

# PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

November 2020

Volume 17, Issue 11

**NEWSLETTER**

**United Presbyterian Church of Randolph**

Dear Church Family,

November 2020

November is an interesting month. Sometimes it seems that it is just an after thought tucked in between Halloween and Christmas, at least in the commercial market. Although Thanksgiving is a big holiday, there is only so much turkey one can eat!

Although Thanksgiving is not a big seller – except for the grocery stores – it is an important national holiday. This is a day set apart for being thankful. I'm sure that for most of us, our Thanksgiving celebrations will look quite different this year. There may actually be more turkeys sold as we gather in smaller groups rather than big family gatherings. This year our community Thanksgiving worship service will be virtual, lots of details to work out, but we won't be together as a community in one building. All this virtual stuff and so little human contact! It seems like there is much to complain about, and not so much to be thankful for this year.

Wait, what did I just say? It is easy to complain instead of seeing the blessings that God is sending. This year has been so full of blessings. I have gotten to know several members of our extended community with Bible study each week. We have people from 6 different communities and 3 different states that participate each week. I get emails from people from all over that are able to tune into our worship services. I think that God has cut us off to force us to use the technology God as allowed to flourish. We as the church are reaching out in so many new ways to so many people that might never walk in the door of a church, but will gladly tune in. I believe that in 100 years people will look at this worldwide pandemic and see how this save the church! Mainline churches have been on a downward spiral, but it seems like new life on line.

Just for a moment think about how God has allowed the church to adapt over the centuries. Small house churches to start, huge cathedrals reaching to the heavens, churches on every corner for circuit riders, mega churches, and now on line worship. God is always current, even if we are not!

This year as you gather around whatever thanksgiving table – real or virtual, take time to think about how God has blessed you, not in spite of the virus, but because of the virus. There are certainly many downsides and not overlooking the suffering and death of many. But God also is able to turn tragedy into blessing and challenges into hope.

May you have a blessing filled November!

With peace and hope,

Pastor Molly



## **A special note to the church family:**

It was wonderful to get all the cards and gifts for pastor appreciation day. It was truly a surprise for me. With everything so strange this year I never even gave pastor appreciation a thought. I am truly blessed to be able to be your pastor!

Thank you all so much. – Pastor Molly

## November 11th



Take time to remember the men and women who have made it possible for us to enjoy being free as Americans.



*We lose our Daylight Savings Time Sunday November 1—*

*Be sure you set your clocks back*

*Don't be late for Morning Worship 10:00 am*

## October Session Notes

- \* Goals for 2020 were reviewed and these will be carried into 2021.
- \* Approved purchase of new vacuum cleaning for custodial staff.
- \* Training required by sexual harassment policy for staff will be handled by the pastor.
- \* Election of officers for 2021 will be Sunday, November 15 at congregation meeting.
- \* Sexual abuse training, intruder and evaluation drill will be done on November 15 following election.

## Congratulations



Welcome to Samuel Henderson Pihlblad  
Born - September 10  
9 pounds 9 ounces  
Proud parents  
David and Maggie Pihlblad  
And Grandparents  
Dan and Nancy Pihlblad

### General Fund Treasurer's Notes

	September 2019	September 2020
Total Expenses	\$5,837.40	\$5,241.16
Total Receipts	\$8,101.63	\$7,432.40
Gain or (Loss)	\$2,264.23	\$2,191.24

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

## With Sympathy

to the

families and friends of

**Millie Matson**

**Ethalann Abbott**

**Johnana Ekstrom**

**Kevin Killion**

**Katy Plummer**

**Cora Joyce Bedell**

**Linda Dolph**



## SIGN UP SHEETS BY NOVEMBER 15

On the table by the church main entrance, there will be 3 sets of sign up sheet.

Work Crew—Kitchen or Driver

Preparing potatoes, stuffing, turkey

Dinner Orders

Indicate the #of dinners, phone# and if delivery an address.

Please sign up on the sheets by Sunday, November 15, or

Contact the church (358-4255)

secretary@upcrandolph.org

Louise Boutwell (358-4848)

poppopweeze@gmail.com

Then on Sunday, November 22, you will be informed of your duties from the signup sheets.

**December Newsletter deadline is November 19.**

## **WORSHIP TEAMS FOR NOVEMBER**

### **November 1— Celebrate All Saints/Communion**

Liturgist— Nancy Pihlblad

Sound— Keith & Catherine Alexander

Communion—Nancy Pihlblad & Connie Lockwood

### **November 8**

Liturgist— Tom Wade

Sound— Keith & Catherine Alexander

### **November 15— MISSION SUNDAY**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – ELECT 2021 OFFICERS**

Liturgist— Barry Shields

Sound— Keith & Catherine Alexander

### **November 22— CHRIST THE KING**

Liturgist— Cathy Sutherland

Sound— Keith & Catherine Alexander

### **November 29—**

#### **1st Sunday of Advent**

Liturgist— Dan Pihlblad

Sound— Keith & Catherine Alexander

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER**

### **December 1— 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Liturgist— Connie Lockwood

Communion—Connie Lockwood, Nancy Pihlblad

Sound— Keith & Catherine Alexander

**IF YOU CAN NOT BE AT CHURCH ON YOUR DAY AS A  
VOLUNTEER PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE  
KNOW.**

## **Coming Events**

**All Saint's Day**, November 1, 10:00 am. This special worship service will focus on the saints that have gone on before us.

