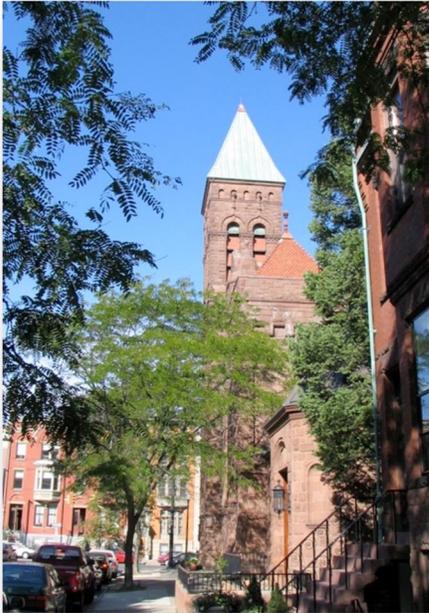




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But I, through the abundance of your
steadfast love, will enter your house
ō Lead me, O Lord, in your
righteousness Psalm 5:7-8

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Consecration Sunday, October 25 Mission Project and Elevator Dedication **Membership is Stewardship**

By Stephanie Kite, Stewardship Committee Chair

What a church we have! Study the bulletin while in your pew on Sunday, peruse the photos accompanying this article, read the rest of this newsletter, or strike up a conversation after worship and ask how the person you are speaking with is involved in the life of First Presbyterian: Fair trade, home repair, Christian education for all, FOCUS participation, First Friday involvement, a music program filling our hearts and minds and spirits with sound that transfixes, the insightful speakers of the Lamar Lecture series, vivid participation in the Gay Pride Parade, sermons by our co-pastors and guests that push our spirituality and our awareness of God in our midst, a well-kept sanctuary and other spaces that allow us to gather for meaningful worship and fellowship, our partnership with the Giffen School, the meals prepared for the Interfaith Partnerships Overflow shelter guests, the list could go on and on. Our church is bustling with the work of God!

Each of you make this work possible! Whether it is your time, your intelligence, your compassion, your imagination, or whichever of your God given gifts you chose to share with First Presbyterian . it is those gifts, freely given, that make our church what it is today.

It is with gratitude and an awareness of the inherent responsibility that we acknowledge these blessings given to each of us by God. This appreciation is what helps us to make the choices necessary to accomplish our church's work and to investigate ways to further reach out to our fellow children of God. We are grateful for what we are doing to fulfill our responsibility to do the Lord's work, while at the same time we know that whatever we are doing, we can do more.

The annual Stewardship Campaign is a fresh opportunity for each of us to re-examine what we our doing with our God given gifts. How are we choosing to put God and God's work first in our lives? How are we choosing our priorities as we go about our daily lives? Are we sharing our gifts to the fullest? Are we truly aware of how God is speaking to us about our responsibility to share what God has made possible in our lives? Do we question the difference between our wants and our needs?

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So you think pledges cover most of FPC's budget?

By Miriam Lawrence Leupold

October is the time of year when the church leadership and committees begin to consider next year's budget. Each committee will present a budget request to the Finance Committee which will propose a budget. Session will then determine the 2016 budget at its November and December meetings.

So what goes into FPC's budget? Our 2015 income (\$601,237.00) comes from a variety of places:

Pledges - annual pledges from church members. This is the majority of our income. (\$310,000 = 51.2% of budget)

Open plate and undesignated . this is cash offerings given on Sunday mornings or at other events which are not pledges. (\$9,900 = 1.5%)

Miscellaneous income . an anonymous grant (\$144,000 = 24%)

Building use - payment for use of the building by outside groups (\$8,900 = 1.5%)

Grants and Endowment . earnings from invested funds and grants received that are used specifically for the music program, educational grants, mission program, and general fund (\$22,965 = 4%)

Hugh Johnson Advisors Transfers . earnings from invested funds (what is commonly called our endowment+) that are used for general budget (\$100,764 = 17%)

Appropriation of Fund Balance . any excess funds which have accumulated at the end of any given year go into the fund balance and these funds are used, if necessary, to cover a budget shortfall (\$4,708 = .8%)

It is worth noting that our ministry would look very different if we did not receive the Miscellaneous income from the anonymous grant and did not have the income from our invested funds. They make up 45% of our budget.

