

# PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

## NEWSLETTER

### *United Presbyterian Church of Randolph*

**December 2017**

**Volume 14, Issue 12**

#### **'Twas THE MONTH OF CHRISTMAS**

(1)

'Twas the month of Christmas  
And all through the church  
The people prepared for the Savior's birth.  
All were excited as up went the tree,  
Wreaths at the windows:  
Joy for you and me.  
The choir, sequestered  
In their little space  
Practice anthems and carols  
We love and embrace.  
We bake for the cookie house,  
Fill shoeboxes, bring food for the  
Cupboard store,  
Grant wishes on Tree tags,  
Give of ourselves and then  
Give some more.



(3)

On Christmas Eve we gather in  
Our church family and community kin  
To remember the Miracle in a manger  
Sing praises, mark the midnight hour  
And in the candlelight  
Sing Silent Night".

Ann Dahl Luce 2017



(2)

The grown-ups are nestled  
All snug in the pews,  
Having just settled down  
To hear the Good News.  
When all of a sudden  
NANCY appears  
To invite the children  
(toddlers to teen years)  
To hear the Christmas story:  
Now DAYSHIA! Now MARLEY!  
Now ISAAC, ELISE and SIMON!  
On PEYTON, NORA and AUBREY!  
On CONNER and RYEN!  
On CLAIRE and EVALYN!  
On GARRETT and ANNA!  
On JORDAN and ALEXANDRIA!  
You, too REAGAN and CLAIRE!  
Now MADISON, LINDSEY and MITCHELL!  
Now EZRA, IRIS, KENDRA and all the rest!  
To the front of the church; to the Heifer Jar.  
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!  
Some gallop, some walk, and some run.  
Eager to hear the story once more!

Bless these dear children  
Preparing for His birth  
The birth of One who came  
To save the earth.

# Advent & Christmas Services



Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1st Advent December 3 — Pastor Buck Hall

Lighting of the Wreath — Stacy Halla, Nancy Pihlblad, & Ruth Wahl

2nd Advent December 10 — Pastor Buck Hall

Lighting of the Wreath — Rhonda, Jim, Dayshia Ashdown & Ryen Conklin

3rd Advent December 17 — Pastor Buck Hall

Lighting of the Wreath — Tammy & Moses Miller, Marley Johnson

4th Advent, December 24— Pastor Buck Hall

Lighting of the Wreath — Ann Luce, Chloe, Jeff & Julie Greeley

Christmas Pageant during morning worship

Christmas Eve Communion Service 9:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Mary Lee Talbot

December 31 -A Service of Carols and Praise



## Hanging of the Greens

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP**

Join with your church family to prepare the church for Christmas.

- \* Rosie Swan and her helpers will let the children decorate cookies to be shared with all later that day.
- \* Worship Committee needs helpers to hang the wreaths in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.
- \* A special tree is being placed in the hall outside the secretary's office and everyone is invited to bring an ornament for it. This will make it our church family tree.
- \* Beef on Weck will be served as a special thank you to all who stay to help plus those specially decorated cookies. We will also do some singing of our favorite Christmas Carols.

### Change of Date

*Church Congregational and Corporation Meeting  
to Elect Officers for Coming Year*

**Sunday, December 17,** will be election of officers for 2018. The offices needed are 2 Deacons & 2 Elders, class of 2020. Corporate Officers, Financial Secretaries and Treasurers for 2018.



## COOKIE HOUSE

OH! THOSE WONDERFUL  
COOKIES!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**9:00AM. Till gone!**



The annual cookie house will be held on  
Saturday, December 2  
beginning at 9:00 AM.

This event is enjoyed by lots of our friends  
and neighbors and with shoppers coming from  
neighboring communities. For many, it is an  
important part of the holiday season.  
The price will be \$7.00 per/lb. You may walk  
through and select home made cookies of  
your choice. (no early sales).  
The Going Forward Committee will also have a  
table of handmade items from our Talents  
and Treasures project.



Please come to our Cookie  
House for a fun-filled day  
where you will meet your  
friends and neighbors - all  
stocking up for the holiday  
season.

We do deliver cookies in the local area. Call  
the church (358-4255) with your order.

