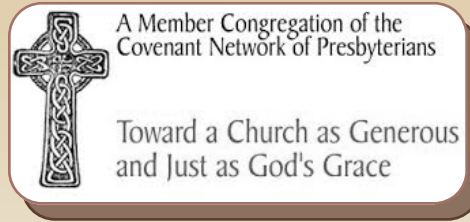


First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls



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Pastor's Corner

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
or God's steadfast love endures forever! -Psalm 107:1

Here are some ideas for you to celebrate gratitude during Thanksgiving:

Create a "Blessing Basket" and have everyone write down something they are thankful for on a piece of paper. Read them out loud during your Thanksgiving celebration.

Send a holiday care package to a soldier. If you don't know someone personally, you can send something through <http://www.anysoldier.com>

Write down one thing you admire in those coming to your Thanksgiving dinner on a placemat and decorate it. You can use vinyl placemats or make your own with construction paper. One idea is to put the paper between two pieces of wax paper and iron it to give it a nice finish.

Deliver a Thanksgiving meal to a neighbor that is house bound. You can ask your church, a local nursing home or home health agency for suggestions if you don't personally know of someone.

Create a Thanksgiving paper chain by writing down what you are thankful for between Thanksgiving and Christmas on strips of construction paper. Use a variety of colors to make it fun and create a paper chain with them by stapling or gluing each strip of paper to the previous one.

Mail a hand-written thank you note to someone that you appreciate. Or invite them to lunch or for coffee to personally deliver your thank you note and tell them in person how much they mean to you.

Do a chore, provide a service or run an errand for a neighbor. One idea this time of the year is to offer to rake leaves in your neighbor's yard. If you can't think of anything else, bake some cookies and deliver them in person to your closest neighbors.

Say your ABC's this year...the ABC's of Thanksgiving, that is. Say something that begins with each letter of the alphabet that you are thankful for on Thanksgiving. You can go around the table or have people share spontaneously as they get ideas.

Create place cards for each person that will be attending your Thanksgiving dinner with one thing you are thankful for about them or one quality you admire in them. Write these out ahead of time with their name and decorate them with a Thanksgiving theme.

May you have a wonderful and thankful November.

Peace, Pastor Leah

<http://www.bodyandsoulpublishing.com/21-ways-to-celebrate-gratitude-during-thanksgiving-this-holiday-season/#.VCwRGvldXHM>



Session Briefs

Meeting of Mon., October 27, 2014
prepared by Joyce Lohr, Clerk to the Session

- Approved wedding application for Tara Hendershot and Joshua Davis, Sept., 2015
- Set Sunday, Nov. 16 for Congregational Meeting to receive Elder nominations
- Moved to establish Birthday Fund
- Heard plans for design and sale of church tee and polo shirts
- Elders invited to sit in on Youth Group meetings and accompany on outings, etc.
- Agreed to promote Amazon Smile participation
- Heard plans for staff dialogues by Personnel Ministry
- Moved to repair steeple roof seal
- Moved to spend up to \$500 for security apparatus
- Heard plans for Advent decoration on Sun., Nov. 23, following Coffee Hour
- Learned of Boy Scout Troop 88 recharter and plans for "Scouting for Food" collections scheduled for two Saturdays: Nov. 1 & 8th

Next meeting of Session is Mon., November 24, 2014



 A decorative graphic featuring a scroll with autumn-themed text. The scroll is set against a background of falling leaves and a warm, golden-brown color palette.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lindsey Gee-11/15

Muriel Horle-11/18

Dave Kain-11/25

Phebe Wright-11/27

Stephen Beals-11/30

REMINDER

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES ARE DUE ON
NOVEMBER 20TH**

**THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE
SENT OUT ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
26TH.**



Women's Circle

The Women's Circle met October 6th in the Hawley Room. Joy led the lesson from 2 Corinthians. This is putting Paul in the historical content of Ancient Corinth. This will help us understand Paul's teachings.