We will recognize members and friends who have died during the past year. There will also be a time when a candle will be lite in memory of these loved ones who have passed away.

**Veteran's Day Observance**, November 8, 10:00am. Please let the church office (358-4255) know of any service members that we can honor.

**Christ the King Sunday**, November 22, 10:00am. We will be celebrating the end of the church year.

## **BLESSINGS**

Are you well?

That's a blessing—

Thank God.

Have friends and family?

What a blessing!

Thank God.

Do you have a home?

Another blessing—

Thank God

Enough to eat?

That's a blessing, too.

Thank God.

Can amuse yourself?

A blessing for sure.

Thank God.

Able to get around?

A real blessing—

Thank God.

Have a sense of humor?

That's a blessing—

Thank God.

Have love in your heart?

What a blessing!

Thank God.

Believe that God is always with you?

The greatest blessing of all!

Thank God.

Ann Dahl Luce 2020



# 2020 talent show



## the watchers



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES 2020

Our church will be participating in the Operation Christmas Child shoe box campaign again this year. The filled boxes are due at the church by **November 15.**

Pick your age category, shop for the gifts to fill the box, and then pack and bring for dedication. Shipping for one box is **\$9.00.** Please make out checks to United Presbyterian Church with shoebox on memo line. If gift wrapping, do top and bottom separately as all boxes are opened and thoroughly checked before shipment.

If you need a shoe box call the church office (358-4255) we have a supply.

## GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

**TOYS:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yo's, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (include extra batteries)

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons, markers, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and/or picture books

**HYGIENE ITEMS:** toothbrushes, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

**OTHER:** t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

**DO NOT INCLUDE** used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate, any candy, liquids or lotions, toothpaste, medications or vitamins, or anything containing glass.

**PERSONAL NOTE:** including a picture or note to the child along with your name and address may result in correspondence from the recipient.

**AGE CATEGORIES:** 2-4 years; 5-9 years; 10-14 years, either a boy or a girl. Use label (on table at the entrance) and attach to top of shoebox.

Put a rubber band around box.

Connie Lockwood, chair

Operation Christmas Child



## COOKIE HOUSE DRIVE THRU

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th

10:00 AM. TO ???

Cookie House will be a little different this year –DRIVE THRU. Assorted cookies at \$8 1# will be delivered to your car.

Start clipping your recipes for the Cookie House as well as finding "your Oldie but Goodie Recipes." We need **ALL** the cookies we can possibly bake. This is one of the Mission Committee's largest fund raisers for the church's mission budget. We appreciate all of your help and look forward to a fun day!!!

Cookies may be dropped off at church, Friday (Dec 4) or by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

We also need some to help on that day! Contact Linda Inkley (358-6042) if you can help.

## Mission Committee

### Be in prayer for the Mission Projects

#### we support:

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD  
COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS  
DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND  
CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING  
UCAN  
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA SWAUGERS  
FRIENDS OF THE NIGHT PEOPLE  
GENESIS HOUSE  
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL  
LAVID ORPHANAGE IN MEXICO  
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SAMARITAN PURSE SHOE BOX  
ST SUSAN CENTER  
FILLING THE GAP  
FLM HATI





## ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY

### THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

The area churches will be preparing Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Randolph Fire Hall. However, due to COVID-19, there will be NO sit down dinners. There will be only deliveries leaving at 11:30 or drive through for pick up from 12:30 to 1:30.

That means we need only two sets of work crews at the Fire Hall on Thanksgiving Day to prepare the dinners:

Kitchen Crew—8 am—12:30

or in shifts 8-10, 10-12:30.

Drivers at 11:30

We will need volunteers to take home the stuffing and potato pearls (already donated) and prepare them for delivery to the Fire Hall at either 8 am or 10 am on Thanksgiving Day. If you have an extra oven or roaster, we need people who can roast a turkey and bring it to the Fire Hall either 8 am or 10 am on Thanksgiving Day. We will give you the turkey and roasting bag. Please contact Louise Boutwell (358-4848) about availability to make potatoes or stuffing or roast a turkey on Thanksgiving.

