

February 2018

## It's Strange

It's strange how \$20 seems like a large amount when you donate it to the church, but such a small amount when you go shopping.

It's strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie

It's strange that you can't find words to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend.

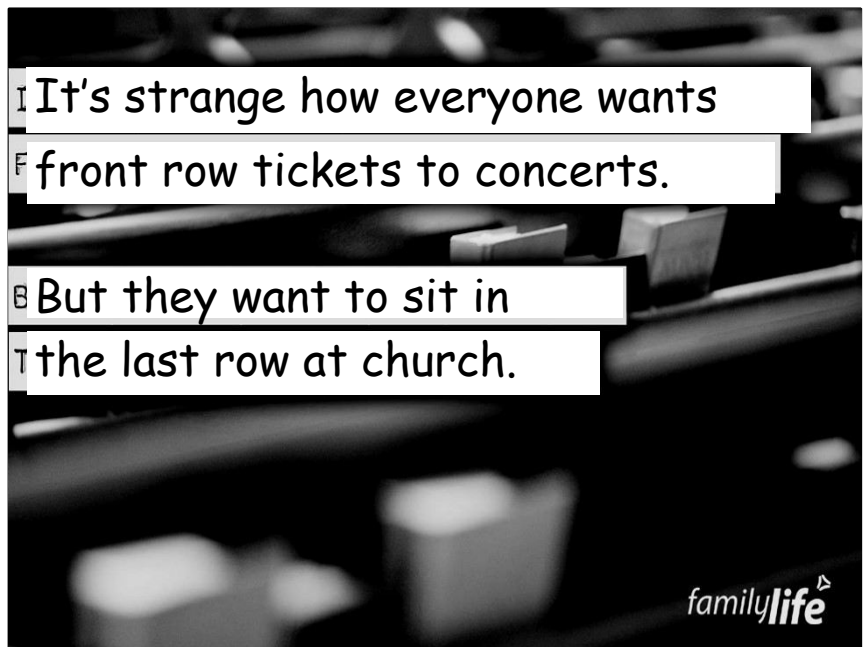
It's strange how difficult it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read a popular novel.

It's strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts, but they want to sit in the last row at church.

It's strange how we need to know about an event for church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute

It's strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God and share it with others, but it's easy to repeat gossip.

It's strange we believe everything that newspapers



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## February Birthdays

February 9	Roger Conklin
February 12	Jack Bell
February 13	Wayne Barlow
February 15	Ben Hutchings Karen Schneider
February 17	Sandra Leonard
February 22	Dot Conklin
February 23	June Lewis

## February Anniversaries

February 10	Ron & Pat Jackson
February 14	Bill & Bev Emmett

## Annual Meeting

*Karla Toman*

Our annual meeting will be on Sunday, February 4, 2018, at Conklin Presbyterian Church, after the 11 AM worship service. A light lunch will be served before the meeting. New officers will be installed or ordained at this time.

## Healing Prayer

*Dot Conklin*

Julie Allen	June Lewis
Lynn Bond	Paul, Asako, & Erica Oswald
Joan Barrett	
Family of Baby Logan Benson	Jan Quigley Baby Quinn, 1 year
David Birdsall	Don Roe
Mary Borley	Rosemarie Rullo
Family of Wayne Bowdish	Family of Donna Scotton
Reenie Dedrick	Maddie Shaw
Fallyn, 2 years old	Millie Simmons
Joe & Gwen Frisbie	Leta Smith
Jeff Gearhart	Theresa
Family of Merle Grenell	Bruna Warner
Dick & Mary Griswold	Family of Sue Shamburger, Donnelly School Teacher
Howard Henderson	
Pat Jackson	Our Church

## Worship

*Carol Bell*

Ash Wednesday will be at 7pm on February 14th. Services will be held at Conklin Presbyterian with Rev. Diane Prentice sharing the message and Rev. Colton assisting.

The Worship committee will be looking for Lenten readers during the Lenten season. Contact Carol Bell or Wayne Barlow if you are interested in participating. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the North Hall.

The sign up sheet for setting up and serving Communion is also in the North Hall. Any Elder or Deacon is welcome to sign up. A training/refresher for setting up Communion will be held February 3rd in the afternoon. Time to be determined.

## Deadlines

*Karla Toman*

When deadlines are given for the newsletter, bulletin, reports, etc., please submit your item(s) in a timely manner.

**The March Newsletter deadline is Sunday, February 18th. Please send your articles to [conklinpres@aol.com](mailto:conklinpres@aol.com).**

## Healing Prayer Service

*Dot Conklin*

**Update:** Healing Prayer Service time and day has been changed. It will be held once a month on the third Wednesday at noon, after the Ladies' Bible Study Class, here at CPC. The next Healing Prayer Service is on February 21st.

