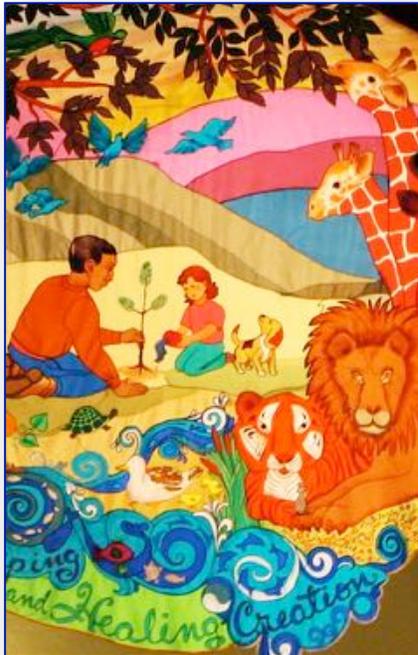




# The First Presbyterian Newsletter

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*So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation. Gen. 2:3*

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## What Happened at First Pres this Summer? **Work, Worship, and Rest**

### Just as the Lord Suggested

Work, worship, and rest; that was God's plan and that was what we did this summer at First Pres. We worked hard to find our new Office Administrator and our new organist. We worked with South End partners to prepare a soul food meal and help finance their summer project. We worked on the South End Home Repair Project and the *Serve Albany* Summer Mission. Our youth enhanced the garden. The elevator was built! We worshiped with three guest preachers and at FOCUS. And we rested at Montreat ... well maybe.

### And Now ...

## An Exciting New Season of Worship and Education Begins

Be a part of a full and exciting September.

You are cordially invited to a special outdoor worship service in Washington Park on Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 am. This is the last of the "summer schedule" Sundays and will feature the Lord's Supper and be followed by fun, fellowship, and a delicious picnic for all ages. Catch up with old friends and new in your church family. In case of rain the service will be held in the sanctuary. You are strongly encouraged to bring a friend, especially someone who is looking for a church home.

Beginning Sunday, September 20, worship will be held at 8:30 am and 10:45 am. Between worship services we will hold the official dedication of our new elevator. The education hour for all ages returns on September 27 at 9:30. (See p. 7, 9.)

### Sept. 13, 9:30 am - Worship in the Park, followed by Picnic Fall Programming Begins Sunday, September 20

- 8:30 am Communion worship around the table
- 9:30 am **Dedication of Elevator**
- 10:45 am Worship with full music program

Classes for all ages will begin on  
September 27. There is a class for you!

# The First Presbyterian



**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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Clerk of Session  
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Joyce Bascom  
Carol Bullard  
Debra Fagans  
Richard Gascoyne  
Ray Henrikson  
Charles Kite  
Stephanie Kite  
Harry (Skip) Meislahn  
John Myers  
Phillip Riddle  
Roseline Takor

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Moderator  
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David Hinchey  
Prudence Iyok  
Annette Johnson  
Ellen Kemp  
Judith Mark  
Ron Pettis  
Jessica Piacente  
Stephanie Ragone  
Leslie Roccario  
Peg Schalit  
Gail Scott  
Deb Shoup  
Grace White  
Robert Willower  
Barbara Woodruff  
Margaret Zettle

## Trevor Kahlbaugh New Organist

By Tim O'Toole

*Return of the Native* - in this instance not a Thomas Hardy novel, but a gift from Indiana University, where Trevor Kahlbaugh refined his considerable musical skills.

Growing up in Albany and Delmar, and grandson of an Episcopal priest, he is no stranger to inspirational liturgical music (and cathedral ceilings). With



ongoing accompanist ties to the College of St. Rose, the University at Albany and to the Schenectady-based Octavo Singers, Trevor is eager to get his hands on First Presbyterian's four-manual, thirty-two pedal Casavant Frères organ. Fortunately for us he is also willing to accompany the Chancel Choir on our one-manual, three pedal Steinway piano. Welcome home, traveler.

