

The Good News

First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls

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

October 2018

Elder Thoughts - Tammy Madison

School has just started, it is the beginning of the church year, and our environment is changing. The weather is getting cooler, the leaves are changing colors and the days are getting shorter. A time of wonder and excitement but also uncertainty and questions. What will this new school year bring? Will I like my teacher? Will any of my friends be in my class? What is going to happen in our church this year? Will I see some old friends that I didn’t see over the summer months? What things have changed? Will I like the changes?

I have always liked this time of year because of the excitement it brings. I enjoy the smell of the crisp fall air. I love the multitude of colors and the wonder. My sister got married in October a few years ago and when I asked her why she chose October she stated, “Why not !!!!” I guess that was all the answer I required.

So my friends, embrace this time of year. Look forward to the new and exciting things that are happening around you.



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Church:

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Rev. Michael Plank, Pastor

Home Phone: 636-3200

Pat Barron, Clerk of Session

Home Phone: 747-4573

Sunday Worship 10am

Nursery Care Available!
Church School K-8 (Sept—May)

Elder of the Month:

Tammy Madison

Trustee:

Care & Compassion:

Carol LaPoint, Bonnie Trevett,
Norma Shaffer

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Pastor's Corner



Rev. Plank is currently on sabbatical, but due back in October. We look forward to his return!

Trustee Notes

TRUSTEE MINUTES, September 4, 2018

The Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting in the church house conference room.

Present were Dale Dickinson, Dave Trevett and Ron Shaffer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was also read and approved.

The following items were discussed and /or actions were taken:

1. The backdoor to the fellowship hall needs to be painted and also the plywood by the heat exhaust pipes.

2. New batteries for defibrillators have been ordered.

3. The manse still needs work on the front and back porches.

4. Two toilets were repaired, one in the Nursery and one on the landing.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10

The next meeting will be October 2, 2018

Dale Dickinson, President
Dave Trevett, Secretary

Session Notes

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls, NY was held on September 13 at 7:00 PM with a worship service and Communion.

Visioning: Elder Mike Barron spoke of what the church did during Rev. Michael's sabbatical: we experienced one different worship service: Fifth Sunday; had an adult education study of Prayer using a guide by Max Lucado; Care and Compassion committee visited the shut-ins and any hospital visits;

'Pastor's Report': For the past three months I have led worship services. We have introduced a couple of different things woven into those services. We also introduced an entirely different service called Fifth Sunday, in which 43 people attended. We expect the September service will have more people as we are back to a regular church schedule.

Zac and I led a bible/books study in which 16 people in total attended between two sessions offered (Sunday after worship and Wednesday mornings.) People who attended enjoyed the study that used a study guide, video, and a book to enhance our learning of prayer. Most said they would do another one in this similar format.

I had email communications between a few people who were interested in having their wedding and having their child baptized. We were able to have them wait until Rev. Michael's return to make it uncomplicated. Zac and I met to discuss the Borderlinks trip. We decided that it should be pushed back as the cost was high and no time to fundraise. We will discuss with Rev. Michael after he returns.

I also met with personnel committee regarding Kent Baker. Details will be discussed as an agenda item.

Ministry is so rewarding. I have learned even more about myself and others during this period. I am grateful for all the support during this time and await to hear the excitement and

learning Rev. Michael has experienced next month. May God grant us the patience and wisdom to discern what is next for the First Presbyterian Church of Hudson Falls.

In Grace and peace, Mike Barron, Ruling Elder

Clerk's Report: Correspondence: Thank you from: Glens Falls Ballet for the use of our tables for their dance recital (Melanie Hastings request) National Safety Council and Washington County Sheriff for the \$100 donation for teaching children and community how to prevent accidents and needless tragedies through child safety programs.

Washington County DSS Food pantry for the monetary donations.

