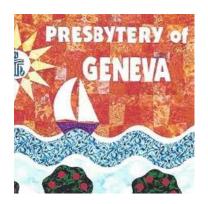
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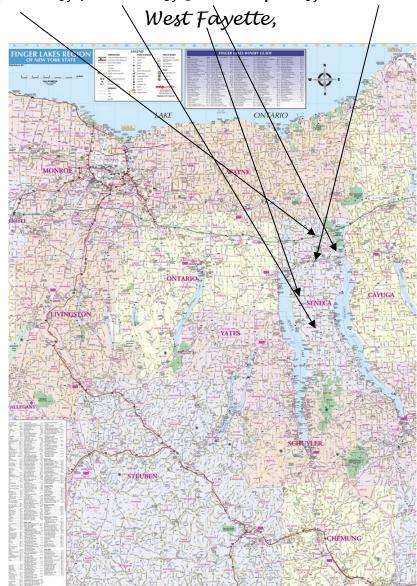
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2 Corinthians 1:11

Issue #1

## February 2018

Junius, Romulus, Seneca Falls, Waterloo,



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## JUNIUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Waterloo, New York

Founded: 1811

Current Membership: 35

Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Ellen Donnan Clerk of Session Kristi Ward Ruling elders: Penny Haynes, Christine Campbell, Wyatt Thorn, Jessica Pickens, Anthony Zeno

### ...and for:

Our vision from God to become THE community center for the Junius community.



Did you know?

The Rev. Dick Haynes, Penny's father, was pastor here in the 1970's and also held the distinction of being the longest Stated Clerk of any Presbytery.

The church building originally did not have a basement. The building was raised, and the basement built under it – on top of a spring, the only good source of water on the lot.

"A place for all of us no matter who you are or what you do."



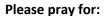
Sharing fellowship

## ROMULUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Romulus, New York

Founded: 1802

Current Membership: 12



Former Pastor Joy Novak Clerk of Session George Bassett And the congregation

...and for:

God's blessings on the congregation as their life together comes to an end.



Did you know?

The First Presbyterian Church of Romulus New York was Started in 1796 by Rev. Daniel Thatcher and reorganized in 1802. The first "church" was dedicated on October 22, 1809 (services were held in homes and barns) and the church was dedicated in February of 1838.

As the oldest Presbyterian church in Seneca County, Romulus provided Christian worship and fellowship for over 200 years.



Lifting hearts in song.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seneca Falls, New York

Founded: 1807

Current Membership: 69

## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Leah Ntuala
Clerk of Session Joyce Lohr
Office Manager Karen Beals
Sexton Peter Snyder
Treasurer Marion Crull
Director of Music and Organist/Pianist J.
Carl Vollbracht
Hand Bell Directors Marge Fahrenholz
and Carol Milis
Sunday School Teacher Michelle Dugan
Pastor Emeritus The Rev. Dr. Peter Crego



Did you know?
From this pulpit ALICE STOKES
PAUL (1885-1977), author of the
Equal Rights Amendment, first
proposed the ERA on July 21, 1923
at a National Woman's Party
conference celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup>
anniversary of the 1848 Seneca
Falls Woman's Rights Convention.

The longest serving church in the village, we have been well-led by 28 pastors and helped establish a liberal arts college.

We belong to the Covenant Network, acknowledging one community of people under God. Our mission is to serve this community guided by the example of Jesus Christ and led by the Spirit of God. We actively seek to minister to all.



December Potluck for the Women's Circle, a Bible study and service group.

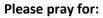
Other church activities include coffee hour with conversation on community issues, quarterly potluck dinners / game nights, yoga, and Sunday School for children and youth.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Waterloo, New York

Founded: 1817

Current Membership: 95



Pastor The Rev. Sarah West Clerk of Session Phyllis Randall



Did you know?

From first organizing meeting in 1817 to incorporation took only four months.

"This church is committed to serving the broader community at large. The Friday free lunches each week not only feed people but connect people to check on each other."



Celebrating 200 years

## WEST FAYETTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Genera, New York

Founded: 1825

Current Membership: 14

## Please pray for:

Pastor Stephen Beals Clerk of Session Bonnie Saunders



Did you know?

We celebrated our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2000.

"If you want to get something done, ask a member of West Fayette church."

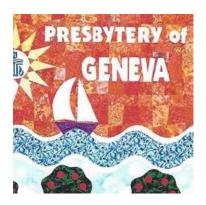
...And if you need someone to be there for you in a time of need, you'll find one at West Fayette. A recent 4-session workshop on addiction and open to the community brought in twenty-five people and led to the establishment of a Nar-Anon group.



United in praise.

## Presbytery of Geneva 2018 Prayer Directory ~March~

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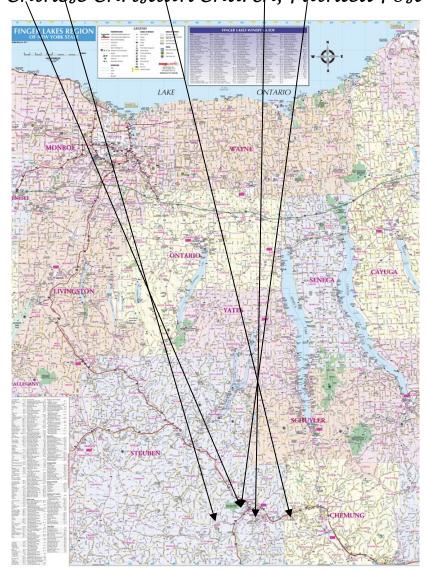
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2 Corinthians 1:11

Issue #2

## March 2018

Addison, Big Flats, Corning, Corning Chinese Christian Church, Painted Post



ADDISON
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Addison, New York

Founded: 1832

Current Membership: 13

Please pray for:

Moderator Elder Bob Sell Pastor The Rev. Dr. Peter Marr Clerk of Session Connie McCarrick



Did you know?

Rev. Marr has served our church since September, 1990. We are thankful for his commitment to our church for the many years he has traveled from Endwell, NY, to fill the pulpit.

We are a very close group. Everyone takes part where and when needed to keep our Sunday services meaningful and running smoothly.



A beautiful space to gather

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Big Flats, New York

Founded: 1827

Current Membership: 129



## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Beth Frigard, Interim

Clerk of Session Joyce Dean

Did you know?

In 1827 our church was organized with twenty members; services and Sunday School were in Robert Miller's barn. Two years later a church building was erected with horse and buggy stalls adjoining. Cost \$1178.

Our mission is to be a family of faith that journeys together in nurturing love, fellowship and openness to all people; making known God's love through Jesus Christ in the World.



At the Big Flats Community Food Pantry

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Corning, New York

Founded: 1812

Current Membership: 70



## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Jeffrey Ugoretz Clerk of Session Margaret Schuckers Admin Asst Sue Conklin Sexton Curt Neuner Organist/Music Dir David Smith Did you know?

The church building erected in 1842 boasted a clock in its tower which became the chief public clock in town and the bell served as a fire bell for a period. When the present church was built in 1867, the bell from the old church was moved to the new, where it still hangs. For 150 years it has called the people to worship at God's house.

**W**e are a community journeying to live as disciples of Jesus, practice hospitality in community, and bring hope through worship, fellowship and service.



"A Christmas Carol"

CORNING
CHINESE
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH
Painted Post,
New York



## Please pray for:

Pastor Liang Ouyang and this growing fellowship

Did you know?

As a nested church, CCCC shares space with the United Church of Painted Post. Glenn Kennedy, pastor of the United church, served with his family as missionaries in Taiwan.

A new church development nested inside the United Church of Painted Post. Sunday School is "a shared venture with" the two groups. The Chinese Church offers worship, Bible Study, and Family Night each week.



Christmas Party 2014. See the video at their website:

http://www.cccchome
.org/info.php

## UNITED CHURCH Painted Post, New York

Founded: 1841 / federated May 2011 Current Membership: 42



### Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Glenn Kennedy Clerk of Session Hank Jonas Organist/Choir Dir Jean Tedrick Admin Asst Vida Johnson Custodian George Bunnell Did you know?

The sanctuaries of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches of Painted Post, around the corner from one another, were damaged so badly in the 1972 flood that they had to be replaced. The two congregations chose to build a shared building – and the rest is history.