## Susan Bartle New Office Manager

By Phillip Riddle, Chair, Administrative Committee

Susan Bartle has been selected by the Administrative Committee to join our staff as the Church Office Manager/Administrative Assistant.



Sue comes to First Pres with a very strong background in office management. From 1986 until 2013 Susan held several positions within the political and governmental structure of New York State: Administrator for the New York State Assembly, House Operations Committee and the Rural Resources Commission; Administrative assistant for two law firms; Assistant Director Executive

Chamber operations for Governor Spitzer; Campaign manager for US Congressional candidate and NYS Assembly candidates; Administrative assistant for the NYS Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation (NYSTAR) and Director of Constituent Services and Correspondence for Governor Cuomo. Sue lives in Albany and will start work at First Presbyterian on Tuesday, September 1. Please join the committee in welcoming Sue to the staff.

## Ben April and Gordon Hibberd Musicians Honored

For several years Ben April has faithfully served as our tenor soloist, traveling a significant distance to be a part of our worship. He has now found a position in a church closer to home and, sad to say, will not be with us on a regular basis. To mark his final service as soloist and to say a big "thank you" Ben was honored with cake and our sincere thanks at his final coffee hour with us. We wish him well in his new endeavor and hope to welcome him back on occasion. The search is underway to find a tenor in Ben's place.

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## Soul Food Dinner

# Something Ventured, Something Gained

By Stephanie Kite

On Saturday, June 27, about seventy people gathered in the Assembly Hall to enjoy a carefully prepared feast of fried chicken, green beans, macaroni and cheese, and various salads followed by banana pudding for dessert. All of the food was prepared by members of the South End community for the enjoyment of members of First Presbyterian and the wider community. Everyone in attendance had chosen to support this effort to raise funds to support a bus trip to the Southwick Zoo for children and adults living in the South End. The effort raised over \$1,500.00 and provided a long day full of fun, laughter, and a chance to experience new and intriguing animals for over fifty participants.

This event was a different sort of ministry for First Pres. Robert Lupton's book, *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help, And How to Reverse It*, informed the South End Development Committee's determination to work with the community residents to achieve their fundraising goal rather than gift them with the funds. The project turned out to be more difficult than anticipated; melding different experiences and expectations always is, but a lot was learned by all involved and we are all better equipped for future endeavors of this sort. One of the most rewarding experiences was that all of the cooks enjoyed sharing the meal with the attendees and afterwards told stories of the friendliness and welcoming spirit they encountered.

A sincere thank you to all who were able to support the dinner either by attending, sending in a donation, or including the effort in your prayers. First Presbyterian Church continues to astound me with the determination and generosity of its members in the effort to reduce the widening economic gap and erode white privilege.



## Consecration Sunday Calendar Alert

By Stephanie Kite, Stewardship Committee Chair

We are excited to announce that this year's Consecration Sunday will again be a day of celebrating the multiple ways our congregation acts as stewards of our God given gifts. Please watch for the details in the upcoming bulletins and next month's newsletter about the different opportunities that we will have to examine what God has shared with us and how we can share those gifts in ministry.

Please note that we will celebrate **Consecration Sunday on Sunday, October 25 with one service at 10:30.** We will revel in feast and fellowship after having had the opportunity to make our pledges of financial and ministry support during worship. We will also be engaging in another opportunity for everyone to help with an outreach and mission project to benefit the Giffen School community during the fellowship hour.

Additionally this year, the Stewardship Committee will be organizing a day of simple cleanup and community fellowship in the South End on Saturday, October 17, from 10:00-4:00. There will be opportunities for everyone to participate, regardless of physical ability, as we work and play together with residents of the South End. Our goal is to freshen up some of the South End streets while getting to better know our neighbors. Please watch for sign up details in the bulletin during the second half of September. You won't want to miss these two fun ministry opportunities!