Washington County LEAP (formerly EOC) for the donation in memory of Lula Mae Anderson

Attendance: June: 6/3 no attendance sheet turned in; 6/10 – 79 (Youth Sunday); 6/17 (Father's Day) – 59; 6/24 – 82 **July:** 7/1 – 53; 7/8 – 65; 7/15 (very hot and humid) 53; 7/22 – 60; 7/29 (5th Sunday service) – 43 **August:** 8/5 – 60; 8/12 – 61; 8/19 – 58; 8/26 – 50

Communion: June 10 – 79; July 1 – 49; August 5 – 53; September – 53 Average attendance: June, July and August combined...61

Committee reports:

Fellowship: Coffee hour resumed September 9. Sign ups are needed for October and November. Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex.

Outreach and Mission: August Pennies for Hunger: \$27 for DSS Food Pantry; \$29.59 for Presbyterian Hunger Fund. O&M: First meeting was held this past Sunday. We are looking into how we can be a part of Locktoberfest again. Peace and Global Witness offering season is upon us. I have already reached out to Lauren. We are going to dig back into working on mentoring programs for new members, or existing members looking to be more active.

Old Business:

Borderlinks: due to cost and scheduling conflicts with the life of the church, that we would postpone the trip until October 2019. The Borderlinks team has graciously accepted our request, and is transferring our deposit to that trip. We will form a committee this fall, adding Pastor Michael and a fourth member to begin the planning of a more organized trip, to include fundraising throughout the year. It will be noted that any left - over funds raised will be given to St. Joseph's parish in Fort Edward to help their Immigration efforts.

Sexual Maltreatment forms

Zac, Pat, and Tammy agreed that the current Sexual Misconduct policy is sufficient, and will require all officers of the church, employees, and volunteers working with children to reaffirm their commitment to the policy by signing a new agreement form. These will be available for Session for our meeting. We will look at a training to take place in late fall/early winter. The notice is important for people to know what to do given the problems the Catholic church has been having.

Newcomers 101: Zac (with Mike B. covering a sick day) held the Newcomer's 101 class. Attendance was good, with 8 to 12 members joining each week.

Locktoberfest: The date for Locktoberfest is October 13. It is a festival marking the closing of the canal for the winter. There will be a Family Fun 5K run sponsored by our Worshiping Community, Underwood Crossfit. We need to think of other ways to make our church visible (no fundraising...just visible as a place to worship and gather. Ideas and help are needed.

New Business:

Fifth Sunday discussion: Fifth Sunday was described for those Session members who

were unable to attend the one in July. For September 29 the reflections will be presented by Tammy Madison and Mary Dickinson. Papers will be in the bulletin for people to write down their favorite hymns, which some will be used in the worship service...description will be in the morning announcements. At the September service paper ballots will be given to each participant, who will write "yes" or "no" to indicate whether or not to continue Fifth Sunday service...there are 4 fifth Sundays in the year, the next one in 2018 is the last Sunday in December. Ballots will be anonymous and Session will count them at the October meeting.

Commissioner for September Presbytery meeting: Pat Barron

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:25 with closing prayer by Zac Perry-LaPoint

Pat Barron, Clerk

Lift Report

The three-year Lift Fund drive was finished as of July. Many thanks to those who have met their commitment to this project. For those who have not yet finished their commitment, please continue to contribute to your pledge so that we can retire the loan.

A portion of the Lift Fund loan was used for the new Fellowship floor, and balance of the loan is \$4,700 short as of the end of August.

If you would like to contribute more to the lift fund it would be greatly appreciated and mark it as such so the contribution will go to the correct account.

Thank you!
Sue Gilbert

UPDATE: As of the end of September, the lift shortfall is **\$4,265**.

YOU Make the DIFFERENCE: Volunteer Open House

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**Meet with representatives from area
community service providers to find out about
opportunities to serve YOUR community:**

**Nearcare, Haynes House of Hope, Literacy Volunteers,
Warren-Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging, Long Term Care Ombudsman,
High Peaks Hospice, American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Open Door,
Alzheimer's Association, Queensbury Senior Citizens, Inc.,
Fort Hudson Health System, RSVP, Aging in Place,
Warren Washington Association for Mental Health ,
New York State Mentoring Program, Warren County Health Services,
Caring Together, Inc., Senior Center Kingsbury Fort Edward Area, Inc.**



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Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear in October are:

October 2018 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Please note: This list of readings includes both tracks of the Revised Common Lectionary for the time after Pentecost. The semicontinuous track moves sequentially through major stories and themes from the Old Testament. The complementary track provides Old Testament readings related to the Gospel selection for the day.

