

PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

November 2018

NEWSLETTER

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United Presbyterian Church of Randolph

Dear Church Family,

I am really starting to feel like I belong here in UPC Randolph. I have hung pictures in my office and have discovered at least 4 different routes to travel from Fredonia to Randolph. Some are shorter, some are prettier, some have more street lights, more hills, better road, less traffic, etc.

The shortest of the routes I travel has one drawback. There is no cell phone reception for about 15 miles. I am old enough to remember driving before cell phones and if you had an emergency or got lost you would have to look for a pay phone or stop at someone's house to contact help. But now it's a different story. I have a cell phone and a charger with a connection right in my car. I can always be connected to someone or get directions in an instant. Except when I driving between mountains on the way to Randolph! I have to admit that I sometimes get nervous wondering what I would do if the car broke down, I hit a deer or ... whatever. My cell phone gives me security and without it, I can feel vulnerable and alone.

Have you ever thought about prayer like a cell phone? In 1 Thessalonians 5:17 we are told to pray continually. Some people think that this impossible because we can't possibly be talking to God all day, we would never get anything done! But if we look at prayer like a heavenly cell phone, it is our constant connection with God. We can call on God at any time and there is never a dead zone. Whatever our need is, God is there. We also have no excuse to get on the wrong path with God's constant GPS always available. However, sometimes, we turn the mute on or just simply ignore calls that come in from God and find ourselves on unknown paths going nowhere. How fortunate for us that God's phone is never on silence and we never have to go to voice mail! With my constant connection to God, I never have to feel vulnerable or lonely. God is closer to me than any cell phone can ever be.

Call God often, remember to listen as well as talk and listen for the ring tone when God is calling you!

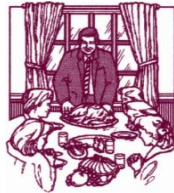
With peace and hope,

Pastor Molly



YOU CAN ENJOY THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH OTHER FOLKS AT THE FIREHALL

In the narthex, there is a sign up sheet for anyone to make a reservation for the Thanksgiving dinner. You can attend in person; if needed, transportation can be provided. 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 and company to enjoy it with them on Thanksgiving Day.



*We lose our Daylight Savings
Time Sunday November 4—*

Be sure you set your clocks back

Don't be late for Morning Worship 10:00

General Fund Treasurer's Notes

	September 2018	September 2017
Total Expenses	\$48,264.33	\$43,879.24
Total Receipts	\$51,569.74	\$63,531.47
Gain or (Loss)	3,305.41	19,651.93

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



November 11th

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

Moving forward into 2019

UPC recently worked together to begin to create goals for the upcoming year. It was great to have almost 30 people working together to discern God's direction for us. A special thank you goes to the children who attended that made some great contributions to the process.

We identified some strengths. Here are the top ranked strengths - Choir/music, Community garden/stand, Compassion for each other, Community service/ Mission, VBS.

We took time to look at our needs and also to dream. After spending time in prayer we came up with the following general goals.

1. Establish a capital funds program – This is about maintaining our church and working towards goals to improve the physical plant.
2. Improve communication – in all areas
3. De-clutter the church.

These goals have now been sent to session to work on the details to create – Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time Bound (SMART) Goals.

These goals may seem a little lacking in spirituality, but there are many things we are doing well. We have a vital worship, Sunday School for all ages and Bible study. There are other goals that we will be able to set after we get "Our own house in order." I believe that God will open many other doors when we get to the business of making the building safe and inviting with a maintenance and de-cluttering program. When we learn to communicate well with each other on many levels, we will be ready to move forward in mission, outreach and growth.

If you would like to help to establish these goals, session has scheduled a work meeting on October 30 at 6:00 pm. We will start with a time to look at our safety policy and then move into goal writing. Anyone interested is invited to join us. If you do want to attend, please contact Pastor Molly, Dick Chubon or Mary Meyers to be able to preview material we will be working on.

December Newsletter deadline is November 19.

DEACONS FOR NOVEMBER

Jan Eccles (720-4210) and **Barry Shields** (338-7993).

If you know of anyone in our church family who needs support or help, please contact one of them.

