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Sunday Worship At 10:30 AM



Our service will begin at 10:25AM for announcements, which will be followed by the worship service. You can join us

in-person or stream the service on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FPCHF. The streaming of the service will begin at 10:15AM. All are welcome.

On February 2nd, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper as a congregation. We will be serving the Communion elements and the prepackaged wafer and juice will be available for those who prefer. To those who will be joining us via livestream on Facebook, just a reminder to prepare your Communion elements prior to the service.

We ask that you please turn off your electronic devices like your smartphone or tablet during services in the sanctuary. Turning off these devices helps with our screencasting function - making it easier for those who worship via Facebook

Thank You!





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Church Staff

Rev. Kirk Baker, Pastor Cheryl Farnham, Office Manager Adam Lewis, Christian Education Director Michelle LaVarnway, Choir Director Amy Morrow, Bell Choir Director Nadie Miftari, Housekeeper



Please Check the Church Facebook Page for Updates

Please remember that crucial announcements and worship resources are all available via the church Facebook page. You don't need to have a Facebook account to access the church's page. Our Facebook page is

www.facebook.com/FPCHF

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Written by Pastor Kirk

These famous words Jesus uttered in His Sermon on the Mount have multiple applications. While comprising part of Jesus' "do not worry" teachings, this phrase is ultimately about beauty. Jesus calls His followers to appreciate the beauty of God's creation, which is brought about wholly by God. He implies that gratitude dispels worry.

This reminds me of Nicholas Kristof, who grew up in a small, rural town not that different from my hometown. Kristof won Pulitzer Prizes for his reporting on Darfur when he brought attention to the genocidal violence there, spent a great deal of time in Iraq and Iran, and witnessed students killed by government soldiers in Beijing. While some of his journalism stirred up controversy, he's credited with interviewing people in dangerous places so that ordinary citizens become visible, often resulting in humanitarian assistance.

Once someone asked him how he could keep reporting from violent places and see the results of terrible atrocities without suffering psychological damage. Kristof's response was revealing; he claimed to be able to see how global violence was decreasing, humane treatment was becoming more normal, and the most vulnerable were being better-protected over his decades of reporting. This leads him to publish an annual article, "It's Still the Best Time to Be Alive," though he lets us know, "I promise to barrage you with woe every other day of the year" (even his sense of humor is intact!).

Summing up 2024, Kristof wrote about several crucial metrics. First, infant and child mortality continue to fall, hitting a global low of 3.6%, down from 25% in 1959. Since just the year 2000, 80 million children's lives have been saved due to vaccines, safe water, and access to health care. Severe poverty decreases even more rapidly as 300,000 humans move from that level up to sustainability each year. Severe poverty reached a new low of 8.5% of the world's population in 2024. Literacy is increasing by over 12 million people each year; another person becomes literate every three seconds.

While Kristof encountered death, disease, and starvation firsthand in places like Haiti and Gaza, he notes that three regions he visited repeatedly are now rebuilding. Yemen, Ethiopia, and Syria were all convulsed by war over decades and no one saw a solution. All of them now enjoy sustained peace.

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow..."

Matthew 6:28b

Many young people feel great anxiety about climate change, and we've already surpassed the 2-degree marker international agreements call "catastrophic." However, so much progress has been made in reducing greenhouse gases and restoring toxic waste sites that the "tipping point" has been reached. Efforts will continue even as regimes and policies change, and will continue to have a beneficial impact on our planet.

Some years ago the People's Republic of China raised the possibility of attacking Taiwan. Two years ago, the U.S. announced new agreements between Taiwan, Australia, the Philippines, South Korea, and Japan. Ukraine's successful resistance to Russia's invasion proved that Western powers can ramp up military support quickly. Today, China has removed plans for invading Taiwan from its military scenarios.

Breakthroughs in medical treatments have made schizophrenia more manageable for millions of

people, and semaglutides have proven effective against obesity and its range of potential health problems.

Kristof ends his annual look back by declaring he feels "not buoyant, but a little better. The world is a mess... but it's important to take a break and put it all in perspective... For all the challenges we face, there has been no better time to be alive."

I feel that is a contemporary journalist's way of looking at the lilies that grow and multiply, not due to any work on our part, but due to the inherent nature God gave them. They are beautiful, and we honor God when we stop and acknowledge that fact. May our gratitude serve as an antidote to the plaints of our prosperous citizenry.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Kirk

News from Austin Cooley

When I was a boy, my family was friends with the Cooleys. I had two brothers, they had three daughters, and we enjoyed getting together - especially on Keuka Lake. Little did I know Mr. and Mrs. Cooley joined the First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls! Soon after I arrived in 2018, Mr. Cooley sent a kind email, welcoming me to the congregation they both loved.