OCTOBER

[Year B]

20th Sunday after Pentecost—October 7, 2018
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 22

Semicontinuous

Job 1:1; 2:1–10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

Mark 10:2–16

Complementary

Genesis 2:18–24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

Mark 10:2–16

21st Sunday after Pentecost—October 14
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 23

Semicontinuous

Job 23:1–9; 16–17

Psalm 22:1–15

Hebrews 4:12–16

Mark 10:17–31

Complementary

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

Psalm 90:12–17

Hebrews 4:12–16

Mark 10:17–31

22nd Sunday after Pentecost—October 21
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 24

Semicontinuous

Job 38:1–7 (34–41)

Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1–10

Mark 10:35–45

Complementary

Isaiah 53:4–12

Psalm 91:9–16

Hebrews 5:1–10

Mark 10:35–45

23rd Sunday after Pentecost—October 28
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 25

Semicontinuous

Job 42:1–6, 10–17

Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22)

Hebrews 7:23–28

Mark 10:46–52

Complementary

Jeremiah 31:7–9

Psalm 126

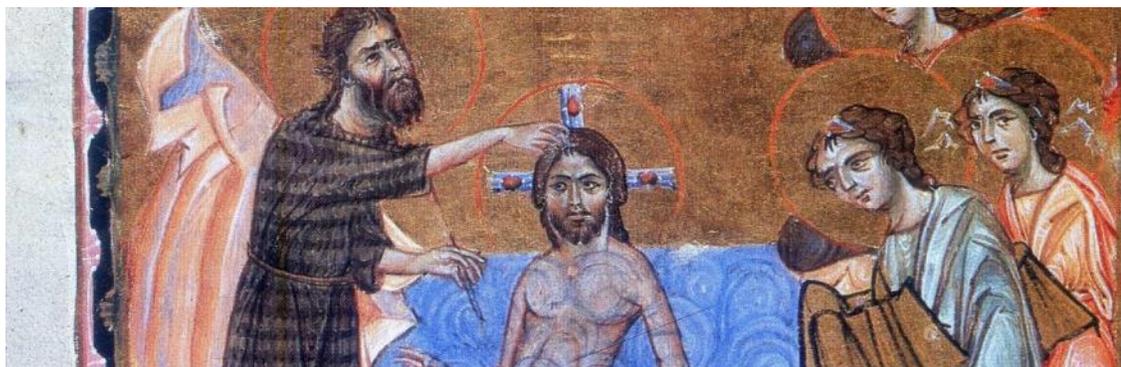
Hebrews 7:23–28

Mark 10:46–52

Sermons are posted on our
website!

Read or hear the weekly
sermon and read our monthly
newsletter.

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. 30 - Oct 13	Carol LaPoint
Oct. 14 - Oct. 27	Bonnie Trevett
Oct. 28 - Nov. 10	Norma Shaffer
Nov. 11 - Nov. 24	Jim Hirst
Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Roberta Clute
Dec. 9 - Dec. 22	Pat Barron
Dec. 23 - Jan. 5	Marie Mercure

Coffee Hour



Oct. 7	Dale & Mary Dickinson
Oct. 14	Sue & Roger Gilbert
Oct. 21	Volunteers Needed
Oct. 28	Zac & Ryan Perry-LaPoint

Thanks to all who have volunteered! Please see sign up in the Narthex if you'd like to volunteer next month.

Adult Fellowship

Upcoming Dates 2018 - Mark Your Calendars!

Sat. October 27, 5pm — Otoupals — Progressive Dinner

Women's Association

The **Fall Rummage Sale** is scheduled for **October 18-20**. Hours will be Thurs: 9:30 - 4, Fri & Sat 9:30 - 12:30.

Sorting dates will be Tuesday - Friday, Oct. 2 - 5, and October 9 -12, from 10am - 2pm. Also Oct. 15-17.

All help is appreciated! See Carol Moyer or Melanie Hastings for details.

