



# The First Presbyterian Newsletter

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*Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Gen 2:9*

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## Wizard's Wardrobe Receives Grant for Tutoring

By Deb Fagans

Wizard's Wardrobe, the tutoring project that has grown out of our partnership with Giffen Memorial Elementary School in the heart of Albany's South End, has been recently successful in receiving a grant from the Picotte Foundation that will help with expenses going towards tutoring, including paying for our vetting of tutors. The grant awarded exceeded the \$2,730 that we requested for the tutor vetting by \$3,000 to a total of \$5,730 (more than doubling our request) and opened it to include other tutor expenses. This was very generous of the Picotte family. After months of frustration and red tape, the Wizard's Wardrobe, a 501(c)3 organization, is finally moving along.

We held our Kick-off event on Tuesday, Nov. 29, and had about 50 people in attendance (See pictures on p. 9.). Assembly Hall was beautifully appointed with soft lighting and large pictures of our "home" at 20 Rensselaer Street, around the corner from Giffen Elementary School.

Renovations there are also moving along, and we were able to get into the tutoring space with paint brushes and rollers and have it all primed for color. The main underlying coat of gray was added on Dec. 17, and the space will look more like a castle by Jan. 8, under the artistic direction of Leslie Roccario and David Hinchén. If you would like to help on either Jan. 7 or 8, please let Debbie Fagans know (edfagans@me.com or 776-0664).

We are excited to start our tutoring and hope to do so on January 17. If you are interested in helping with this, we have a full day training scheduled for Feb. 11. Mark your calendars!



Deb and Eric Fagans, founders of Wizard's Wardrobe.

For a photo view of the Wizard's Wardrobe kick-off event, see p. 9.

**The Annual Meeting** of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church will meet in the sanctuary on **Sunday, January 29, following the 10:45 service.** At this meeting we will hear reports of Session, Board of Deacons, and other recognized groups of the church; the 2016 financials will be reviewed and the 2017 budget will be given for information. Members will vote on changes in terms of call of the Co-Pastors. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

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**First Presbyterian Church**  
Albany, NY  
Founded in 1763

**Dr. Miriam Lawrence Leupold**  
**Dr. Glenn D. Leupold**  
Co-Pastors

**Dr. Michael Lister**  
Director of Music

**Trevor Kahlbaugh**  
Organist

**Christy D'Ambrosio**  
Youth Director

**Robert C. Lamar**  
Pastor Emeritus

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Gladys Crowder  
Richard Gascoyne  
Annette Johnson  
Stephanie Kite  
Harry (Skip) Meislahn  
John Myers  
Phillip Riddle  
Mary Rogers  
Roseline Takor

## Deacons

**Prudence Iyok**  
Moderator

Diane Cornell  
Lee Helsby  
Ellen Kemp  
Peter Kimuli  
Judith Mark  
Joe Mathias  
Jerry Nathan  
Ron Pettis  
Leslie Roccario  
Peg Schalit  
Gail Scott  
Deb Shoup  
Grace White  
Robert Willower  
Barbara Woodruff  
Margaret Zettle

**January 2017**

**Adult and High School Christian Education Hour**

## Terrorism, Fanaticism, and Hate

By Christy D'Ambrosio

The High School Curriculum for the 2016-17 year is entitled *Terrorism/Fanaticism/Hate*. The class has been examining global issues (terrorism); then reducing the scope to national concerns (fanaticism) and finally, focusing on the individual (hate). During the month of January, a series of classes has been created, entitled: *A Month on Diversity: Disarming Hate*. Each of the four Sunday morning Christian Education hours (9:30-10:30) will be devoted to promoting understanding and tolerance and will meet with Adult Education. The schedule is as follows:

**Sunday, January 8, 9:30 am**

**Black Lives Matter**

**Jacqui C. Williams, Activist**

Jacqui C. Williams is an independent consultant with thirty years of experience conducting trainings to clergy, rape crisis programs, K-12 school, colleges, community groups, health care professionals, mental health providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, and related professionals. She worked in the field of ending sexual violence since 1991 as the Warren County Rape Crisis



Coordinator, Policy and Education Director of the NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Director of Outreach and Training for the NYS DCJS Office of Sex Offender Management. Ms. Williams has conducted training on identifying and dismantling various forms of oppression in her professional work and in a volunteer capacity as a *Beyond Categorical Thinking* facilitator for the Unitarian Universalist Association since 2001. She served as the Co-President of Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM), and was elected as a member of the General Assembly Planning Committee and Presidential Search Committee. Her community work includes direct work with adolescent girls and advocacy for improvement of education and quality of life issues in Albany. She was an at-large member of the Albany Community Police Advisory Committee (ACPAC) from 2011 to 2014, member of Capital Area Against Mass Incarceration (CAAMI) and Black Lives Matter Upstate, a chapter of the Black Lives Matter National Network and part of the Movement for Black Lives particularly the South End where she lives.

