

The Church Steeple

First Presbyterian Church

November 2020

PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER

Dear Ones,

Living in 2020 reminds me of "Alice In Wonderland" and her fall down the rabbit hole into a strange and not very friendly land. For Alice, it was a dream, for us it is a nightmare. We are now 8 months into it and have no idea when it is going to end....which is why we are going to have to work hard to keep these thoughts in our minds, and go back to them again and again, so that we don't fall into self-pity/depression:

- 1) God is in control--always was, always will be
- 2) Love one another--focus on others and not just yourself (which is **so** easy to do!)
- 3) Give thanks in all circumstances--there is still a lot to be thankful for
- 4) Pray, Pray, Pray---for yourself, for others, for God's healing love to flood our world

"The Lord has established His Throne in Heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all....bless the Lord, O my soul" *Psalm 103:19, 22b*

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday, November 24th here at First Presbyterian Church, at 7 PM. Please bring a non-perishable food item(s) as part of your offering.

**HOW EVER YOU CELEBRATE IT THIS YEAR: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
GOD BLESS YOU WITH A HUGE PORTION OF HIS LOVE.**

*With love and prayers for you all,
Pastor Chris*

FINANCE & PROPERTY REPORT

The windows in the Nursery have been checked and repaired. We have received an estimate of the minimum cost for a new floor for the Fellowship Hall. Since it will be very costly, Session decided to not do the project at this time.

We are currently getting quotes for new gutters and leaders.

We hope to see all of you in Church very soon.

God Bless!

Finance & Property Committee Carole Sullivan John Michael
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*Respectfully submitted by,
Carole Sullivan*

<u>ZION'S FOOD BANK</u> Please donate cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, soups, and evaporated milk <u>always needed</u> . MORE THAN EVER!!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS
OCTOBER 14, 2020

BOARD OF FINANCE & PROPERTY

Counting for November will be Carole Sullivan.
SDA Church rent is paid up to date.
Still getting estimates for the gutter project.
Furnace inspection will be completed on Friday October 16.

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Communion servers and ushers for November are Kathy Sager and Edith Raimo.

OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP

Third Quarter Missions has been sent out.

OLD BUSINESS

Baptism information for Grace Gwendolyn Gaynor was shared with Session.
Session approved the wedding of Tyler Moss for October 24th.
Our donation for the Thanksgiving Food baskets are canned vegetables, stove top stuffing, and instant potatoes.

NEW BUSINESS

Thanksgiving Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 PM

*Respectfully submitted by,
Doris Stefura*

OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE
PROJECT: CARING CHRISTMAS

Foster families in Middlesex County are in need of the following items for the children in their care--especially for children ages 5-12:

Winter Hats, Gloves, and Mittens---no scarves please,
Games--board games, card games
Age Appropriate Arts and Craft Projects
Puzzles, Books, Crayons, Markers, Color Pencils and
Coloring Books/Art Paper

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR ITEMS...THE FOSTER PARENTS PICK OUT WHAT THEY KNOW THEIR CHILD(REN) WOULD LIKE AND THE FOSTER PARENTS SUPPORT ORGANIZATION WRAPS THE GIFTS.

PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE CHURCH...LAST SUNDAY FOR DROP OFF--SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH.
THANK YOU!



November 1 Donna Valler
November 1 Avery Palumbo
November 2 Matthew Cotov
November 2 Jacob Cotov
November 3 Matthew Anderson
November 4 Debbie Elliott
November 15 Obinna Anosike
November 23 Stacy Browne
November 28 Kyle Nicholson



November 1 Bill & Dorothea Schmidt

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE
REPORT

We mourn with the family and friends of Joan Rempkowski. She will be remembered at our service on November 1st – All Saints' Sunday – along with other friends and relatives who have died in the past year.

Spiritual Life Committee
Edith Raimo, Kathy Sager, and
Pastor Chris



Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday November 24th at 7:00 PM

GINNY DROTAR THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop has been accepting appointments for shopping and donations. Carole, Stephanie, Doris, Amy, and Tony has met with our dedicated shoppers. This Mission to our community helps to get affordable clothing, house hold items, and basics in a time where so many are unemployed. This Mission has also helped our Church community fund our general needs and many projects. We are bringing in about ¼ to ⅓ of what we normally take in. For the month of October we made \$624.00.

Please consider volunteering with this great Mission.

Also, if you know of anyone in need that we can help please see a member of Session.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Carole Sullivan on behalf of the Thrift Shop Staff.*



On October 24th, 2020 we celebrated my son Tyler and Helen's wedding. It was a beautiful service.

A special Thank you to Pastor Chris for performing the wedding in both English and Spanish. Also, thank you to our organist Chris for the beautiful music. Thank you to Doris and Amy for finding the runner.

Wishing our newlyweds all God's blessings.

God Bless you all.

*Respectfully,
Cathy Moss and family*

Baptism of Grace Gwendolyn Gaynor was celebrated on Oct 17th. The proud parents are Keenan and Amanda Gaynor.

The Godparents are Brooke Powell and Justin Gaynor – Amanda's sister and Keenan's brother.

Pastor Chris did an amazing job. We were joking that Grace will look back and ask why she was baptized in a log cabin and why was everyone wearing masks.

God Bless Baby Grace!

*Respectfully,
Debbie Beyfuss and Family*



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Please remember to keep the prayer list up to date!! Please look over the list each Sunday and make any changes and leave in the collection plate for Amy's attention. Thank you we love hearing that our prayers are working!!! And we love praying for

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