If you knew the Cooleys, you may have heard that they moved to his hometown region in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Vivian died some years ago. Their daughters married - one husband became an important leader in Singapore.

Austin (always Mr. Cooley in my mind) sent a letter to friends after strong floods struck the Black Mountain region of North Carolina, to let people know he's okay. According to the letter, few residents had significant damage to their homes as the mountain rock precludes full basements. Some businesses suffered more damage as water stayed in their deeper sub-floor areas. The Presbyterian Church he now attends took in some people during the worst of the storms

While his youngest, Barbara, cleared the trees from his land, you might not be surprised to hear that Austin (now 87) spent time volunteering in the clean-up efforts and checking on neighbors. That's so true to character.

I hope you enjoyed this little update from one of the church's past members.

Pastor Kirk

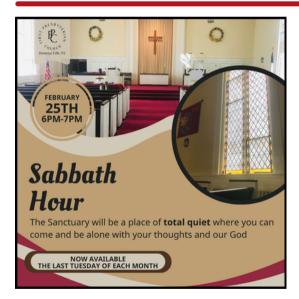


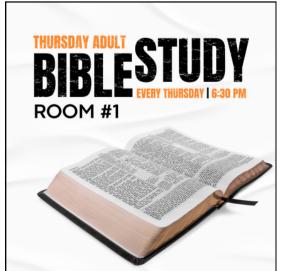
Worship In February

We've seen that the Common Lectionary can select such short sections of Bible stories that they can be very difficult to understand on their own. This is probably because when the lectionary was compiled, the Bible was one of the few books nearly everyone knew. With lower literacy rates, many people memorized passages, and the short sections chosen for the lectionary would remind listeners of the entire passage. It wasn't necessary to include the whole story or arrange passages in order because most worshipers could locate brief sections and place them accurately within the larger narrative of the entire Bible.

As Presbyterians we acknowledge "freedom in Christ" in worship, which means we can expand, shorten, or ignore the Common Lectionary altogether. I often add verses or complementary readings to help clarify the brief passages recommended.

2/02/25	Regular Sunday	Guest Preacher	Preacher's Choice	
2/09/25	Jesus' Call	Lectionary	Luke 5:1-11	
2/16/25	Regular Sunday	Guest Preacher	Preacher's Choice	
2/23/25	Sermon on the Plain	Lectionary	Luke 6:17-38	





Welcoming Rev. Dr. John Odom to the Pulpit



On Sunday, February 2nd the congregation will be welcoming Rev. Dr. John Odom to the pulpit. Rev. Dr. John Odom became the Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Genesee Valley in October 2024. John comes to the role of presbytery leader after 9 years as General Presbyter of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery and 25 years as a pastor in a variety of congregational settings in New York and North Carolina. John is energized by the vision of building spiritual leaders, empowering life-giving congregations and transforming the world through the grace and justice of Jesus.

John is married to the Rev. Emily Enders Odom, Associate Director of Mission Communications for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). They have two adult children—Nathaniel and Elizabeth, and a grandson—Elijah.

John enjoys strong coffee, learning American Sign Language, and teaching yoga as a 200-hour certified yoga teacher.

Pastor Kirk on Vacation

commissioned lay pastor of Presbytery of Genesee Valley.

Pastor Kirk will be on vacation from Tuesday, February 11th through Tuesday, February 18th. Elder Leslie Rowe ((585) 330-7948 or reslie31@yahoo.com) will be available for those needing assistance while Pastor Kirk is away. The Rev. Carin Farmer of Avon Central Presbyterian Church will be providing emergency pastoral care in Pastor Kirk's absence. She can be reached at either (585) 226 – 2626 (office) or (585) 738 – 3274 (cell phone). On Sunday, February 16th we will be welcoming Elder Carl DelleFave in worship. Carl is a

Director's Dish

Written by Adam Lewis Christian Education Director

As we welcome February, I'd like to thank everyone who donated shoes or winter clothing items during our Carhartt Sunday campaign in January! We once again took in a tremendous number of items; it's great to see the congregation's generosity! The clothing items will be distributed between our local shelters and the shoes will go to Happy Birthday Cha Cha. This is a good time to remind everyone that we are a drop-off location for used shoes since HBCCC accepts them year-round. They can be left outside of the CE office.

