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Pat Thorpe

Clerk of Session
Pat Thorpe

Custodian
Jennawade Skellham

50+ Year Members

Donald Kingsley – March 24, 1947
Carol Wells – March 24, 1947
Phyllis Lighthall – March 18, 1951
Jan Whiting – March 29, 1953
O. Perry Tooker III – April 11, 1954
Victor Johnson – April 11, 1954
Carol Musgrove – March 25, 1956
Mitchell Erion – April 14, 1957
George Hammerle – April 14, 1957
Peter Shay – April 14, 1957
Matilda Coulter – October 6, 1957
Judy Parker - March 30, 1958
Marilyn Kingsley – December 7, 1958
Patricia Thorpe - March 22, 1959
Robert Heller - February 12, 1964
Judy Floyd - October 4, 1964
Lucille Merriman - October 4, 1964
Gail Nicolaisen - April 7, 1966
Barb Arnold—April 3, 1969
Phyllis Little—October 26,1970
Nancy James—May 24,1971
Linda Shay—October 25, 1971
Deborah Whiting—March 27, 1972
Karen Leclau—October 23, 1972
Jim Hotaling—October 29, 1973
Dorothy Hotaling October 29, 1973
Ethel Abbott-December 30, 1974
Larry Hotaling-March 24th, 1975



Greetings Brother and Sisters in Christ!

May is a month where the possibility of no snow in Oneida, NY gets closer to reality, but it is also a month of deep gratitude—a time when we pause to honor, to remember, and to give thanks.

As Mother's Day approaches, we give thanks for the women who have nurtured us in faith and life. Whether they are mothers by birth, adoption, or through the bonds of Christian love, we honor the women who have shaped our stories with compassion, strength, and grace. Let us remember that mothering is not limited to biology—it is an act of self-giving love that reflects the very heart of God. We thank God for all the women in our church family who continue to teach, lead, and care for the next generation with quiet courage and bold faith.

May also brings a special moment in the life of our congregation—50-Year Member Recognition Sunday. What a joy it is to celebrate those whose faith and dedication have shaped the foundation of our church. These long-time members have walked with Christ and with us through many seasons, and their witness continues to bless our community. We give thanks for their steady presence, their service, and the legacy of faith they have passed on.

Later this month, on Remembrance Sunday, we pause as a nation and as a church to remember those who gave their lives in service to our country. It is a solemn reminder of the cost of freedom and the power of self-sacrifice. As followers of Christ, we are called to be people of peace even as we honor those who have walked into places of conflict so others might live in safety. Let us pray for all who mourn and for those still serving today.

In Mother's Day, the recognition of our 50-year members, and Remembrance Sunday, we see beautiful examples of commitment, sacrifice, and love. May these moments stir in us a renewed gratitude and a deeper commitment to love one another well.

With you in faith, hope, and love,

Pastor Mike



Next Senior Bible Study Begins May 7th 1:00 PM

GENESIS

BIBLE STUDY

“God of Creation”

JANETH P. WHITING COMMUNITY CENTER

Scholarship

Applications

It's that time of year again! The scholarship applications will be available on website, by email, or mail or in person. They can either be returned by email or mail or in person. Take one, fill it out, and bring it back either to the church office or you can hand it to one of the Deacons by Sunday, May 18th. If you have any questions, please contact either **Kristi Tooker** or **John Merritt** at the church office. The applications will be available from mid April to the middle of May.





LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of April 2025

Jude Alexander (Mancarella's great nephew)	Millie Johnson
Fred Bavo (Jennawade's Uncle)	Victor Johnson
Kevin Bedford	Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God)
Brody	
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
Emeri Dryer (Maggie's grand daughter)	Audrey Opperman (Cathy's Mother-in-law)
Peggy Eastman	
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)	Millicent Vidal
Becky Grasso	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

Kristen Lippert Martin	Sharon Pierce
Cindi Gregory	Susan O'Bryan (Mike's sister)
Pam Corrigan	Michelle Newman

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:

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:

First Presbyterian Church, Ilion
Church of the Lakes, Inlet
First United Presbyterian Church, Little Falls
First Presbyterian Church, Lowville

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

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

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THIS MONTH AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

May 3rd, 17th Restoration
Fellowship (JWCC)

May 4th Communion,
Team Meetings

May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Senior Bible Study
Connection

May 8th, 15th, 23rd, 30th
Choir Practice

May 12th Activ8 Her BS (JWCC)

