

# PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

**October 2020**

**NEWSLETTER**

*Volume 17, Issue 10*

## *United Presbyterian Church of Randolph*

Dear Church Family and Friends,

During the coming month we are going to be inundated with political ads, phone calls, emails, and text messages to support a particular candidate. Every year we go through this process, but every four years it is particularly intense as we prepare to elect the president for the next four years.

We as the church do not support or reject any candidate. It is part of any church to remain separate from the political process. This is part of our religious freedom. Does this mean we can not talk about politics? No, we can talk about the process and even hold forums to discuss candidates as long as we are not promoting any particular party or candidate.

For this newsletter, as we enter into the final political battle ground before the November elections, let me remind you of a number of blessings that we have in this particular county.

I have had the opportunity to travel to 7 foreign countries during my lifetime. Every time I come home, realizing what a great country we have. Do we have anything to complain about? Yes, we do, but we have so much more to be thankful for. Food, water, shelter, clothing are the basic needs for every human being. These are things that we in the United States, rarely give much thought to. Maybe we think about updating our wardrobe, but as far as wondering where our next meal is, or hoping we won't freeze to death because of inadequate clothing or housing, are things that very few in this community and in this country have to truly worry about. During the pandemic, there may be more entering into a time of worries about basic needs, but we do have safety nets in this country such as SNAP benefits, disability, unemployment and social security. This is not the case in many of the countries I have visited. Going hungry is a normal part of the existence of many in other countries. Another area is health care. Our hospitals don't close down every night as they do in Haiti – even if you are dying, you have to wait until the doors open in the morning! Everyone is entitled to emergency health care whether or not you can pay for it. I experienced a hospital visit in Zimbabwe and the first question wasn't, "what is your healthcare need?" but rather, "do you have money to pay for this?"

We have much for which to be thankful. Another thing that we can be thankful for is our election process. Yes, it does have flaws, but it has allowed for a smooth transition of government for over 200 years. We can in fact be thankful for all the political ads! It is our freedom that gives us the chance to vote. Let us be thankful.

We as Christians do have a great responsibility. We have the responsibility to pray about our own decisions in the election booth. We also have the responsibility to pray for the process and our elected leaders. Here are some verses to help us.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 - I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1 Peter 2:17 - Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

Romans 13:1 - Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Let us be thankful for this great country and prayerfully enter into the season of elections.

With peace and hope,  
Pastor Molly

## Lectionary for Sundays

October 2020

### Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

### Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 11

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

### Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 18

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

### Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 25

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

## WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 6

**November Newsletter Items are  
Due November 19th**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Drive In Variety Show

October 3, 2020 2:00 pm (Rain Date,  
October 10)

Randolph UPC parking lot

Come one, come all to a time of fun as we gather in a social distancing fashion in our church parking lot. A truly safe time can be had by all. We will have an FM transmitter to broadcast to your car radio while watching our outdoor stage. At the writing of this article, we have about 5 acts lined up. We need several more. Don't be afraid of exposing your hidden talents – jokes, skits, songs, poetry, magic tricks, dances, athletic feats and whatever talent you have. Call the church office at 358-4255 or Pastor Molly at 679-8564 (or text or email) to sign up your act.

This has been a season of seriousness, depression, isolation and everything that seems sad. Let's join together for an hour or so of fun and sharing. Imagine what it will feel like to hear the raucous chorus of car horns beeping their praise at the end of your act.



## ALL SAINTS' DAY NOVEMBER 3

On Sunday, November 3, we remember all who have gone before us. During this special service the names of all who died during this past year will be listed. Please let the church office (358-4255) know of anyone you would like to have listed.

## It's that TIME AGAIN!!

**Sunday, November 1**

Mark your calendars.

It is time to fall back  
(into standard time.)

## **WORSHIP TEAMS FOR OCTOBER**

### **October 4— World Communion**

Liturgist— Cathy Sutherland

Sound— Keith and Catherine Alexander

Communion Servers— Connie Lockwood & Ruth Wahl

### **October 11—**

Liturgist— Stacy Halla

Sound— Keith and Catherine Alexander

### **October 18—(MISSION SUNDAY)**

Liturgist— Dan Pihlblad

Sound— Keith and Catherine Alexander

### **October 25—**

Liturgist— Tom Wade

Sound— Keith and Catherine Alexander

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER**

### **November 3— Celebrate All Saints**

Liturgist— Nancy Pihlblad

Sound— Keith and Catherine Alexander

Communion Servers— Ruth Wahl & Nancy Pihlblad

## **Church Secretary Needed**

Once again we are looking for someone to fill the position of church secretary. This is a 6 hour a week position. Hours can be arranged to fit most schedules. This position involves answering the phone, preparing the weekly bulletin, the monthly newsletter and many other responsibilities. For a complete job description or to apply call Connie Lockwood at 969-0246. Application need to be in by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mary Myers will be filling in during the month of October and for training the new secretary.

