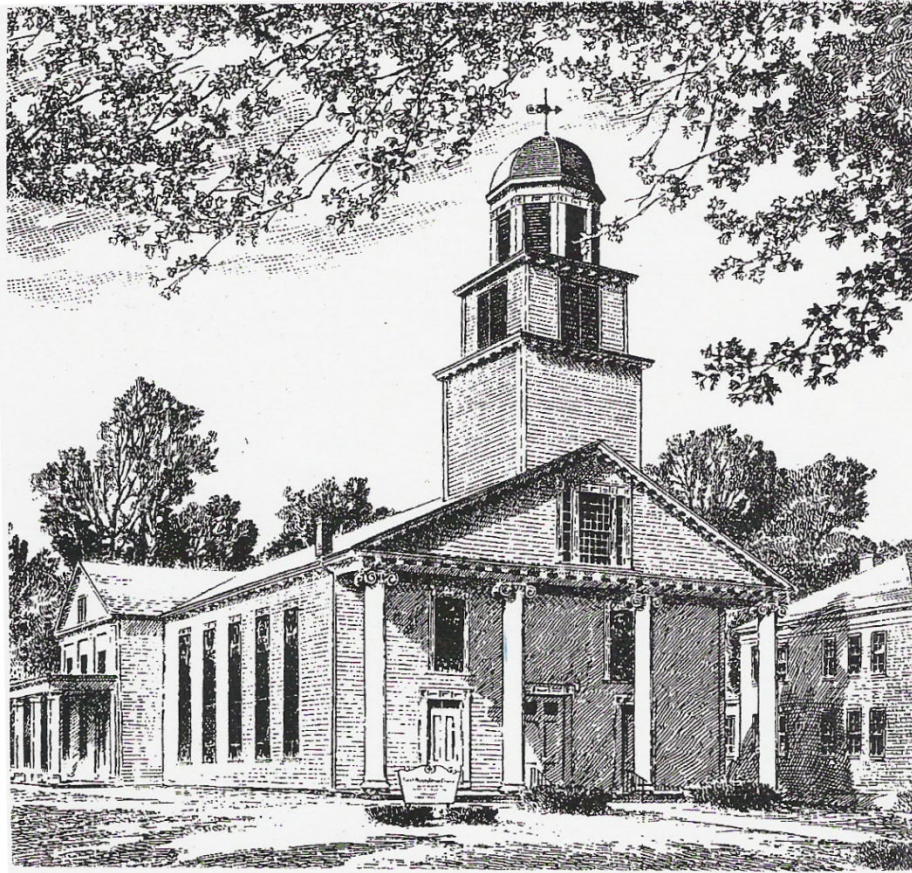


SPRINGBOARD



September 2023 - October 2023

News and Events of Interest for Members and Friends of the

First Presbyterian Church
Montgomery, NY



First Presbyterian Church Family of Faith,

I am writing this before my last Sunday with you all and to say I am mixed with many different emotions is an extreme understatement. I have been blessed to walk with many of you through wonderful moments in life – weddings, changes in jobs, arrivals of new children, baptisms, confirmation, and more. I have also been blessed to walk with many through some of the toughest moments. For every single one of these...I give thanks to have walked with you all!

In preparing for this day I remember conversations with my pastor when I was coming to the time when I was to lay down my Air Force uniform and it happened to be the time he was going to be retiring from ministry. We both lamented that in those moments, setting aside something that means so much to you is one of the hardest things to do in life. So it is here! While I continue on in ministry, setting aside this pastoral role with you all is very difficult.

My hopes and prayers for you all are encapsulated in the last few sermons have and will share with you all. Never, not one second, forget that the work you do as part of God's ministry in this world is work that brings about miracles! It is work that can fundamentally change someone's life, it could very well save it, and more than likely help everyone grow deeper in their relationship to God in Jesus Christ. The other is, do not let all the evils in our world kill the Love that we are called to share with everyone! Love shared, even to the point where we may need to risk our own safety or life, is a powerful thing. It is this type of love which is the greatest commandment of all! In our world and nation right now, it is the most needed thing!

Finally, know that while I will no longer be your Pastor soon...I will always be a friend and brother in Christ...holding each of you in prayer as you too go forward in your journeys in life!

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Jeromey

FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Every great adventure has a beginning. Finding a new Pastor will be our next adventure. That adventure begins with electing a Pastoral Search Committee. The Nominating Committee will be seeking nominations from congregation members for the Pastoral Search Committee. Nominations can be left in the office or contact me. Please reflect and pray as we move forward.
Blessings, Tom McNutt.

FOOD PANTRY

First of all, a big THANK YOU to those who volunteered at the Pantry in July. Whether you worked one shift, a few, or a lot, your help was appreciated! If you haven't volunteered before and would like to help, we have a number of jobs; there's something for everyone!