The United Church of Painted Post (UCPP) is a unique Methodist/ Presbyterian federation where we aim to extend a warm and friendly welcome to everyone who worships with us. Our mission is "to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known, and to serve others in His Love." We are "called to be a loving, caring, faithful family of spirit-filled Christians devoted to the study and sharing of God's word,...joyful in worship, constant in prayer, open in fellowship," and "with other churches, reaching out to the community and the world in the name of Christ."



Federated Methodists and
Presbyterians worship here, followed
by the Chinese Church worship service.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Shortsville, New York

Founded: 1860

Current Membership: 70

## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. A. J. Tierson Clerk of Session Donna Williams Organist Barbara Hall Choir Director Elaine "Baner" Shaner Bell Choir Director June Church Secretary Pat Dean Sexton David Church Treasurer Lucy Schram



Taken by our neighbor James Konarzewski at 66 W Main Street

Did you know?
In April, 1857, a Sunday School was organized in the old stone schoolhouse; a religious society was organized that December. In 1860 the religious society became "The First Presbyterian Church of Manchester" received into the Presbytery of Geneva as a sister church. It had as its goal "to work for the world's

We are a church, welcoming all; and we are a congregation coming from various life experiences, theological thoughts and gifts and talents. We celebrate the great diversity among our members and friends.

So, God meets us where we are; accepts us as we are; and loves us unconditionally...therefore: while abiding in Christ we love and serve others.



Fried Dough Fundraiser

redemption."

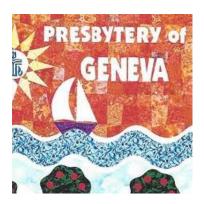
When we're not cooking we're collecting –

## **Noisy Can Sunday**

The last Sunday of each month we take a special collection of loose change for our community food cupboard!

## Presbytery of Geneva 2018 Prayer Directory ~ April ~

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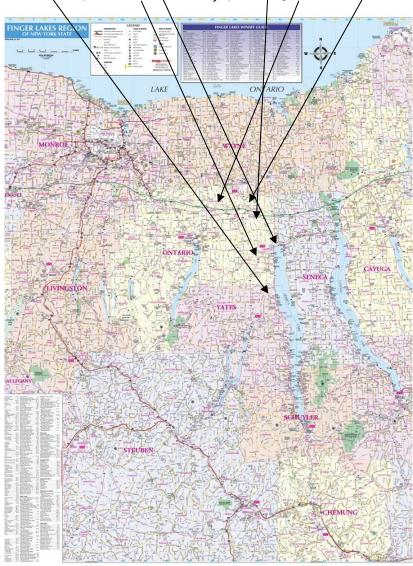
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Issue #3

## Apríl 2018

Bellona, Geneva, Oaks Corners, Phelps, Seneca No. 9, Shortsville



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## MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Bellona, New York

Founded: 1809

Current Membership: 61



## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Amy Loving Austin Clerk of Session Sheila Burt Secretary Janice Newby Newsletter Editor & Webmaster Erin Land

## Did you know?

At our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary service on November 8, 2009, over 200 members and visitors joined in worship. You can see a video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14wJcvjzneU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14wJcvjzneU</a>

We are a close family of nurturing and compassionate believers who support each other and our community through fellowship, worship, and mission.



"Yes!!! ALL are welcome at Memorial Presbyterian! Come join us!!"

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GENEVA Geneva, New York

Founded: 1798

Current Membership: 515



## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Dr. Deborah Lind-Schmitz Clerk of Session Bette J. Schubert Fred Schühle - Asst. Clerk of Session; Fritz Aude -Treasurer: Kathleen Breese – Director, Christian Education: Paula Breese - Coordinator of Youth Ministries; Linda Cox - Church Organist; Richard

Cox - Director of Music and Adult Bell Choir; Deb Drennen - Nursery care; Rev. W. James Gerling -Pastor Emeritus; Joe Iannopollo - Assistant Custodian; Kate Komara, Lorraine Jones -Children's Choirs; Art Lewis - Webmaster; Beth Nicholas – Parish Nurse: Alan Schenck – Financial Administrator; Mark Springmeier – Custodian; Colleen VanAllan – Secretary

## Did you know?

The first Presbyterian Church in Geneva was incorporated in 1798..

In 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell, the first women doctor of medicine, received her diploma in this church. North and First Presbyterian Churches united in 1988 to form The Presbyterian Church in Geneva.

### "Mission Is Our Mission"

In 2016, we devoted over 30% of our general budget to mission and in any given year at least 30 community groups, from the American Red Cross to Zonta Club make use of the many gathering spaces. The Presbyterian Women, Deacons, and other church members also give freely of their time and energy to community outreach and social justice efforts.



Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, The Presbyterian Church in Geneva welcomes all people into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, educational background, economic situation, or religious background.

## OAKS CORNERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Oaks Corners, New York

Founded: 1804

Current Membership: 35

### Please pray for:

Moderator: The Rev. Karl Warrington Clerk of Session Mae Schweickhard Treasurer Jeanne Day Elders Alexis Brown, Cal Brown, Cathy Catranis, Jeanne Day, Sharon Scherbyn



Did vou know? The original building was erected in 1804, it burned to the ground in September of 1915 and was rebuilt in May of 1917 and remains standing

today. We are located on County Road 6 {PreEmption Road} 5 miles North of Geneva, NY.

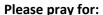
We are a small group, if there is someone in need or a job to be done we pull together and do what needs to be done.



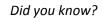
## UNITED CHURCH Phelps, New York

Founded as a federated church: 1974

Current Membership: 83



Pastor The Rev. Adrian ("A. J.") Tierson Clerk of Session Linda Kataskas



The United Church of Phelps is a union of two historic Churches existing in the village of Phelps, New York since the 1850's. The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches came together as a community church in 1974. The stained glass windows that formerly fit the windows in the narthex of the Methodist Church fit perfectly in the window frames in the narthex of the Presbyterian Church. The people fit together just as perfectly.

The United Church of Phelps reaches out and welcomes all people so they may worship God passionately, become people of prayer, develop a deep faith, demonstrate faith through service, and share their faith."



"United in God's Love"

- Community Thanksqiving Dinner

## SENECA NO. 9 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Stanley, New York

Founded: 1807

Current Membership: 57



(How we used to look. Come by and see our building now!)

## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Amy Loving
Austin
Clerk of Session Pam Ormsby
Secretary Janice Newby
Newsletter Editor & Webmaster
Erin Land

Did you know?

The original section of the church was constructed in 1838. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

We are a church of strong families, traditions and beliefs who want to continue to build faith in Jesus Christ.

We are a yoked parish, in a relationship with the Bellona Memorial Presbyterian Church in Bellona, NY.



We get around! – Flat Jesus at Rainbow Cove

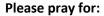
## **REMEMBERING:**

## FAIRVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Navy Variety

Newark, New York

Founded: 1866

Closed: December 2015



The members and community served by this congregation, including all who attended the monthly meetings of NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) there.



Did you know?

The Presbyterian Society of Fairville was established in 1860 and officially organized as a church in 1866 with eighteen members.

# WILLIAMSON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Williamson, New York

Founded: 1816

Dismissed to the ECA: 2018

## Please pray for:

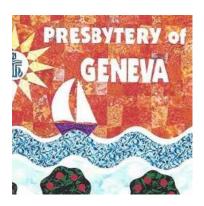
The members of this congregation as they continue to serve Jesus Christ with a new denominational affiliation.



Did you know?
The Town of Williamson is known as "the Core of Apple Country."

## Presbytery of Geneva 2018 Prayer Directory ~ May~

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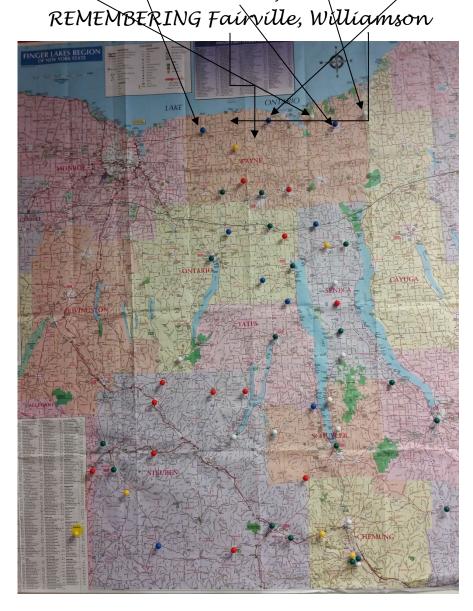


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2 Corinthians 1:11

Issue #4

## May 2018 Huron, Ontario Center, Red Creek, Sodus, Wolcott,



## HURON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wolcott, New York

Founded: 1813

Current Membership: 56

Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell,

Stated Supply

Clerk of Session Linda Hayes

Session members Betsy Meade, Brandy Starzewski, Regina Jones, Joe Young, Ron Eygnor, Anona Fowler, and Kara Chapin,

Art Chapin, Lois Wafler Organist Joanne Williams

## And for...

The rededication of our church sanctuary on July 15, 2015, at 1:00 pm



Did you know?
In 2013 we celebrated 200
years of ministry in the
community from our humble
beginnings in the old school
house through our rebuilding
of our church after a fire in
1936 to the present day.
We were the first church in
the area and are the only
remaining church in the
Town of Huron.

