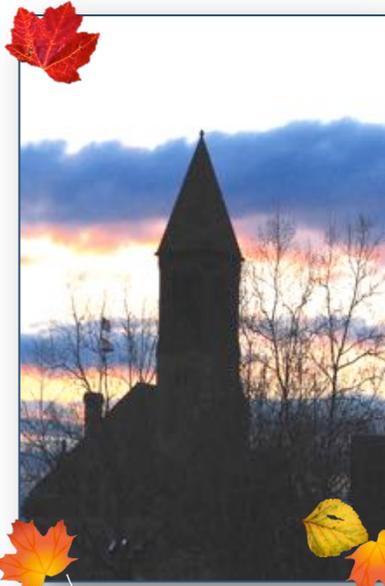




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Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Cor. 15:57-58

Equinox and First Pres Host Thanksgiving Dinner

By Annette Johnson

First Pres will once again open our doors and welcome over 350 people to a warm and friendly place – a true sanctuary – and treat our guests to a turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings followed by pies, cookies and cake. The event is organized and sponsored by Equinox in collaboration with First Pres. Our church serves as the major venue for the dinner. Everyone is invited. “Seconds” will be given out for attendees to take home.

For more than 40 years, Equinox has reached out to people in need with innovative and effective programs that truly change lives of folks on their paths to recovery, healing, and independence. First Pres has been a partner with Equinox in bringing this wonderful meal and experience to members of the Albany community for years.

How can you help?

- Bring food: Ask me for details – 434-7455 or ajohnson1@albany.edu
- Deliver meals: Volunteers will be given the assigned food for 3 or 4 families with addresses near your home. Deliveries should be done by noon, and many drivers use a cart or wagon to complete their delivery. Sign up in advance.
- Help at the church: you can help Sunday through Wednesday before Thanksgiving or Friday morning for cleanup. To volunteer call the “T’Day Hot Line” at 434-0131.

Thus continues a wonderful collaboration of Equinox and our mission to the community. Come and be a part of T’Day! The media and other local officials tend to appear (Gov. Paterson in 2009) and volunteers come from all over the Capital District. It has been quite an honor to work with them to contribute and support them in their ongoing efforts to help lift people up and show they are valued for this special day.

This is a day for First Pres to shine and share with the community! For more information contact Annette Johnson at 434-7455.

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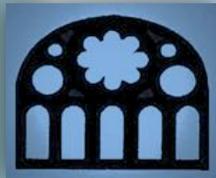
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Sunday, November 22, after 10:45 Worship Congregational Meeting

The Session has called the congregation to meet in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 22, following the 10:45 am worship service for the purpose of acting on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

Glenn and Miriam Lawrence Leupold, Moderators of Session

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

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Charles Kite
Stephanie Kite
Harry (Skip) Meislahn
John Myers
Phillip Riddle
Roseline Takor

Deacons

L. Lee Helsby
Moderator

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Gail Scott
Deb Shoup
Grace White
Robert Willower
Barbara Woodruff
Margaret Zettle

Pause Here a Moment ...

The Right to Live in and Govern Themselves in Their Own Sovereign State



*[Editor's note: The following article about some recent attempts to persuade Israel to treat the Palestinians within their borders with greater humanity was penned in part by Gil Maguire in his blog Irish Moses and part by Jim Rice in **Sojourners Magazine**. You can read **Sojourners** in our church Library.]*

The Occupation: 'We cannot profit from the destruction of homes and lives'

Under international law and Section III of the Geneva Conventions of 1949, a conquering army becomes an occupying power once military operations have ceased. The occupying power has the duty to restore public order and safety and protect the local civilian population. Under Article 49, it cannot seize or annex any part of the territory occupied or forcibly deport civilians, nor can it permanently transfer its own citizens into the occupied territory. It must also relinquish control of the occupied territory and return it to civilian authority and control as soon as reasonably possible once order is restored.

