



Across the Presbytery of Northern NY

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Gail Marsh is taking care of the Foster Kids' Christmas program that MINC hosts each year. She is willing to visit churches or any organization within the churches to come and speak and tell you about this program. She will be at the Presbytery Meeting on November 14, 2017 at Adirondack Lake Clear Church to speak on this topic. You can reach her by email at: marshny@aol.com or call 315-628-5302. She is willing to come in the summer time to give all the churches time to set up their program. Foster Program is for Jefferson and St. Lawrence County. Let's make this a great Christmas; Jesus is the reason for the season!! Lets share the invitation to know him!

First Presbyterian Church, 57 Church St, Saranac Lake in the Great Hall is having a "Give the Spirit" Holiday Sale. November 3 from 4:00 pm- 7:00 pm, Nov. 4 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. A holiday gift market, featuring beautiful hand-made gifts and fairly traded goods from around the world. To celebrate the holiday season and create a market for artists from the developing world. All proceeds benefit world mission. Any questions call 518-891-3401. Come, shop, and have a snack.

Applications are now Open for young adults ages 19-30. YAV's commit to living in intentional Christian community. Volunteers serve for one academic year, August through July and are placed at sites based on mutual-discernment process. See attached letter.

A turkey Supper with all the fixin's sponsored by the Theresa Presbyterian Church will be held Thursday November 2, 2017 at the church on 117 Riverside Avenue in Theresa. Sit down dinners will be served from 5-6:30 pm. Take outs are available beginning at 4:30 and are all \$9.00. Adult dinners are \$9.00 and children ages 5-10 are \$5.00. Children under 4 are free. More info contact Kathy at 315-783-4170.

Have you supported our new well project yet? Marion Medical Mission builds wells in remote corners of Malawi, Zambia, and Tanzania. They hope to install 2800 wells over roughly 57,000 square miles before end of 2017. These wells will offer clean water to 400,000 people for the first time in their lives. American teams of volunteers go to Africa and complete the work. As each well is completed, the volunteers ensure that each village knows that their well is special because it is God's love that is shared with them. Make checks out to First Presbyterian Church, 403 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601 (memo line-Shallow Wells") Thank you for helping this project.

Saranac Lake Ecumenical Council and Clergy invite all to a service of Community Thanksgiving Worship on Sunday Nov. 19, at 3:00 pm. The service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 57 Church St. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the church. Rev, Eric Olsen will preach. A free will offering of canned goods or cash will benefit the Saranac Lake Interfaith Food Pantry. A time of hospitality will follow the service in the Great Hall of the church. Need more info please call 518-891-3401.

Plattsburgh First Presbyterian Church 34 Brinkerhoff St will host the annual Plattsburgh Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service on Sunday Nov 12, at 3 pm. Rabbi David Kominsky of Temple Beth Israel will deliver the message of thanksgiving. Members of the various faith communities will also share in this service. A Reception will follow service. Please bring food donations for the Plattsburgh Interfaith Food Shelf. All are welcome.

In the past few weeks, I have received a number of requests for assistance from the MINC Emergency Fund. Requests range from assistance with preventing electrical and /or gas shut off and purchase of heating oil. HEAP will not be available until the middle of November, so some folks are in need now. Some of these folks are having difficulty because of recent changes in their lives and most of these have children or people who are ill in the home.

One woman I know personally has six children living with her. Her husband left her a couple of months ago. She and her children are living in the home, but the husband refuses to buy oil to heat it. Last night a friend bought 10 gallons of kero for them. The cost is over \$3 per gallon. Another friend bled the furnace and they were warm last night. But 10 gallons will last only a couple of days. I have suggested that she contact Social Services and the Urban Mission to see what they can do to help.

BUT the bottom line is this, it is getting colder and at this point the Emergency Fund is empty. If you are planning to make a donation to the fund this year and are able to do some now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please send money to: Emergency Fund, C/O Cynthia Coleman 5 Grant St., Potsdam, NY 13676

Thank you. Rachel Roberts

2017 Bi-Centennial Legacy Fund Grant Awarded to The Watertown New Worshipping Community Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and approval by the Session, this year's Bi-Centennial Legacy Fund is being given to the Watertown New Worshipping Community. The grant of \$4,000 is most fitting this year, as the BCL Fund (created in 1997) was established to assist newly forming congregations and to re-vitalize existing congregations. This NWC- one of many emerging across the Presbyterian Church in the USA- began to take shape earlier this year, with a supporting Presbytery committee formed in June, and a \$3,000 grant approved by Presbytery for initial funding needs. Under the leadership of the Rev. Sarah Lee, the Watertown NWC seeks to build a new congregation centered in young adults and those of mixed cultural/racial backgrounds, especially relevant given the large presence in the area of Ft. Drum.

Youth Trip to the UN on February Tuesday 20-Thursday 22, 2018.

The New York State Council of Churches will sponsor a trip for senior high youth to the United Nations.

The focus of our time together will be :”Reclaiming the Voice of Resistance.” WE will study at the Church of the Covenant, near the Hilton Hotel where we are staying, and tour the UN. The seminar is designed to equip youth to be advocates for change. The cost is \$400 which covers lodging, travel by chartered bus, 2 lunches and two breakfasts. Students will need to bring money for dinner Monday and Tuesday (unless they opt to join the group for a Broadway show and dinner in times Square on tuesday) which will be an additional charge. For additional information please contact Christy D’Ambrosio at christy@firstpresalbany.org or 518-423-4763.

On November 4 Saturday evening TURN Your CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR, Daylight Savings Time is ending. Don’t be early for church on Sunday.

November 7 is ELECTION DAY. Every Vote counts.

Saturday ,November 11 is VETERANS Day, Fly your American Flag if you can and thank a veteran for their service to our country!

Thursday November 23, 2017 is THANKSGIVING Day. PNNY office will be closed. Everyone enjoy the turkey season with friends and family.

Rev. Douglas Walker Gray passed away July 31 at the age of 95 yrs old. He was a former pastor of FUPC (the Red Door Church) in Oneonta. His First Parish was a three church circuit in the Adirondack Mountains, St. Regis/Paul Smiths, Lake Clear and Harrietstown in 1945. Cards may be sent to his wife at: Pattie Gray 165 Ascot Lane, Niskayuna, NY 12309, phone # 518-280-8213. They had a summer camp at Paul Smiths. Memorial gifts can be sent in memory of Douglas Gray to the Wild Center, 45 Museum Drive, Tupper Lake, NY 12986, and to the Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church, 2291 Western Ave., Guilderland, NY 12084.

Prayers to New York City for the killing of innocent people on a bicycle, walk way.