## TURKEYS FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS

If you can buy a turkey for the Christmas  
Baskets please sign up on the sheet in the  
narthex. Louise needs to know how many  
turkeys she will have for baskets in December.  
We will need medium (15-18#), and large  
(19# and up). **NO small please.**



## MILITARY PERSONNEL MEN AND WOMEN

Remember them with a card or note though-out the year.

Mike Fleischmann: Major Michael C. & Candy Fleischmann

3801 Barbed Wire Drive  
Killeen, TX 76549-3955

Aaron Wellman Major Aaron & Jacki Wellman

350 Princeton Circle  
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Jacob Larkee Sgt. Jacob & Katie Larkee  
8654 Willow Leaf Lane  
Odenton, MD 21113

Nate Booker

Jeffrey Clauson

**Who are we missing from the list?**

**We need to keep updating addresses for our  
service personnel. Please call Mary at the office  
358-4255 or her home 358-9405 with the  
information. Thanks**

Grace Episcopal Church

December 17, 4:00 p.m.

BLUE CHRISTMAS



**WE STILL NEED:**

**ITEMS FOR BINGO PRIZES FOR THE MANOR  
AND**

**ITEMS FOR ALEX HOUSE**



to all who donated to the  
shoebox project this year.



## SESSION NOTES

### November 2017

Tom Wade gave an update on the Manse Sale.

Attorney needed more information which Tom is getting.

Reg reported that the Manse has been prepared for winter just in case it turns cold before closing.

PNC report that they have some new candidates.

Rosie reported that the Halloween Trunk n Treat went well.

Linda Inkley came from Mission committee to discuss what is given to Presbytery WNY for missions.

Andrew Pihlblad reported that the evacuation drill went well and session discussed other needs for security.

It was reported that the Southeast Cluster has disbanded. We had choice of joining another cluster or not being in a cluster. Session chose to not join another cluster but to put our time and effort into working with the other churches of Randolph.

Date for Congregational/Corporation election moved to December 17.

## Building Fund Treasurer's Notes

### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### October 2017

Balance in fund 10-1-17 \$13,695.13

#### Income:

Paid on Pledges 2,465.00

Returnable cans 5.00

5th Sunday 94.00

Pig Roast 1,040.00

Total Income 3,604.00

#### Expenses:

Ad for Pig Roast 80.00

Loan Interest Paid 400.47

Principal Paid 2,030.56

Total Expenses 2,511.03

Balance in fund 10-31-17 \$14,788.10

	2017	2016
General Assembly	23,089.81	30,542.13
General Assembly # 2	110,490.86	127,010.74

## East Randolph United Methodist Church

The East Randolph United Methodist Church folks will be doing their living Nativity. They invite you to come celebrate the magic of Christmas and relive the birth of our King.

### Living Nativity schedule:

Friday, December 1 at 7 PM

Saturday, December 2 at 7 PM

Sunday, December 3 at 6 PM

East Randolph United Methodist Church

Live animals every night with a live camel on Saturday.

Refreshments served following each performance



## Hurricane Bucket Brigade raises funds for Puerto Rico

The Mission Committee raised \$3,000 in their bucket brigade to send to hurricane ravaged Puerto Rico early in November.

Eight churches in Randolph worked together to help man four locations for four hours to raise the funds. Churches helping were Grace Episcopal, East Randolph United Methodist, Faith Bible, First Baptist, Lighthouse Chapel, Seventh Day Adventist, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and United Presbyterian.

The event was organized by Donna Chubon and Linda Inkley.

## Women's Association and Cub Scouts

will be packing gift baskets for our shut ins and the folks at the Manor.