Jacqui also is the Founding Director of Filling in the Gaps in American History (FIGAH), which is research on people of African descent who are not usually found in text books. She shares this via a Facebook page and website [www.figah.us](http://www.figah.us) plus does presentations on people, places and events from a more inclusive lens.

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JC3Consulting was formed in 2010 to combine her various interests and skills in anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multiculturalism with Jacqui's personal desire to see all forms of personal and systemic oppression transformed. Jacqui lives in the South End with a very talkative and photogenic cat named Mia.

## **Sunday, January 15, 9:30 am Islamophobia: Children at the Well Paula Weiss, Executive Director**

*Children at the Well Youth Storytellers for Peace & Understanding* is an award winning storytelling program for teenagers of diverse



cultural and religious backgrounds that is based on the belief that stories have moral, spiritual and healing power to create a more vibrant, interconnected and peaceful world. Founded eleven years ago in the Capital Region of New York, they are still one of a kind and are writing a book to help others launch their own youth storytelling programs based on the Children at the Well model.

## **Sunday, January 22, 9:30 am LGBTQ issues Lee Helsby, Deacon and Elder**

Lee Helsby has been a member of First Pres. since 1978 and is a Deacon and Elder. He was raised in the Disciples of Christ Church, and first became a Presbyterian in the Genesee Valley Presbytery. He is retired, having taught in the Modern Languages and Classics Department at Siena College for 34 years, and before that at SUNY Geneseo. Lee came from Pennsylvania originally and attended



Bethany College, West Virginia University and University at Albany. He was married to Joseph (DJ) Roche at First Pres in 2014, though they've been together for 26 years.

## **Sunday, January 29, 9:30 am Transgender issues Capital Region Pride Center**

The mission of the Pride Center of the Capital Region is to promote the well-being of all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer-identified (LGBTQ) people and those affected by discrimination based on gender identity and expression. Based in Albany, the Pride Center has been meeting the diverse needs of LGBTQ people in a ten county region since 1970. As the oldest continuously-operating LGBTQ community center in the country, the Pride Center has worked to build a welcoming and empowering community for all people.



The speakers and programming promise to be engaging and enlightening. Mark your calendars, High School Youth and Adults. Plan to attend the 9:30 Christian Education hour during the month of January.



## **Mayan Hands Christmas Sale**

Mayan women continue the ancient tradition of weaving on the backstrap loom, handed down from their ancient foremothers more than three thousand years ago.



A very successful sale on December 11!



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Leslie Roccario, Diane Cornell, Cindy Winter, and Rachel Smith (not pictured) were the First Pres swinging, singing and decorating angels.



**Christmas Greetings!!!**



**Come  
Thou  
Long  
Expected  
Jesus!**





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## Bohemian Rhapsody Nativity a Huge Success

By Christy D'Ambrosio, Youth Director

It was BIG: the costumes were lavish, the orchestra superb, the professional quartet exquisite, the sheep delightful; funny and poignant, but most importantly--it was SHORT!

Based on *Bohemian Rhapsody* by the rock band Queen, with new lyrics, this Christmas pageant featured 22 youth and children ranging in age from 2 to 18: Arah-Tu Abunaw, Luke Eaton, Bate Egbe, Imani Elad, Pharryll Elad, Charlie Fisk, Ellie Gierthy, Lydia Green, Sebastian Howard, Arthur Iyok, Daniel Iyok, Kaylee Kite, Mason Kite, Ewan McNaughton, Brianna Obi, Daniel Obi, Eli Rice, Eva Rice, Maggie Robinson, Jordan Scarlett, Dorothy Sperry and Naomi Takaendengan.

There were three more youth in the pit orchestra: John Cheu, Maddy and Ben Eisenbraun, along with church members Peggy Schalit and Susan Gierthy. Christian Diefendorf, a professional Capital District musician, provided all orchestrations and played guitar. Michael Lister, Music Director, not only directed the pit orchestra, but also played keyboard and recruited two St. Rose students to play bass and drums.

