

GLAD TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church Honeoye Falls

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 January 5th, 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!



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

The Church Office will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 20, 2025

Congregational Annual Meeting

The 194th Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls is scheduled for Sunday, January 26th following worship at 11:30AM in the sanctuary.

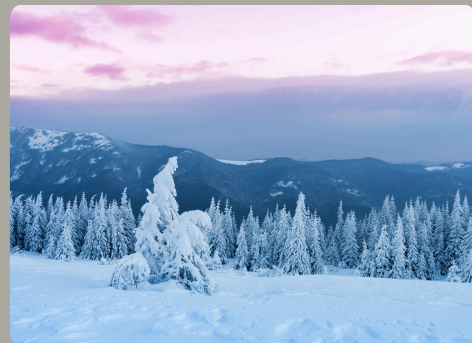


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Church Staff

- 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



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MAY THE NEW YEAR FILL YOUR HOME WITH JOY, YOUR HEART WITH LOVE, AND YOUR LIFE WITH LAUGHTER. MAY GOD BLESS YOU TODAY AND EVERY DAY!

Written by Pastor Kirk

“If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?”

Mark 8:34b-36

Some years ago a parent complained jokingly that while their teen child had come back from serving food to homeless diners shocked and grateful, the effect soon wore off. “I was proud when he said how a conversation with a homeless man opened his eyes and made him realize how good his life is,” the parent explained. “After only about a week, he was complaining his phone was too old, the internet is too slow, and he wants a new video game!” At the time, I laughed along with the parent. These days that conversation has taken on deeper meaning as stories of parents’ concerns over their children’s ingratitude, poor social skills, and sometimes demands of financial support late into adulthood, become more common.

We know how to raise compassionate, grateful, caring kids who will work hard to build lives for themselves. The answer isn’t an annual trip to help at a free meal program or homeless shelter; it’s regular, sustained involvement in helping those less fortunate. If we want people in our lives to be more thoughtful, understanding, and self-sufficient, the one, proven path for nearly everyone is to volunteer with a program that serves people they don’t know on a regular basis - ideally, every week, but at least once each month. That parent who was so disappointed the impact of a youth mission outing didn’t last could have benefitted from knowing that infrequent service projects would never have a lasting effect.

The irony is that as our society has become wealthier we’ve also become more obsessed with wealth and the ability to generate it. In the American middle class, parenting success is based almost entirely on suitability for college and earnings after graduation. Even the phrase “get into a good college” is a euphemism for

acceptance at a school that is known to land high-paying jobs (Hurst, Amplified Advantage, 2019). Also consider recent choices we’ve made as a society. Selling marijuana for “recreational use” is now legal in New York State because it’s expected to generate sizable tax revenue, despite the well-documented damage recreational marijuana inflicts on families and communities. Colleges sell student email lists to sports betting companies, who hope they can hook college students for life. Gun manufacturers have written recent gun laws through the NRA even as schools have become common locations for mass shootings. The common message all these changes send is that children don’t matter unless they are making profit for someone else.

Yet the very activities that produce candidates for a “good college” are those that eclipse the ones that form character, strength, and empathy. One of the best ways to share faith with children from age eleven onward is through shared acts of Christian service - research shows that has more impact than praying together, studying the Bible together, or talking about faith during teen years (though all do help - Powell & Clark, Sticky Faith, 2011).

The answer is so simple, yet it seems impossible for many parents to fit regular Christian service into their jam-packed schedules. On the one hand, this is because today’s parents are only judged by their ability to produce attractive college applicants, not on how kind or caring their children may be. On the other hand, it’s because parents are stretched thinly between two time-intensive careers. Employers have been given enormous power over their employees relative to the 1970s, and this creates so much stress that the Surgeon

General recently declared parenting to be “bad” for your health.

I wish there were an easy answer; adults my age and older often act as if young parents can simply choose to not enroll children in various activities, but between the norms of children’s peer groups (which encourage children to want to be over-scheduled) and the unrealistic demands of employment, parents don’t have as many choices as we once did. They need places for their children to be during extended work hours, so arguing with teenagers that they’re too busy becomes difficult, if not impossible.

If we follow Jesus’ example, we might push back on schools and employers instead. We could ask both to consider their impacts on families. Armed with some of the vast amounts of information available about how problems like hyper-scheduling, relentless adult supervision, and “workism” harm parents and children, we can suggest schools and employers adopt healthier practices. We can listen when young parents speak of the pressures they face. And we can prayerfully consider how to make our faith community different, one that seeks to alleviate demands on busy families rather than demand that church become one more item on a full calendar. I suspect this is the kind of approach Jesus would take, and we are, after all, the Body of Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kirk

Ordination & Installation of Officers

This year’s Ordination and Installation of incoming Elders and Deacons will take place during the worship service on Sunday, January 5th. The Officer training is scheduled to take place after worship that Sunday from Noon until approximately 3:00PM.



