



Across the Presbytery of Northern NY November 8, 2017



Presbytery Office hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to noon
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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!

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.

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.

Dailey Ridge Church, 411 Elliott Road, Norwood hosting a Holiday Ham Dinner December 3^d, noon till 2:00 pm. Menu: Hamw/sauce, Baked potato, green beans, cabbage salad, homemade rolls and desserts. Adults \$8.00 Children 5-12 \$5.00 under 5 and over 90 Free! Take outs call 315-244-0331

Watertown First Presbyterian Church is hosting on Sunday, November 19 a PIE SALE by the Presbyterian Women. November is Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering month also. The generosity of Presbyterians, as demonstrated through their Thank Offering gifts, help chosen recipients fund real solutions for projects related to health, education, economic development and needs of women and children.

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.

December 2 at 7pm and Sunday Dec.3, at 3pm- Annual Northern Choral Society Christmas Concert at Asbury Methodist Church at 327 Franklin St, Watertown, NY, Tickets available at Kinney Drugs in Watertown or at the door Adults \$13, Seniors (60+)\$11, students(18 and under) \$8.00.

Broad Street Ministry, 315 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107- Join us Registration is open for the Summer Youth Initiative 2018. A WEEK long immersion in relational service, education, and theological reflection in Philadelphia. Middle School weeks July 15-19, August 5-9. High School Weeks June 17-23, June 24-30, July 1-7, July 8-14, July 22-28, July 29-Aug 4. Email- for more info socialengagement@broadstreetministry.org

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. William Joshua Richard Jr. passed away on November 2, 2017. Cards may be sent to his wife Anne Marie Richard 1102 Tri-Town Road, Addison, VT, 05491. Rev. Bill was a pastor of Ogdensburg Stone Presbyterian Church before he retired.

Prayers to the Texas Church for the killing of innocent people just going to a regular church service this past Sunday.

What is happening to our World!!!

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

DEAR LORD,
Today we give thanks
For our many blessings,
As we pray for those in need,
We give thanks
For our family and friends
As we pray for those who are lonely.
We give thanks for our freedoms
As we pray for those who are oppressed.
We give thanks for our good health
As we pray for those who are ill.
We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity
As we share our blessings with others.
On this day of Thanksgiving,
May the love of God enfold us,
The peace of God dwell with us
And the joy of God uplift us. AMEN
(author unknown)