

Presbyterian News



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Dear Friends in Christ,

As the summer days begin to fade and we step into the rhythm of September, I find myself grateful for the many blessings that this season brings. For many of us, summer is a time of rest, travel, and a change of pace. Now, with the start of school, the return of routines, and the stirring of new beginnings, we turn our attention once again to the heart of our shared life together as a church.

This is truly an exciting time in the life of our congregation! On Sunday, September 7th, our choir will lift their voices once again, bringing music that inspires and deepens our worship. On Sunday, September 14th, we will celebrate the Ordination and Installation of our new Elders and Deacons—a powerful reminder of the Spirit's call upon people within our midst to serve faithfully and lead with humility. That same day, our church teams will resume their work, helping to guide our ministries and keep us focused on our mission.

In many ways, September is a “back to basics” month—a time to re-center ourselves in worship, service, and fellowship. As we regather after a season of rest and renewal, we are invited to remember what grounds us: God's love revealed in Jesus Christ, the community of faith that walks with us, and the call to be light and hope in the world around us.

I encourage you to join us in the weeks ahead, not just as participants, but as partners in the work of the Spirit. Whether you find joy in singing, in service, in teaching, in prayer, or in quiet support, your presence matters. Each one of us has a role to play in the life of this church.

Let us step into this season with renewed energy, ready to learn, serve, and grow together. God is doing wonderful things among us—and I believe the best is yet to come.

With joy in Christ

Pastor Mike





PRAYER MISSION SEPTEMBER

Liberty Resources is one of Central New York's most diversified and trusted human service agencies. It was founded in 1978 by a concerned group of citizens who wished to develop community based services in Madison County. Providing residential and non-residential services to individuals and families, their present services include Mental Health; Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, families and youth involved in the child welfare system, domestic violence services; services to persons in recovery; and diversified case management services. Liberty Resources strives for excellence in all areas – as an employer, service provider, and a corporate citizen of the CNY community.



The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone who donated quarters and School Supplies in the last month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

PEACE & GLOBAL

WITNESS OFFERING

(formerly Peacemaking Offering) will start on September 14th. Please support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church so that peace may abound throughout the world. As you contribute to the offering consider the difference your generosity can make.

Offering envelopes will be available in the pews.



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

For the month of September 2025

Jude Alexander (Mancarella's great nephew)	Victor Johnson
Fred Bavo (Jennawade's Uncle)	Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God)
Kevin Bedford	
Brody	Jean Kowalik
Richard Brown	Florence LaRock
Marty Canning	Phyllis Little
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey's Father)	Laurie Mudge
Elizabeth Coulby	Michelle Newman
Cora Cramer (Ethel Abbott's sister)	Becky Nichols
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister)	Michael O'Bryan (Mike's Brother in law)
Emeri Dryer (Maggie's grand daughter)	Mike Oot
Peggy Eastman	Tom Panasci
John Ferguson	Kaitlyn Peryer
Robert Feldmann (Melinda's Father)	Elli Pfluke
Linda Felix	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Jillian Felt	Dave Scribner
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

Debra Skellham
Beal Hyland
Gerry Przybylski

Jim Chappell
Rachel Mancarella

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.

DEACONS

MISSION EMPHASIS:

First Presbyterian Church, Rome

Weaving Home Ministries in Old Forge (Rev. Naomi Kelly)

The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Utica

Three Steeples United Church, Paris

CLASS OF 2025

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

CLASS OF 2026

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

CLASS OF 2027

Those currently serving in a combat zone:



THIS MONTH AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sept 1st Labor Day Office Closed

Sept 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Senior Bible Study, Connection

Sept 7th Communion, Choir Returns

Sept 8th, 22nd Activ8 Her BS (JWCC)

Sept 14th Team Meetings

Sept 21st Deacons Meeting

Sept 23rd Newsletter Deadline

Sept 30th Session



**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 September

Sept 7th-Frank Kordziel

Sept 14th-Pat Thorpe

Sept 21st-Paul Mancarella

Sept 28th-Perry Tooker IV



Sept. 2 Elizabeth Tooker,
Austin Williams
Sept. 3 John Musgrove
Sept. 6 Carol Wells, Frank Kordziel
Sept. 8 Michelle Yeoman,
Sept. 13 Abram Colvin
Sept. 14 Ginny Drake
Sept. 16 Judy Parker
Sept. 22 Georgia Merritt
Sept. 23 Debbie Owens
Sept. 25 Joe Todd
Sept. 27 Ann Oot
Sept. 29 Benjamin Bailey,
Matt Winchell
Sept. 30 Jim Opperman, John Merritt

Anniversaries

Sept. 18 Bill and Donna Ausman
Sept. 20 Bob and Pam West
Mike and Michelle Yeoman
Sept. 22 Chuck and Ginny Pendleton
Brian and Kathy Gay

Coffee Servers for September

Sept 7th-Becky and Bob Williams

Sept 14th-Jack and Barb Arnold

Sept 21st-Carol Miller and Janet Sarensky

Seot 28th-Andy Froass and Trish Vrooman

Aspire

1 night – 3 hours Just for Women
An evening full of laughter, learning, stories & music

Author & Bible Teacher
BARB ROOSE



Comedy by
DORIE MCLEMORE



Music by
LINDSAY MCCAUL



**SUNDAY,
OCT. 5, 2025**

**CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

3644 WARNERS RD.
SYRACUSE, NY 13209

5:00PM SHOW

4:30PM PANEL TIME

4:00PM DOORS OPEN

Come early and join us for
a 15 minute panel time with
all 3 ladies based on
Colossians 2:6-7 called
"Deeply Rooted"

ADVANCE TICKETS

General Admission – \$30

VIP/Reserved – \$40

Group tickets for 10 or more – \$25

VIP/Reserved Groups for 10 or more – \$35

Group sales call 480-812-1100

VIP/Reserved Includes reserved seats
and a snack bag

Purchase tickets at **480-812-1100** or online at:

ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com

We hope you can join us as we celebrate 10 years with ASPIRE

 **Compassion**
FOR THE WORLD'S NEEDS

 **EFF** Extreme Faith
Productions



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation
as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 23RD**