The US conducted one of the most difficult military occupations in history at the end of World War II after it had defeated the combined Axis Powers of Germany, Italy, and Japan. Despite the bitterness of the conflict, the US restored public order and safety and took less than eight years to rebuild the infrastructure and civilian democratic institutions of all three countries and return each to sovereign democratic rule. The US didn't seize or annex the sovereign territory of these three countries, it didn't deport civilians, nor did it transfer portions of its own civilian population into the three countries it occupied. The US post-World War II occupations are models of how military occupations should be conducted, and today, Germany, Italy, and Japan, all former bitter enemies of the US, are healthy, prosperous democracies, and strong allies.

By sharp contrast, Israel's military occupation of the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza has defied international law almost from the beginning. Some 300,000 Palestinians fled or were forced to leave their homes during and after the 1967 fighting and then were deported from the territories occupied by Israel, as were another 130,000 from the captured Golan Heights. Israel also prevented Palestinian refugees from lawfully returning to their homes and lands by denying them entry at the borders and by using force against those who surreptitiously attempted to return. It destroyed dozens of Arab towns and villages to prevent their Arab inhabitants from returning. It also seized and annexed Palestinian lands including East Jerusalem and about 27 square miles of West Bank land which became Greater Jerusalem, the so-called eternal capital of Israel. Later it annexed the Golan Heights. Both annexations have been declared illegal under international law.

White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough told an audience this spring that "an occupation that has lasted for almost 50 years must end,

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First Friday, November 6
Art Gallery at 5:30; Concert at 6

Mozart, Bells, and an Artisan Marketplace



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

By Michael Lister, Director of Music, and David Hinchey

This season's second First Friday concert and gallery (November 6) will feature the Chancel Choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra in a performance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Vespers di Dominica. The Vesper service dates back to the beginning of the church and was one of the many services that were part of the daily life of convents and monasteries. Traditionally the Vesper service begins at nightfall, and through the centuries became an important festival service in courts throughout Europe.

The court of Emperor Joseph II in Salzburg, Austria was no exception, and, during his time as a court musician there, Mozart had the occasion to compose two full settings of the Vespers

musical texts, which include settings in Latin of several psalms as well as Mary's Magnificat text. While not as well-known as Mozart's Masses and Requiem, his Vespers setting reveals the genius of the composer in creating several works that are both effective pieces of worship and glorious presentations for any concert.

In addition to the choir's performance of the Vespers, the Chancel Handbell Choir will perform several pieces in concert for the occasion.

Our November gallery will feature an Artisan Marketplace. This exhibit includes original art and handmade goods from local artists and craftsman. It will be a great opportunity to find some unique holiday gifts. The event is hosted by Tim Dumas of Infused Interiors.

The concert and gallery will be an exciting event, anticipating the Advent season. We hope to see you there and urge you to invite family and friends and to introduce them to the music, work, and celebration of the church.

Glimpses of Last Month's First Friday Concert and Art Gallery



Home Repair Project Volunteers Continue to Work Hard

By Christy D'Ambrosio, Youth Director



[Editor's note: Here are some excerpts from the daily notes of the work crew. It will give you a hint at the scope and dedication of the volunteers.]

Today a huge crew appeared at Felicia's house on Ten Eyck. We finished painting, did some minor repairs and, unfortunately, Glenn took a major spill off the ladder. YIKES!

Eric and Deb Fagans completed the front steps and last month Prudence and Arthur, Imani, Ron, Glenn and others helped do a great deal of painting. Thanks to everyone for showing up, today and last month, and working so hard.

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Yvonne Chandler is waving from her front porch. Her old storm door was broken and the wrought iron banister was no longer properly attached to her steps. During the last few weeks, she received a new storm door, installed by Eric Fagans, and her banister was reattached to her front cement steps by a concrete specialist. Yvonne says "Thanks" and we are delighted to respond with, "You're welcome!"



