Worship - Sunday 10 AM
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Twins Talk

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Pastor's Corner

Welcome to November! When I went out to the car to come to HP it was 22 in Lowville. And my car, left out overnight, spoke rather harshly to me about all the frost!! And no scraper! Its always something.

Our newsletter is seldom published on a Sunday which has a nice harmony to it! Today is a special Sunday; today is All Saint's Day!

All Saints' Day is a time to remember and give thanks for those whose lives have touched ours. Not just the famous saints of history, but the people we have known and loved — parents, friends, teachers, neighbors, and members of our church family.

They are the people whose kindness, generosity, wisdom, and faith have helped shape who we are.

Today, we remember them with gratitude, knowing that although they may no longer walk beside us, their love and influence remain part of our lives.

Our Saints this year are: *Janet Broadbent, Marilyn Racha, Vince Vannicola, Ruth Walker, and Jim Allen.*

As a part of our service this morning I shared some thoughts by Rev. Christopher Rowe, a Pastor in a small, impoverished church in Scotland that presents an accessible concept of God worth considering:

*"I call this reading the Big Book of God, based on the idea that there are two 'books' of God: the little book of God is scripture, and the big book of God is the whole of 'life, the universe and everything'! This is not to be disrespectful to the Bible, but to acknowledge that even by its own testimony it does not contain all the words of Jesus, let alone all that God has done. Reading the Big Book of God is based on the idea that, as the writer Paula D'Arcy says, '**God comes to you disguised as your life.'*** God is as present in the everyday experiences of ordinary people as in the stories of the Bible (which are often the stories of ordinary people).

Let this day in our lives celebrate our belonging to each other!

Steve

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us!" *1 John 4:12*



November always brings Thanksgiving, and it also brings our annual **Stewardship Season**. This is a time to reflect on God's abundant blessings in our lives and prayerfully consider how we support the mission, ministry, and community outreach of the Twin Churches. It's more than just maintaining a budget—it is an invitation to trust God with our time, our talents, and our financial resources.

Together our faith family can continue God's work in our church, community and beyond. Watch the mail for your letter and pledge card. Commitment Sunday's date will be announced soon.

OCTOBERFEAST

We did it again!



Outside Crew & Runners Pictured: Lynne Howard and sister, Sandy, Mara Erway, Ava Larry, Jalayna Fox,Friend, Abby Howard, Friend, Leah Howard



Kitchen/Packing Crews Pictured: Bonnie Churcher & Debbie Bliss; Carol Beasley, Sarah DePalma, & Taylor Fitzgerald; Dorothy Buley; Kathy & Shawn Lemieux; Larry Beasley & Scott Wozna; Carol Heburn, Kevin Gauthier, Sue Mazur, Jude Burton

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this year's Octoberfeast take-out dinner. Whether you cooked turkey, squash, or pies, pealed potatoes or cut up bread, helped with pre-dinner kitchen cleaning, worked on Saturday at church, or sold/bought tickets and enjoyed the meal - your efforts are very much appreciated!

We got a late start this year and were concerned that we would not sell all the tickets. However, our marketing staff and Facebook pulled it off in the nick of time. We were relieved to not run out of any food, although we were nervous all day about stretching the gravy! Sarah DePalma did a wonderful job as Gravy Master. Kathy Lemieux reported that the annual event raised just over $4,000.

Our 3 crews (Outside & Runners, Kitchen, and Dinner Packing) worked so well together, even Gordon Ramsey would have been proud. And a special note of thanks to the Jr-Sr High Sunday School Class who prepared all the leftovers for sale on Sunday morning.

You all are simply a wonderful group to work with!



A Community Service of Thanksgiving, Peace and Friendship

Tuesday, November 24 at 6:00 PM

Join us in celebration of our belonging to each other in our beautiful community of faith:

- Come together to worship and rejoice
- Come together to celebrate in song by adding your voice to the ecumenical community choir
- Come together to show gratitude for all the gifts that we share
- Come together for refreshments and smiles!
- And may the weather not cause us to cancel again this year.

It's the Perfect Season for giving Thanks! Please join us!



Picture from 2016 (Baby is Mallory Fitzgerald)

Advent Gathering

Wednesday December 3, 2026
6:30 PM
First Presbyterian Church of HP Fellowship Hall

Pot Luck Meal – bring a dish
(or consider making a dish with a friend)
Dessert and Beverages Provided

Celebrate the Christmas Story and
Beautiful Lighting of the Candle Creche

Christmas Carols
Bring A Friend, Share the Joy

Carol Beasley, thankfully found us a new tree.