Due to the small attendance we postponed preparing the Personal Care Kits until next month.

**The November Collection for the 3rd Sunday
House of Concern donation will be:
Peanut Butter/Jelly**

The next meeting is Nov 3 at 12:30. Bring a sandwich and join us.



Jean Morris

Birthday Fund

As was mentioned in the Session briefs, it was approved to establish a "Birthday Fund". Other churches do this and we thought it was a great idea. The idea is that in your birthday month you give a dollar or any other denomination ie: penny, nickel, dime, quarter, etc. for each year of your age as a celebration of your life and "giving back" for the blessing of life. The Birthday fund will help with the Church's general fund for things that are not budgeted for. Whether you are 1 or 101 years of age, this gift gives back for all the blessings in your years.



Christian Education

Advent Workshop, Sunday, November 23 at 9am. All are welcome. We will be making Advent Calendars and a variety of other crafts. We hope you can join us as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.



Advent Workshop

Christmas Program, December 21st during the worship service. If you would like to help Christian Education prepare for their program please let us know. Rehearsals begin soon and all the youth will be involved. Everyone will have a part.

Pancake Breakfast with Santa, December 6th in the Social Hall from 9am-11am. Come and enjoy some pancakes and meet Santa Claus! Santa can't wait to have breakfast with you! Join us at The First Presbyterian Church from 9am-11am on Saturday, December 6th for a Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Cost is \$5 for adults and children over 5 or \$20 for a family. Children under 5 are free.



Vanderkamp Winter Retreat Feb. 6 – Feb. 8, 2015

It's that time again! Time to start thinking about Vanderkamp 2015! We have again reserved Robert lodge and the smaller Resurrection lodge, which are the two that we have been in for the past several years. We pay a set fee for the lodges, which means that the price per person will depend on the number of people who attend. We are estimating the cost will be approximately \$100 per person, which includes 2 nights stay and 3 meals. Children from age 6 to 12 only need to pay for their meals. Children under 6 are totally free. In order for us to calculate the price per person in a reasonable time frame, we are asking for commitments by Jan. 11, 2015.

In case you are new to the church and are wondering what Vanderkamp is, Vanderkamp is an ecumenical, year-round retreat center located outside Cleveland, NY on the north side of Oneida Lake (about a one hour fifteen minute drive from Seneca Falls). It is situated on 850 acres of woods with cross-country skiing/hiking trails, a 45-acre lake and lots of peace and quiet. We stay in fully furnished lodges and every family is assigned their own bedroom (with beds). There is a bathroom (with hot showers) for about every 2 bedrooms. It is a wonderful place to spend a weekend if you enjoy outdoor activities such as cross-country skiing, skating, sledding and hiking. But it is also a wonderful place to spend a weekend if you just enjoy sitting by a warm fire, playing games and good fellowship. Check out the website at www.vk.org

A sign-up sheet will be available in the church basement in early November. Please, please, please start giving this serious thought now. If you are a regular attendee and know that you cannot make it this year, please let us know. If you are a potential first-timer, please let us know that you are thinking about it. We really need to have firm commitments by early January, though we will not need payment until the end of January.

Our Vanderkamp retreat weekend is an excellent fellowship opportunity for all ages. Friends and family are very welcome. If you have any questions or comments, please call Claire at 568-6383 or Wendy at 568-0112 (eve.).

-Claire Damaske & Wendy Kain



Thank you from The House of Concern

Your support of The House of Concern helps us serve thousands of meals to Seneca County residents every month. In these times of declining funding from government and foundations, your donation is especially vital to our important mission. We invite you to leverage your investment by shopping in the New Beginnings Thrift Store and Boutique on Fall Street. All proceeds come back to the food pantry to help us provide much needed food.

Our heartfelt thanks for your support!