Sidewalk Clean-up



By Stephanie Kite, Stewardship Committee Chair

The Stewardship Committee welcomed a hearty group of volunteers and residents on Saturday, October 17, for a day of sidewalk clean-up on Third Avenue in the South End. The rain went elsewhere, and we enjoyed a cool, sunny day of weeding and raking. The day was sprinkled with breaks for donuts, apples and refreshing cider shared with neighbors who joined us for conversation and fellowship.

Thanks to Deb and Eric Fagans, Holly Montgomery and her son, Andrew, Tammie King, JoAnn Morton, Lydia and Carol Green, Nyla Barrow Pastors Glenn and Miriam, and Deb Shoup for sharing their blessings of



time and talent to perk up a lovely street in need of a little TLC. You can see in the photo above a trailer filled with evidence of weeding and raking sitting behind Glenn, Miriam and Deb Shoup.

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Monday, November 2, 5:30 pm **Poverty Simulation Experience**



By Valerie Lovelace, Executive Director, Greater Capital Region Teacher Center for Effective Teaching

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 362 State St, Albany, NY 12210

Date: Monday, November 2

Time: 5:30 p.m. light dinner
6-8:30 p.m. Poverty Simulation

Fee: None. However, registration is required.
Co-sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center and First Pres Church



Valerie Lovelace, Executive Director, Center for Effective Teaching

Designed to create deeper understanding and awareness of the circumstances of individuals who are living in poverty, this experience will serve to open a dialogue about the often unseen world of poverty and its implications for those who work with low income individuals.

The Poverty Simulation opens people's eyes to the human cost of poverty. The power of this unique learning resource is that it creates, like nothing else, insight into the state of chronic crisis that consumes so many working poor families. You will experience one month of poverty comprised of four fifteen-minute weeks. Afterwards, in the debriefing, you will share insights of extraordinary vividness and intensity.

When you participate in the poverty simulation experience, you will be placed into families made up of one to five members. Your "family" will receive an envelope that describes your demographics, your income/resources, and your bills. You will interact with "vendors" (trained volunteers) who sit at tables around the perimeter of the room. During the course of the simulation, you may deal with a mortgage/rental company, school, pawnbroker, banker, employer, and others. To get from "home" to one of the vendors requires a transportation ticket. This is just the first of many challenges you will experience within the simulation experience.

For an article explaining what the simulation experience is like, please see: <http://www.marketplace.org/topics/wealth-poverty/pretending-be-poor-can-change-your-perspective>.

New Tutoring Program and Training **Calling All Caring People**



By Deb Fagans, Outreach and Mission Committee Chair

Do you want to make a difference? Help children reach their potential? Have you been waiting for a chance to tutor at Giffen School but couldn't find time during the school day? Have you felt this is something you could do if you only had the training?

Here's your chance. First Presbyterian has been working on starting an after school tutoring program. It is still in its infancy but we hope to get it off the ground in January (or the latest February). We will begin tutoring 1st and 2nd graders this school year and adding a grade each year in order

to support our Giffen students through their school career.

The Capital Region Teachers Center is helping us create a training program in order to equip our tutors to do a great job. The Poverty Simulation Experience (see related article) is a beginning to that training.

In all our recent reading, one of the most important aspects of helping our students at Giffen is forming relationships. We hope that with committed tutors who will meet regularly with the same student, these relationships will translate into succeeding in school and beyond.

If you are interested in being part of this new program, please speak with either Deb or Eric Fagans (371-0131), Bruce Brynolfson (469-6981) or Leslie Roccario (674-8730).

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Lock-In and Fest-Evil

By Christy D'Ambrosio, Youth Director

The annual fall lock-in was a success--at least by the numbers. Seventeen (17) youth and 5 adult chaperone/drivers were involved in this Columbus Day Weekend Event. Sunday evening, October 11 (Lauren's birthday), we gathered in the church for a pizza dinner. By 7 pm we were on the road to the Liberty Ridge Farm for the Fall Fest-Evil. After a very scary evening, we returned to the church for dessert and games lasting until 1 am. Although some of us went to bed by midnight, others hung on to 1, 2, & 3 am. There was actually someone talking at 4 am! Despite the lack of sleep we were all up for breakfast between 8 & 9 am. Oh, what a night!!