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## In Their Own Words

By The Adventurers

Eleven youth and four adult chaperones traveled to North Carolina for the Montreat Youth Conference. This year's focus: "This is Our Story." We launched from Delmar, after collecting youth from Latham, Albany, Niskayuna, and Guilderland. In Delmar we were joined by more youth and the Riddles, who volunteered to help drive passengers and luggage. Participants included: Akap and Ofu Takor, Arthur lyok, Lauren Kuo, Jenna and Jordan Scarlett, Katie Myers, Margaret and Liz Leupold, Mia and Maggie Robinson. Chaperone/Drivers included: Miriam Lawrence Leupold, Christy D'Ambrosio, Marilyn and Phillip Riddle.

Our first stop was Winchester, VA, where we dined and swam at Bill Lawrence's (Pastor Miriam's Dad) home. Afterwards, we stayed overnight at Miriam Lawrence Leupold's Dad's church.

After 2 days (approximately 14 hours) of driving, we arrived at Black Mountain, NC, outside the gates of Montreat. We were scheduled to meet our contact, Susie Burns, for a quick tour, but first, we had pizza in town at My Father's Pizza. After dinner, and as the sun set, we drove through the gates of Montreat and settled into our rooms at Assembly Inn. Susie and her husband gave us a tour of the campus, which included Lake Susan, the Huckleberry (gift and ice cream shops) Assembly Inn, and Anderson Auditorium, where all Key Note morning programs (conducted by Ashley-Anne Masters and James Goodlet) and evening worship services (conducted by Gail Porter Nelson and J. Herbert Nelson) were held. Music was led by Sam Burchfield and Zach Wells. Recreation Leaders: Jenny McDevitt and Jessie Light. Ah, but not Saturday night. Programming officially began Sunday evening. Saturday night we

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## Montreat Youth Conference and Adventure July 17-26, 2015



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## Montreat Youth Conference and Adventure July 17-26, 2015

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slept...some of us more than others.

Tuesday was “Mestival” Rec Day. During Key Note and Worship we talked about our stories and how our lives are sometimes “messy.” To drive the point home, we actually got messy.

Some of the other topics discussed in morning Key note sessions and evening worship were: gun control, discrimination, and our responsibility, as people of faith, to address these societal issues.

Wednesday afternoon we spent driving into the Smoky Mountains where we ziplined in the tree canopy. Everyone started off with a long single zip across the tree tops. Then we moved onto 2 levels of obstacle courses. We were very high and exposed to the sun, so we were very hot as well. After we finished we drove back to Montreat for dinner, Communion, a concert, and a bonfire.

Every morning we started the Key Note session with energizers. Every evening we met for worship. Thursday and Friday were very much like the rest of the week except for the trip to the hospital...What? Yes, Arthur was feeling poorly so Miriam and Christy whisked him off to Asheville. We met some very nice people at the Urgent Care Center. This was followed by a fun ride in an ambulance to the hospital. Luckily Arthur began to feel better, and he was discharged in time for dinner.

Saturday morning after breakfast we loaded up the car and headed out. Almost the entire car was asleep, except for Miriam at the wheel. We arrived in Winchester, VA, that evening for more swimming at the Lawrence pool and after the 7:30 service Sunday morning we returned home to Albany. What a week!



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## Home Repair Project **Work, Cooperation, Beautification**

By Christy D'Ambrosio

The ongoing Home Repair Project in the South End continued in June with Eric Fagans, Kate Pruzek, Margaret Leupold, Mackenzie Robinson, Jordan Scarlett, Arthur Iyok and Christy D'Ambrosio working on two homes in the South End.

Eric, with Jordan and Arthur's help, installed a storm door at Yvonne's house and finished Hhana's deck in her backyard. Kate, Margaret, Mackenzie, Christy, and later, Jordan and Arthur, worked on Hhana's front yard landscaping project. One half of the front yard was weeded, mulched and beautified. The other side was prepared for the installation of terra cotta pavers. The end result was beautiful.