## **FROM the LORD'S ACRE TEAM**

To all of you who helped during the LORD'S ACRE for the Deacons, **Thank You!** \$326.00 was earned the day of the sale, additional produce continues to be available at the stand. The Beef on Weck Dinner earned \$1186.00.



## **TO OUR OCTOBER CELEBRANTS**

<b>October 4</b>	<b>David Pihlblad</b>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>Bettie Alexander</b>
<b>October 10</b>	<b>Jan Eccles</b>
<b>October 12</b>	<b>Stacy Halla</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Reg Boutwell</b>
<b>October 16</b>	<b>Amanda Lewis</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>Dave J. Myers</b>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>John Lockwood</b>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>Brandi Ashdown</b>
<b>October 25</b>	<b>Rosie Swan</b>
<b>October 29</b>	<b>Garrett Carlson</b>
	<b>Aubrey Roberts</b>
<b>October 31</b>	<b>Gage Ashdown</b>
	<b>Dian Brown</b>

## **NOTES FROM SESSION**

### **September 2020**

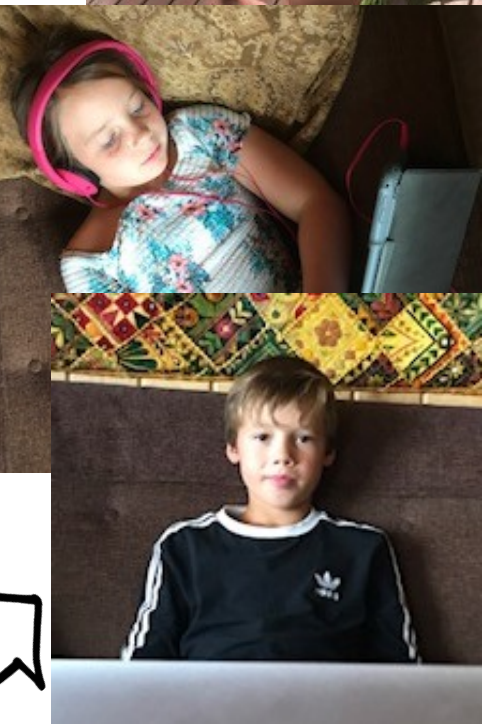
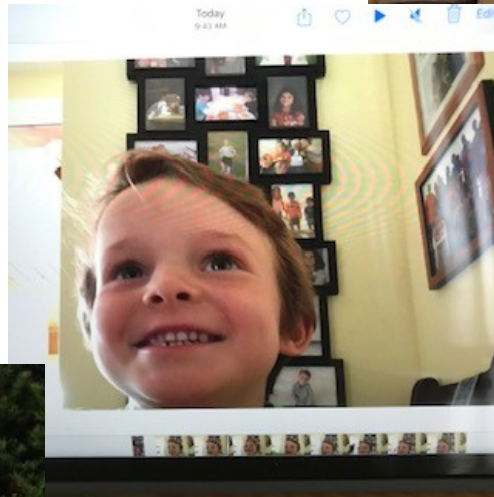
- \* Plans for re-opening the church set for – September 20
- \* Stewardship –Beef on Weck fundraiser dinner and Lord's Acre set for September 19
- \* Pastor moving to new house & taking vacation in October.
- \* Safety Plan ready and letter approved to send to congregation
- \* Plan to continue same officers for another term
- \* Personnel will be doing search for new secretary
- \* Mary Myers will cover October as secretary
- \* Next Session meeting October 13

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Elise was zooming with her class and needed two hands, so Claire (who hasn't started school yet) became a teacher's assistant.



Alexis, Bettie A.'s great-granddaughter, is attending Pinehurst Elementary (4th grade) virtually from Randolph, NY



Pihlblad's Zooming on their first day of school this fall



Kirsten & Jasmine Waild (Nieces of Breanna Waild-Halla) getting ready to attend in-person classes on their first day of school



## GOD IS WITH US

October's bright blue sky  
With its turning leaves of  
Green, red, orange and gold  
Enhanced by brilliant sunshine:  
A portrait created  
By the Master Painter Himself.

He provides the chill  
As we glance skyward  
Watching some winged ones  
Head south for the winter  
According to God's plan--  
They'll be back.

We breathe our thanks  
As we survey the pantry's  
Fruit of our labor  
Ready to savor  
When the winds of winter  
Howl outside our door.

God has blessed us  
In so many ways,  
Don't let circumstances  
Bring you down.  
Be positive;  
Think of October's blessings.

Acknowledge your blessings  
All year long.  
God is with us!

