

News from the Pews

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the blessings we share. For all of those who have gone before, people strong and brave, willing to put their lives on the line for the causes they believe in, we give you thanks. Grant us, our God, the courage to step out in faith for that which is true and right.

For freedom of speech and of the press, for the avenues open to expressing ourselves, for opportunities to effect change, we give you thanks. We pray for those who are voiceless victims of unjust governments.

For fertile soil, abundant rain, and seasons of refreshment, we give you thanks. We pray for those whose land is parched and whose wells are dry.

For our families, friends, and the church, who provide us with food and drink for our journey, we give you thanks. We pray for those who are hungry and tired, hopeless and wandering, finding no place to rest.

For strong bodies and minds, for opportunities that encourage us to grow and become more the servants of thanksgiving you call us to be, we give you thanks.

We pray for the sick, as well as for the stagnant who are unwilling to dream or change.

Help us, O God, to be responsible stewards of your blessings, people who care for the earth and all its people. Keep us connected with all humanity, even though miles and cultures tend to separate us. May we always respond to your call with a true spirit of thanksgiving. Amen.



Don't forget to turn your clock back Saturday night (November 4th)!

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November Birthdays

November 2-----Sherry Brown
 November 7-----John Barrett
 November 12-----Dottie Jean Baer
 November 14-----Nancy Mangino
 November 20-----Marge Jacobs

November Anniversaries

November 10-----Eleanor & Barry Downing
 November 18-----Jan & Dave Patchen

Let's Celebrate Our Veterans

Wayne Barlow

The church will celebrate our Veteran's at the end of the November 12th 11:00 am church service at CPC. Please plan to bring some memorabilia of your loved one and place it on the wall area that surrounds the organ. The choir will sing the Salute to the Armed Forces melody at the end of the service. Please stand and be acknowledged during the portion of the music that represents your branch of the service. If your loved one is not present or is deceased, please stand or wave your hand as we wish to thank all of our veteran's for his or her service to our nation. If you can still fit into your uniform, please, please plan to wear it. Let's not forget those who are currently serving.

The Worship Committee

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Carol Bell

Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7 PM. Service will be at Kirkwood Methodist and Pastor Colton will be preaching.



Healing Prayer

Dot Conklin

Julie Allen	Pat Jackson
Betty Anderson	Family of Jim Krahwinkel
Alexandra Atwood	Sandy & Bill Llewellyn
Baby Quinn, 11 months old	Lois
Lynn Bond	Jody Nagel
Allen Bonner	Jan Patchen
Mary Borley	Jan Quigley
Sheri Brewer	Mary Rader
Georgia Brundege	Don Roe
Joe Burch	Jonathan Rouse
Norm Cline	Rosemarie Rullo
Reenie Dedrick	Donna Scotton
Family of Rose Di Rienzo	Maddie Shaw
Dorothy	Millie Simmons
Family of Paul Fitzgerald	Lynn & Frank Whitney
Jackie Heinle	Our Church
Paul Ives	

The next healing prayer meeting will on
 Tuesday, November 21st @ 11 AM in the CPC Chapel.

Worship Committee

Carol Bell

The Worship Committee is sharing our Confessional Banners at the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 11th. The banners are part of our Presbyterian heritage and we don't revisit them very often. The 8 banners hang in the chapel but the meanings of the symbols on each banner need a fresh explanation. We are looking for people willing to read the explanations at the Thanksgiving Dinner. If you plan on attending the dinner and are willing to read about one of the banners please let Carol Bell know. It should be really special to hear a piece of our Presbyterian history.

Hanging of the Greens

Carol Bell

We're decorating for Christmas on Sunday, November 19th right after our worship service. Stay a while for our *Hanging of the Greens* annual tradition to decorate the church! Many hands make light work.

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

Fellowship/Personnel CPC----- Mary Sternquist

Fellowship/Nurture 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

Next Chapel Meeting is November 4th at 9:30.

BAN Worship

Marian Vergason

Communion served to 42 on October 1st.

A big THANK YOU to all who came and helped clean the church after the chapel meeting on October 14th. Many hands make light work and the church looks excellent – job well done everyone!

BAN Deacons

Betty Ann Puzo

Prayers go out to Jan Patchen and family as she recovers at home from a fall. Please keep our shut-ins and those suffering with a health issue in your prayers. Our shut-ins include Naomi Clark and Bill Emmett.