May 18th 50 Year Member
Celebration, Deacons Mtg

May 23rd Newsletter Deadline

May 25th Remembrance Sunday

May 26th Office Closed Memorial
Day



May 1 Caden Mastriano

May 4 Liam Burdick

May 6 Brian Gay

May 16 David Dew

May 21 John Paul

May 23 Amanda Moshier

May 28 Claire Mancarella
Trish Vrooman



**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 May

May 4th-Frank Kordziel
May 11th-Barb Seaton
May 18th-Perry Tooker IV
May 25th-Pat Thorpe

Coffee Servers for May

May 4th-Elaine and Tim Berquist
May 11th-Laura Reckentine and John Merritt
May 18th-Fellowship
May 25th-Memorial Day No Coffee Service

May Prayer Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of Justice, resilience, and sustainability. Through One Great Hour of

Sharing.....we stabilize, we strengthen those who are weak, we connect.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs,

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Hunger Program

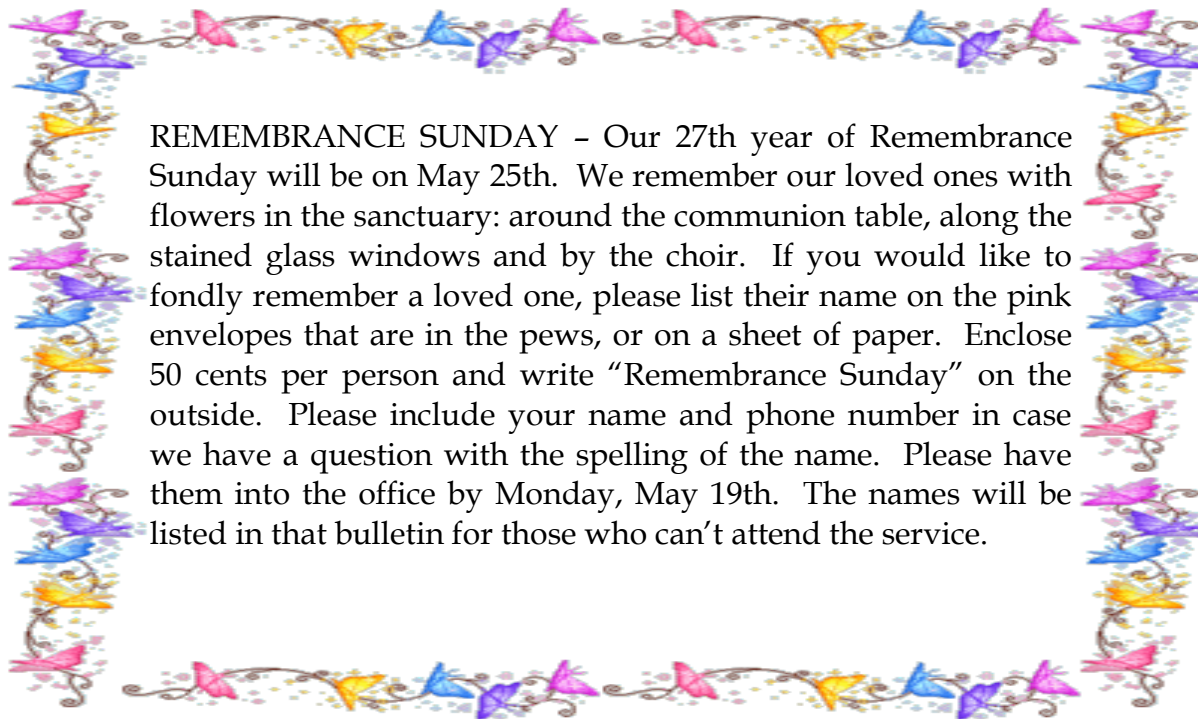
Self-Development of People

There are three ways to give:

Through local donations to your church

Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/give-oghs

Text OGHS to 91999



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Our 27th year of Remembrance Sunday will be on May 25th. We remember our loved ones with flowers in the sanctuary: around the communion table, along the stained glass windows and by the choir. If you would like to fondly remember a loved one, please list their name on the pink envelopes that are in the pews, or on a sheet of paper. Enclose 50 cents per person and write "Remembrance Sunday" on the outside. Please include your name and phone number in case we have a question with the spelling of the name. Please have them into the office by Monday, May 19th. The names will be listed in that bulletin for those who can't attend the service.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE
NEWSLETTER IS MAY 23RD**

