

# January Prayer List

Arnold	Bonita M.	Karla	Niles L.
Bella R.	Dakota C.	Linda R.	Skip
Betsy	Ellen	Lynne	Timothy C.
Betty C.	James M.	Maggie C.	
Father Bill S.	Karen	Marianne	

**Note:** The Prayer List is renewed monthly. Please contact the office monthly to update those you would like to remain or add to our prayer list. 518-762-9210 [stjohnschurch@frontiernet.net](mailto:stjohnschurch@frontiernet.net)

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

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



*The flowers on the Columbarium are given in loving memory of Helen Lassell by Sue Bergen*

## 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
- The continued growth of our One Church Street ministries

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](http://www.caringbridge.org).

*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

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

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

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

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

## Music for Today's Service

Processional Hymn: 119

Gradual Hymn: 631

*Verse 1 & 2 before Gospel  
Verse 3 & 4 after Gospel*



Anthem: "While By My Sheep"  
*Traditional German Carol*

Communion Hymns: 112 & 128

Recessional Hymn: 616

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

## Weekly Finance Update

January 1- 7, 2017

*Pledges*  
**\$1,064.00**

*Rector's Discretionary Fund*

**\$518.00**

### **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.

## January Events & Happenings

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> • Outreach Meeting** after 10:00 a.m. service in the Hawkins Room

All are welcome to come and help us plan out 2017!

• **Un-Greening of the Church** after the 10:00 a.m. service

Volunteers are needed to help take down decorations. Please feel free to take any poinsettias home or to a friend.

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> • Alpha Course** 6:00 p.m. The final meal, video & discussion will be held at the Rectory.

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> • Commemorating the Life and Ministry of Martin Luther King, Jr.** 1 p.m. Interfaith Service at the Foothills United Methodist Church in Gloversville.

**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> • Parish Leadership Conference** at St. James' Church, Oneonta  
Two dates are available to attend. Please see the information below.

**Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> • Vestry Meeting** 6:30 One Church Street

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> • NO 8:00 Service • Annual Meeting follows the 10:00 Service.**

Please note: Annual reports from 2016 committee heads need to be in the church office by Wednesday, January 18 to be included in the Annual Report.

**The Parish Leadership Conferences this year will focus on the  
"Introduction to Healthy Congregations."**

Clergy, parish staff, church wardens, vestry members and other parish leaders, along with members of each congregation will have an opportunity to learn how to detect and avoid unhealthy patterns of living together in community, along with learning about ways to positively influence the health of a congregation.

The conference is free and all are invited to attend. We will try to carpool together. Please sign up in the Hawkins Room for one of the two following dates:

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at St. James' Church, Oneonta

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Greenwich, NY

### ***Special Raffle!***

We have two beautiful unclaimed baskets from the Wine and Chocolate event ("Men's Night In" and "An After Dinner Drink").

Raffle tickets are \$ \_\_\_ each and may be purchased Sundays throughout



## Ministry and Church Information



### **Prayer Table Report for Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

Two volunteers prayed for four people who stopped for prayer.

*Prayer volunteers for Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> are:  
Pam Miller and 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.

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

Your donation envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex.

Pledge cards are still available in the Narthex and in the church office on weekdays if you intend to pledge but haven't yet filled out a card.

### **Call for Vestry Nominations**

The terms of several members of St. John's Vestry conclude at the end of 2016, and we will be voting for new members at our annual meeting on January 29. A Vestry Nomination Form is enclosed and more are available in the Narthex and the office. Please pray about whether God is calling you to this important ministry of the church.

**Food Pantry Helpers Needed** The Food Pantry coordinators are in need of volunteers to help distribute food on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m to 12:00 noon. If you are able and willing to help out some Wednesdays or every week, please call the church office at 762-9210. Thank you!



**Continuing Hat and Mitten Collection** It's cold outside this winter. We continue to collect 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.

St. John's touched over 150 lives both locally and internationally this holiday season thanks to your incredibly generous donations to our Hat and Mitten Collection, Sweet Hugs for College Students & Young People boxes, Giving Tree gifts, Operation Christmas Child boxes and Toys for Tots Collection.

*"And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need.  
These are the sacrifices that please God." Hebrews 13:16*