



*“We’re making friends of ALL people through Christ.”*

**September 2019**

## Elder Thoughts - Pat Barron

Each morning the sun rises upon a beautiful world that is a physical manifestation of God’s infinite power and His infinite love. And yet we are sometimes too busy to notice the flowers, the colorful Fall leaves, the trees around us, the birds that sing their morning songs to us, the butterflies that go from flower to flower, the majestic Adirondacks.

We live in a society filled with more distractions than we can possibly count and more obligations than we can possibly meet. Is it any wonder, then, that we often overlook God’s handiwork as we rush from place to place, giving scarcely a single thought to the beauty that surrounds us?

Today take time to really observe the world around you. Take time to offer a prayer of thanks for the sky above and the beauty that lies beneath it. And take time to think about the miracle of God’s creation. The time you spend celebrating God’s wonderful world is always time well spent.

Elder Pat Barron



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**Sunday Worship 10am**

Nursery Care Available!

Church School K-8 (Sept—May)

**Elder of the Month:**

Pat Barron

**Trustee:**

**Care & Compassion:**

Carol LaPoint, Bonnie Trevett,  
Norma Shaffer

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# Pastor's Corner - Summer 2019



Greetings Sisters and Brothers!

I hope this newsletter finds you well and staying cool! I'm looking forward to seeing many of you again as we get ready to resume our Fall schedule. The choir will be singing their wonderful anthems again, church school will be back in session, coffee hour will pick back up after morning worship, and we can prepare for another year of fellowship together!

As Lauren and I prepare for the birth of our baby (she's due October 31!), there will be quite a bit up in the air for me, but rest assured that the Session has been hard at work making certain that a plan is in place for the continued ministry of our congregation!

I hope this Summer has gone well for all of you and I wish you peace and blessings as we enter the Fall together!

Michael

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## From the Office

**Beginning September 1st, the church house will remain locked during regular office hours.** If you as a church member or friend don't have a key to the church house and want to stop by, just call the office ahead at 747-3013. Session is working on a new plan, to administer charity to the local community only on specific days, and with the help of one or more volunteers. Jen is still here for you, the congregation.



Also if you have access to the building, please increase security by checking that all outside doors are indeed locked before you leave.



## A Message from the Stewardship Committee

Please be aware that our starting balance in the General Fund January 1<sup>st</sup> was \$6,000. Ending July 31<sup>st</sup> the balance was \$3,068.00. **Note from the Treasurer: The predicted balance for August 31<sup>st</sup> will be less than \$2,200.00.** We are in jeopardy of not meeting our 2019 budget. Last year on July 31<sup>st</sup> our balance was \$7,437.26.

Please make sure your pledges are up to date. A quarterly report was sent out in early July.

2 If you see any discrepancies please contact

Susan Whittington, Financial Secretary.

If you can contribute extra to your pledge it will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about the budget please contact Susan Gilbert, Treasure.

With God's help and guidance, we will reach our goal!

- Stewardship Committee

# Ecumenical Picnic, Sept. 15th in the Park

We are seeking volunteers to help set up, work, and clean up. Set up will be from 11am - 12pm, the picnic will be 12-2pm, and the clean-up will be from 2-3pm. See Tammy Madison, Mary Dickinson, or Zac if you are interested!



## Session Notes

Session did not meet in July and August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 12th at 7pm.

## Trustee Notes

The Trustees did not meet in July and August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 3rd at 7pm.

## For Our Senior Citizens

The annual **Elder Law Summit** is on **Monday, September 30, 2019** at **The Queensbury Hotel**. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. This year's Elder Law Summit contains new workshops including: Overview of Local Senior Services, Options for Protecting Your Home, Senior Housing Options, and Keys to Optimizing Your Social Security. This is the second year there is a designated area for attendees to visit community agency tables to learn about local elder support services. The Summit also includes coffee, danish and a buffet lunch. **Register by calling the Conkling Center, 79 Warren Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801 Phone: 518-793-1494**

# 2019 Fall Rummage Sale - October 24-26

Donations are now being accepted for our fast-approaching Fall Rummage Sale, scheduled for October 24-26th. Since the church house will be locked during regular office hours, please call ahead to arrange delivery if you do not have a key. Thank you!

*Office hours are Tues-Fri, 10am-2pm. 518-747-3013*



## Amazon Smile

The church has set up an account with Amazon Smile where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase to our church at no cost to you or the church. In order for us to receive a donation when you shop at Amazon login into [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and you will see a spot when you can donate to a charitable organization. Just type in “**First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls**” and our church name will pop up with our address of 9 River St., Hudson Falls, NY 12839. Shop as normal and our church will receive a donation from your purchase.



