

PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

NEWSLETTER

United Presbyterian Church of Randolph

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Dear Church Family,

I am so looking forward to spending my first Advent and Christmas season among you. It is always a joy to see how beautiful the sanctuary looks with all the decorations, hear the lovely music, watch the wonder on the faces of the children and share the Advent of Christ to the world and expectation of his coming again.

Every hour, my family knows that the Advent/Christmas season is upon us. How can I be sure that everyone in my house knows that Christmas is coming? I love noisy clocks. I have a bird call clock, an animal sound clock, a Halloween screaming clock and of course a Christmas clock. Every year on November 1st the Halloween clock comes down and the Christmas clock comes up. Every hour we are treated to a different carol or Christmas song. I could certainly get anxious with this reminder that another hour has passed and I still have so much to do! Sometimes I do! But mostly I love this gentle reminder of the coming of Christ. If I don't get the Christmas cards send or the lights put up, or the cookies made, or the presents wrapped, or... Christmas will arrive on the designated day regardless of what I get done or don't get done. The same is true of Emmanuel – God with us. Jesus came as an infant at the perfect time. It wasn't because any human did just the right thing or just the wrong thing. Jesus came at the time that was designated from before the beginning of time. And in the same way Jesus will return at the designated time. Our job is to live our lives in relationship with Jesus, enjoying God's presence with us every hour of everyday.

Do you have any reminders that turns you to Jesus instead of focusing on all the trimmings of the Advent/Christmas season? I have my clock. My goal is to stop and thank God for the blessing of having Christ in my life every time I hear the Christmas clock. Can you think of something that happens regularly that will help you turn to prayers of rejoicing for the coming of Christ? A clock chime, a weather update, brushing your teeth, a dog bark? Whatever you can come up with, remember the reason for the season and give praise to God for the gift of God's son who came to earth and is coming again.

With peace and hope,

Pastor Molly



Congratulations

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: 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**



**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.

Nataline and Aaron Myers

New parents of

Jackson Thomas

Born October 30,2018

and

Great-Grandma Mary Myers



Congratulations

Tammy and Moses Miller

New parents of

Verna Sue

Born November 15, 2018

and

Big sister Marley Johnson



SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1—7:30 p.m.

Community Memory Tree

December 1 – Cookie House 9:00 a.m.—?

Community Christmas Parade 6:00 p.m.

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

**December 24 – UPC Christmas Eve Service
@ 4:00 p.m. (new time)**

Please plan to attend and share the fellowship.

The 2019 calendar

for the bulletin board is here!!

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

Thanks!!

CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

THE PERFECT OFFERING

SUPPORTING OUR PAST, PRESENT AND

FUTURE LEADERS. By supporting the Board of Pensions (BOP), the Christmas Joy Offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need. Thanks in part to support from this Offering, church workers can receive critical financial assistance to support them through life's challenging circumstances. These generous actions bear witness to our faithful response to God's charge to love another as Christ commanded. * \$1.1 million of gifts from 2017 are being used to provide critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their times of need.

*Income supplements from BOP helped 312 households, assisting retired church workers and surviving spouses with the means to provide for themselves. *Housing supplements from BOP helped 255 households remain in their in their homes, afford assisted living, or long-term care. * Shared and Emergency Grants from BOP helped 362 households facing times of great financial need or uncertainty due to unforeseen circumstances.

PREPARING THE WAY FOR FUTURE LEADERS.

The PC(USA), with its historic commitment to higher learning, has long promoted education and leadership development through the establishment and support of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Our future church leaders of color can receive much-needed assistance while they discover and pursue their professional goals at these schools and colleges. Your gifts allow these ministries to continue-sustaining a tradition Presbyterians have carried out for nearly 140 years. * \$1million of gifts from 2017 are being to provide education and leadership development skills at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. * Many of the students attending Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color are the first in their families to enroll in higher education.

[The above is from:2018 Presbyterian Mission.Org/ Christmas Joy]

Please give generously. Joy Offering Envelopes will be in the pews during December and can be placed in the regular Sunday offering plates thru December 30th. Please use these Joy Offering envelopes because this is a special General Assembly program and is in addition to our regular monthly mission offerings.

