



February

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Souper Bowl of Caring

Don't forget the special offering on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th. It is collected after the worship service at the exit locations.

This Souper Bowl donation will go to the local food pantries to help feed the poor. If you want to contribute to the Souper Bowl and you won't be here on February 9th, you can put your donation in a yellow envelope (found in the pews) and put Souper Bowl on the outside.



Dear Friends,

February..... A time to think about love. I found it absolutely shocking to learn that in 2024, Americans spent \$25.8 billion on Valentine's Day. Why do we need to designate a certain day to show love?

Shouldn't the practice of loving others be extended far beyond a single day?. Since the concept of love is already deeply ingrained in our faith from the source of love – God, why can't we share the love of God with others every day?

Some days this is harder than others but focusing on God's love can be a more profound way to show affection and true Christian care to others.

God calls us to love one another! He **commands** us to love Him, love ourselves, and **love others**. In a world that seems more focused on hate and division, sometimes that's easier said than done. But if we are truly committed, with the power of the Holy Spirit, we can strive to be more Christ-like in the way we love.

God's Word tells us..., "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God because God is love" (1 John 4:7-8). Imagine then, just how much different could this community be if love began to spread throughout the streets? How much different would our churches be if we all truly showed genuine agape love to everyone?

The Apostle Paul sums up what love is NOT *love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth*" (1 Corinthians 13:4–8 *Paul then tells us that we should love as God loves us—unconditionally, sacrificially, patiently, hopefully, kindly, without anger or resentment, and without arrogance or pride.*

In today's darkened world, perhaps to love in this manner, when people disappoint, hurt, or betray us, is difficult. Indeed, without God's grace, the love He asks of us would be impossible. But with God, all things are possible

Because February focuses a lot on love, Valentine's Day can be a great platform to examine our hearts and see what areas of our lives we can show love in better ways. God's love is worth sharing, and it's worth changing our ways for. I challenge you this month to discover how can you show God's love to someone new.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Mike

CNYUKES PRESENTS

Free to the Public

David Chen

Teacher and Performer from Taiwan
In Ukulele Concert and Master Class

Tuesday February 11 2025

David Chen is an accomplished performer and teacher. He has traveled all over the world teaching and performing on Ukulele. His beginnings with Ukulele were in 2008. By 2011, David had published his first book in his teaching series. His travels have afforded him the opportunity to experience many different cultures and their styles and motivation for playing the ukulele. David enjoys both singing and instrumental solo work and has studied under Kimo Hussey



David is delighted to share his ukulele experience for the first time in the Northeast USA while visiting Oneida NY. CNYUKES invites all surrounding areas of Central New York to join us for this delightful experience. His Master Class will include many techniques and tips on learning and creating styles of playing. His Concert will focus on his many experiences meeting musicians around the world and looks forward to learning about our Ukulele community and sharing his vast experiences with us.

ALL AGES AND LEVELS WELCOME to participate in Masterclass. Concert is open to the public.

Register for the Master Class and/or Concert by calling the Oneida Library at 315 363 3050

By Friday February 7th. Walk-ins will be based on availability of space. .

COFFEE SERVERS

You will be receiving soon (February) a list of Coffee Servers for the year 2025.

The Fellowship Committee is thankful for your service to your church. You will be reminded two weeks in advance of your time. If you are unable to serve at that time, it would help the committee if you could switch with a friend. **PLEASE**, mark your calendar upon receiving the list.



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of February 2025

Jude Alexander (Mancarella's great nephew)	Millie Johnson
Kevin Bedford	Victor Johnson
Brody	Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God)
Richard Brown	Jean Kowalik
Marty Canning	Florence LaRock
Ed Cieslak (Friend of John Merritt)	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Pam Corrington	Laurie Mudge
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey's Father)	Michelle Newman
Elizabeth Coulby	Becky Nichols
Cora Cramer (Ethel Abbott's sister)	Michael O'Bryan (Mike's Brother in law)
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister)	Mike Oot
Peggy Eastman	Audrey Opperman (Cathy's Mother-in-law)
John Ferguson	Tom Panasci
Robert Feldmann (Melinda's Father)	Elli Pfluke
Jillian Felt	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Andy Froass	Debbie Shaw
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)	Brian Stites
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Judy Sweet
Becky Grasso	Millicent Vidal
Mary Gwilt (Dan's mother)	Jan Whiting
Wendy Holtz	
Jim Hotaling	

Thank you for your prayers. If you know of anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or in need of our prayers, PLEASE call the Church Office, 363-7590.

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Jayden Emerson
Dave Shellhase

Drew Zebert

If you have a prayer need, there are cards in the pews. Fill it out and hand it to an usher. If you know of anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or in need of our prayers, PLEASE call the Church Office, 363-7590. Please let us know also when they are healed and can be taken off the prayer list.



ELDERS

CLASS OF 2025

Randy Bonville
Frank Kordziel
Lucille Merriman
Pat Thorpe

CLASS OF 2026

Paul Mancarella
Perry Tooker IV

CLASS OF 2027

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Sandy Glynn

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

The citizens of Ukraine

Pray for those who are serving overseas and our Police/Fire Safety personnel.