In addition to singing soprano with the quartet members (Fiona McKinney, Nate Wardlaw, and Eugene Sit), Debbie Rocco also created and provided all the beautiful costumes. Amy Scarlett, Choreographer; Glinnie Kite, Assistant Director; and Christy D'Ambrosio, Director, managed the group during rehearsals, which were chaotic exercises in frustration and yet these three women come back for more every year.

Tim O'Toole has recorded the event for posterity, so if you missed the performance, don't worry, there should be a DVD floating around for you to borrow.





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## New Members



Ben April

**Ben April**, formerly tenor soloist with the choir, has rejoined the FPC community after a period living out of the area. Ben is currently a music teacher (middle school music & chorus) in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk district. He is “excited and humbled” to join FPC and looks forward to rejoining the choir and the bell choir. Besides music, Ben also enjoys hiking and cooking.



Dwight Cheu

**Dwight Cheu** is a senior manager at CommerceHub, a Capital Region-based technology company. Dwight and his wife, Leslie, and son, John, are joining FPC from Delmar Presbyterian, where Dwight was an elder and sang in the choir. Dwight enjoys golf, tennis and rock climbing. Both Dwight and his wife, Leslie, have been involved with the South End home repair initiative.

**John Cheu**, a high school senior, is the youngest son of Leslie and Dwight Cheu. John’s hobbies include running and hiking, and he looks forward to being involved in volunteer activities at FPC and has already helped out in the South End home repair project. John has had training on the piano and the violin.



John Cheu

**Leslie Cheu**, at her previous church, served as a deacon, and chair of CE and stewardship committees. Leslie is executive director of the Troy Savings Bank Charitable & Music Hall Foundations. She enjoys running and swimming, and has expertise in historic preservation. She looks forward to active participation in the life of FPC. Leslie and her husband, Dwight, have three young adult children.



Leslie Cheu

**Mary Kelly** is a retired former mutual fund account administrator, who recently moved to Albany from the Philadelphia area, and is joining FPC by letter of transfer from Holmes Presbyterian Church. Mary’s interests include sewing, reading and “fixing up my old home” (she notes she is an “excellent patcher & painter”). Mary has two adult children and looks forward to working with children at FPC.



Mary Kelly

**Janice Weir Krull**, now retired, was formerly a teacher and social worker in Indiana. She is the mother of Leslie Cheu, mother-in-law of Dwight Cheu, and grandmother of John



Janice Weir Krull

Cheu. She moved to the area from Indiana in 2014 and in November moved to a retirement community in Glenmont. Her hobbies include birding and historic preservation.

**Holly Montgomery** is retired from work with NYS, and lives in Albany with her adopted “yorkiebeagle”, Diesel. She has already participated in Author/Illustrator Day at Giffen and in the South End home repair project, and she has helped at the FOCUS vegetable garden and food pantry. Her interests include reading, needlepoint, gardening, and painting. Holly has two adult children.



Holly Montgomery

**Aimee Vincent** is a graduate student and instructor at the University at Albany, and formerly an elder at Hope Presbyterian Church in Austin, TX, where she served on the CE and service committees, as well as singing in the choir and ringing with the bell choir. Aimee has already joined the choir and bell choir at FPC. Her hobbies include hiking, movies and dance. Aimee and her husband live in Menands.



Aimee Vincent



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## First Friday in December

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra  
Camille Saint-Saëns, Oratorio di Noel  
First Presbyterian Bell Choir, Christmas Chants  
In the Gallery: Style and Décor Marketplace





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## Giffen Elementary-First Pres Partnership Receives Literacy Award

By Carol Green

The New York State Reading Association presented its "NYSRA Friend of Reading Award" to Debra Fagans on behalf of the five-year partnership between Giffen Memorial Elementary School in Albany and First Pres. The award recognizes the partnership's commitment to improving students' reading and writing skills through the tutoring program and the annual Authors and Illustrators Day. Later this winter, the partnership will open a new program, the Wizard's Wardrobe, for after-school tutoring. Carol Green, a member of the Albany City Area Reading Council and also a First Pres member, nominated the partnership for the award.



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## Home Repair Project

## Final Work Day for 2016

By Christy D'Ambrosio

On a chilly, but sunny, November morning, Lynn Ellsworth, John Myers, and Eric Fagans, gathered at Johnny White's home to address the front porch situation. Johnny's front porch needs to be replaced, but there are not enough funds or good weather to tackle the project this year. Unfortunately, the group was afraid that the porch would not make it through the winter, endangering Johnny and his wife.

