tools to Haitian farmers to assist in their recovery; and by enabling mobile health units to move quickly into areas affected by disaster.

At a time when most Americans are feeling some economic pinch, the impact of the same crisis on people who lack any economic cushion can be literally a matter of life and death. So on behalf of those sisters and brothers for whom this help is a witness to God's ever-present love, I thank you for your generous gift. May the Spirit of thanksgiving with which you gave it continue to overflow abundantly within both your own lives and the life of your congregation.

In Christ's grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret Hall Boone".

Margaret Hall Boone
Special Offerings
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A View from the Pew:

Bones -- Bones -- Bones

The knife, guided by the hands of an experienced artful carver, slices a portion size of white succulent breast meat. It seems to slowly lean over and flop onto the mound of waiting delicacy. Then another slice and another join the layers until the serving plate is full and ready for the family's enjoyment.

The turkey is ready to move to the next surgical procedure. The remainder of the meat is removed followed by the traditional carcass plucking. This important procedure usually occurs after the meal and has been known to draw the attention of children and tail-wagging dogs.

In the final process, the turkey is placed in boiling water and all remaining bits of meat are simmered off. The broth produced will become the highly valued and eagerly anticipated turkey-corn soup. The turkey has been consumed and perhaps a bit more pie than is judicious. Now is the time for tryptophan, the sandman amino acid, to do its lethargic trickery.

This Thanksgiving tradition of slicing, picking, and boiling the bird until one is down to the bones is a similar procedure to a familiar process utilized by students in Biblical studies.

The mid second century had its own carver, plucker and boiler in the guise of the church's first intellectual, philosopher, teacher and apologist. He adopted the cloak and clothing of a philosopher, establishing the first Christian academy or school. His business card would have read "Justin Martyr (103-165) Christian teacher and defender of the faith specializing in *The Logos--the Word and truth.*"

While Justin was probably from Palestine his first area of influence was Rome. Since secular teachers moved from place to place possibly he likewise rented a building in surrounding areas and plied his Christian apologist identity. By 150 the church was being persecuted and the need for the establishment of what *Memoires* about Jesus, either in written form or oral traditions, were to be considered authentic and normative for the risking of a life. (The

establishment of the Canon [*the agreed upon list of accepted books of the Bible*] was almost 150 years off.) One needed to boil to the bone the theology of truth. Enter Justin.

In a world of pagan thought, Scripture and truth must be carved and plucked and boiled to its central core. Like the Thanksgiving turkey, Scripture's historical wrapper must be laid aside with the knife of understanding. The slices are laid over in a sequence of spiritual comprehension. The bones are plucked for bits of biblical essentials. The carcass is boiled for the broth that provides the tie that binds together the full flavor.

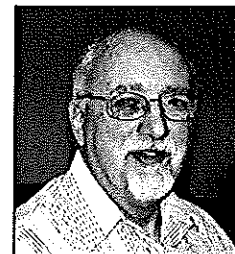
Once the rendering process of Scripture is complete, one notes that a deviation to the scriptural delicacy causes a pervasive foul odor. One cannot change the ancient order without consequences. Scriptural study is a cutting, plucking, and boiling process. Read the Scripture with emotion, study is essential. Above all seek the fine flavor of the process and consider the relationships. Search for answers to difficult parts. Ask the elders. Look for surprises. Know that Christ is your Lord, and the Scriptures are the Word of God.

Some have sought to change and or remove parts of the Word of God. Excising a portion of Scripture is akin to a slip of the surgeon's knife and the resulting "oops" that may be life shattering.

Justin Martyr, after a lengthy debate with a pagan philosopher, was turned over to the authorities during the reign of Marcus Aurelius (ironically the most intellectual of the early emperors). Justin lost his head but assured his place in the history of the church defending the faith and the "Memoires of the Apostles" (Scripture).

Come Sunday and hear the unchanged Scriptures taught and defended. While you are at it, bring a friend and introduce them to Christ and our family of believers.