In July Arthur Iyok, Akap Takor, Jordan Scarlett, Christy D'Ambrosio, Mackenzie Robinson, Maddy & Ellen Eisenbraun (plus Ben Eisenbraun and Killala Kite not pictured) and Eric Eisenbraun behind the camera, joined Hhana for a final photo in her newly landscaped front yard. The backyard deck was completed by Eric Fagans, Glenn Leupold and Dave Haase with help from Jordan and Arthur in May & June. The front yard was revamped with mulch, paving stones, and decorative rock for a new low maintenance look. Work continued in August at Little Lane in Albany.

Not only are the families and the neighborhood grateful to this dedication of time and energy, but also we at First Pres can be justifiably proud of the cooperative effort of the youth and adults who have worked together on the project and have spread the word and work of God's kingdom in Albany.

## **Serve Albany Summer Mission**

By Christy D'Ambrosio, Youth Director

Three days (June 29-July 1) of gardening in the South End, arranged by the staff and parents at Westminster in conjunction with AVillage, Willie White and Tom McPheeters, was a great experience for First Pres youth. Lydia Green, Ben Eisenbraun, Arthur and Daniel Iyok all participated and Christy joined in to drive and chaperone. We weeded, planted, shoveled dirt, toured the Radix Center, played games, ate lunch and dinner together every day. We got caught in the rain, went to the mall, the movies and made a lot of great new friends. Thanks to all who participated and to our friends at Westminster that made this event possible.



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**Adult Education Classes Resume  
Sunday, September 27, at 9:30**

## Death by Gun

The adult education class will meet in the Rose Room, and we will begin by stepping carefully into the unpredictable area of pondering what can be done about the high number of gun deaths in our nation. The United States has by far the highest per capita rate of gun related homicides of all developed countries. According to data compiled by the United Nations, the United States has *four times* as many gun-related homicides per capita as do Turkey and Switzerland, which are tied for third. The U.S. gun murder rate is about 20 times the average for all other countries. That means that Americans are 20 times more likely to be killed by a gun than is someone from another developed country.

Why does our society tolerate this high murder rate? How do those countries with almost no gun murders achieve this? Why are lethal weapons under fewer use restrictions than office supplies? What are some of the myths and realities of America's gun use? We will be guided by a handout from *The Thoughtful Christian*, which will be sent in advance to those on the church's adult education email-list. The class will be led by Glenn Leupold.

**Are You Interested?**

## Meditation Class

By Clancy Cherry

*Be still and know that I am God.* --Psalm 46:10. It is often said that meditation is the other side of prayer. When you are praying to God, do you stop to listen for God's response? Meditation will give you the opportunity to spend time to listen. Guided meditation may help you to experience the person who is you, explore ways to seek God's will, and maybe even derive some health benefits. Stop, take a deep breath and begin the journey to help see, know, and understand the experience of the person you are.

Meditation is a discipline that I find immensely rewarding, and I would like to offer my experience of over 25 years as a meditation instructor to lead a weekly-guided meditation class for friends at FPC.

## Peace and Global Witness Offering - 2015 Increase the Peace!

The theme for this year's Peacemaking Offering is "Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith" (Ephesians 6:23). The 221st General Assembly (2014) approved transforming the Peacemaking Offering into the Peace & Global Witness Offering to build on the rich tradition of our church's commitment to peacemaking as well as to engage with our global partners in new initiatives of reconciliation. The Peace & Global Witness Offering, still received on World Communion Sunday, will strengthen collaboration with churches and mission partners all over the world. Together we will support efforts to inspire, equip, and connect Presbyterians engaging in ministries of reconciliation and peace that respond to cultures of violence, including our own. This offering is one of the four Special Offerings that our denomination receives during the year. Twenty-five percent of what we receive will be kept at First Pres for peace-themed projects. The rest will be used by Albany Presbytery, the Synod of the Northeast and the General Assembly. Presbyteries and congregations all over the nation are using their share of the offering to do literally hundreds of programs to increase the peace. First Pres has used its share of the Peacemaking Offering in the past in Albany by supporting SNUG (the program that helps reduce retaliation in response to violent actions), to support Stony Point's peacemaking efforts, to help people who come to the church and members with special needs, for peace-themed education, to help agencies doing peace related work in the Capital District, for mission trips and more.