WORSHIP TEAMS FOR NOVEMBER

November 4— Celebrate All Saints/Communion

Liturgist— Nancy Pihlblad

Greeters/Ushers - Bethany & Howard VanRensselaer

Sound— Mary Myers

Hospitality —

Communion—Nancy Pihlblad, Connie Lockwood

Elders—Dan Pihlblad, Rosie Swan, Reg Boutwell

November 11

Liturgist— Connie Lockwood

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

Sound—Mike Frame

Hospitality —

November 18— MISSION SUNDAY

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING –ELECT 2019 OFFICERS

Liturgist— Dan Pihlblad

Greeters/Ushers—Reg Boutwell,
Dick Chubon, Bob Whitney

Sound— Mary Myers

Hospitality —

November 25—

Liturgist— Tom Wade

Greeters/Ushers - Bethany & Howard VanRensselaer,

Sound— Mike Frame

Hospitality —

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

December 2– 1st Sunday of Advent

Liturgist— Ruth Wahl

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

Sound— Mary Myers

Hospitality —

Communion—Ruth Wahl, Connie Lockwood

Elders—Jim Roberts, Rosie Swan,

Andrew Pihlblad, Tom Wade

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

ARTHRITIS

My mother-in-law

Used to say,

“I know those ‘Ritis boys

And that Arthur is the

Worst one!”

Well, don’t I know it!

Crooked fingers,

Painful knobs,

Stiff and clumsy

So hard to do jobs.

Hull strawberries,

Write a letter,

Open a jar,

Thread a needle,

Catch a falling star.

The older I get,

The more it creeps in:

Knees and toes,

Hips and back

Every joint, I suppose.

Exercise,

Yoga moves,

Again and again.

Don’t give up!

Don’t let Arthur win!

Ann Dahl Luce 2018

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES 2018

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 18.

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.

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, out of date candy, liquids or lotions, 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 (in narthex) and attach to top of shoebox.

Put a rubber band around box.

Connie Lockwood, chair

Operation Christmas Child



Tuesday Afternoon Excitement!

What are you doing at 1:00 on Tuesdays? We have an exciting Bible Study going on in the Pastor's office. We are studying the book of Acts. All are welcomed to join us.



COOKIE HOUSE SATURDAY,

DECEMBER 1st

9:00 AM. TO ???

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!!!

We also need many to help on that day! Cookies may be dropped off at church, Friday (Nov 30) or not later than 8:30 am Saturday morning—Cookie House day.

Mission Committee

Be in prayer for the Mission Projects

we support:

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS
DISASTER RELIEF
EMERGENCY FUND
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA SWAUGERS
FRIENDS OF THE NIGHT
GENESIS HOUSE
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
LAVID ORPHANAGE IN MEXICO
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SAMARITAN PURSE SHOE BOX
ST SUSAN CENTER
TERI NICHOLS



ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

The area churches will be providing a Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Randolph Fire Hall from noon to 1 p.m. Our church has been asked to furnish the ingredients for the cole slaw (coleslaw packages from Sysco, and Miracle Whip salad dressing) and for the stuffing (chopped celery and Pepperidge Farm stuffing preferred). There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for these items. All food supplies must be brought to the church by **Sunday, November 18.**

We will need volunteers to take home the stuffing and potato pearls (already donated) and prepare them for delivery to the Fire Hall at specified times 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 at an assigned time. We will give you the turkey. Please contact Louise Boutwell (358-4848) about availability to make potatoes or stuffing or roast a turkey on Thanksgiving.

Work crews are also needed for the dinner. Please sign up in the narthex by **Sunday, November 11** for the following:

Kitchen (8-11:30 am), Servers (11:30am -12:30pm)

Drivers (11:45 am) and clean up (12:30 on) Then on November 18 you will be informed of your duties.

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WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10 NEW TIME 9-10 A.M.

The ladies of **OUR Church** will be the hostesses for the Women's breakfast this month. It will be on Saturday, November 10 from 9:00 till 10:00 a.m. Please plan to attend and share with the other women of our community.

MILITARY PERSONNEL MEN AND WOMEN

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

Mike Fleischmann: 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

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

Church Congregational and Corporation Meeting to Elect Officers for Coming Year

Sunday, November 18, will be election of officers for 2019. The offices needed are 2 Deacons & 2 Elders, class of 2021. Corporate Officers, Financial Secretaries and Treasurers for 2019.