See Ya Sunday--
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HOPE OF CHRISTMAS

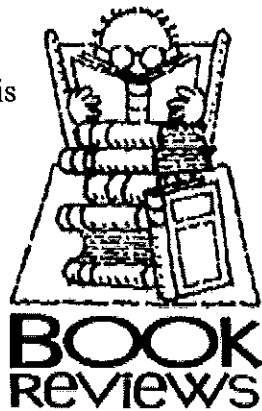
North Church will be joining in the Hope of Christmas event sponsored by Churches of the Twin Tiers (COTT) at Wisner Park on Saturday, December 10 from noon to 3 PM. We will be offering face painting for children, a ministry of encouragement through prayer and art, hot cider and cookies and giving away mittens and gloves for children and adults. We need your help! Hope of Christmas is an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with our city. We will need donations of new gloves and mittens to give away. A mitten tree will be in the narthex to accept your donations of mittens and gloves from now until December 9. We are also in need of donations of cookies and cider for the event as well as willing hands to help us transport, set up and take down our tables, chairs and tent the day of the event and help to staff our table to serve our neighbors in the name of Jesus. If you are sensing God calling you to help, please contact Kathy Hansen, elder for the Prayer, Discernment and Vision Committee at khansen@stny.rr.com or 739-3143 or you can also reach Kathy via Facebook.



The Next Level a Parable of Finding Your Place in Life by David Gregory

This is a modern parable of a young job hunter working his way through the levels of a company to try to find the true reason for the company's existence as well as meaning in his life. It is thought provoking and encouraging while being a story that is fun to read.

This book is available in the church library.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned Peas, Carrots, Potatoes

Canned Peaches, Pears, Mixed Fruit



History of the Christmas Joy Offering

Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to an Advent offering. The Christmas Joy Offering dates back to 1933 when the former Presbyterian church in the U.S. (PCUS) began the Joy Gift Offering to supplement inadequate retirement income and supplemental medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families.

In the former United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (UPCUSA) a Christmas offering was first taken in 1960. Called the White Gift, funds were used for general mission and world relief. In 1964 the name was changed to the Christmas Offering and the receipts providing support for health and welfare concerns related to children. The emphasis on global work with children continued until 1973, when the offering was used to assist former servants of the church who were living on inadequate pensions. In 1974 minority education was added and in 1979 nursing home care assistance was also included. The distribution of funds between the Board of Pensions and minority education was divided equally.

In 1987 the PCUSA and the UPCUSA offerings were joined into one offering, the Christmas Offering Joy Gift. It was agreed that neither the Board of Pensions nor the racial ethnic schools would suffer in the merger of the Joy Gift and the Christmas Offering. To accomplish that, the 1987 General assembly set the ratio of 65 percent to the Board of Pensions and 35 percent to the racial ethnic schools.

In 1989 the offering was renamed the Christmas Joy Offering, and in 1991 the 203rd General Assembly changed the distribution of funds to 50 Percent to the Board of Pensions and 50 percent to the Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges. The offering is currently reviewed every four years.



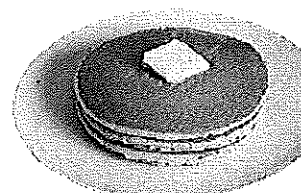
CHRISTMAS
Joy
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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST -- 8AM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

All men of the church are invited to a fellowship breakfast. Meet at North Church for good food, good conversation, great fellowship. BRING A FRIEND

Guest Speaker - Jeff Richards
"HOLD THE PRESSES! Why we keep printing when people can go Online



POINSETTIA MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS



If you would like to provide a poinsettia for our sanctuary which then will be delivered to someone home bound, please complete the information below with a check made out to NPC.