The Huron Presbyterian Church is a family of faith that cares for one another and our community as we serve and worship God together for the glory of Jesus Christ.



A friendly, historic congregation welcomes all to Sunday worship at 9:15 am.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month and on the other Sundays during the school year, children are encouraged to attend Sunday school downstairs following the pastor's children story time. During the summer, alternate evening worship is frequently scheduled to accommodate our college and other young in heart members.

Through the year many events are held which provides interaction with the local community.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ONTARIO CENTER

Ontario, New York

Founded: 1833

Current Membership: 63

### Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Deborah Grohman Clerk of Session Janet Maitland



Did you know?

In the early days of the church Dr. Loammi Whitcomb helped out the choir by playing a bass violin. In 1866 Mr. Hurun Harrison loaned the church a melodeon. This instrument was used several years and then a Mason and Hamlin Organ was purchased.

"We are a church family seeking personal and spiritual growth through praying, experiencing worship, building relationships and serving in mission, locally and globally."



We grow potatoes, too!

Our congregation pursues mission in various ways.

- The popular weekly produce table offers free seasonal fruits and vegetables to the community through our partnership with the Headwater Food Hub.
- The Shared Table is a free community meal offered the last Wednesday of the month.
- Along with other area churches, we support the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Red Creek, New York

Founded: 1893

Current Membership: 17

## Please pray for:

Pastor Carleen Frost, CRE Clerk of Session John Becker



Did you know?

There are two stories for how Red Creek (village and creek) got its name. Maybe it's from the iron ore in the stream bed. Or maybe it's from the red dye used in the tannery once located near by and dumped into the creek. When the village was first settled it was named Jacksonville, after Andrew Jackson.



We're a small church with a big heart, helping to feed the hungry in the community.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sodus, New York

Founded: 1812

Current Membership: 188



A vibrant church in the heart of the Village of Sodus

### Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Gail Heimberger Clerk of Session Lisa Datthyn Did you know? Our building recently hosted a lecture on 200 years of architectural history in Sodus.

Although our services follow the usual Presbyterian format, you will find many welcome surprises: skits that interpret the gospel, guest musicians and bands, congregation participation, and many special services including Jazz Sunday. Come share the teachings that connect us all in God's Great Truths.



Our mission committee is a major focus and many, if not most of our congregation, are involved in its work.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Wolcott, New York

Founded: 1813

Current Membership: 81

## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Walter Stuber Clerk of Session and Church Secretary Kathy Topping Treasurer Susan Vezzose Head of Deacons Mary Lou Lockwood

Elders on Session Susan Gately, John Gingerich, Tom Johnson, Margaret Kasper, Dan Kilmer, Scott Lockwood, Jerry Oakley, Bob Stell and David VanFleet



Did you know?

In 1827 the Presbytery divided what had been one church into the two congregations of Huron and Wolcott. Our current building was erected in 1883. We were able to survive a devastating fire in 1999, after which the old building was brought back to restored life. The congregation was able to have a new pipe organ built. It remains the only pipe organ on the ridge west to Rochester.

The mission of the Wolcott Presbyterian Church is to provide a Christian environment where the church family can experience the teaching of the word of Christ, enjoy the growing fellowship of caring friends, and minister the work of God throughout the community near and far.



We are teachers, farmers, business owners and leaders, EMTs, fire-rescue volunteers, students, retirees, home makers, community leaders, a veterinarian, a college professor, carpenters, masons, wood workers, unemployed, under-employed and career hobbyist.

We are young and old, English as our first or second or third language. We are baptized and unbaptized, seekers and learners. But most of all we call our church HOME.

## CAMP WHITMAN ON SENECA LAKE Penn Yan, New York

Established: 1954

## Please pray for:

Camp Director Elder Lea Kone Registration Coordinator Aline Trombley

**And for...** the additional 25 summer staff and 300 campers who will participate in Camp Whitman this coming summer.

## PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA OFFICE Penn Yan, New York

Presbytery organized: 1805

## Please pray for:

Presbytery Transitional Leader Elder Linda Badger Becker Stated Clerk The Rev. Val Fowler Office Administrator Elder Alicia Alvarez

**And for...** The timely sale of the building, which will generate income for the Presbytery and reduce operational expenses.

## AND:



Did you know?

We practice the love and acceptance of one another that Christ has taught us so well.

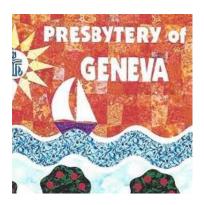


## Did you know?

"Powerful revivals" in our presbytery in 1817 led to the formation of Auburn Theological Seminary in 1820.

## Presbytery of Geneva 2018 Prayer Directory ~ June ~

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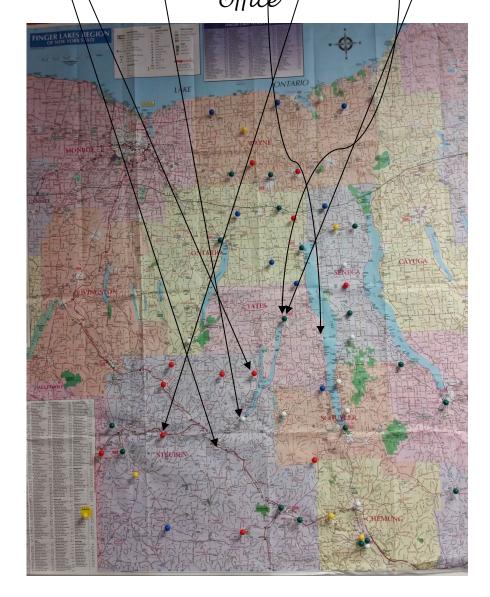


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Issue #5

June 2018
Bath, Hammondsport, Howard, Penn Yan,
Pulteney, AND Camp Whitman, Presbytery
Office



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Bath, New York

Founded: 1808

Current Membership: 176

## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Stanley Bhasker

Clerk of Session Lyana Wood



Did you know?

"The story goes that John McGee's fourhorse coach traveling between Owego and Geneva would halt so travelers could view the 100-foot spire of [the original white frame church], the only church in Bath." The current building was dedicated in 1877 and has a sanctuary decorated by Louis Tiffany.

A Welcoming and Loving Church Family!

The Friday Men's Bible Fellowship meets weekly and all men of the community are welcome to attend. No preparation or previous Bible study experience is necessary.



The Children's Chimers play in Sunday worship.

## HAMMONDSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Hammondsport, New York

Founded: 1831

Current Membership: 15

## Please pray for:

Our search for a Pastor: MIF currently on

Presbytery website

Clerk of Session Lyn Chadwick

And for... The congregation on the recent death of long term member and current Stated Supply Pastor, Dick Schied, and the sad loss of Elder Dorrie Erb.



Did you know?
The church was established in 1831. A building was erected on the Village Square in the early 1840's and dedicated in 1847. The steeple was struck by lightning in 1953. The restoration left the church without a steeple until 1993 when a community fundraising effort raised money to replace it.

At the southern end of Lake Keuka, Hammondsport provides a beautiful location and abundant opportunities for ministry. Two of our current ministries are a Senior Lunch program once a week and a bi-monthly Diaper Depot. We are endeavoring to expand our community outreach by working with other agencies to provide programs in the church.

The Diaper Depot collects diapers and other much-needed supplies (clothing, blankets and food) for families in the surrounding area.
Over 48,000 child and adult diapers were aiven out in 2017.

## HOWARD UNION CHURCH Howard, New York

Founded: 1815

Current Membership: 22

## Please pray for:

Pastor (vacant) Clerk of Session Marsha

**Patrick** 



Did you know?