We have been told by the anonymous grant donor that they want to continue to contribute to the church but that the amount will decrease in 2017 to \$120,000. It is hoped that in 2017 when our 250th Anniversary Campaign pledges have been fulfilled that many within the congregation will add the

In the gospels, Jesus mentioned "money" more times than anything except the "Kingdom of heaven."

amount of their anniversary pledge onto to their annual pledge. Such pledges would go a long way to balancing our budget and relieving our dependence upon this grant.

It is also important to note that over the past 9 years we have intentionally worked to decrease the draw on our invested funds from over 9% to 5% of a 12-quarter moving average. The current 5% draw is a more sustainable level. However, each year at budget time, it is a challenge to stay with this strategy because of rising expenses.

Speaking of expenses, FPC's expenses for 2015 are budgeted at \$601,237. Each Committee has a budget to cover their expenses. Our top

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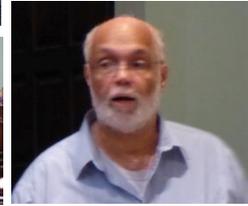
Worship in the Park?

The Sun Shone Brightly!

The sun shone brightly in the hearts of worshippers at the last worship service of the summer season, Sunday, September 13. AND, the burned-out light bulbs had been replaced in the sanctuary. It had rained all night, a blessed relief from the September heat wave. But the thirsty greenery of Washington Park was very soggy, and rain still threatened. The service, transferred to the sanctuary, featured Communion and a sermon by Glenn Leupold on Romans 16 and ended with a rousing postlude by new organist, Trevor Kahlbaugh.

And then, a picnic in Assembly Hall. While many of us have been seeing one another all summer, there were many hugs and conversations about summer activities and plans for the fall schedule at church.

The sun was shining by picnic's end.



Pot Luck Dinner and Program Friday, October 16, 6:00 pm

“Computers, Unsolvable Problems, and the Existence of God”

By David Hannay

Or perhaps it should be called, “The person who has all of the answers doesn't understand the question!”



David Hannay

The program on October 16th will explore and expand on some of the computer concepts mentioned in the 2014 film on the life of Alan Turing: *The Imitation Game*. For pertinent background information on Turing's life and how it relates to this talk, please see the handout “Turing's Enduring Importance.” Topics to be covered by David Hannay that evening include:

- Brief Introduction to Programming Concepts
- Recursion, and Problems of Self-Referencing
- Importance of Turing Machines
- Unsolvability of the Halting Problem
- Gödel's Incompleteness Theorems
- The Problem of Evil, and the Existence of God

The presenter, David Hannay, M.A., M.S., Ph.D., is Professor Emeritus of Computer Science and former Dean of Engineering at Union College in Schenectady, NY.



Benedict Cumberbatch as Alan Turing, in *The Imitation Game*.

Please **make reservations** with Sue Bartle, Office Manager, at the Church Office, 449-7332 or info@firstpresalbany.org, and tell Sue what you will bring as your contribution to the meal.

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Membership is Stewardship, Continued from p. 1.

Stewardship is both giving freely of your talents and your financial blessings. First Pres truly needs and values both. Our life as a church would be ebbing without your gifts of yourself and your money.

Yes, your money . . . still a hard subject for discussion at church, still a bit taboo to mention aloud. Why? I am not sure. There isn't one of us who isn't aware of utility bills, plumbing repairs, salaries, and yet the topic of money at church is still often avoided.

Consecration Sunday 2015 is here, and we are called by God to do God's work, and often that work requires money.