This offering is being received during worship on October 4, which is World Communion Sunday, As we break the bread that day, this offering helps spread the peace of Christ around the world. If you are unable to give on that day, please send in your gift to the church office. Please mark your check "Peace Offering." The need for peace is great in these times!

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Group size should be between 10-20 and I would like to suggest the possibility of one of the following times, depending on enrollment preferences:

- Mondays at 5 pm
- or • Wednesdays at 10 am
- or • Fridays at 10 am

If you are interested, please contact Clancy Cherry.

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## Youth Musical Workshop

With Katie Lamar as Co-director

By Christy D'Ambrosio, Youth Director

Poetry + Rhythm = Rap

Rap + Dance + Everything Else = Hip Hop

Monday, September 21, is the first cast meeting for this year's musical, which will be an original Rap and Hip Hop production to be created by the cast. Original raps about what matters to youth today will be composed by the youth with the help of Katie Lamar, Poetess. Hip Hop choreography will be created by Amy Scarlett. The Musical Finale will be conducted by Michael Lister and the entire production will be organized by Christy D'Ambrosio.

Katie Lamar, Guilderland HS Senior will be Co-Director of this year's Musical. Here is her story.



During the UN trip this past February, the youth and I became aware of Katie Lamar as an accomplished poet and writer. The idea for next year's original Hip Hop/Rap musical came about because Katie agreed to lead the poetry workshop, which will provide the raps for the production's

spoken monologues. Katie has been interested in creative writing since elementary school and is planning to attend SUNY Purchase next fall to major in Creative Writing and become a high school English teacher.

Katie founded the Guilderland creative writing club called, "Pens to Paper" and also co-founded the school's creative writing publication, "Journal Magazine," which is a spin-off of the school's newspaper, of which Katie is Associate Editor. Last spring, Katie gave a TEDX Talk at Skidmore College on "contradictory feelings;" she performed two spoken word poems to an audience of about one-hundred. She says, "This was one of the most exciting experiences of my life."

The annual Musical's creative staff is delighted to enlist the talents of this young woman in the creation of next year's musical. Welcome Katie Lamar!

Save the Date

## Presbyterian

## Youth Triennium

July 19-23, 2016

Purdue University, Indiana

By Christy D'Ambrosio

Next year is a Youth Triennium Year! Mark the family calendar now.

**Cost?** \$505.00 per person+ about \$245 transportation = \$750 total

**Who can attend?** High school age youth who attend a Presbyterian Church. Youth = entering high school freshmen through graduated seniors. College age youth should apply for the Work Force (<http://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/work-crew-application/>). Once accepted, you will be registered with the delegation. Adult advisors (chaperones) 21 years and older.

**How do I cover the registration and travel costs?** The Albany Presbytery delegation will use the "1/3" plan: 1/3 of the funding comes from the church; 1/3 from the Presbytery; and 1/3 from the individual or from fundraising. Travel costs are in addition to the \$505 registration fee so the total cost will be close to \$500.

**How do I actually register?** Your Registrar, Christy D'Ambrosio, Youth Director at First Presbyterian Church in Albany, will complete your registration using an online registration link that is administered by the Purdue University Conference Division. Please feel free to contact Christy (518-423-4763 or [christy@firstpresalbany.org](mailto:christy@firstpresalbany.org)) to find out how you can register and for further information.

Save Monday nights starting this fall for a fabulously fun and creative experience!  
First Cast Meeting – September 21!