## BAN Chapel Congregational Calendar

Sunday Worship Service – 9:00

Building/Grounds-----Beth Lewis

Deacons -----Judy Evans, Debbie Konnick,  
Betty Ann Puzo, and Nancy Rychlewski

Christian Education -----Debbie Konnick

Children's Sunday School-----Bev Emmett &  
Debbie Konnick

Personnel CPC -----Mary Sternquist

Stewardship CPC -----Bev Emmett

Choir Tuesdays at 6 PM---Gloria Larson, Music Director

Worship/Bulletin/Newsletter-----Marian Vergason

BAN WOC (Women of the Church) ---- Mary Sternquist

AA Meets Saturdays at 7:00 PM

**Chapel Meeting:** February 3rd at 9:30. All are welcome to attend.

## BAN Deacons

*Betty Ann Puzo*

It is my pleasure to report that as of this writing, even with all the colds and flu going around, that we have no reports of anyone being hospitalized at this time. Please remember our shut-ins with your prayers, a card or phone call. Winter sometimes can be very depressing and lonely for those who cannot leave their homes. You could be that little ray of sunshine in someone's life!

## BAN Technical Difficulties

*Marian Vergason*

Due to copier problems and computer glitches, your January bulletins have been copied at Conklin Presbyterian. Also, please keep last year's copy of the BAN membership list until the new list is published.

## BAN Newsletter

*Marian Vergason*

You might notice the newsletter from BAN is a little skimpy this month.....this is due to the fact that there was no information submitted for February. The newsletter deadline is published in the News from the Pews calendar each month.

## BAN Worship

*Marian Vergason*

Communion was served to 21 on January 7th with Debbie Konnick and Mary Sternquist serving.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held at Conklin on February 4th. following the service and a light luncheon. Please let someone know if you will be needing a ride.

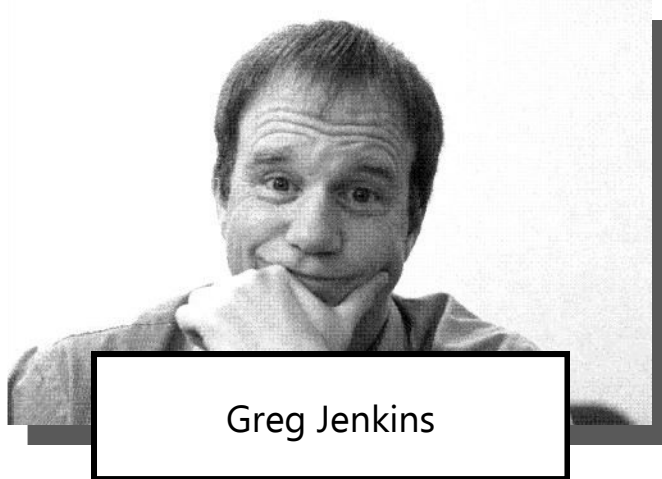
Thank you to everyone who stayed for the unscheduled chapel meeting and helped take down the decorations and Christmas tree on January 14th. Several meetings have had to be rescheduled due to the bitter cold and illness this January. We appreciate those of you who took part in the various activities....it is a busy time and the work of the church must continue even under circumstances we cannot control.

February 18 begins the Lenten season with our series of readings and symbols giving us an idea of what the last six days of Jesus' life may have been like. Members and friends of the church will be involved by displaying symbols of the time and readings depicting events that took place.

If you would like to take part in this special part of the Lenten service, please contact Marian Vergason.

Beat the Blues

A Night on the Town  
at  
Conklin Presbyterian Church  
Entertainment by



Greg Jenkins

Saturday, February 24th at 6:30 PM

\$10 per person

Appetizers and Desserts

Limited seating available.

To reserve your ticket, call Carol Fuller at 775-4713  
or the Church office at 775-0365 by February 18th.



Separate Check Club

*It's no fun eating alone, join your Church friends at*



*Cortese Restaurant*

on Thursday, February 15th at Noon

Please sign-up by Sunday, February 11th so you can be included in the reservation.

## Stewardship—November

Jack Bell

As we all get caught up in the hustle and bustle of this festive and blessed season, I reflect on how thankful we all are for what we have and how we appreciate all our fellow worshipers. Our Stewardship campaign resulted in (from the results we have through 12/17/17) 11 pledgers who were able to give more, 15 who were able to give what they did last year and 5 who pledged a bit less than in 2017. More importantly, worshipers were able to “step up” and give their most valuable asset.....THERE TIME! Remember that “magic bank account” we all have? 86,400 seconds each day...and what we don't spend.....goes away forever.....if you can....give God's church some of those “wasted” seconds.....you are, and will be.....further blessed by Him!