- Monday and Tuesday nights from 6-7:30pm we pack the nonperishable bags that will be distributed to clients, restock the shelves, double-up the shopping bags that will be used the next time and sort & shelve donations that have arrived from ShopRite, private citizens or food drives.

- Tuesday mornings 10am to 12pm (9:30am volunteer arrival) and Wednesday evenings 6:30-8pm (6pm arrival) we're open to serving clients. Orders are taken; frozen & refrigerated items are packed up; bread, bakery items & pet food are added; a "free" table of miscellaneous items & fresh produce (when available) is kept stocked; client forms are initialed (filled out, in the case of new clients); forms are copied & organized; shelves & refrigerators are restocked and garbage & cardboard are disposed of.

Five local churches rotate through the calendar year staffing the Pantry during client hours. You are always welcome to volunteer whenever your schedule allows; however, we like to ask our church members & friends to prioritize their volunteer time when it's our turn. First Presbyterian always does March and July; Oct/Nov/Dec will vary so that one church doesn't always have to provide staff during the holidays. (We have October this year.) If you can offer a shift here & there or if you have any questions about volunteering or about how the Pantry operates, please feel free to call Robin McPhillips (845-457-4194 or 845-978-6457) or Joe Prior (845-656-4075) and we'll be happy to try to find something that's right for you :)

SENIOR SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 10th, we will honor our senior citizens, those who have been church members (any church or combination of churches) for 50 years or more, and especially those who have been members of this congregation for 50 years or more by reading their names. They are:

JOSEPH CONLEY - 50 YEARS
HEATHER CONLEY - 50 YEARS
WILMA MIROLA - NEARLY 54 YEARS
CAROL SWEET - NEARLY 55 YEARS
HEATHER ROSS BENEDICT - 55 YEARS
CHERYL ROSS SHASKAN - 57 YEARS
FRED GORSS - 58 YEARS
JANET JESSUP - NEARLY 59 YEARS
JOAN ROCKAFELLOW ALLISON - 62 YEARS
NORMA WOOD HOUSE - 63 YEARS
CAROLE RUDOLPH SHIELDS - 68 YEARS
ARLENE KARSTEN GEIGER - 76 YEARS

WESTMINSTER GUILD

Welcome back ladies!! We will have our regular meeting on September 10th following the Senior Sunday Celebration. We have a lot of great news to share with each other. Bring your ideas for a faith filled meeting where we come together to help others.

CHOIR

Senior choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. We hope that everyone who sang last year will come back. Also, anyone who loves music and wants to sing with us will be welcomed with open arms. No auditions are required and you only need to love music and be in 6th grade through 100 years old or more. Besides the singing, there is a lot of good fellowship generated through the sharing of music.

GENERAL MONTGOMERY DAY

Get your Baking Apron on!!

General Montgomery Day is September 9th, and we are having another Bake Sale! All are asked to donate baked goods for this event. Help is needed for set up the morning of the parade. Any questions please feel free to contact Cynthia Nokland- 845-313-2434.

DEACONS

The next meeting of the Deacons will on Sunday, September 10th, following worship. **Congratulations** to *Taylor Maida* who received the Deacons' Scholarship this year! Taylor was also awarded the SYNOD scholarship. We wish her much success in the future.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 17th at 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Registration for 2023-24 Sunday School year is open!

VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, October 7th we will take part in the Village Wide yard sale in the Village of Montgomery. Please drop off items you would like to donate on Friday, October 6th, from 6-8 pm. Any questions, please call the office.

PRAYER SHAWL

The next meeting of Prayer Shawl will be October 22, 2023.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We are having a talent show! Come see the talent we have to show you! Saturday, September 30th. Calvary Presbytery in Newburgh NY 3pm. See You there!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 GRADUATES!!

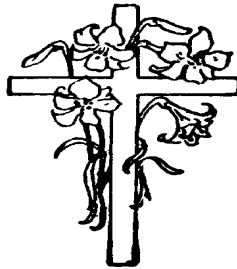
Taylor Maida
Abby Hoeffner
Shalin Brown

Taylor Maida received the FPC of Montgomery Deacons scholarship, as well as a SYNOD scholarship this year. Isabelle Nokland & Abigail Nokland also received the SYNOD scholarship and an additional scholarship from PCUSA.

We are so proud of all of you! Keep up the great work!!!