Attendees: Lauren Kuo, Akap Takor, Arthur Iyok, Ben Eisenbraun, Lydia Green, Nyla Barrow, and Lidia Boucher. Jenna & Jordan Scarlett brought along their friend, Cameron. Imani Elad invited her friend, Hannah. Daniel Iyok brought 2 friends, Connor and Xavier, and Sophia Pruzek brought along her friend, Josie. Raymond Lawrence (Lauren's Dad), Prudence Iyok (Arthur & Daniel's Mom), and Amy Scarlett (Jenna and Jordan's Mom) helped drive. Ellen Eisenbraun and Christy D'Ambrosio drove and spent the night with the youth.



Provide a Meal for Cold and Hungry Neighbors Emergency Overflow Shelter

You are invited to participate in a special mission opportunity.

It is once again time for the Capital Area Council of Churches Emergency Overflow Shelter to open and start providing a warm, safe sleeping area and a hot meal to some of our community's homeless people as they struggle with the winter cold.

As a congregation, we have supported this mission for over thirteen years and are once again being invited by our Outreach and Mission committee to find the time and resources to share our blessings with those in need.

We will be providing meals on the first and third Mondays of the month. The first available date for a meal is November 16. We will provide meals through and including, Monday, April 18. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to the right of the church office. You

may also sign up by contacting Stephanie Kite at 518-265-8042 or secarroll@hotmail.com.

Please take one of the information sheets from the envelope next to the sign-up sheet. All of the details are included there.

If you have been looking for a one-time commitment service opportunity, this is an excellent opportunity. If you find the task overwhelming, Stephanie Kite will be glad to help find a partner or another family to share the joy of helping others with you. Thank you!

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Sundays, November 1 and 15, at 9:30 am **Inquirers' Classes**

Have you been visiting First Presbyterian, and are you interested in learning more about us? Have you been worshipping with us, considering becoming a member?

If so, please plan to attend two Inquirer Classes on Sundays, November 1 and 15, from 9:30-10:30 in the Library. Come and explore with Pastor Miriam church membership and your hopes and dreams for where you can serve God.

Those people who decide to join will be recognized in worship on Sunday, November 22. Register to attend by calling the church office (449-7332).

If you have any questions contact Miriam at the church.



Sunday School is always fun in "The Upper Rooms."

The Upper Rooms **David as a Boy and Journey to Adulthood**

A new rotation in The Upper Rooms (our Christian education program for children in kindergarten through grade 5) begins November 1 and runs through November 22. This rotation's theme is "David as a Boy," and the children will explore I Samuel 16 and 17 through movie, art, games, puzzles and music.

Teaching this time around will be Sarah Sperry in Jericho Theater, Heidi Iyok in Galilee Gallery, Diane Cornell and Cindy Winter in The Tower of Scrabble, and Kathleen Pruzek in the Music and Worship workshop. If you're interested in teaching for two weeks in one of the upcoming four-week rotations, contact Pastor Miriam or sign up in the Assembly Hall.

Students in grades 6 through 8 are using a middle school curriculum called *Journey to Adulthood* with teachers Ellen Eisenbraun and Amy Robinson.

Special Guests to Lead Adult Education in November

Please join us November 1 and 8 in the Rose Room for a two-part workshop on the work of FOCUS and the connections to the broader movement to end poverty. November 1 - Karen Kendall will share details about FOCUS programs and we'll discuss the landscape of poverty in Albany County, and our community. November 8 - Joined by representatives from the Capital District Area Labor Federation, we'll discuss the big-picture economic shifts that have been pushing more people into poverty.

Throughout, Joe Paparone from FOCUS and Joanna Nadeau from the Capital District Raise the Wage Coalition will highlight the call of the local church to engage in anti-poverty work, and provide specific steps to action. We hope you'll join us as we discuss, discern, and act on God's call to love our neighbors as ourselves!