Worship In January

As we start the new year, we continue to follow the Lectionary, with occasional detours for local church observances such as the ordination and installation of Church Officers on January 5. The Revised Common Lectionary is a three-year cycle of readings over common among Protestant denominations. The first "common" (shared) lectionary was developed in the early days of Protestantism to ensure that Bible passages that explicated Protestant teachings were included. The Lectionary was designed to include a broad selection of Bible passages. Today the Lectionary is hard for many to follow due to decreased familiarity with the Holy Bible.



1/05/25	Installation Sunday	Ordination & Installation	Numbers 11:16-30; Acts 6:1-7
1/12/25	Baptism of the Lord	Lectionary	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
1/19/25	Jesus Is Lord	Lectionary	John 2:1-11
1/26/25	Jesus Is Prophet	Lectionary	Luke 4:14-21

JANUARY 26TH 6PM-7PM

Sabbath Hour

The Sanctuary will be a place of **total quiet** where you can come and be alone with your thoughts and our God

NOW AVAILABLE THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Thank You from Capital Campaign Team

The Capital Campaign Team would like to thank everyone who attended their presentation on the project at the end of November and provided valuable feedback. For those who were unable to attend or would like to view it again, the presentation is available in its entirety on the church website. The website also includes a section where you can make a donation to the campaign. The link to the Capital Campaign Team's page on the church website is <https://www.firstpresbyterianhoneoyefalls.org/campaign/>

Please be on the lookout for summaries of the presentation in the January *Glad Tidings Weekend Edition*, which is emailed every Friday.

Scenes from Christmas Eve



THURSDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY
EVERY THURSDAY | 6:30 PM
ROOM #1

Director's Dish

Written by Adam Lewis
Christian Education Director

Here we are, entering yet another new year! I hope that you all had a great Christmas season; it was nice seeing many of you at our Family Service on Christmas Eve. Many of our youth were involved in the service which was wonderful! For those who couldn't attend, the youth presented "The Christmas Story", through a traditional Christmas Pageant. In addition, the "Treble Makers" also performed and a big thank you goes out to our Sunday school volunteers for making both of those things possible! The High School youth also put together a fun Christmas Puppet video about putting our differences aside, especially at Christmas.

As we look ahead to our January events, I'm excited to share that CE will once again be hosting Carhartt Sunday, on January 26th. As usual, we will be accepting new or slightly used winter clothing items for all genders and ages. Anything from coats, hats and gloves to socks, scarves and boots will be welcomed. We're excited to once again be able to help those in need and especially those who are close to home.

Looking even farther ahead, Souper Bowl Sunday will be February 9th, where we collect nonperishable food items for the local food cupboard and our annual Pet Supply drive will be taking place during the month of February. A list will be posted for needed supplies but as usual, we're looking for blankets, towels, clay cat litter, bowls leashes and collars. This time of year is great in the church because we get to see first hand how charitable our congregation is!

We are also working on planning Mission/Confirmation activities. We are still finalizing dates, but the first date will be January 9th, where the youth will be serving at Blessed Sacrament. As other dates become available, I'll keep everyone informed.

Blessings to you all in this new year!

Blessed Sacrament Mission Trip

Thursday, January 9th
Be at FPCHF by 4:30PM

Got Questions? Reach out to Adam
at adamlewisced@yahoo.com



Carhartt Sunday is January 26th

We will once again be accepting new or slightly used winter clothing items that we will donate to local shelters and outreach programs.

Please consider donating hats, coats, gloves, scarves, sock, etc. We will accept both adult and youth sized. Let's help keep everyone arm this winter!!



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH IS

SOUPER BOWL



HELP US CHANGE
THE GAME AND
TACKLE HUNGER!

SUNDAY

PLEASE BRING IN CANNED OR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY TO WORSHIP SERVICE.



Fellowship Team - January Cookbook Luncheon

Join us January 19th to celebrate the wonderful cooks of FPCHF. Below is a partial list of recipes from the Martin Circle, 1975 and 1996 FPCHF cookbooks. If you see something you'd like to make or have a recipe you'd like to make, please contact Donna at dhickling56@gmail.com by January 10th. And if you know something about the cook, please send it to Donna to share at the luncheon.