Our church has been asked to furnish the squash and dressing which is purchased from R and M restaurant and the stuffing (chopped celery and Pepperidge Farm stuffing preferred). Donations can be made to purchase these items and placed in the new lock box or mailed to the church. Please be sure to label the envelope with Thanksgiving dinner donation on the envelope /check.

Please sign up in the main entrance by **Sunday, November 15** for the following:

Kitchen (8-12:30 am),

Drivers (11:30 am)

Then on November 22 you will be informed of your

The dinner (s) can also be delivered to you. Please indicate the number of dinners and the address if a delivery is needed. **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD** and let us know of others who would like a Thanksgiving dinner.



## MILITARY PERSONNEL

### MEN AND WOMEN

Remember them with a card or note throughout the year.

Mike Fleischmann: Michael C. & Brandi Fleischmann  
16300 Copper Ellis Trace  
Austin, TX 78728

Aaron Wellman Major Aaron and Jacki Wellman  
Lucas Jack and Kayla Jane  
57 Bertram Boulevard  
Stafford, Virginia 22556-6467

Erin Connor Erin Connor/Matt Kinahan  
Matt Kinahan PSC 3 Box 7036  
APO AP 96266

Erik Connor Erik & Maggie Connor  
6448 Lionheart Park  
San Antonio, TX 78240

### **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**

**December Newsletter deadline is November 19.**

## 2020 CHRISTMAS RUPC SCRIP

### GIFT/SHOPPING CARDS



Have you started your list for who will get what this year for Christmas?

Here is a way to give a gift that doesn't need to be exchanged and that also will help someone in need in 2021. A "Gift Card" purchased through our RUPC SCRIP Program can be given or used as a shopping card. Then your mission committee will use the funds they received for selling the cards to help someone in need in 2021.

**We will order one time for this Christmas season. Orders will be taken from Nov. 22 - Dec. 5, 2020 and distributed on Sunday December 12, 2020. We need your payment (check or cash) when you place your card order. Please make your check payable to "RUPC-Scrip".**

You may give your Christmas orders to Mary Myers or the church's office.

Thank you for your Christmas orders and all your previous orders. Catalog listings of all vendors will be in the narthex.

Mary Myers, Scrip coordinator

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

Sunday, November 15, will be election of officers for 2021.

This year we have asked the 2020 officers to extend their term by one year. Most have been able to do this so our 2021 officers for election will be:

### CORPORATION OFFICERS

**President**—Reg Boutwell

**V. President**—Kay Wade

**Treasurer**—Rosie Swan

### ELDERS

#### **CLASS OF 2021**

Dan Pihlblad, \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CLASS OF 2022**

Tom Wade, Mary Myers

#### **CLASS OF 2023**

Jim Roberts, Reg Boutwell, Connie Lockwood

### DEACONS

#### **CLASS OF 2021**

James Ashdown, Louise Boutwell

#### **CLASS OF 2022**

Marta Johnson, Kay Wade, Stacy Halla

#### **CLASS OF 2023**

Barry Shields, Carrie Congdon

Financial Secretary—Linda and Clair Inkley

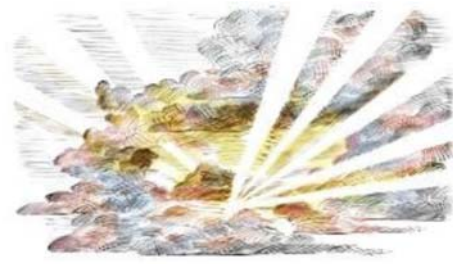
Treasurer—Reg Boutwell

Memorial Fund — Kay Wade and Mary Myers

**December Newsletter deadline is November 19.**

### **Thought for Today**

**Life is like a Camera...  
just focus on what's important,  
capture the good times,  
develop from the negatives and  
if things don't work out...  
just take another shot**



## *Remembering the Saints*

The following Saints will be remembered  
during worship on Sunday, November 1

Cindy Groves	NOV 4
Robert Schulz	DEC 1
Anita Campbell	DEC 20
Clayton Barber	DEC 30
John Andrews	JAN 3
Terry Brown	JAN 7
Rodney Brown	JAN 27
June Brown	MAR 9
Jeffrey Brown	MAR 27
David Roberts	
Dennis Hadley	MAY 12
Mary Benca	MAY 18
Richard Anderson	JUNE 10
Ruth McKinley	JULY 7
Herbert Archer	AUG 4
Floyd Schulz	AUG 12
Mary Wishart	AUG 20
Catherine Smith	AUG 26
Larry Hill	AUG 27
Sandra Bosworth	SEPT 15
Katy Plummer	SEPT 26
Millie Matson	OCT 1
Johnana Ekstrom	OCT 6
Kevin Killion	OCT 6
Ethalann Abbott	OCT 7
Linda Dolph	
Cora Joyce Bedell	

## November 2020 Lectionary

### November 1 Communion

Joshua 3:7-17  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12



### November 8

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Psalm 78:1-7  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

### November 15

Judges 4:1-7  
Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

### November 22

Reign of Christ / Christ the King  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 100  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

### Begin Year B

### November 29

First Sunday of Advent—  
Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

It is time to place your order for Poinsettias that decorate the church for Christmas. Orders will be needed by December 13. They will be \$10.00 this year. You can pick up a form at the entrance table or call the church office 358-4255.