An overflow crowd at October's Friday night Potluck listens intently to David Hannay's presentation on Computers, Unsolvable Problems, and the Existence of God (The person who has all of the answers doesn't understand the question!)

Youth Fundraiser Collection Box for old CDs

The youth will be collecting old DVDs, CDs and Game Discs all fall as a Fundraiser for Triennium 2016 and other events during the 2015-16 curriculum year. Bring your old DVDs, CDs and GAME DISCS in to church and look for the collection box. Help the Youth and clean up your entertainment cabinet at the same time. Thanks for your support!

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Seven Things We Can Say to Guests

Do you remember the first time you walked into First Presbyterian Church? Were you looking around wondering where to go? Were you graciously greeted by some of our hospitable members? Showing hospitality and welcoming guests to First Pres are important ways of showing God's love for others. Here's an interesting blog by Thom S. Rainer, president of LifeWay Christian Resources.

Seven things we can say to guests:

1. **"Thank you for being here."** It's just that basic. I have heard from numerous church guests who returned because they were simply told "thank you."
2. **"Let me help you with that."** If you see someone struggling with umbrellas, young children, diaper bags, purses and other items, a gesture to hold something for them is a huge positive. Of course, this comment is appropriate for member to member as well.
3. **"Please take my seat."** I actually heard that comment twice in a church where I was speaking in the Nashville area. The first comment came from a member to a young family of five who were trying to find a place to sit together.
4. **"Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way."** Of course, this comment must be used with discretion, but it can be a hugely positive message to a guest.
5. **"Can I show you where you need to go?"** Even in smaller churches, guests will not know where to find the nursery, restrooms and small group meeting areas. You can usually tell when a guest does not know where he or she is to go.
6. **"Let me introduce you to _____."** The return rate of guests is always higher if they meet other people. A church member may have the opportunity to introduce the guest to the pastor, other church staff and other members of the church.
7. **"Would you join us for lunch?"** The situation must obviously be appropriate before you offer the invitation.

Coming November 8

Mayan Hands Crafts

By Alice Schrade

For the seventh year, Mayan Hands Crafts will be available for purchase in the Assembly Hall. Do your early Christmas shopping on November 8, Fair Trade Market day, after the 8:30 service and after 10:45 service until about 1:00 p.m. Please tell your friends and bring them to worship. Mayan Hands, a Fair Trade organization, was founded in 1989 and currently works with about 200 women in eight communities. They are embroiderers, weavers, basket makers, felters, all producing high quality products. Much of what they produce is woven on a back strap loom, an ancient tool made up only of sticks. At one end, it has a strap that goes around the woman's back and, at the other end, the loom is attached to a tree or a pole. Anything woven on that loom requires painstaking skill and even expert weavers can weave only about an inch per hour.



Through the centuries Mayan women have been supporting their families by selling their handwoven goods at weekly markets. Prices earned there are very low and cannot cover their costs for labor.

Many times, desperate for cash, they sell their products for less than it costs to make them. Most Mayan weavers in Guatemala live in conditions of extreme poverty. Despite wanting to be educated, most have not gone to school beyond second grade if at all. That's where Mayan Hands has intervened. The women are paid a fair price for their work, their children have the opportunity to attend school, their homes have been improved. Additionally, as a non-profit foundation, Mayan Hands receives donations to fund scholarships for the weavers' daughters and workshops for the women, as well as to pay for medical visits. This year they'll be bringing many new items and especially new baskets.

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Get to Know Your Neighborhood Flock Members and Your Shepherds Deacons' Doings

by Diane Cornell, Deacon

Do you know what a flock is? Do you know the Deacons who tend your flock? Do you know others who are in your flock?

Flocks are a way of grouping members and Deacons geographically. Deacons are called to provide care and support to flock members in time of need in addition to participating in the activities of the church. Please check the bulletin board in the hallway below the stairs to the upper rooms for specific information on flocks.