**Tuesday, December 5 6:00 p.m.**

### The 2018 calendar

**for the bulletin board is here!!**

**Make sure you post your committee or group events with times and location.**

**Thanks!!**

## LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY

### **WORSHIP TEAMS FOR DECEMBER**

#### **December 3– 1st Sunday of Advent**

Message—Pastor Buck Hall

Liturgist— Dan Pihlblad

Greeters/Ushers—Rosie Swan, Jan Eccles,  
Tammy & Moses Miller

Advent— Stacy Halla, Nancy Pihlblad, Ruth Wahl

Sound— Mary Myers

Nursery –



#### **December 10— 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Message—Pastor Buck Hall

Liturgist — Stacy Halla

Greeters/Ushers - Bob Whitney, Reg Boutwell,  
Dan Pihlblad

Advent—Rhonda, Jim, Dayshia Ashdown & Ryen Conklin

Sound— Mary Myers

Nursery—

#### **December 17— 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Message— Pastor Buck Hall

Liturgist—Barry Shields

Greeters/Ushers - Bethany & Howard VanRensselaer,  
Alistair & Jeanne Oag

Advent—Tammy & Moses Miller, Marley Johnson

Sound— Mike Frame

Nursery—

#### **December 24 — 4th Sunday of Advent**

##### **Christmas Pageant**

Message— Pastor Buck Hall

Liturgist—Tom Wade

Greeters/Ushers—Rosie Swan, Jan Eccles,  
Tammy & Moses Miller

Advent— Ann Luce, Chloe, Jeff & Julie Greeley

Sound— Mary Myers

Nursery –

##### **— Christmas Eve 9:00 p. m.**

Message/Communion—Rev. Dr. Mary Lee Talbot

Liturgist—

Greeters/Ushers—

Sound— Mary Myers

Communion— Deacons



#### **December 31—**

Leader—Connie Lockwood

Message— Andrew Lockwood

Greeters/Ushers - Bob Whitney, Reg Boutwell,  
Dan Pihlblad

Sound— Mary Myers

Nursery—

#### **January 7–**

Message—

Liturgist—Ruth Wahl

Greeters/Ushers - Bethany & Howard VanRensselaer,  
Alistair & Jeanne Oag

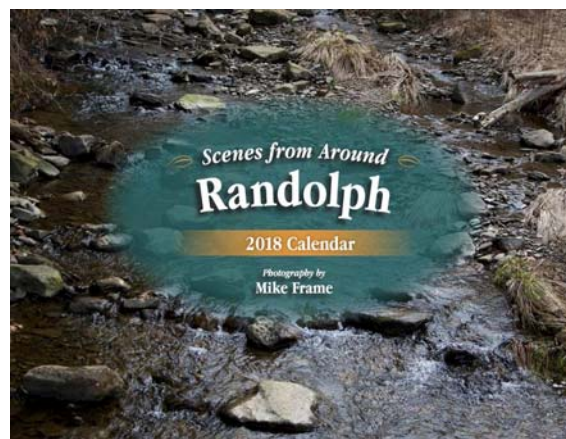
Sound— Mike Frame

Nursery—



### **DEACONS FOR DECEMBER**

**Connie Lockwood** (358-6357) and  
**Jim Ashdown**(489-0041). If you know of anyone in  
our church family who needs support or help, please  
contact one of them.



United Presbyterian Church of Randolph

186 Main Street, Randolph, NY 14772

### **2018 CALENDAR**

SHOWCASING

### **MIKE FRAME'S PHOTOS**

\$10.00 EACH OR

\$12.00 IF MAILED TO YOU.

TO RESERVE YOUR CALENDAR CALL

CHURCH OFFICE 358-4255 or

EMAIL CHURCH SECRETARY

[mary@upcrandolph.org](mailto:mary@upcrandolph.org)

For the benefit of the church building fund

## **December 2017 Lectionary for Sundays**

### **First Sunday of Advent—**

#### **December 3**

Isaiah 64:1–9

Psalms 80:1–7, 17–19

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Mark 13:24–37

### **Second Sunday of Advent—**

#### **December 10**

Isaiah 40:1–11

Psalms 85:1–2, 8–13

2 Peter 3:8–15a

Mark 1:1–8

### **Third Sunday of Advent—**

#### **December 17**

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

Psalms 126 or Luke 1:46b–55

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

John 1:6–8, 19–28

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent—**

#### **December 24**

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

Luke 1:46b–55 or Psalms 89:1–4, 19–26

Romans 16:25–27

Luke 1:26–38

### **First Sunday after Christmas Day—**

#### **December 31**

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4:4–7

Luke 2:22–40



With Sympathy  
to the  
families and friends  
of  
Susan Johnson

### **WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL**

### **PRAYER BREAKFAST**

### **SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH**

The ladies of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church will be the hostesses for the Women's breakfast this month.

It will be on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 till 10:00 a.m.

My book is ready!

**TASTY MORSELS OF FAITH...AND MORE**

**(Nice gift idea)**

**Available:**

**SATURDAY, December 2:**

**At the Cookie House and**

**At the Arts and Crafts Show**

**SATURDAY, December 9:**

**Book Signing at the Randolph Library**

**10am to 2 pm**

**Ann Luce**



## 2017 CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift! -  
2 Corinthians 9:15

The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the truly "indescribable gift", as well as the gifts of church leaders – past, present and future.