In Memory of or in Honor of

Given By _____

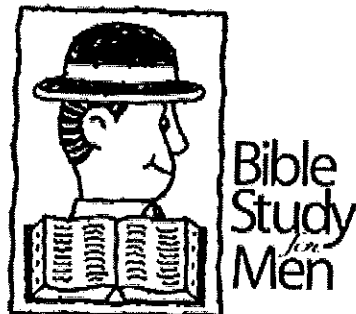
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Deadline for inclusion in the bulletin will be December 21.



THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On any Thursday night follow the banter and the laughter to the end of the hall and enter the teen room. There plopped on well used couches and chairs you will find a few septuagenarians and a few more younger (much) males, a dozen or so, trying to convince one another, with a minimum degree of success, they are indeed Biblical scholars. Tom Knight is herding the group through the intricacies of I Kings. Come join the fun and learn a bit. Thursday(most any except Thanksgiving) – 7-8:30 P.M. Coffee is hot and snacks always appear.



NOVEMBER PRAYER FAMILIES

NOVEMBER 6

Sheila & Roger Washburn
...Katie, Kyle, Alexis
Noel Weigel

NOVEMBER 20

Charles White
Beverly Wilcox

NOVEMBER 27

NOVEMBER 13

John & Beverly Wheeler
John & Carol White

Jessica Wilcox
...Oliva, Jacob
Keith & Mary Wilcox



NOVEMBER DEACON VISITATION LIST

NOVEMBER 6

Doris Woodford
Barton's Adult Home Rm 13
301 Grove Street
Elmira NY 14905

NOVEMBER 20

Gloria Dildine
PO Box 172
Genoa NY 13071



NOVEMBER 13

Betty Carney
Southport Towers 1A10
300 South Main St
Elmira NY 14904

NOVEMBER 27

Diane Green
Bethany Courtyards D209
3005 Watkins Rd
Horseheads NY 14845

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Michael Kowulich | 20 | Katey Hadlock |
| | Robert Mosteller | 21 | Paulette Huggins |
| 5 | Lynn Hendershot | 22 | David Swan |
| 6 | Emma Nicole Rogers | 25 | Jacob Wilcox |
| 7 | John Burns | | Grace Andrews |
| | Jason Andrews | 26 | Barbara Fitzsimmons |
| 12 | John Wheeler | | Diane Green |
| 14 | Samantha Moshier | | Noel Weigel |
| | William Henbest | 27 | Geoffry Rolls |
| 17 | Angela Vischansky | | Sabrina Andrews |
| | Alexander Bottcher | 28 | Matthew Dalrymple |
| 19 | Dick Schornstheimer | 29 | Donald Brooks |
| | Deborah Martin | 30 | Gail Leljedal |
| | Gary Doolittle | | |



Thank You!

THANK YOU FROM THE VARNUMS

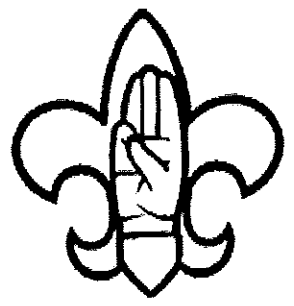
We want to thank everyone for their prayers, concerns, calls, cards and flowers during Ron's recent surgery and recovery.

It has been wonderful to have so many concerned about us.

We also thank everyone for the prayers for our daughter. She is slowly coming along, but has a long road ahead.



HELP - November is the time for the Boy Scout food collection. Bags for the collection will be put on front doors of houses on Saturday, November 5th. On the morning of Saturday, November 12th the Scouts will pick up and deliver the bags of food to all the pantries in Elmira Heights and Horseheads. Anyone who would like to help sort the food please come to the food pantry starting about 10 o'clock on Saturday the 12th. We would be grateful for the help.



SIGN OF THANKFULNESS

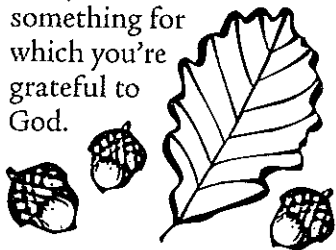
Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

What you need:

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

What you do:

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house Lord	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy lad	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

" _____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____.
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____." PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts.
 Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)