December Newsletter deadline is November 19.

Coming Events

All Saint's Day, November 4, 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 die during the past year. There will also be a time to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have passed away.

Advent Workshop and Church decorating. November 25 following worship there will be a luncheon and advent wreath building craft. This will be a craft you can take home and use during the Advent season. We will also be decorating the church for Advent which will begin the following Sunday.

Sneak preview of some of the events scheduled for Advent and Christmas: Hanging of the Greens Service, Special Christmas music, A Blue Christmas Worship, Children's pageant and Christmas Eve service at a new time - 4:00 pm.

Mission trip: Anyone interested in participating in a potential mission trip to areas affected by the hurricanes, contact Pastor Molly. We are looking to go during the February school break - Feb. 16 - 24.

New Members Class. Starting in January. Anyone interested - youth or adult, contact Pastor Molly.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

It is time to place your order for Poinsettias that decorate the church for Christmas.

Orders will be needed by December 9. They will be \$10.00 this year. You can pick up a form in the narthex or call Kay Wade at 358-5951.



The following Saints will be remembered during worship on Sunday, November 4.

Susan Johnson	Dottie Bridenbaker
Ronald Myers	George Bridenbaker
Edna Miller	Gayle Kartman
Barbara Marsh	Sandra O'Brien
Molly Lindberg	Carol Funcell
Naomi Stahley	Mary Alice Stoltz
Douglas Berg	Betty Wade
Betty Lou Layton	Noralyn Berger
Alvin Staerr	

ADVENT WORKSHOP AND DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

On Sunday, November 25, our church family is invited to stay following morning worship to prepare our church home for the Christmas season. We will hang the wreaths, put up our trees and get out our advent wreath.

There will be a time for making an Advent Wreath for your home a well.

We hope you will plan to stay and enjoy the fun and fellowship as we begin our journey to Christmas and the birthday of our Savior.

A simple meal will be planned for those who come and we might even gather around the piano to sing a carol or two.





Lectionary for Sundays

November 2018

—November 4

Ruth 1:1–18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:11–14

Mark 12:28–34

—November 11

Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24–28

Mark 12:38–44

—November 18

1 Samuel 1:4–20

1 Samuel 2:1–10

Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25

Mark 13:1–8

Christ the King

—November 25

2 Samuel 23:1–7

Psalm 132:1–12 (13–18)

Revelation 1:4b–8

John 18:33–37



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO 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 Reah Wilcox

November 17 Lorielle Inkley

November 21 James Ashdown

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 in the narthex. 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 medium (15-18#), and large (19# and up). NO small please.

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



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2019 CALENDAR

SHOWCASING

MIKE FRAME'S PHOTOS

\$12.00 EACH OR

\$14.00 IF MAILED TO YOU.

TO RESERVE YOUR CALENDAR CALL

CHURCH OFFICE 358-4255 or

EMAIL CHURCH SECRETARY
mary@upcrandolph.org

For the benefit of the church capital fund

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 HERE AT UPC

The community Thanksgiving service will be held here at United Presbyterian Church this year on Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Chuck Smith will be bringing the Message. Plan to attend and share in this special time of Thanksgiving with all of our Randolph Area Community.



SUNDAY MORNING FLOWERS

If you or your family would like to remember someone with flowers and share them with the church, call Mary Myers (358-9405) or the church office (358-4255) to set up a date. What a wonderful way to wish someone a happy birthday, anniversary or just to say you are thinking of them.



2018 CHRISTMAS RUPC Scrip
GIFT/SHOPPING CARDS



A "Gift Card" given or used as a shopping card at Christmas time is "perfect" because it is a "WIN - WIN - WIN" gift solution. WIN #1 - the buyer gets full value of the card; WIN #2 - your mission committee receives a discount on each card sold determined by the particular vendor minus \$8.75 shipping fee on the total order; WIN #3 - \$300.00 was transferred from the RUPC- Scrip account to the mission account which added \$200.00 to make \$500.00 to be sent to help a family in our community with huge hospital/medical bills. Mission dollars help our community members whether they belong to our church or not.