If you would like to bring food for the week of the sale, please sign up in the Narthex or see Jane Otoupal.

We are currently accepting items for the fall sale. Please, we will only accept fall and winter items. Flat-screen TVs only, and electronics such as DVD players must have audio and video. No bowling balls. **Donations accepted until Fri, October 12th.** Thank you!



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**
Oct. 4 @ 7pm
- **(No Craft Night in Oct. due to Rummage Sale)**





Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy October Birthday to:

1	Matthew Murphy	14	Matthew Mabb
1	Grace Murphy	17	Paul Story
3	Maeve Barnum	18	Ron Dickens
5	Kendall McKernon	20	Drew Northrup
9	Cindy McKernon	26	Brenda Story
10	Rebekah Labombard	23	Shelby Parker
11	Tyler Whittington	30	Korina McConchie
11	James Mercure		

Happy October Anniversary to:

Carol & Steve Hoover -- Oct. 4
 Reni & Robin Boisvert -- Oct. 21
 Michael Plank & Lauren Grogan -- Oct. 24
 Roger & Sue Gilbert -- Oct. 25

Amazon Shopping



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 and you will see a spot when you can donate to a charitable organization. Just type in **First Presbyterian Church** 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.

The church has received a total of **\$106.33** from Amazon Smile this year to date!

Prayers & Concerns

Each month we'll list all of the people that we've had in our prayers for the past month. If you'd like to add someone to our weekly 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

Pat and Don Hassett

Braydon Passino

Emily Hilder
 Timothy Oathout
 Cindy French
 Paula Coon
 Hayes Doster
 Adam Omiecinski
 Alisha Ingram
 Alonzo Clark
 Andrew Blalock
 Bentley Smith
 Breanna Ruffing
 Brian Peceu
 Bruce Barron
 Carolyn Spangler
 Chuck Bailey
 Clute & Risner Families
 Concetta Weatherwax
 Dottie DeMell
 Florence Phillips
 Gary & Dolores Dingmon
 Helen Rauch
 S. Jane Story
 Steve Rice

Jim Hirst
 John Coon
 James Harney
 Janet Monroe
 Jerry Sweet
 Jim and Becky Smith
 Kathy Harrison
 Kathy Nolte
 Kathy Rezendes
 Keri Rooks
 Lacy O'Quinn
 Linda Honaker
 Margot Vankempen
 Marian Lemery
 Mary Carpor
 Pam Corenetto
 Rebecca Rozell
 Rene Peceu
 Rita French
 Rob Mackle
 Robert Smith
 Cathy Courmoyer
 Tanya VanVranken

For Longterm Consideration

Edward Thompson
 Kendall & Cindy McKernon
 Kathleen McKernon
 Jean Wood
 Madelyn Bancroft
 Nancy Ellis
 Elaine Fitzgerald
 Lukas Lemery
 Dawn Bishop
 Virginia Fitch
 Deborah Scarpetti
 Jane Stuebing (Martin)
 Those In The Armed Service
 Hunter Chase
 Volunteer Firefighters
 Carol LaPoint
 Government Leaders
 Edna Sheldon
 Emergency Medical Technicians

Hurricane Florence Aftermath

(Bold = New this Month)
 9/27/2018

In Nursing Homes:

Jane Stuebing (Martin)
 Judy Bronk



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October 2018

Sundays

10 am, Worship

Last Sunday of the Month -- Bible 101 Class, Classroom

Mondays

8 pm, AA - Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays

6 pm, TOPS

6:30 Operation Santa Claus

7 pm, AA - Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays

7 am, AA Meditation -- Classroom

10 am, Exercise Group -- Fellowship Hall

Thursdays

8 pm, Al Anon -- Classroom

Oct 2, Trustees, 7 pm

Oct 4, Prayer Shawl, 7 pm

Oct 11, Session, 7 pm

Oct 18, Craft Night, 7 pm

Oct 18, Woodmen, 7 pm - FH

Saturdays

10 am, AA -- Lounge

Oct 13, Emmaus, 5-8 pm - FH

**FPC Fall Rummage Sale
October 18-20!
Come shop or help!
See Carol Moyer or
Melanie Hastings**