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

Winter 2021

From the Session.....

As we move through this time of transition, the session would like to share the following letter from Ed Townsend and our Presbytery on the upcoming approach for worship.

For the latter half of 2021, Steve Vance, Naomi Kelly and Ed Townsend have been serving the 1st Presbyterian Church of Holland Patent as a “transitional team.” That experiment has worked well, and the team is expanding its efforts to include the churches in old Forge and Lowville.

Given the difficulty of finding, as well as paying, full time clergy here in the north country of central New York, we are looking for creative ways to take advantage of our certified Ruling Elders, retired pastors and other church leaders interested in part time positions.

A secondary goal of our work is to build relationships between the north country congregations. We hope that sharing preachers might lead to sharing other programs and projects.

With that in mind, we are including the First Presbyterian Church of Boonville in our preaching rotation. Eventually, we hope certain pastors will connect with certain churches and may become a more primary presence with that congregation. When (if?) that happens, the “team” will be able to shift its efforts to other congregations.

This experiment is simply that – an experiment. Its success depends in large part on congregations becoming less “pastor dependent” and finding energy and leadership from within.

One other possibility is that this team approach will provide a learning opportunity for others within and around our Presbytery to explore their call to ministry – sort of a ‘hands on’ Lay Academy.

WE are hopeful. We shall see.

With this being said, we do have team members that are already on board to begin coming to our church in January 2022. We are also going to continue to ask members who are interested to continue being liturgists and assisting with the service in other ways.

If you have any questions about the information in this article or anything else, please contact any member of session with your questions, concerns and ideas.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Boonville will be held immediately following the service on January 30, 2022. Naomi Kelly will be moderating for us.

If you have any reports that need to be included in the report, please get those to Joyce LeClar as soon as possible.

Thank you



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We will be having our annual Christmas Eve service this year in person. The service begins at 7 pm on December 24th.

We are requiring anyone attending to wear a mask both in the building and in the pews as we understand it is nearly impossible to hear beautiful Christmas Carols and not sing along.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Welcome

We all share a heartfelt welcome to Will and Jennifer Weber as they joined the church in December. It is wonderful to have them as part of the church family.

Please join in welcoming them and supporting their journey with us and with Christ.

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Christmas Bazaar

The annual Christmas Bazaar was held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 and was a wonderful success. We had our beautiful wreaths (compliments of Rod Ventura and Heather Nunneker), a large table full of raffles, Christmas items, knitted/crocheted/sewn items, cookies and of course, mac & cheese and chili available for take-out.

Many thanks also to Linda Marcy for setting up all the sale tables, Joyce and Sue LeClair for making the take-out food, and for all those who worked providing items and selling them the day of the bazaar.

We cleared over \$2700 after expenses but the true joy and value was the opportunity to open our church to our neighbors and friends, many of whom we haven't seen in a couple of years. That fellowship was worth more than anything else that day.

Congratulations to all who won raffle items and the quilt that was available at the silent auction.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School Christmas program was held last Sunday, Dec 12. The children led the entire service and participated in the pageant. Many thanks to Crickett and her assistance Payton.

Continuing through the year we invite all area children to come and be a part of a fun journey to know God and Jesus

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.



Wish Upon A Star

The Wish Upon a Star program was another wonderful success this year. There were about 70 children that were signed up and had wonderful community angels to help make their Christmas special.

Many thanks to Diane Hausserman, Crickett Jokaytis, Edna Moreland and all others who helped with set up, sign up, shopping and pick up.

The program received many donations both monetary and items to be handed out.

We could not continue this wonderful program without the assistance of our congregation and community – all of whom came together once again to support this program.

NEWS



Upcoming Service/Worship leaders

Pastoral Supply:

Jan 2 – Rev. Kelly Shiflett

Jan 9 – Rev Susan Solomon

Communion will be served this week

Jan 16 – Janet Stengel

Jan 23 – Sue Shuster

Jan 30 – Naomi Kelly

Liturgist listing:

1/2/2022 Dick

1/9/2022 Joyce

1/16/2022 Sue

1/23/2022 Edna

1/30/2022 Diane
 2/6/2022 Lisa/Paul
 2/13/2022 Crickett
 2/20/2022 Rich
 2/27/2022 Will
 3/6/2022 Dick
 3/13/2022 Joyce
 3/20/2022 Sue
 3/27/2022 Edna

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.

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