We will again order one time this Christmas season. This order will be placed December 4, 2018 and distributed on Sunday December 9, 2018. Placing orders for your Gift/Shopping Cards will start on Sunday November 18th & 25th and finish on Sunday December 2th. 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 Bob Whitney, Nancy Pihlblad or the church's office.

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

Bob Whitney & Nancy Pihlblad
Scrip Co-coordinators



SESSION NOTES

OCTOBER

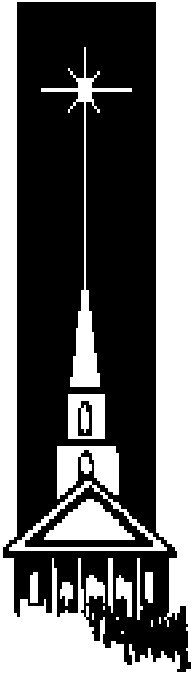
- * Deacons report showed plans for party for children on Oct 28.
- * Sexual abuse prevention training had 30 who attended.
- * The sign by the bell has been repainted and is now back in place.
- * Andrew Pihlblad reported that plans for emergency evacuation is set.
- * Election of 2019 officers will be held on November 18.
- * Goal setting meeting was well attended and work continues to set our new goals.
- * Safety committee is working on ways to keep folks safe during worship.
- * Set schedule for Advent and Christmas.
- * Mike Frame and Mary Myers were given permission to do a calendar for 2019.
- * Women's Assoc. permission for sub sale.
- * Annual meeting date was set for January 27.
- * video license for next year approved

Thank you

A **BIG** thank you to all those who contributed to

STEP!! UP FOR AUTISM!!

PRAYER CONCERNS



Alan J
 Alice F
 Anita C
 Audrey W
 Bette Ann P
 Betty Br
 Bob S
 Bob & Sandy C
 Carl B
 Carrie C
 Carol S
 Catherine S
 Cindy H cancer
 Chloe C
 Cody H
 Dan B
 Dan E heart attack
 David R. M
 David S cancer
 Debbie M
 Debbie (Jim's Mom)
 Derek M leukemia
 Dick A
 Donna C
 Eileen N

Gabriel
 Howard (Buzz) M
 James Berg ^{cancer}
 Jamie C
 Jan C
 Jason
 Jean S ^{cancer}
 Judy S heart
 Justin
 June B
 Katherine (Michelle's mom)
 Kay A
 Keith G. cancer
 Keith A
 Laurel P cancer
 Linda I
 Lisa Or
 Logan
 Madison
 Mel L
 Merle F
 Pat K
 Pat (Jill's step Mom)
 Richard Johnson
 Robert R



WHAT ARE THE BEST WAYS FOR YOU TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT

WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE AT CHURCH??

(you may check more than one)

_____EMAIL

_____TEXT MESSAGE

_____FACEBOOK

_____OUR WEB PAGE

_____THE NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN

_____A PHONE CALL

_____OTHER_____

NAME_____

EMAIL_____PHONE_____



NOVEMBER 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 <p>4</p> <p>All Saints Sunday 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Prayer Time 12:30 Ladies Luncheon</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>PASTOR 9—NOON</p> <p>1 pm Bible Study</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 am Women's Community Prayer Breakfast— HERE</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>Congregation Meeting Mission Sunday 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Prayer Time Thanksgiving Service 7 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>PASTOR 9—NOON</p> <p>1 pm Bible Study SESSION 7 P.M</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>THANKSGIVING</p> <p>Dinner at Firehall</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Prayer Time Craft Projects & DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>PASTOR 9—NOON</p> <p>1 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	

CHURCH LEADERS

PASTOR

Rev. Molly T. Golando

CORPORATION OFFICERS

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

CLERK OF SESSION

Mary Myers

MODERATOR

Rev. Dr. Bruce Levine

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2018 Reg Boutwell Dick Chubon	CLASS OF 2019 Jim Roberts Andrew Pihlblad Rosie Swan	CLASS OF 2020 Dan Pihlblad Mike Frame
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DEACONS

CLASS OF 2018 Jan Eccles Barry Shields Donna Chubon	CLASS OF 2019 Connie Lockwood Bettie Alexander	CLASS OF 2020 James Ashdown Louise Boutwell
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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

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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,

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