Through the work of the Christmas Joy Offering, we seek the living of this truth: that God's generosity is the source, the support, the outcome of our own. We give because God has freely given. We give to support the needs of our church leaders - past, present and future – and God amplifies and extends those gifts through the ministry of those leaders. Their gifts of ministry extend and amplify as well, "overflowing" in thanksgiving to God, and the entire environment of generosity bears witness to God's grace, a truly indescribable gift.

A church worker in a time of need receives the generosity of the church in the same way they have been generous in their service to it – then turns around and makes a gift himself/herself to help other church leaders in need. A student at Presbyterian Pan American School receives the generosity of the church and responds by dedicating his or her life to serving the church. The work of the Offering is compounding generosity, with unending expansion and ceaseless increase.

In gratitude to God for the gift of Jesus, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) invites congregations to join this celebration of God's presence with us by supporting those in need of help and hope.

[Above is from: "Presbyterian Mission.Org/Christmas Joy"]

Please give generously. Joy Offering Envelopes will be in the pew pockets during December and can be placed in the regular Sunday offering plates thru December 25<sup>th</sup>. Please use these Joy Offering envelopes because this is a special General Assembly program and is an addition to our regular monthly mission offerings.

Thank you and God Bless!

Robert Whitney – Mission Committee

## 2017 CHRISTMAS GIFT

For those who desire to give a **"Christmas Gift"** to our United Presbyterian Church of Randolph use a plain white envelope and mark it in the address area "2017 Christmas Gift Offering" with your name in the return address area and place your gift in the envelope. Your gift can be placed in the Sunday offering plate during this Advent Season.

This offering goes into the general fund and will be used by the Session for special items for our church. From time to time there could be worn out or broken equipment that needs repair or replaced and not be in the annual budget OR new items needed to start a new program.

Any amount can be given as a **"Christmas Gift"** to the United Presbyterian Church of Randolph and will be **greatly appreciated**.

**Thank you again for your generosity!!!**

Bob Whitney for the Mission Committee



## **Christmas Eve Service**

**9:00 p.m.**

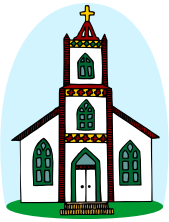
**The service will be led by**

**Rev. Dr. Mary Lee Talbot.**

**It will include scripture, carols and communion.**

**The service will end with candle lighting and  
the tolling of the bells.**

# PRAYER CONCERNS



<b>Health:</b> Alan J Barbara M Bob Bob & Sandy C Brianna Carl B Carol friend of Michelle Carol S Catherine S Cindy H cancer Chloe C Charles S cancer-chemo Dan B Danny Dan E heart attack David R. M David S cancer Debbie M Derek M leukemia Donald R Dottie B Evelyn cancer	George B Gene J James B cancer Jan C Jason Keith A Keith G. cancer Logan Laurel P cancer Linda J Lisa O Mary G Madison Marie M Mel L Nancy cancer Nicole Patty G's family Robert R cancer Ron B lung cancer	Scott J Sue L Tracy H cancer Travis, Natalia & babies Teresa Timothy Ted B Tracy H Wanda  Travelers during the holidays  <b>Encouragement:</b> Teri Nichols Care Givers EMT's Prison Ministry (CCM) Foster Care Parents/children Families dealing with divorce Families dealing with addictions
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## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

You still have time to place your order for Poinsettias that decorate the church for Christmas.

Orders are needed by December 3. They will be \$10.00 this year.

You can use this form or call Kay Wade at 358-5951.



Photographs by Jack Berger

## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas at \$10.00 each.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I will take the plant home \_\_\_\_\_ Take the plant to a shut-in  
Give to Kay Wade or leave in Church Office.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**TO OUR**  
**DECEMBER CELEBRANTS**

December 1	Carrie Congdon
December 3	Dick Chubon
December 4	Alistair Oag
December 9	Erin Connor
December 12	Catherine Oag
December 16	Jim Roberts
	Rodney Brown
December 19	Robert Rice
December 21	Ann Luce
December 22	Mary Myers
December 23	Liz Kaltenbach
	Jim Matson
December 24	Millie Matson
December 25	Charles Berg
December 26	Clair Inkley
December 27	Susan Ashdown
December 30	Robert Halla



**SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 1—7:30 p.m.

Community Memory Tree

December 2 – Cookie House 9:00 a.m.—?