We have received **\$13.52** from **Amazon Smile**, to make **\$166.68** collected to date!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry & Craft Night

Do you like to knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? How about joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry Group? We meet on the first Thursday of each month. Yarn, hooks, needles and instruction are all available.

If you like doing crafts but aren't into knitting or crocheting come to “Any Craft Night” on the third Thursday of each month. Bring a craft to work on while enjoying wonderful fellowship.

Prayer shawls and lap blankets are available. If you know of someone who would benefit from the love, warmth and prayers that are worked into each one, please contact the Church Office or complete a request card (located in the narthexes).

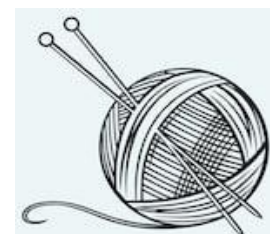


### Questions?

See Diane Lapan, Diane Macintosh, Mary Dickinson or Sue Gilbert.

***Newcomers are always welcome!***

- **Prayer Shawl**  
Sept 5 @ 7pm
- **Any Craft**  
Sept 19 @ 7pm





# Monthly Scripture Readings

## September 2019 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

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### SEPTEMBER

#### **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17)—September 1**

*Semicontinuous*

Jeremiah 2:4–13

Psalm 81:1, 10–16

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Luke 14:1, 7–14

*Complementary*

Proverbs 25:6–7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Luke 14:1, 7–14

#### **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18)—September 8**

*Semicontinuous*

Jeremiah 18:1–11

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

Philemon 1–21

Luke 14:25–33

*Complementary*

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1–21

Luke 14:25–33

#### **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19)—September 15**

*Semicontinuous*

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Luke 15:1–10

*Complementary*

Exodus 32:7–14

Psalm 51:1–10

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Luke 15:1–10

#### **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)—September 22**

*Semicontinuous*

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1

Psalm 79:1–9

1 Timothy 2:1–7

Luke 16:1–13

*Complementary*

Amos 8:4–7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1–7

Luke 16:1–13

#### **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)—September 29**

*Semicontinuous*

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15

Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16

1 Timothy 6:6–19

Luke 16:19–31

*Complementary*

Amos 6:1a, 4–7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6–19

Luke 16:19–31

Sermons are posted on our website! Read or hear the weekly sermon and read our monthly newsletter. [fpchudsonfalls.org](http://fpchudsonfalls.org)



# Prayer Chain

For prayer requests, please call one of the people on the following list. That person will call the next person, and the last will call the first, so all members of the chain receive the request:

Pat Barron	747-4573
Windy Clark	926-0523
Mary Dickinson	792-0654
Daryl Fowler	747-5876
Connie Fuller	747-5259
Carol Moyer	793-1960
Bonnie Trevett	747-4530

# Care & Compassion

Sept 1 - Sept 14	Carol LaPoint
Sept 15 - Sept 28	Bonnie Trevett
Sept 29 - Oct 12	Norma Shaffer
Oct 13 - Oct 26	Jim Hirst
Oct 27 - Nov 9	Roberta Clute
Nov 10 - Nov 23	Pat Barron
Nov 24 - Dec 7	Heather Fowler
Dec 8 - Dec 21	Daryl Fowler
Dec 22 - Jan 4	Carol LaPoint

# Coffee Hour



It's a new season -- If you haven't hosted yet, please consider volunteering this year! We look forward to having new conversations over coffee this fall.

- The Fellowship Committee

# Adult Fellowship

## Upcoming Dates 2019 - Mark Your Calendars!

September -TBA- **SUNY ACC Culinary Institute Dinner**  
October 19th at 5:00 pm, **Progressive Dinner** - Hosts TBA

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Happy September Birthday to:*

1	Audrey Murphy	18	Grace Valla
1	Addalyn Bancroft	19	Windy Clark
1	Quinnlyn Bancroft	21	Jay T. Vanranken
5	Peter Hunt	23	Heidi Mabb
7	Pat Barron	26	Brenda Story
13	Mary Dickinson	27	Jim Hirst
15	Carol Moss	28	Breanna Ruffing
15	Bill Trombley		



***We Remember:***

***William Dixon***

***Gary Northrup***

***Lois Kirk***

***Lois Belden***

***Gary Dingmon***



# Prayers & Concerns

If you'd like to add someone to the list, please place their names in the offering plate during Sunday Worship, or call the church office at 747-3013. Please notify when name is to be removed.