So Lynn came up with a plan, and he, with Eric and John's help, shored up the porch. The White family should be safe until next spring. If all goes according to plan, the two-floor porch will be demolished by a professional contractor in the spring and replaced by a first floor deck. Materials to be supplied by Home Depot and labor by church volunteers, the White family, and friends. We look forward to the spring of 2017 with YOUR help!

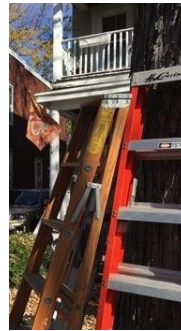
## Walking a Sacred Path

## Discovering the Labyrinth as a Spiritual Tool

People around the world are rediscovering the ancient practice of walking the labyrinth. Unlike a maze which has many paths, a labyrinth has only one path, which leads to the center. While a maze is meant to trick and confuse you so that you will lose your way, a labyrinth helps you find your way. Labyrinths have been found around the world with the most famous one in the floor of the nave of Chartres Cathedral in France. Through the years people have used the labyrinth as a spiritual tool—a path of prayer, a walking meditation.

Join us at the church on Saturday, January 28, from 9:30 to 12:30 as we explore the labyrinth. Miriam Lawrence Leupold, a trained labyrinth facilitator, will present a workshop on the labyrinth. Come find out more about this ancient spiritual tool and have the opportunity to walk on a canvas labyrinth. Workshop fee is \$5.00. If you'd like to stay for lunch and continued conversation from 12:30-1:30, lunch fee is \$8.00.

Lauren Artress, founder of Veriditas: the World Wide Labyrinth Project, writes, "The labyrinth provides the



## Car Wash

Due to popular demand the Youth Car Wash Fundraiser is extended until January 31, 2017. Purchase your tickets on-line at:

<http://www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraiser.cfm?id=982>



sacred space where the inner and outer worlds can commune, where the thinking mind and the imaginative heart can flow together... It is non-threatening; all we are asked to do is walk."

We hope that you will carve out time for this workshop. Sign up by Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 449-7332 or [info@firstpresalbany.org](mailto:info@firstpresalbany.org). If you have any questions, please contact Miriam at the church office (449-7332 or [mleupold@firstpresalbany.org](mailto:mleupold@firstpresalbany.org)).





## Newly Installed Church Officers



Deacon Mirabelle Beck



Deacon Kirsten Pruzek



Deacon Teboh Raphael

Also continuing as Deacons are Ellen Kemp, Gail Scott and Deb Shoup. All new and returning officers are to be ordained and installed in worship on January 8.



Elder Carol Bullard



Elder David Hannay



Elder Lee Helsby



Elder Tara Lindsley

**Northern Rivers: Parsons Child and Family Center and Northeast Parent and Child Society**

## Holiday Gifts for Children in Need

By Christy D'Ambrosio, Youth Director

Every year starting with the Sunday after Thanksgiving the Youth put up a small tree in the Assembly Hall. On that tree are ornaments with gift suggestions. Members of the congregation choose an ornament and return the ornament attached to an unwrapped gift.

On the ornaments are gifts that are provided to the 13-19 year old community whom the Northeast Parent and Child Society and Parsons Child and Family Center serves. Gifts were collected November 27, through December 18, and then delivered to Parsons - Northern Rivers.

There was a HUGE response from the good people at First Pres. Thank you for your generosity and for helping the youth help others! You helped make Christmas more special for teens in needy families in our area.



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Pause Here a Moment...

## Inequality as a Religious Test

[Editor's note: the following reflection is from the pen of Jim Wallis, editor of *Sojourners Magazine*.]

If you believe that every human being is made in the image of God — *imago dei*; if you believe that every individual person represented in economic statistics is a child of God; if you believe that in nearly all religious traditions, loving your neighbor as you love yourself follows directly after loving God; and if you believe, regardless of your conception of God, that human beings are all brothers and sisters tied together, then income inequality is a spiritual issue, a moral issue, and a religious test of our belief.

A great example of this is the story of the Good Samaritan. Here's a man robbed and mugged, left by the side of the road — just as so many today are "mugged" and left behind by the global economy. Various religious leaders pass him by on the other side of the road, refusing to lend their aid. But then a person from a different culture, ethnicity, and race does stop and does help. He risks his security, his resources, and his time to lift this beaten man up to a new life. That Samaritan exemplifies what a neighbor does, says Jesus. However, there is some good news regarding global inequality, as writer Nicholas Kristof pointed out in a *New York Times* column that extreme global poverty has been cut in half in the last twenty years. This is one of the greatest stories that does not get told nearly enough.