When Pastor Miriam teaches the new members classes, she clearly points out that solid membership at First Presbyterian includes five basic tenets. They are these:

- ~ A belief in Jesus Christ as your God and Savior
- ~ Regular worship. If you're in town, you're in church on Sunday, unless you are sick or caring for someone who is.
- ~ Finding a way to be involved in the life of the church, including bringing a churchless friend or friends to church at least once every six months.
- ~ Vigorous prayer and pursuit of personal spiritual growth.
- ~ Participation in the life of First Presbyterian by making a pledge of financial support.

Not a recent member? Not familiar with these thoughts?

Some of us, actually a lot of us, must not be aware of these basic membership responsibilities. How do I know that? The numbers tell me. The percentage of First Presbyterian member households who did not make a financial pledge in 2015 was 40%. Yes, there are a large number of members who chose NOT to participate in the annual Stewardship campaign last year. In fact, this percentage has not changed much in the last ten years. The Stewardship Committee has wrangled with how to address this for a long time. We have veered away from being direct partly because money has not been a subject that is easily discussed at church. The time for silence has passed. The life of First Presbyterian requires your time, talent, and financial support. **THE AMOUNT OF YOUR PLEDGE IS UP TO YOU; IT IS YOUR PARTICIPATION THAT IS CRUCIAL.** Of course, our gifts are different; each of us is called to discern, with God's help, what amount to give. **WHAT APPLIES TO ALL OF US, AS MEMBERS, IS TO MAKE A GIFT, IN WHATEVER AMOUNT WE CAN.** When I first became a member, I had no idea of what the norm was. I learned of tithing, giving ten percent of my income, but I knew that was not something I could do at that time. I have since learned that there is no norm. Tithing is a goal. Some people tithe, some people give



Jeopardy, the final examination for Sunday Schoolers



Advocacy Campaign against Citizens United decision



Fair Trade advocacy and sale



Dramatic Production of First Pres Youth

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Youth Summer Work Mission



The Lamar Lecture



Gay Pride Parade and advocacy through More Light+



Adult Education Guest Speaker



First Friday Concert and Art Gallery

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\$1.00. Gifts range from thousands of dollars to ten dollars per month. That decision is between you and God.

If this part of membership troubles you, if you have questions, concerns, or just want to discuss it,

please call Pastor Miriam or Pastor Glenn and make an appointment with one of them. They would love to share their thinking and listen to yours. Or, bring up the subject with a fellow member. Stewardship is not a subject just for the Stewardship or Finance Committees. Each of us, as members, has an interest and an obligation to concern ourselves with this aspect of the church. Banish the fear of discussing money at church. This isn't about manners, this isn't about being nosy, this is about the life of **YOUR** church. Speak about why you pledge, wonder out loud about why members might not want to pledge, listen to concerns that people have that might be precluding their pledging. Please do this soon. On October 25, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday when First Presbyterian members will once again dedicate ourselves to the life of our church and our ability to do God's work. Please spend the next few weeks prayerfully discerning what God is calling you to do with your gifts. On the 25th you will have the opportunity to present your 2016 annual financial and non-financial pledges during the worship service. We will have **only one service at 10:30** that morning so that we may all share in this act of trust in God. After the service, we will gather in the Assembly Hall to do a simple mission project benefiting our partner, the Giffen School, enjoy a multitude of savory snacks and sweet treats, then dedicate the elevator!

So, get to work! Pray, discuss your gifts and God's call with your family, look around while at church and see how you want to get further involved, imagine what your life will feel like as you choose to put God closer to first in your life, call out in the wilderness and see what you will hear. My guess is that we will all be filled with the grace of our



Pastors Glenn and Miriam

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SERRV Sale in October

By Deb Fagans, Outreach and Mission Committee Chair

Christmas? Already? Its not even Halloween or Thanksgiving! But the Outreach and Mission Committee is asking you to think Fair Trade and Christmas.

How do these two things go together? By ordering gifts through the SERRV catalog for those on your Christmas list, you not only make those people happy, you also help artisans and farmers in the US and abroad become self-sufficient and provide for their families.