All victims and survivors of gun violence.

MISSION EMPHASIS:

Augusta-Vernon Center Presbyterian Church, Augusta

First Presbyterian Church, Boonville

The Presbyterian Homes & Services/Community Wellness Partners

First Presbyterian Church, Cherry Valley

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones: Stephen Cafalone, Jack Sharkey, Mark Sia, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, John Goodwill, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Michael McMahon, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Michelle Ludwig, Peter Thompson, Dylan McClelland

Those currently serving in a combat zone:

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2025

Sue Kordziel
Rachel Mancarella
John Merritt
Kathy Nichols
Janet Sarensky
Jennawade
Skellham
Kristin Tooker
Michelle Yeoman

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THIS MONTH AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Jan 1st Office Closed

Feb 1st, 15th Restoration Fellowship
(JWCC)

Feb 2nd Communion, Team Meetings

Feb 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Senior Bible Study

Connection

Feb 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Choir Practice

Feb 9th Birthday Bash

Feb 10th, 24th Activ8 Her BS (JWCC)

Feb 16th Deacons Meeting

Feb 17th Office Closed

Feb 25th Session Meeting



Feb. 2 Perry Tooker IV
Jennawade Skellham

Feb. 5 Perry Tooker III
Cindy Morey

Feb. 6 Alexander Mastriano

Feb. 8 Sydney Paul

Feb. 9 Dylan Bartell

Feb. 17 Kristin Tooker

Feb. 22 Beverly Orzechowski

Feb. 23 Emily Oot

Feb. 25 Debbie Todd



If anyone is need of a pastoral visit or knows of a congregation member who would like a visit, please let Pastor Mike know. (315) 761-2721



Scripture Readers for February

February 2nd-Barb Schwartz

February 9th-Pat Thorpe

February 16th-Paul Mancarella

February 23rd-Lou White

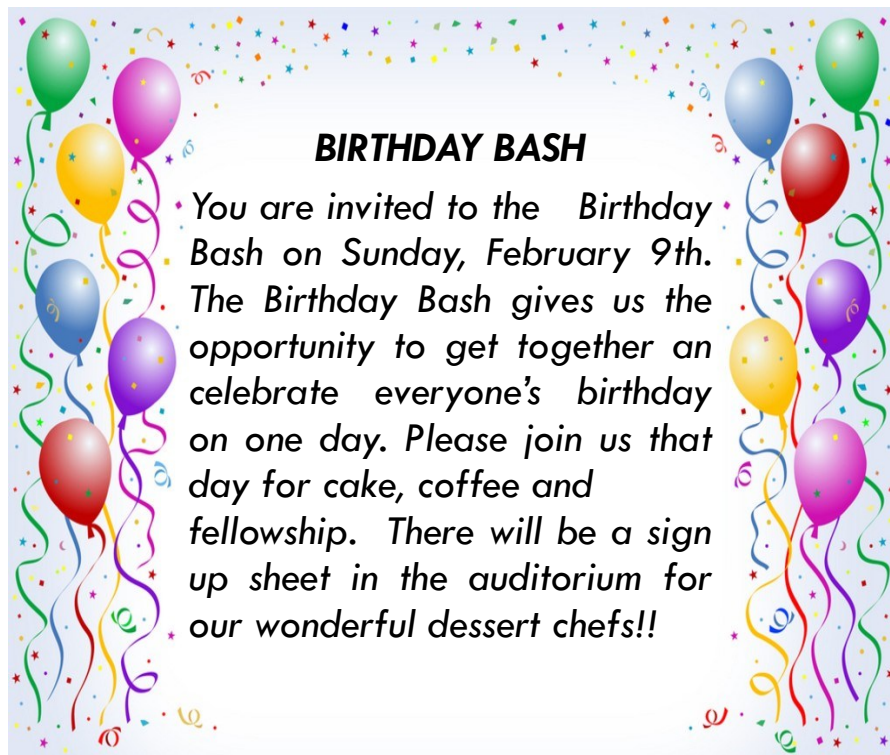
Coffee Servers for February

February 2nd-Nat & Melissa Smith

February 9th-Fellowship

February 16th-Becky Williams & Cathy Opperman

February 23rd-Karen & Janet Sarensky



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATE

A survey was conducted of all Festival booth chairs and workers in November to decide the future path of the Festival. After discussion of the survey results at the December 2024 meeting it was determined that the Festival is not going to be viable going forward in its current state due to the workers of the Bakery, Candy, Cottage 304, Luncheon, Pins & Needles, and Quilt/Painting tickets planning to step down. Therefore, the Presbyterian Women voted to retire from coordination and implementation of the Festival.

After discussion and no nominations for officers going forward it was approved to dissolve the Presbyterian Women of the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida.

We are so very appreciative and grateful for the tremendous support that we have been blessed to have throughout the past decades. God bless and Thank you!



The First Presbyterian Church of Oneida is very appreciative of the officers who have just finished their service; **Janet Sarensky, Sharon Warren, and Cindy Bonville.** Thank you all for your unique talents that you have brought to leading this church through the years!

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH
NEWSLETTER IS FEBRUARY 21ST**