BAN Christian Education

Debbie Konnick

Thanksgiving dinner scheduled for November 12 – please see sign up sheet.

Christmas Tea scheduled for December 10.

Baptism

Congratulations to Chad and Gina Stephens on the Baptism of their baby, Levi Douglas Stephens on October 1st.

Levi’s godparents, Cori Bartholomay and John Auerbach, were in attendance as was his big brother, Dillon Stephens, Grandparents, Nancy & Rick Mangino and Great Grandmother, Bruna Warner.

BAN Rummage & Bake Sale & Doc’s City Chicken!

Mary Sternquist

Thank you to everyone who donated items, contributed to the bake sale, worked the sale and cleaned up afterward. Special thanks to Jim Muska of Doc’s City Chicken for being with us for all three days! Doc’s donated \$150 toward this fundraiser! If you were in church on October 8, you experienced a sight you soon won’t forget.... Betty Ferris (“bake sale boss”), Mary Sternquist (chair of the rummage sale), Margaret Knapp (chief “bagger”) and Betty Ann Puzo (“worker bee” wherever needed) modeled some of the finest outfits a little money can buy. If you haven’t come to the rummage sale in the past, plan on taking part in the Spring....you too could look like this (or not) and have this much fun!

BAN Samaritan’s Purse Shoebox Project

Marian Vergason

The Shoebox Project collected \$170 for postage and sent many items to Community Baptist Church in Port Dickinson. November 11 is “packing day” at Community Baptist Church in Port Dickinson. Everyone is invited to join in the packing process which will go on most of the day beginning at 9 am. Shoebox Sunday will be November 12. Everyone is invited to take part in both the packing day and ceremony on Sunday. Thank you to all who participated in this special Christmas project. If you have a question, contact Marian at 648-2043.

Thank You

Dear Church,

LB and I want to thank you for the outpouring of love and appreciation shown to us last week. We were overwhelmed by the amount of cards, gift cards, and monetary gifts we received, not to mention the beautiful plaque, CDs, and cookies. Thank you for making us feel like family. We certainly consider all of you to be our family

With love and appreciation for all of you,
Pastor C & LB

Dear friends,

I reached India safely. Thank you for the welcome and love you gave me. I had a wonderful time there. The work is going on well.

I specifically want to thank you for your prayers and support during our difficult times when George was sick. The visit to your church was a great encouragement.

Thank you for the donations. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers.

Yours sincerely
Irene George

Thank you to all that helped to make Jim's memorial a brighter day.

Louis Krahwinkel and family

Thanksgiving Dinner

Carol Fuller

You are Invited to an
Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving Feast
Saturday, November 11th
at 6 PM in the Fellowship Room

We'll make the Turkey, Stuffing & Cranberry Sauce

You bring a Dish-to-Pass

Tickets are \$2 for adults & \$1.00 for 12 and under

Please purchase your tickets BEFORE
Wednesday, November 8th!
(This will help us with set-up.)



2017 Harvest Festival

Reenie Dedrick

Conklin Presbyterian Church
Saturday, November 4, 2017
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

- Cafe
- Variety of theme baskets
- Gently Used Books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, and games
- Variety of homemade baked goods
- Gently used pocket books and toys
- Silent Auction
- Vendors—Including Paparazzi, Tastefully Simple, Lularoe, Limelight, Style Dots, Norwex, Mary Kay, ThirtyOne, Stamp'n up, Vantel Pearls, Young Living, and author Rev Dr. Charles Colton's with his latest book.

Rummage Sale

Conklin Presbyterian Church
Thursday, November 2nd
Friday, November 3rd
Saturday, November 4th

from 10 AM—3 PM

Pre-owned holiday items, jewelry, linens, purses, glassware, household goods, and small furniture items (small side table, stools, etc.)

Deacons' Thanksgiving Baskets

Jacky DeVoe

Deacons will be collecting monetary donations this year for the Thanksgiving Baskets and we'll do the shopping for you! Deacons are asking the congregation to help us fill 20 Thanksgiving boxes for families in need. Deadline for the gifts will be Sunday, November 12th, so we can do the shopping that week. Please see Jacky DeVoe, Karla Toman, or any Deacon to give your donation. We'll be delivering the baskets to St. Mary's in Kirkwood on Sunday, Nov. 19th (the Sunday before Thanksgiving).

Stewardship—October/November

Jack Bell

Everyone's second favorite topic, annual Stewardship is upon us once again. To quote Fredric M. Wood, a theologian, 'The most important aspect of tithing and stewardship is not the raising of money for the church, but the development of devoted Christians.'