## Hospital Admittance Update

Due to HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) the First Presbyterian Church will not be notified if you, or a loved one, are hospitalized. **Please call the Church Office (747-3013) to let us know that you, or a loved one, have been hospitalized.**

When admitted, be sure to list Hudson Falls First Presbyterian Church as your affiliate and **give permission to release the information so that Rev. Plank or a member of the Care and Compassion Committee can visit. Otherwise, your admittance and room number will not be available.**

## Those in Our Prayers

Janet Pratt

Angelica Nichols

Pat and Don Hassett

Emily Hilder

John Coon

Timothy Oathout

James Harney

Cindy French

Janet Monroe

Paula Coon

Jim and Becky Smith

Hayes Doster

Kathy Harrison

Adam Omiecinski

Kathy Nolte

Alisha Ingram

Kathy Rezendes

Alonzo Clark

Keri Rooks

Bentley Smith

Breanna Ruffing

Rev. Bert Pitchford

John Taylor

Bruce Barron

Margot Vankempen

Carolyn Spangler

Marian Lemery

Chuck Bailey

Mary Carpor

Clute Family

Pam Corenetto

Dottie DeMell

Rebecca Rozell

Florence Phillips

Rene Peceu

Dolores Dingmon

Rita French

Helen Rauch

Rob Mackle

S. Jane Story

Robert Smith

Steve Rice

Tanya VanVranken

## For Longterm Consideration

Edward Thompson

Kathleen McKernon

Jean Wood

Nancy Ellis

Elaine Fitzgerald

Lukas Lemery

Dawn Bishop

Virginia Fitch

Deborah Scarpetti

Hunter Chase

Carol LaPoint

Those In The Armed Services

Government Leaders

Emergency Medical Technicians

Volunteer Firefighters

Edna Sheldon

Kendall & Cindy McKernon

**(Bold = New this Month)**

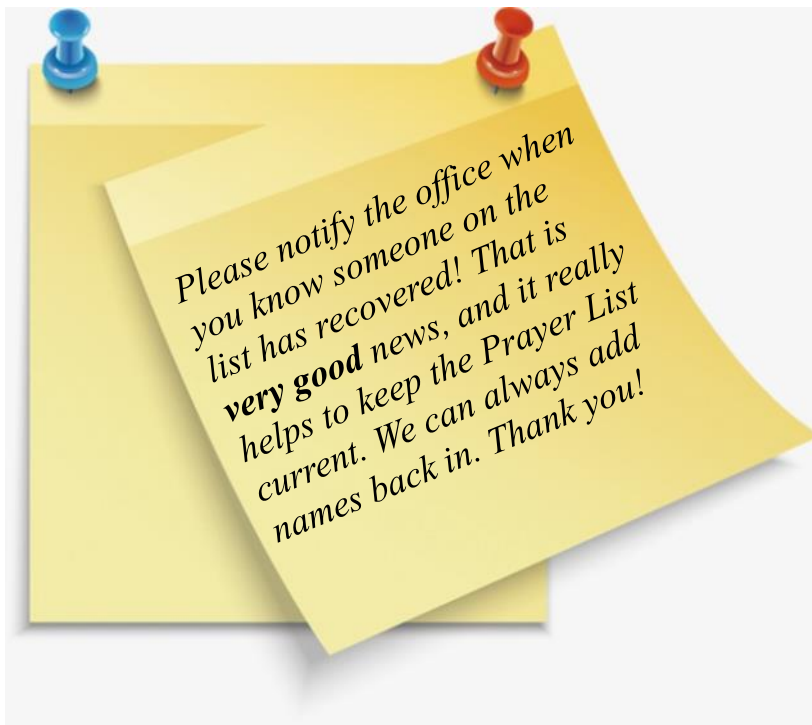
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## In Nursing Homes:

Jane Stuebing (Martin)

Judy Bronk

Cindy McKernon





# First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls

## September 2019

### Sundays

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10 am, Worship

Sept 15, Noon-2pm, Ecumenical Picnic in the Park - See Page 3

### Monday

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8 pm, AA - Fellowship Hall

Sept 2, Labor Day

### Tuesday

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6 pm, TOPS

7 pm, AA - Fellowship Hall

Sept 3, 7 pm, Trustees

Sept 3, 10am, Church Office Open Regular Hours - See Page 2

### Wednesday

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7 am, AA Meditation -- Classroom

10 am, Exercise Group -- Fellowship Hall

Sept 4, School Year Begins

### Thursday

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8 pm, Al Anon -- Classroom

Sept 5, 7 pm Prayer Shawl

Sept 19, 7 pm Craft Night

### Saturday

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10 am, AA -- Lounge