Rose Rathbone
Interim Executive Director

The House of Concern



Handbell/Handchimes Report

November's schedule for handbells begins on November 2 when we will be performing the Postlude. This is a composition that is quite difficult with changing techniques and tempos. The first section of the piece is quiet and thoughtful but the second section uses many damping techniques and is a faster tempo. It returns to the sounds of the first section and ends quietly. We don't often perform for the Postlude but Carol Millis is joining us and needs to be in her church choir during their service that ends before ours. She has been subbing with us for our 5-octave piece and then stays to sub for the 3-octave piece in case she is needed. Thank you Carol!

We will rehearse in November for Advent and Christmas. Also, there will be a coffee hour in December, which will be about bells and chimes. The Youth Bells will be starting on November 2 after Church. More information will be coming on this.



Marge

Shirts for Sale

We are selling t-shirts and polo shirts with the church picture and "The First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls" on the front and a bible verse on the back of the t-shirt. It would great to wear these when volunteering at S2, rummage sales, etc. The shirts are going to be royal blue and come in sizes XS youth to 4XL Adult. The t-shirts are \$12.00 and the polo shirts are \$15.00. They take 2 weeks to come in. If you would like to order a shirt please let us know if you want a t-shirt or polo shirt and what size you would like. These would also make great Christmas Gifts!!

We will need sizes and \$ **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, November 12th.**

We will be ordering on Thursday, November 13th.

Below are the examples of the shirts we are ordering.

T-shirt
Example



Bible verse
that will be
on the back
of T-shirt



Polo Shirt is
printed on
front only

Church Family News



All Saints' Sunday– All Saints' Sunday is November 2nd. Please bring a stone(s) with your loved ones names on them. Please place them on the communion table before worship service begins.

Congregational Meeting- The Session has called a meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Society and Church of Seneca Falls, NY on Sunday, November 16th 2014 for the purpose of hearing nominations and electing Elders.

Wine Raffle–We are again holding our wine raffle this year. Wine raffle tickets are available to buy or pick up to sell. They are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. You can pick them up any time during office hours or on Sundays after service at the Tops gift card table. Please consider donating a bottle or 2 of red or white wine for this raffle. This is a very profitable fundraiser for the church. You can bring in the wine anytime before December 10th. The drawing will be Saturday, December 13th during the “It’s a Wonderful Life” weekend. Thank you so much for supporting this fund raiser.

Memorial- There will be a Memorial for Darrell Preston to be held on Nov. 19th, which would have been his 53rd birthday. It is from 3 till 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Ritter, his sister, at 2004 Gravel Road, Seneca Falls.

Decorating for Advent– On Sunday, November 23rd following coffee hour we will be decorating the Sanctuary for Advent. It may seem early, but the Saturday before Advent begins is Thanksgiving weekend and we thought there might be many families traveling out of town, so it was decided to do this on Nov. 23rd. All are welcome to help!! Thank you!

Mission Update from Pete and Carol Loveland– Danio Saul passed the nation exam to graduate from his secondary school. He would like to continue his education at university to become an Agricultural Specialist. Tuition for the 5 year program for school, room, board, food and books would be about \$1,500.00 per year. His family would supply household goods and some food from their mountain gardens on a monthly basis. Our church has helped Danio get this far with his schooling, let us continue to support him in whatever way you can to help him reach his goal. The letter from the Lovelands along with pictures are in the Narthex for you to read in its entirety.



Members and Friends who are shut-in or in special need:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Ed and Bobbi Chase	1 Leland Drive, Seneca Falls NY 13148
Luanna Day	2705 Lower Lake Road, Seneca Falls, NY 13148
Dottie Lorenz	Huntington Living Center, Room 121, 369 E Main Street, Waterloo NY 13165
Liza Merriam	114 Ashton Court, Clifton Springs NY 14432
Jean Stenlake	Steuben County Healthcare Facility, Room 194, 7009 Rumsey Street Ext. Bath NY 14810
Robert Stenlake	18 Carol Avenue, Seneca Falls, NY 13148
Dorothy Tuthill	c/o Mary Jane Tuthill, 30 Wycliffe Road, Waterloo NY 13165
Fran Webb	c/o Parr’s Springhurst Pines Box 215B 3001 N Hurstbourne, Louisville KY 40241

