

## December Prayer List

Anica	Karla
Arnold	Kenny S.
Bella R.	Kyle & family
Bonita M.	Laura
Charlie B.	Lynne
Cindy	Madalyn
Dakota C.	Maggie C.
Dave M.	Nancy B.
Deb	Niles L.
Devon	Rose
DJ	Rosemary
Elaine	Ryan
Ellen	Sandy
Gayle	Sharon
James & family	Sheldon
Jean	Sophia
John L.	Timothy C.
Joseoph	Tim & Veronica O.
Kamdon W.	

### We pray for those serving in the Military...

Brian W.	Matt B.
M. Devon	Ryan R.
Chris- Dylan	Tim S.
topher Guy H.	Will
Connor Ian S.	

### We pray for...

- Our NOAH participants
- The inmates at Hale Creek Correctional Facility
- Those who come to the Prayer Table on Wednesdays
- Volunteers who will prayerfully lead our NOAH Program

**We**

*Please remember those who cannot attend our services with a card or note. They include:*

<b>Audrey Baird</b> Wells House 201 W. Madison Ave. Johnstown, NY 12095	<b>Erika Crear</b> Room 33 Pineview Commons 201 S. Melcher St. Johnstown, NY 12095
<b>Tinker Baird</b> Room 1A Pineview Commons 201 S. Melcher St. Johnstown, NY 12095	<b>Millie Rathburn</b> Willing Helpers Home 226 W. Madison Ave. Johnstown, NY 12095
<b>John Bernard</b> Pineview Commons 201 S. Melcher St. Johnstown, NY 12095	Cards may be sent to Father Small C/O Joan Western, 309 E. Main Street Johnstown, NY 12095.

*The flowers on the Main Altar are given in loving memory of Robert & Margaret Becker & Lillian Peters by Tony & Bonnie Peters*



*The flowers on the Columbarium are given in loving memory of Richard, Henrietta & James Becker By Tony & Bonnie Peters*

If you would like to arrange for flowers on the Main Altar in memory of loved ones, the following dates are available: January 8, January 29 & April 30. Please contact Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth, if you are interested

## Music for Today's Service

### Prelude



**Gradual Hymn:** 72  
*Verse 1 & 2 before Gospel  
Verse 3 & 4 after Gospel*

**Anthem:** Every Valley  
- Beck

**Communion Hymns:** 459 & 461  
**(Red Hymnal)**

**Recessional Hymn:** 76

### Postlude

*Please note: Hymns for today's service are also posted at the front of the Sanctuary.*

### Weekly Finance Update November 4 - December 10, 2016

#### *Pledges*

**\$4,818.00**

#### *Rector's Discretionary Fund* *(First Sunday of the month plate)*

**\$142.00**



## About Communion

### **May I receive communion?**

If you are a baptized Christian you are invited to receive communion, no matter what your affiliation.

### **May my children receive communion?**

Yes, if they receive communion at their own church. Some parents prefer their children receive first communion instruction prior to taking communion.

### **If I choose to receive communion, how is it done?**

The ushers will direct you to the center aisle. The consecrated Bread is received with both hands and carried to the mouth. The consecrated Wine is received lightly grasping the base of the chalice with one hand helping the minister to guide it to our lips and tipping it up until you receive enough.

### **What if I don't wish to drink from the common cup?**

You may dip the Bread in the Wine yourself, or leave the Bread in the palm of your hand. The minister with the Cup will pick up the Bread, dip it into the Wine and place it on your tongue.

### **Must I receive consecrated Wine?**

No, if you wish to receive only the Bread, simply pass by the station with the chalice, or cross your arms over your chest to let the chalice bearer know.

### **What if I choose not to receive communion?**

Then we invite you to receive a blessing at the altar. Kneel at the altar with those receiving communion, and cross your arms over your chest. The priest will give you a simple blessing. You can then stand up and return to your seat.

## December Events & Happenings



**Sundays, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> after the 10 a.m. service • Childrens' Christmas Pageant Rehearsals** All children are invited to participate in this special pageant to be performed at the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service.

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> • Spread Holiday Cheer** Meet at the church at 6:15 p.m. to help us spread a little St. John's holiday cheer for our shut ins. We will be visiting, caroling and praying with some of ur parishioners who we haven't seen in some time. If you know of someone who may not be on our list and would like a visit, please see Pam Miller or Tom Bell.

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> after the 10 a.m. service • Greening of the Church** Help us put up candleholders, wreaths, and greens as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child!



**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> • Cookie Sale to benefit NOAH** The sale replaces the regular coffee hour after the 10:00 service. Please join us. If you'd like to bake, please donate 4 dozen cookies. You can drop them off in the office on Friday or bring them the day of the sale. We will wrap them for giving. Cookies are 50 cents each or \$5/dozen. Questions? See Louise Darragh.

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> Blue Christmas Service at St. John's Church at 7 p.m.**

Join several area churches as we come together to offer a service of light for those who are sad, depressed or who find it difficult to celebrate during this time of year. Grief, loss of employment, mental illness or simply feeling overwhelmed can contribute to a loss of joy or even depression. Please invite someone you know who may benefit from a time of reflection, prayer and music.



*See bulletin insert for complete seasonal schedule of events!*

## Other Upcoming Community Events & Activities

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> • Octavo Singers Present: Handel's Messiah** 3:00pm  
Union College Memorial Chapel

Tickets are available at the door or by visiting octavosingers.com.

Come... share the music!

## Ministry and Church Information



### Prayer Table Report for Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Two volunteers prayed for two people who stopped for prayer.

*Prayer volunteers for Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> are:*

*Mother Laurie & Skip Beck*

**Pray-ers Needed** We need volunteers for our 2017 prayer table team. We all pray for others every Sunday, before meals, etc. Why not volunteer to pray with a partner on a Wednesday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 for someone in our community who needs that support? If you feel a calling to help others in this way, please see Pam Miller or Mother Laurie.



**Hat and Mitten Drive** It will be cold outside this winter. Let's help others bundle up and keep warm. Please donate any size new or gently used mittens, hats and scarves to help those in need. Look for the collection box in the Hawkins Room. Contact Pam Miller with any questions or concerns.

**Toys for Tots** Bring a smile to a child's face. Donate a new, unwrapped toy before December 17. St. John's is participating as a collection center, and boxes are set up in the Hawkins Room and the church office.



**Any cards or notes may be sent to Reverend Small at the following address:**

Rev. William D. Small  
451 State Route 86  
Paul Smiths, NY 12970

The family has also made updates available online at [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org).

## Christmas Flowers

If you would like to honor a loved one with a donation for Christmas Flowers, please red donation envelopes are available in the Narthex or at the office. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the office during the week.