We still need a theme! Here are some thoughts and things we have done from the past. Please forward me your ideas.

- Traditional decor, blue, purple, or other color décor.
- Everyone could bring an ornament to place on the tree during coffee hour.
- Candy Cane, with a printed story of history of Candy Cane.
- Poinsettia with a Poinsettia story printed.
- Angels, Wreaths, Gingerbread Men, Nativity, Candle Centerpieces, Bible Centerpiece

Let me know if you would like to participate in Advent Event planning. *(Many hands make light work.)*

Hope to see you and a friend.....

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Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...

November		December	
1	Jeff Dittl	1	David Wynne
	Benett Marconi	3	Brett Hoffman
	Cullen Dunn (Patty Aubrey	4	Laura Grenier
2	Grandson)		Karl Werbovitz
3	Gail Hoffman	9	Wendy Seifried
4	Dale Jones	11	Elizabeth Condrey-Pitlyk
6	Cindy Rye	12	Pete Rose
9	Hannah Kraft		Joey & Christy Rowlands
12	Nancy Schoff		(twins)
	Jeff & Deb Dittl (A)		Elizabeth (Moseman)
13	Taylor Koenig (Gaylord)	14	Hobson
14	Jessica Brown	15	Tanya Erway
17	Hannah Ferris		Danise Moseman
	Bonnie Churcher	17	Hannah Ferris
18	Gail Smith		John Wall
20	Lauren (Moseman) Smoak	20	Thomas Taubert
21	Chris Aiken	26	Jordan Dziekan
	Lynne & Merritt Howard (A)		Jon Dziekan
22	Karen VanGorder	27	Merritt Howard
23	Emily Preston		Marsha Thayer
	Jalayna Fox	28	Artis Finn
27	Leah Howard	29	Trevor Harter
	Michael Bamford	30	Marilyn Racha
28	Marie Mueller		
	Joe Rowlands		



On Sunday, I was sitting in the church. My friend invited me for a thanksgiving service. When it was time for offering, the offering basket was passed around. Despite the Pastor's charge for generous offering, I still hurriedly and secretly pulled out a dollar from my pocket and dropped it.

Just then, the person behind me tapped me on the shoulder and handed me a $50 bill. I smiled! How generous? Then majestically I looked around and put the $50 bill in the basket and passed it on. Then I turned and thanked the man seriously for being so generous.

He replied "don't mention it. Be more careful next time, it fell from your pocket."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Schedule

Nov 1 - Steve Vance - *Communion, All Saints Day*
Nov 8 - Bonnie Tryon
Nov 15 - Steve Vance
Nov 22 - Steve Vance - *Final Service*
Nov 24 - Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service - Larry Beasley - 6:00 pm
Nov 29 - Larry Beasley - *1st Sunday Advent*

Events

Choir Practice - Thursdays at 5:15 pm
Nov 1 – Mission Committee meeting after worship
Nov 4 – Stone Soup – *check time with B Capodiferro or D Bliss.*
Nov 7 – Park Coffee House – *7:30 - The Cadleys*
Nov 15 – Jim Allen Funeral – 3:00 followed by reception at the Legion
Nov 21 – Park Coffee House – *7:30 – On the Porch*
Nov 22 - Steve Farewell Celebration - 16 Stone - after worship

Check our website at "twinchurches.org"
for a complete calendar of events

bits & pieces

Prayers are asked for:

- Pat Pepe's grandson. Owen, and his family who are waiting for test results and a treatment plan for possible lung cancer.
- Brenda Castle and her family. Her husband, Paul, is back in Wynne Hospital in critical care, and Paul's mom who is in the hospital in North Carolina also on dialysis. Brenda is still heartbroken about losing her mom, and is carrying a heavy burden so please lift her and her family in your prayers.
- Vicky Allen, Kerkira and family on the passing of Mr. Jim on October 22. His service will be held at the church on Sunday, November 15 at 3:00 pm, followed by a reception at the Holland Patent American Legion.

Joys are shared for:

- Peg Curtacci and family who are overjoyed for a family gathering in Boonville to celebrate a visit from cousins who now live in Utah, Tennessee and North Carolina..
- Kathy Lemieux shared a note from Shirley Renninger (commonly known as one of the back-row lovely ladies) sending her love to everyone.

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