

December Prayer List

Anne C.	David S.	Jerry	Sandy B.
Arnold	Deb	Karen	Sharon
Bella R.	Diane L.	Larry P.	Sheldon
Betsy	DJ	Laura	Skip
Bob	Donna A.	Lester L.	Sophia
Bonita M.	Elizabeth	Lisa	Steve M.
Brian H.	Helen F.	Nancy G.	Walter M.
Carole	James M.	Rick	Winnie D.
Dakota C.	Jean	Ryan	
Dan S.	Jeff E.		

We pray for those serving in the Military

Brian M.	Ian S.
Christopher	Matt B.
Connor W.	Michael D.
Dino M.	Ryan R.
Dylan	Will
Guy H.	

We pray for...

- The victims of natural disasters
- The inmates at Hale Creek Correctional Facility
- Our NOAH participants
- Those who come to the Prayer Table on Wednesdays
- The young people in recovery groups
- The continued growth of our One Church Street ministries



An opening is available January 14 for flowers on the Main Altar. Contact Leslie Buggelyn-Bosworth 518-762-9588 or bozzies4@gmail.com

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 Sitterly from the Sitterly Family

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

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

Tinker Baird
Room 208
Wells House
201 W. Madison Ave.
Johnstown, NY 12095

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

John Bernard
Pineview Commons
201 S. Melcher Street
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Millie Rathburn
Willing Helpers Home
226 W. Madison Ave.
Johnstown, NY 12095

Barbara Skoda
5 Abel Drive
Johnstown, NY 12095

Hymns for Today's Service

Gradual Hymn: 76
(Verse 1, 2 & 3 before the Gospel)
(Verse 4 & 5 after the Gospel)

Anthem: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Communion Hymn: 56

Recessional Hymn: 539



*Please note:
Hymns are also posted at the front of the Sanctuary.*

Weekly Finance Update

Dec. 10-16, 2017

Pledges: \$1,824.00

Plate: \$58.00



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 your 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

Sunday, December 17th • Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Pageant
 During Sunday School and after 10 a.m. Service
 Questions? Please contact Lee Miller-Natola at
 518-705-8459 or 518-762-8804.



• **Christmas Memorial Flowers** donations due today.

If you would like to give Christmas flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, forms and envelopes are available in the Narthex.



• **Christmas Cookie Exchange/Sale**

Between services and after the 10 a.m. Service
 Cookies are 50 cents each or \$5/dozen
 Proceeds benefit NOAH

Special helpers Jane and Amy Williams will wrap for gift-giving!



• **Greening of the Church** • After 10 a.m. Service

Wednesday, December 20th • Spread a Little Holiday Cheer! • 6 p.m.

You are invited to join us as we visit our shut-ins with a little song and

Thursday, December 21st • Blue Christmas Service • 7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown • See insert for more information



Saturday, December 23rd • Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Pageant
 10:00-11:00 a.m.



Please see insert for the schedule of services for
 Christmas Eve, Christmas Day
 and New Years Eve.

Sunday, December 31st • No Branches Sunday School. Our next scheduled class is January 14th.

Ministry and Church Information

Prayer Table Update

This week one volunteer prayed for one person.

Prayer volunteers for Wednesday, December 20th are:

Father Alistair & Doris Gould



Looking for NOAH Team Members

Start the new year right by starting your own team or joining one already established to help prepare Sunday meals for those who are **Needy Or Alone and Hungry**. Contact Katy Grady for more information or to sign up at mermaids148@hotmail.com or 518-229-2565.

Hats and Mittens

For the month of December, the Outreach Committee is collecting hats and mittens for the Fulton County Mental Health Family Counselling Center



An Early Christmas Gift & a Special Thank you to Nick Zabawsky, our Grant Writer!

St. John's has been awarded \$8,500 from New York State for our Historic Survey Report! That's \$1,000 *more* than we asked for! That, combined with the \$7,500 from the Landmarks Conservancy Group provides us with \$16,000 toward that project, which is right in line with the two estimates we have received.

2018 Stewardship Update:

Thank You! 71 pledges totaling
 \$162,299.00

If you requested envelopes, you can find them in the Narthex.

Every pledge counts!

You may drop pledge cards in the of plate today or drop them at the office. Extra pledge cards are available in the Narthex.

*We extend our deepest sympathy to
 Ana Pendlebury
 upon the death of her son
 Charlie, who was
 recently killed in the
 California wildfires.*



May light perpetual shine upon Charlie, O Lord, and may all the souls of the departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace. Amen.