SERRV partners with them, encouraging the use of recycled, renewable, safe and natural materials in the products they produce. Help us help them break the cycle of poverty+by ordering from the SERRV catalogs that will be available in Assembly Hall October 4, 11, and 18.

Mayan Hands, will be coming in November (in time for Christmas gifts).

First Presbyterian Church - Called by God to reduce the widening gap between rich and poor.

Home Repair Project

By Christy D'Ambrosio, Youth Director

The Home Repair Project, generated after the end of Group Work Camp last summer, has reconstructed and beautified elements of five homes, with repairs ranging from cabinet repair to painting to landscaping to deck building. We are now working on house number six, on Ten Eyck Ave. Eric Fagans, Bob Stevens, Debbie Fagans and others have rebuilt the front steps. Imani Elad, Ron Geuther, Glenn Leupold, Ray Newkirk, Christy D'Ambrosio, Arthur and Prudence Iyok have painted and done repair work.

Check the Sunday bulletin for updates, and join us on Ten Eyck Avenue this fall to help complete this project. We and our neighbors in another neighborhood appreciate your help and your time.

What's it Like to Live in Poverty?

By Deb Fagans, Outreach and Mission Committee Chair

We talk a lot about closing the gap between the rich and the poor in our congregation. We mean what we say. We honestly see that the odds are stacked against those who live in poverty.

Most of us truly have no idea what it is like to walk in their shoes. We will now have a chance to do that. The Greater Capital Region TeachersqCenter is willing to conduct a Poverty Simulation Game to give us a genuine understanding of what it is like to live in poverty. We hope that all our present tutors and anyone considering tutoring in our upcoming after-school tutoring program will join us in this experience. Anyone else in the congregation who is interested may also sign up.

The date is still being worked out with the TeachersqCenter. They are trying to arrange a time when we and the volunteers in the Arbor Hill School can do this together. The more people we have, the better the simulation works. We are planning to hold it in the morning in Assembly Hall on either Oct. 24 or Nov. 7. We will announce the date in the bulletin as soon as we know. Please call the office to register

(449-7332) so we have an idea of how many people will be coming.



Eric Fagans and the new porch steps.

Social Media Update

If you are on Twitter, you can now receive the occasional tweets from Glenn and Miriam. Glenn is @PastorGlennFPC and Miriam is @PastorMiriamFPC. It is hoped that Twitter will be another way for short bits of information or commentary to be circulated among the membership. Also, Glenn and Miriam are now registered to be contributors to the content on the church's Facebook page. Chas Kite and Ray Henrikson also will continue to post content on the site. And of course, you can go to our website, firstpresalbany.org, for complete information about the church, including the newsletter.

Learn, Listen, Advocate, Oct. 4 - Oct 10

Mental Illness

Awareness Week

By Deb Shoup

National Mental Illness Awareness Week was initiated by the US Congress 25 years ago to encourage the elimination of the stigma towards persons with mental illness.

As a result, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has begun a new initiative to erase stigma, asking participants to pledge to the following three points:

1. Learn about mental illness and share that knowledge with others
2. Listen non-judgmentally to a person with mental illness tell their story of living with this
3. Advocate for those with mental illnesses on the local, state, and national levels.

Those who make the pledge at coffee hour on Oct.4 will receive a green ribbon to wear that week.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, the National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding will be observed from 3:30 . 7:00 pm. The church sanctuary will be open for prayers for our loved ones, with some prayer suggestions and mementos as requested. At 7:00 pm, a short candle lighting service will be held, which represents the many facets of mental illness recovery and understanding.

The Upper Rooms

Creation, David, and Journey to Adulthood

In The Upper Rooms (our Christian education program for children in kindergarten through grade 8), those students in Kindergarten through grade 5 are exploring %Creation+and Genesis 1 and 2 through October 18.

Workshops and teachers are David Nichols in Galilee Gallery, Prudence Iyok in Sinai Stage, David Haase in Memory on the Mount, and Pastor Miriam in Jericho Theater. Beginning November 1 they will be learning about David through art, computer, movies and games.