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## The Upper Rooms Creation

### You Can Be a Part of it!

A new rotation in The Upper Rooms (our Christian education program for children in kindergarten through grade 8) begins Sunday, September 27, and runs through October 18. This rotation's theme is "Creation," and the children will explore Genesis 1 and 2 through drama, art, computers and movies

YOU can be a part of Creation! It takes a church to raise a child! Consider teaching this fall or winter in The Upper Rooms. Teachers commit to teach three Sundays. Interested but not quite sure what this is all about? Stop by The Upper Rooms on Sundays at 9:30 and see what's going on. It's easier than ever to get to now that we have an elevator! Adults are always welcome to sit in on a class to see what The Upper Rooms are all about. If you'd like to teach, a sign up sheet is located in the Assembly Hall. You provide yourself, your faith, and your time for three Sundays. You're provided with training, supplies, curriculum and an opportunity to get to know the children of the church better. Any questions, contact Pastor Miriam.



## A Summer Baptism

Helen Florence Schultz with mom, Laura

## Youth Create

# Garden of Stepping Stones

By Christy D'Ambrosio

Next time you find yourself walking along the garden sidewalk, glance over toward the sanctuary building. Nestled in between the stones are 18 individualized stepping stones honoring the youth that have graduated from high school in 2012-15. You will also find stones for some students in the future classes of '16 and '17. The youth created and installed them. Watch for this year's additions!



## It's Back to School Time Tutor Alert

By Debbie Fagans, Chair, Outreach and Mission Committee

It's back to school time and time to think about our commitment to Giffen Memorial Elementary School. We are recruiting past and new tutors for the 2015-2016 school year. If you have tutored in the past, all you need to do is let Eric Fagans (371-0131 or edfagans@mac.com) know that you will be continuing this year. Let him know if you would like to work with the same teacher or if you would prefer to work with a different teacher. If you plan to continue assisting the teacher you've worked with, remind Eric of the teacher's name.

**If you would like to begin tutoring, hurrah!!** We are hoping to increase our numbers. You would need to go to [www.albanyschools.org](http://www.albanyschools.org) and scroll down the left side of the page and click on "Volunteering," scroll down a little and click on "Volunteer Application Form." You will need to print this and fill it out. Mail it to Fiona Thompson at the address on the bottom of the second sheet.

Please put First Presbyterian Church where it asks for the Sponsoring Agency and let Eric know that you have applied.

If you are interested in tutoring but cannot do it during the school day, we have good news for you. The Outreach and Mission committee is hoping to launch an after school tutoring program sometime this school year. The Giffen Team has been working on this endeavor for the last four months. Please let us know if that would be interested in helping with this.

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Oct. 4-10, 2015

## Mental Illness



## Awareness Week

By Deb Shoup, Outreach and Mission Committee

Twenty five years ago, the US Congress proclaimed the second week in October as Mental Illness Awareness Week, in honor of the work the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has done to break the stigma attached to mental illness through education.

This year, NAMI proposed a Stigma Free Initiative with a request that each person take the Stigma Free Pledge:

- 1) Learn more about Mental Illness and educate yourself and others
- 2) See the person, not the illness. Strive to listen, to understand and let the person with a mental illness tell their story.
- 3) Take Action. Spread the word. Raise Awareness, and Make a Difference- with your friends, families and government officials. If you see a person wearing a green ribbon in October, they may have taken the pledge.

Outreach and Mission Committee is planning some activities for that week, so stay tuned!

## Summer Guest Preachers

Clockwise, Rev. Alexandra Lusak, Rev. Paul Randall, Rev. Jennifer Wegter-McNelly



### (Musicians Homored, continued from p. 2)

Since our new organist, Trevor Kahlbaugh, will be playing organ at both the 8:30 and 10:45 services in September, Gordon Hibberd will no longer be playing the early service as pianist/organist. When Gordon played his final service on August 30, it was the end of an era for First Pres. He started with us in 2002 working with the Junior Choir. We are not saying farewell to Gordon since he may be serving as a substitute for Sunday services and for other events. The congregation expresses its hearty gratitude and appreciation for Gordon's fine musical leadership.