Ann Dahl Luce 2020

## YouTube Service on Website

You can now find a link to the previous week's YouTube service and also Molly's page on the Church's website: [www.upcrandolphny.org](http://www.upcrandolphny.org). This site is searchable by Google, Yahoo, etc. so hopefully individuals who do not yet feel comfortable attending in person are more able to join us online.

## 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
Jeffery Clausen	Stationed in Afghanistan
Erin Connor Matt Kinahan	Erin Connor/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 the office 358-4255.**

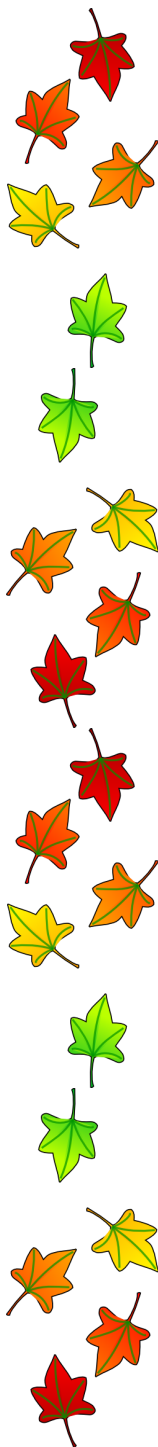
## **Cookie House**

The Cookie House is still on for December. We will need lots of bakers. There will be changes due to COVID regulations, but we will still be able to have a walk-through and select cookies for plates.

**More information will be coming in the November Newsletter.**

## **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Additional information will be shared in the November newsletter, however it does not look like there will be a dine-in option available.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Health

Amber Anderson	Keith Alexander	Vince Diliallo –cancer
Ann Luce	Kim Smith	Westfield Pres. Church
Bob & Sandy Chubon	Linda Wilcox	Marvin Reveal
Brad Young	Lois Berg Cancer	Sandy Bosworth
Carrie R	Madison	Carrie & Conner Congdon
Cheryl Farnham	Natalie Wade	Katherine (Michelle's mom)
Debbie O'Carroll (Connie Dalbo's sister)	Nick Kinney	Keith G. cancer
Debbie (Jim's Mom)	Pastor Buck	Jeff
Derek Marsh leukemia	Pat (Jill's step Mom)	Susie Dorset cancer
Donna Chubon	Pete Wade	
Gary I ( Karen's Cousin)	Reagan Smith	
James Berg <sup>cancer</sup>	Robert Rice	
Jamie Carpenter	Rosamond and Merle Flagg	
Jason	Ryan B (Karen H)	
Jeff	Simon (Sean & Hannah)	
Judy Sterns heart	Tammy Miller	
Karen	Verna Miller	
	Vicki Fowler	

### Home Bound:

*(remember with a call or visit)*

Alice Stoddard  
Bob & Evelyn Whitney  
Bettie Alexander  
Kathy Dalrymple

**To all members and friends: in case of a pastoral emergency call or have the hospital call Pastor Molly at (716)679-8465. For upcoming hospitalizations, surgery or general health updates Louise Boutwell 358-4848.**

## General Fund Treasurer's Notes

	<b>June 2019</b> Year to Date	<b>June 2020</b> Year to Date
Total Expenses	\$40,595.20	\$42,234.51
Total Receipts	\$32,951.25	\$44,726.05
Gain or (Loss)	(7,643.95)	\$2,491.54
In investments	\$70,231.51	
Capital Fund	\$13,667.91	\$12,985.97
Paying Forward Fund	\$807.05	\$807.05
Driveway Fund		\$5,030.51

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

# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RANDOLPH

# OCTOBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> PASTOR 9—NOON  SESSION 7 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 10:00 Worship 11:00 Zoom Coffee hour	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> PASTOR 9—NOON	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10:00 Worship  11:00 Zoom Coffee hour	<b>12</b> COUMBUS DAY	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> PASTOR 9—NOON	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering 10-11:30 AM The Big Indian Drive-In Silver Creek, NY
<b>18</b> MISSION SUNDAY 10:00 Worship  11:00 Zoom Coffee hour	<b>19</b> Newsletter Items Due	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> PASTOR 9—NOON	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:00 Worship  11:00 Zoom Coffee hour	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> PASTOR 9—NOON	<b>30</b>	<b>31</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 2022**  
Jim Roberts  
Reg Boutwell  
Connie Lockwood

### DEACONS

**CLASS OF 2020**  
James Ashdown  
Louise Boutwell

**CLASS OF 2021**  
Marta Johnson  
Kay Wade  
Stacy Halla

**CLASS OF 2022**  
Barry Shields  
Carrie Congdon

### STAFF

MUSIC MINISTRY—Carol Brown, choir director/organist  
CHURCH SECRETARY—Breanna Waild-Halla  
CUSTODIANS—Susan Ashdown & Jim Ashdown

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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.



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