As we begin our Stewardship Campaign for our 2018 planned budget, I'd like to offer that our gifts to God and the operations of our two campuses extend beyond monetary gifts. Your time, in my judgement, is a greater gift! As a very wise woman once said to me, "Do you think the Church just runs itself?" If you not already involved in the "doing" in our church, please consider contributing what you judge a fair amount of your time.....and I believe God expects it.

As Steve Gardner, an author writes, "Time is a gift. God gives time to us with certain expectations of how we'll use it. However, our free will allows us to do whatever we want with it—good or bad. We can cherish our time, but we can also neglect it. We can hoard our time, but we can also share it. We can invest our time, but we can also squander it."

In order to help us forecast our 2018 envelope giving income, we are asking each member and worshipper to fill out the form below and put into the offering plate, either in your church envelope or simply enclosed in another envelope by November 19th, which is Stewardship Sunday. We intend to have the results by 12/3/18 and announce the results at each campus that Sunday.

Should you have any questions or suggestions regarding this campaign or how we may more efficiently run both campuses, please e-mail Jack Bell at jackpbell2@stny.rr.com or call me at 775-3727.

2017 September Financial Standings

** figures rounded to nearest \$100*

Balance Sheet:

	9/30/17	9/30/16
Tioga checking account	\$84,300	\$79,800
Unrestricted fund balance	\$22,400	\$9,100

Not on balance sheet is approximately \$540,000 in endowments at Tioga bank and New Covenant Funds.

Revenue & Expenses:

	September				YTD			
	2015	2016	2017	%	2015	2016	2017	%
Revenue	\$19,600	\$17,000	\$15,100	[11]	\$211,100	\$189,400	\$172,600	[9]
Expenses	\$35,500	\$23,800	\$18,000	[25]	\$225,000	\$210,500	\$171,900	[18]
Difference	[\$2,900]	[\$6,800]	[\$2,900]		[\$13,900]	[\$21,200]	\$700	

Keep in mind that we budgeted expenditures exceeding revenues of about \$56,500 this year because we included in the expenses a full time pastor.....which we do not have. With that in mind, it is the primary reason we have not spent more than we took in through September.

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

Stewardship Committee—continued

Jack Bell

2018 Stewardship Pledge Card

Please check one:

My 2018 pledge per year will be _____ or per month will be _____

I am not able to pledge at this time but will do the best I can to give a small portion of what God has given me.

Number of gray giving envelopes needed for 2018. Common quantities are 12, 24, Should you need more, just ask. I need: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



Poinsettias

Carol Fuller

Deacons are sponsoring the Christmas Poinsettias again this year. To order poinsettias this year, please contact Carol Fuller (775-4713) or Jackie Guillon (775-3368) for more information. The cost will be \$12.00 per plant and checks made payable to Conklin Kiwanis. Please place in a sealed envelope, along with this order form. The poinsettia orders need to be submitted no later than December 3rd as the plants will be in the Sanctuary December 9th. The plants will be watered while in the Sanctuary.

In Memory/Honor of:

(Circle One)

(Please write exactly what you want printed in the bulletin, i.e. Mr. & Mrs., Family, etc.)

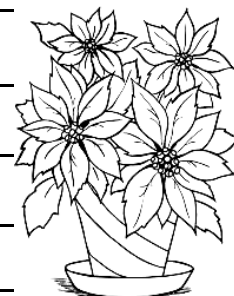
Given by:

Plant may go to a shut-in:

I will take the plant:

I'm taking my plant to:

Paid by check:



Please write clearly, so that the spelling of your loved one is correct.

Separate Check Club

Carol Fuller

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November 2017

Non-Profit Organization

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Conklin, NY

Permit #4

Harvest Festival & Rummage Sale

Saturday, November 4th

10 AM—3 PM

Conklin Presbyterian Church

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November

2nd, 3rd, and 4th

10 AM—3 PM

Conklin Presbyterian Church

Bowl of Plenty

Free Community Dinner on

Thursday, November 9th @ 6 PM

Conklin Presbyterian Church

Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 11th

6 PM in the CPC Fellowship Room

Separate Check Club

Lunch will be at the Little Venice

on Thursday, November 9th at Noon

(see inside for more details)

Broad Ave. Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 12th

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday November 19th after 11 AM Worship

Conklin Presbyterian Church