Looking at February, there will be a Middle School Youth Group sledding activity on Sunday, February 2nd. There will be pizza and discussion at church after worship, then sledding afterwards. Please see the flyer for more details.

February 9th is "Souper Bowl" Sunday! Please bring in your non-perishable food items for donation to the local food pantry. Please check expiration dates before donating!

Our Trip to Blessed Sacrament on January 9th got postponed due to them double booking us with a group from Webster. However, we will hopefully be rescheduling that for the end of February. Again, it will serve as part of our push to get younger folks to join the church. This year, Alexis Ludwig, Nolan Mueller and Lia Richardson will begin their journey towards church membership!

Since CE has been doing so many collection drives recently, we have pushed our Pet Supply Drive back to March. Hopefully this will break things up a bit and we can generate more donations for our local shelters that are really taxed at the moment.

We have also begun planning for our 3rd annual Pickleball Tournament. We are really trying to emphasize it as a family event so if you are interested in helping with the planning, please let me know (adamlewisced@yahoo.com). With working 60 hours a week, I can definitely use the help this year!

Blessinas!



Join us at the church for pizza at noon, mission activity discussion, and then we will go sledding!



Candle Lighter Sign-Up

Youth are invited to sign-up to be a Sanctuary Candle Lighter. This is a special way to contribute to the reverence and beauty of our worship space. The sign-up sheet is posted on the CE Director's Office door, and there are plenty of open slots available through April. Please take a moment to sign up and be part of this meaningful tradition.

Session

Written by Chris Hinds, Clerk of Session

What, you may ask, is Session?

Session is the ruling body of each individual Presbyterian Church. Your Session often works behind the scenes, monitoring and coordinating the work of the teams, making sure things are done in accordance with our rules and regulations. Each Team has a Session Representative who attends meetings and who is charged with making sure the Session as a whole sees your work, facilitates requests and communicates back to you. We also do things like set and oversee the budget, set some policies, and guide the direction of the church. Over the past few years, as we have developed more teams with broader scope. While the work is done by the teams, it is coordinated by Session. Session meets once a month and we try to balance the many requests that come in from teams and from the Community. You are always invited to contact a member of Session with any concern, but we will have to use your name if we present the issue at a meeting. Sometimes you just want to vent, and that is fine, we want to hear your thoughts. Pastor Kirk, as our Moderator, advises us on the rules for our efforts and brings in his own thoughts and the benefit of research on best practices.

As Clerk of Session, I am copied in on most communications and can facilitate resolving issues, or getting them on the agenda. Do not hesitate to call me if there is a Session related issue. We are down one member, if you are thinking you might want to serve as an elder, please contact Pastor Kirk! We have made significant progress over the past year! Session and the church as a whole, are looking forward to the challenges of 2025, it takes a village.

Teazaar 2024 questions:

Did you.....