Thank you and God Bless! Bob Whitney – Mission Comm.

Deacon and Elders Elected

For Class of 2021

Deacons

Donna Chubon Kay Wade

Ruth Wahl

Elders

Tom Wade Mary Myers



2018 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 **“2018 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



WORSHIP TEAMS FOR DECEMBER

December 2– 1st Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens

Liturgist— Ruth Wahl
Greeters/Ushers—Rosie Swan, Jan Eccles,
Sound— Mary Myers
Communion -Ruth Wahl, Connie Lockwood
Elders-Andrew Pihlblad, Tom Wade,
Rosie Swan, Mary Myers

December 9— 2nd Sunday of Advent Blue Christmas

Liturgist — Stacy Halla
Greeters/Ushers - Bob Whitney, Reg Boutwell,
Dan Pihlblad
Sound— Mike Frame

December 16— 3rd Sunday of Advent Musical Presentation

Liturgist—Barry Shields
Greeters/Ushers - Bethany & Howard VanRensselaer,
Sound— Mary Myers

December 23— 4th Sunday of Advent Children's program

Liturgist—Donna Chubon
Greeters/Ushers—Rosie Swan, Jan Eccles,
Sound— Mike Frame

— Christmas Eve 4:00 p. m.

Liturgist—
Greeters/Ushers—
Sound— Mary Myers
Communion -Connie Lockwood, Nancy Pihlblad
Elders-Dan Pihlblad, Tom Wade,
Rosie Swan, Mary Myers

December 30—

Liturgist— Connie Lockwood
Greeters/Ushers - Bob Whitney, Reg Boutwell,
Dan Pihlblad
Sound— Mary Myers

LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY

January 6—

Liturgist—Nancy Pihlblad
Greeters/Ushers - Bethany & Howard VanRensselaer,
Sound— Mike Frame
Communion -Nancy Pihlblad, Ruth Wahl
Elders-Jim Roberts, Tom Wade,
Mike Frame, Mary Myers

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

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

WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL

PRAYER BREAKFAST

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH

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 8 from 9:00
till 10:00 a.m.

Advent/Christmas Worship Services



December 2 10:00 A.M.

Hanging of the Greens Service and Communion

We will take a look at the symbolism we use as we put the final touches on the decorations . There will be reading and lots of singing of traditional Advent and Christmas Carols. At the end of the service we will begin the Advent season with the lighting of the Advent wreath and the Christmas tree. Help will be needed for readings and decorations during the service.

December 9 10:00 A.M.

A Blue Christmas Service

The holiday season can be very difficult for those who have lost loved ones. This Sunday we will focus on Emmanuel - God with us - the stability in our lives in the midst of an ever changing world. It will be a time to allow each one to accept sadness and give support to each other. Children and adults alike will find that this service will help to keep the focus on Christ during the season that tends to focus on " stuff" instead of our relationship with God.

December 16 10:00 A.M.

Mission Sunday

The Music of Advent/Christmas

We are looking for a variety of music for this Sunday. Musicians within our walls and others who would like to participate are welcome. There will be a short meditation, but this will be a worship service focused on the beautiful music of Advent/Christmas.

December 23 10:00 A.M.

A Children's Christmas Pageant

We will celebrate our children during this service. Children will be invited to participate in the worship service as we share the story of the first Christmas together. More details will be coming for those interested in participating.

December 24 4:00 P.M.

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We are having an early service this year to help those with young children and those who have difficulty going out in the dark. Let us welcome Christ to the world together.

December 25 - All Day

Enjoy the celebration with family and friends. Remember to leave Christ in your Christmas. Take a few minutes to light the Christ candle and read the Christmas story together.

December 30 10:00 A.M.

"What Now?"