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

A Teaching Opportunity

If you are interested in teaching in an upcoming rotation in the Upper Rooms, please contact Miriam or sign up on the poster in Assembly Hall. Teachers teach two of those four Sundays. Training, curriculum and supplies are all provided! Visit a class, if you would like to see the process in action.

Sunday, November 1 and 15

Inquirers' Classes

Have you been visiting First Presbyterian church? Are you interested in learning more about us? About 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.

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More Light

Sit Here and Rest?

By Keith Barber, More Light Committee Chair

On the one hand, most of the issues that brought the More Light movement into being in the Presbyterian Church (USA) seem to have been pretty well resolved. There is no longer a categorical rejection of LGBTQ people for ordination as clergy or for the ordained lay offices of deacon and elder. Marriage equality is now a reality in our home state and nationwide and recent changes in the Presbyterian Book of Order now allow our own church and our own pastors to participate. Our church and Albany Presbytery have been leaders in accomplishing these goals. So naturally our More Light Committee has begun considering our future. What do we do next? In view of these accomplishments, is there any real need for More Light anymore?

It's unlikely that our own church will go backwards and abandon principles of Christian inclusion and love for all if there is no More Light Committee to advocate. For me, even the brouhaha with a small town county clerk in Kentucky could be set aside as a regional oddity and foreign to us. At least until presidential candidates and much of the national media made it a defining issue. And now, it can hardly be avoided.

The clincher for me came from Ogdensburg, over Labor Day weekend, up in far northern New York, on the St. Lawrence River. I have a connection. Soon after graduation from college I took a job with a little radio station in Gouverneur, in the same county as Ogdensburg. And my sanity break on weekends became driving to Ogdensburg to cross the bridge to Prescott, Ontario, Canada, continue to Brockville and board a Canadian National Railway train to Toronto. Yes, that same Ogdensburg that was my gateway to sanity is now my wake-up call for the need for yet More Light.

The Presbyterian Church in Ogdensburg built a bench and painted it in rainbow colors to celebrate its welcome and love for LGBTQ people, and placed the bench in front of the church. It could be a spot to rest a while, for



friendly conversation, or a place of quiet meditation. It was, above all, a symbol of welcome, of justice, and inclusion. To my mind, it proclaimed that the Ogdensburg Presbyterians know what Jesus is all about and proclaim that out loud.

In the middle of the night, the rainbow bench was torched and heavily damaged. The fire department prevented the blaze from spreading to the church itself and thankfully there were no injuries. An arrest has been made and the suspect is charged with a felony hate crime. The Session of the Ogdensburg church has established a fund to build a new bench, reusing some of the burnt wood if possible. Though they want the perpetrator to be held responsible for his deed, they are praying for him.

The internet commenters have been discouraging. One doesn't like "queers" but is opposed to vandalism. Another thinks felony hate crime is too severe a charge against the accused. I chimed in seeking a higher level of discussion and am told I am ineligible to be a Christian and that my pastors are "false teachers," but it was not nice to set the fire. Please don't worry about my feelings being hurt. I've endured worse.

So here we have, I believe, the beginnings of an agenda for More Light. Ogdensburg and Kentucky call on us to witness to all that LGBTQ people are indeed God's beloved children, that the church must welcome and love and nurture all, and must be willing to take risks for the sake of Christ's Kingdom.

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First Friday Concert, October 2 Trevor Kahlbaugh at the Organ

By Michael Lister, Director of Music

As we kick off our fourth season of First Friday concerts and galleries, we are excited to begin the season featuring our own new organist Trevor Kahlbaugh in a solo organ recital. Having received illustrious degrees from Indiana and working in the Chicago area, we are thrilled that he has returned to his hometown area. During his time back in the Capital



Region, Trevor has made a mark as organist at Trinity United Methodist Church as well as keyboardist - accompanist for a variety of institutions, including SUNY Albany, the College of Saint Rose, and the Octavo Singers of

Schenectady. The concert will feature works ranging from Bach, Vierne, and Howells, to present day American composer Dan Locklair. This concert will serve as a welcome to Trevor, our new organist, and will certainly provide an entertaining program of organ pieces from around the world, which highlight not only the artistry and technical ability of the performer, but also the versatility and majesty of the majestic pipe organ at First Presbyterian Church.