## Ushers and Greeters

<b>Sep 6</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>FOCUS worship at Trinity United Methodist Church</b>
<b>Sep 13</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship in the Park</b> Team 6 – Diane Cornell, Fay Fairfax, Lee Helsby, Harriet Seeley, Cynthia Winter
<b>Sep 20</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> <b>10:45 am</b>	Bruce Brynolfson Team 7 – Carol Bullard, Joseph Mathias, Alice Schrade, Deb Shoup, Ann Songayllo
<b>Sep 27</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> <b>10:45 am</b>	Ellen Eisenbraun Team 1 – Mia & Maggie Robinson, Akap Takor, Arthur & Daniel Iyok, Lauren Kuo, Sophia Pruzek, Ben & Maddy Eisenbraun, Lydia Green

## Deacons' Flower Ministry

<b>Sep 6</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>FOCUS worship at Trinity United Methodist Church</b>
<b>Sep 13</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship in the Park</b>
<b>Sep 20</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>	Delmar –Barbara Woodruff, Stephanie Ragone, Gail Scott
<b>Sep 27</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>	Downtown Albany & North – Judy Mark, David Hinchon, Lee Helsby

The Rensselaer & East Flock hosts September Coffee Hours.  
Fair Trade Market is Sunday, September 13.

## September 2015

### 1 Tuesday

- 5:30 pm Committee Night
- Membership
  - Outreach and Mission
  - Property
  - Worship
- 7:00 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm • Christian Ed.  
• Communication & Tech  
• More Light

### 3 Thursday

- 6:00 pm Choir Potluck

### **6 Sunday FOCUS Worship**

- 9:30 am Trinity United Methodist Church, 235 Lark Street

### 7 Monday

Labor Day - Office Closed

### 8 Tuesday

- 6:45 pm Deacons Meeting

### 9 Wednesday

- 6:00 pm Wagemark Meeting

### 10 Thursday

- 12:00-9:00 Elections
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### 11 Friday

- 12:00 pm Oct. Newsletter Deadline

### **13 Sunday Worship in the Park**

- 9:30 am Worship in the Park (Communion)
- 10:30 am Picnic in Assembly Hall Fair Trade Mkt.

### 15 Tuesday

- 7:45 am Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 am Clergy Mtg.
- 7:00 pm Session

### 16 Wednesday

- 12:00pm JI/JO
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

### 17 Thursday

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study

- 5:30 pm West End Development Group at Howe Library
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### 18 Friday

- 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

### **20 Sunday Two Services**

- 8:30 am Worship (Communion)
- 9:30 am **Elevator Dedication**
- 9:45 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:45 am Worship (Communion)
- 11:45 am Fellowship
- 1:00-3:00 *Vintage Pride*

### 21 Monday

- 6:00 pm FOCUS Exec. Bd. Mtg.
- 6:30 pm Musical Cast Meeting

### 22 Tuesday

- 7:45 am Men's Bible Study

### 23 Wednesday

- 4:00 pm Giffen Group
- 6:30 pm Small Group B

### 24 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

### 26 Saturday

- 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at Broadalbin Presbyterian Church

### **27 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

### 28 Monday

- 6:30 pm Musical Rehearsal

### 30 Wednesday

- 7:15 pm Small Group B<sup>3</sup>

*Note: Italics indicate outside groups.*

### Elevator Dedication Sunday, September 20, 9:30 am



#### 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 5:00 – 7:00 pm
- Wed 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Thurs 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

#### Get Well Group

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

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

### Lectionary

Sep 6	<b>15th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17	Psalm 125 Mark 7:24-37
Sep 13	<b>16th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Proverbs 1:20-33 James 3:1-12	Psalm 19 Mark 8:27-38
Sep 20	<b>17th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Proverbs 31:10-31 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Psalm 1 Mark 9:30-37
Sep 27	<b>18th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 James 5:13-20	Psalm 124 Mark 9:38-50

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