An after Christmas worship experience.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Health:

Alan J
 Alice F
 Anita C
 Audrey W
 Aurora B
 Bette Ann P
 Betty B
 Bob S
 Bob & Sandy C
 Carl B
 Carrie C
 Carol S
 Carol P
 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 B ^{cancer}
 Jamie C
 Jan C
 Jason
 Jean S ^{cancer}
 Judy S heart
 Justin
 June B
 Katherine (Michelle's mom)
 Kay A
 Jay A
 Keith G. cancer
 Keith A
 Laurel P cancer
 Linda I
 Logan
 Madison
 Mel L
 Pat K
 Pat (Jill's step Mom)
 Richard J
 Robert R
 Ron S
 Ron B lung cancer
 Rosamond F
 Scott J

Sharon
 Stephanie A
 Sue L. kidney
 Syd E
 Tammy
 Tracy H cancer

Encouragement:

Those rebuilding from disasters
 Tammy & Moses M
 Teri N
 Ruth & Dan M
 Sheryl C
 Care Givers
 EMT's
 Families dealing with addictions
 Prison Ministry (CCM)
 Foster Care Parents/children

Our Church:

Pastor
 Deacons & Elders
 General Committees
 Church School Staff & VBS



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

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

Orders are needed by December 16. 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.



Oct 31 visitors



All Saints Sunday



Be in prayer

Pastor Molly to Go to Haiti

Pastor Molly has the opportunity to help set up a business for the Haitian women she has been working with. Three years ago she initiated a sewing education program for 9 women. Most had had no experience. After 3 years they have learned to sew and now the non-profit company, "Dri-Butts" have asked these women to sew reusable diapers for them. This will give these women an income to help support their families. Pastor Molly will travel to Haiti, December 10-14 to begin setting up this opportunity.





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



YESTERYEAR'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

A little lamb scampers up the aisle
On all fours; a white wooly mantle
Covering her back.

“We Three Kings” fills the air
As three boys, each wearing a bathrobe
And a lady’s hat sporting a rhinestone pin
And carrying expensive gifts
Process up the aisle
Toward beautiful Mary,
(All of 5 years old)
Her head adorned with a blue drape,
Holding a doll-baby Jesus
While sitting on a bale of hay.
Next to her stands tall, tall Joseph
Conscripted one hour ago.
(Looking a little uncomfortable)

Completing the scene
Are a few animals,
Angels of all sizes
With halos askew, wings drooping.
(Some looking more angelic than others)
Shepherds clutching old-folk canes.

This scene, so imperfect in its humanness
Conveys such beauty and special meaning
It stirs in us a love in our hearts
And good will to men~
That wonderful Christmas feeling!
Ann Dahl Luce 2018

General Fund Treasurer's Notes

YTD	October 2018	October 2017
Total Expenses	\$54,310.96	\$50,703.50
Total Receipts	\$56,566.24	\$70,549.77
Gain or (Loss)	2,255.28	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 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 am Cookie House
2 1st Advent 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Prayer Time	3 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	4 PASTOR 9—NOON 1 pm Bible Study	5	6	7	8 9:00 am Women's Comm Prayer Breakfast St. Pat's RC
9 2nd Advent 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Prayer Time	10 ←----- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	11	12 PASTOR MOLLY	13 IN HAITI	14 -----→	15
16 3rd Advent Mission Sunday 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Prayer Time	17 ←----- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	18 PASTOR 9—NOON 1 pm Bible Study	19	20	21	22 -----→ Community Cupboard using the building
23 4th Advent 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Prayer Time	24 4 pm CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29
30 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Prayer Time	31 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting			Happy New Year		

NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER 2018

*Merry
Christmas!*

CHURCH LEADERS

PASTOR

Rev. Molly T. Golando

CORPORATION OFFICERS

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

CLERK OF SESSION

Mary Myers

MODORATOR

Rev. Dr. Bruce Levine

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2018
Reg Boutwell
Dick Chubon

CLASS OF 2019
Jim Roberts
Andrew Pihlblad
Rosie Swan

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Dan Pihlblad
Mike Frame

DEACONS

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Connie Lockwood
Bettie Alexander

CLASS OF 2020
James Ashdown
Louise Boutwell

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

WEB PAGE : 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,