Our Art Gallery will also begin with a display of landscapes by artist Justin Janik. We hope that you will attend and invite your friends to this special opening concert and art gallery!

Visitor Cards and Offering Cards What's New in the Pew?

What- no more fellowship pads?! You may have noticed that we are no longer using the fellowship pads on Sunday mornings. However, we hope that visitors and guests will fill out the visitor cards, which are now located in the pews and in the back of the sanctuary. If visitors or guests are seated near you on Sunday morning, please encourage them to fill out a card and place it in the offering plate and introduce yourself to them.

There's something else new in the pew racks . Offering Cards.+ Are you a person who contributes to the church monthly, or annually, or electronically, or through the mail? Offering cards provide you with a symbolic way to participate on Sunday mornings during the offering. You can place the Offering Card+in the offering plate in lieu of an envelope. This card represents the offering that you have given online, through the mail, or monthly to First Presbyterian Church in thanksgiving for all that God has given you. This symbolic act is an important part of stewardship.

Join the Wagemark Cause

By Glenn Leupold

Have you noticed the Wagemark logo on the back of Sunday bulletins or on a recent newsletter? Maybe you remembered hearing something about it, or maybe you missed it. That logo means that First Pres is a Wagemark certified organization. So what does that mean? It means that we have passed the test and have demonstrated that there is no more than an 8:1 difference on the pay scale between our highest and lowest paid employees. We are actually closer to 4:1. The Wagemark Foundation certifies businesses and non-profits who have demonstrated that there is no more than an 8:1 difference on the payscale between the highest and lowest paid employees. Congratulations to us!

Consider the wide discrepancy between the pay of the highest and lowest paid employees for many of our large and not-so-large companies. How about 422:1 for one of the worst? Sadly, while that is an extreme example, many, perhaps most companies do not fall even close to the 8:1 ratio.

The Session and the Mission & Outreach Committee would like to do something about this. It would be great to fix the world, but maybe starting locally is the way to go. If we could get even some local businesses to move towards an equitable 8:1 ratio, it would be a start. Perhaps there are businesses in the First Pres family that can take some steps towards that. Let's make that logo mean something more for us. You can visit www.wagemark.org to learn more, and to see an international list of companies that are currently certified as meeting the Wagemark standard. Best of all, you can also join the Wagemark Committee and help promote just and sustainable wages in the Capital District! Contact Pastor Glenn (gleupold@firstpresalbany.org or 449-7332) for further information.

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FPC's Budget, Continued from p. 2.

three expenses are: staff salaries and benefits, property expenses and mission giving.

In the gospels, Jesus mentioned money more times than anything except the Kingdom of heaven. With his example we too believe that money is not a taboo subject, and it is important that members and friends of FPC understand the church's budget. For more details, plan to attend the Adult Education class on Sunday, October 18, at 9:30 am where our budget will be the topic of discussion. Glenn and I are available to answer any questions as well as Finance Chair, Harry

Youth Fundraising Project Collecting old CDs and DVDs

Want to get rid of your old DVDs, CDs and game discs?

If the answer is YES, bring them in to church and look for the collection box in Assembly Hall. The youth will be collecting old DVDs, CDs and game discs as a fall fundraiser for Triennium 2016 and other events during the 2015-16 curriculum year. Help the youth and clean up your entertainment cabinet at the same time. Thanks for your support!