THANK GOD for past members who funded our church's endowments! Had they not taken the care and time to provide these funds....that are over HALF A MILLION dollars, we would not be in the position to pull from those funds to handle emergencies and continue our quest to follow HIM! Although I am at the end of my time on Session, I plan to continue to be part of your Stewardship team (if they will have me). It was my privilege and pleasure to serve our church as chairman these past six years and will continue to do the best I can to serve our church and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### 2017 November Financial Results

*\* figures rounded to nearest \$100*

#### Balance Sheet:

	2017	2016
Tioga checking account	\$86,600	\$94,440
Unrestricted fund balance	\$11,800	\$24,100

#### Revenue & Expenses:

	November				YTD thru November			
	2015	2016	2017	%	2015	2016	2017	%
Revenue	\$24,200	\$29,800	\$16,600	[45]	\$225,500	\$241,400	\$213,500	*[12]
Expenses	\$25,500	\$16,200	\$33,000	94	\$271,900	\$248,200	\$223,500	[10]
Difference	[\$1,300]	\$13,600	[\$16,400]		[\$12,400]	[\$6,800]	*[\$10,000]	

At first glance, November appears to be a financial disaster....but there are extenuating circumstances:

1. A large gift of near \$10,000 was given in November of 2016 but in 2017, it was received in October. However....the year to date would “wash”.
2. \*As many of you know, we had to get a new boiler that controls the hot water heat in the Sanctuary. It was \$12,000 and was expensed in November. However, the monies to pay for it came out of the endowments and were deposited in December. It will “wash” by the end of the year. Had we received it and booked it in November, income would have been \$12,000 higher in both Nov as well as YTD. Our percent of income decrease YTD is really closer to about 6.5% instead of the 12% shown above.

#### Endowments:

New Covenant Funds	\$360,000	Approximately
LPL (Tioga bank)	\$181,000	Approximately
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$541,000</b>	

We anticipate pulling another \$4,000 out to pay for the bathroom repairs in December.

In Christ's Service,  
Your Stewardship Team—Barb, Dave, Jack

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## December Session Minutes

*Pam Van Vorce*

Below are the not yet approved minutes of The stated meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Conklin was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at the BAN site

P	Carol Bell	E	Bev Emmett	P	Mary Sternquist
P	Jack Bell	P	Jean Fairbairn	P	Pam Van Vorce, Clerk of Session
P	Sherry Brown	P	Beth Lewis	P	Marian Vergason
P	Bruce DeVoe	P	Robert Peak, Moderator	E	Bob Weyant

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Moderator Robert Peak with devotions led by Elder Bev Emmett followed with prayer.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to reinstate Pam Van Vorce as clerk of session starting December 19, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

### **Clerk's Report:**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of November 16, 2107 stated, Session meeting with corrections.

### **Committee Reports**

**Buildings and Grounds:** No motions.

Informational:

- Adjusting the heat in the sanctuary by increasing the water temperature from 180 F to 200 F; insulating the window wells and putting additional pipe insulation.
- Bathroom at south end came with an estimate of 3,000.00 to 3,500.00 with taking down ½ a wall. The whole wall needed to be taken down and total was 4,000.00.
- Woman's bathroom door at North end is sticking and will need to be fixed
- Maple tree will need to be removed
- Exterior lights need to be replaced
- North end bathrooms will boost heater to make the water hotter
- Town Fire Department would like a key box installed at north end of church

### **Chapel:**

Informational:

- Ramp repaired.
- Shed door to be repaired.

**Evangelism/Mission:** Nothing to report.

**Fellowship:** Nothing to report.

**Nominating:** Nothing to report.

**Nurture:** Nothing to report.

**Personnel:**

A motion was made, seconded and approved for Dr. Rev. Charles Colton 285.00/week with 35.00 of the 285.00 to go into account held for Pastor expense needs effective January 1, 2018.

- Informational: In lieu of having a Head of Staff, the clerk of session will sign documents.

**Stewardship:**

- After the 2018 budget was reviewed, a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 2018 budget
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to have Principal, Jill Wilson of Donnelly Elementary to have a key to the church in case of an emergency where Donnelly Elementary would have to be evacuated until the Fire station is unlocked and buses can take children there.
- Information: Financial reports were reviewed
- Insurance company to be notified to make sure there is liability on Joe Toman using the church for counseling.