- design, print and laminate signs, posters, raffle tickets, etc. etc., etc., needed for Teazaar?
- send Teazaar poster and information to other churches in surrounding towns and villages?
- place ads & photos on GV Pennysaver, our website, local Community Pages, Facebook, other?
- change dates on all Teazaar signs make sure all in place before Teazaar and all down after Teazaar?
- come before Thanksgiving and get tables ready for the set-up of Treasures of Christmas Past area?
- help to move "Treasures" from Manse to the church a "family" and extended family project this year!
- put in hours 11/20-11/26 unpacking &displaying the Treasures Grandma + two again + helpful others!
- come on Monday, 11/27 with "muscle"- set up tables, put up arch, carry displays from Manse, etc.
- come on Monday, 11/27 to drape front tables them and put props and displays in place?
- help with decorating and lighting and transforming the room into TEAZAAR? Guild Hall looked so nice!
- come to help place items and price them? on 1 day?, on 2 days?, on 3 days?, on 4 days? More?.... Wow!
- come to cut & weigh & seal the cheese on Thursday morning?
- use the food sealing machine seal cheese hunks, seal mugs, baked goods, festive foods....other?
- bake for Baked Goods area make pies, make breads, make special cookies for the cookie assortments?
- come to package the cookies on Friday evening? help finish ALL details?
- serve as "Chief" cookie tray sealer Friday evening...again! how many years in a row?? 20+++?
- come to set up the Baked Goods area, do pricing, etc. on Friday evening?
- plan and set up the special tea area / work at the tea area? Clean up the tea area?
- doll-up donated items, little trees, fix things with a trusty hot glue gun on several days? WOW!
- design/fix floral pieces, swags & many wreaths?
- donate items to any Teazaar "venue"? sew? make a craft?
- give a monetary donation designated for the Teazaar?
- make peppermint bark, candies, tasty snacks, fudge, gift baskets, coffee mug gifts, homemade vanilla peanut brittle, caramel corn, chocolate dipped pretzels – other special items for Festive Foods?
- donate jewelry items? donate "Treasures"? lots of nice donations....thank you all!
- sort jewelry, put pierced earrings on cards?
- help set up the Jewelry area again and pack it away? help with display and pricing of jewelry? (BIG job!)
- help the Sunday School "elves" fill mugs with candy? Seal the mugs using the sealing machine?
- help plan & set up the Gingerbread House? Donate items/supplies to the Gingerbread House?
- work or supervise at the Gingerbread House?
- clean up & pack up the Gingerbread House items? take all boxes (tables too!) back to the Manse?
- plan & set up for the Candy Cane Café Soup Take-out make soups for the Candy Cane Café Take-out?
- supervise or work at the Candy Cane Café Soup Take-Out? SOLD OUTagain!!
- work in one of the areas on Teazaar day? choose to work the same area for years?
- make sure Mrs. Santa was there? Thank you R.H.!!
- volunteer to greet, usher and assist in the Sanctuary on Teazaar Day? For more than one "shift"?
- come, shop and buy on Teazaar day? help after Teazaar with table moves / consolidating items?
- shop and buy items on Sunday after Teazaar or on Sundays later in December?
- collect money for post-Teazaar purchases & cheese after church?
- pack up the leftover Teazaar Treasures and other unsold items in late December?
- fold table coverings, move tables and help with final clean-up of Guild Hall?
- carry leftover Treasures and other items to the Manse? SO helpful!!
- experience the tradition, fellowship and fun surrounding the 51st Teazaar?

We hope we didn't miss the question in your category of helpfulness or generosity. Our very sincere thanks to all who gave time, talents, "muscle", items and special gifts to the 51st Annual Teazaar!

The Women's Association Coordinators of the Teazaar

Capital Campaign Team

Written by Anne Gravenstede, Secretary

The Capital Campaign Committee thanks the congregation for approving the motion as presented by Margaret Bailey at the Annual Meeting to go forward with the Public Phase of the campaign. The valuable input received during the meeting for the Mission component of the campaign and for prioritizing of projects is also appreciated.

Our next meeting on February 4th will be a joint meeting with Mission to discuss opportunities going forward - any additional input or concerns can be addressed by contacting any member of the Capital Campaign Team. Be on the lookout for updates to the campaign projects on our bulletin board and in Glad Tidings Weekend Edition during February.

Mission Team



The Mission Team is looking for donations for St. Peter's Kitchen. They have a need for large jars of Mayonnaise and Jelly, Onion Powder, Garlic Powder, Salt and Pepper.

We will be running this through the end of February. The bin will be located between the Double Room and Adam's office. Thank you!

February Community Meal

The February Community meal will be on Sunday, February 23rd., at 4:00p.m. The coordinators for this month's meal will be the Nestrick family. Please consider bringing a friend or a neighbor to this month's meal.

Interested in hosting a meal? Please sign-up on the Deacons Bulletin Board!

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL FEBRUARY 23RD 4:00PM ALLARE WELCOME FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 27 N. Main Street Honeoye Falls, NY

Thank You

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the congregation for the calls, notes, cards, flowers, gifts, and emails that have shown me and my family your care and support following the passing of my grandfather and my husband's recent surgery. Your kindness and prayers have meant so much to us during this time. I truly appreciate each and every one of you, and I feel deeply blessed to work alongside such a loving and caring community.

Thank you. Cheryl

HF-Mendon Senior Citizens Club

The HF-Mendon Senior Citizens Club meets monthly the 2nd Tuesday at noon and 4th Tuesday at 11:00;

Location: Community Center 167 West Main Street, Honeoye Falls, NY.

Programs are of interest to all, including bus trips.

For more information, contact Nancy Merritt, Secretary: nancytime2@aol.com or see me in church

California Wildfires



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support in response to the devastating fires in California, which authorities are calling a historic and deadly wildfire event. PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate care. The magnitude of this event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects.

Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by these catastrophic wildfires? — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/CAfires25, by phone at 800-728-7228, ext. 5885, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "PDA-CF25-BI" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



ACT: Assemble Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas. For more information, go to pcusa.org/GOHkits.