Ushers and Greeters

Oct 4	8:30	Jackie and Lynn Elsworth
	10:45 am	Team 2 - Diane Cornell, Ken Howey, Bob Stevens, Linda Stevens, Cynthia Winter, Nancy Zimpher
Oct 11	8:30 am	John Myers
	10:45 am	Team 3 – Keith Barber, David Haase, David Hannay, Margaret Hannay
Oct 18	8:30 am	Bruce Brynolfson
	10:45 am	Team 4 – Jeff Durgee, Ray Henrikson, Prudence Iyok, Rachel Smith, Roseline Takor
Oct 25	10:30 am	Team 5 – Don Mark, David Munoz, Ron Pettis, Marilyn Riddle, Phillip Riddle, Barbara Woodruff

Deacons' Doings

By Bob Willower, Deacon

Fall is on the way and flocks are gathering! Announcing two more flock socials coming in October:

Albany-West Flock: Sunday, October 11 from 4 pm to 6 pm at the home of Lee Helsby and DJ Roche, 134 Daytona Avenue, Albany, NY 12208.

Latham-Loudonville Flock: Sunday, October 18, at 5 pm at the home of Prudence and Lawrence Iyok, 5 Toronado Drive, Latham NY 12110.

Deacons will be mailing invitations with specific information and directions to their respective flock members. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and community with your flock neighbors!

Deacons' Flower Ministry

Oct 4	10:45 am	Latham-Loudonville – Prudence Iyok, Ron Pettis, Margaret Zettle
Oct 11	10:45 am	Rensselaer & East – Leslie Roccario, Deb Shoup, Diane Cornell
Oct 18	10:45 am	Guilderland-Schenectady – Grace White, Ellen Kemp, Peg Schalit
Oct 25	10:30 am	Albany South – Annette Johnson, Jessica Piacente, Bob Willower

The Guilderland-Schenectady Flock hosts October Coffee Hours.

Fair Trade Market is Sunday, October 11.

October 2015

1 Thursday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary and Assembly Hall

2 Friday

5:30 pm First Friday Art Display
6:00 pm Concert

4 World Communion 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

5 Monday

6:30 pm Musical Rehearsal

6 Tuesday

7:45 am Men's Bible Study
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
5:30 pm **Committee Night**
• Membership Comm
• Outreach & Mission Comm
• Property Comm
7:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm • Communication & Tech

7 Wednesday

7:15 pm Small Group B³

8 Thursday

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

11 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
11:45 am Fair Trade Market
12:15 pm Choir Fall Concert Rehearsal

12 Monday Columbus Day

Office Closed
6:30 pm Musical Rehearsal

13 Tuesday

7:45 am Men's Bible Study
6:45 pm Deacons Meeting

14 Wednesday

6:30 pm Small Group B
7:30 pm Dads' Small Group

15 Thursday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm South End Development
Group at Howe Library
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

16 Friday

12:00 pm Nov. Newsletter Deadline
6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner

18 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*

19 Monday

6:00 pm FOCUS Board Meeting
6:30 pm Musical Rehearsal

20 Tuesday

7:45 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Clergy Meeting
7:00 pm Session

21 Wednesday

12:00 pm JI/JO
7:15 pm Small Group B³

22 Thursday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
12:00 pm Endowment Sub-
Committee
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

25 Consecration Sunday

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship, Mission Project
and Elevator Dedication
12:30 pm Choir Fall Concert
Rehearsal

26 Monday

6:30 pm Musical Rehearsal

27 Tuesday

7:45 am Men's Bible Study

28 Wednesday

4:00 pm Giffen Group
6:30 pm Small Group B
7:30 pm Dads' Small Group

29 Thursday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
12:00 pm Newsletter Folders
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Note: Italics indicate outside groups.

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 pm – 7:00 pm
Thurs 9:30 am – 10:45 am

Get Well Group

Wed 7:30 pm
Fri 7:30 pm

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Lectionary

- Oct 4 19th Sunday after Pentecost**
Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
- Oct 11 20th Sunday after Pentecost**
Job 23:1-9; 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
- Oct 18 21st Sunday after Pentecost**
Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
- Oct 25 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

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