As a result, women and girls are being educated at rates never before seen. Girls reading books are a greater threat to men wielding guns than other men with guns: in the 1980s, only half of girls in developing countries completed elementary school; now, 80 percent do. And fewer children (though still far too many) are dying of preventable causes — in 1990, more than 12 million children died before the age of 5. This toll has since dropped by more than half.

The dramatic decline in extreme poverty reflects the UN commitment to cutting poverty in half in its Millennium Development Goals, as well as global markets and movements involving people of all religious traditions, which have helped raise many

families out of poverty. Religious participation has been critical to progress on key issues of human dignity, like debt transformation, HIV/AIDS and malaria prevention, global agriculture development, medical care, and reducing hunger and poverty.

Now, nations at the UN have just pledged to finish the job — making a commitment to Sustainable Development Goals that focus on *ending* extreme poverty worldwide by 2030. For the first time in history, experts in this field are now saying that ending extreme poverty is finally possible. And when we reduce poverty, inequality can be reduced as well.

But economic growth, by itself, is not enough to end extreme poverty. That growth must be directly aimed at ending poverty, as World Bank President Jim Kim said in his video address to the Parliament. Strikingly, both the World Bank and the UN are saying they now have the "evidence" of what works and doesn't work to end extreme poverty, but they don't have the *moral authority* or the constituencies to generate the political will to make this crucial and moral goal happen — and faith communities do. And that's why these institutions are seeking alliances with us. There is a great opportunity here for religious communities.

Of course, some inequality will always be part of the human condition and our societies. But as inequality has become so stark, it is time for people of all faiths to exercise our prophetic mission and energy, calling for the kind of equity, fairness, and justice that our faiths require of us. It is time for us to require serious political accountability from our public leaders.





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## The Upper Rooms

### Feeding Five Thousand

A new rotation in The Upper Rooms (our Christian education program for children in kindergarten through 8th grade) begins January 8 and runs through January 29. This rotation's theme is "Feeding Five Thousand," and the children will be exploring John 6:1-13 through movie, art, cooking and games.

Teaching this time around will be Tara Lindsley in Sinai Stage, Stephanie Kite in Galilee Gallery, Mary Rogers in Capernaum Café and Pastor Miriam in Jericho Theater. 6th through 8th graders are exploring Faith Question in The Upper Rooms. If you're interested in teaching for two weeks in one of the upcoming rotations, sign up in Assembly Hall or contact Pastor Miriam.



## Final Report

### 250th Anniversary Campaign

### Goal of \$500,000 Reached and Received

By Stephanie Carroll Kite and Harry P. "Skip" Meislahn, Campaign Co-Chairs

Four years ago, in January 2013, the Session directed a campaign be commenced in honor of our church's 250th Anniversary and a goal of \$500,000 was established. Dedicated projects were: construction of an elevator, a new set of bells for the bell choir, certain organ repairs, 10% of amount raised (\$50,000) to the Permanent Endowment Fund and 10% of the amount raised (\$50,000) to the Outreach and Mission 250th Anniversary Account.

Two years ago we announced achieving our goal, but much of that was still in the form of outstanding pledges. Now we can happily say that the full goal has been reached in receipts as well. The elevator, the new bells and the organ repairs are all in place. The financial commitments to the two endowment funds have been made. At the request of the Session, significant roof repairs were also funded by the Campaign.

Finally, we anticipate a small surplus that will be spent as directed by the Session.

Thank you all for your hard work and your generosity.



Christian Education for all on Sundays at 9:30 am.

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## Mark your 2017 Calendar Now!

- February 5, 2017**     **FOCUS Winter Worship** at First Pres, 10 am. Special guest preacher, Rick Spaulding. The kick-off of FOCUS' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration!
- February 25, 2017 and May 27, 2017**     **Volunteers need to help at FOCUS food pantry.** Sue Sneeringer (518-438-3980 or shs8277@gmail.com)
- March 25, 2017**     **Gala Fundraiser Dinner,** FOCUS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, at Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Rd., Albany
- April 29, 2017**     **Author Illustrator Day** at Giffen Elementary School, 9:30 am. Contact: Deb Fagans (518-776-0664 or edfagans@me.com)