PRAY: God, our refuge and strength, you are an ever-present help in trouble. You see the devastation caused by the California wildfires. You hear the cries of loss and know the exhaustion of those waiting and helping. For those forced to flee, grant rest. For those fighting fires, grant strength. For those mourning, grant comfort. For those still in danger, grant protection. May your Church be a presence of hope. In Christ's name, Amen.

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Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church, or mail with your check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.





Presbytery of Genesee Valley

CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING DAY



Saturday, March 1, 2025

- For New & Experienced Church Leaders & Church Members
- Offering Worship & 7 Courses-all online, via Zoom
- Registration deadline: 2/27/25

SCHEDULE:

8:30 – 8:55 a.m. Meet and Greet--conversation & time for questions

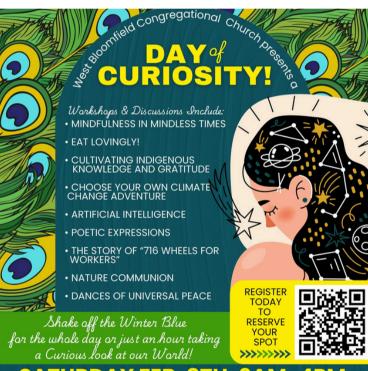
9 – 10:45 a.m. Introduction & Workshop Session 1 10:45 – 11 Break

10:45 – 11 Break 11 – 11:30 Worship 11:30 – 1 p.m. Workshor

11:30 – 1 p.m. Workshop Session 2

Worship will be led by Rev. Jim Renfrew with music by Bill Hockey.

REGISTER: https://pbygenval.org/congregational-learning-day/



SATURDAY FEB. 8TH, 9AM-4PM

Our faith and church value curiosity as a way of building peace and more understanding in our world. Join us for an hour or a whole day packed with learning and interacting in body, mind, and spirit! 9am-4pm on February 8, 2025. Vegetarian Lunch included. We encourage you to invite many friends! Online Registration through February 1 (see QR code above). You can register the day of the event, but some workshops may be full. Suggested donation \$10-20 and a donation to our HOPE Food Pantry if feasible, but no one will be turned away.

For more details please go to wbccucc.org



Job Posting for PGV Communications Coordinator (Part-time)

This is a part-time non-exempt hourly remote position for approximately 20 hours per week. Please see the complete job posting located on the bulletin board next to the church office.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

The Deacons will celebrate the December Birthdays during coffee hour in Guild Hall on Sunday, January 5th.

01st: Amy Bianchi

Debbie Williams

Penny Shraeder

03rd: Yanxia May han John Wallace

04th: Michelle LaMachia

06th: Adam Lewis

09th: Adam Bianchi

Kathleen Converse

12th: Roger Kumler

13th: Kenneth Gravenstede

14th: Flynn Johnson

15th: Carol Hartman

19th: Mariann Hughes

23rd: Cindy Doane Skelton

Frank Richeson

If you don't see your birthday on this list please let the church office know so we can update our records











































FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Troop 410 Sleepover Guild Hall All Day until 9AM Sunday
Bells 8:30AM Vocal Choir 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM Deacon Birthday Coffee Hour John Odom Visit Middle School Youth Sledding Event After Worship	3	4 English Lessons 10AM - Manse Coffee Convo 1PM Manse Worship & Spiritual Growth Team 3PM Double Room	5	6 English Lessons 10AM - Manse Bible Study 6:30PM Double Room	7	8
9 Bells 8:30AM Vocal Choir 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM Membership Team 11:45AM Room #1 Souper Bowl Sunday	B&G Team 9AM Room #1 Session 6:30PM Room #1	English Lessons 10AM - Manse Generosity Team 11AM - Library Pastor Kirk on Vacation	Pastor Kirk on Vacation	Fellowship Team 5PM Library Pastor Kirk on Vacation	Pastor Kirk on Vacation	Pastor Kirk on Vacation
16 Bells 8:30AM Vocal Choir 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM Fellowship Coffee Hour Pastor Kirk on Vacation	Office Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day Pastor Kirk on Vacation	18 Pastor Kirk on Vacation	Membership Team 4PM Room #1 Pinehurst Service 6:30PM	Deacons 5PM Guild Hall CE Team 6:30PM Zoom Bible Study 6:30PM Double Room	21	22
Bells 8:30AM Vocal Choir 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM Community Meal 4PM Community	24	English Lessons 10AM - Manse Coffee Convo 1PM Manse Sabbath Hour 6PM - 7PM	26 Pickleball Team 6PM - Zoom	English Lessons 10AM - Manse Bible Study 6:30PM Double Room	28	

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