The first settlers arrived in Howard around 1803. The town itself was formed in 1812 and the church was established three years later. A writer in 1896 noted:

Among the early residents in the east and southeast part of this town was a considerable colony of Irish Presbyterians; good, strong, earnest and active men and women, who have devoted themselves to agricultural pursuits, and many of whom have built up fine farms.

http://history.rays-place.com/ny/steu/howard.htm

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Penn Yan, New York

Founded: 1823

Current Membership: 138



## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Paul Malles Clerk of Session Rob Anderson Did you know?

Stephen Whitaker began holding worship in his home in 1802. In 1816 a Presbyterian church was organized and in 1823 a "friendly division" led to the First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan.

After the old building burned in 1957, the current building was erected in 1959.

The members of the First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan joyously celebrate God's grace and seek to have an ever-evolving appreciation of Christ's presence ...



The Deacons got creative in collecting food for the local food pantry – they used cans and other non-perishable packages from the congregation to create a magnificent "sand castle" of cans.

PS The church's secretary, Marilyn Fitch, just retired – after fifty-six years!

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pulteney, New York

Founded: 1815

Current Membership: 48

## Please pray for:

Pastor (vacant)
Clerk of Session Rosanna Bates

### And for...

Kay Tietjen 2018 Graduates – Tyler, Benjamin, Meaghan The Illi's



Did you know?

Our church was forged from the will of the pioneers in a new territory and on July 29, 1815, the Presbyterian Union society was organized by Rev. James Hotchkins along with John Hopkins, John Ellis, and Jabiah Havens as elders. The early church used school houses for worship and in 1831 received a gift of one hundred acres from the Sir William Pulteney Estate.

The first church was erected in 1835 near the house of Mr. Nevyus and in 1851 the original building was replaced with a more modern structure of the times. In 1897, through the efforts of Mr. James Drake, a pipe organ was purchased (one of the 29 made) and electrified in 1941. It is still used today and plans are being made for some restoration work. Beautiful stained glass windows adorn the north, south and east sides of the building, given in memory of folks who faithfully served the church during those early years.

From the beginning, the church on the hill overlooking Keuka Lake has flourished. Early pastors to the present have guided our church forward as we continue to serve our community and town.

"Where the vineyard is bearing fruit." Worship begins at 9:15 am each Sunday.



In December 2017, the women of the Pulteney Presbyterian Prayer Shawl Ministry celebrated the delivery of 95 prayer shawls to date.

## CHRIST THE KING FELLOWSHIP, Spencer, New York

Founded: 1815

Current Membership: 30



## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Sabrina Slater Clerk of Session Kerm Bossard Our church: session, deacons, members, friends our community

## And for...

Pray that we would seek God above all, that we would be those who help heal the world, that we would be a blessing. Pray that we would live grace out loud – daily learning what it means to love. Did you know? Christ the King's building dates from 1915, when it housed the First Presbyterian Church. It is listed on the

National Register of Historic Places.

Under the terms of the Plan of Union of 1801 between Congregationalists and Presbyterians in New England and New York, the congregation was identified sometimes as Congregational and sometimes as Presbyterian during the 1800's. It became Presbyterian to stay in 1913.

Understanding each other can take time as we come from different backgrounds and life experiences. Being together and worshiping together, where the love of God is contagious, form us with a common unity of purpose.

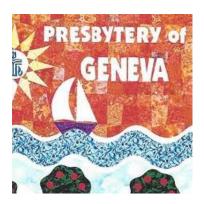
We welcome all people. We want to listen and accept each other. Coming to know Jesus Christ as our Lord and our Savior is realizing that we can have a personal relationship with Him. This affects every life decision both individually and together.



Gathering for worship

## Presbytery of Geneva 2018 Prayer Directory ~ July ~

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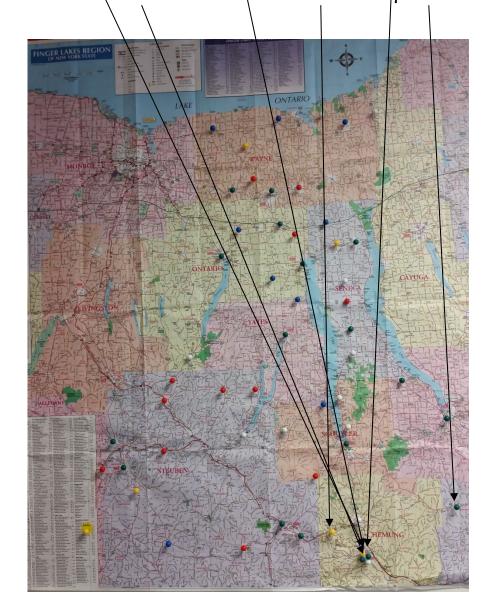


...You also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

2 Corinthians 1:11

Issue #6

July 2018 Elmíra Fírst, Elmíra Lake St., Elmíra North, Elmíra Westminster,\Horseheads, \$pencer



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Elmíra, New York

Founded: 1795

Current Membership: 273



## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Dr. Betsey
Crimmins
Clerk of Session Barb Squires
Outreach & Service Specialist
Felix Perez
Church Secretary Kelly
Stewart
Financial Secretary Susan
Weaver
Church Sexton Jim Stewart

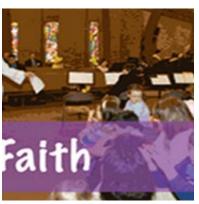
Website Administrator Shane

Wingard

Did you know?
Six other churches in Chemung County
were founded by members of First
Presbyterian. Members were also
involved in the founding of Elmira College
and in sending Sarah Smith to Japan
where in 1887 she founded Hokusei Girls'

School, which today serves 7000 students.

We practice and share our faith together based on the foundation of the Gospel and our relationships with God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.



"Making Disciples...

Making a Difference"

Since the late 1980's Elmira First has sent 100 teens and their chaperones to the Abbey at Iona in Scotland on spiritual pilgrimage, mostly to the International Youth Festival.

## LAKE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Elmíra, New York

Founded: 1861

Current Membership: 28

## Please pray for:

Moderator of Session The Rev. Jeffery Ugoretz Clerk of Session Barbara Dove Outreach Coordinator Juhura Shazer, Leader on the Saturday Evening Service Organist / Choir Director Dr. Mark Radice Church Secretary Shel Allen



Did you know? Lake Street was first known as the Second Presbyterian Society. It was formed in 1861 by a group of 116 members of First Presbyterian Church and four other persons.

### "The Church with a Heart in the Heart of Elmira"



We at Lake Street believe that reaching out to our community, both locally and globally, is a way to help our brothers and sisters around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Our ministry, Fusion on Fire, is one way we touch Elmira.

## NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Elmíra, New York

Founded: 1888

Current Membership: 80

## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. David Preisendanz Clerk of Session Cynthia Kalweit Director of Children and Youth Ministry Deb Stamp Music Director Paul Holland Organist Barbara Mosher Church Administrator Heather Flandreau Financial Secretary Pat Richards

And for...

Our community and neighbors in need



The food pantry started over 35 years ago when Rev. Collea's wife Carolyn started giving out food from their own cupboard. By the early 1980's the pantry had moved into its current location in order to better serve our community. In 2017 the 30 plus pantry volunteers served a total of 5775 people!

North Presbyterian Church is located next door to Elmira College. Founded in 1855, Elmira was the first college to offer women a course of study equal in rigor to the best men's colleges of the time.

NPC is a welcoming church known for its radical hospitality and outreach to the local community and support of global missions.



The Pantry Patch grows fresh vegetables for the Food Pantry.

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Elmíra, New York

Founded: 1961

Current Membership: 22



## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Jane Winters, Temporary Supply Clerk of Session Mildred Bradley Members of the AC: The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins Elder Jeffrey Richards Elder James Varner The Rev. Jane Winters And for...

The congregation as they seek an ending with integrity to their years of ministry and presence on the south side of Elmira.

Prayers for the sale of the building.

Did you know?

Westminster is a merger of two Elmira congregations who came together over 50 years ago and built the current church building on Maple Ave.

The Westminster congregation opened their building to two other congregations that have used space for worship. The building is used as a polling site, has been used by the Family Counseling Ministry for counseling space, and is home to several Girl Scout troops.

We are very proud of the fact that our oldest member at 100 ¾ years, Hazel Thompson, is still serving on Session!

Westminster is made up of people committed to living out their faith in Christ. They do this by caring for each other, by serving those in need, by studying God's Word and ways, and by worshiping the Living God.



"Church....the perfect place for imperfect people."

