



# Across the Presbytery of Northern NY October 25, 2017



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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!**

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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.**

**Watertown Stone Church Annual Bazaar will take place on October 28 from 10:00 – 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served at 11:00 am with take-outs available. There will be a Bake Sale, Candy, Crafts, Homegrown & Canned Goods, Tables and a Tea Room also available.**

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**News from the Knitting Group in Potsdam Presbyterian Church. There continues to be A great need for knitted baby sweaters and blankets in Malawi Crisis Nursery in Africa. They need hand knitted or crocheted sweaters size newborn to two years old and blankets to cover babies of this age. These items will be shipped in May, just in time for Malawi's winter season. Other churches or people are welcome to join in this effort please call 315-265-5325 for more info and date they will need the items to be shipped.**

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**This is a reminder to all Churches that Congregations are invited to contribute \$1.00 per membership each year to the "Salary Partnership Fund". This is from the Stated Clerk Pieter Visscher.**

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**Prayer request from the Holm Family in Malawi, Africa. They have had numerous power cuts and water supply problems in the past few weeks at home. They do have some backup solar power unit and some water stockpiled. Pray for Grace while juggling busy academic and work related travel schedules for both Tyler and Rochelle during October. As of last month, they are 55% of our Presbyterian World Mission funding target for the year. Please pray about an early gift to meet the needs of our sending and support and accompany us in our ministry work in Malawi. Pray for the country of Malawi, its government, its leaders, its students, its future, and also pray for our local partner the CCAP, and the universities that we work for.**

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**The Women of Grace Sustainable Sewing initiative moved forward joyfully this summer with the Panti Project. It could not have been more successful!!! 21 widows worked as a team at the Mbowe Community Center, learning to make reusable feminine hygiene kits, Some widows prepared fabric, some traced and cut pattern pieces, and some sewed on machines. By the end of the 2 week training, the team was making high quality washable flannel pads, cotton panties, and 'Panti Purses', to keep the items in. The widows are now sewing the items independently and earning a small stipend for each item produced.**

**Sam Chirwa, the WOG field manager, tells us that the women are thrilled to be earning a reliable income to help support their families. The first 25 'Panti Packs' were distributed to local teenage girls at Mbowe to allow them to attend school throughout their menstrual cycle. Margot McGorman and Karen Ivings the 2 trainers, feel very blessed and privileged to have participated in such a wonderful undertaking. Many, many heartfelt thanks to our supporters who provided the prayers and donations that made this project an amazing success! For additional information about the Panti Project, email [margot1257@gmail.com](mailto:margot1257@gmail.com)**

**Oxbow Harvest Dinner on Sunday October 29, 2017 from 12:00 pm till all are served. Turkey with all the trimmings and dessert. Costs: Adults \$9.00 , \$5.00 for youth under 12, children under 5 are free. Questions call Pastor Ron at 315-628-5993.**

**Plattsburgh First Presbyterian Church Peacemaking: the Oasis Project a community based subcommittee of the Interfaith Council of Plattsburgh providing after school tutoring, social support, and literacy education for homeless children in Clinton County, is the recipient of our local share of the Peace and Global Witness offering. Two sites provide volunteer tutors. Financial support is used for operational costs including teaching supplies, healthy snacks, and transportation.**

**Nancy Olsen, Local Mission Chair FPC**

**Madrid Scotch Church hosting a cover dish dinner, Thursday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to welcome Sam Chirwa, who is visiting from Malawi. He is the field Manager for the Women of Grace Widow's Organization. Please come and hear about the mission work that is**

**happening in Malawi. Beverage, rolls, dessert will be provided.**

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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.  
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**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 women 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**

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Information of where to send contributions to Puerto Ricco Hurricane Maria disaster: Presbyterian Church (.U.S.A.) PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 Using DR000194 "Hurricane Maria" on memo line. Or donate by phone 1-800-872-3283.**

**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.**  
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**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](mailto:christy@firstpresalbany.org) or 518-423-4763.**  
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