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sept. 3, Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Worship
Sept. 7, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Sept. 9, Sat.		General Montgomery Day ~ Guild Bake Sale
Sept. 10, Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Worship ~ <i>Sacrament of the Lord's Supper</i>
		Senior Sunday
		Installation of Christian Educators
	12:30 p.m.	Westminster Guild
		Board of Deacons
Sept. 14, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Sept. 17, Sun.	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship
Sept. 19, Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Sept. 21, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Sept. 24, Sun.	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship – followed by Coffee & Conversation
Sept. 28, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal



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* SPECIAL DAYS *

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* Birthdays *

* Mary Goldberg - September 1 George Benedict - October 13 *

* Abigail Nokland - September 4 Heather Starr - October 14 *

* Allan Ackerson - September 8 Matthew Mosenson - October 16 *

* Ella Jellema - September 9 Rick Pavich - October 21 *

* Wilma Mirola - September 21 Kim Hoeffner - October 25 *

* Jonathan ElkinCondon - Sept. 21 John Guaragno - October 26 *

* Cheryl Shaskan - September 24 Madison Jellema - October 26 *

* James Flannery - September 26 Justin Jellema - October 27 *

* Scott Kramer - September 30 Heather Benedict - October 30 *

* Liam Geiger - October 7 *

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* Anniversaries *

* Al & Sue Reichardt - Sept. 3 Robert & Marcia Neubauer - Sept. 15 *

* Joe & Beth Maida - Sept. 9 Frank & Cheryl Shaskan - Oct. 3 *

OCTOBER 2023

Oct. 1, Sun.		WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship – <i>Sacrament of the Lord's Supper</i>
	Noon	Board of Deacons
	afternoon	Home communions
Oct. 5, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Oct. 6, Fri.		Drop-off for Yard Sale
Oct. 7, Sat.		Village Wide Yard Sale
Oct. 8, Sun.	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship
***** DEADLINE FOR SPRINGBOARD ARTICLES *****		
Oct. 12, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Oct. 15, Sun.	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Oct. 17, Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Session
Oct. 19, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Oct. 22, Sun.	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship
Oct. 26, Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Oct. 29, Sun.	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship – followed by Coffee & Conversation

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to have flowers in church any time this year is asked to let our floral secretary know. Carolyn Henrie is taking orders for chancel flowers, Mother's & Father's Day, Easter lilies and poinsettia plants.

The cost of chancel flowers has is \$10.00 and the others are \$13.00. Also, please let the floral secretary or the church secretary know of a birth of a child or grandchild in your family so this special occasion can be honored with a rose bud. This is a sponsored item and no cost to the family.

If you would like to have chancel flowers either as a memorial or special occasion, please print and fill out this form and give or mail it along with a check or cash to Carolyn or put it in the floral secretary's box.

Checks should be made out to:
First Presbyterian Church flower fund
Your support of our church's floral ministry is very much appreciated.

ORDER FORM FOR CHANCEL FLOWERS

The cost is \$10.00.

Date you wish to sponsor flowers _____

Donated by _____

Wording (memory of/honor of) _____

Date you wish to sponsor flowers _____

Donated by _____

Wording _____

() I would like to sponsor and Easter lily (\$13.00)
Wording _____

() I would like to sponsor a Mother's Day plant (\$13.00)
Wording _____

() I would like to sponsor a Father's Day plant (\$13.00)

Wording _____

() I would like to sponsor a Poinsettia (\$13.00)
Wording _____

This is a list of Church Officers. Please refer to your Membership list for telephone numbers.

Pastor

Clerk of Session – Cynthia Nokland

SESSION (RULING Elders)

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
<i>Beth Hoeffner</i>	<i>Carol Jellema</i>	<i>Tom McNutt</i>
<i>Cynthia Nokland</i>	<i>John Nokland</i>	<i>Robin McPhillips</i>
<i>Beth Kehoe</i>	<i>Beth Maida</i>	

BOARD OF DEACONS

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
<i>Kim Hoeffner</i>	<i>Karla Ritter</i>	<i>Debora Fagan</i>
<i>Diane Karsten</i>	<i>Shawn Arnott</i>	<i>Donna Powles</i>
<i>Joanne Toombs</i>	<i>Emil Pignetti</i>	<i>Kirsten Howard</i>

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

<i>Buildings & Grounds Committee</i>	<i>John Nokland</i>
<i>Membership Development Committee</i>	<i>Beth Kehoe</i>
<i>Nominating Committee</i>	<i>Tom McNutt</i>
<i>Personnel Committee</i>	<i>Robin McPhillips</i>
<i>Christian Education Committee</i>	<i>Beth Maida</i>
<i>Stewardship & Budget Committee</i>	<i>Cynthia Nokland</i>
<i>Worship Committee</i>	<i>Carol Jellema</i>
<i>Mission Committee</i>	<i>Beth Hoeffner</i>

CHURCH STAFF

<i>Office Secretary</i>	<i>Carol Jellema</i>
<i>Church Treasurer</i>	<i>Wendy McNutt</i>
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	<i>Heather Benedict</i>
<i>Organist/Choir Director</i>	<i>Marcia Woodall</i>
<i>Floral Secretary</i>	<i>Carolyn Henrie</i>
<i>Westminster Guild President</i>	<i>Cynthia Nokland</i>
<i>Sunday School Officers</i>	
<i>Chair of CE/Superintendent</i>	<i>Beth Maida</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Janis Guaragno</i>

The **new** church office hours are Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The office phone number is 845-457-5383 and our email is fpcmont137@frontiernet.net.

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