A body of believers that knows its weaknesses, but trusts in God's strength...people that

God's strength...people that encourage each other to carry on.....folks that serve Christ and reach out to those in need.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Horseheads, New York

Founded: 1832

Current Membership: 66

### Please pray for:

Transitional Pastor The Rev. Dr.
Cheryl Ann Elfond
Clerk of Session Mary Yoder
Director of Music and Organist
Daniel LaBar
Administrative Assistant
Brenda Fasick

### And for...

The Pastor Nominating Committee, as they seek new leadership



Did you know?

First Presbyterian was from its very founding some 185 years ago a hub of community activity as well as a strong worshipping community that cared for its members and was continually reaching out to those in need.

Now with their "Future Story" they are carrying that mission into the future.

We seek to show Christ's love through our actions by:

Ministering to our Community by helping those in need as Christ taught us

Ministering to our Members by providing support and fellowship

Ministering to our Souls by offering Christ-centered Worship and

Education



With assistance from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, vegetables are grown in the garden and then given to the Food Pantry so that patrons can have fresh vegetables.

### AND....

## OUR PRESBYTERY'S MEMBERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES

The Rev. Harold Delhagen Synod Leader, Synod of the Northeast

The Rev. Janice Fitzgerald Transitional Pastor, Robinson Elmwood

United Church, and Mediation Coordinator,

Reformed Church in America Synod

The Rev. Jane Winters Chaplain, Schuyler Hospital and Seneca

View Skilled Nursing Facility

## OUR PRESBYTERY'S MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

The Rev. Anne Bailey Campbell

The Rev. Todd Haines

The Rev. Cynthia Huling Hummel Please pray for my ministry with & to

persons living with an Alzheimer's diagnosis (Or a related dementia), care partners, family members, and friends—And for the researchers who

are desperately searching for treatments, therapies & cures.

The Rev. John McDonald

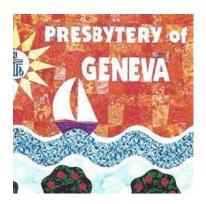
The Rev. Lee Prong

The Rev. Christy Wareham

The Rev. Karl Warrington

## Presbytery of Geneva 2018 Prayer Directory ~ August ~

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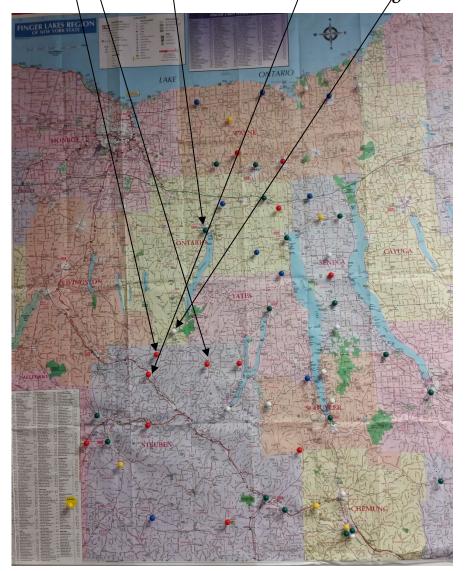


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2 Corinthians 1:11

Issue #7

August 2018 Atlanta, Canandaígua, Cohocton, Naples, Prattsburg, Presbytery Members in Validated Ministries and At-Large



## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ATLANTA Atlanta, New York

Founded: 1894

Current Membership: 7



Please pray for:

Pastor (vacant)

Clerk of Session Bessie Tyrrell

Did you know?

Besides the main church building, erected in 1895, our congregation also converted a horse shed in the 1920's to provide room for a Sunday School and for Boy Scouts.

The hamlet of Atlanta is a small farming community in a bend of the Cohocton River. The Presbyterian Church building is on the National Register of Historic Places.

We were founded after most of the downtown village of Atlanta was destroyed by a fire. We have served our community ever since.

## UNITED CHURCH Canandaígua, New York

Founded: 1835, 1870, 1947, 1961 Current Membership: 450

### Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. David Ashby, Interim Clerk of Session Karen VanBlargan Children's Education Director Deb Marshall

Adult Education Director Virginia Holroyd
Youth Director Lauren Slomski
Church Secretaries Carolyn Russell,
Christina Hartpence
Organist Joy Van Riper
Choir Director Georgia Sperano
Custodian Doug VanNorman
Church Treasurer Tom Rogers
Financial Secretary Carolyn Russell
Special Member Visitation Director
Virginia Holroyd
Projects Coordinator Ed Blance
Newly retired long-term Pastor The Rev.
Jim Kerr



Did vou know? Presbyterians and American Baptists both have a long history in Canandaigua. The Presbyterian Church was organized in 1870; the American Baptist Church erected its first building in 1835. On December 13, 1942, the First Baptist Church of Canandaigua was totally destroyed by fire. The Baptists held services in various locations for five years. The Presbyterian Church offered to have them worship jointly. The offer was accepted May 11, 1947. In 1961, the name was formally changed to The United Church (Presbyterian-American Baptist) of Canandaigua, New York.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Cohocton, New York

Founded: 1809

Current Membership: 34

## Please pray for:

Pastor (vacant)
Clerk of Session Linda Hodges



Did you know?

"It was not until 1807, that we have any record – that a sermon was preached in the town of Cohocton or in any of its present or former limits." Over the next two years local residents began meeting and organized in 1809 as a Congregational church. This church "was received into Bath Presbytery in 1820, on the accommodating plan and did not become thoroughly Presbyterian until 1850. Some say it nearly went back later, but since reorganization in 1870, has had no weak knees." (Field and Waugh, 1906) http://www.archive.org/stream/history ofcohocto00fiel/historyofcohocto00fiel djvu.txt

## And for...

Our church, currently in a transition period, with our highly respected and long-time pastor having just retired after 28 years of faithful service. We are fortunate though to have a highly qualified Interim Pastor begin right away, to guide us through the process of calling a new Pastor. We are united in our love for Jesus Christ and we trust in God's great faithfulness that He has great plans for our church.



We represent two denominations but are one people of God, united in love to God and to all people through Jesus Christ. We are called to:

Confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

Worship God publicly and corporately

Proclaim to all the world the Good News, reflecting the love of Jesus Christ in the manner in which we live.

## TRINITY FEDERATED CHURCH Naples, New York

Founded: 1800 Current Membership: 65 official Presbyterian 125 Total Federate

### Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Robin Lostetter, Temporary Supply Clerk of Session Antone Olney Lay Leader John Almekinder Treasurer Chelsea Marshall Office Admin. Sherie Heins And for...

Our congregation, our community, and the neighbors we serve through the Open Cupboard and Open Closet



Did you know?
Trinity is a federation of Presbyterian
(USA) and United Methodist churches.
After federating, the two
congregations still owned two
buildings. One of them was sold in the
early 1990's to become the home of
the Bristol Valley Theater. The
opening production there was
"Godspell." The church continues to
be involved with the Theater by
hosting members of the cast each
summer in the spacious manse. And
when summer's over, we join in
Naples' Grape Fest!

"Offering Unique Ministries rooted in God's Love."



Trinity hosts many local groups for outreach ministries, practices, and performances beyond traditional Sunday services and church meetings; and its kitchen and fellowship hall are the "go-to" venue for many community and fund-raising dinners. When not hosting community groups, our fellowship hall is the scene of monthly fellowship gatherings. We keep our buildings busy!

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Prattsburgh, New York

Founded: 1804

Current Membership: 17



Built in 1923,

after a fire destroyed the original building and the Prattsburgh Academy.

## Please pray for:

Pastor (vacant)
Clerk of Session Lynn Dinehart

Did you know?

Narcissa Prentiss Whitman was born in Prattsburgh and became a member of the Prattsburgh Presbyterian Church in 1819. "Her lovely singing voice was often remarked upon by people who attended church services or revivals in Prattsburgh. After a summer revival in 1824 she decided that she wanted to be a missionary." The rest, as they say, is history.

https://narcissaprentisshouse.com/about/

The Prattsburgh Presbyterian Church is an inclusive church with a strong sense of community and fellowship. Services are uplifting and inspiring, regardless of denomination. We welcome everyone.