**Worship/Music:**

- A motion was made, seconded and approved for 2018 BAN communion dates: March 25, June 24, October 7, December 2, and January 6, 2019. 2018 CPC communion dates: February 4, March 4, March 29, April 8, May, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2, December 24, January 6, 2019.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to have a Dessert Night, Friday, January 19, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 8:00pm with proceeds to go towards mortgage principal.

**PresbyCare:** No report.

**Old Business:**

Middler class said goodbye to the elders going off session. Session members coming on will attend the January session meeting.

**New Business:** None.

Joys/Concerns were mentioned followed by prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm with prayer led by Pastor Robert Peak.

Pamela Van Vorce,  
Clerk of Session

## January Session Minutes

Pam Van Vorce

Below are the not yet approved minutes of The stated meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Conklin was held on Thursday January 25, 2018 at the CPC site.

P	Wayne Barlow	P	Amanda Killmeier	P	Pam Van Vorce, Clerk of Session
P	Carol Bell	P	Beth Lewis	P	Marian Vergason
P	Bev Emmett	P	Robert Peak, Moderator	P	Bob Weyant
P	Jean Fairbairn	P	Glenda Rowse	P	Dana Wolfe
E	Carol Fuller	P	Mary Sternquist		

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Moderator Robert Peak with devotions led by Elder Carol Bell followed with prayer.

### Clerk's Report:

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017, stated Session meeting.

### Committee Reports

**Buildings and Grounds:** No motions.

Informational:

- Cleanup detail needs to be done in the men's bathroom at CPC
- The black mold at BAN has been removed.

### Chapel:

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to rent a desktop copier for BAN site from Russell Card for \$108.00 per year which includes all parts and service calls. Church would have to purchase the toner, as needed, for \$95.00.

Informational: Nothing.

**Evangelism/Mission:** Nothing to report.

**Fellowship:** No motions.

Informational:

- Committee provide a light lunch for the annual meeting on February 4, 2018.
- February 24, 2018 will be the annual Beat the Blues evening out.

**Mission/Evangelism:** Nothing to report

### Nominating:

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the following:

- Financial Secretary CPC: Shirley Schnurbusch
- Financial Secretary BAN: Nancy Mangino      Assistant Financial Secretary: Cathy Hutchings
- PresbyCare Financial Secretary – Dana Wolfe      Auditors 2017 financial records- JP Chang



- Christian Education Superintendents; Karla Toman- Curriculum, Bill Miller- Building/Classrooms

**Nurture:** Nothing to report.

**Personnel:**

A motion was made, seconded and approved Personnel to work with C.O.M (Committee on Ministries) to continue a long-term relationship with Dr. Rev. Charles Colton on a ½ to ¾ time basis which would include Pastoral care.

Informational: Nothing.

**Stewardship:**

A motion was made, seconded and carried approve the financial reports.

Informational: Insurance company to be notified to make sure there is liability on Joe Toman using the church for counseling.

**Worship/Nurture:**

A motion was made, seconded and approved “A Musical Celebration” with various churches to be held in late April or early May on a Sunday afternoon.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to have a Dessert Night, Friday, March 9, 2018, with proceeds to go towards building Principle.

Informational:

- Rev. Colton has asked for February 18<sup>th</sup> off. Jean Fairbairn has agreed to share the message at both services.
- January 19<sup>th</sup> Dessert night was a big success with \$427.00 collected to be applied to the building principle.
- A training for new elders or those elders that would like a refresher course in setting up communion will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Time to be determined when most convenient for the majority

**PresbyCare:** No report.

**Old Business:** None.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to move, for the 2018 year, the session meetings from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

- Manual of Operations corrections were made.
- Committee Assignments were handed out.
- There was a building request that Bob Weyant will get with Karla about.
- Holy Cow results were reviewed and discussed.
- Worship/Music committee is now Worship/Nurture.
- Discussion about the 4 TV monitors in CPC not being used.

Joys/Concerns were mentioned followed by prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm with prayer led by Pastor Robert Peak.

Pamela Van Vorce,

Clerk of Session



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February 2018

Non-Profit Organization

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Conklin, NY

Permit #4

# Bowl of Plenty

Free Community Dinner on  
Thursday, February 11th @ 6 PM  
Conklin Presbyterian Church

# Separate Check Club

Lunch will be at Cortese Restaurant  
on Thursday, February 15th at Noon  
(see inside for more details)

# Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 4th  
Right after our 11 Worship  
at Conklin Presbyterian Church  
*Officers will be installed and/or ordained.*

# Beat the Blues

Friday, February 24th  
6:30 PM at Conklin Presbyterian Church  
(see inside for more details)