The Deacons have been organizing and hosting flock gatherings to help their members get to know each other better. For example, Barbara Woodruff and Gail Scott organized a pot luck at Barbara's house for the Delmar flock on July 29. Nine people attended. Several people shared funny growing up experiences and Pastor Glenn Leopold also attended.

A gathering of the Albany West flock took place on Sunday, October 11 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the home of Lee Helsby and DJ Roche in Albany. Twenty one members of the flock (and 1 cat) attended and enjoyed a good time of eating pizza, salad and cookies. It was an informal time to get to know each other better outside of the usual activities of the congregation. It was a fun event and it is hoped that the flock has a better sense of community in their part of the FPC's membership.

The Latham-Loudonville Flock met on Sunday October 18 at 5 pm at the home of Prudence and Lawrence Iyok in Latham. The buffet is below.



If your flock has not yet met, Deacons will be mailing invitations with specific information and directions to their respective flock members. We hope that all will be able to participate in these informal gatherings.

Deacons from each flock host the refreshments for fellowship during specific months following Sunday services. The Deacons would appreciate assistance from flock members in serving and providing refreshments when their flock is hosting. This is another great way to get to know your fellow Deacon-Shepherds, and your neighborhood flock members better.

Fall Fundraiser for Youth Activities Christmas Flowers and Wreaths For Home or Gifts

By Christy D'Ambrosio, Youth Director

The Youth at First Pres are selling Poinsettias, Cyclamen, and Wreaths again this year. The profit from this fundraiser will be used to support youth activities.

All you need to do is fill out this form, mail it to church c/o Christy D'Ambrosio, Youth Director, or drop it off with your payment at the table in the Assembly Hall this month. **The order deadline is Sunday, November 29.** Plants will be available for pick up in early December. Thank you for supporting the Youth Program!

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Item	Number of items	Cost per item	TOTAL
6" Poinsettia		\$13	
8" Poinsettia		\$22	
10" Poinsettia		\$38	
24" Wreath w/bow		\$40	
6" Cyclamen		\$13	
		GRAND	
		TOTAL	

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and the Palestinian people must have the right to live in and govern themselves in their own sovereign state." McDonough decried the illegal construction of settlements in Palestinian territory, under Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his predecessors, as intentionally seeking to divide Palestinian communities. He added, "like every administration since President Johnson, we will continue to oppose Israeli settlement activity since it undermines the prospects for peace."

But many activists refuse to continue to merely decry the occupation, year after year, decade after decade, while facts on the ground worsen and a just peace grows seemingly more elusive. For these activists—and they include many U.S. churches, peace groups, and humanitarian organizations—the time has come to put teeth into efforts to end Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory and thereby impel progress toward a just peace in the region. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has been debating various divestment measures since 2004, and last year the denomination voted to divest from three companies that supply equipment used in the occupation of Palestinian territory. "We as a church cannot profit

from the destruction of homes and lives," said Rev. Gradye Parsons, the denomination's stated clerk, after the vote to remove church funds from Hewlett-Packard, Caterpillar, and Motorola Solutions. The church said it has communicated directly with the companies to urge them to stop profiting from the occupation by supplying Israel with surveillance technology, bulldozers, and other products.

Directory Update

Sue Bartle, Office Manager, is beginning to prepare an updated Church Directory. Please send any changes to the old listing (address, your preferred email, listing of names for your entry) to Sue at info@firstpresalbany.org or call the church office at 449-7332.

