



First Presbyterian Church



PRES NOTES



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As summer is turning to fall, I am finding myself settling into a routine here at the church. Though that schedule is only a guideline for the week and from time to time I find myself off schedule, and other times even ahead of schedule. (What a luxury that is!) Kids are back in school and my wife Marcy is constantly busy overseeing activities at her school. All the familiar fall events are back too – football, playoff baseball, harvest festivities, advertising for the coming fall and winter holidays, even. The return to routine has its ups and downs as we know—a return to familiarity, can mean falling into old patterns, some good and some bad. The return to routine can also mean reviewing what worked well and what didn't, perhaps even an attempt at adding something new to the routine.

My encouragement to you this month is to add something new to your routine. Take a walk. What a blessing it is to have these beautiful fall days and live in such a picturesque area. With the Catherine Valley Trail and the Finger Lakes Trail system nearby and even our own neighborhoods as venues, a refreshing walk is an easy way to invigorate the day. Being immersed in the creation is a great reminder that God is all around, all the time. Personally, being surrounded by nature I am more aware of God's presence. So, take a walk, and consider the biblical imagery of the *Cedars of Lebanon* (Psalm 104), of creation itself being given by God.

Another option is to add something new to your reading list. St. Augustine writes that in his darkest hour, when he could not accept the rigors of faith in God, he heard a child calling out, "Pick up and read. Pick up and read." He did, his eyes falling on the text of Romans 13. He was convicted and his faith in God cemented. The child's call to, *pick up and read*, is a good instruction for us. Consider a daily prayer and scripture program. Or a book about living a life of faith. A few come to mind:

Christianity for the Rest of Us, by Diana Butler Bass

If the Church Were Christian, by Philip Gulley

Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, by Marcus Borg

Father Joe, by Tony Hendra

Night, by Elie Wiesel

Whether we take a walk, or say an extra prayer, or read a book, deepening our faith by examining what other places God is dwelling is an important activity. I look forward to hearing about your adventures! Let me know too, if I can recommend a different book.

Peace,
Aaron

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER



Friday, October 11th @ 4:30PM



	LAY READER	HEAD USHER	Coffee Hour	Communion
6th	Doug Cotton	Guy Stillman	Deacons	Pastor LayReader Jan Stillman Ruth Hauser Doug Laney Doug Day
13th	Ellen Benedict	Joe Matejka	Community Meal	
20th	Judy McIntosh	Doug Day	B&G / Mission	
27th	Allen Oldfield	Jim McIntosh	Christian Discipleship	



Adopt-A-Highway Roadside Pick-Up **Saturday, October 12th**

We will assemble here at the Church and then leave at **8:30 am**.

Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex

Any questions,
please see Doug Day or contact 739-5951

Saturday, October 5th



From the Secretary

Hello everyone, I would like to ask for everyone's help with a few things:.



- If you have any calendar events, meetings, groups... please make sure that I know the date/time /frequency & room(s). I know there have been many changes and I would like to ensure the church calendar is accurate & up to date. If I don't know – I can't put it on the calendar and/or spread the word. This also applies if things get canceled, changed, different summer & holiday schedules...

• I also ask for contributions/suggestions to the monthly Pres Notes especially from committees / session/ deacons/ event holders... The Pres Notes help keep everyone informed of the church happenings & is a great form of communication, please help me keep it relevant.

The best way to reach me is email: hfpcoffice@verizon.net or you can call me, leave a note on my desk or in my mailbox & I always welcome stopping in and seeing me in person. Although I work a flexible evening schedule, I am usually here on Wednesday & Thursday Evenings 5-7.

Thank you,
Brenda

**The newsletter deadline for
November's issue of Press Notes is
Wednesday October 23rd**



Doug's Fish Fry To Go & Bake Sale



WHEN: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
11 AM TO 6 PM

WHERE: HORSEHEADS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2943 WESTINGHOUSE ROAD
HORSEHEADS, NY

CALL AHEAD ORDERS BY 4 PM, 607-753-9184, EXT. 2

THE BENEFIT WILL ASSIST OUR MISSION IN THE COMMUNITY

FISH SANDWICH	\$ 8.00
FISH DINNER	\$ 13.25
SHRIMP DINNER	\$ 15.75
SCALLOP DINNER	\$ 18.75
FRESH CUT FRIES	\$ 3.00
COLE SLAW	\$ 2.00

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED BY DOUG'S FISH FRY

**INDOOR SEATING AVAILABLE. DESSERTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
THE BAKE SALE ALONG WITH WATER, COFFEE, AND HOT TEA.**

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00a Bible Study	2 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	3 1:00p Prayer Shawl Group	4	5 <i>Fall Rummage Sale</i> 8:00a Men's Breakfast @ Curlys
6 1:00p Worship Service	7	8 10:00a Bible Study	9 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	10	11 4:30p Free Community Dinner	12 8:30a Roadside Clean Up
13 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Session Meeting	14	15 10:00a Bible Study 1:00p LBA (widow & widower's group)	16 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	17	18	19
20 10:30a Worship Service	21	22 10:00a Bible Study	23 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	24	25	26
27 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Deacon's Meeting	28	29 10:00a Bible Study	30 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	31		