

December Prayer List

Anica
Arnold
Bella R.
Betty C.
Bonita M.
Carol
Charlie B.
Cindy
Dakota C.
Dave B. & family
Dave M.
David
Deb
Devon
DJ

Elaine
Ellen
Frank
Gayle
James & family
Jean
John L.
Josoeoph
Kamdon W.
Karla
Kenny S.
Kyle & family
Laura
Lynne
Madalyn
Maggie C.

Marge
Nancy B.
Niles L.
Rose
Rosemary
Ryan
Sandy
Scott I.
Sharon
Sheldon
Sophia
Timothy C.
Tim &
Veronica O.
Wendy

We pray for those serving in the Military...

Brian M.
Christopher
Connor W.
Devon
Dylan
Guy H.
Ian S.

Matt B.
Ryan R.
Tim S.
Will

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

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

Audrey Baird
Wells House
201 W. Madison Ave.
Johnstown, NY 12095

Erika Crear
Room 33
Pineview Commons
201 S. Melcher St.
Johnstown, NY 12095

Tinker Baird
Room 1A
Pineview Commons
201 S. Melcher St.
Johnstown, NY 12095

Millie Rathburn
Willing Helpers Home
226 W. Madison Ave.
Johnstown, NY 12095

John Bernard
Pineview Commons
201 S. Melcher St.
Johnstown, NY 12095



The flowers on the Main Altar are given in loving memory of Roger and Emma Rhodes by the Rhodes Family

The flowers on the Columbarium are given in loving memory of our Bud Sitterly and Burnell Yates by the Sitterly Family

Any cards or notes may be sent to Reverend Small at:
451 State Route 86
Paul Smiths, NY 12970
The family has also made updates available online at www.caringbridge.org.

Music for Today's Service

There is no Processional Hymn during the Season of Advent



Gradual Hymn: 66
Verse 1 & 2 before Gospel
Verse 3 & 4 after Gospel

Anthem: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
- Praetorius

Communion Hymns: 56

Recessional Hymn: 68

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

Weekly Finance Update

December 11- December 17, 2016

<i>Pledges</i>	<i>Plate</i>
\$2,023.00	\$210.30

Pledge update for 2016
as of 11/30/16

Income received	Income Budgeted
\$156,650	\$170,000



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.

TODAY



December Events & Happenings

Sundays, December 18th after the 10 a.m. service and Thursday, December 22nd 6 p.m. • 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.

Sunday, December 18th 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! Parents are



Sunday, December 18th • Cookie Sale

The sale replaces the regular coffee hour after the 10:00 service. Please join us! Cookies are 50 cents each or \$5/dozen.



Christmas Raffle to Benefit NOAH

A special Christmas Money Tree valued at \$100 has been donated by the Johnstown Reformed Church to be raffled off, with all proceeds to benefit NOAH! Tickets are available in both services today, and the winning ticket will be drawn on Monday, December 19, 2016. What a great gift idea for someone special!

Wednesday, December 21st 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.



Saturday, December 24

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Family Eucharist

10:30 p.m. Carol Sing

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Holy Eucharist



Other Upcoming Community Events & Activities

Thursday, December 22nd • Madrigal 2.0 - Holiday Reunion Concert at 8:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church - Celebrate the holidays with William Crankshaw and members of the JHS Madrigal Choir, classes 1995-2006, as they revive old favorites and debut a new tune or two. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Thomas' Hallmark in Johnstown. All proceeds to benefit the JHS Music Program, and attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to

(4) donate to the Johnstown Food Pantry.

Ministry and Church Information



Prayer Table Report for Wednesday, December 14th

Two volunteers prayed for four people who stopped for prayer.

Prayer volunteers for Wednesday, December 21st are:

Mother Laurie & Father Alistair

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.

Do you know someone who needs a Christmas Meal Basket? If they haven't already called the office to request one, they can still call on Tuesday, December 20 to request one. We will accommodate all we can. Also, remember that there is a NOAH meal on Christmas Day.

Thank you to all who have already filled out a pledge card for 2017!

Your donation envelopes are now available to pick up in the Narthex. Pledge cards are still available in the Narthex and in the church office on weekdays if you haven't filled one out.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to honor a loved one with a donation for Christmas Flowers, red donation envelopes are available in the Narthex or at the office. Donations may be placed in the offering plate today. **Please note: TODAY is the last day to make Christmas Flower donations, in order to be listed in the memorial bulletin.**