<u>Recipe</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Recipe</u>	<u>Author</u>
Scrabble	Gertrude Eberly	Dip For Crackers	Jane Sensenbach
Pumpkin Soup	Betsy Peno	Vegetarian Rice	Harriet Carter
Pineapple – Applesauce Salad	Dorothy Francis	Cranberry Salad	Edith Martin /Augusta Yorks
Zucchini-Mushroom Au Gratin	Cornelia Miller	Banana Bread	Marge Bloom
Sloppy Joes	Esther Swick / Thelma Buckman	Meatball Frypan	Marge Osterling
Curried Chicken Pecan Salad	Helen Bixby	Hot Chicken Salad	Martha Fronk
Potatoes Au Gratin	Eleanor Sexton	Holiday Casserole	Lue Robison
Quaker Cookies	Mary Miller	Dream Bars	Nellie McNeil
Waldorf Astoria Chocolate Cake	Eileen Slocum	Soft Molasses Cookies	Florence Batzel
Coffee Sheet Cookies	Jeannine Milne	Cherry Cobbler	Lola Gilbert

- Some recipes have ingredients that are no longer available. "Inspired by" and using modern techniques and ingredients is just fine for any recipe.
- Please be aware of food allergies – if the recipe calls for nuts, consider making a nut-free version.

A recipe book of these recipes and other selections made by the Fellowship Team will be available for a donation at the luncheon. Donations will go towards capital campaign kitchen projects. If you know any of the children of the recipe author who would like a copy, please let Donna know and we'll get them a copy.

January Community Meal

The January Community meal will be on Sunday, January 26th., at 4:00p.m. The coordinators for this month's meal will be the Deacons men. Please consider bringing a friend or a neighbor to this month's meal.




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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HONEOYE FALLS

COMMUNITY Free Meal



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH
4:00PM
27 N. MAIN STREET, HONEOYE FALLS



Blood Drive
In Guild Hall
Friday, January 10th
1:30PM - 6PM
Please see bulletin board
outside church office for more
details.

Annual Reports

Annual Reports are due to the church office by Friday, January 3, 2025. Please email your Annual Reports to Cheryl at officeFPCHF@gmail.com.



Deacons January Birthday Coffee Hour

Sunday, January 5th

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS




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



- 02nd: Phyllis Fritz
Kevin Clar
- 05th: Sue Ellen Roach
- 06th: Ruth Hayes
- 08th: Rob Nestrack
- 09th: Sue Wiegand
- 11th: Stan Worboys
- 12th: Noah Wells
- 16th: Ron Fritz
Josh & Luke Kosciol
- 19th: Helga Lubbers
- 24th: David Shaver
- 30th: Anne Erway
Dakota Powers
Milo Sartor

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

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>Church Office Closed in Observance of New Year's Day</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Office Hours 11AM - 4PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Annual Reports Due to Church Office</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Worship 10:30AM Deacon Birthday Coffee Hour After Worship Installation & Ordination of Elders/Deacons & Officer Training 12-3PM</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Session 6:30PM Room #1</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Coffee Convo 1PM Manse</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Pinehurst Service 6:15PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Bible Study 6:30PM Room #1</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Red Cross Blood Drive 1:30PM-6:30PM Guild Hall</p> 	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Worship 10:30AM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>B&G Team 9AM Room #1</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Generosity Team 11AM Library Coffee Convo 1PM Manse Capital Campaign Team 6PM Room #1 Cheryl Out of the Office</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Membership Team 4PM Room #1</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Deacons 5:00PM Guild Hall Bible Study 6:30PM Room #1</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Worship 10:30AM Fellowship Team Cookbook Luncheon Guild Hall After Worship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Coffee Convo 1PM Manse WSG Team 4:30PM Double Room February Newsletter Articles Due</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Bible Study 6:30PM Room #1</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Worship 10:30AM Congregational Annual Meeting 11:30AM Sanctuary Community Meal 4PM</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Coffee Convo 1PM Manse Sabbath Hour 6PM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Bible Study 6:30PM Room #1</p>	<p>31</p>	

Bell Choir Meets at 8:30AM and Vocal Choir meets at 9:15AM on Sunday mornings.

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Worship January 2025

Assisting Elder:
Margaret Bailey

Liturgists

5th - Linda Goodrum
12th - Nolan Clar
19th - Rachael Garvey
26th - Pat Smith

Accompanists

5th - Michelle LaMachia
12th - Laura Mueller
19th - Michelle LaMachia
26th - Laura Mueller

Communion Servers

Brenda Allen, Margaret Bailey, Amy Morrow, Jean Reinhardt, Gail Richeson, and Stan Worboys.

Technology Team

Patti Moehlmann, Brian Webster, Ginny Floss, Amy Morrow, Eric Ludwig, Scott May, and Ethan Ludwig