The school and church founded by the Rev. Niles



Is the town "Prattsburg" or "Prattsburgh"? It depends which map or sign or person you ask — and sometimes even that doesn't help: "In 1803, Captain Pratt who had established residence on Hemlock Hill, near the Wheeler/Urbana line, moved to Prattsburgh and induced Rev. John Niles to come to live in Prattsburg." http://www.steubencourier.com/x172496424/Prattsburgh-New-York

## AND....

## OUR PRESBYTERY'S HONORABLY RETIRED MEMBERS

The Rev. Jeff Kellam The Rev. David Barnard The Rev. Joanne Bartel The Rev. Jim Kerr The Rev. David Kilgore The Rev. Nancy Bidlespacher The Rev. Fred Coffman The Rev. Jonathan Knight The Rev. Phil Courtney The Rev. Fred Magley The Rev. Gilmore Creelman The Rev. Dan McCollister The Rev. Peter Crego The Rev. Edward Meiser, Jr. The Rev. Sam Edwards The Rev. Thomas Montgomery The Rev. John Elder The Rev. Virginia Murray The Rev. Nancy J. Farrell The Rev. James N. Newman The Rev. Scott Flaherty The Rev. Suzanne Otterbacher

The Rev. James Gerling
The Rev. Robert Rochelle
The Rev. Todd Haines
The Rev. Gailey Teller
The Rev. James Hicks
The Rev. Herbert Tennies
The Rev. Susan Husted
The Rev. John Valk
The Rev. Tim Johnson
The Rev. Carol Wilson

The Rev. Bev Karr-Lyon

## OUR PRESBYTERY'S INQUIRERS AND CANDIDATES

(Lodi)

Alicia Alvarez (Inquirer) (Shortsville)
Connie Franks (Candidate for CRE) (Rock Stream)

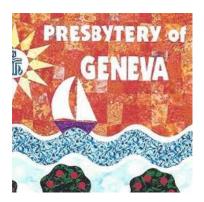
Susan Frost (Candidate for Minister of

Word and Sacrament)

Patricia Kapusta (Inquirer) (Elmira First)
Paul Yoder (Candidate for CRE) (Horseheads)

## Presbytery of Geneva 2018 Prayer Directory ~ October ~

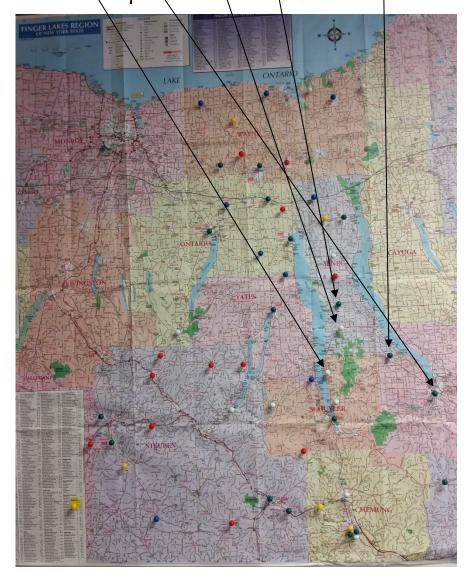
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2 Corinthians 1:11

## October 2018 Hector, Ithaca, Lodí, Ovíd, Trumansburg, Honorably Retíred Members of Presbytery, Inquirers and Candidates



## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HECTOR Hector, New York

Founded: 1809

Current Membership: 111



## Please pray for:

The Pastor Nominating
Committee
Clerk of Session Sue Rocholl
And for...

All those affected by the August 14<sup>th</sup> flooding in our area

Did you know?

This church began as the Presbyterian Church of Peach Orchard in 1809. In 1810 the church's name was changed to the First Presbyterian Church of Hector. In 1817 the trustees purchased a lot for a cemetery and in 1818 a church was built.

"Sunday School held continuously since 1813."



"Do Justice, Love Kindness and walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)

Hector Presbyterian Church is a caring, inclusive and committed community in faith.

Our mission is a joyful response to God's gracious invitation to a new and redeemed life, to serve God in Christ in partnership with the people in the surrounding communities, and to reach out to the global community.

We seek to nurture this response through prayer, worship, education, and outreach.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Ithaca, New York

Founded: 1804

Current Membership: 295

### Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Kirianne Weaver Riehl Associate Pastor The Rev. Cindy Weaver Clerk of Session Susan Wade Organist Ian Woods Chancel Choir Director Stephen Spinelli Office Administrator Michaela Batstone Business Manager Kate Hubbs



Did you know?
The first frame house in Ithaca was built in 1800; the church began in 1804. In 1806 the settlement was named Ithaca: "thus far it had been known as 'The Flats," or "Sodom," or "The Pit."

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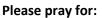
Our congregation has been a progressive voice within the PC(USA), helping to lead the way nationally as a Covenant Network Congregation for full inclusion of all, and as an Earth Care Congregation working to practice and encourage environmental stewardship. The church has begun justice movements throughout its history.



## LODI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Lodí, New York

Founded: 1968

Current Membership: 29



The Pastor Nominating Committee Clerk of Session Amanda McGonigal

## And for...

All those affected by the August 14<sup>th</sup> flooding in our area and prayers as resident rebuild

Outreach into the community, including Food 4 All



Did you know?

In 1973 the Lodi Methodist Church and the Lodi Presbyterian Church merged and began worshiping in the former Presbyterian Church. Later, worship moved with permission to a small chapel at the back of the building, although the building itself had been sold. Then after two years in the former Methodist Church building, now the Lodi Historical Society; the congregation moved in 2002 into its new home pictured above.



Food 4 All (Lodi Food Pantry) is every Saturday starting at 3:00 PM. We also serve Free Lunch once a month.

## OVID FEDERATED CHURCH Ovid, New York

Founded: 1955

Current Membership: 200

## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Rob Mellgard Clerk of Session Jennie Ewing



Did you know?
We are a church federation of
Presbyterians and Methodists. We
have been serving the community
for over 60 years.

Our Mission is to KNOW CHRIST, to LIVE AS CHRIST, and to REACH OUT to ALL PEOPLE with the LOVE OF CHRIST.



A great place to shop (and so is the Food Pantry).

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ULYSSES Trumansburg, New York

Founded: 1803

Current Membership: 109



## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Cheryl Peeples Clerk of Session Kris Alling Music Director and Accompanist Alice Ploss Accompanist Sandra Wayman Administrative Assistant and Custodian Kristin Parry Nursery Caretaker Vicki Whittaker

### Did you know?

After monthly meetings in a local home, the First Presbyterian Church of was formally organized in January of 1803 through the work of the Rev. Jedediah Chapman, the first stated missionary of the Presbyterian Church. The Trumansburg church hosted the organizing meeting on the Presbytery of Geneva in 1805. This congregation has been a member of the Geneva Presbytery, Elmira Presbytery, Steuben-Elmira Presbytery and presently the Geneva as boundaries have expanded and contracted

We celebrate the Lord's presence in music, word, and deed. We participate in mission efforts within and beyond our church walls and offer companionship to those in need.



We sort potatoes.

We also have eggs: Since 1997 the church's budget has received a monthly boost from sales on Egg Sunday of eggs from "Happy Hens."

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ULYSSES Trumansburg, New York

Founded: 1803

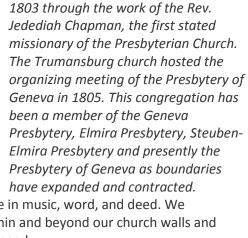
Current Membership: 109

## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Cheryl Peeples Clerk of Session Kris Alling Music Director and Accompanist Alice Ploss Accompanist Sandra Wayman Administrative Assistant and Custodian Kristin Parry And for...

Our Congregation and Session, the Trumansburg Community Nursery School (which has been housed at FPCU for more than 50 years), and our

## **Trumansburg Community**



After monthly meetings in a local

home, the First Presbyterian Church

was formally organized in January of

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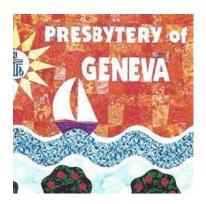
Did you know?



Our 2017 CROP Walk Team
On October 14, 2018 we will celebrate
the 30<sup>th</sup> year of Trumansburg Area
CROP Hunger Walks and our
Trumansburg Food Pantry, of which we
are active members with the other
churches of our community. Through
the years, over \$184,000 has been
raised for our food pantry (25%) and
needs beyond our community (75%)!