Ushers and Greeters

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| Nov 1 | 8:30 | Jackie and Lynn Ellsworth |
| | 10:45 am | Team 6 – Diane Cornell, Lee Helsby, Harriet Seeley, Cynthia Winter, Dee Dee Edwards |
| Nov 8 | 8:30 am | John Myers |
| | 10:45 am | Team 7 – Carol Bullard, Joseph Mathias, Alice Schrade, Deb Shoup, Ann Songayllo |
| Nov 15 | 8:30 am | Bruce Brynolfson |
| | 10:45 am | Team 1 - Mia & Maggie Robinson, Akap Takor, Arthur & Daniel Iyok, Lauren Kuo, Sophia Pruzek, Ben & Maddy Eisenbraun, Lydia Green |
| Nov 22 | 8:30 am | Ellen Eisenbraun |
| | 10:45 am | Team 2 – Joanne Gascoyne, Richard Gascoyne, David Hannay, Margaret Hannay, Ken Howey, Nancy Zimpher |
| Nov 29 | 8:30 am | Jackie and Lynn Ellsworth |
| | 10:45 am | Team 3 – Keith Barber, David Haase, Bob Stevens, Linda Stevens |

Deacons' Flower Ministry

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| Nov 1 | 10:45 am | Delmar – Barbara Woodruff, Stephanie Ragone, Gail Scott |
| Nov 8 | 10:45 am | Downtown Albany & North - Judy Mark, David Hinchin, Lee Helsby |
| Nov 15 | 10:45 am | Latham-Loudonville – Prudence Iyok, Ron Pettis, Margaret Zettle |
| Nov 22 | 10:45 am | Rensselaer & East – Leslie Roccario, Deb Shoup, Diane Cornell |
| Nov 29 | 10:45 am | Guilderland-Schenectady – Grace White, Ellen Kemp, Peg Schalit |

The Latham-Loudonville Flock hosts November Coffee Hours. Fair Trade Market is Sunday, November 8.

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1 Sunday

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

2 Monday

- 5:30 pm Poverty Simulation Dinner
- 6:00 pm Musical Rehearsal

3 Tuesday

6 am-9 pm General Election

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:00 pm Staff meeting
- 5:30 pm **Committee Night**
 - Membership
 - Outreach & Mission
 - Property
 - Worship
- 7:00 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm • Comm & Tech
 - More Light
 - Christian Education

4 Wednesday

- 12:00 pm Journey In/Journey Out
- 6:30 pm Choir Fall Concert Rehearsal
- 7:15 pm Small Group B³
- 7:30 pm *Zephyr Winds*

5 Thursday

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6 Friday

- 12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline
- 5:30 pm First Friday Art Gallery
- 6:00 pm First Friday Concert

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 Fellowship/Fair Trade Mrkt

9 Monday

- 6:00 pm Musical Rehearsal

10 Tuesday

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 6:45 pm Deacons Meeting
- 7:30 pm *WPNA*

11 Wednesday

- 6:30 pm Small Group B
- 7:30 pm Dads' Small Group
- 7:30 pm *Zephyr Winds*

12 Thursday

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

15 Sunday

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

16 Monday

- 6:00 pm Musical Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm FOCUS Board Meeting at Westminster

17 Tuesday

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 am Clergy Meeting
- 12:00 pm Finance Committee
- 7:00 pm Session

18 Wednesday

- 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting in Hudson
- 12:00 pm Journey In/Journey Out
- 7:15 pm Small Group B³
- 7:30 pm *Zephyr Winds*

19 Thursday

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 12:00 pm Newsletter Folders
- 5:00 pm South End Development Group at Howe Library
- 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)
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- 11:45 am Congregational Meeting
- 12:00 pm Fellowship

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26 Thursday - Thanksgiving Day

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AA Meeting Schedule

- Sun 5:30 pm
- Mon 5:30 pm
- Tue 5:30 pm
- Wed 5:30 pm
- Thurs 5:30 & 7:30 pm
- Fri 5:30 pm
- Sat 5:30 pm

Music Together Schedule

- Mon 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Thurs 9:30 – 10:30 am

Get Well Group

- Wed 7:30 pm
- Fri 7:30 pm

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Lectionary

- Nov 1 23rd Sunday after Pentecost**
Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34
- Nov 8 24th Sunday after Pentecost**
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44
- Nov 15 5th Sunday after Pentecost**
1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25 Mark 13:1-8
- Nov 22 Christ the King (or Reign of Christ)**
2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)
Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37
- Nov 29 1st Sunday of Advent**
Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36



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