



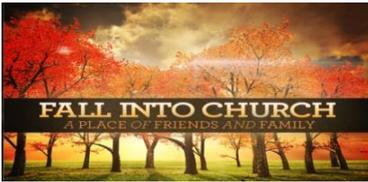
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First Presbyterian Church of Boonville, Church & James Sts., PO 213, Boonville, NY 13309

Fall 2021

From the Pastor's Pen.....



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My heart is heavy in writing this. As many of you already know, I will be stepping down as your pastor after the first week of October. My last service will be on World Communion Sunday. I have accepted a full-time call to ministry at the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida. I will remain on to moderate the October Session meeting and will hold my last Thursday evening office hours on October 7th.

I want to thank all of you for the many ways you allowed me to be your pastor and the loving support that you have given to me and my family. I will look back fondly on our time together; I hope the same for you.

Over the past 3 ½ years I've watched children grow up. I've baptized babies and children, I have confirmed some of our teens, and performed too many funerals. I've visited hospitals, nursing homes, and shut-ins. Together, we realized a few dreams, lived through a few trials, and persevered as best as we could during the Covid pandemic. We have laughed together cried together and supported each other.

While I am leaving you, there is one who remains constant: Jesus Christ. Jesus has been here from the beginning and will be with you for the rest of time. Take a pause and trust that through the power of the Holy Spirit, our Lord will guide the way for a new era at First

Presbyterian Church of Boonville. There could be tough decisions to come, but God already has his plans for this church. Trust him to show you those plans in His way and time.

One of my favorite Bible verses is from Jeremiah 29:11 – “For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. I believe this in my personal life and believe it for this church as well.

I am confident in the leadership that this church has and know from my heart that they will enable you to continue a vibrant ministry well into the future. I pray that this leadership will continue to strive to be creative in ways to connect with the community beyond our four walls and that the Deacons will respond to the call to care for the sick, the elderly, and those who are in need of someone to offer compassionate care.

The many tasks that keep a church running are easily met when everyone pitches in. All too often Session Members take on the vast majority of tasks, and the burdens can be eased when someone asks – “where can I help the most”?

I would love to see all of you on World Communion Sunday – October 3rd and have a moment for me and my family to say farewell.

Finally, I share with you the Irish Blessing –May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Chicken Barbecue Huge Success

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, sent donations, or attended our August Chicken Barbecue. Once again, this fundraiser was a big success and we raised over \$2,200.



Our area is busy with fun projects for our children to do each week.

A church with a vibrant Sunday School is a healthy church. Support your Sunday School and encourage your children, grandchildren and neighbors to come.

Sunday School starts each Sunday at 9:00 AM.



The Adirondack Community Chorus will be presenting "Sweet Land of Liberty" concert on Sunday, November 7th at 3 pm at our church. The entire presentation is a wonderful musical tribute to our Veterans and Military personnel. Please come join us.

Calling all aspiring writers.....

Currently we only have one person available to preach on one Sunday in October. Barbara Eply-Schuck will be here on 10/17. If you feel the spirit moving you to review the lectionary and write a sermon, please contact Joyce or Sue LeClair.





10/3	Edna
10/10	Diane
10/17	Sue
10/24	Crickett
10/31	Rich
11/7	Joyce
11/14	Dick
11/21	Lisa/Paul
11/28	Edna
12/5	Joyce
12/12	Sue
12/19	Crickett
12/26	Rich

Please remember your Per Capita if you have not already sent it in. \$41.14 for each member. If you can't remember, please contact Sue and she can let you know.



Matthew's Place

Have you been in Matthew's Place lately? You will be pleasantly surprised with what you might find – dishes, clothing, collectibles, crafts, household items of every kind, books and much, much more!. Prices are very reasonable also.

It is also a great place to spend an extra few hours a week – sorting, displaying items, straightening shelves and racks, taking care of cardboard boxes, carrying boxes to and from storage and most enjoyable - meeting and visiting with many people. Of course shopping is great also – when you work you get to see the interesting items that are donated for sale.

The hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 am – 1 pm. Stop in and talk with Janice Brooks – she is our go-to gal!

What's Next.....Notes from Session

With Mike's wonderful opportunity ahead, Session will be making some changes in the near future.

Diane Hausserman and Heather Nunneker will be taking over the duties of updating Facebook, so if you have any news, events or pictures to have posted, please let them know.

Sue LeClar will be taking over the responsibility for updating the website as we move forward.

Unfortunately, one of the items we will not be continuing at this time is the Sunday morning broadcasts on WBRV. Without having continuity in the pulpit at this time we felt it was better to not overwhelm anyone helping out with requiring them to be recorded. Please understand that we did not make this decision lightly and understand that it will not make things easier for those who are not able to join us on Sunday morning.

We will be continuing to have lectionary readers as we have been doing. Here is the listing through the end of 2021.