## Presbytery of Geneva 2018 Prayer Directory ~ November ~

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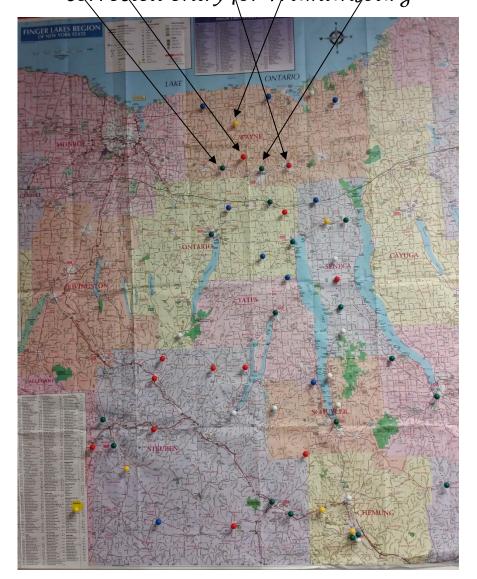


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Issue #9

November 2018
East Palmyra, Lyons, Marion, Newark,
Palmyra, and see the last page for the
corrected entry for Trumansburg



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST PALMYRA East Palmyra, New York

Founded: 1783 / 1807 Current Membership: 14

## Please pray for:

Moderator The Rev. Jim Hicks Pulpit Supply The Rev. Ellen Donnan Clerk of Session Debbie McCrossen And for...

Prayers for people to join us in worship Prayers of joy for an upcoming baptism



http://backroadstraveller.blogspot.com/2 014/04/east-palmyra-presbyterianchurch.html?q=East+palmyra

## Did you know?

Services began in East Palmyra in 1783. East Palmyra was the first church to be organized west of the Pre-emption Line of 1793, which assigned treaty rights with Native tribes to New York and Massachusetts. In 1807 the congregation became Presbyterian and joined Geneva Presbytery.

Portions of the 1807 building were incorporated in an 1843 meetinghouse which was later moved and is still in use as a barn.



http://backroadstraveller.blogspot.com/2014/04/east-palmyra-presbyterian-church.html?q=East+palmyra

Come on in!

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Lyons, New York

Founded: 1809

Current Membership: 80

## Please pray for:

Cataldi

Moderator The Rev. Ellen Donnan Clerk of Session Carol Heald Choir Director Camille Clark Organist Phil Tippens Praise Song Leader Beth Whitbeck Sunday School Teacher Martha Bailey Secretary and Food Pantry Coordinator Erin Perry

Treasurer and Custodian Christine Maille

Groundskeepers Chris Hansen, Dan



Did you know?

A public notice in December
1799 announced plans to
organize a Presbyterian church
in Lyons; worship began the
next year. The congregation
was formally organized with a
Session in 1809.

OUR MISSION is to spread God's word and serve the Lord by welcoming everyone into the circle of God's love and grace.

Our goal is to do this by reaching out to our community through worship, mission and hospitality. And also by creatively nurturing and enriching other as we enjoy each others' unique gifts.



Welcoming All Serving Others Enriching Lives

- ~ Lyons Community Food Pantry
- ~ Helping Hands Thrift Shop
- ~ And Sunday School children are raising money to purchase chickens and pigs to send to families in need.

## UNITED CHURCH OF MARION Marion, New York

Founded: 1895

Current Membership: 36



### Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Denise P. Logan Clerk of Session Jo Shaff Administrative Asst Lisa Crego Financial Secretary Deb Halstead Organist Chris Hefley Choir Director Frank Halstead Church Clerk Cindy Amarando Church Treasurer Terry Halstead Sound Butch Amarando Custodian Kim Beadle Did you know?

The first religious services in Marion began in 1802. The First Baptist Church was organized in 1804 and the Presbyterian Church (originally Congregational) was organized in 1808. In 1895 the congregations combined to form the United Church of Marion.

"We embrace our diversity and stand firm in the belief that we are members of the same body, united in the love of God by the blood of Christ. We strive to live out our faith by serving God through the power of the Holy Spirit."



Presbyterians and Baptists, one people

## PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Newark, New York

Founded: 1825

Current Membership: 200

Please pray for:
Pastor The Rev.
Christopher Mergener
Clerk of Session Cari Taylor



Did you know?
Although Park Church was organized in 1825, it grew out of local worship services beginning as early as 1810.

The church bell, which rings the hours daily, has been in continuous use since 1835.

We regard opening up our building to the community as one of our ministries.



## **Family Promise of Wayne**

**County** has as its mission to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a non-governmental, non-denominational community-based response.

# WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Palmyra, New York

Founded: 1817

Current Membership: 140

## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Kyle Delhagen
Clerk of Session Janet Manktelow
Director of Sunday School Cim McFarlane
Youth Director Lynette Cogan
Office Administrator
Kathy A. Barr
Financial Secretary Valerie Gendron
Sexton Larry Sprague
Choir Director and Bell Choir Director
Rayvon T. J. Moore
Organist/Accompanists Jack Moak, Susan
Petura



Did you know?
The First Presbyterian
Church of Palmyra was
incorporated in 1797 and in
1817 Western Presbyterian
Church was incorporated.
In 1849 Winston Churchill's
maternal grandparents were
married in Western
Presbyterian Church.

Following God's Light: Sowing, Growing, and Celebrating



WPC nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community, and global involvement; worshipping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

## AND....

## 2018 Two Cents a Meal Program Funding

Bath Community Food Pantry (Bath)
BluePrint Geneva: Food Justice (Geneva)
Bradford Food Pantry (Weston)
Geneva Food Pantry (Geneva)

Home Meal Service (Palmyra Western)
Painted Post Food Pantry (Painted Post)
Schuyler Outreach (Watkins Glen)
Trumansburg Food Pantry (Trumansburg)
Tyrone Food Pantry (Weston)

## 2018 Session Endorsed Mission Projects

Boys & Girls Club (Geneva)
Community Lunch Program (Geneva)
Corning Comfort Care (Corning)

Diaper Depot (Hammondsport)

Faith in Action Steuben Co. (Hornell, Almond, Arkport)

Fall Festival (Elmira North)
Family Counseling Service (Geneva)
Family Promise of Ontario County (Geneva)

Family Promise of Wayne County (Palmyra Western)
Fusion After School (Elmira Lake St.)

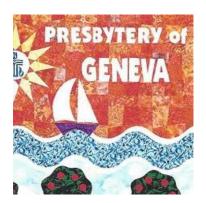
Geneva Reads (Geneva) **Healthy Kitchens** (Elmira First) House of John (Geneva) Meals on Wheels (Corning) Protestant Cooperative Ministry @ Cornell (Ithaca) Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes (Waterloo) Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes (Penn Yan) Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes (Geneva)

Victim Resource Center (Palmyra Western)

Village Links (Geneva)

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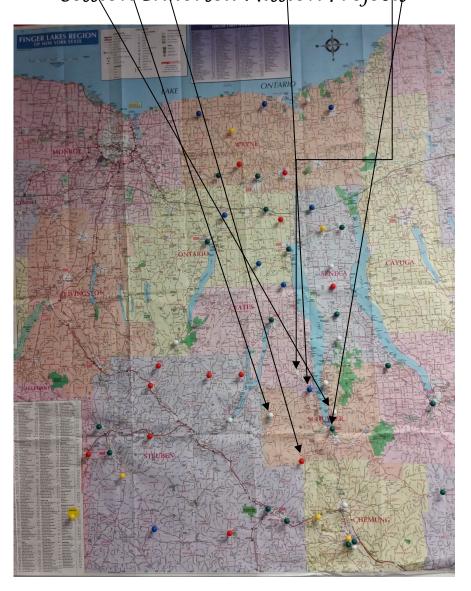
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# December 2018 Burdett, Moreland, Rock Stream, Watkins Glen, Weston, and REMEMBERING Dundee 2018 Two Cents a Meal Funding and Session Endorsed Mission Projects



## BURDETT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Burdett, New York

Founded: 1826

Current Membership: 31

## Please pray for:

Pastor Ruling Elder Richard Evans, CRE Clerk of Session Emily Kerns



Did you know?

This summer Burdett and the Hector church offered a joint Vacation Bible School in August.

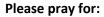
We believe our mission is to grow in Spirit and in number; to minister to people by sharing God's gifts of love and abundance and to witness God's work and word in our community and in the world.



## MORELAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Beaver Dams, New York

Founded: 1834

Current Membership: 23



Moderator Priscilla Andrews Clerk of Session Lori Fursman **And for...** 

Our church and church family, as we work together to grow our membership. We are trying to learn the needs of our community, help fulfill those needs, and find a way into their hearts.



Did you know?

The Moreland Presbyterian Church was organized in 1834. It was linked with Watkins Glen from 1915 until recently, and is now "our own entity" again. The church has always been very active, from the concerns around slavery and the Civil War in the 1800s up to concerns with our neighbors today.