Ushers, Nursery and Candle Lighters

November 2nd– Communion

Ushers: Aryanna Dugan and Keara Dugan
Nursery: Cherie Clark and Marion Crull
Candle Lighter: Isabella Dugan



November 9th

Ushers: Andy Batty and Gerry Gray
Nursery: Carrie Jessop and Becky Jessop
Candle Lighter: Mason Ntuala

November 16th

Ushers: Paul and Connie Richardson
Nursery: Matt Crull and Barb Lohr
Candle Lighter: Aryanna Dugan

November 23rd– Christ the King Sunday

Ushers: Cherie and Jim Clark
Nursery: Carrie Jessop and Scott Jessop
Candle Lighter: Keara Dugan

November 30th– 1st Sunday of Advent

Ushers: Becky and Scott Jessop
Nursery: Marion Crull and Aryanna Dugan
Candle Lighter: Sean Walsh

December 7th– Communion/ 2nd Sunday of Advent

Ushers: Ben Jessop and Carrie Jessop
Nursery: Ericka Walsh and Sarah Walsh
Candle Lighter: Matt Walsh



Liturgist List

2nd– Karen Kelley
9th– Nancy Shuster
16th– Ford Knight
23rd– Peter Snyder
30th– Ginny Konz

Coffee Hour and Prayer List

Nov. 2nd: Fellowship Hour in the Social Hall; **Host needed**

Nov. 9th: 10 years in the Far East(1936-1946) by George Elysée; **Host needed**

Nov. 16th: The Glove House: Daniel Goodwin, Home Finder for children needing Foster homes or adoption; Host: Wayne and Joyce Lohr

Nov. 23rd: Healthcare Today by Gerry Ortego, PA; **Host needed**

Nov. 30th: No Coffee Hour– Thanksgiving Weekend

Know someone ill or hospitalized? This month, please call: Nadine Held– 568-6615

To Keep in our prayers: Dorothy Baker, Joanna Baxter, Diana and Jeb Becker, Ken Bogart, Johnny Boyd, Alice Burgdorf, Bobbi and Ed Chase, Debbie Chase (Wendy Kain's sister), Carol Colbert, Scott Cupp, Tonia Cupp, Keith Davis, Bob Didsbury, Diane Draheim, Tom Frascatore and family, Cindy Granger, Margaret Greene, Nelson and Neena Hansen, the family of Mary Headley, Charlene Hooper, Dottie Lorenz, Liza Merriam, Jannette Monterville, Penny Moore, Tyler Morgan, Cormac Morris, Diane Paradise, Helena Peacock, Sally Porsch, Andrea Pratt, Larry Scesney Jr., Bob and Jean Stenlake, Dorothy Tuthill, Fran Webb, Alexandria Williams, Loraine Worthington, EthelMae Wright and Margaret Yells. *Please contact Chris with any changes needed to this list.*



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Sunday School (K-4th grade) and Youth Group (5th-12th grade)- 9-9:45am
Sunday Worship at 10am. Nursery Care available
Coffee Hour following worship.

Rev. Leah Ntuala-Pastor
Rev. Dr. Peter J. Crego-Pastor Emeritus
Chris Sweet- Office Manager
Karen Beals-Treasurer
Kyle Bruzda- Sexton
J. Carl Vollbracht-Director of Music & Organist
Marjorie Fahrenholz- Handbell Choir Director
Joyce Lohr Clerk to the Session



Session meetings are on the 4th Monday of each month at 7pm.

Presently serving Elders: Andy Batty, Jim Clark, Marion Crull, Matthew Crull, Scott Jessop, Ginny Konz, Wayne Lohr, Bob Seem, Carolyn Seem, Nancy Shuster Ericka Walsh and Neil Walsh
Joyce Lohr, Clerk to the Session and Rev. Leah Ntuala, Moderator.

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Happy Thanksgiving to



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