## OUR NOVEMBER CELEBRANTS

November 2 Rene Pence  
November 7 Emily Matson  
November 8 Matt Johnson  
November 10 Dan Pihlblad  
November 12 Evan Matson  
November 15 Verna Sue Miller (2 year)  
Reah Wilcox  
November 17 Lorielle Inkley  
November 18 Keith Alexander  
November 30 Pastor Molly Golando



## TURKEYS FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS

If you can buy a turkey for the Christmas Baskets please sign up on the sheet on the church entrance table.. Louise needs to know how many turkeys she will have for baskets in December. Before Thanksgiving while turkeys are on sale is a good time to purchase them. We will need small (12-14#) medium (15-18#), and large (19# and up).



# plast from the past



## 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  
Leave in Church Office.



# PRAYER CONCERNS

## Mission Prayer Focus:

Community Cupboard  
Equip Asia

## Home Bound:

*(remember with a call  
or visit)*

Alice Stoddard  
Bob & Evelyn Whitney  
Bettie Alexander  
Kathy Dalrymple  
ALL THOSE IN QUARENTINE

## Our Church:

Deacons & Elders  
General Committees  
Church School Staff

## Health:

Amber Anderson  
Ann Luce  
Audrey Wicks  
Bob & Sandy Chubon  
Bob Whitney  
Brad Young  
Carrie Congdon  
Carrie R  
Cheryl Farnham  
Debbie O'Carroll  
(Connie Dalbo's sister)  
Debbie (Jim's Mom)  
Derek Marsh leukemia  
Donna Chubon  
Gary I (Karen's Cousin)  
Marla F  
James Berg cancer  
Jamie Carpenter  
Jason  
Jeff  
Johnanna Ekstrom  
Judy Sterns heart  
Karen  
Katherine  
(Michelle's mom)

Keith Alexander  
Keith G. cancer  
Kim Smith  
Linda Wilcox  
Lois Berg Cancer  
Madison  
Natalie Wade  
Nick Kinney  
Pastor Buck  
Pat Staerr  
Pat (Jill's step Mom)  
Pete Wade  
Reagan Smith  
Rosamond & Merle Flagg  
Ryan B (Karen H)  
Simon (Sean & Hannah)  
Tammy Miller  
Verna Miller  
Vicki Fowler  
Vince Diliello -cancer  
Westfield Pres. Church

## Encouragement:

### THE WHOLE WORLD

The country &  
children of Haiti  
Haitian Sewing Women  
Those rebuilding  
from disasters  
Those struggling with the  
effects of the virus  
Moses & Tammy's family  
Ruth & Dan McLaughlin  
Pastor Molly & David for  
the changing homes  
Care Givers  
EMT's  
Families dealing with  
Addictions  
Prison Ministry (CCM)  
Foster Care Par-  
ents/children



## IS YOUR HOUSEHOLD READY FOR A SEVERE WINTER STORM?

We're entering the time of year when an ice storm, heavy wet snow or blizzard conditions can cause power outages and travel difficulties that can last for multiple days. Now is the time to review and update your emergency plans for a 3 to 5 day winter storm emergency:

Emergency food and water  
Emergency lighting  
Emergency heat  
Emergency communications  
First aid and medications



# NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> PASTOR 9—NOON ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Veteran's Day Observance</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> SESSION 7 P.M.	<b>11</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b> 	<b>12</b> PASTOR 9—NOON ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Mission Sunday</b> Following worship Congregational Meeting and Annual training	<b>16</b> 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> PASTOR 9—NOON ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Christ the King Sunday</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT</b> 	<b>30</b>					



## CHURCH LEADERS

### PASTOR

Rev. Molly T. Golando

### CORPORATION OFFICERS

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

### CLERK OF SESSION

Mary Myers

### ELDERS

**CLASS OF 2020**  
Dan Pihlblad  
Mike Frame

**CLASS OF 2021**  
Tom Wade  
Mary Myers

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

### DEACONS

**CLASS OF 2020**  
James Ashdown  
Louise Boutwell

**CLASS OF 2021**  
Donna Chubon  
Kay Wade  
Marta Johnson

**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 [secretary@upcrandolph.org](mailto:secretary@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.

## NEWSLETTER

186 Main Street  
Randolph, NY 14772  
Phone 716 358--4255

E-mail:  
[secretary@upcrandolph.org](mailto:secretary@upcrandolph.org)  
Web: [upcrandolph.org](http://upcrandolph.org)