Community Christmas Parade 6:00 p.m.

December 5– Women's Association, pack goodies for shut-ins with Scouts , 6:00 p.m.

December 17 –Blue Christmas Service,  
4:00 p.m. @ Grace Episcopal

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service  
@ 9:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend and share the fellowship.

**DEACON'S**  
**HALLOWEEN PARTY**



***General Fund Treasurer's Notes***



YTD	October 2016	October 2017
Total Expenses	\$48,395.63	\$50,703.50
Total Receipts	\$78,570.83	\$70,549.77
Gain or (Loss)	\$30,175.20	18,485.30
Driveway Fund	\$3,630.95	
Paying Forward Fund	\$ 807.05	

For further information ask a member of session or the treasurer, Reg Boutwell.



# DECEMBER 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 9 AM Yoga  7 PM Memory Tree	<b>2</b> 9:00 am <b>Cookie House</b>
<b>3 1st Advent</b> 8:30 Prayer Time 9 am Choir & Adult Church School 10:00 Morning Worship Junior Church Hanging of the Greens	<b>4</b> 9 am Yoga <b>Yoga 10:30</b> 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>5</b> 4-5 Yoga  6:00 pm Scouts & Women do Cookies	<b>6</b> 4-5 Yoga	<b>7</b> 9 AM Chair Yoga	<b>8</b> 9 AM Yoga	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Women's Com Prayer Breakfast St. Pat's RC
<b>10</b> <b>2nd Advent</b> 8:30 Prayer Time 9 am Choir & Adult Church School 10:00 Morning Worship Junior Church	<b>11</b> 9 am Yoga <b>Yoga 10:30</b>  8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>12</b> 4-5 Yoga  6:00 pm Scouts  7 pm Session	<b>13</b> 4-5 Yoga	<b>14</b> 9 AM Chair Yoga	<b>15</b> 9 AM Yoga	<b>16</b>
<b>17 3rd Advent</b> <b>Mission Sunday</b> 8:30 Prayer Time 9 am Choir & Adult Church School 10:00 Morning Worship Junior Church 4 pm Blue Christmas Grace Episcopal	<b>18</b>   8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<-----Community Cupboard using the building----->						
<b>24</b> <b>4th Advent</b> 8:30 Prayer Time 10:00 Morning Worship PAGEANT Junior Church 9 pm CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	<b>25</b>  <b>Christmas Day</b> 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8:30 Prayer Time 9 am Choir & Adult Church School 10:00 Morning Worship Junior Church						

## CHURCH LEADERS

### CORPORATION OFFICERS

**President**—Reg Boutwell V. **President**— Kay Wade  
**Treasurer**—

### CLERK OF SESSION

Mary Myers

### ELDERS

**CLASS OF 2017**  
Mary Myers  
Ruth Wahl

**CLASS OF 2018**  
Reg Boutwell  
Dick Chubon

**CLASS OF 2019**  
Jim Roberts  
Andrew Pihlblad  
Rosie Swan

### DEACONS

**CLASS OF 2017**  
James Ashdown  
Louise Boutwell

**CLASS OF 2018**  
Jan Eccles  
Barry Shields  
Donna Chubon

**CLASS OF 2019**  
Connie Lockwood  
Bettie Alexander

### STAFF

**MUSIC MINISTRY**—Carol Brown, choir director/organist

**CHURCH SECRETARY**—Mary Myers

**CUSTODIANS**—Susan Ashdown & Jim Ashdown  
the church phone number is 358-4255

&

e-mail address is [mary@upcrandolph.org](mailto:mary@upcrandolph.org)

**WEB PAGE :** [upcrandolph.org](http://upcrandolph.org)

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

To celebrate and continue the work of Christ by ministering to all people, supporting each other as a loving family, and working together in Christian service.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

"To develop, live into, and nurture a new beginning for the United Presbyterian Church of Randolph that enables us to serve our church family and the greater community in whatever ways our resources (time, people, funds) allows us."

## NEWSLETTER

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**DECEMBER 2017**

*Merry Christmas!*