We are famous for our dinners – including the Annual Peach Festival, the Annual Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, and the Election Night Roast Beef Dinner. Proceeds are often shared with our community.

# ROCK STREAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Rock Stream, New York

Founded: 1833

Current Membership: 27



Did you know?

The Eddytown Presbyterian Church, organized in 1806, birthed one new congregation in 1832 (Dundee) and a second in 1833, Rock Stream. The first building for the Rock Stream congregation was erected in 1834.

## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Linda O'Leary (Stated Supply) Clerk of Session Joan VanHeusen Rock Stream is currently yoked with the Lakemont Congregational Christian Church.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Watkins Glen, New York

Founded: 1818

Current Membership: 137

Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Cara Milne Clerk of Session Patti Smith

### And for...

Danni Brown, past Clerk of Session



Did you know?

Our congregation first met on September 8, 1818, when group of five men and eleven women met in a barn on the farm of Captain John Diven, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. As the largest building in the neighborhood, it was the perfect place to organize a new church society. Known as the First Presbyterian Church of Reading, the first church services saw thirteen of the charter members' children baptized.

## "Faith, Service, and Love of God"

Looking to Christ as our model, our mission is to both live and encourage a life of faith and service.



## WESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Dundee, New York

Founded: 1832

Current Membership: 28

## Please pray for:

Pastor Ruling Elder Susan Frost, CRE, Stated Supply Clerk of Session Mia Clemens



Did you know?

After we lost our first building to fire in 1854, we continued in the "New House" – with no electricity, two stoves for heating, an old pump organ, and separate doors for men and women. That building also burned in 1938 (although the separate entrances had been eliminated many years earlier) and our current building was constructed. It was remodeled and rededicated in 1989, and then repaired after a freak accident in 1992.

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25)



Through the years everyone has worked diligently. Today we maintain a Sunday School and a Ladies Group.

## **REMEMBERING:**

## DUNDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Dundee, New York

Founded: 1832

Closed: December 31, 2017

Please pray for:

The former members as they worship and serve Christ in new church homes.

The new owners of the building.





## **REMEMBERING:**

## ALMOND UNION OF CHURCHES Almond, New York

Founded: 1812 Dissolved: May 20, 2018 (congregation continues without relationship to the PC(USA))

## Please pray for:

Pastor Charles Emerson

And for...

The congregation as they establish a new identity as an American Baptist or community church



Did you know?
Founded in 1812 as the Presbyterian
Church of Alfred (then the Presbyterian
Church of Almond in 1822 when the
township was split). The first union
services were held in 1918, comprising
the Presbyterian, Baptist and
Methodist churches in the community.
https://almondhistory.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/a
hs-newsletter-jul aug sep 2012.pdf

## HEDGESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Hedgesville, New York

Founded: 1831

Dissolved: March 19, 2015

## Please pray for:

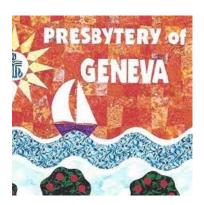
The former congregation as they carry the legacy of their church with them as they join new communities of faith.



Did you know? The historic church edifice was erected in 1861 as a joint endeavor of the Presbyterian Society of Woodhull and Methodist Episcopal Society of Woodhull.

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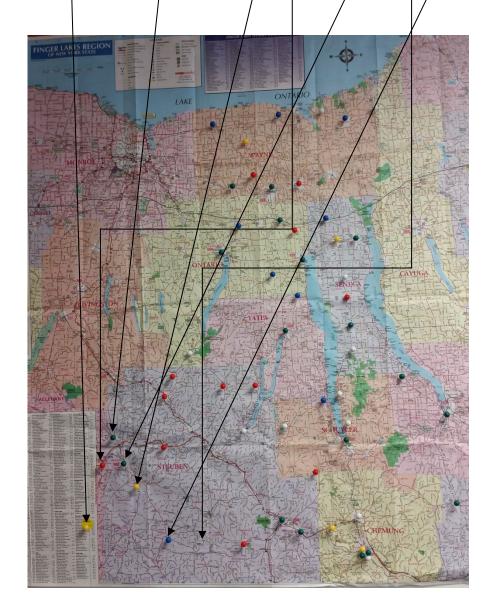
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## March 2019 Andover, Arkport, Canisteo, Hornell, Jasper and REMEMBERING Almond, Hedgesville



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Andover, New York

Founded: 1824

Current Membership: 15 (average

worship attendance is 33)



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ty Historical Society

Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Chris Mattison Clerk of Session Dorothy Hyde Did you know?

The Andover congregation was organized in 1824 as the First Congregational Church. In 1874 the name was officially changed to the First Presbyterian Church. And in 1926 the congregation was incorporated. "Electricity was installed in 1936, mostly through the money-making efforts of the Youth Group at that time." <a href="http://www.alleganyhistory.org/places/towns-and-villages/a-e/andover/andover-related-articles/1192-the-first-presbyterian-church">http://www.alleganyhistory.org/places/towns-and-villages/a-e/andover/andover-related-articles/1192-the-first-presbyterian-church</a>

The congregation plays an important role in the Andover community. As a member of Presbytery's Southwest Cluster, the congregation also hosted the Cluster's annual Joint Worship Service in August 2017.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Arkport, New York

Founded: 1852

Current Membership: 76 (Active and

Inactive)

## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. Bruce Incze Clerk of Session Darla Kennell

## And for...

- All those present and prayed for at our recent healing services.
- Spiritual Awakening in the valley among the churched and unchurched.



Did you know?

The First Presbyterian Church of Arkport was established in 1852. Since those early days, this congregation has been used by God countless ways to shape and serve others with the love and truth and life of Jesus Christ.

"A people with a warm heart and a willing spirit."



Our great desire is to see Jesus Christ honored in our lives and families, in our church and in the world.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Canisteo, New York

Founded: 1852

Current Membership: 22

### Please pray for:

Pastor Michelle Ormsby Serra (Stated Supply) Clerk of Session Diane Miller

Choir Director and Organist Joanne Cooney

And for our small congregation as we continue to spread the gospel throughout our community



Did you know?

Because we are the oldest Christian community in Canisteo, founded in 1852, our church looks very traditional. But our interests and activities are very much today! We are an active force in our Community and are still growing and offering important services.

"to make disciples for Jesus Christ, to share the Gospel, and to equip the Saints for the work of the church"



Somers Hall was originally built as an addition to our church in 1923 for the purpose of holding basketball games, fairs, and other community events. Renovated in 1955, the hall is still a vital part of the village.

Today Somers Hall is the home of the Canisteo Valley Youth Center which is sponsored by our church. Anywhere from 20-40 young people meet here after school each night. A safe supervised environment is provided for them.

# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Hornell, New York

Founded: 1832

Current Membership: 91

### Please pray for:

Our community

Pastor The Rev. Katherine Griffis Clerk of Session Jim Varner Director of Music Ellen Mason Organist Betty Jordan Administrative Asst Jennifer Kellogg Custodian Gary Fullmer And for...



Did you know?

The first church established in what was then Hornellsville was First Presbyterian Church, in 1832. In 1879 a Presbyterian Sunday School was established in North Hornell and grew eventually into Westminster Presbyterian Church. The two congregations merged in 1967 to become United Presbyterian Church. For many years, we have been known as the "Creche Church" because of our lifesized nativity scene erected every Advent.

With Christ as our center, our church family reaches out to and welcomes. Through worship, word, gifts and service, we seek to grow in faith and to nurture our community and the world.



The ecumenical Sunday Meals
Program provides weekly fellowship
and food to all comers. Regular
guests have formed a special
"family". There is now a guest bread
baking group, the "Blessed Bakers,"
and a Guest Host Team which cooks
some of the meals.
Sunday Meals and United
Presbyterian are two sponsors of the
Hornell Community Garden.

## UNITED CHURCH Jasper, New York

Founded: 1829

Current Membership: 18 (average worship attendance

35)

## Please pray for:

Pastor The Rev. David Barnard, Stated Supply Clerk of Session Nickie Adams



Did you know?

Serious deliberations to federate the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Jasper were earnestly started in 1960. In June of 1962, the two congregations held their first service together in the Methodist Church with Rev. Kenneth Snyder as the first minister of the combined churches. A decision by the newly formed council decided to name the federation "The United Church of Jasper". http://www.myaddisonpost.com/sites/

default/files/JOHD%202012.pdf

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are always welcome here!