## Ushers and Greeters

- Jan 1     11:00 am** Team 4 – Jeff Durgée, Ray Henrikson, Prudence Iyok, Rachel Smith, Roseline Takor
- Jan 8     8:30 am** John Myers  
**10:45 am** Team 5 – Don Mark, David Pettis, Ron Pettis, Marilyn Riddle, Phillip Riddle, Barbara Woodruff
- Jan 15     8:30 am** Mary Rogers  
**10:45 am** Team 6 – Bill Clark, Diane Cornell, Dee Dee Edwards, Lee Helsby, Harriet Seeley, Cynthia Winter
- Jan 22     8:30 am** Bruce Brynolfson  
**10:45 am** Team 7 – Carol Bullard, Joseph Mathias, Alice Schrade, Deb Shoup, Ann Songayllo
- Jan 29     8:30 am** Ellen Eisenbraun  
**10:45 am** Team 1 – Imani Elad, Arah-Tu Abunaw, Bate Egbe, Ben & Maddy Eisenbraun, Luke Eaton, Pharyll Elad, Lydia Green, Arthur & Daniel Iyok, Sophia Pruzek, Maggie Robinson, Akap Takor

## Deacons' Flower Ministry

- Jan 1**     Albany East
- Jan 8**     Latham - Loudonville
- Jan 15**     Rensselaer East
- Jan 22**     Guilderland - Schenectady
- Jan 29**     Albany West

**The Albany East  
Neighborhood Flock hosts  
January Coffee Hours.  
Fair Trade Market is Sunday, January 8.**



## January 2017

### 1 Sunday

11:00 am Worship (Communion)

### 2 Monday Office Closed

### 3 Tuesday

Last day to submit reimbursements for 2016

9:00 am Men's Bible Study  
12:45 pm Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm **Committee Night**  
• Membership  
• Outreach & Mission  
• Property  
• Worship  
7:00 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm • Christian Education

### 4 Wednesday

12:00 pm JI/JO  
7:00 pm Zephyr Winds

### 5 Thursday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
6:00 pm FPC Musicians Potluck

### 8 Sunday

8:30 am Worship (Communion)  
9:30 am Education for all ages  
9:45 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:45 am Worship  
11:45 am Winter Picnic and Fair  
Trade Market

### 9 Monday

6:00 pm *Music Together*

### 10 Tuesday

9:00 am Men's Bible Study  
6:45 pm Deacons

### 11 Wednesday

7:30 pm Dads' Small Group

### 12 Thursday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
9:30 am *Music Together*  
12:00 pm Endowment Subcommittee  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### 14 Saturday

9:30 am Presbyterian Rainbow

### 15 Sunday

8:30 am Worship (Communion)  
9:30 am Education for all ages  
9:45 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:45 am Worship (Communion)  
11:45 am Fellowship  
1:00 pm *Vintage Pride*

### 16 Monday Office closed

6:00 pm *Music Together*

### 17 Tuesday

9:00 am Men's Bible Study  
10:00 am Clergy Gathering  
7:00 pm Session

### 18 Wednesday

12:00 pm JI/JO  
7:00 pm Zephyr Winds  
7:15 pm Small Group B<sup>3</sup>

### 19 Thursday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
9:30 am *Music Together*  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### 20 Friday

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

### 22 Sunday

8:30 am Worship (Communion)  
9:30 am Education for all ages  
9:45 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:45 am Worship  
11:45 am Fellowship

### 23 Monday

6:00 pm *Music Together*

### 24 Tuesday

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

### 25 Wednesday

7:30 pm Dads' Small Group

### 26 Thursday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
9:30 am *Music Together*  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### 28 Saturday

9:30 am Labyrinth Workshop

### 29 Sunday

8:30 am Worship (Communion)  
9:30 am Education for all ages  
9:45 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:45 am Worship (Communion)  
11:45 am Annual Meeting  
12:15 pm Fellowship

### 30 Monday

6:00 pm *Music Together*

### 31 Tuesday

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

*Note: Italics indicate outside groups.*



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PARENTS OF  
SHEEP

### AA Meeting Schedule

Daily 5:30 pm  
Wed 10:00 pm

### Get Well Group

Wed & Fri 7:30 pm

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Albany, NY 12210

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### Lectionary

Jan 1	<b>First Sunday after Christmas Day</b> Isaiah 63:7-9 Hebrews 2:10-18	Psalms 148 Matthew 2:13-23
Jan 8	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b> Isaiah 42:1-9 Acts 10:34-43	Psalms 29 Matthew 3:13-17
Jan 15	<b>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Psalms 40:1-11 John 1:29-42
Jan 22	<b>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Psalms 27:1, 4-9 Matthew 4:12-23
Jan 29	<b>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany—January 29</b> Micah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Psalms 15 Matthew 5:1-12

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